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Celebrating the Velhagen clock

A ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the extraordinary restoration of the Velhagen clock is scheduled for 12 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26. The ceremony will be in front of 609 Main St., where the clock will be permanently located.

Alamosa Commissioners to meet on Wednesday

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa County Board of Commissioners will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. On the Consent Agenda is the Unfunded Courthouse Grant \$246,000, Alamosa County Public Records Policy, and 2025 SLVCCA Funding Request for Veterans Transportation. There will be a Public Hearing, Minor Subdivision — Alamosa Storage LLC. Appointments include Justice Center Updates, SLV RETAC and Saguache County presentation, and Peace Officer Mental Health Grant. Other business will be discussed.

The public is invited to attend in person at 8900 Independence Way in Alamosa or via Zoom with meeting ID 270-314-6874.

Food bank distribution Thursday

ALAMOSA — The next commodities distribution (TEFAP and CSFP/Everyday Eats) for Alamosa County will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26, or as long as the product is available at the Alamosa Food Bank Warehouse, 8735 Independence Drive, just north of the Department of Human Services. This is a drive-thru distribution. Contact the Alamosa Food Bank with any questions at 719-589-4567.

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Sam Robbins gives it his all

Performing at Society Hall on Friday, Sept. 27

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter
ALAMOSA — Everybody seems to know somebody who just happened to catch a performance by some unknown singer-songwriter somewhere that blew them away only to later see that singer-songwriter become famous. It's the

kind of experience a person remembers. And after listening to the music of Sam Robbins, it's easy to imagine him being that well known one day.

Robbins' has already won a handful of prestigious awards, and his music has been compared to the likes of James Taylor or Neil Young. It's easy to see why. His voice is uniquely natural, both soft and strong as if he sings just as easily as he speaks. And the melodies of the songs he writes are a perfect complement. But the authenticity of Robbins' lyrics also

makes him stand out in a crowd. Whether it's "Feeling Young Again," from his latest album, his award winning "Remind Me," or his allegorical "Amen," with a message that goes places few songs go, it's quickly apparent that residing inside this 28-year-old man is the old soul of a poet.

From the beginning, Robbins largely

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Award-winning singer-songwriter Sam Robbins in concert at Society Hall Friday, Sept. 27.

Courtesy photo



Fall colors begin in local mountains

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

SAN LUIS VALLEY — The aspens are in full color at higher elevations in and around Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. The lower cottonwood and aspen trees are just starting to turn to a golden yellow.

To view color, the Montville Nature Trail is an easy hike that follows Mosca Creek through aspens. Colors should start next week on this short loop. Lower elevation trees will be at peak change during the first part of October. The more arduous Mosca Pass Trail, accessed off the nature trail, offers more colors now that can be seen at higher elevations.

On the Rio Grande Na-

tional Forest, foliage is similar both south and north of the park.

The South Zapata Lake Trail (south), Willow Lake Trail, and North Crestone Creek Trail (north) offer hikers a wonderful leaf-peeping experience.

Foliage in the San Juan Mountains is happening, Highway 17 over La Manga Pass and Forest Service Road 250 near Platoro in Alamosa Canyon, and on Highway 285 Saguache North to Poncha Pass offers excellent colors.

Aspen trees at higher elevations are yellow in this mountain view just south of the national park entrance. A wet weekend brought fresh snow to the mountains above.

NPS Zack Brown



Ambassador Salazar presenting on US and Mexico relations



By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — Ambassador Ken Salazar will present on relations between the U.S. and Mexico at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, in the Adams State University Leon Memorial Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

According to mx.usembassy.gov, Ken Salazar was sworn in as United States Ambassador to Mexico on Sept. 2, 2021. In 2009, President Obama nominated

Salazar to serve as Secretary of Interior where he had a lead role on the Obama-Biden agenda on energy and climate, the nation's conservation agenda including America's Great Outdoors, and Indian Country.

Ambassador Salazar has been a lifelong fighter for civil rights and the inclusion of Latinos in the American dream.

In 1998, Salazar was elected as Colorado Attorney General and

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Ambassador Ken Salazar will address the public regarding relations between the U.S. and Mexico on the Adams State campus Oct. 5.

Courtesy photo

Doing good works, getting (stuff) done

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Close to 60 volunteers gathered for more than four hours Friday morning to thoroughly clean a stretch of land that runs along the banks of the Rio Grande.

Included in the group were about 40 men and women from Advantage Treatment Center (ATC), 16 students from Colorado College, a few folks from Center for Restorative Programs, one person doing court-ordered

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Courier photo by Priscilla Waggoner

An abundance of sweat equity was apparent Friday morning after a diverse coalition of volunteers cleaned up a stretch of land along the banks of the Rio Grande. The project was conceived and organized by Alamosa Police Department Co-responder Tim Delleit, pictured second from the right. The clean-up is 'the first of many,' Delleit says.



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SLV Appliance celebrates new business



Photo by Erin Keck

SLV Appliance, 239 Walker Rd., Alamosa, celebrates their new business and membership with the Alamosa Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 19.

OBITUARY

Harold Hugh Hiatt



The Man, The Myth, The Legend

Harold Hugh Hiatt, affectionately known as "Hughie," passed away on Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, at the age of 82. He fought bravely in his last few years, continuing to embrace his bachelor days at his long-term residence in Alamosa.

Born on Nov. 15, 1941, in Alamosa to Mary Veretta Jackson and Harold Ray "Bill" Hiatt, Hughie was the eldest of three siblings. He is survived by his sister, Judith "Sam" Morgan and Janet Griego Malouff. (Deceased)

Hugh attended Alamosa High School, where he excelled in football, basketball, and track.

Hugh married Cheryl Horn, and together they had three daughters: Rhonda Hiatt (Hellwig) Jones, spouse Nathan Jones, Son; Travis Otto Hellwig, Kimberly Hiatt and Tammy Hiatt Monaco, Sons; Luca Hiatt Monaco, Giovanni Hiatt Monaco. The family enjoyed their life in Alamosa, reminiscing about the days when Main Street ran both ways and was meant to be dragged.

Hiatt's athletic prowess and the legendary

coaching of Coach Vigil made the 1960 Class reunions memorable. In 1961, Hugh attended Adams State College to play football, after which he enlisted in the Army. Stationed in Berlin, Germany, he traveled throughout Europe with the Berlin Bears Air Force football team.

"HHH" was fiercely independent, courageous, and a risk-taker, known for his adventurous spirit. Hiatt's anniversary of 41 years of sobriety was noted this March.

Hugh held various formative jobs in his early years before joining the D & RG Railroad. He found his calling working outdoors as a Lineman/Foreman with the Public Service Company of Colorado, retiring in 2001 after 37 years of service. Even in retirement, he cherished meeting with his line crew for coffee around town.

Hugh was dedicated to his daily routine of having breakfast at the Campus Cafe community table, he relished walking in the door after surgeries

and health setbacks.

He felt most comfortable in Alamosa, surrounded by the majestic mountains of the San Luis Valley. Hugh was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting, and horseback riding on numerous pack trips up the Conejos Canyon. His frequent use of the Continental Divide trail and his pasturing of horses below the Blue Lake trail earned him the moniker "Mayor of Blue Lake." Hugh loved sharing stories of his grand adventures with friends and family and anyone on the trail.

A Committal Service will be Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Fox Creek Cemetery with Military Honors. A celebration of Hugh's life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, at 11 a.m. at The Barn at La Manzanilla Farm, 6491 Colorado Highway 17, Alamosa. The service will be followed by a meal, potluck dessert. Please RSVP by text or phone call to Hughie's phone at 720-938-5739 for meal count purposes.

YOU MESS WITH THE BULL YOU GET THE HORNS—HHH

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, tributes, and words of comfort for Hugh's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

BIRTH

Oaklynn Megan Lincoln

Oaklynn Megan Lincoln was born on Sept. 17, 2024. Oaklynn weighed 6 pounds eight ounces and was 19.5 inches at birth, and has a big brother,

Jack Lincoln. Parents are Samantha Lincoln and Ethan Lincoln of Sanford.

Maternal grandparents are Victoria Sisner-

os of Sanford, and Glenn Saiz of Raton, N.M.

Paternal grandparents are Megan Lincoln of Fox Creek, and John Curtis of Center.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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



Wreaths Across America to remember Veterans

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— Wreaths Across America, a non-profit organization, was formed as an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project. The Arlington Wreath program was started by Morrill Worcester in 1992 with the donation and laying of 5,000 Christmas wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery. This became an annual journey for Worcester.

It was relatively obscure until 2005 when a photo of the stones adorned with wreaths and covered in snow circulated around the internet. The project received National attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries, spurring the creation of "Wreaths Across America." Unable to donate

thousands of wreaths to each state, Mr. Worcester conceived the idea of sending seven wreaths (one for each branch of the military as well as POW/MIA).

In 2007 the Worcester family established the non-profit group Wreaths Across America to further promote Veterans remembrance. The mission Remember, Honor and Teach characterized the projects goals perfectly.

The wreath-laying will be held on December 14th, which Congress unanimously voted as "Wreaths Across America Day." Wreaths Across America would not be successful without the help of volunteers, many active organizations, and the generosity of the trucking industry.

The goal is to have enough wreaths sponsored so that every veteran's grave at the Homelake Veterans

Cemetery will be honored.

If you want to sponsor a wreath, contact Pam Self at 719-825-8216 or 719-849-3154. The cost is \$17 per wreath with all orders and money needed by Dec. 1. Please send your request and money to Pam Self, P.O. Box 97, Homelake, CO 81135. Wreath sponsorship for the Homelake Veterans Cemetery can also be completed online at www.wreathscrossamerica.com/CO0031. The wreaths will be delivered to the Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake.

This year's ceremony will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Homelake Veterans Cemetery at 3749 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, at 10 a.m. The placement of wreaths will occur after the ceremony so volunteers who would like to help place the wreaths will gather after the ceremony.

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

Alamosa County Sheriff's Office report for week of Sept. 16, 2024

Evan Spiegel, 53, of Santa Fe, N.M., was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 600 block of Highway 17.

Melanie Miera, 46, of Monte Vista was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 1000 block of Highway 17 North.

Apolonio Cremer, 27, of Albuquerque, N.M., was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit in the 9000 block of Highway 285.

Ashlyn Smith, 30, of Sanford was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over

the limit in the 12000 block of 109 South.

Jeffrey Summers, 60, of Alamosa was cited for vicious animal x2 at 7555 County Road 11 South.

Lane Mattausch, 20, of Alamosa was cited for assault in the third degree at 942 County Road 12 South.

Ty Mattausch of Alamosa was cited for second degree assault, heat of passion, at 942 County Road 12 South.

Sofia Delgado, 21, of Monte Vista cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit in the 2000 block of Highway 160.

Daniel Hart, 51, of Moffat was cited for

driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both and driving a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .008 or greater at the intersection of Cielo Azul and Carroll.

Shane Taggart, 23, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 16000 block of Highway 160.

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Adams State Salazar Rio Grande del Norte Center welcomes Formisano

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA – Adams State University President David Tandberg, Ph.D., and the Honorable Ambassador Ken Salazar invite the public to meet and greet the new Salazar Rio Grande del Norte Center Director, Paul Formisano, Ph.D.

A welcome by President Tandberg will be followed by remarks from Ambassa-

dor Salazar and Formisano, beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, in Richardson Hall Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Raised along the Front Range and educated throughout the arid West, Formisano comes to Adams State after 12 years as professor of English and director of the writing program at the University of South Dakota, teaching undergraduate and graduate

courses in pedagogy, composition, and Western American and environmental literature while also assisting the university's Sustainability Studies Program. He is the author of numerous articles and book chapters about how various individuals and communities imagine and communicate about natural resources.

To register for the event, contact Wes Devaul at

wdevaul@adams.edu or 719-587-7609.

Following the event, Ambassador Salazar will present on relations between the U.S. and Mexico at 1 p.m. in Leon Memorial Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The public is invited to welcome Paul Formisano as the new Adams State Director of the Salazar Rio Grande del Norte Center.



Courtesy photo

Economic forecast shows tight budget year ahead for Colorado

By SARA WILSON
Colorado Newswire

A new income tax rate cut will be triggered in Colorado in three of the next four years, state economists told lawmakers on Thursday.

Taxpayers will see their income tax rate fall from 4.4% to 4.25% in 2024, and then to 4.36% in 2026 and 4.29% in 2027, according to the governor's Office of State Planning and Budget and the nonpartisan Legislative Council Staff. That is because the state expects to receive revenue over the constitutional limit set by the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. The limit is determined by inflation and population growth.

In May, the Legislature passed a bill that allows income tax cuts to be used as one mechanism to return excess revenue to taxpayers.

New family affordability tax credits and earned income tax credits will also be triggered in the next few years.

But the various tax cuts and credits lawmakers signed off on recently, combined with a cooling economy, could create a tight budget scenario for the Legislature's Joint Budget Committee to operate in next year.

The LCS forecast anticipates general fund revenue at \$16.93 billion in fiscal year 2024 and \$17.96 billion in fiscal year 2025. OSPB predicts \$17.2 billion and \$17.6 billion for those same years, a decrease from its June forecast.

"Slowing inflation in future years, as well as constrained household finances, will impact sales tax revenue, which is expected to be sluggish in the current

year. A slowing labor market will impact income tax revenue," Emily Dohrman, with the LCS, said.

She said there should still be a TABOR surplus, and therefore an obligation to return money to taxpayers, within the multi-year forecast period, but it will be smaller than in recent years. The surplus was 7.1% of forecasted revenue for fiscal year 2024, for example, but just 1.9% of the forecast for fiscal year 2025. If revenue falls under the TABOR cap, lawmakers might have to reduce general fund spending.

Economists shared that the state is about \$314 million short of its required 15% reserve for the current budget cycle. That is partly due to a \$154 million overspend for the state Department of Health

Care Policy and Financing, which oversees Medicaid.

"This is not unique to Colorado. This is something we're seeing nationwide of higher utilization of Medicaid services," OSPB director Mark Ferrandino said.

But the number, which could grow if that Medicaid trend continues among an older and less-healthy population, worried state lawmakers.

"To me, this department, the lack of accountability, the lack of transparency — it just feels like they're im-

ploding, and I think our budget problem is just going to get that much worse," Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer, a Brighton Republican, said of HCPF. "I'm wondering if there is a plan."

As lawmakers look to plan the next budget, they are likely facing a \$900 million hole if they are to maintain the 15% reserve.

This was the final quarterly economic forecast to the JBC ahead of the deadline for Gov. Jared Polis' 2025-206 budget proposal, which is due Nov. 1. The Colorado fiscal year starts on July 1.

"While this forecast shows us returning to more normal budget conditions, we will work hard to protect funding for crucial services our communities depend on," Rep. Emily Sirota, a Denver Democrat, said in a statement. "The Joint Budget Committee is no stranger to making tough decisions on how we will allocate state dollars, and we understand that Coloradans are relying on us to implement a more equitable school finance formula, support universal preschool, health care, emergency response, and much more."

Salazar

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became the first Latino ever elected to statewide office in Colorado. He was reelected as Attorney General in 2002.

In 2004, Attorney General Salazar was elected to the United States Senate for Colorado be-

coming the first Latino democrat to be elected to the United States Senate since 1972.

Ambassador Salazar has been admitted to practice law in state and federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Ambassador Salazar and his family have farmed along the banks

of the Rio Grande in New Mexico and Colorado for more than four centuries.

Ambassador Salazar will also speak at the Salazar Rio Grande del Norte Center event welcoming the new Director Paul Formisano, Ph.D., at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, in Richardson Hall Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

Robbins

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forged his own path into a musical career. Growing up in New Hampshire, he went hiking a lot with his father who is "kind of a mountain man." On those trips, Robbins listened to the tapes his father had in a box in his truck. James Taylor. Jim Croce. Solo singer-songwriters. That was the extent of the musical background in his family.

"When I was a kid, I was also bad at basically everything," he says, laughing. "Bad at math. School wasn't that interesting to me. I'm not athletic. I'm really tall but I was bad at basketball. I was just...bad and I wanted to be really good at something."

When he was in the fourth or fifth grade, the movie "Across the Universe" came out based on songs by The Beatles. "Something about the music really meant something to me. I can't describe it. But I just kind of allowed myself to dive into it all the way. I don't know why — I guess that's part of the mystery."

Looking back, that was the

first step on the way to becoming a musician, and Robbins started off wanting to be a drummer. "I always wanted to be a punk drummer, which is a funny thing to think about now."

At 13, Robbins picked up the guitar and the connection was made. He became fascinated by watching McCartney, Taylor and other solo artists. "But I didn't have a road map to anything. I would strum along but it wasn't something I would ever do in public. And, oh my God. I would never sing. It was like...singing? Was that something that was really girly?"

Around that same time, he also started writing his own music. When asked if he remembers his first songs, what came to mind is not a song about a girl who broke his heart. Instead, one of his first songs was about a place named Laketown where his grandfather lived. Another was "We Can Be Happy", which was about positivity.

By the time he was 15 or 16, Robbins was writing songs and going into bars in Portsmouth when it was open mic. Asked how he went from being afraid

to sing to going into bars and singing to a crowd of strangers, he says he just really loved it and had to find a way to do it.

"I was a really pithy teenager. I was so frustrated in school — I just didn't care about it. I was so upset, and I said to my dad, I don't want to do any of this. I just want to play drums for the rest of my life. I expected him to say 'what kind of silly shit is this' but, instead, he said, 'Well, just do that as hard as you can then. Give that your all.' It was really an incredible thing for him to say."

When Robbins graduated from high school, he went to the prestigious Berklee School for Music in Boston where he says he learned a lot about music theory.

But his eye was always on writing songs that can come to him when he stops and takes a break from his chaotic life and observes what's going on around him. Even more so, for him, "everything is a groove. Words have a real rhythm to them."

He tells the story of watching an old woman of color buy a doll of color for her granddaughter and thinking about how that

was something she probably wasn't able to do when she was young. He then said to his fiancé, "There's so much I still don't see."

And then, in telling the story, he — without any effort whatsoever — sings that as a line from a song and, even over the phone, it comes alive.

Just as Robbins makes each song uniquely and authentically his own, he uses his ability to create a song out of what is before him, doing things that most singer-songwriters don't do.

For the past year, Robbins has been working with veterans. "I've been doing music therapy retreats where I write songs with veterans who are struggling with PTSD, and it is...unbelievable. Oh my God. These men and women have these stories that are waiting to be written. It's the most amazing experience."

He tells the story of a veteran who was in Afghanistan and told Robbins, "I don't know what this is. I don't write anything."

"He was a super tough guy" Robbins says. "Super ripped and from Boston. He said he

lected, as another pile equally as large if not larger was behind the group. And the scope of the project is especially impressive when learning that, according to Dellett, twice as much trash had already been hauled off to the dump.

What the photo illustrates is the amount of effort and energy the volunteers displayed in collecting piles of trash, putting it in trash bags and even wading into tall bushes to make sure everything was cleaned out.

"There were abandoned campsites and years of accumulated debris just in that one stretch," Dellett said, "and there's a lot more that needs to be cleaned up further down the river. This is the first of many (clean ups) and we're going to keep at it. Gesturing to the diversity of folks who had been working hard all morning, he said, "We're all part of a community that we value. We're all neighbors."

And that was precisely the atmosphere Friday morning. It may have been hot. The job was undoubtedly not easy. But the smiles, the joking, the camaraderie and sense of a job well done was as obvious as the stretch of riverbank restored, after years, to what it once was.

Robbins' life is centered around music yet, despite his extraordinary talent and despite now living in Nashville, he's not motivated by fame. It is now, just as it was when he was fifteen. It's all about the music and doing something he's really good at.

Sam Robbins will be performing at Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., on Friday, Sept. 27. Doors open at 6:30, and the concert starts at 7:30. Tickets can be bought at The Green Spot or online at www.societyhall.org.

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Lifestyles

SLV Health employees honored

Recognition for 10 to 35 years of service

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ALAMOSA — The SLV Health annual Years of Service banquet took place at Adams State University in August. Honorees who marked their 10- through 35-year anniversaries were invited to dinner with a guest.

Senior team members, board members, directors, and supervisors were also present to honor the dedication and loyalty of these employees. Celebrating at their staff meetings were 36 employees who marked their 5-year anniversary as employed by SLV Health.

The employees who marked ten years of service were Anthony Cantello, Becky Daniels, Bethany Stroh, Bryan Garcia, Cherise Minnick, Courtney Dye, Donna Wehe, Dr. Carmelo Hernandez, Dwane Candy, Jamie King, Mark Gallegos, Michaela Martinez-Pace, Monica Hinds, Nina Crawford, and Stephanie Posorske, CNM.

Celebrating their fifteenth anniversary were: Barbara Samora, Celia Ramirez-Reyes, Kathy Romero, Kimberly Pooler, Kristy Dunn, Kyle Crawford, Lennie Martinez, Mark Anaya, Michele Mascarenas, Roberta Gilleland, Robyn Williams, Terese Sowards, and Tony Chamberlain.



Courtesy photo

SLV Health honors employees at its annual Years of Service banquet. Featured left to right: Board President Karla Hardesty, Administrative Assistant Jeanette Martinez and CEO Konnie Martin.

Marking their 20 years at SLV Health were AnnaRae Martinez, Autumn Moore, Brandon Cantu, Elizabeth Ingal, Elizabeth Lucero, Gloria Medina, Jim Frye, Lorena Peterson, and Michael Espinosa.

Clista Brown (Ortho), Geraldine Trujillo (Patient Accounting), Loretta DeHerrera (Pharmacy), and Melanie Archuleta (CCH Acute) marked 25 years of service.

There were many highlights including celebrating Jeanette Martinez (Administration) with 30 years and Brenda Marchildon (Emergency) with 35 years of service as a registered nurse!

CEO Konnie Martin welcomed the guests, honorees, board members, and the recipients' supervisors. Karla Hardesty, SLVH Board Chair, started the night with a prayer and a greeting, "I am honored to celebrate every single one

of you who have stayed loyal to make SLV Health all that it is."

Keynote speaker Dr. Carla Christ shared her story of when she started her career at SLV Health, mentioning how welcoming the people were and how special they still are. "These years of experience are evident in the way you go above and beyond to ensure that our patients receive the best possible care. Your compassion and tireless effort do not go unnoticed, and I want you to know how profoundly grateful we are for your hard work."

Master of Ceremonies Tom Masterson announced the recipients while Konnie Masterson, CEO, and Karla Hardesty, SLVH Board Chair, presented everyone with their awards.

SLV Health is honored to have such devoted employees who reflect a caring culture and a dedicated workforce to patient care.

Creede Dental Works to participate in Veterans Smile Day in November

By LYNDIE FERRELL

CREEDE — For the past two years, Creede Dental Works has been serving the Creede community, offering top of the line dental care in a rural setting after the clinic was sold by Mineral County in 2022.

The clinic is a wonderful addition to the Creede community, who until recently, have had to travel for dental care to places as far as 20 to 60 miles away. The clinic was purchased by local resident Leslie Leggett and Dr. Eric Smith of Pagosa Spring, Colo. In spring of 2024, the clinic welcomed Dr. John Quigley who also serves the Lake City area just on the other side of Slumgullion Pass.

Dr. Quigley, who is an avid outdoor enthusiast grew up in the Colorado Springs area has practiced dentistry for the past 34 years was very excited to come to Creede. "I have enjoyed my time in Creede and getting to know my new patient. This is an extraordinary place."

The clinic was approached by a local veteran about participating in the Veterans Smile Day and all the staff were eager to participate. "A local veteran suggested we participate in the Veterans Smile Day, and we thought it was a great idea," said Hygienist Leggett. "We recognize the obstacles to quality dental care that can exist for our Veterans, especially in rural, isolated communities. We are proud to honor them however we can, and I hope we will be able to make this an annual tradition."

Leggett was born and raised in Wichita Falls, Texas, and has resided in Creede for the past five years. She came to the clinic with 20 years' experience as a hygienist and has enjoyed her time in Creede as part owner of the clinic.

The Veterans Smile Day will take place on Nov. 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Creede Dental Works will be honoring Veterans by participating in this wonderful opportunity, offering dental screenings, cleanings, and x-rays for absolutely no cost to those who have served.

To participate, Veterans can call the clinic to make an appointment at 719-658-0322 and accommodations will be made to those who cannot make it that day or are not able to make an appointment through the end of the year. Pa-



Photos courtesy of Creede Dental Works

Creede Dental Works will be offering free dental services to local Veterans on Nov. 12 in Creede. Dr. John Quigley recently joined the team at the clinic and Hygienist Leslie Leggett will be helping Veterans during the Veterans Smile event in November.

tients who have existing appointments on that day will be seen as scheduled.

This event was made possible through a partnership with the Creede Community Church.

"We think of our patients as family, and that is how we treat them," said Practice Manager Bethanny Andre. "My father, grandfather and grandmother were all Veterans. I wish they were here, so we could make them smile."

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Creede Dental Works at the number listed above or stop by the clinic during business hours at 802 Rio Grande Ave., Creede.



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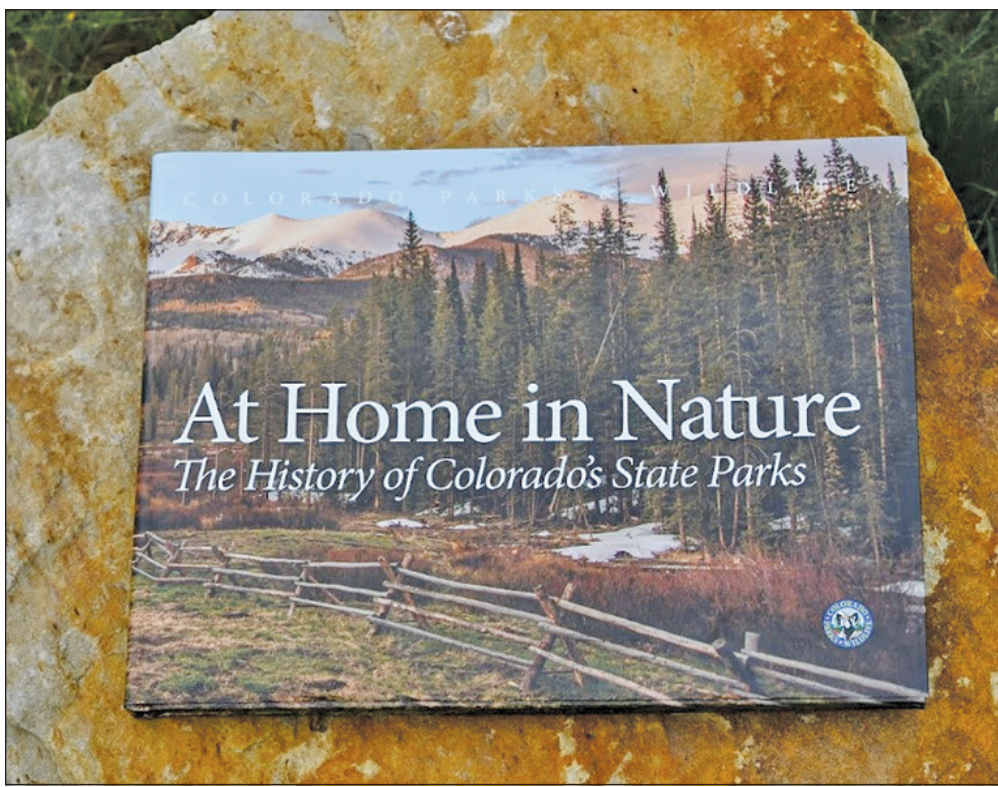
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Lifestyles



Colorado Parks and Wildlife releases new book

CONTRIBUTED DENVER — Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) wrote and published the first book to chronicle the history of the Colorado state parks system and the evolution of outdoor recreation in Colorado.

“At Home in Nature, The History of Colorado’s State Parks” is now on sale at state park visitor centers and online at cpwshop.com. The book delves into the rich history of Colorado’s state parks, from their inception to the present day, and is a must-read for anyone interested in the state’s natural and cultural heritage.

“Colorado is home to the most beautiful parks in the country, and what better way to show them off than with a bound collection of our parks’ history. In Colorado, we are breaking down barriers for Coloradans to access the outdoors, from saving people money on park passes to protecting our incredible wildlife. Colorado is leading the way to continue and expand our great state parks for generations to come, and this book will help bring our parks to even more people,” said Governor Jared Polis.

Partnering with famed Colorado nature writer Mary Taylor Young, CPW staff created a unique hardbound coffee table masterpiece that features stunning state

park photographs over the years and pictures of current and former staff, outdoor leaders, volunteers, and visitors.

Colorado is home to 43 state parks that protect 220,000 acres of land and water and host more than 18 million visitors a year. Within the pages of this book is the story of how this wonderful network of parks came to be, a history that spans back 12,000 years. It outlines the setbacks in the journey, the changes in public attitudes towards undeveloped landscapes and recreation, the trials and triumphs that shaped the parks system and the challenges that continue with us today and into the future.

“For more than 125 years, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has served Coloradans and our natural resources with unwavering dedication and determination. This book is a testament to Colorado’s incredible state park system and the people who serve as stewards to protect our public land and elevate our state parks so they provide enjoyable and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities that educate and inspire current and future generations,” said CPW Director Jeff Davis.

“We are so proud of this work, highlighting the history and impact of the state parks system. It has been a collaborative labor of love,” said CPW

Capital Development Program Manager Margaret Taylor. “We think anyone who visits and loves our state park system and is interested in the history of how things came to be will truly enjoy this book.”

In celebration of the book launch, CPW hosted a party at Cherry Creek State Park, the first Colorado state park established in 1959. The event featured book signings by the authors, speeches on the significance and making of the book, and a guided tour of the park. Current and former CPW staff, volunteers and agency partners attended, including former Department of Natural Resources and CPW directors.

“This is an amazing book filled with our Colorado Parks history but also stories of what our Parks meant to those while in leadership, our amazing staff who work so hard to bring the top notch Colorado State Parks experience to so many Coloradans, to how our Parks reflect our values today. For Coloradans interested in our natural resources and outdoor recreation or who are just fans of our Colorado State Parks this book is a must have and I urge you to pick up a copy today,” said Dan Gibbs, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

Secretary of State Jena Griswold Announces Winner of “I Voted” Digital Sticker Design Contest

CONTRIBUTED DENVER — Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold announced Monday, Sept. 23, that Cosmo Bell, a ninth-grader at Fort Collins’ Compass Community Collaborative School, is the winner of Colorado’s 2024 “I Voted” Digital Sticker Design Contest.

“Congratulations to Cosmo for his amazing design,” said Secretary Griswold. “I’m so glad that Coloradans enrolled in BallotTrax can see and celebrate Cosmo’s wonderful artwork when they receive their digital ‘I Voted’ Sticker. My thanks to every Colorado high schooler who submitted a design for consideration.”

“I’m so excited to have my artwork chosen,” said Cosmo. “A family friend let me know about the competition and encouraged me to participate. I thought it would be fun, so I entered!”

Cosmo’s design features rocks inspired by the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs and native plants from the arid regions of Colorado. In the right of the image, you can see Cosmo’s artist signature: Harold.

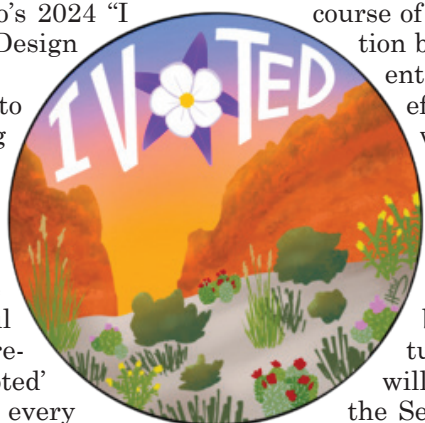
“These are symbols that I thought someone could recognize as ‘Colorado,’” said Cosmo. When asked what he

thinks of when he hears the word “Democracy,” Cosmo replied, “In essence: Collaboration. It means a bunch of people coming together and recognizing that we need this to succeed as a country, or that we think this is the right course of action. It’s a collaboration between so many different people who all have an effect on how America will function.”

The new digital sticker will be sent to voters enrolled in BallotTrax once their General Election mail ballot has been returned and counted. It will also be featured on the Secretary of State’s website, social media channels, press releases, and as part of a digital effort to encourage people to vote across the state.

BallotTrax enables voters to receive notifications by phone, email, or text about the status of their mail ballot, from the time it is mailed to the voter, to when it is received, and to when it is counted. Colorado voters can enroll themselves in BallotTrax by visiting www.GoVoteColorado.gov and clicking on “Sign up for BallotTrax.”

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Sports



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Sanford High School's Shasta Bond (8) hits the ball in Saturday's match against Trinidad at the SHS gym. The Lady Mustangs won in three sets.

Lady Mustangs bury Lady Miners

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor
SANFORD – The Sanford High School volleyball team had an easy time with visiting Trinidad Saturday at the SHS gym. At least for the first two sets.

The Lady Miners woke up in the third set and almost defeated the Lady Mustangs in that stanza. However, Sanford held on to win by scores of 25-9, 25-9 and 25-22.

"We tried to get refit for Homecoming but it was still good," said Sanford coach Melissa Faucette. "We have to keep our mental game a little tougher, but it's still a good win."

Trinidad scored the first point of the first set, but Sanford answered with three straight points. The Lady Miners tied the score before the Lady Mustangs went on a 12-2 run to

increase their lead to 15-5. Trinidad closed the deficit to 15-7, but Sanford finished with a 10-2 run to take the first set 25-9.

The teams opened the second set by exchanging side outs before Sanford went on an 18-4 rally to claim a 22-7 lead. The Lady Miners closed to within 22-9, but the Lady Mustangs scored the final three points for another 25-9 win.

Trinidad scored the first two points of the third set, but Sanford scored eight straight points. The Lady Miners narrowed their deficit to 11-9 before the Lady Mustangs had a 3-1 run for a 14-10 lead.

Trinidad came back to decrease the Sanford lead to 16-15. Once again, the teams traded side outs before the Lady Mustangs pushed the lead to 20-17.

The Lady Miners again closed to within one point

at 20-19, but Sanford had another strong finish by scoring five of the final eight points for a 25-22 victory.

Brooklynn Reynolds led the Lady Mustangs with 27 assists. Shasta Bond led in kills with 12, followed by Bella Peterson with seven, and Claire Crowther with six.

Bond and Makynlee Faucette both had three service aces to lead Sanford. Reynolds was next with two.

Sanford (6-4, 2-1) will have two tough road games this weekend. On Friday, the Lady Mustangs will travel to Escalante (N.M.), and on Saturday, they will be in Buena Vista.

"Escalante is really good on the New Mexico side," coach Faucette said. "Buena Vista going to be tough in our league, so it will be a good game. Good match-ups."

Del Norte cancels rest of varsity football season

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Del Norte High School athletics department announced last week that the rest of the varsity football season will not be played this season.

There were a total of only 15 players on the varsity team when the season started. Approximately half of them were freshmen.

The Tigers played only one game this season, a 46-7 loss to Olathe at home on Aug. 30.

Del Norte athletics director Gilbert Sanchez said that the school will instead

play a junior varsity schedule.



High School fall sports standings

FOOTBALL CLASS 2A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Team	League		Overall	
	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L
Bayfield	0-0		3-0	
Montezuma-Cortez	0-0		2-1	
Pagosa Springs	0-0		2-1	
Alamosa	0-0		2-2	
Salida	0-0		2-2	
Gunnison	0-0		0-3	

Last week's scores
Friday
Delta 41, Alamosa 12
Bayfield 38, Ignacio 35
Pagosa Springs 28, Monte Vista 6
Salida 40, Rye 0
Open date: Gunnison, Montezuma-Cortez
This week's schedule
Friday
Bayfield at Centauri, 7 p.m.
Elizabeth at Pagosa Springs, 7 p.m.
Gunnison at North Fork, 7 p.m.
Shiprock (N.M.) at Montezuma-Cortez, 7 p.m.
Open date: Alamosa, Salida

CLASS 1A SOUTH CENTRAL LEAGUE

Team	League		Overall	
	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L
Centauri	0-0		3-0	
Monte Vista	0-0		2-2	
Trinidad	0-0		1-2	
Ignacio	0-0		1-3	
Del Norte	0-0		0-3	
Center	0-0		0-4	

Last week's scores
Friday
Bayfield 38, Ignacio 35
Cedaredge 1, Del Norte 0, forfeit
Ellicott 49, Center 0
Pagosa Springs 28, Monte Vista 6
Trinidad 50, Dolores Huerta Prep 6
Open date: Centauri
This week's schedule
Friday
Bayfield at Centauri, 7 p.m.
Dolores Huerta Prep at Del Norte – canceled
Open date: Center, Ignacio, Monte Vista, Trinidad

8-MAN MOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Team	League		Overall	
	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L
Dove Creek	0-0		3-0	
Mancos	0-0		2-1	
Dolores	0-0		2-2	
Norwood	0-0		2-2	
Sanford	0-0		2-2	
Sargent	0-0		2-2	

Last week's scores
Friday
Dolores 48, Whitehorse (Utah) 16
Norwood 32, Monticello (Utah) 14
Sargent 64, Custer County 6
Sanford 42, Fowler 28
Open date: Dove Creek, Mancos
This week's schedule
Thursday
Mancos at Dolores, 7 p.m.
Friday
Dove Creek at Monticello (Utah), 7 p.m.
Open date: Norwood, Sanford, Sargent

8-MAN SIX COUNTY LEAGUE

Team	League		Overall	
	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L
Walsenburg	0-0		2-2	
Sangre de Cristo	0-0		1-1	
Hoehne	0-0		1-2	
Fowler	0-0		1-3	
Crowley County	0-0		0-3	
Custer County	0-0		0-4	

Last week's scores
Friday
Rocky Ford 24, Walsenburg 20
Sanford 42, Fowler 28
Sargent 64, Custer County 6
Sedgwick County 40, Hoehne 6
Saturday
Haxton 62, Crowley County 0

Open date: Sangre de Cristo

This week's schedule
Friday
Sangre de Cristo at Holly, 6 p.m.
Hoehne at Springfield, 7 p.m.
Swink at Crowley County, 7 p.m.
Open date: Custer County, Fowler, Walsenburg

6-MAN SOUTHWEST LEAGUE

Team	League		Overall	
	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L
Primero	2-0		4-0	
Sierra Grande	1-0		4-0	
Branson/Kim	1-0		3-1	
Antonito	0-1		0-3	
La Veta	0-1		0-3	
Cotopaxi	0-2		0-4	

This week's scores
Thursday
Primero 56, Cotopaxi 0

Friday
Sierra Grande 58, Antonito 0

Saturday
Branson/Kim 52, Deer Trail 12
Open date: La Veta

This week's schedule

Friday
La Veta at Cotopaxi, 7 p.m.

Saturday
Branson/Kim at Antonito, 1 p.m.
Primero at Kiowa, 1 p.m.
Open date: Sierra Grande

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CLASS 3A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Team	League		Overall	
	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L
Alamosa	3-0		10-2	
Montezuma-Cortez	1-1		7-10	
Centauri	1-1		4-7	
Bayfield	1-2		4-6	
Pagosa Springs	1-3		5-6	

CLASS 2A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE

Team	League		Overall	
	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L
Buena Vista	2-0		5-5	
Del Norte	1-0		9-0	
Center	2-1		8-4	
Sanford	2-1		6-4	
Crested Butte	1-1		8-4	
Trinidad	0-2		1-7	
Monte Vista	0-3		1-10	

CLASS 1A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE

Team	League		Overall	
	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L
Sargent	4-0		11-0	
Sangre de Cristo	1-1		6-8	
Centennial	1-1		3-5	
Antonito	2-3		4-7	
Creede	0-1		3-3	
Mountain Valley	0-1		2-7	
Sierra Grande	0-1		2-11	

BOYS SOCCER

CLASS 3A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Team	League		Overall	
	W-L-T	W-L-T	W-L-T	W-L-T
Pagosa Springs	1-0-1		4-1-2	
Alamosa	0-0-1		1-3-2	
Bayfield	0-0-0		4-3-1	
Montezuma-Cortez	0-1-0		2-7-0	

GIRLS SOFTBALL

CLASS 3A TRI-PEAKS LEAGUE

Team	League		Overall	
	W-L	W-L	W-L-T	W-L-T
Rocky Ford	3-0		10-5-1	
Southeast Colorado	2-		7-3-0	
Lamar	2-1		12-5-0	
La Junta	1-2		8-8-0	
Alamosa	0-4		9-9-0	

Sports Bulletin

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

SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY

Prep football
Cedaredge 1, Del Norte 0, forfeit
Delta 41, Alamosa 12
Ellicott 49, Center 0
Pagosa Springs 28, Monte Vista 6
Sanford 42, Fowler 28
Sargent 64, Custer County 6
Sierra Grande 58, Antonito 0
Prep girls volleyball
Antonito def. Sierra Grande in five sets – scores not reported
Center def. Sangre de Cristo 25-23, 25-16
Evangel Christian def. Center 25-19, 25-22
La Veta def. Sangre de Cristo 25-10, 25-19

Pueblo East def. Centauri in four sets – scores not reported

College women's volleyball

New Mexico Highlands def. Adams State 16-25, 29-27, 25-23, 16-25, 15-11

SATURDAY

Prep boys soccer
Alamosa 1, Pagosa Springs 1, tie
Prep girls softball
Lamar 10, Alamosa 3
Prep girls volleyball
Centauri def. Pagosa Springs 25-20, 25-17, 25-23
Center def. Monte Vista 18-25, 25-15, 18-25, 25-16, 16-14
Crested Butte def. Mountain Valley 25-16, 25-15, 25-8
Primero def. Centennial 25-13, 26-24, 25-12
Sargent def. Centennial 25-7, 25-7, 25-11
Sargent def. Primero 25-10, 25-9, 25-6
Sanford def. Trinidad 25-9, 25-9, 25-22
College football
Western Colorado 38, Adams State 0

College men's soccer
Sul Ross State (Texas) 3, Adams State 0

College women's soccer
Adams State 3, Sul Ross State (Texas) 0

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Prep boys soccer
Alamosa at Durango, 5 p.m.
Prep girls softball
Gunnison at Alamosa (at Adams State), 4 p.m.
Prep girls volleyball
Center at Antonito, 4:30 p.m.
Del Norte at Sargent, 5 p.m.
Crested Butte at Monte Vista, 5:30 p.m.
College women's volleyball
Colorado State Pueblo at Adams State, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Prep girls softball
Alamosa at Southeast Colorado (at Wiley), 4 p.m.
Prep girls volleyball
Centennial at Sangre de Cristo, 5 p.m.

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