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Alamosa commissioners to meet Wednesday

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Board of County Commissioners will have a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 22, at 8:30 a.m. There will be an EMS Week Proclamation, a public hearing on Dunes Glamping, Alamosa County Scholarship Awards, and other county business on the agenda.

The public is invited to attend at 8900 Independence Way in Alamosa or via Zoom with meeting ID No. 270-314-6874.

MV Historical Society season begins May 28

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Historical Society will open its season on Tuesday, May 28. The History Center at 110 Jefferson will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Transportation of the West Museum will be open Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sites are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Visitors are welcome, and there is no admission fee for either site.

Del Norte Food Bank monthly distribution

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte Food Bank will be open for its monthly distribution on Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. until noon. Anyone in need of food assistance is welcome.

If you are unable to attend during distribution hours and need food assistance, call 719-850-2643.

Fundraiser for St. Francis of Assisi Church

7 MILE PLAZA — A fundraiser for St. Francis of Assisi Church and Holy Name of Mary Parish will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, June 7, at the Rio Grande Council Knight of Columbus Hall, 595 Pine St., Del Norte.

DJ Rock N Rob will be playing music. Food and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Donation of \$10 per person, \$15 per couple and \$5 per child.

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State Sen. Simpson ends legislative session with success

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Although Senator Cleave Simpson (R-D6) just finished his fourth legislative session since being elected to the Colorado legislature in 2019 — a somewhat brutal session marked by the introduction of 705 bills — he remains remarkably unchanged in his approach to being an elected official.

“I don’t have any political aspirations,” he told the Valley Courier. “I just want to do good for my community.”

As his record in the Colorado Senate has shown, Simpson is also about getting things done, and, as a member of the minority party, that requires forming good working relationships across the aisle.

Continuing a trend that started in his first year, “Every bill that I ran had a Democrat sponsoring it with me.”

This approach has led to his significant legislative successes while in office, as evidenced by sponsoring 34 bills that passed this year alone. Simpson took time out from campaigning for re-election to discuss many of those bills with the Valley Courier.

Water has always been one of Simpson’s top priorities and, ■ See **SUCCESS** page 3



Senator Cleave Simpson

Mustangs collect track and field team runner-up



The Sanford High School Mustangs, led by a four-gold medal effort by Holly McDaniel, captured the runner-up trophy in this past weekend’s state track and field meet in Denver. Team members shown, from left, Claire Crowther, Casey Gylling, Erica Miller, Kate McDaniel, Holly McDaniel, Ashley Dominguez, Brooklyn Reynolds and Bella Peterson. Not pictured was Brecken Crowther. For more on this, see **Sports**, Page 6.

Photo courtesy of Cynthia McDaniel

EPA awards \$1M to the City of Monte Vista

Funds are for cleanup and redevelopment projects

agency’s Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) Grant Programs.

“The City of Monte Vista is taking a strategic approach to cleaning up and revitalizing properties along its Main Street

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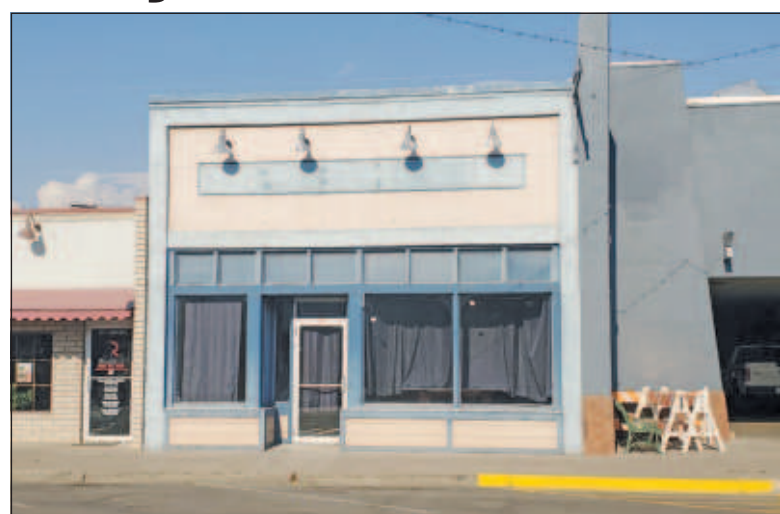
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MONTE VISTA — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced May 20 the City of Monte Vista will receive \$1 million in Brownfields grant funding to support contaminant cleanup, environmental assessments and redevelopment of critical properties in Monte Vista.

These investments are part the

The EPA awarded \$1 million in Brownfields grant funding to the City of Monte Vista for two projects. The first priority was City Hall and the second was this commercial property at 117 Adams St.

Courtesy photo



Crestone Charter grads embody dedication and kindness

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

CRESTONE — Before an audience of about 70 friends and family on May 17, Crestone Charter School graduates Kaley VanWalleghan, and Ziah Knight Pesqueira received their high school diplomas.

The ceremony began with remarks by school director Thomas Cleary, who spoke about “Haters Gonna Hate.”

“The term has staying power and that is why I’m using it and as a graduate, you will need to continue to have staying power.”



Crestone Charter School graduate Haley VanWalleghan (center) receives her high school diploma on May 17. From left to right are Coach Mike Roberts, Jane Elliot, Robin Chestnut, Sam Goering, and Thomas Cleary.



Crestone Charter School graduate Ziah Knight Pesqueira receives his high school diploma on May 17.

Courier photos by John Waters



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OBITUARIES

Annette Chacon



Annette P Chacon, 64, of Alamosa, passed away Tuesday May 14, 2024, at SLV Regional Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family. Annette was born and raised in Capulin, Colo., to Isidore and Louise Muniz. She was one of 11 kids and was said to be the Peacemaker of the family.

Annette married the love of her life Albert I Chacon Jr. on Feb 21, 1981, and to this happy union had three children. Annette was a homemaker most of her life, although she did work as a cook at the Alamosa School District for several years. She was a great cook and loved making meals for her children and grandchildren. Annette's grandchildren were her biggest joy and she loved spending time with them; watching cartoons, playing games, doing puzzles, or just feeding them candy and sugar. They will miss her dearly.

Preceding Annette in death are her parents, Isidore and Louise (Valdez) Muniz; brothers Sider, Tom, Eugene, Augie, and Toby Muniz; sister Lucille & brother-in-law Adam Resendes; in-laws Albert I Chacon Sr and Priscilla Chacon; brothers-in-law Matt Chacon and Yoichi Terahara.

Annette is survived by her husband of 43 years, Albert I Chacon Jr; son and daughter-in-law Albert I Chacon III and Andrea DeHerrera-Chacon;

daughters Amy Chacon and Ashley Salazar; grandchildren Athena Chacon, Autumn Chacon, Alexander Chacon, Brayden Salazar, Amelianna Salazar, Matteo Chacon, and Addilynn Salazar; siblings Anthony Muniz and family; Marie and Ed Chavez and family; Connie and Richard Atencio and family; Kristina Muniz and Yurle Cook and family; Kay and Jesse Salinas and family; Karen Terahara and family; Julie Espinoza and family.

Services will be held Friday, May 24, 2024, at St Joseph's Church in Capulin with the Rosary starting at 9:30 a.m. and Mass of the Resurrection at 10 a.m.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. Arrangements are being handled by Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

George Ray Campbell

George Ray Campbell, 87 died May 18, 2024, in Clay Center, Kan. He was born on Dec. 7, 1936, in Concordia, the son of Vern and Dorothy (Duncan) Campbell.

In 1941, they moved to Washington, D.C., and then to Denver, Colo., in 1948. He was a graduate of the Class of 1954 from Miltonvale Wesleyan High School.

George married Marlene Wilson from Topeka, they later divorced. He returned to Denver in 1954 and worked in a steel warehouse before joining the Colorado State Patrol in 1963.

In 1973, he made his home in Alamosa, Colo., and continued working for CSP until his retirement in 1992. George married Leona "Lee" Franson on Dec. 23,

2006; they have made their home in Clay Center. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and Lions Club, active in the Jaycees, served as a Boy Scout Master for several years and as a counselor at San Luis Valley Boys Ranch. George was a founding member of the Colorado Mayflower Critical Incident Team. They spent several weeks in New York City following 9/11 offering counseling services to NYPD personnel. George also served eight years in the Army National Guard.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Verna Gooden.

Survivors: Wife: Lee Campbell of Clay Center, Kan.; son: Terry and wife Cathy Campbell of Riverside, Wyo., son: Randy

and wife Joan Campbell of Kamuela, Hawaii, daughter: Sandra Hansen of Clay Center, Kan., stepdaughter: Pat and husband Lon James of Clay Center, Kan., stepdaughter: Jeannie Grater and companion Cory Pettit of Clay Center, Kan. sister: Joyce and husband Ron Fessenden of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services: 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at the First Baptist Church in Clay Center, Kan., Minister: Rev. Jon Henderson. Burial: Miltonvale Cemetery, Miltonvale, Kan. Visitation: 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Neill-Schwensen-Rook Funeral Home. Memorials: First Baptist Church c/o the funeral home.

New officers for Woman's Citizenship Club

CONTRIBUTED

The GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club had a regular meeting on May 10, and installed new officers for 2024-2026. The induction ceremony was performed by Theresa Rudder, club parliamentarian and membership chairman. Serving for a new two-year term is Helen Lester, President; Mary Russell, Vice-President; Secretary, Ginny Bond; and Salai Taylor, Treasurer.

Rudder's ceremony was especially meaningful as she presented garden flowers to each new officer and shared with them the duties of each of their positions. Rudder reminded each officer that the flowers will attract the honeybee. The honeybee captures the spirit of hard work and cooperation and

that is what the Woman's Citizenship Club members can relate to.

Club members also welcomed new member, Terri Anderson, as she was received in the new member welcome ceremony. The club now has a membership of 27.

She is a member of the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs and General Federation of Women's Clubs. Since 1890, the General Federation of Women's Clubs has been one of the world's oldest and largest women's service organizations dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service. The Woman's Citizenship Club meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at the First United Methodist Church. Club members do not meet in the sum-

mer but have plans to meet for summer luncheons and attending the Creede Repertory Theatre.

Ida Chacon



Longtime Alamosa resident Ida Trujillo, 69, was called home to be with the Lord on May 15, 2024. Ida was welcomed into the world on May 8, 1955, in Capulin, Colo., the beloved daughter of Joe S. Trujillo and Delma (Garcia)Trujillo.

After graduating high school, Ida went on to explore holistic medicine. She owned and operated her own Holistic Health Care Office. She prided herself on being a natural health consultant, relaxation therapist and a certified massage therapist.

Ida will be remembered for her kind and loving nature. She was always the first to lend a hand to anyone in need and was a friend to all. Her laugh

and memories she left us will be cherished forever.

Survivors include her Son Thomas Manzanares of Alamosa, Colo.; sisters Pat Velasquez, Helen (Juan) Carreon, Esther (Fernando) Leon, Judy Baker, brother Dwayn Trujillo. She is also survived by many cousins and friends.

Ida was preceded in death by her parents Joe S and Delma Trujillo.

Viewing and visitation will be held on May 22, 2024, from 6-7 p.m. at Romero Funeral Home in Alamosa. Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Romero Funeral Chapel in Alamosa. Another Rosary will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. with Mass of the Resurrection to follow at 10 a.m., both at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa. Burial will be held at the Agua Ramon Cemetery.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Kevin A. Ceron

Antonito resident Kevin A. Ceron, 35, passed away May 16, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Antonito.

Paula Espinoza

Antonito resident Paula Espinoza, 53, was called home on May 18, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Antonito.

Thomas Porter

San Luis resident Thomas Porter was called home May 19, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

BIRTH

Alana Flor Naminé Castillo

Alana Flor Naminé Castillo was born on May 11, 2024, to Jovanna Cortez and Carlos Castillo Jr. of Alamosa. Alana weighed

8 pounds 1 ounce and was 20 inches. Alana was born at SLV Health in Alamosa. Maternal grandparent is Florence Cortez, of

Questa, N.M. Paternal grandparents are Carlos Castillo of Alamosa and Christina Martinez of Denver.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups.

A.A. and N.A members primary purpose is to

stay sober and help other alcoholics/addicts to achieve sobriety.

There are AA and NA 12-Step Meetings throughout the valley. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affili-

ated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083 or see our website: slvaa.org

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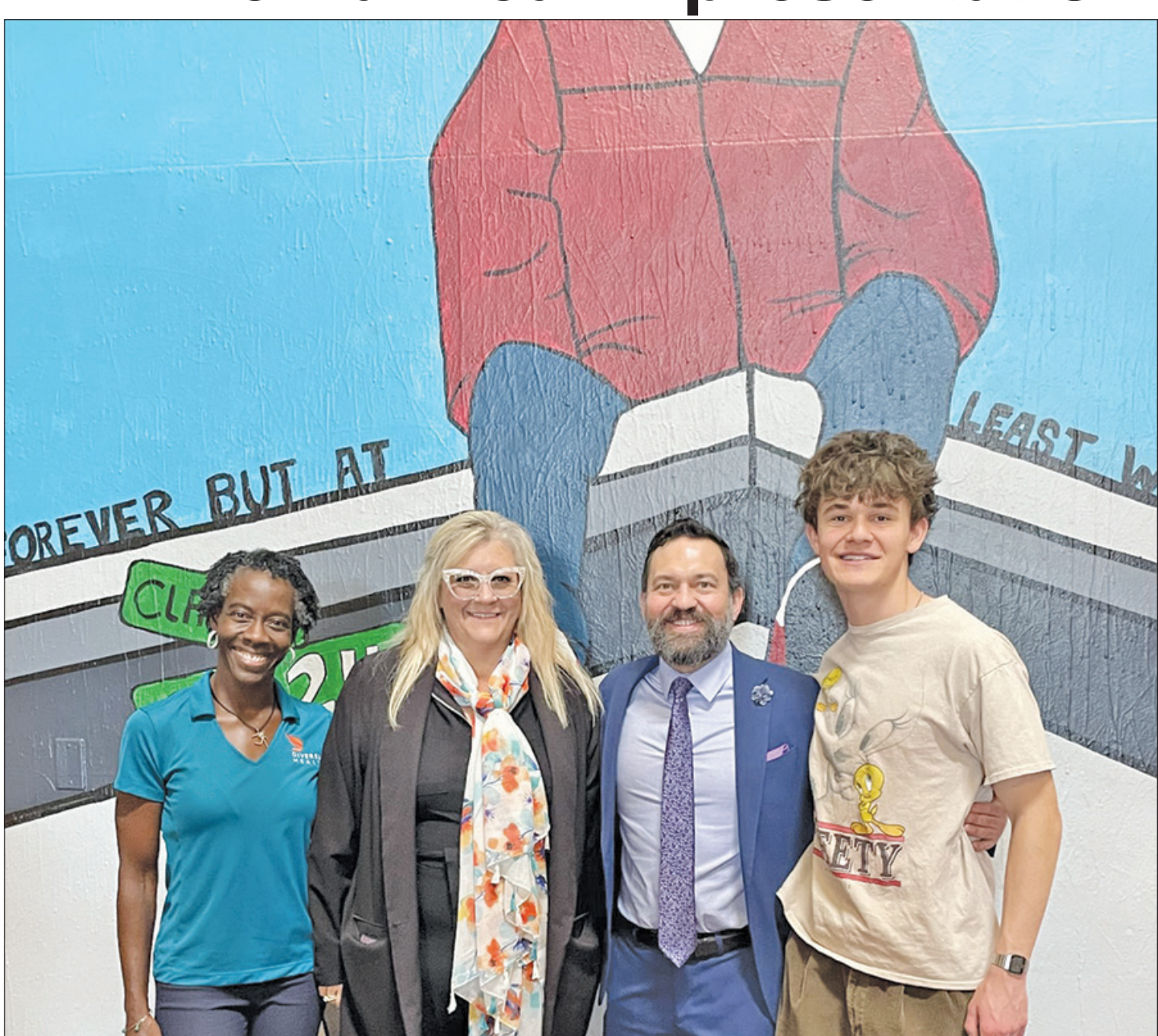
Leaders Empower Alamosa High School Students with mental health presentation

ALAMOSA – Alamosa High School students were recently treated to a lesson in mental health and wellness, thanks to a dynamic presentation led by Diversus Health from Colorado Springs. President and CEO Adam Roberts, MBA, along with Lori Stalcar, MS, LPC, and LaDonna Reed, M.Ed., NSCA-CPTD, CWC, CNC, shared their expertise and insights with freshmen and sophomore students, covering topics crucial to navigating the challenges of high school life.

The presentation was made possible thanks to the initiative of Brock Benton, a senior at Alamosa High School and the founder of Minds In Shape. Benton's youth-led team is committed to destigmatizing mental health and empowering students through accessible resources. His dedication to promoting mental wellness within the school community inspired the collaboration with Diversus Health and the opportunity to bring valuable insights directly to his peers.

The presentation, which took place in the school auditorium, tackled a range of issues pertinent to adolescents, including managing social media and peer pressure, dealing with high school drama, and cultivating daily wellness habits. With a focus on empowering students to prioritize their mental and emotional well-being, the speakers provided practical strategies and resources for coping with the rigors of adolescence.

With the guidance and support of organizations like Diversus Health and the dedication of passionate advocates like Benton, along with Principal Andy Lavier, are taking proactive steps toward fostering a culture of mental wellness and resilience among its students at Alamosa High School.



Presenters left to right: It is (from left to right) LaDonna Reed, Lori Stalcar, Adam Roberts and Alamosa High School senior Brock Benton. Photo courtesy of Mollie Heredia, ASD

Award

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"Corridor," said EPA Regional Administrator KC Becker. "EPA is proud to be supporting projects that will protect the health of residents and bring new redevelopment opportunities to the community."

"In the wealthiest nation in the world, every family should be able to live in a clean environment," said Senator Michael Bennet. "This funding will rightfully support Colorado communities disproportionately affected by contamination. These grants will help Colorado communities safely clean up polluted sites, protect their health, and rebuild in a way that creates jobs and economic opportunity."

The city identified Monte Vista City Hall as the project's first priority

cleanup site. The historic building is currently being used by City Government and the Police Department, but formerly functioned as a hospital after being built in 1932. Grant funding at the City Hall site is aimed to address cracked stucco, leaking single-pane windows, lead paint, and floor and ceiling tiles that are likely composed of asbestos-containing materials (ACM). Additionally, impacts from historical heating oil tanks, old x-ray equipment, and other hospital-related historical impacts will also require assessment.

The second priority site identified in the plan is an abandoned building along the Main Street Corridor. The 3,120-square foot commercial property was originally built in the 1920s and was most recently remodeled and developed into a restaurant. Unfortunately, because

of the extensive costs to revitalize the space, developers have found that it is too cost prohibitive of a project to take on. EPA funding will be used for assessment and cleanup of asbestos containing materials, lead-based paint, and mold for future redevelopment of the building.

"The grant funding will be a catalyst for revitalization and spur redevelopment in our main commercial area," said Monte Vista Mayor Dale Becker. "We will be thrilled to work with the contractor and our stakeholders to make these properties healthy and usable once again."

The City of Monte Vista is among six organizations in Colorado have been selected to receive EPA Brownfields funding through the Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) Grant Programs.

Grads

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ing power as you travel on your journey in life... when confronted, you need to not be flippant, you will need to show caring when confronted by challenges in life. My speech is not about not caring, it is about deeply caring, about doing your best and not worrying about what other people are thinking to the degree that it paralyzes you," Cleary said.

The ceremony continued with Eden Elderberry with the school Governing Council who offered, "Ziah, you are a light of familiarity and have been a fixture in our town and embody the spirit of Crestone through your dedication and genuine kindness."

Elderberry continued, "Haley brings a wealth of experience from her

adventures beyond our sleepy town enriching our community with bravery and resilience."

The graduates then strolled through the audience handing out flowers to, "people who have been close to them, and helped nurture their growth over the years." The two graduates then gave out roses to those of their choice.

Music including, "Fade Into You," was performed by Phoebe Tieder and Kristen Gushurst, and "Flower of the Universe," was performed by Aurora Knight-Pesqueira and Jacob Pesqueira.

Math teacher Robin Chestnut praised Haley's stunning homework as "the most beautiful I've ever seen. This may seem like hyperbole, but as someone who taught college math for seven years, I mean it. Your homework assignments are works of art."

"Ziah, you describe yourself as shy, but in all the ways that matter, you always jump in and help. I see you transmit this attitude to other students," said Chestnut.

Sam Goering, who teaches language arts and social studies presented the diplomas and Cleary honored the graduates with the moving of the tassel.

After the formal ceremonies, all were treated to a late-afternoon luncheon.

The school was founded in 1996 and in 2012 moved into its current facility and is part of the Moffat Consolidated School District No. 2. The school has 92 students. Charter schools are tuition-free, public schools that have the flexibility to be innovative, entrepreneurial, and self-governing, and yet are held accountable for student and operational performance.

Success

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while very different, five of his bills relate to the topic.

SB24-0005 "Prohibit Landscaping Practices for Water Conservation" does exactly what the name implies. Sponsored with Reps. McCormick (D-Boulder) and McLaughlin (D-Durango), the bill promotes water conservation by prohibiting the installation, planting, or placement of nonfunctional turf, artificial turf, or invasive plant species on commercial, institutional, or industrial property.

"It's really pretty simple," Simpson says. "Don't plant Kentucky Bluegrass where the only foot that ever walks on that grass is when it is being mowed."

HB24-1362 promotes graywater use – such as shower water or dish water – by authorizing installation of graywater treatment works in new construction projects and graywater statewide.

HB1436 Sports Betting Tax Revenue addresses a ballot measure previously passed by voters where a cap of \$29 mil-

lion of the tax revenue generated by betting on sports is used for funding water conservation and the state's Water Plan. Any tax revenue over that amount is returned to the casinos.

This bill returns the issue to voters with a ballot measure that proposes removal of the cap with all tax revenue being used on water projects.

HB24-1435, Colorado Water Conservation Board, is a bill that's taken up every year as it funds big water projects. Simpson and Sen. Roberts (D-D8) have sponsored this bill for the past three years. "It's a big deal with \$300 million funding in loans and grants for big projects. The bill is routine but the projects certainly are not," Simpson says.

Another of Simpson's bills is especially relevant to smaller, rural communities. "I have fourteen counties in District Six and there are 23 wastewater treatment facilities that are in severe non-compliance with CDPHE water quality standards. Some are very small communities," he says. "The first step is to build a treatment plant that costs \$30 million – for a town of maybe 100 people. We can't make that

work. We need an alternative to concrete and steel construction for wastewater management."

Simpson has been working with the University of Colorado for two years on studying green infrastructure for water management – such as stream restoration, shaded areas for temperature control or monitoring upstream pollution – to see if that can provide a more economically feasible alternative to brown construction while maintaining CDPHE water quality standards.

The answer to that proposition is not known, so SB24-038 calls for funding three demonstration projects to see if this is a workable solution. If so, Simpson also sees other potential rewards.

"When we have a true and active carbon sequester market, we could use that to generate revenue. This is a good investment to have CU, CSU and CDPHE working together on this." Increased access to health care has also been a top priority for Simpson, and several of his bills address that need from a variety of approaches.

SB168 would fund remote monitoring health services for

people on Medicaid. "This is especially good for people living in rural areas by being able to remotely monitor their blood pressure or glucose levels without them having to travel a long distance to go to a hospital or for those who are reluctant to go to an emergency room."

SB018 Physician's Assistant Licensure Compact helps a PA moving from a collaborating compact state be able to practice much faster by all states in the compact agreeing on the same licensing standards.

"I've seen this in use in another handful of professions, and it's very successful."

Colorado is the fifth state to join the compact with a total of seven states required for it to become law. Simpson says there are already a handful of other states considering joining the compact.

There is a notable shortage of veterinarians in both rural and urban areas. Simpson's SB24-1047 addresses this need with attention paid to a position – Veterinarian Tech Specialist – that is already in existence.

A vet tech specialist, which receives more advanced training than an entry level technician, can reduce a veterinarian's

workload by providing routine care, such as ex-rays or dental care. But more clarity is needed around what exact services the position can provide. SB24-1047 provides that clarity, which will hopefully incentivize more people to choose that profession.

Simpson had other legislative victories not mentioned here, such as Affordable Housing Tax Credit, that further demonstrates state and tax credits are a really good way to incentivize creating affordable housing, and, in addressing the opiate crisis, allowing the expanded use of Narcan by coaches and school bus drivers, provided they have received training.

Against this successful accomplishment of diverse bipartisan legislation, it is not surprising that, when asked, Simpson does not describe being a state senator as "fun", but readily admits that it's very important work. With that in mind, he is currently traversing his massive district, talking to constituents, explaining his record, listening to their concerns and hoping for four more years to "do good" for his community.

Lifestyles



Courtesy photos

This year's Cinco de Mayo Street Festival had a variety of activities. The Monte Vista Mini Cheerleaders performed at the event.

Cinco de Mayo Street Festival donating to multiple organizations

Event drew more than 1,500 people to MV

By MARIE MCCOLM
MONTE VISTA — On May 4, the main streets of Monte Vista were rocking with spicy music, dancing, delicious Mexican food, a fabulous car show, and many vendors at the Fourth Annual Cinco de Mayo Street Festival in Monte Vista.

The event was organized by the OptiMystics Citizen's Action Network and will be donating more than \$2,500 to three local nonprofits.

OptiMystics president Adam Lock was excited about the festival and said, "My favorite part of the festival was seeing the crowds and people gathered round, enjoying the various performances put on throughout the day. This kind of positive community engagement is a key piece to successful events like the Cinco de Mayo Street Festival. We are thankful to those who participated and helped host these mini events."

This year's festival had a variety of activities. The Monte Vista Mini Cheerleaders performed at the event.

There was a Canine Costume Contest held compliments of Muddy Paws. There was a dog race held in front of the Pivot Public House.

This year there were also cultural talks held at the Vali 3 Theater.

Dustin Sigaty of Monte Vista attended the festival.

"The costume contest had a pretty good turnout in all three categories small, medium, and large dogs. I particularly liked the cowpoke dog and the sunflower dog. The presentation by El Llamado Hispano was great. They showed off traditional Mexican clothing, music and dancing and offered a historical perspective on the significance of Cinco de Mayo. All these events provided a lot of 'meat' to the celebration," he said.

The car show was also a big hit at Cinco de Mayo. The overall winner of the car show was TJ Atencio.

Atencio was excited about the win and said, "It's a nice car show. Feels



The Cinco de Mayo Street Festival drew more than 1,500 people to downtown Monte Vista on May 4.



Children enjoy the bouncy house on May 4 at the Cinco de Mayo Street Festival in Monte Vista.

good to be here."

There were at least 30 participants at the car show. Richard Garcia of the Poor Boy Car Club was also at the show, and said, "The car shows are always great, and it's wonderful that the OptiMystics are donating to so many great causes this year too."

This year the OptiMystics donated to three organizations, beyond the cost of operating the Cinco de Mayo Street Festival, including the Monte Vista Ambulance Service, Conour Animal Shelter, and the Monte Vista Emergency Food Bank. Funds will be dispersed over the next few weeks. Monte Vista Ambulance will receive \$100, Conour Animal Shelter will receive \$380, and the Monte Vista Food Bank will receive \$2,131.

-Although the festival had a little bit of rain, it was a big success according to Lawrence Roy Aiken who was the emcee at the festival.

"A heavy rainstorm couldn't put this year's Cinco de Mayo's fire out. I'm most impressed with how we recovered. We also learned a lot about what we could do with the layout along Second Avenue. Getting a local landmark like the Stars and Strikes Bowling Alley and the Pivot Public House involved this year also made things really special," Aiken said.

When asked if there will be a festival next year, OptiMystics vice president Mark Renshaw said, "We hope we'll be able to continue the Cinco de Mayo Street Festival in downtown Monte Vista, because, after all it was started to bring people downtown, and that wouldn't happen if it was held in a park. This is our 4th Cinco de Mayo Festival and I hope it will continue for years to come. It's an accomplished feeling when you see so many people enjoying themselves and raising funds for a good cause at the same time."

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Lifestyles

Haskin Preschool class has Mommy and Me Tea for Mother's Day

By MARIE MCCOLM CENTER – On Wednesday, May 8, Diana Chaparro and Raelynn Beiriger's Haskin Elementary Preschool class hosted a Mommy and Me Tea Party. All mommies were invited to attend the event with their students.

The party provided everyone with their choice of breakfast items, including donuts, coffee, and orange juice. Chaparro said the event was a success and fun.

"The kids really enjoyed the time with their mom's. They got to eat breakfast and spend time with them. It was a really cute party," she said.

Chaparro said the children also made their moms special presents. The presents were a picture of their hands that the kids cut out and put on a canvas. Their hands were holding a bouquet of flowers.

"The bouquets were cute. We announced each of the kids one by one, and one by one they gave their mother's their gifts and said Happy Mother's Day to them. The pictures were so cute; they were holding flowers and the kids got to write on the pictures. They wrote messages of 'I love you' or whatever they wanted to write. The moth-

ers really enjoyed them, and the kids were excited about giving out the gifts to their moms," she said.

Chaparro also said that during breakfast the mothers read a questionnaire about them from their children.

"We gave the students some questions about their moms. We asked them how old their moms are, what their mom's favorite food is, what their moms like to do, what do you hear most from mom. The answers were so funny. Some of the students stated that their moms were 80 years old. It was so silly and cute. The mothers laughed and the kids laughed with them also," she said.

Chaparro said this is the first year that they have had the Mommy and Me Tea Party since she has been at the preschool. Chaparro has worked for the preschool for seven years, and said it was

nice to have the parents enjoy the classroom with their kids.

"I remember that period of COVID when we couldn't host events at all. It was nice to have the parents come in with their kids, and it was special for them to come in and have breakfast with the kids," she said.

Chaparro said she is looking forward to having more events with parents this year.

"We love having our parents' involvement in the classroom, and it was a really good turnout. I want to thank all the parents for coming and making this special for their kids. We couldn't have asked for a better turnout. I also want to thank my co-teacher Raelynn for all her help with the event too. We are a team, and it was a great event for the kids," she said.



Courtesy photos

Haskin Elementary Preschool had a Mommy and Me Tea for Mother's Day. The children made special presents for their moms.



Moffat students learn fire safety from Moffat firefighters

By MARIE MCCOLM MOFFAT – On April 29, the Moffat Fire Department hosted Moffat Elementary School students for a safety experience and educational lesson at the fire station. Elementary children from the school marched in excited and eager to learn about the different things the fire department crew do in the event of emergencies and fires.

Assistant Moffat Fire Department Chief Francisco Silva talked about the kids and how they were really enjoying themselves. "The kids were all smiles and seemed to enjoy everything. We taught them a lot of age-appropriate ways to keep themselves safe. It was a fun event with the kids. They learned a lot with us."

Silva said that the Northern Saguache Ambulance District also attended the event. The first responders spoke to the kids about important safety measures to take, to help others and to help themselves in an emergency. There was also a bus driver demonstration that took place.

The fire department showed children all their fire equipment and spoke to the kids about how the fire equipment is used. The crew also showed the children what they looked like in and out of their uniforms. Silva said, "We really wanted to stress to the kids that if they see us in uniform not to be afraid of us. Some kids get scared when they see adults in uniforms, and they do not understand what they do. We wanted the kids to know that even though we look different in uniforms we are there to help them."

The crew also spoke to the children about what to do in a fire and how to keep themselves safe, using age-appropriate lessons. Silva stated the kids were taught about safety planning in the event of a fire and ways to safely escape in case of a fire.



Courtesy photos

The Moffat Fire Department hosted Moffat Elementary School students to learn about fire safety and emergency preparedness at the fire station. Northern Saguache Ambulance District also attended the event.

Silva said the kids really liked the idea of Sparky the Safety Dog, too. "We showed the kids Sparky the Safety dog and talked to them about his safety rules. The kids seemed really responsive to everything we showed them."

Silva stated the kids asked a lot of questions and enjoyed looking at the fire equipment and hearing about what each of the different organizations did to help people stay safe in the event of emergencies.

"It was just a really enjoyable day with the kids." The kids all received tote bags, that contained fun activities and information about staying safe. Silva stated that after working with the kids he is hoping to make it an annual event. "We are hoping that we can do something like this with the kids every year. It is important for the kids to learn about the ambulance, first responders, and the fire department. It is important for the children to know that we are there to help, if we need to."

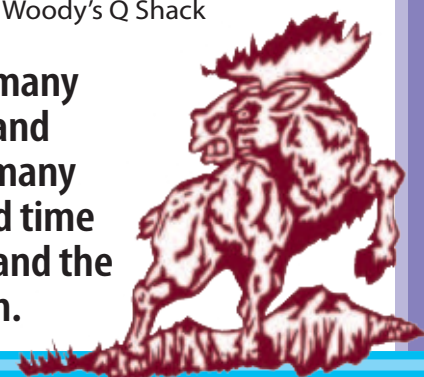
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Sports

Sanford girls finish second at state

Sowards, Reynolds, McDaniel win individual titles

Wrapping up the Sanford girls' scoring were the 4x100-meter relay team of Ashley Dominguez, Kate McDaniel, Kasey Gylling and Brooklynn Reynolds who were fifth in 53.18 seconds.

For the Sanford boys, Lincoln Reynolds won two events. He won the 100-meter dash in 11.19 seconds and the 200 meters in 22.90. He was also second in the 400 in 50.86.

The Mustangs finished in eighth place in the 1A boys meet with 39 points.

Sangre de Cristo

William Wilson was the Thunderbirds' only performer in on Saturday as he finished in seventh in the 1,600-meter run in 4:59.12.

Sangre finished tied for 34th in the boys meet with three points.

Sierra Grande

The Panthers' sole representative at state, Ayden Lopez, finished in a tied for sixth place in the high jump at 5-7.

Sierra Grande placed 33rd in the boys meet with 3 1/2.

Creede

Creede tied for 30th in the 1A girls meet with six points.

Class 3A Centauri

In Class 3A, Centauri's Troy Sowards won the high jump at at personal best height of 6-9.

Carson Bagwell also competed in the high jump



Courtesy photo by Cynthia McDaniel

Sanford High School's Holly McDaniel clears a hurdle in the Class 1A 100-meter high hurdles at the state track meet Saturday at Jefferson County Stadium in Lakewood. McDaniel not only won this event, she also won the 300-meter intermediate hurdles and the triple jump and was on the winning 800-meter sprint medley relay team. The Lady Mustangs finished second as a team.

and tied for 14th at 5-9.

The Falcons tied for 24th in the boys meet with 10.

Alamosa

The Alamosa girls placed 11th with 30 points.

The Lady Mean Moose were led by

Sarah DeLaCerde who finished fourth in the 1,600 in 5:06.76. Elizabeth McQuitty was seventh in the same event in 5:10.39, and Madeline Castillo was 14th in 5:21.05.

Also scoring for the Alamosa girls was

Kaidence Boehm who was sixth in the shot put at 32-5 1/2.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Kaylee Gonzales-Moore, Lily Heersink, McQuitty and Castillo placed ninth in 4:18.62.

For the Alamosa boys, Brant Jackson tied for seventh in the high jump at 6-1.

The Mean Moose tied for 28th in the boys meet with seven points.

Class 2A Center

Ciara Paiz competed in her second event for the Lady Vikings and she finished ninth in the triple jump at 31-11.

Center tied for 31st in the 2A girls meet with four points, and the Vikings tied for 41st in the boys meet with two points.

Class 3A boys team scores

The Classical Academy 118, University 75 1/2, Berthoud 58, Resurrection Christian 54, Holy Family 51, Liberty Common 43, Eaton 37, Elizabeth 34, North Fork 34, Rifle 26 1/2, Moffat County 21, Manitou Springs 21, Valley 20, Sterling 20, Frontier Academy 20, Kent Denver 17 1/2, Jefferson Academy 14, Lamar 13, James Irwin 13, Coal Ridge 13, Bayfield 11, Pagosa Springs 11, Peak to Peak 10 1/2, Centauri 10, Estes Park 10, Florence 8, Gunnison 8, Alamosa 7, Platte Valley 7, Aspen 7, Salida 6, Woodland Park 6, Harrison 5, Basalt 4, Prospect Ridge 3, Denver West 2, La Junta 2, Bennett 2, The Pinnacle 1.

Class 3A girls team scores

The Classical Academy 88, Berthoud 84, Holy Family 66, Eaton 61, Jefferson Academy 51, Resurrection Christian 46, Peak to Peak 45, Coal Ridge 44, Liberty Common 43, Elizabeth 38 1/3, Alamosa 30, Pagosa Springs 29, University 28 1/2, Brush 28, Woodland Park 21, Delta 19, James Irwin 18, Basalt 15 1/2, Weld Central 15 1/3, Stargate 15, Northridge 12, Montezuma-Cortez 11, Rifle 10 1/3, Englewood 10, Sterling 9, Gunnison 9, North Fork 6, Frontier Academy 5, Kent Denver 4, La Junta 3, Abraham Lincoln 3, Prospect Ridge 2,

Manitou Springs 1, Salida 1, Valley 1.

Class 2A boys team scores

Peyton 89, Banning Lewis 67 1/4, Platte Canyon 56, Cedaredge 44, Limno 37, Lyons 36, Timnath 35, Yuma 32 1/2, Rocky Ford 26, Golden View Classical 24, St. Mary's 23, Sedgwick County 23, Heritage Christian 23, Byers 21 1/4, Plateau Valley 21, Rangely 20, Wray 20, Strasburg 18, Meeker 16 1/4, Ouray 15, Holyoke 15, Thomas MacLaren 14, Walsenby 12, Denver Christian 12, West Grand 12, Twin Peaks Charter 12, Mancos 11, Ignacio 8, Colorado Springs Christian 7, Dolores 6, Dayspring Christian 6, Swink 5, The Vanguard 4, Grand Valley 3 1/2, Burlington 3, Wellington 3, Center 2, Caprock Academy 2, Ellicott 2, Crested Butte 2, Lotus School for Excellence 1, Clear Creek 1.

Class 2A girls team scores

Timnath 131, Heritage Christian 66, Dayspring Christian 55 1/2, Cedaredge 42, Wiggins 42, Sedgwick County 39, Swallows Charter Academy 38, Strasburg 36, Rangely 35, Thomas MacLaren 34, Byers 33, Wray 29, Buena Vista 28, Hoehne 25, The Vanguard 20, Telluride 19, Meeker 19, Banning Lewis 17, Highland 16, Limon 15, Lake County 14, Plateau Valley 13, Palte Canyon 12 1/2, Soroco 11, Denver Christian 11, Lyons 11, Caprock Academy 10, Golden View Classical 10, West Grand 6, Rye 6, Ellicott 4, Grand Valley 4, Center 4, Custer County 3, South Park 3, Ignacio 3, Yuma 2, Swink 2, Mancos 2, Poudre Community Academy 1, Peyton 1, Hayden 1.

Class 1A boys team scores

Cheyenne Wells 64, Haxtun 51, South Baca 50 1/2, Genoa-Hugo/Karval 48, Lone Star 46, Cheraw 42, Kim 42, Sanford 39, Stratton 35, Otis 35, Primavera 31, Elbert 30, McClave 28, Dove Creek 26, Merino 25, Eads 22, Idalia 21, Kiowa 21, Arickaree 18, Prairie 18, De Beque 18, Akron 17, Cotopaxi 13, North Park 12, Hi-Plains 11, Bethune 8, Simla 8, Pikes Peak Christian 6, Springfield 6, Fleming 6, Granada 6, Briggsdale 5, Sierra Grande 3, Nucla 2, Denver Academy 2, Kit Carson 2, Miami-Yoder 1, Holly 1.

Class 1A girls team scores

Merino 106, Sanford 72, Idalia 59, McClave 59, Kiowa 52, Cheyenne Wells 42, Cotopaxi 35, Simla 35, Deer Trail 32, Cheraw 30, Haxtun 29, Miami-Yoder 27, Stratton 27, Evengel Christian 26, De Beque 25, Prairie 23, Fleming 22, Hanover 22, Eads 19, Elbert 18, Lone State 16 1/2, Akron 13, Otis 8 1/2, Hi-Plains 8, Caliche 8, Dove Creek 8, Lake City 8, Wiley 8, Nucla 8, Walsh 6, Creede 6, Flagler 5, Springfield 5, La Veta 4, Peetz 3.

Pirate baseball team qualifies for state

By KEN HAMRICK
Courier sports editor

MONTEVISTA—The seventh-ranked Monte Vista High School baseball team won the Class 2A Region 7 Tournament Saturday at Adrian M. Gutierrez Field.

The Pirates first held off a late Ellicott charge for a 5-4 win, and they then defeated Dawson School 2-1 in nine innings.

With the tournament win, Monte Vista qualifies for this week's Class 2A State Tournament at the Runyon Sports Complex in Pueblo.

"I'm just proud of these kids," said Monte Vista coach Luke Bradshaw. "They played their hearts out today. They competed. We had to manufacture some runs in the first game by playing small ball. We just keep finding a way."

Monte Vista 5, Ellicott 4

The Pirates got on the scoreboard early with three runs in the bottom of the second inning. Kaden Madrid and Judah Howe both reached on errors. Deon Baumgardner, who was courtesy running for Madrid, advanced to third on a wild pitch and he scored as Monte Vista successfully executed the double steal.

Howe also advanced to third and scored on a series of Thunderhawk errors.

Domyon Naranjo then got a bunt single and he advanced to third on another error. He scored on a wild pitch for a 3-0 lead.

The Pirates scored another run in the third. Azariah Hurtado was safe on an error and he stole second. He took third on a wild pitch and scored on Madrid's single.

The Thunderhawks got on the board with a run in the top of the fourth. Jed Howarth led off with a double and scored on Logan Wilson's single.

The Pirates scored another run in the fifth. Hurtado singled, stole second and came home on a pair of Ellicott errors.

The Thunderhawks scored twice in the sixth. Landon Kuhn led off with a double and scored on Howarth's single. He took second on the play and scored on an error.

Ellicott made one last charge in the seventh. Diego DeLaRiva had a leadoff single, and Daniel Clough also singled. Kuhn singled home Adam Adame, who was pinch running for DeLaRiva.



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Monte Vista High School's Jeremiah Baumgardner fields a ground ball in Saturday's game against Ellicott. The Pirates defeated the Thunderhawks 5-4 and also defeated Dawson School 2-1 to win the Class 2A Region 7 Tournament and advance to this weekend's state tournament.

The two Ellicott runners were left on base as the game ended.

Kaden Mellott started on the mound for the Pirates and he was the winning pitcher. He allowed four runs and seven hits and he struck out 15 and walked only one batter. Jeremiah Baumgardner relieved Mellott in the seventh and he earned the save by retiring the only batter he faced.

The Pirates managed only four hits and were led by Hurtado who went 1-2, Kaden Mellott who went 1-3 with a double, Madrid who went 1-3, and Naranjo who went 1-3.

Dawson 13, Rangely 1

In the second game, Dawson School defeated Rangely by a score of 13-1.

Both teams scored a run in the first inning, but the Mustangs blew the game wide-open with a 10-run third.

Dawson scored two more runs in the fourth and the game ended on the 10-run rule.

Monte Vista 2, Dawson 1

The game was a pitchers' duel from the start to finish with no runs being scored in the first seven innings.

Both teams had chances to score in those innings. The Mustangs left runners in scoring position in the first, second, third, fourth and seventh innings, while the Pirates left runners in scoring position in the first, second, third and sixth innings.

The Mustangs got on the board in the

top of the eighth. Henry Cox hit a double and he took third on a passed ball. He scored on Milo Richter's single.

The Pirates tied the score in the bottom of the eighth. Kaden Mellott singled and advanced to third on an error in the outfield. He scored on Hurtado's single.

Dawson loaded the bases with one out in the top of the ninth. But Kaden Mellott fielded a ground ball and threw to Jeremiah Baumgardner to retire Julian Sutton. Sutton was called for rolling into the fielder and a double play was called to end the inning.

Monte Vista won the game in the bottom of the ninth. Howe led off with a single, and Naranjo drew a walk. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch and Kobe Jiron sent a bloop single into left field to drive home Howe.

Jiron was the Pirates' starting pitcher and he threw the first five innings. He allowed no runs and four hits and he struck out four, walked three and hit three batters. Jeremiah Baumgardner relieved Jiron in the fifth and gave up one run and three hits with four strikeouts, three walks and one hit batter. Hurtado finished the game and took the win. He allowed no runs and no hits with no strikeouts and one walk.

The Pirates had eight hits and were led by Kaden Mellott who went 3-3, and Hurtado who went 2-3 with one RBI. Naranjo went 1-3, Howe went 1-4, and Jiron went 1-5 with one RBI.

State tournament is next

Monte Vista (19-3) will face second-ranked Denver Christian in the first round of the State Tournament Friday at 9:30 a.m.

"We're going to state," Bradshaw said. "If anybody wants to beat us, they're going to have to put us away. Because we just competing. I think we have as good a shot as anybody."

Monte Vista 5, Ellicott 4

Ellicott	000	102	1-4	7	8
Monte Vista	031	010	x-5	4	1

L. Wilson (L) and Nikulski, K. Mellott (W), J. Baumgardner (7, S) and Madrid.

Dawson 13, Rangely 1

Rangely	100	00	-1	4	2
Dawson	10(10)	2x	-13	7	1

Scott (L) Quintana (3), and Quintana, Scott (3). Heathwood (W) and K. Cox. HR - D: Sebek (3rd inn., none on, no outs).

Monte Vista 2, Dawson 1

Dawson	000	000	010	-1	7	1
Monte Vista	000	000	011	-2	8	0

Sebek, Leuchten (8, L) and K. Cox. Jiron, J. Baumgardner (6), Hurtado (9, W) and Madrid, Bouet (7).

Lady Moose 11th after first day at state

By KEN HAMRICK
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa High School girls golf team is in 11th place after the first day of the Class 3A State Tournament Monday at the Olde Course in Loveland.

The Lady Mean Moose had a team score of 324 and are led by Taybor Wiedeman who is tied for 53rd with a 103. Morgan Ortega is tied for 60th with a 105, and Hallie Henry is tied for 71st with a 116.

Monte Vista's sole representative, Brooke Hoffstaetter, is 70th with a 112.

Prospect Ridge is in first place after the first day with 249, followed by St. Mary's Academy with 259, and Aspen with 260. Colorado Academy is fourth with 265, Peak to Peak is fifth with 267, Montezuma-Cortez is sixth with 269, Berthoud is seventh with 274, and Rye



is eighth with 277.

St. Mary's Academy's Maddy Bante is first among individuals with a one-under-par 71.

The tournament concludes today.

Team scores

Prospect Ridge 249, St. Mary's Academy 259, Aspen 260, Colorado Academy 265, Peak to Peak 267, Montezuma-Cortez 269, Berthoud 274, Rye 277, Denver Christian 279, Resurrection Christian 293, Alamosa 324, Gunnison 336, SkyView Academy 351, Forge Christian 358.

Sports Bulletin

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

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Prep baseball

Buena Vista 8, Del Norte 3 inn.

Monte Vista 5, Ellicott 4

Monte Vista 2, Dawson

1, 9 inn.

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 21

Prep girls golf

Alamosa, Monte Vista at Class 3A State Tournament (at The Olde Course, Loveland), 8:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

College outdoor track and field

Adams State at NCAA Division II Championships (at Emporia, Kan.), TBA

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Prep baseball

Monte Vista vs. Denver Christian (Class 2A State Tournament at Runyon

Sports Complex, Pueblo), 9:30 a.m.

College outdoor track and field

Adams State at NCAA Division II Championships (at Emporia, Kan.), TBA

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Prep baseball

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SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking an ELEMENTARY TEACHER for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Colorado Teaching License or be eligible to apply for one. Salary schedules are available on the district website. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, and transcripts at <https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply>. (6/5/24)

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PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR. THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ALAMOSA is hiring for the position of Maintenance Supervisor. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in business administration and or a minimum of 3-5 years of business and supervisor experience. Knowledge in residential and/or commercial building trades, good communication skills, experienced with tools, machinery, and equipment, manage maintenance department, repairs, and capital improvements for multiple properties, manage supplies, tools, and equipment, ability to qualify as an HQS inspector, basic computer skills, maintain records, physical ability to perform required duties. The Alamosa Housing Authority offers a competitive salary and benefits. Minimum salary starting at \$65,520.00. Letter of intent, resume, and references should be submitted to (or mailed to) 213 Murphy Drive, Co. 81101 by May 24, 2024. Equal Opportunity Employer) (5/25/24)

ALAMOSA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE is seeking a DATA ENTRY CLERK. This job requires data entry skills and working knowledge of the Assessor's Office to ensure accurate property data is generated to maintain complex records. Responsibilities include: Working independently or in a team setting, entering deed transfers (land splits/combination and replats of parcels into database), entering address changes into the computer system, answering phones and assisting the public at the front counter, copying maps, daily mail runs, participating in professional training, and perform all other duties as required by the County Assessor. \$17.00-\$19.00 per hour, full time, full benefits. Background check and drug screening required. Applications may be obtained online at www.alamosacounty.org. Inquiries may be directed to humanresources@alamosacounty.org. (5/25/24)

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MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following openings for the 24-25 school year: KINDERGARTEN, K-12 ART, MS SCHOOL TEACHER, HS ELA, HS SOCIAL SCIENCES, K-12 PE, HS SCIENCE, K-12 PRINCIPAL. Send inquiries/resumes to Mr. Stagner at Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us or call 719-655-2578. (5/28/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

POLICE OFFICER FOR the MANASSA POLICE DEPARTMENT, must be POST certified. Please pick up application at the Town Hall during business hours; Monday- Wednesday 8-4. (5/25/24)

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221 - HELP WANTED

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- 1 Clumsy hand
- 4 Tranquilize
- 8 Altar area
- 12 Cuckoo
- 13 Butter substitute
- 14 Sense
- 15 Arroz — pollo
- 16 Fuzz that clings
- 17 Aquarium
- 18 Ring slowly
- 20 Flaw
- 22 — and abet
- 24 Raw material
- 25 Volatile situation
- 30 Gratuity
- 33 Arch with a point
- 34 Ethereal
- 35 Nest egg letters
- 36 Gull
- 37 Tiny
- 38 Book after Joel
- 39 Catchall abbr.
- 40 Experienced

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- 44 Grassland
- 45 Electrical unit
- 48 Repeated sequence
- 52 Toward shelter
- 53 Ait
- 55 Moo
- 56 lbsen character
- 57 Discomfort
- 58 "Born in the —"
- 59 School-room item
- 60 Tallow ingredient
- 61 Big —

DOWN

- 1 Bundle
- 2 Before long
- 3 Sommelier's suggestion
- 4 Lassie's breed
- 5 — Pasha
- 6 Furnish
- 7 Dust speck
- 8 Subsequently

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 9 Period of calm
- 10 Dispatched
- 11 Lodge member
- 19 Put cargo aboard
- 21 Sly
- 23 Empty of liquid
- 25 Big book
- 26 "— no kick from champagne ..."
- 27 Recent arrivals
- 28 Tie
- 29 Bay window
- 31 Golf club
- 32 Time gone by
- 37 Ponder
- 38 "And — we go!"
- 41 Up-to-date
- 43 Command for a pooch
- 45 — vera
- 46 Rends
- 47 Jacob's twin
- 49 Membership organization
- 50 Misplace
- 51 Actor — McGregor
- 52 Conjunction
- 54 Tell a tale

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Husband likes to get high but keeps lying about it

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 10 years, together for 12. We have no children together, but I have four from a previous marriage. Two are grown and have moved out; two are still home and in high school.

When we got together, my husband stepped right up and became a wonderful stepdad. He has always been a provider, a listener, an advice giver, friend, etc. He is the epitome of a great dad and husband. My family loves him, and I love him with my whole heart.

There is just one small problem that has recurred throughout our marriage. Abby, he told me several years ago that he had stopped smoking marijuana, yet many times over the years I have caught him sneaking around to do it. If I ask him about it, he lies to my face and insists that no, he doesn't. I don't ask unless I have seen it or have found some somewhere.

We live in a state where recreational use is legal, so it's not the smoking that really bothers me -- it's the lying. I don't partake, so I guess I don't understand, but how can I get him to see that I need him to be honest with me? I can't accept being lied to, especially over something so stupid. -- MIFFED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR ABBY: Most women need women friends, so please don't isolate yourself

knows how you feel about his smoking, and he wants to avoid conflict. Since you have caught him in the act, his unwillingness to fess up shows a lack of character and, I'm sorry to say, a tendency to gaslight you, and I don't blame you for being upset.

There are few ways more effective in eroding trust than to do what you say he has been doing. That is why it is important the two of you have an HONEST discussion about his pot smoking -- either at home or in the office of a licensed family therapist.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently moved to a new city. I have made friends here, and we have great neighbors. I have become close with several of the women, but my husband has not made any buddies. When I try to create opportunities for him to get closer to the guys, he reacts by saying, "How dare you!" or "What makes you think I need help?"

When I want some girl time with my friends, he gets mad and accuses me of not wanting him around and excluding him from my life. I can't seem to make him understand that women need girl time for our own mental health, and it is not about him. Help, please! -- SAD AND TRAPPED

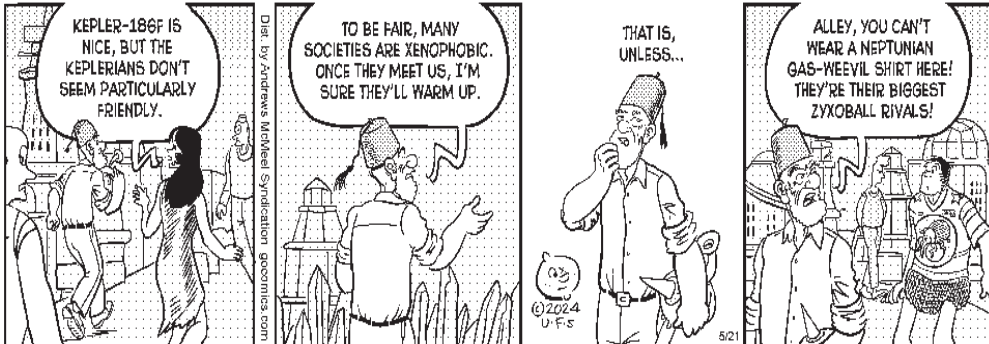


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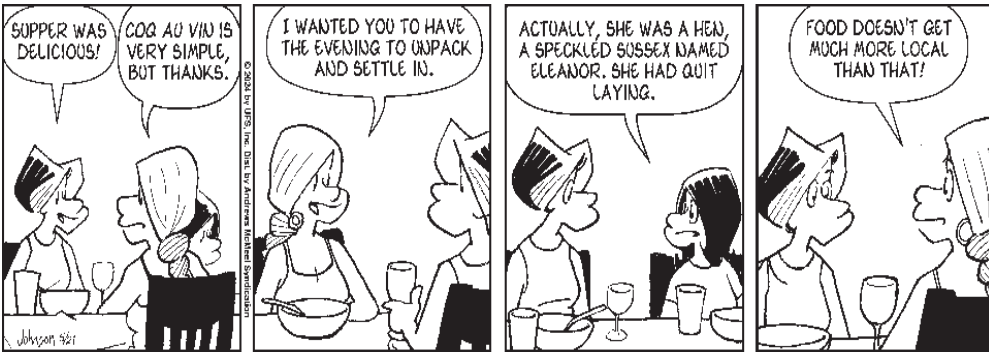
in an attempt to placate your husband. If he thinks that by hanging around with you and your women friends he is filling what's missing in his social life, he needs a wake-up call. Whether you want him around during those visits or not, the feelings of the other women should be considered.

Did your husband have male friends in your former town? I suspect not, which may be why he continues to be so dependent on you now. Unless he is willing to make the effort, you can't fix his social problems. Encouraging him to develop hobbies and interests of his own may help, and volunteering in your new community might introduce him to other men he can bond with. Please suggest it.

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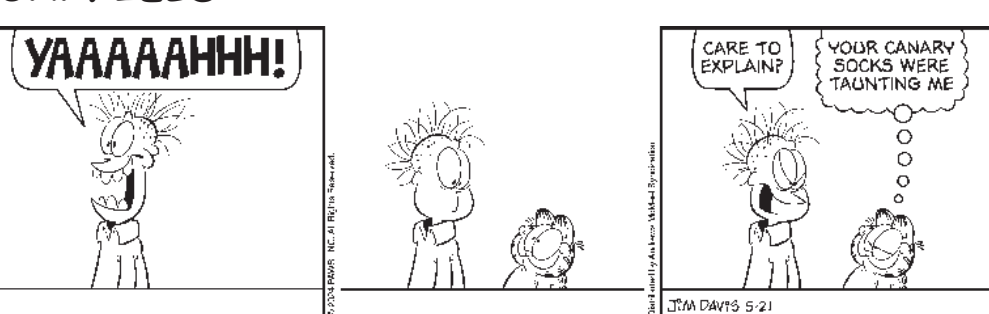
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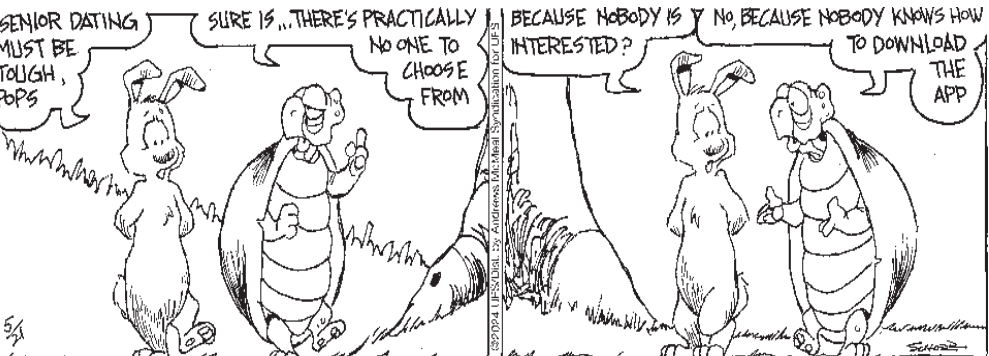
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