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Road closure for railroad crossing work

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa County Road and Bridge Department would like to inform the public of a road closure at the intersection of South Highway 285 and 17th Street for the week of Sept. 9-13 to replace the railroad crossing.

Alamosa Commissioners to meet Wednesday

ALAMOSA — On Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., the Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners will meet. On the Consent Agenda are the Secure Transportation Application, PROM Grant, Semi-annual Treasurer's Report, Weed Control District Report, an amendment to Public Health Emergency Preparedness, and FY25 JBBS Amendment No. 4. There will also be a public hearing on the Major Site Plan, Alamosa Storage LLC. The meeting will be held at 8900 Independence Way in Alamosa and via Zoom with meeting ID 270-314-6874.

Trouble Bound performing Sept. 15

CREEDE — A free public concert hosted by the Creede Arts Council featuring an eclectic blues/roots group, Trouble Bound Band. This will be the last Music in the Park concert of the CAC's summer concert series.

Nestled in the Rocky Mountains, the Trouble Bound band draws its sound from the crisscrossing roads of Alt-Country, Roots Rock, Country Blues, and a light dusting of bluegrass sensibility.

Tinged with reverence to the forefathers of outlaw country and romanticized in stories of the Wild West, their music is a slice of the Colorado perspective that adopts a "live and let live" or rigged individualism life philosophy.

Music in the Park will be held at Basham Park in Creede from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15. In the event of rain, the concert will be held across the street at Sunnyside Bar.

SLV WEATHER

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Society Hall invites everyone to free annual celebration

Set for Saturday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m.

STAFF REPORT
ALAMOSA — Society Hall is throwing a party and cannot do

it without you. It's time for their annual celebration, with an afternoon and evening of free music and a soup-stew potluck, all happening outside on the patio by Society Hall, just off 4th Street, ■ See **SOCIETY** page 3

Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa, will hold an annual celebration on Saturday, Sept. 14, with music, food, beverages, and fun. Fourth Street, seen in this photo will be closed to vehicles and the venue for the celebration. The hall was built in 1922 as a church for the Christian Science Society. In August 2015, the non-profit Society Hall Foundation purchased the building and held the first concert in September. Since then, the hall has brought concerts, plays, workshops, memorial services, and more to the hall and community.

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ALMA rocks First Friday

By **JOHN WATERS**
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — Downtown Alamosa was rocking on the evening of Sept. 6, with many musicians performing as part of the musical collaboration between the Alamosa Live Music Association (ALMA) and Visit Alamosa.

The Roaming Rhythms festivities were a mini-music festival that transformed six downtown businesses into unique music venues. The musicians performed numerous 25-minute sets. Downtown was packed with people enjoying all the music, packing restaurants, and catching a great vibe.

Elizabeth Summer with Visit Alamosa said the scene was a "vibrant celebration of local and regional talent."

Nancy Harris, Executive Director of the music association, said, "ALMA was absolutely thrilled to have partnered with Visit Alamosa at the Sept. 6 First Friday to host Roaming Rhythms, a successful mini-music festival in downtown Alamosa."

"The 'takeover' of First Friday was designed for visitors to roam from venue to venue and experience the sounds of six different bands, starting at Woody's Q Shack with MG Sessions and ending at SLV Brewing Co. with Lucky Overton and the Yardangs. The organizers of Roaming Rhythms intentionally designed a musically diverse event and offered something for everyone while showcasing our local and regional



Courier photo by John Waters

Downtown Alamosa was alive on Sept. 6, with many downtown businesses transformed into music venues as part of 'Roaming Rhythms' during the First Friday celebration.

talent. ALMA was pleased with the great turnout of audience members participating in the music crawl from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. (and beyond!). The feedback from folks who attended the event was overwhelmingly positive, and ALMA is grateful to the welcoming crowd and the chance to collaborate with Visit Alamosa." For more information, visit www.almaonline.org and www.alamosa.org.



Mark Manzanares, Ph.D., is the Adams State 2024 Outstanding Alumnus.

Adams State recognizes Manzanares as Outstanding Alumnus

By **ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY**

ALAMOSA — Mark Manzanares, Ph.D., professor of counselor education and coordinator of Adams State Online, joins the ranks of dedicated and accomplished alumni who spent the majority of their professional career at Adams State and are recipients of the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

He will receive the Adams State 2024 Outstanding Alumnus Award at the Homecoming Banquet on September 27. For tickets or more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 719-587-8110 or visit adams.edu/alumni and click on the Homecoming 2024 link.

Adams State has certainly benefited from Manzanares' innovative approach to technology. From introducing the first computer mouse to campus, building the first tech classroom and lab, to the results of his dissertation sparking the online counseling graduate degree, his motivation to exceed expectations began as a student athlete and carried through in his career.

"The moment I drove up Stadium Drive and pulled in next to Coronado Hall, Adams State felt like home and the

■ See **ALUMNUS** page 3

Frisch pledges to protect Colorado land, water

Calls out opponent for connection with donor who backs RWR

By **PRISCILLA WAGGONER**
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Adam Frisch, Democratic candidate for Congressional District CO-3 (CD3), launched a new broad-

scale ad campaign on Monday where he not only pledges to protect water in the district but also questions connections his Republican opponent, Grand Junction attorney Jeff Hurd, has to "special interests" working to export valuable water from the San Luis Valley to the Front Range.

"The entire Southwest is stealing our water," Frisch says in the ad. "They're sucking us dry, ■ See **FRISCH** page 3



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Adam Frisch, right, is the Democratic candidate for CD3.



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OBITUARIES

Alan Albert Maes



Alan Albert Maes, our loving son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, and great friend unexpectedly passed away on July 5, 2024, in Englewood, Colo., at the age of 63. Alan was born on Sept. 16, 1960, to Margarito Jose (Buddy) and Darlene Maes and is one of six children.

He graduated from Sierra Grande High School and then entered the work force. Alan was married to Karen Rivera out of high school, having two children Erica and Aldrid Maes and then later, following divorce, marrying Liz Martinez and having his third child, Isaac Maes.

Alan spent his last few months working in his daughter's bakery, helping his brother Alvin at his church, working with his friend Errol with his handy man business, and helping his sister Pam with her front yard. Alan loved helping others; always wanting to fix things and bring them back to life. He saw value in many things that others did not.

ers did not.

Alan was multi-talented, always dabbling in a little bit of everything, but music was one of his main loves. He could play the drums, congas, guitar, sing, and dance. He and some of his friends formed a band in high school called "Black Magic". They were all so talented that they ended up taking second place at the Battle of the Bands in Alamosa Colo., in their first year together.

Alan is survived by his mother, Darlene Maes, daughter Erica Abeyta, and sons Aldrid and Isaac Maes, grandchildren DeAngelo Maes-Chacon; Dominique Abeyta, Aleece Herrera, Jaeden

Maes, Daivid Maes, Damian Maes, Mila Maes, Elena Maes, Harper Maes, and Cecilia Maes, siblings Jeannie (Ray) Miller, Pamela Maes, Alvin (Patricia) Maes, April (Bill) VanGieson and Carol (Anthony) Rolfe, loyal and lifelong friends, Steve Brown, Errol Gonzales, along with many beloved nieces and nephews and many loving extended family and friends.

Alan is now reunited in heaven with his Father Margarito (Buddy) Maes, grandson Iden Herrera, wife Rene Morfin Maes, paternal grandparents Gilbert & Theresa Maes, and maternal grandparents Jose and Delia Cordova and Bonifacio and Pauline Trujillo.

A Celebration of Life service will be held for Alan in Alamosa on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at 3 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 315 Craft Dr., Alamosa CO 81101, with a reception and music to follow at the Elks Lodge, 406 Hunt Ave., Alamosa CO 81101, at 5 p.m.

Marvin Martinez



Marvin Lloyd Martinez, 74, of Alamosa, entered his eternal rest on Aug. 20, 2024. Born on Nov. 7, 1949, in Jaroso, Colo., Marvin was the beloved son of the late Salomon and Dolores Mascarenas Martinez.

Raised in Alamosa, Marvin cherished the time he spent with his family. After completing school, he explored various careers before discovering his true passion — working on cars, especially classic models. Marvin found joy in the mountains, where he loved fishing in the serene streams and lakes. He also excelled at playing pool and bowling, which were among his

favorite pastimes. In his later years, Marvin appreciated the peace of solitude, but his generous heart was always ready to lend a helping hand to others.

Marvin's warm spirit and kind nature will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his brother, Solomon (Judi) Martinez; his

daughters, Katie Armijo, Stephanie DuVall, and Sherry (Sam Sr.) Sanchez; his grandchildren and great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Salomon and Dolores Mascarenas Martinez; his brother, Joe Arthur Martinez; and his sister, Mary Lu Martinez Coyne.

A service to honor Marvin's life will be held on Friday, Sept. 13, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 726 3rd St., Alamosa, Colo., with a reception to follow in the church hall.

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

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

Alamosa County Sheriff's Office report for week of Aug. 30 to Sept. 6

Cruz Garcia, 35, of Alamosa was cited for fictitious plates and violating instructions on temporary license in the 300 block of Santa Fe.

Emmanuel Abdelkarim, 25, of Lincoln, Nebraska was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over in the 9000 block of Highway 160 East.

Ohemide Akinlade, 35, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over on Highway 160 MM 223.

Robert Roy, 65, of Seekonk, Massachusetts was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over in the 15000 block of Lane 6N.

Joseph Rabiolo, 38, of Parker, Colorado was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over in the 4000 block of Highway 17 North.

Matthew Salazar, 28, of Alamosa was cited for third degree trespass at Loaf 'n Jug.

Sandra Austin, 61, of Bloomfield, New Mexico was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over in the 10000 block of CR 100S.

Miles Johnson, 18, of Denver was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over in the 17000 block of Highway 17 S.

Robert Lockwood, 54, of Antonito was cited for driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both and driving a vehicle with blood alcohol content of .008 or more at 4th and West.

Teresa Francisco Pablo of Alamosa was cited for harassment and domestic violence at 618 8th Street.

Donovan Joseph Romero of Westminster, Colorado was cited for false

imprisonment, domestic violence, violation of protection order, violation of protection order, violation of protection order, third degree assault, third degree assault, child abuse, obstruction of telephone or telegraph device, obstruction of telephone or telegraph device, criminal mischief.

Richard Sais, 43, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over in the 2000 block of Highway 160.

Ana Leon, 27, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over in the 2000 block of Highway 17 N.

Jesse Scott Phillips of Alamosa was cited for violation of protection order, domestic violence, harassment, obstruction of telephone or telegraph device.

Rio Grande County Museum awarded grant

STAFF REPORT DEL NORTE – The Rio Grande County Museum recently announced it received a SIPA grant that will help digitize their historic newspapers between 1874 and present.

"This has been a project we have been working on for a long time and we are so excited to be able to share the history of these newspapers with the public," said Museum Director Lyndsie Ferrell.

According to history collected by the museum the San Juan Prospector was the 11th oldest newspaper in Colorado beginning in February of 1874. In the early days of print correspondence, newspapers were a staple in every household and were depended upon by communities worldwide. The San Juan Prospector is the oldest newspaper in Rio Grande County.

The first publisher for the newspaper was Nick Lambert who published the first San Juan Prospector on Feb. 4, 1874. The paper was set by hand on a Washington hand press which was hauled over Mosca Pass by a team of mules led by W.H. Cochran and Abe Roberts who came from Pueblo.

The press was four tacks of news and advertising type no longer

used by the Pueblo Chieftain. It was unloaded in Del Norte in December of 1873. The paper was housed in a cabin located opposite of Young and Case Livery Barn on Columbus Avenue. Lambert's brother, John Lambert, published the Pueblo Chieftain during that time.

John Hughes was the master printer, and Lambert was the artistic printer and owner of the paper. Adair Wilson and Col. D. Russell were successively the first editors, according to the San Juan Prospector's Sept. 30, 1921, article titled "Early Press of the San Juans".

Lambert owned and operated the paper in its first year but then sold the print to Messrs. Howard and Company in March of 1875. Members of the company included John and Edwin Shaw, J. Cary French, James Phillips, and J.C. Howard who were all prominent men in the development of the Town of Del Norte.

By February 1876, the newspaper was sold again to Abe Roberts and W.H. Cochran, the two men who helped bring the press over Mosca Pass. Cochran later acquired Robert's interest, only to sell yet again in May of 1879 to J.M. Cochran and the firm name was changed to Cochran

Brothers.

In April of 1884, the paper again changed hands and landed in the ownership of George Scibird and John G. Glover. Glover eventually bought out Scibird and welcomed back the Cochran Brothers who remained associated with the paper for the next 50 years.

In 1934, Dean Edward Hammond came on to the newspaper and became one of the most respected newspapermen in Colorado. Hammond published the Prospector for 42 years with the name eventually changing to the Del Norte Prospector.

Now, with the help of several donations and the award from SIPA the historic newspaper will be available online for the general public to peruse through the Colorado Historic Newspaper website.

"The project is in the very early stages, but the papers should be available by fall of next year. We were one of the last newspapers to become digital and it is a huge step in making our collection available not only to researchers and students but to the public as well. We would like to thank the SIPA Board of Directors for their generosity and aid in this very special project," said Ferrell.

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Alamosa Police Department Report Sept. 1-8

Ryan Morales, 32, of Alamosa was cited for 1st degree criminal trespass and theft.

Kaitlyn Stephens, 30, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300, trespassing.

Rico Simmons, 28, of Monte Vista was cited for careless driving causing bodily injury.

Kenneth Wilkerson, 34, of Alamosa was cited for violated restrictions on driving permit.

Matthew Medina, 56, of Alamosa was cited for uninsured vehicle.

John Jacquez, 65, of Alamosa was cited for violation of protection order.

Sianna Morgan, 36, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful possession of controlled substance, unregistered vehicle.

Dustin McDermott, 28, of Alamosa was cited for

driving under restraint.

James McDonnell, 64, of Clifton was cited for criminal mischief.

Jose Ortiz, 27, of Alamosa was cited for child abuse, 3rd degree assault.

Marison Simmons, 30, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.

Kevin Suazo, 29, of Alamosa was cited for expired plates 30-59 days, uninsured vehicle.

Robert Benavidez, 31, of Alamosa was cited for criminal attempt, 3rd degree burglary-theft from coin machine.

Charles Miller, 90, of Alamosa was cited for failing to yield ROW when proceeding from stop sign.

Kendra Mc Nerney, 30, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 10-19 over in a pedestrian safety zone.

Ashley Kline, 36, of Alamosa was cited for

unregistered vehicle, uninsured vehicle.

Donovan Chacon, 30, of Alamosa was cited for domestic violence, harassment, violation of restraining order.

Paul Bemath, 43, of Alamosa was cited for following too closely.

Flint Muniz, 40, of Alamosa was cited for uninsured vehicle.

Susan Oringdulph, 75, of Alamosa was cited for following too closely, uninsured vehicle.

David Jordan, 20, of Alamosa was cited for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

School Menu
Tuesday
September 10, 2024

BREAKFAST
Pancake On A Stick
Fruit & Milk

ELEMENTARY
Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce
Breadstick
Steamed Carrots/Veggie Bar
Fruit & Milk

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce
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Valley News

ASU celebrates Hispanic-Serving Institution Week

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — Adams State University will celebrate Hispanic Serving Institution Week. Events are free and open to the public.

The Office of Title V Grant Initiatives will display a multimedia art project, "A Peace of My Mind," by John Noltner, that uses portraits and personal stories to bridge divides and encourage dialogue around important issues. An opening reception is scheduled from 3 until 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the Richardson Hall lobby. The event will include remarks by



Great Stories Begin Here

Adams State President David Tandberg, Ph.D.

"A Peace of My Mind" will include outdoor digital displays at dusk until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10 on the Theatre Building; Wednesday, Sept. 11 on Conour Hall; and Thursday, Sept. 12, on Plachy Hall.

Adams State has been an established, respected HSI since 1998 (the first HSI in Colorado), with a call to serve, celebrate, and support the advancement of the diverse students who identify as Latino/a, Chicano/a, Mexican-American, and Hispanic.

Frisch

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driving up housing costs and families out of their homes. I don't take corporate money and will protect our land and our water. It's vital for our economic future and our way of life."

In a conversation with the Valley Courier, Frisch confirmed that he is referring to Hurd's connections to Bill Owens, a former Republican Colorado governor. Owens and an unnamed Denver water developer are backing a determined effort to export 22,000 acre-feet of water a year out of the San Luis Valley via a pipeline that would deliver it to the Front Range.

The name of the company is Renewable Water Resources (RWR). According to previous coverage by the Valley Courier, they look to spend \$118 million on the effort, including \$50 million to be put in a "community fund" to offset the impact of exporting the water — an export, that water experts in the Valley and beyond say, is not sustainable and will deplete the aquifer more than it already is. Despite hitting brick walls on their first effort to export, RWR continues to make its presence and intentions known.

Owens' association with Hurd goes back to the beginning of Hurd's campaign in the primary as he was one of the first and, clearly, the most prominent Republican to come out early with an endorsement.

A review of the Federal Election Commission filings shows that Owens and Sean Tonner, a former staff member in Owens administration who is now the chief lobbyist for RWR, both donated to Hurd in the fall of 2023 in the amount of \$1,000 each.

From the launch of his campaign, Frisch has made it clear that he won't take Political Action Committee (PAC) money because "there's a reason that a PAC is making that donation." He feels the same can hold true with politicians who put their name and money behind a candidate, which, he says, is why he places such value on his own independence and, in turn, questions Hurd's.

"What other type of interests and what other type of money is coming into southern Colorado? Of all the things you don't want to be associated with in the San Luis Valley, you it's the group trying to pull a Crowley County." (Farmers in Crowley County

sold off their water rights to a Front Range developer, which destroyed the county and much of its way of life.) "So, why won't he distance himself from Owens?" Frisch asks. "Why won't he give the money back?"

Since launching his campaign in 2021, Frisch has prioritized preserving and protecting Colorado's water — including the Colorado River and the Rio Grande. But, as he told Colorado's Water Congress when making a presentation two weeks ago, he wants to bring the Arkansas River into the conversation.

"I'm on the road about 25 days a month going all over this district speaking and listening to people," he says. "And there are fifty different things going on in different communities. But the one priority that always comes up in the conversation — always — is water."

Frisch, who spent eight years in his "previous life," on Wall Street working in finance and derivatives, is concerned about the language he hears in discussions about water. The language is similar to what he heard working on Wall Street. "What I'm really worried about is the monetization and commoditization of water, which just puts it in the marketplace. And you know who's going to win that one."

Given that water is personal property and the use of that property is governed by state law, the role of the federal government has, historically, been limited. But that's changing. Frisch, nonetheless, sees a place where strong representation is needed.

"Defending Western and Southern Colorado's water is a top priority for me," he says, "and in Congress my number one committee choices will be made with protecting water - along with our domestic energy and ag industries."

"I'll use that position to make sure CD3 receives the resources it deserves to support further improvements to the water system like improving existing storage facilities and securing more funds for the Arkansas Valley Conduit. I will also support and loudly advocate for the hardworking Colorado water professionals who are fighting to negotiate water agreements with other states and Tribal Nations, so that every water user in CD3 can access the water they depend on."

The Valley Courier reached out to the Jeff Hurd campaign for comment. Because of time constraints and Hurd be-

ing unavailable, the campaign was only able to send a brief statement in response by press time.

"Irrespective of individuals or organizations support for Jeff, he will make each and every legislative priority and decision based on what is best for the district. Jeff has consistently, publicly and loudly campaigned on protecting San Luis Valley and CD3 water. To say anything otherwise is to be dishonest and downright wrong. Jeff wants to grow crops in the San Luis Valley, not houses in Denver," said Nick Bayer, campaign spokesman.

Alumnus

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place I wanted to be," he said. Just before the spring 1989 commencement ceremony, Lena Samora, Ph.D., emeritus professor of psychology, sent

Manzanares to the admissions office to apply for a counselor/recruiter position. "I started that job in the fall and spent the summer working with facilities services."

Manzanares' decision to stay and begin his career in admissions came easy. He loves the campus atmosphere: the beginning of the fall semesters when first-year students come to campus with their families, excited to begin their college adventures. While working in admissions, his dedication to supporting Adams State and sharing his interest in technology caught the interest of then Chair of Psychology and Counselor Education, Don Basse, Ph.D. In 1996, Manzanares was lured to a faculty position.

Manzanares' career moved from recruiting to

Battle of the Bowls winners



Courier photo by Priscilla Waggoner

The Second Annual 'Battle of the Bowls' Chili Cook-Off held at Alamosa/Great Sand Dunes KOA Journey Campground was another memorable success marked by good times, a variety of good chili, good music from local DJ EF and a cheerful crowd of spoon-carrying tasters. There were 21 entrees in the contest (including two no-shows) and Deb Hankinson, co-owner of the campground, estimated that 150 people showed up with likely \$6,000 raised for Cancer Camp for Kids, a non-profit, summertime camp experience for kids of all ages who have been diagnosed with cancer. Pictured left to right: Hankinson, co-owner of the campground. The chili winners circle pictured left to right. In the green chili category: third place - Stephanie Carino, first place - JoAnne White, second place - Mackenzy Murphy. In the red chili category: second place - Lee Boatright, first place - Doyle Lea and in the front, third place - Lorensa Buckley. Behind Buckley, Jo Parent, partner in the campground. Hankinson wanted to give a shout out and thank you to all who sponsored, donated or volunteered their time to make Saturday a fun and meaningful time. Specifically, thanks to JJ Rental Center, Visit Alamosa, Absmeier, Porter Realty, Husmann Plumbing, SLV Health, Rocky Mountain Fire and Security, LLC, Valley Lock and Security, Billings Electric, Valley Courier, O&V Printing, SLV Federal Bank, Alpine Bank, 1st Southwest Bank, Alamosa Home, Alamosa State Bank, Altitude Appliance, Airgas, Balanced Ledgers Schradler's Glass and High Peaks Rental. Also, thank you to all the staff who donated their time.

mentoring, giving back to students as the faculty did for him. He understands how instrumental professors can be in overcoming challenges. Academics did not always come easy for Manzanares, as he credits much of his undergraduate success to the caring, dedicated professor who took an interest in him and pushed him to realize his potential. During his first year of graduate school, realizing his struggles and seeing his potential, the counselor ed faculty asked him to get tested. He was diagnosed with dyslexia. With this diagnosis and support from the faculty, he made adjustments and flourished in his academic pursuits.

Enter the Digital Age The World Wide Web and advances in technology meant a changing landscape for academia. Fortunately for Adams State, Dr. Manzanares understood the future opportunities. "I am always looking outside the box and finding ways to figure it out."

His vision allowed him

to serve the psychology/counselor education department well. As an instructor of psychology/counselor ed and working on his doctorate, Manzanares developed and designed counselor education's technology presence, acting as the department webmaster and technology coordinator and was the institution's administrator of the learning management system (WebCT and BlackBoard).

After receiving his Ph.D., the innovation continued. President David Svaldi, Ph.D., emeritus president, asked him to build the Academic Instruction Technology Center (AITC), in 2007. This position charged Manzanares with supporting all faculty with instructional technology needs while building and supporting the university's online presence.

In 2011, Manzanares returned to the counselor education department. From 2014 until 2020, he chaired the department, building the enrollment to over 750 master and doctorate students.

Many mentors influenced Manzanares' life and career, including the late John Holmes, Ph.D., and he still has daily connections with Susan Varhely, Ph.D., emeritus professor of counselor education, who had the most influence in his teaching and supervision; and Gary Peer, Ph.D., former vice president of academic affairs, who said, "when Mark saw an open door, he always took a chance and went in."

Manzanares was recruited as a young athlete by Coach Jeff Geiser, Ph.D., emeritus professor of EPLS, to play football. The team won the Aztec Bowl and reached the National Championship. "Having this opportunity shaped my future. Athletics brought me here, but the professors kept me here."

Manzanares met his wife, Myra '93, '05, as a student; they have two daughters. "I owe my professional and personal success to Adams State. There have always been challenges but I am always willing to make it better."

Society

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which will be blocked off for the occasion.

Your presence and support make this event possible, and we're grateful for it. It should be fun, and it's free to the public; the hall is a non-profit organization accepting donations to keep the doors open and the bills paid. Donations help keep bringing exceptional music to Alamosa and the San Luis Valley. The hall is at 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa.

Ruthie Brown with the Society Hall Foundation said, "This event is great; we've had an awesome time in the past. Last year's celebration was an intimate gathering with great fellowship and conversation."

The event will begin at 3 p.m. with community and conversation, with the music starting at 4 p.m. Musical acts featured are Alamosa's own

Robear opening the show at 4 p.m., followed by Ry Taylor and The Side Trips from Taos, N.M., at 5 p.m., and then Hogan and Moss and the Old Weird America at 7 p.m., from wherever they happen to be on their endless tour.

Robear is often seen at the mixing board for most Society Hall shows, making everyone sound great. He is also a veteran of many area bands, including Tumbleweed, Sneakers, The OMI Express, and, most recently, Free Radicals. His Memphis-born southern warmth comes through everything he plays, from his creative and engaging originals to his fabulous

versions of many classic covers.

Ry played Society Hall for a CD release show a few years back. His marvelously eclectic "world acoustic groove" music delights and transfixes listeners of all ages and genre preferences. Ry and his band will play a 90-minute set starting around 5 p.m.

Jon Hogan and Maria Moss are also no strangers to the San Luis Valley, having played at Wildwood Sounds and other venues around the area. Their endless tour takes them all over the western United States, bringing their "torch folk" to delighted audiences wherever they roam. Their deep catalog of old country and folk tunes is augmented by their excellent originals, all delivered with trademark

energy and enthusiasm. Jon and Maria will join the other "The Old Weird America" members and rock the stage around 7 p.m.

Society Hall will be putting together a "soup smorgasbord" of pots of soups and stews for folks to enjoy — call Ruthie Brown at 719-580-7838 to contribute — and our friends at Coors will be bringing their fine selection of beers to help quench our thirsts.

"We will have as much fun as possible. We'll also be inviting folks to donate whatever they can to help keep Society Hall happening. We're all doing this for the love of it, and we hope you love it enough to help us keep it going," organizers stated.

Donations are always welcome and can be made at www.societyhall.org.

Lifestyles

Captured wolf dies, pack relocated after feeding on livestock in northern Colorado

By TRACY ROSS AND JENNIFER BROWN
Colorado Sun

State wildlife managers have captured a wolf pack that was killing livestock in northern Colorado and relocated the two adults and four pups to “a secure enclosure with limited human interaction,” state officials announced Monday afternoon.

The male adult wolf died four days after he was captured, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials said the wolf had an injured hind leg, which they said was unrelated to his capture. The wolf’s body weight was almost 30% lower than it was when he was released in December, CPW said, and it died despite receiving antibiotics for an infection.

Wildlife officials said it was “unlikely the wolf would have survived for very long in the wild” and that they would conduct a necropsy.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife said the operation required five capture and relocations of wolves and that only two pups were captured at the same time. They are all members of the Copper Creek pack, which was feeding on cattle and sheep primarily on a single rancher’s land for months in Grand County near Kremmling.

After examining the wolves, the agency said the four pups, which are still primarily dependent on adults for food, “are not effective hunters of anything larger than a rabbit or squirrel,” and that there is no evidence that they were involved in any of the livestock depredation incidents in Grand County.

Wildlife officials said

they plan to spend time assessing the health of the female and her four pups and at some point “release them into the wild together so they can contribute to wolf restoration in Colorado.”

The two adult wolves were brought to Colorado from Oregon just 10 months ago, part of a voter-passed wolf reintroduction plan that is now under even more scrutiny after a second relocation. The female and male wolves, which were the first of the introduced wolves known to have pups, were among 10 released in western Colorado in December.

CPW began capturing the wolves Aug. 27 and withheld details about the operation until Monday. The decision to remove them came after the agency denied a request by rancher Conway Ferrell to take lethal action to protect his livestock.

Wildlife officials said they could not remove only the male wolf, which they believed was responsible for killing cattle and sheep, because it would affect the survival of the entire pack.

The agency’s wolf restoration plan says that it will not relocate wolves with a history of killing livestock “into the wild within Colorado.”

“The plan also calls for flexibility,” CPW Director Jeff Davis said in a news release, “and it may not at times account for every unique situation the agency and our experts encounter.” The agency consulted wildlife biologists, veterinarians, federal partners and ranchers to create a “plan to deal with this unique situation that’s in the best interest of the

wolves and Grand County producers,” he said.

The female wolf was the first captured first and was in good body condition, CPW said. Wildlife biologists then captured the male wolf, followed by the four pups. The pups were all captured from Friday through Sunday and are underweight but healthy, the agency said.

In April, the Middle Park Stockgrowers Association sent the first of three letters to CPW asking for help protecting their livestock from the adults in what would become the Copper Creek pack, which were denning on federal land near Ferrell’s ranch. But Tim Ritschard, president of the Middle Park Stock Growers Association, said CPW officials told him they wouldn’t kill the male “because they were afraid of den failure.”

Colorado voters narrowly passed the wolf reintroduction plan, called Proposition 114, in November 2020. The ballot measure passed mainly by urban voters directed state wildlife officials to begin reintroducing gray wolves by the end of 2023.

The first five wolves were released Dec. 18 north of Interstate 70 on state land in Grand County. Another five were released Dec. 23 in Grand and Summit counties, also north of I-70. The state’s nearly 300-page reintroduction plan calls for the release of 30 to 50 wolves in total over three to five years. Colorado Parks and Wildlife said it aims to capture 10-15 wild wolves per year through trapping, darting or net gunning in the fall or winter, releasing them in Colorado from December-March.

Suicide Prevention 5K ‘Color Run’ is Sept. 13

By MARIE MCCOLM CENTER — The Center Viking Youth Club will again be hosting a Suicide Prevention 5K Walk/Run entitled the “Color Run,” on Friday, Sept. 13, beginning at 7 a.m. Registration is \$20 per person.

Center Viking Youth Club Director Carmen Pavlovsky spoke about the race and the STARS Program of Center.

“The race will start at the Viking Club. We are doing the race in collaboration with the STARS Program, which stands for students teaching about relationships and success. The STARS Program puts this annual Suicide Prevention 5K Walk on every year. We do a Color Run; the students get to get all colored up in chalk. The person in charge of STARS is Camille Villa. She is also the cross-country coach, and her cross-country kids will be doing the 5K, too. We have a suicide coordinator on the campus at the school. Her name is Aspen Paiz. She is available to speak with students about suicide and crisis. We are all working together on 5K run.”

Pavlovsky stated that one of the biggest goals of

the suicide prevention coordinator, and the Viking Club, “is to bring suicide awareness and prevention to the kids, to help children feel comfortable when they need to talk about it. We have Aspen, who can speak with the students if they are having bad thoughts and want to talk about it.”

Pavlovsky stated that students do think about suicide, more than anyone realizes.

“Our goal is to help students feel comfortable with the term. We want the word ‘suicide’ to be normal in conversation for students. We want them to hear it, know what it means, and if they are feeling a certain way they can go to a counselor and tell them I am having these thoughts, and I need to talk to someone. All the counselors at the school are also certified in suicide prevention, too,” she said.

Pavlovsky explained that the STARS Program helps students lean on others in times of concern or crisis.

“We do have students that are in STARS. STARS pairs middle school and high school students. There are mentors and mentees. The mentors offer advice to the mentees,” she said.

Pavlovsky explained that

the idea is for the students in the Mentor/Mentee Program to lean on each other.

“We want students to know that they have trusted friends in the STARS Program. We want them to know that there are also adults that they can go to, if they need to,” she said.

Pavlovsky said they want students to realize that many people are working together to help prevent and help them with bad thoughts. The run is all part of the encouragement and reminder to the students.

“Our main goal is to get the message out there to our students, help is available, if you are having bad thoughts, help is available, and this walk will help with that, too,” she said.

The Center Viking Youth Club offers many programs and provides events and many learning experiences to enrich students’ minds. Some of the things that the club offers are out of the valley trips, swimming lessons, and art and cultural events. The club runs 5 days a week and 11 months out of the year. The club is a non-profit organization. For more information on the walk, contact the club at 719-937-5093.

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Lifestyles

Pocketbook issues rank high for Latino voters, survey finds

By **ARIANA FIGUEROA**

Colorado Newsline

WASHINGTON — Latino voters are concerned with the high cost of living, the minimum wage and rising housing costs heading into the November elections, according to a comprehensive survey released Wednesday by UnidosUS, the largest Hispanic civil rights and advocacy center in the nation.

“Laying out a coherent economic policy agenda that will resonate with Latinos ... would go a long way, I think, for our community,” Janet Murguía, the president and CEO of UnidosUS, said on a call with reporters detailing the results of the survey.

The survey included 3,000 eligible Hispanic voters who were interviewed in either English or Spanish, from Aug. 5-23, with oversampling of residents of Georgia, North Carolina, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Florida, Texas and California. The poll, conducted by BSP Research, had a margin of error of plus or minus 1.8 percentage points.

Murguía said Latinos are the second-largest voting-age population and 1 in 5 of them will be casting ballots for the first time in a presidential election this November.

“Top of mind are pocketbook issues,” she said. “Hispanic voters are most deeply concerned, like many of their fellow Americans, about the rising cost of living.”

Another issue that Latinos strongly supported is access to abortion. By a 71% to 21% margin, Latinos oppose abortion bans, according to the survey.

“They do not support making it illegal,” Murguía said.

Minimum-wage workers Wages and jobs that provide economic security are a top priority for Latino voters, Gary Segura, who conducted the research poll for UnidosUS, said.

Latino workers are disproportionately workers who earn the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, which has not increased since 2009. If the federal minimum wage had kept pace with inflation, it would be around \$24 an hour, according to the AFL-CIO.

“The lived economy for Latinos is different than the lived economy for the nation as a whole,” Segura said.

Segura said during the poll, interviewers followed up with respondents on their concerns about jobs and wages and found that being able to afford necessities like food and housing were top issues.

“People are struggling to make ends meet,” he said.

The number one response was that “jobs don’t pay enough, or I have to take a second job to make ends meet,” Segura said. “We talk a lot about the low levels of unemployment in this society now, which is certainly good news, but the issue is that many of those jobs do not pay enough for the holder of that job to essentially pay their basic living expenses.”

Opinions on immigration

Murguía noted that immigration, which the Republican presidential nominee, former President Donald Trump, has made a core campaign issue,

ranks fifth in priorities among Latino voters, tied with concern about gun violence and too-easy access to assault weapons.

“We want to be crystal clear that Latino voters overall are not buying into campaign tactics that demonize immigrants,” Murguía said. “They know the difference between those who mean us harm and those who are contributing to the fabric of our nation.”

Latino voters strongly support a legal pathway to citizenship for those in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, referred to as Dreamers, and for long-term undocumented immigrants, the survey found.

Trump has promised mass deportations should he win a second term, a policy issue that has “virtually no support” by Latino voters sampled in the survey, Segura said.

Segura added that while Trump has campaigned on the issue, his promise to launch mass deportations is not particularly well known in Latino communities.

“Many of the people we speak to believe that (Trump) will do it if he can, but they just don’t actually believe that he can pull that off,” Segura said. “So there’s both a lack of awareness of these really draconian measures or proposals and then a lack of belief that they would actually come to pass.”

He added that he thinks it’s an opportunity for Democrats to campaign on the issue, but Vice President Kamala Harris has mainly criticized Trump for tanking a bipartisan border security deal.

“Our own results sug-

gest that the primary border concern comes from voters who lean in the GOP direction in the first place, and so I don’t see a lot of movement there or a lot of risk for (Democrats), particularly in targeted advertisements and Hispanic voters,” Segura said.

“Dismissive and diminishing language”

The poll found that 55% of those Latinos had not been contacted by either political party this year. “We often hear a really dismissive and diminishing language about Latino participation in elections,” Segura said. “Latinos don’t vote as often as they should. Latinos will let you down’ and so forth, and no one ever wants to address the elephant in the room, which is that no one is asking Latinos to vote.”

The Harris campaign last month launched a bilingual WhatsApp cam-

campaign to target Latino voters. Michelle Villegas, the national Latino engagement director for the Harris campaign, said during a Hispanic Caucus meeting at the Democratic National Convention that the Latino vote is key to victory in three battleground states — Arizona, Nevada and Pennsylvania.

The survey also found that running mates had an impact on Latino voters. Harris’ running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, gave her a 3-point boost, Trump’s running mate, Ohio Sen. J.D. Vance, made his rating drop by 3 points.

“Vance has (a) negative impact on the Republican ticket, which is consistent with his low favorability among Latino voters,” according to the survey.

While Democrats have an advantage with Latino voters, and Harris has seen

a boost in support compared to when President Joe Biden was in the race, she is still not reaching the levels of Latino support seen in previous elections, Clarissa Martinez De Castro, the vice president of the Latino Vote Initiative at UnidosUS, said.

“There is work to be done to reach the levels of support Democrats need and had achieved in previous elections, and more intense communication with these voters is needed, particularly on economic issues and immigration,” Martinez De Castro said.

Equis Research, which conducts research and polling specifically about Latino voters, found in a recent poll that Harris has gained significant support from Latinos but that Harris “remains a few points shy of what Biden received in 2020” across battleground states.

5 things to know about the Harris-Trump presidential debate

By **SHAUNEEN MIRANDA**

Colorado Newsline

Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump will take the stage next week in the only planned debate between the respective Democratic and GOP presidential candidates between now and November.

It’s the first presidential debate since President Joe Biden bowed out of the race following his own disastrous debate performance in late June against Trump. Biden, who faced mounting calls to resign, passed the torch to Harris back in July.

The veep has embarked on an unprecedented and expedited campaign as she and Trump vie for the Oval Office. The election is just two months away.

Though the Harris and Trump campaigns clashed over debate procedures in recent weeks, both candidates have agreed to the finalized rules. ABC News, host of the debate, released the rules Wednesday.

When and where is the debate?

The debate will be Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 9 p.m. Eastern time at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The debate will be 90 minutes long and include two commercial breaks, according to ABC.

The Keystone State — where both Harris and Trump have spent a lot of time campaigning — could determine the outcome of the presidential election. The battleground state has narrowly flip-flopped in recent elections, with Biden turning Pennsylvania blue in 2020 after Trump secured a red win in 2016.

How can I watch the debate?

The debate will air live on ABC News and will also be streaming on ABC News Live, Disney+ and Hulu.

and Linsey Davis will moderate the debate.

Harris and Trump will each have two minutes to answer questions and two minutes to give rebuttals. They will also be granted one additional minute to clarify or follow up on anything.

Will the mics be muted? Microphones will be muted when it’s not a candidate’s turn to speak, just like the previous debate between Biden and Trump in June.

The candidates will not give opening statements. Trump won a coin flip to determine the order of closing statements and podium placement. Trump, who selected the statement order, will give the final closing statement.

Each closing statement will be two minutes long.

Harris and Trump are not allowed to bring any props or prewritten notes to the debate stage. They will each receive a pen, a pad of paper and a water bottle.

Will there be a live audience?

There will be no live audience at the National Constitution Center, as was the case in the last presidential debate.

Harris and Trump are not permitted to interact with their campaign staff during the two commercial breaks.

Trump slams ABC ahead of debate

Trump went on the attack over the details of the debate, telling Fox News’ Sean Hannity during an interview Wednesday in Pennsylvania that “ABC is the worst network in terms of fairness” and “the most dishonest network, the meanest, the nastiest.”


He accused the network of releasing poor polls on purpose ahead of a previous election to drive down voter turnout.

Trump also claimed, without evidence, that Harris would get the ques-

tions in advance of the debate. ABC’s debate rules state that no candidates or campaigns will receive any topics or questions ahead of the event.

Meanwhile, Democratic Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz and Ohio Republican Sen. J.D. Vance will battle it out at the vice presidential debate hosted by CBS News on Oct. 1 in New York City.

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Sports

McQuitty wins Joe I. Vigil prep girls race

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The 31st Annual Joe I. Vigil cross country race took place Saturday at Cattails Golf Course with 301 high school boys and 257 high school girls competing.

The Alamosa High School girls team finished in ninth place with 270 points. It was led by Elizabeth McQuitty who was the individual champion in 18:09.8. She set a new course record and it ties the school record set last year by Madeline Castillo.

“I was very impressed with Elizabeth’s racing strategy today,” said Alamosa coach Jen McQuitty. She held back the first mile and really made up ground that second mile. She’s off to a great start for the season.”

Following McQuitty were Victoria Gifford who was 38th in 20:57.1, Vanessa Villalva who was 65th in 21:58.8, Abigail Adams who was 99th in 22:55.0, Reese Canaan who was 103rd in 22:59.5, Isabella Lopez who was 164th in 24:55.2, Daelyn Jackson who was 200th in 25:50.8, Tecoa Archuleta who was 225th in 27:51.7, and Camryn Zook who was 234th in 28:36.1.

Centauri finished in eighth place with 244 points. It was led by Erica Miller who was 45th in 21:11.5, Kourtney Heikes who was 50th in 21:25.6, Bailey Graber who was 56th in 21:39.2, Ella Guymon who was 91st in 22:41.5, Jocelyn Jarvies who was 98th in 22:52.3, Brooklyn Shawcroft who was 113th in 23:17.7, Faith Medellin who was 128th in 23:38.7, Alyvia Norton who was 135th in 23:54.2, Harper Russell who was 184th in 25:22.7, Lindsey Robins who was 185th in 25:22.7, Hannah Guymon who was 190th in 25:28.0, Beijah Sowards who was 191st in 25:28.0, Kylie Sowards who was 193rd in 25:28.5, Jeana Dunn who was 215th in 27:04.2, and Pepper Larson who was 223rd in 27:28.2.

None of the other local girls teams had enough runners to record a team score.

Del Norte and two runners with Frannie Edelin finishing 35th in 20:54.7, and Madeline Mitchell was 95th in 22:43.0.

Center also had two runners. Anahlicia Villagonez was 231st in 28:21.8, and Lavine Casas Hernandez was 256th in 34:57.9.

Antonito also entered two runners. Evoley Garcia was 248th in 31:48.1, and Anali Garcia was 249th in 31:49.5.

Monte Vista had one entrant in Veronica Kincannon who was 238th in 29:22.0.

Cheyenne Mountain won the girls team championship with 87, followed by Manitou Springs with 88 and Salida with 96.

In the boys race, Alamosa finished in sixth place with 175 points. The Mean Moose were led by Ethan Merrick who was eighth in 16:24.4. He set a freshman record for the best time on the course.

Following Merrick were Tyler Dokson who was 27th in 17:11.1, Jeremiah DeLaCerde who was 28th in 17:15.0, Cody Williams who was 53rd in 17:42.6, Brody Artaechevarria who was 71st in 18:12.1, William Wilson who was 119th in 19:23.0, Cody DiCamillo who was 178th in 20:47.5, Danny Lopez who was 219th in 21:56.4, Jack Daniel Lopez who was 235th in 22:40.7, and Matthew Hollingsworth who was 245th in 23:16.5.

“Each week, we continue to improve our pack time, our form and are physical strength,” coach McQuitty said, “The boys are currently ranked third in 3A behind



Courier photos by Ken Hamrick

Left: Alamosa High School’s Elizabeth McQuitty heads to the finish line at the Joe I. Vigil Invitational Saturday at Cattails Golf Course. McQuitty was the girls individual champion 18:09.8, which also set a new prep girls course record. The Lady Mean Moose finished in ninth place. Right: Alamosa’s Ethan Merrick finished eighth in the boys race in 16:24.4, which is a new course record for a freshman. The Mean Moose boys placed sixth.

Salida and The Classical Academy.”

Centauri finished in 11th place with 328 points. Leading the Falcons were Carson Bagwell who was 23rd in 17:07.8, Lincoln Bagwell who was 48th in 17:38.4, Tyrell Hostetter who was 68th in 18:08.2, Dice Koontz who was 103rd in 18:58.4, Troy Sowards who was 133rd in 19:49.7, Rhett Taylor who was 168th in 20:31.6, Gavin Graber who was 187th in 20:59.2, Liam Sowards who was 247th in 23:31.5, and Hunter Horton who was 264th in 24:43.9.

Del Norte placed 19th with 517. The Tigers’ competitors included Josiah Yokum who was 104th in 18:59.0, Jax Lester who was 105th in 18:59.3, Cruz Matta who was 111th in 19:07.0, Caleb Cowett who was 122nd in 19:28.2, Landon Crowder who was 177th in 20:47.3, and Tomas Benevides who was 246th in 23:17.7.

Sierra Grande finished in 27th place with 842. Running for the Panthers were Garrick Pettigrew who was 140th in 20:01.0, Daniel Rodriguez who was 255th in 24:02.3, Kayo DeLeon who was 277th in 25:57.8, Larson Howard who was 298th in 33:51.1, and Eugene Allert who was 299th in 33:59.9.

Centennial was 28th with 893 points. Running for the Rams were Zachariah Jacquez who was 212th in 21:48.4, Tyree Casias who was 291st in 29:51.9, Amado Montoya who was 292nd in 30:01.7, Aaron Salcido who was 296th in 31:15.5, and Delfino Rael who was 297th in 31:22.3.

The remaining local schools did not have enough runners to record a team score.

Antonito had four runners and the Trojans were led

by Everett Holloway who was 167th in 20:30.4, Dean Garcia who was 183rd in 20:54.5, Nick Mondragon who was 284th in 27:09.8 and Steven Velasquez who was 285th in 27:24.0.

Center had three participants. The Viking runners included Andree Meraz who was 137th in 19:58.5, Kevin Tomas-Lopez who was 289th in 29:13.5, and Raymond Guerrero who was 290th in 29:51.1.

Monte Vista had two entries. Nehemiah Espinoza was 238th in 22:53.0, and Robert Horner was 293rd in 30:40.1.

Cheyenne Mountain also won the boys team championship with 38 points, followed by Salida with 70.

It will be another busy week for the local cross country programs. Antonito, Center, Monte and Sierra Grande will be at Bayfield, Centauri and Del Norte will be at Gunnison.

Alamosa and Centennial will have an open week.

Boys team scores

Cheyenne Mountain 38, Salida 70, Durango 131, El Paso Pebble Hills (Texas) 137, Taos (N.M.) 161, Alamosa 175, Zuni (N.M.) 217, Fountain-Fort Carson 220, Crested Butte 274, Mesa Ridge 298, Centauri 328, Manitou Springs 357, Dolores 422, Santa Fe (N.M.) 458, Widefield 458, Rocky Ford 490, Gunnison 498, Bayfield 507, Del Norte 517, Forge Christian 519, Rye 546, Lake County 554, Caprock Academy 559, Pagosa Springs 599, Montezuma-Cortez 619, Pueblo County 621, Sierra Grande 852, Centennial 893.

Girls team scores

Cheyenne Mountain 87, Manitou Springs 88, Salida 96, Durango 127, Woodland Park 166, Fountain-Fort Carson 195, Gunnison 198, Centauri 244, Alamosa 270, Mesa Ridge 328, Lake County 333, El Paso Pebble Hills (Texas) 355, Caprock Academy 367, Taos (N.M.) 369, Zuni (N.M.) 378, Pagosa Springs 396, Santa Fe (N.M.) 397, Dolores 458, Widefield 499, Crested Butte 517, Bayfield 590, Pueblo County 633, Hoehne 692.

Adams State sweeps college team titles at Vigil Invitational

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – Both Adams State University cross country teams won their respective divisions at the 31st Annual Joe I. Vigil Invitational Saturday at Cattails Golf Course.

A total of 59 men and 42 women participated in this year races.

The top-ranked Lady Grizzlies won the women’s meet with 18 points. Colorado State Pueblo was second with 46 and Fort Lewis was third with 72. Trinidad State did not record a team score.

Leading the Adams State women was Maggie McCleskey who was the individual champion in 17:12.2. Emily Schoellkopf was second in 17:27.2, Katie Hughes was third in 17:31.6, Precious Robinson was fifth in 17:38.4, Elena Carey was seventh in 17:53.5, Morgan O’Keefe was 11th in 18:06.8, Fiona Hawkins was 12th in 18:25.6, Haley Harkrider was 18th in 19:03.1, Lieke Hoogsteen was 19th in 19:16.9, Clara Keddy was 22nd in 19:32.5, and Megan Garrett was 29th in 20:06.1.

The women ran on a standard 5K course, while the men’s race was 8K.

Adams State was first in the men’s race with 27 points, followed by CSU Pueblo with 47 and Fort Lewis with 58. Once again, Trinidad State did not record a team score.

The Grizzlies were led by Kidus Begashaw who was third



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Adams State University’s Maggie McCleskey won the women’s race at the Joe I. Vigil Invitational Saturday at Cattails Golf Course.

in 24:24.4. Juan Rosales was fifth in 24:35.8, David Cardenas was eighth in 24:49.8, David Milan was 10th in 24:51.3, Nathan Scherbarth was 11th in 24:55.2, Emil Bezecky was 12th in 25:05.5, Micah Swann was 17th in 25:22.5, Tyman Smart was 18th in 25:27.0, Andy Setser was 19th in 25:27.9, Zak Beckwith was 26th in 25:39.6, Carmelo Corral was 30th in 25:46.9, Kien Cogley was 35th in 26:05.7, and Max Aldrich was 43rd in 26:51.8.

The next action for Adams State will be the Metro State Roadrunner Invitational. It will take place at Washington Park in Denver on Sept. 21.

Ortega leads Alamosa to sweep of Delta

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – Morgan Ortega did it all in the Alamosa High School volleyball team’s win over Delta Saturday at the AHS gym.

Ortega not only led the team in assists with 22, she also led in kills with 11. She was also the team leader in service aces with four.

The Lady Mean Moose won by scores of 25-17, 25-12 and 25-19. “We just want to clean up our third set a little bit,” said Alamosa coach Annie Mortensen. “I think our preseason set us up pretty well for league and we’re just going to keep going and facing the best.”

Alamosa got off to a 3-0 lead to begin the first set. After a brief Lady Panthers’ side out, the Lady Mean Moose increased the lead to 5-1.

Delta closed to within 5-3, but Alamosa had a 2-0 run.

The Lady Panthers reduced their deficit to 9-7, but the Lady Mean Moose went on a 5-1 run for a 14-8 advantage. Delta closed the gap to 14-10, but Alamosa had a 4-1 rally to push the lead to 8-11.

The Lady Panthers came back to close within 18-13. But the Lady Mena Moose had another 4-1 run to increase the advantage to 22-14.

After the teams exchanged sideouts, Alamosa scored the final two points for a 25-17 win.

The Lady Mean Moose also

started the second set with a 3-0 run. The Lady Panthers had a brief sideout, but Alamosa scored four consecutive points, with Ortega recoding three straight aces.

After trading sideouts, Delta scored four straight points to narrow the lead to 15-9. But Alamosa closed out the set by scoring 10 of the final 13 points for a 25-12 victory.

The Lady Panthers took their first lead to begin the third set. The Lady Mean Moose took a 3-2 lead, but Delta regained the lead at 4-3.

After a brief Alamosa sideout, the Lady Panthers scored four straight points for an 8-4 advantage. The Lady Mean Moose closed the margin to 9-7, but Delta scored two in a row to push the lead to 11-7.

Alamosa answered with a 3-0 run, but Delta ran off two in a row. The Lady Mean Moose had another 3-0 rally to tie the score at 13-13.

The Lady Panthers regained the lead, but Alamosa scored two straight to regain the lead at 15-14.

Delta then went in a 4-1 run for an 18-16 lead.

Alamosa would finish strong again as it scored nine of the final 10 points for a 25-19 win.

Following Ortega in kills were Lily Heersink and Jaelin Garcia both with six, Aubrey Rothermich and Kadi Hawkins both with five and Taybor Wiedeman with four.



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Alamosa High School’s Morgan Ortega hits the ball over the net in Saturday’s match against Delta at the AHS gym. Ortega led the Lady Mean Moose in assists, kills and service aces as Alamosa swept the Lady Panthers by scores on 25-17, 25-12 and 25-19.

Rothermich also had three aces and Garcia had two.

Alamosa (6-2, 1-0) will return to Intermountain League play on Thursday as it will host Bayfield.

“We just have to keep playing our game and fine tuning up,” Mortensen said.

Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY

Prep football

Alamosa 51, Banning Lewis Academy 0
Centauri 21, Pagosa Springs 20

Hayden 58, Sargent 22
Monte Vista 43, Rye 7
Olathe 41, Center 16
Prep girls softball
Alamosa 10, Pueblo East 2
Falcon 10, Alamosa 9

Prep girls volleyball

Center def. Sierra Grande 25-21, 25-19, 24-26, 25-17
Del Norte def. Custer County in five sets – scores not reported

Mountain Valley def. Monte Vista JV 26-24, 15-25, 16-17

Questa (N.M.) def. Centennial 25-8, 25-14, 25-9

Sangre de Cristo JV def. Mountain Valley, 25-21,

25-20

College women’s volleyball

Adams State def. Western New Mexico 25-20, 25-15, 25-22
Northwestern Oklahoma State def. Adams State 25-20, 25-23, 25-13

SATURDAY

Prep football

Bethune 55, Antonito 7
Sanford 52, Swink 6
Sangre de Cristo 50, Soroco 14
Sierra Grande 59, Deer Trail 7

Prep girls softball

Alamosa 8, Mesa Ridge 5
Pueblo County 10, Alamosa 0

Prep girls volleyball

Alamosa def. Delta 25-17, 25-12, 25-19
Centauri def. Coronado 25-7, 25-19

Deer Trail def. Sierra Grande 25-16, 21-25, 25-16, 22-25, 15-9

Durango def. Centauri 25-15, 25-23
Sargent def. Antonito 25-20, 25-6, 25-13

Sanford def. South Park in three sets – scores not reported

Sargent def. Creede 25-5,

25-10, 25-11
Windsor def. Centauri 25-21, 25-18

College football

Western New Mexico 39, Adams State 30

College men’s soccer

Lubbock Christian 2, Adams State 0

College women’s soccer

Lubbock Christian 2, Adams State 0

College women’s volleyball

Southern Arkansas def. Adams State 25-17, 25-14, 23-25, 25-14

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Prep boys soccer

Alamosa at Taos (N.M.), 4 p.m

Prep girls softball

Alamosa at Rocky Ford (at Babcock Park), 4 p.m.

Prep girls volleyball

Sangre de Cristo at Antonito, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

College women’s volleyball

Texas A&M-Kingsville at Adams State, 6 p.m.

Classifieds

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THE CITY OF ALAMOSA POLICE DEPARTMENT is seeking a highly motivated and experienced law enforcement professional to join our team as a **POLICE SERGEANT**. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of leadership, strong communication skills, and a commitment to community policing. To be eligible for the position of Patrol Sergeant, in addition to general eligibility requirements, an applicant must be Colorado POST certified in good standing, have served a minimum of five years as a Corporal or equivalent, or of higher rank with a similar-sized agency, and have documented a minimum of 40 hours of leadership/supervision training. A similar-sized agency is defined as an agency having 15 or more officers. Compensation and benefits include a hiring pay range of \$33,31-\$34,98 per hour depending on qualifications, FLSA non-exempt; a 10% employer and employee match to retirement; paid time off includes 80 hours of vacation leave annually, 80 hours of sick leave annually, two personal days per year, and 11.5 paid holidays; medical, dental, and vision benefits with 75% paid by the employer; employer paid short & long-term disability; group life insurance up to \$100,000 in coverage for employee and \$5,000 for dependents; a free recreation membership & discounted golf membership. To apply, complete the Law Enforcement application at cityofalamosa.org, and attach your resume, POST certification, and proof of 40 hours of leadership/supervision training. For questions, contact Jolene Webb, HR & Risk Manager at 719-587-2029 or jwebb@ci.alamosa.co.us. The deadline to apply is September 13, 2024, by 5:00 pm. (9/13/24)

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Curve in a road
 - 4 Urge
 - 9 Back muscle, for short
 - 12 Cauldron
 - 13 Place for a boutonniere
 - 14 — -Wan Kenobi
 - 15 — Claire, Wisc.
 - 16 Come together
 - 17 Yank's foe
 - 18 Unpredictable
 - 20 Italian poet
 - 22 Slimy stuff
 - 23 Shocked and upset
 - 24 "Star —"
 - 26 Carved gem
 - 28 Court
 - 29 Deadly snake
 - 30 Egg yellow
 - 34 Hotel chain

- 36 Nothing at all
 - 37 Fish eggs
 - 38 Rub against
 - 40 Megalopolis
 - 41 Attack
 - 44 Take legal action
 - 45 Hurt
 - 46 Goes up
 - 50 Weight measure
 - 51 Actress — Berry
 - 53 End
 - 54 Assoc.
 - 55 City in Germany
 - 56 "All About —"
 - 57 Legal thing
 - 58 — Island
 - 59 Papa
- DOWN**
- 1 Fencing weapon
 - 2 Fly
 - 3 Caviar fish
 - 4 Disney dog
 - 5 Indian queen

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 6 Long story
- 7 Harden
- 8 Heavy hammer
- 9 "— Doone"
- 10 Aids and —
- 11 Nepal neighbor
- 19 Very good (hyph.)
- 21 Cry at sea
- 23 Enough
- 24 Playing card
- 25 — -com
- 26 Waterway
- 27 Seemingly (2 wds.)
- 31 Situated
- 32 Destiny
- 33 Islet
- 35 "— See Clearly Now"
- 39 More elevated
- 40 Hint
- 41 John Jacob —
- 42 Boutique
- 43 Belts out a tune
- 44 Play part
- 46 And
- 47 Luge
- 48 Prima donna
- 49 Drove fast
- 52 Elastic wood

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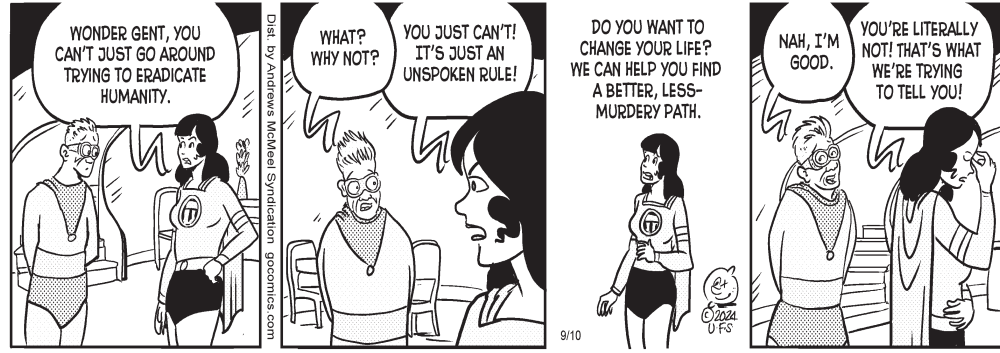
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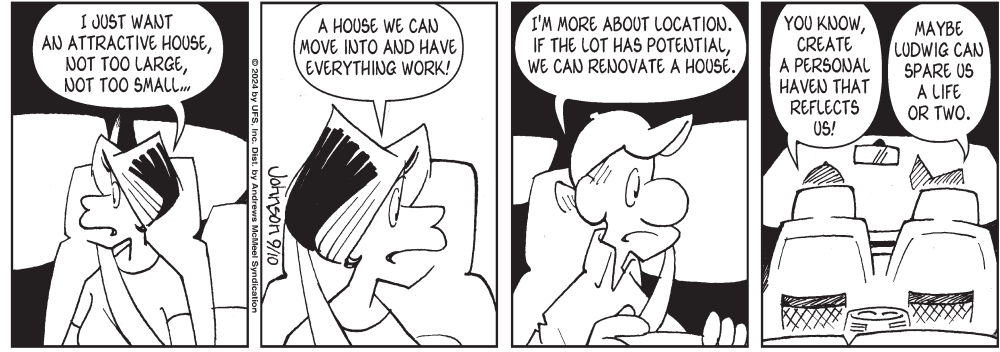


"His teacher wants you to bake a cake for him to take to school. Must be a geology lesson."

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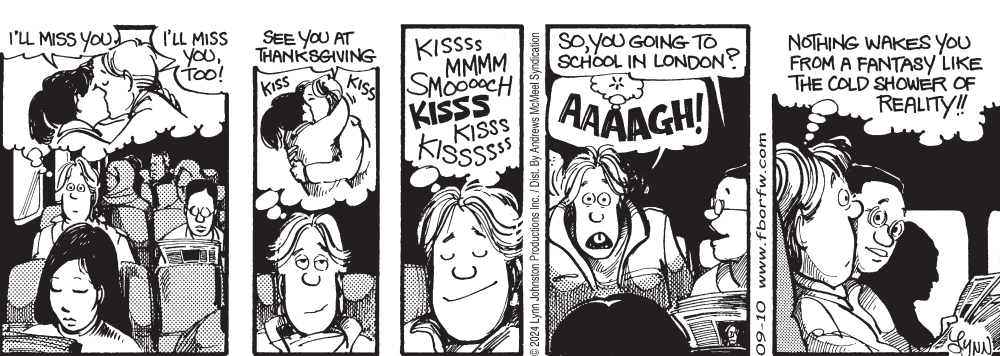
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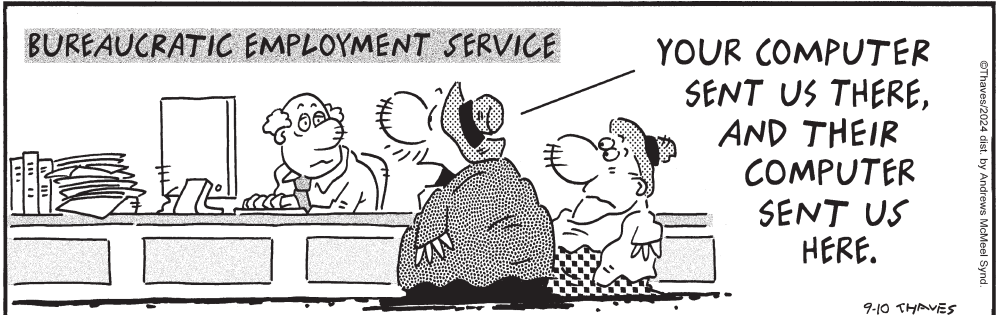
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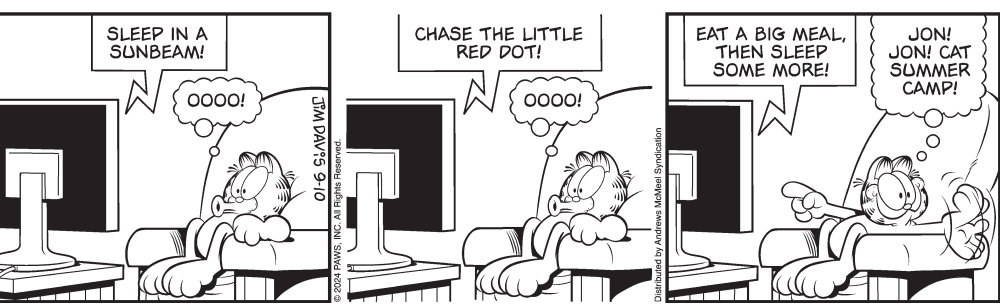
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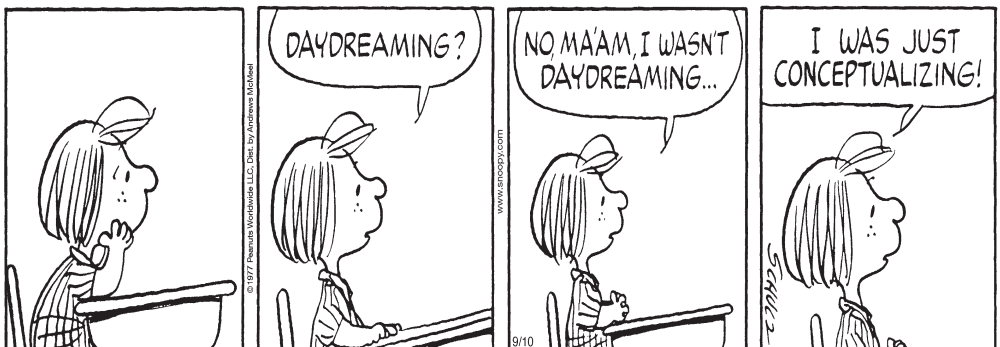
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Girlfriend rejects proposal offered with one big catch

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend's mom has dementia. He asked me and my kids to move in with him and said he would marry me. In exchange, he expected me to quit my job and take care of his mom. I felt it was a disaster waiting to happen, and taking care of someone with dementia while raising two teenagers was a terrible idea, so I refused.

He put his mother in a nursing home, and now I am no longer treated the same by him. The woman is abusive. She hits and bites and isn't easy to deal with. Living with her would have destroyed our relationship and been stressful for my children. My boyfriend isn't the easiest guy to open up to. I'm sad and don't know what to do. -- **TOOMUCH TO HANDLE**

DEAR TO MUCH: When your boyfriend proposed marriage, it wasn't because he loved you. He was looking for an easy solution (for him) to his mother problem. To expect you to quit your job and sacrifice your retirement benefits was nifty. You are not trained to care for a violent dementia patient. He treats you differently because he's angry you didn't go along with his plans for you. What you should do now is move on, because his

resentment is unlikely to diminish.

DEAR ABBY: For the entirety of our relationship, my wife has never listened to me. It's literally the only thing I've ever asked her to do. She constantly tells me I have nothing worthwhile to say, without ever actually letting me finish a sentence.

My mother is coming into some money and offered me a sizable sum, provided I don't tell my wife. I'm seriously considering "taking the money and running." I can no longer deal with the constant emotional abuse. My wife treats her children the same way, and it's disgusting to me. What should I do? -- **TEMPTED IN CANADA**

DEAR TEMPTED: If things are as bad as you have described, talk to an attorney and legally declare your independence. After that's done, take your mother up on her generous offer.

DEAR ABBY: When I married in 1974, my mother had one of my wedding photos of me in my wedding dress and holding my bouquet. It was lovely, and she had it made up into a large 36-inch-by-26-inch portrait with a beautiful frame. It hung in my old bedroom until she passed away. I have



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had it in a closet in my house ever since.

I've asked my daughter and son if they would like to have it, and they don't. I'm wondering if I should throw it away or leave it up to them when I'm gone. Because we have always had a loving relationship, I don't want either of them to feel bad about disposing of it. -- **PICTURING THE FUTURE**

DEAR PICTURING: You must be sentimental about that portrait, or you wouldn't have kept it all these years. Because of that, I don't think you should toss it. After you are gone, your daughter or son may change their mind about having it. Let them decide when the time comes.