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Empowering aging in Colorado talk on Sept. 10

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ALAMOSA — Spark the Change Colorado, a leading volunteerism nonprofit dedicated to service and community health, invites the public to its monthly event, "Spark Speaker Series: Empowering Aging in Colorado." The next event takes place at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Alamosa Senior Citizens Center.

The featured speaker will be Marie Kramer, Library Manager of the Alamosa Public Library, who will present, "What the Library Can Do For You." When people hear 'library', they think 'books'. Of course, they still have books, but the library offers technology help, 3D printing, a Telehealth Hub, and more. Learn about the resources and services available at your Alamosa Public Library!

In addition to Kramer's presentation, Nancy Harris, Spark the Change Colorado's RSVP Manager for Alamosa County, will talk about the benefits of volunteering in one's community and ways to get involved with RSVP.



Marie Kramer

Hosted by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Alamosa County, the series addresses issues pertaining to older adults and their health and features local expert speakers on topics such as well-being, nutrition, volunteering, memory, physical health, and much more. All are welcome and no registration is necessary.

"Come with an open mind, a desire to learn more about seniors and their well-being, and with your own ideas of future topics and speakers. We will be gathering

input from participants at each of the events to determine what folks from our senior community are interested in learning about through the monthly series," organizers stated.

Starting on Sept. 10, the series will be held at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Alamosa Senior Center, 92 Colorado Ave. For more information about the speaker series, or to become an RSVP volunteer, contact Harris at nharris@sparkthechangealamosa.org or 303-867-0868.

Romero Funeral Home celebrates 50 years with remodel

Courtesy photo

The Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon-cutting at Romero Funeral Home on State Avenue in Alamosa on Aug. 30. In a statement the owners, the Romero and Archuleta families said, "Without the San Luis Valley residents believing in



the dream that started all this and continuing to trust in us to care for your loved ones we would not be here today. We are truly humbled and so grateful to you all! Thank you for allowing our family to care for your family since 1977. God Bless you all and thank you!

Crestone Energy Fair is set for Sept. 14-15

By MARIE MCCOLM

CRESTONE — San Luis Valley residents get ready, the 35th annual Crestone Energy Fair is set for Sept. 14-15. This is a full weekend event.

According to the website, the fair is the longest-running sustainability fair in the nation and includes a weekend of instructional presentations with informative speakers, community engagement, music, vendors, and exciting home tours. The event is a free event.

Broker, and owner of Mountainside Realty, and long-time event planner for the Crestone Energy Fair, Nick Navares spoke about the theme for the fair this year, and what people can expect from opening speakers at the Energy Fair.

"We are doing something a little different this year, we are having a symposium called 'Rooting Forward,' which is our theme for this year. What it is about is that, especially here in Crestone, there's a lot of change happening. People are recognizing that the cost of living here is a lot lower than other places, but also the quality of life here is really good. Our first talk of the day is going to be a culmination of older, and newer members of the community, talking about how we can integrate change into our lives in a sustainable way, that isn't disruptive to the status quo, but also allows for that change to happen organically. That will be our first talk in the morning on Saturday."

Navares also stated that this year the Energy Fair has really tried to focus on bringing in some amazing speakers.

"Our headline speaker is Lloyd Kahn. He was named by the New York Times as the father of DIY, Do it Yourself Building. He is an innovator in tiny houses. He is going to be talking about living a more sustainable lifestyle through regenerative practices and things like that. We also have Tim White, who is with Texas Healthy Homes. Texas Healthy Homes, is showing people how to build more sustainably with hempcrete, and rammed earth, and things like that in Texas."

Navares stated that it's like what is being done in Crestone, it's just done, and well known in the Texas environment.

Navares also spoke about another speaker named George Whitten, and how his family and he practice Pastoralism.

"His family has been in the San Luis Valley since the early 1800s. They moved here, originally for what's called Pastoralism, which is using grazing animals, like sheep and cows, his family moved here and did that through out the valley openly for about 100 years. He is continuing to carry on his family lineage of doing that. He is going to talk about the evolution of doing that, and the ways that we have changed and work with land and things like that."

Navares also spoke about an interactive workshop that would be taking place as something new this year at the fair, with a gentleman by the name of Diamond Mauriello.

"He has a 100-acre Permaculture farm up in Pagosa Springs. He has been a secret of ours for a number of years, and this year he is doing a multi tent activation, where he is going to teach you not only how to save seeds from plants you grow, but he's going to show you how to harvest them from different plants, and how to properly store them."

Navares stated that there is an importance in doing this, as when you use your own seeds, they are acclimated to the environment you have had them in.

"They grow better this way. That's going to be a neat activation that we have."

Navares stated that they are also going to have a few different ways for people to interact with the crew that is putting on the energy fair.

"We are going to have an afterparty this year on Saturday Night at T-Road Brewing. They are sponsoring an after-party event. We are going to have a performance by a local band. In October we are also going to have a celebration event."

Navares explained that every year they start from ground zero to raise the funds for the energy fair all year round, but this year they are going to hold a seated dinner party in October at the Dune Valley Distillery, to begin raising funds for next year's Energy Fair, too.

"I am going to be personally cooking a four course

Indian Dinner. We are selling tickets right now on our website. We will be having bands, and things like that for the evening. So, it's like a nice dinner date night, but also a fundraiser for the Crestone Energy Fair, both as a celebration of what we have done, but also as a fundraiser for the next year too."

Navares stated that he is hoping these added events will be successful as they will aid in the Energy Fair for next year with some startup money, and it will also be a way for people to engage with the energy fair crew, as they are extremely busy during the fair and not always able to engage and answer a ton of questions the way that they would like to.

The Crestone Energy Fair has been around for 35 years now and is always an amazing and educational event. As always there will also be home tours offered, of both finished and unfinished homes. Saguache County has always allowed different homes to be built without the restrictions that other counties have, Crestone has partaken in this way of natural life and has built some very impressive homes made from natural sustainable compounds.

The Energy Fair will also feature music, yoga, and art. The Fair is a huge celebration of sustainable living that everyone should consider attending. To register for home tours or for more information on all speakers, workshops, and activities available at the fair, visit Crestoneenergyfair.org.

OBITUARY

Frances Margaret Kolisch July 29, 1950 – Aug. 3, 2024

Frances Margaret Kolisch, 74, of Creede, Colo., passed away surrounded by loved ones on Aug. 3, 2024. She was born on July 29, 1950, and grew up in South Fork, Colo. Frances made Creede her home in 1970 and quickly became a valued member of the community.

Frances's greatest joy in life was her family. She shared a deep and enduring love with her husband of 54 years, Karl Kolisch. The two first met at a dance at the Community Center in South Fork in 1968, and according to Karl, it was Frances's sweet and kind nature — just like her mother's — that won his heart. Together, Karl and Frances built a beautiful life centered around their only daughter, Karly Kolisch, and their beloved grandson, Bridger Johns. Frances was a devoted wife, a caring mother, a doting Nana to Bridger, a beloved Aunt and cherished friend. Her kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for her family will be remembered by all who knew her.

In addition to her family, Frances was passionate about her work as a librarian at the Creede School, where she spent over three decades sharing her love of



books with countless students. Her warm and welcoming spirit made the library a special place for generations of children, and her dedication to education left a lasting impact on the community.

Frances had a green thumb and loved flowers. For several summers she worked at the 4UR Ranch taking care of the flowers and hummingbird feeders. She enjoyed teasing and chatting with co-workers, kids, and guests.

Frances was known for her sense of humor, love of practical jokes, and even-tempered nature. She was always ready with a smile, a hearty laugh, and a helping hand. Her kind-heartedness knew no bounds — whether you were a stranger or a close friend, she was always willing to offer her help. Frances's warmth and generosity made her a treasured presence in the lives of everyone she encountered.

Frances also had a soft spot in her heart for dogs. The dogs of Creede knew they could always count on her for a treat, as she was rarely without a pocketful of goodies for her furry friends.

Frances is survived by her husband, Karl Kolisch; their daughter, Karly Kolisch (Johns); their son-in-law, Ben Johns; their grandson, Bridger Johns; and her nieces, Truley and Kebra Check, as well as many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Herb Check, Jackie McKenzie, Phelan Poage, and her parents, Joseph and Dorothy Check.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 11 a.m. at Sunnyside Chapel in Creede, Colo. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society Conour Animal Shelter in Frances's memory, continuing her love of animals, especially dogs.

Frances will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and the entire Creede community. Her gentle spirit, love of life, and devotion to those she cared for will remain in the hearts of all who knew her.

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Valley News

Conejos County Courthouse closure



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The Conejos County Courthouse remained closed on Saturday, Sept. 1, in the aftermath of a fire on Aug. 29 which consumed the auditor's office. At press time it remained unknown when the building would reopen. For information, call 719-376-5772.

Society Hall welcomes famed Nashville singer-songwriter Kim Richey

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ALAMOSA – Society Hall is thrilled to bring Nashville No. 1 songwriter Kim Richey to Alamosa. Richey is widely known for her subtle yet moving songwriting and her luminous vocals. She will be accompanied by Billy Harvey on electric guitar.

The concert will be on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa. The door will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available online at www.societyhall.org and at the Green Spot, 711 State Ave., Alamosa. The concert will also stream live on the Society Hall Facebook page and YouTube channel.

In January 2024, Richey found herself in Mexico, gazing out at a sea of people singing along to "I'm Alright," one of her classic tracks. The three folks on stage with the veteran, Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter were also raising their voices in harmony. To her right sat Brandi Carlile, to her left, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and Brandy Clark. The formidable foursome was participating in a songwriter's round only half-jokingly dubbed "Titans of Americana" at Carlile's female-forward Girls Just Wanna Weekend festival on the Riviera Maya in Mexico.

"That was nuts looking out and seeing everybody arm-waving and singing along," says Richey, still both incredulous and cheered by the memory of performing with that supergroup and later appearing alongside other Girls Just Wanna Weekend-ers Annie Lennox, Lucius, Allison Russell, and Sarah McLachlan among others. "It was just like, 'wow!'"

Richey is celebrating the release of her 10th studio album, titled "Every New Beginning." From her critically acclaimed self-titled 1995 debut to "Long Way Back...The Songs of Glimmer" in 2020, Richey has consistently impressed listeners, garnered accolades, and attracted famous fans with her deft songwriting and crystalline vocals, both of which have made her an in-demand collaborator.

Richey has penned No.1 hits for Rad-



Courtesy photo

Kim Richey will be performing on Sept. 7 at Society Hall in Alamosa.

ney Foster ("Nobody Wins") and Trisha Yearwood ("Believe Me Baby (I Lied)") — the latter earning her a Grammy nomination for Best Country Song — as well as songs for Mary Chapin Carpenter, Patty Loveless, and Brooks and Dunn, among others. Her voice has graced scores of recordings, providing peerless harmonies, including Jason Isbell's watershed Southeastern, Trisha Yearwood's "Everybody Knows", "Heartbreaker" by Ryan Adams, Reba McEntire's "Starting Over", and "Has Been" by Capt. Kirk himself, William Shatner. Most recently Richey co-headlined that night of Brandi Carlile's Girls Just Wanna Weekend festival in Mexico, sharing the stage with a wide range of artists including Carlile — who cites Richey as a formative influence — Brandy Clark, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Annie Lennox, Allison Russell, and Sarah McLachlan. She was also a special guest at Jason Isbell's annual Ryman Auditorium residency, sitting in to reprise her role for the anniversary performance of Southeastern. Richey is touring the US and Europe this spring in support of Every New Beginning.



Courtesy photo

Alamosa Police Department Detective Brandon Bertsch, second from left, was recently recognized by Tu Casa with the Dale Ruff Protector Award on Aug. 23.

Award

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their peers and multi-disciplinary team members.

"This year, Tu Casa appropriately renamed this award as the Dale Ruff Protector Award, so we may honor the diligent work our law enforcement partners provide to both children and adult survivors throughout the San Luis Valley," organizers stated.

In recognizing Bertsch, Tu Casa, Inc noted the following, "Detective

Bertsch has been a law enforcement officer serving the Alamosa area for 10 years. Recently, Detective Bertsch investigated an adult sexual assault case that resulted in convictions of a violent rape and assault with a multiple decade long prison sentence for the perpetrator. Detective Bertsch not only investigated this case ethically and with intention, but he offered the victim kindness and support throughout the entire process, reminding the victim of their worth and dignity, while mak-

ing them feel safe and valued. Because of Detective Bertsch's dedication and passion for this case, this survivor was able to obtain justice, reconnect with family and support systems, and graduate from substance abuse treatment successfully. The words of this survivor encapsulate what drives Detective Bertsch every day he serves his community: 'You literally saved my life. Thank you for protecting me. Thank you for sticking with me when I couldn't stick up for myself.'

History

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in 1880. New Mexico settlers settled Antonito and nearby communities under the 1842 Conejos Land Grant.

Participants were invited to post their opinions on "What has made Antonito, Antonito?" Answers included: "Chili Line railroad built the whole Valley."

Officially, the railroad was called the Santa Fe Branch but widely nicknamed "The Chile Line,"

for the ristras hanging on the houses along the line, the railway (later reorganized as the Santa Fe Southern Railway) which ran between Alamosa and Espanola from 1887 and 1941, connecting to Santa Fe.

Other posts included "A generational community with a lot of history." "Espinozas and Spanish Jews."

The last comment refers to the early Jewish settlers. According to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado, "When Jews were ex-

pelled from Spain during the Inquisition in the mid-1400s, many fled to Portugal, central Europe, east to the 'New World' of Mexico, and Central and South America. Around 1571, the Spanish Inquisition came to the Americas. Many Crypto-Jews, as they are now called, moved to the northern reaches of the Spanish Empire, into what is now northern New Mexico and southern Colorado, to get as far away as possible from continued persecution."

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ful opportunity for our theatre students to be exposed to professional theatre and it brings award-winning entertainment to Alamosa."

Due to some spicy language and mature themes, the production is recommended for age 10 and older.

Tickets are \$30 for general public, \$25 for Adams State faculty and staff, and \$10 for Adams State students. Tick-

ets can be purchased at theatre.adams.edu. The in-person box office will open Sept. 2. Beginning on that date, the discounted tickets for faculty, staff, and students may be ordered through the Box Office at 719-587-8499.

Lifestyles

10 states where voters could decide on abortion directly

By ELISHA BROWN
Colorado Newsline

After legal fights, counter-campaigns and bureaucratic wrangling all year long, as things stand today, abortion questions in 10 states are heading to ballots in November.

After abortion rights were upended federally in June 2022, Kansas voters got a chance to weigh in on a ballot measure that was something of a test balloon just a couple of months later. Defying expectations, nearly 60% of voters rejected an anti-abortion constitutional amendment.

Since then, voters in states with both conservative- and liberal-leaning electorates have either rejected abortion restrictions or secured the right to an abortion. The majority of these successful campaigns were spearheaded by coalitions of doctors, advocates and everyday people who disagreed with the Supreme Court's decision to upend federal abortion rights.

The issue was on the ballot in five states in November 2022. Americans in California, Michigan and Vermont enshrined the right to a host of reproductive health care services into their state constitutions during the midterms, while voters in Montana defeated a measure containing anti-abortion rhetoric and Kentucky voters soundly rejected an amendment seeking to declare that nothing in the state constitution guaranteed abortion rights.

Then, last year, faced with a Republican trifecta in state government where many lawmakers harbored anti-abortion positions, Ohio reproductive rights advocates took matters in their own hands and launched an effort to codify the right to abortion, contraception, fertility treatments, miscarriage management and pregnancy care.

Despite roadblocks thrown up by GOP officials who tried to increase the threshold for an amendment to be added to the Ohio Constitution, Issue 1 succeeded in November. Nearly 57% of Buckeye State voters cast ballots in favor of reproductive rights.

Elected officials elsewhere are playing a role in thwarting abortion ballot petitions, too. Missouri's attorney general tried to push the state auditor to inflate the estimated cost of an initiative, and the secretary of state offered up ballot summaries that judges dismissed as partisan last year. (Abortion-rights proponents are suing again over the same issue, Missouri Independent reported.)

In Arkansas, Republican Secretary of State John Thurston refused to count all of the signatures for an abortion-rights ballot petition, citing technical paperwork errors, according to Arkansas Advocate. After a five-week legal battle — on the day of the deadline for Thurston to distribute certified ballots to counties — the state Supreme Court affirmed his position. Arkansans for Limited Government, the group behind the ballot measure, said the justices' recent 4-3 ruling silenced more than 102,000 people who signed on to the effort, the Advocate reported.

Another strategy being deployed by opponents: "decline-to-sign" campaigns popped up in Arkansas, Arizona, Missouri and South Dakota.

Democrats have pledged

to restore the right to an abortion nationally if they retain the White House and gain seats in Congress in the coming election, and Republican leaders have said they don't support a national ban.

Still, as things stand today, 10 states have confirmed abortion-rights questions for Nov. 5 ballots. Lawsuits to invalidate them are pending across the nation.

• **Arizona**
Abortion is illegal after 15 weeks in Arizona, unless the patient's life is at risk. There are no exceptions for rape, incest or genetic abnormalities.

Proposition 139 will ask voters if they want to allow abortion up to fetal viability with exceptions later in pregnancy for the patient's life, or physical or mental health. The amendment would also prevent any penalties for someone who helps a person get an abortion. Arizona for Abortion Access is behind the initiative.

• **Colorado**
Abortion is legal throughout pregnancy in Colorado, but the state enacted a ban on public funds being used for abortions in 1984. Government employees' insurance does not cover abortion care.

Initiative 89, titled "Right to Abortion," could effectively repeal that 40-year-old coverage ban if 55% of voters approve the amendment. Coloradans for Protecting Reproductive Freedom is leading the effort.

• **Florida**
Abortion is illegal after six weeks in Florida with exceptions for rape, incest and to save the patient's life.

Amendment 4 would bar government interference in abortion access before fetal viability or when a provider deems the procedure necessary to save a person's health. Sixty percent of voters have to approve the measure, which wouldn't remove the parental notification requirement for minors seeking abortions. Floridians Protecting Freedom is behind the campaign.

• **Maryland**
In March 2023, the Democratic-controlled Legislature voted in favor of a referendum that put the "Right to Reproductive Freedom Act" before voters this fall. Abortion is broadly legal in Maryland.

Question 1 would reify the right to "reproductive freedom," including the right to make "decisions to prevent, continue, or end" a pregnancy. The proposed amendment would also prevent the state from interfering in the right for the most part.

• **Missouri**
Abortion is only permitted in Missouri for medical emergencies. Restrictions on clinics and providers hindered access in the state before the Dobbs decision, Missouri Independent reported.

Amendment 3, if approved by a simple majority, would legalize abortion up to fetal viability with exceptions later in pregnancy to protect the life or physical or mental health of a pregnant person. It also states patients and providers cannot be prosecuted for abortion. Missourians for Constitutional Freedom is the political action committee behind the initiative.

• **Montana**
A 1999 Montana Supreme Court ruling solidified abortion access based on the state's constitutional right to privacy, and a

2023 decision reaffirmed the precedent, while also ruling that advanced practice nurses can provide abortions. Still, the Republican-controlled legislature advanced abortion restrictions, which are largely blocked by the courts, Daily Montanan reported.

CI-128 asks voters to further enshrine into the state's constitution the right to make decisions about one's pregnancy, including abortion up to fetal viability, without government regulation. The amendment would include exceptions later in pregnancy to protect the life or health of the patients, as determined by providers. Montanans Securing Reproductive Rights headed the ballot effort.

• **Nebraska**
A 12-week abortion ban was enacted last year. Protect Our Rights launched a campaign in November for an amendment that would expand access up to viability, as determined by a provider, with later exceptions for a mother's health.

Protect Women and Children announced a counter-effort in the spring for a competing constitutional amendment that would ban abortions after the first trimester (12-14 weeks), with later exceptions for rape, incest or the life of a mother. It would allow the legislature to pass stricter bans in the future.

If both questions make it to the ballot and both are approved by voters, the one with the most votes wins, Nebraska Examiner reported.

• **Nevada**
In 1990, Nevada voters secured the right to an abortion through 24 weeks of pregnancy, or later if the mother's life is at risk. Question 6 will ask voters to ensure similar rights constitutionally — making them harder for lawmakers to modify. If passed, this amendment would protect abortion access up to fetal viability, or later to protect the life or health of the patient, Nevada Current reported.

The coalition Nevadans for Reproductive Freedom is behind the proposal, which will have to be approved twice — once this year and again in 2026.

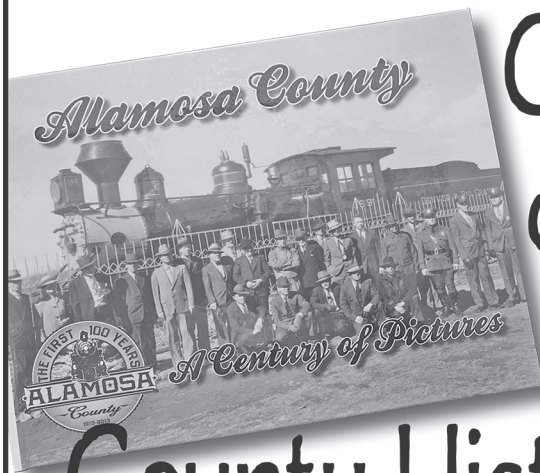
• **New York**
Abortion is legal in New York up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, and abortions after that point must be approved by providers who decide whether a fetus is viable, or if a patient's life or health is at risk.

Proposal 1, a legislatively referred referendum, asks voters if they want to add an equal rights amendment to the constitution. If approved, it would bar discrimination based on sex, including "pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes and reproductive health care and autonomy." Supporters say this would add protection for the right to an abortion.

• **South Dakota**
Abortion is banned in South Dakota unless it's necessary to save a patient's life. Dakotans for Health led an effort to expand access.

Amendment G asks voters whether to ban legislators from regulating abortion until the end of the first trimester, allow regulations during the second trimester "in ways that are reasonably related to the physical health of the pregnant woman" and let the state prohibit abortion in the third trimester unless the procedure is necessary to save the life or health of a pregnant patient.

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Photos by Brian Williams
 Cole Park was filled with classic vehicles of all shapes, sizes, makes and models, on Saturday during the annual Early Iron Festival in Alamosa, including a Cor-



vette, convertible and hardtop Impalas, Jaguar XK 150, a n d pickups, just to name a few.



Sports

Lady Moose gymnasts take second at home meet

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – This past Saturday, the Alamosa High School girls gymnastics team was scheduled to host Pueblo Central and Canon City in the season opener. However, Canon City canceled its program this season, therefore the contest became a dual meet between the Lady Mean Moose and the Lady Wildcats.

Alamosa, however, came in second in the meet. Pueblo Central scored 167.775 points and the Lady Mean Moose 151.

Alamosa was led by Braelyn Martinez who finished sixth in the all-around standings with 31.6 points. She was third in the vault with 8.75 points, third on the floor exercise with 8.825, seventh on the uneven bars with 7.55, and ninth on the balance beam with 6.475.

Next for the Lady Mean Moose was Leah Pintor with 30.925 in the all-around. That total included a sixth-place finish on the bars with 7.625 points, sixth on the beam with 7.1, seventh on the floor with 8.3, and ninth on the vault with 7.85.

Taylor Off scored 30.8 points in the all-around. She was fourth on the beam with 7.275, fifth on the vault with 8.3, ninth on the bars with 7.375, and ninth on the floor with 7.85.

Kianna Morales scored 28.85 points in the all-around. She was sixth on the vault with 8.25, eighth on the beam with 6.9, 10th on the bars with an even six points, and 10th on the floor with 7.7.

Kenya Hostetter accumulated 27.675 all-around points and she was fourth on the vault with 8.65, ninth on the beam with 6.7, 11th on the bars with 5.225, and 11th on the floor with 7.1.

Rounding out the scoring for Alamosa was Chloe Kern



Courier photos by Ken Hamrick

Left: Alamosa High School's Braelyn Martiez performs on the floor exercise in Saturday's home meet against Pueblo Central. Above: Leah Pintor on the uneven bars. The Lady Wildcats defeated the Lady Mean Moose 167.775-151.

who scored 27 all-around points. She was seventh on the vault with 8.05, eighth on the floor with 8.05, 12th on the bars with 4.85, and 12th on the beam with 6.05.

Pueblo Central's Karlee Knabenshue was the all-around champion with 35.150. She also won three of the four events. She won the vault with 9.2, the uneven bars with 8.625 and floor exercise with 9.475. She was

also third on the balance beam with 7.85.

Pueblo Central's Ava Cozzetto won the beam with 8.425.

The two teams will meet again this coming Saturday, this time in Pueblo. The meet begins at 10 a.m.

High school football standings

CLASS 2A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Montezuma-Cortez	0-0	2-0
Alamosa	0-0	1-0
Pagosa Springs	0-0	1-0
Bayfield	0-0	0-0
Gunnison	0-0	0-1
Salida	0-0	0-1

Last week's scores

Friday

Alamosa 28, Monte Vista 8
 Buena Vista 24, Salida 19
 Eagle Valley 32, Gunnison 0
 Montezuma-Cortez 54, Crownpoint (N.M.) 0
 Pagosa Springs 42, Kirtland Central (N.M.) 27

Open date: Bayfield

This week's schedule

Friday

Banning Lewis Academy at Alamosa, 7 p.m.
 Bayfield at Aztec (N.M.), 7 p.m.
 Gunnison at Delta, 7 p.m.
 Pagosa Springs at Centauri, 7 p.m.
 Salida at Woodland Park, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Strasburg at Montezuma-Cortez, 11 a.m.

Monte Vista at Rye, 7 p.m.

Olathe at Center, 7 p.m.
 Pagosa Springs at Centauri, 7 p.m.
 Raton (N.M.) at Trinidad, 7 p.m.
 Open date: Del Norte, Ignacio

8-MAN MOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Dolores	0-0	1-0
Dove Creek	0-0	1-0
Norwood	0-0	1-0
Sargent 48, Lake County 6	0-0	1-0
Mancos	0-0	0-1
Sanford	0-0	0-1

Last week's scores

Friday

Dolores 59, Justce 8
 Dove Creek 36, Plateau Valley 12
 Melrose (N.M.) 50, Mancos 22
 Norwood 12, Hayden 8
Sargent 48, Lake County 6

Saturday

West Grand 28, Sanford 22

This week's schedule

Friday

Sedgwick County at Mancos, 2 p.m.
 Dolores at Monticello (Utah), 7 p.m.

Hayden at Sargent, 7 p.m.

Rangely at Dove Creek, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Norwood at Vail Christian, 1 p.m.
Sanford at Swink, 2 p.m.

8-MAN SIX COUNTY LEAGUE

Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Fowler	0-0	1-0
Walsenburg	0-0	1-0
Crowley County	0-0	0-1
Custer County	0-0	0-1
Hoehne	0-0	0-1
Sangre de Cristo	0-0	0-1

Last week's scores

Thursday

Simla 40, Hoehne 12

Friday

Fowler 33, Swink 22
Las Animas 49, Sangre de Cristo 24
 Merino 60, Crowley County 14
 Walsenburg 64, Lyons 36

Saturday

Sedgwick County 58, Custer County 16

This week's schedule

Friday

Hoehne at Sedgwick County, 4 p.m.
 Fowler at Simla, 7 p.m.

Plateau Valley at Custer County, 7 p.m.
 Walsenburg at Las Animas, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Sangre de Cristo vs. Soroco (at Buena Vista), 1 p.m.

Open date: Crowley County

6-MAN SOUTHWEST LEAGUE

Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Branson/Kim	0-0	1-0
Primero	0-0	1-0
Sierra Grande	0-0	1-0
Antonito	0-0	0-1
Cotopaxi	0-0	0-1
La Veta	0-0	0-1

This week's schedule

Thursday

Primero 73, Walsh 31

Friday

Kit Carson 62, La Veta 12
Manzanola 61, Antonito 19

Sierra Grande 46, Cheraw 34

Saturday

Branson/Kim 55, Kiowa 7
 Granada 67, Cotopaxi 7

This week's schedule

Thursday

Cotopaxi at Walsh, 6 p.m.

Friday

La Veta at Kiowa, 7 p.m.
 Manzanola at Primero, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Antonito at Bethune, 11 a.m.

Granada at Branson/Kim, 11 a.m.

Deer Trail at Sierra Grande, 4 p.m.

Mean Moose soccer falls to Lamar



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Alamosa High School goalkeeper Todd Broyles kicks the ball away in Saturday's game against Lamar at the AHS stadium. The Mean Moose lost to the Thunder 2-0.

Sports Bulletin

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

SCOREBOARD THURSDAY

Prep girls softball
 Alamosa 9, Sierra 3
Prep girls volleyball
 Center def. Crested Butte in three sets – scores not reported
 Del Norte def. Ignacio 25-20, 12-25, 14-25, 25-19, 15-10
 Sanford def. Monte Vista 26-24, 25-13, 25-15

FRIDAY

Prep football

Alamosa 28, Monte Vista 8
 Centauri 33, Meeker 6
 Las Animas 49, Sangre de Cristo 24
 Manzanola 61, Antonito 19
 North Fork 46, Center 6
 Olathe 46, Del Norte 7
 Sargent 48, Lake County 6
 Sierra Grande 46, Cheraw 34

Prep girls volleyball

Alamosa def. Longmont 25-20, 25-19
 Alamosa def. Mountain View 28-26, 22-25, 15-12
 Antonito def. Manzanola 25-17, 25-15, 28-26
 Las Animas at Sangre de Cristo – no report

SATURDAY

Prep football

West Grand 28, Sanford 22

Prep girls gymnastics

Pueblo Central 167.775, Alamosa 151

Prep boys soccer

Lamar 2, Alamosa 0

Prep girls volleyball

Centauri def. Delta 25-18, 25-23, 26-24

Centennial def. Mountain Valley 25-18, 25-21

Center def. Manzanola 25-13, 25-20

Center def. Sierra Grande in three sets – scores not reported

Eaton def. Alamosa 22-25, 25-9, 15-12

Kim/Branson def. Centennial in two sets – scores not reported

Kim/Branson def. Mountasin Valley 25-19, 25-19

Niwot def. Alamosa 25-18, 25-17, 18-25, 25-20

Primero def. Center 25-20, 25-20

Primero def. Sierra Grande 25-13, 25-10

Sangre de Cristo def. Crowley County 26-24, 25-21

Sangre de Cristo vs. Trinidad – no report

Sangre de Cristo at Walsenburg – no report

Sanford vs. Gilpin County – no report

Sanford def. West Grande 25-20, 18-25, 25-11, 25-20

SCHEDULE TUESDAY

Prep boys soccer

Manitou Springs at Alamosa, 6 p.m.

Prep girls softball

Montezuma-Cortez at Alamosa (at Adams State), 4 p.m.

Prep girls volleyball

Alamosa at Pueblo County, 4 p.m.

Buena Vista at Monte Vista, 6 p.m.

2023 Delinquent Property Tax Information

Real Estate Property

- **September 27, 2024** – Advertising costs will be added
- **October 4, 11, and 18, 2024** – Property will be advertised in the Valley Courier
- **November 19 and 20, 2024** - Tax lien will be sold on the property at the 2024 Tax Lien Internet Auction

Alamosa County Treasurer's Office is currently undergoing a software conversion and our office will be closed from 9/9 to 9/13/2024. During this conversion it is possible we will lose the ability to print previous years tax statements, so please use our website (in October) to pull a previous year tax notice or call in October and we can email those previous years to you.

www.alamosacounty.org or 719-589-3626

Classifieds

221 - HELP WANTED

DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (10/4/24)

DEL NORTE BANK is seeking to fill a full-time position for a TELLER in the CREEDE BRANCH. Duties will be to accept deposits, loan payments and process withdrawals while maintaining a balanced cash drawer. Must be personable and pleasant answering the phone and greeting customers. Many other duties will be assigned as needed. The position is permanent, full-time, M - F, 8am - 4:30pm, an hourly rate range of \$14.42 to \$17.00, with a robust benefits package. Application available at TrueLocalBank.com/careers or inquire at 117 N. Main St, Creede or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Dawn. EOE. (10/2/24)

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BARTENDER WANTED IN QUESTA, NM at El Monte Carlo Lounge. Thursday - Sunday, 3pm-11pm, hours may vary. \$13/hr with tips, housing can be available if needed. Call Mark 575-779-0653. (9/20/24)

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COME BE A PART OF THE CENTENNIAL R-1 TEAM! We are seeking applications for a FRONT OFFICE CLERK/ SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT and a VARIETY of SUBSTITUTES. Positions will remain open until filled. Please submit a resume, three letters of recommendation, pertinent transcripts, and a background check/valid CDE license with an application. Submit applications through <https://www.applitrack.com/centennial-school/onlineapp> or email kimba.rael@centennial.k12.co.us. All full-time positions qualify for a competitive benefits package and salary as outlined through our Master Agreement, which is available at centennial.k12.co.us. The starting pay range for classified 12-month staff is \$30,915-\$37,919 and substitute pay is \$120/day. We are doing great things in San Luis; it's the perfect time to join our team. (9/14/24)

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OUTREACH ASSISTANT. SAN LUIS VALLEY LOCAL FOODS COALITION seeks an LFLP Outreach Coordinator. Strong communication and computer skills are required. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. Applications close September 9th, 2024. (9/7/24)

HUMAN RESOURCES AND EQUITY COORDINATOR. SAN LUIS VALLEY LOCAL FOODS COALITION seeks a Human Resources and Equity Coordinator. Related college degree and/or 4 years experience with HR, preferably in a non-profit. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. Applications close August 31st, 2024. (8/31/24)

MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE PERSON, or team, wanted for a 12 unit apartment complex in DEL NORTE, CO. Duties include but not limited to: office paperwork, cleaning, minor plumbing, minor electrical, dry-wall repair, painting, and grounds keeping. Fax or email a letter of interest and/or resume to 712-274-1230 or nrieman@landmarkmanagement.com. Equal Employment Opportunity. (9/4/24)

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VALLEY ROOTS FOOD HUB GENERAL MANAGER. San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition seeks a Valley Roots Food Hub General Manager. As the General Manager, you will learn, understand, and oversee the jobs of Driver, Aggregator, Markets Manager, Warehouse Manager, Operations Manager, Bookkeeper, Kitchen Manager, Sales Manager, and Fleet Manager. Minimum of 5 years of relevant experience. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. Applications close September 15th, 2024. (9/11/24)

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1 is accepting applications for HS ASST. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACH. Applications can be submitted through online app <https://www.applitrack.com/centennial-school/onlineapp/> or www.centennial.k12.co.us. Open until filled. For questions, please contact District Administrative Office at 719-672-3322. (9/11/24)

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KINDERGARTEN PARAPROFESIONAL NEEDED: SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking a dedicated Kindergarten Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year. If you're passionate about working with young learners, we'd love to hear from you! For more information and to apply, visit www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023. Application Deadline: 9/4/24 or until position is filled. EOE. (9/4/24)

LEAD TEACHER FOR INFANT CARE CENTER NEEDED at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. 150 days per year which includes all days that teachers are at school. Please submit your application and resume to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, at 950 French Street, DEL NORTE, CO, 81132, or call at 719-657-4040, x4000. Applications may be retrieved on-line at urtigers.co or at the District Office. (9/24/24)

HEAD JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL COACH needed at DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL. Experience as a coach or assistant coach at the middle school and/or high school level is preferred. Must possess: effective coaching techniques and a thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport; and have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gibbs Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@urtigers.co 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers.co , 719-657-4020. (9/24/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

THE TOWN OF LA JARA is accepting applications for **POLICE CHIEF**. The successful candidate shall plan and administer the law enforcement program and activities of the town and do related work as required. Minimum qualifications include a degree in law enforcement, Colorado POST Certification, and extensive and increasingly responsible experience in law enforcement work including supervisory experience. Thorough knowledge of the principles, problems and techniques of municipal police administration; thorough knowledge of the technical and operating practices and methods of law enforcement and crime prevention. Must have ability to handle firearms and maintain certification and firearms proficiency in accordance with Colorado POST regulations. Applicants must complete a background check, drug screening and have a current psychological evaluation. The Town of La Jara offers a competitive compensation package that includes health, dental and vision insurance; retirement through FPPA; and paid time off. Salary range from \$55,000 to \$65,000. Applications may be picked up at La Jara Town Hall, 221 Broadway. Applications accepted until filled. (9/4/24)

DEL NORTE HIGH SCHOOL is seeking a qualified **ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL COACH** for the 2024 volleyball season. The individual would be responsible for developing the junior varsity program and assisting the varsity coach in all aspects of the high school volleyball program. If interested, please email Gilbert (Gibbs) Sanchez, Del Norte Jr/Sr High School Athletic Director at gsanchez@urtigers.co or contact him at 719-657-4020. (9/13/24)

FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS POSITION open at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Applicant must pass a background check and be able to work independently, be a forward-thinking individual with an overall team approach to all tasks at hand. Applicant must also be able to work in all weather conditions (snow removal/ general landscaping). If interested, please contact Demo Trujillo, 719-657-4040 x4007, dtrujillo@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co (9/13/24)

JR/SR HIGH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER needed at DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a secondary Language Arts endorsement. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, DNHS Principal at ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Mrs. Hardy at 719-657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online. (9/13/24)

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED AT UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT in DEL NORTE! We need subs for teachers (must have a sub license), classified employees (must have sub license), CAFETERIA WORKERS, and BUS DRIVERS. Call or email: Sophia Cruz at 719-657-4040 x4000, scruz@urtigers.co (9/13/24)

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is hiring an **ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT**. Those with Bookkeeping, Accounting, Clerical or Human Resources experience are encouraged to apply. The office is located at the Ski Area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass and requires commuting throughout the winter months. This position offers skiing privileges and the compensation starts at \$24 per hour depending on experience. Please email resume to: Payroll@WolfCreekSki.com (9/11/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is accepting applications for **ALL DEPARTMENTS**: lifts, ski school, base operations, food & beverage/bakers & baristas, rental, retail, ticket office, snow reporting/guest services, ski patrol, grooming, snow removal, custodial building maintenance, and a freelance photographer. To download an application and see job descriptions please visit the employment page of WolfCreekSki.com. Send resumes and applications to wolfcreekski@wolfcreekski.com or P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. All jobs are winter seasonal (November - April) with skiing privileges. Starting wage of \$18/hour with merit increases based on performance and experience. (10/30/24)

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CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at **UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT**. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (9/6/24)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is looking for candidates to fill the position of **BUDGET ANALYST** within the Business and Finance department. You can apply <https://adams.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/ASU/details/Budget-Analyst-R188>. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please reach out to our Human Resources department 719-587-7990. (9/4/24)

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is hiring a Full-Time **STAFF ACCOUNTANT**. Those with Bookkeeping, Payroll, Accounts Payable or public accounting experience are encouraged to apply. Familiarity with Microsoft Excel is preferred. Attention to detail, and organizational skills are required. The office is located at the Ski Area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass and requires commuting throughout the year. This is a year-round position, with longer hours during the winter operating months, and a shorter work week in the summer months. This position offers skiing privileges and the compensation starts at \$34 per hour depending on experience. Full slate of insurance benefits and PTO available after a probationary period. Please email resume to: Payroll@WolfCreekSki.com (9/11/24)

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