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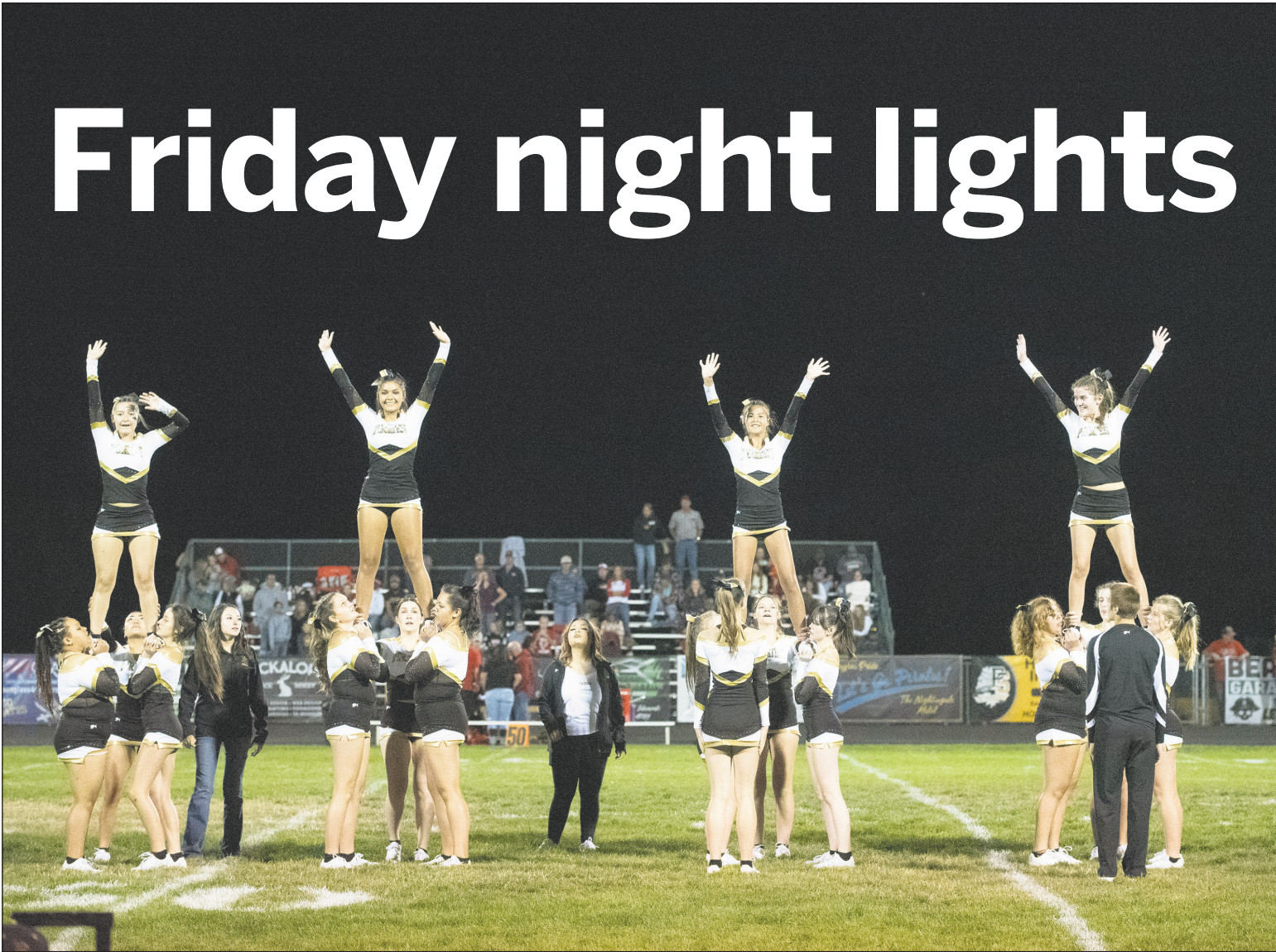
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# Friday night lights



Friday, Aug. 25 marked the beginning of the high school football season, with the Pirates taking on the Centauri Falcons. The night's game, which culminated in a win, also featured a halftime performance by the cheer team.

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

## Archuleta County man arrested for 2021 Capitol breach

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

An arrest warrant and criminal complaint filed in United States District Court on Aug. 21 allege that Clive A. Kincaid was involved in the Jan. 6, 2021, breach of the U.S. Capitol.

The Archuleta County assessor's website indicates that Kincaid owns

property in Archuleta County. The criminal complaint against Kincaid, signed by U.S. magistrate judge Moxila A. Upadhyaya, alleges four violations:

- Knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building or grounds without lawful authority.
- Disorderly and disruptive con-

■ See Breach A8

## County releases more information on unauthorized projects, potential landfill closure

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

On Aug. 24, Archuleta County issued a press release offering further details on issues with unauthorized road and landfill projects related to the previous public works director as well as the potential upcoming temporary closure of the county landfill.

The press release opens by noting that the county is seeking a new public works director and stating, "The discovery of improper oversight regarding the county landfill, lack of communication, improper budgeting for road projects and verbal commitments to spend funds not approved by county

■ See County A8

## Students to return to classrooms Sept. 5

By Monica Nigon  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County students will be heading back to the classroom this week, kicking off the 2023-2024 school year with changes and setbacks in the transportation realm, and a new free breakfast and lunch program.

The first day of school for many of Archuleta School District's (ASD's) schools is Sept. 5. Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) began on Aug. 21 for grades K-2, with the remainder of its students beginning on Aug. 22.

Last November, Colorado voters

passed a motion to offer free breakfast and lunch to districts that opt in to the program.

ASD is a participating district, and will thus be providing two free meals per day for students K-12. A la carte purchases will still have to be paid for by students, which includes school stores and vending machines, according to the initiative.

Additionally, ASD updated its transportation policy, providing a new bus loop at Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) to provide safer onboarding and debarking

■ See School A8

## Legislators to make stops in Pagosa Springs

By James Dickhoff  
Town of Pagosa Springs

Sen. Cleave Simpson and Rep. Barbara McLachlan with Sen. Jeff Bridges are scheduled to visit Region 9 in southwest Colorado on Thursday, Aug. 31, and Friday, Sept. 1, as part of their ongoing efforts to engage with constituents and elected officials in the southwest region.

The purpose of their visit is to

listen to the concerns, experiences and ideas of the residents and elected representatives in relation to more affordable housing in Colorado.

Simpson and McLachlan will be attending various events throughout the tour with Bridges accompanying them. The series of stops includes two stops in Pagosa Springs on Fri-

■ See Legislators A8

## Fire restrictions lifted, but danger remains

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Multiple area agencies have announced the lifting of fire restrictions this week.

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office announced that it lifted Stage 1 fire restrictions in unincorporated Archuleta County effective 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

On Aug. 29, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) announced that restrictions for National Forest System lands within the San Juan National Forest would be rescinded effective 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31.

"Recent rains over the Forest have lessened the risk of wildland fire, allowing restrictions to be lifted," the USFS press release states. "This means campfires are now allowed outside of established Forest Service campgrounds and rec-

reation sites on the San Juan National Forest."

Other area fire restrictions remain in place. Both agencies, however, urge continued caution.

The USFS press release states that "rescinding fire restrictions does not mean that fire danger has been eliminated. Lightning fires are reported frequently from the Durango Interagency Dispatch Center, even in higher elevation areas where more rain has fallen. Precipitation has not reached all parts of the San Juan National Forest evenly, meaning fuels in some areas are still dry. The Forest may return to restrictions if conditions dry out late this summer and into fall."

Visitors, the press release outlines, are encouraged to practice principles of outdoor fire safety:

- Clear all flammable material within 3 feet

of campfire rings.

- Make a fire only if you have a shovel and sufficient water to put it out.

- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Keep fires small and manageable.
- Extinguish fires completely. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave. Every campfire should be put dead out before leaving it.

In its announcement, the sheriff's office urges people to continue to follow safe burning practices and reminds that all open burning requires a permit in accordance with Archuleta County Ordinance 18-2017.

Permits can be purchased from the Pagosa Fire Protection District at Station 1, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

### Fire updates

■ See Fire A8

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# Opinion

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## OUR VIEW

### It's back-to-school time

Summer vacation is coming to an end. It's back-to-school time on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

And while it is time for a new academic year, it is also time for a wake-up call for parents to get involved in their child's education. What students get out of this school year is dependent upon what the student and parents are willing to put into it. Student success or failure is not solely on the shoulders of educators and the administration; achievement starts at home with parental involvement. Your kids should be ready to apply themselves and learn. It's the parents' role to make certain your children are attending class, doing their homework, behaving respectfully and following the rules. Remember, teachers are not babysitters.

A new school year also brings plenty of opportunities to volunteer. Get involved by joining the Partners in Education group, sign up to help in the classroom and with school events, or join the booster club and volunteer at school events.

Back-to-school time is also a wake-up call for area drivers: Pay attention. Be alert. Slow down.

You are going to notice a huge change in traffic around Pagosa Country come Tuesday morning. Expect traffic to be heavier in the mornings and afternoons. Watch closely for pedestrians. Always expect the unexpected. Also, be sure to watch for those yellow school buses.

With the busing changes, more parents are expected to have to pick their students up after school and transport them to after-school activities.

We can't tell you how many times we have seen someone driving near Pagosa Springs Middle School with a phone up to their ear. One such driver ran a school bus stop arm that was extended. The driver was too busy talking on the phone to care about the students. While changes have been made to bus loading and unloading at the school, there are still students crossing the street and darting in and out between cars. Put your phone away. A child's life is not worth a phone call.

The American Red Cross provides the following 10 ways to help make sure your child stays safe as they head back to school:

"If your student rides a bus to school, they should plan to get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive.

"Students should board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop and the driver or attendant has instructed them to get on. They should only board their bus, never an alternate one.

"All students should stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.

"Cross the street at the corner, obey traffic signals and stay in the crosswalk.

"Never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

"If children go to school in a car, they should always wear a seat belt. Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lap-shoulder belt fits properly (typically for children ages 8-12 and over 4'9"), and ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.

"If a teenager is going to drive to school, parents should mandate that they use seat belts. Drivers should not use their cell phone to text or make calls and avoid eating or drinking while driving.

"Some students ride their bike to school. They should always wear a helmet and ride on the right, in the same direction as the traffic is going.

"Parents should walk young children to school, along with children taking new routes or attending new schools, at least for the first week to ensure they know how to get there safely. Arrange for students to walk to school with a friend or classmate.

"Parents of younger kids, especially those going to school for the first time, should make sure the child knows their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult and how to dial 911. Teach them not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know."

The Red Cross also reminds drivers to slow down: "Drivers should slow down as children head back to school. Know that yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop and motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off.

"Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. This includes two and four-lane highways. If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety."

The National Safety Council offers these tips for sharing the road with school buses:

- If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- Never pass a bus from behind, or from either direction if you're on an undivided road, if it is stopped to load or unload.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

If you have school-aged children, we encourage you to also take the time to remind them about safety while waiting for the bus, crossing the street or walking to school. They are excited to be returning to school and we need to watch out for them on sidewalks and on the numerous streets around the community that don't have the safety of sidewalks.

The following information is provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which reminds parents and their children to refresh their knowledge on getting to and from school safely. Safety must be the first lesson of every new school year.

Over the last decade, the majority of school-age pedestrians who were fatally injured in school-transportation-related crashes were struck by school buses or other vehicles when getting on or off a school bus. Teach your child to always play it safe:

- Stay five steps away from the curb.
- Always wait for the bus driver to tell you when to board.
- Exit the bus when it stops, look left-right-left and take five steps away from the bus toward the curb.
- Walking to school is great exercise and gets students ready to face their studies. Children under 10 years old should be accompanied by an adult or someone who will make sure they walk safely. Teach your child to always:
  - Use the sidewalk whenever possible, and if there isn't a sidewalk, walk on the edge of the street facing traffic.
  - Use crosswalks whenever they are available to cross the street.
  - Look left-right-left before crossing any street.
- Kids love riding their bikes, and it can be a fun, quick way to get to school. Be sure to do these things to keep your bike ride safe:
  - Always wear a properly fitted helmet and securely fasten the chin strap.
  - Ride in the same direction as traffic and follow traffic signs and signals.

A bit of caution could make a huge difference. If it takes you a couple more minutes to get where you are going — it's definitely worth it.

We want everyone to get where they are going safely.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
August 31, 1923

**Heavy demands** are made on our advertising space this week, thus somewhat curtailing our reading matter. But at that, there is not a dull ad among them — read them all.

**Almost 60,000 fish fry** from the Durango hatchery were turned loose in the Piedra river this week, and an equal number will soon be released in the San Juan. Also the government hatchery at Leadville is furnishing about the same number for the Weminuche and Williams Creeks.

**The Club, Pagosa's newest pool hall**, was opened to the public last Saturday evening in the basement of the Rumbaugh building. R.C. Hill is owner and proprietor. The new equipment for the barber shop next door is being installed today and will be ready for business this evening with W.E. Robbins, formerly of the Mullins shop, in charge. The equipment of both establishments is new and up-to-date and credits to the town.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
September 3, 1948

**A deal was completed** the first of the week whereby R.T. Harras of Pueblo became the owner of the Hughes Chevrolet Company, formerly owned by Mr. F.H. Hughes. The transaction included the Chevrolet dealership, the Phillips 66 dealership and the John Deere Implement agency.

The change in ownership became effective the first of September and the business is now known as the Harras Chevrolet Company.

**The first registrant** to sign up for the draft was Charles Oscar McCoy of Pagosa Springs. On Monday the first day for registering, there were 52 men signed up.

Eloyes E. Day will be the clerk for the local draft board and will take care of the permanent office when it is established.

Draft registration started Monday of this week for all young men between the ages of 19 and 25 years. Registration is being held at the present time in the county assessor's office in the courthouse but the draft board expects to have arrangements completed for a permanent office in the near future.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
August 30, 1973

**The town board and Archuleta county commissioners** held a joint meeting this week to discuss the lack of a jail, and proposed surfacing of a town street.

The county jail was ordered closed some time ago by the state health department because of unsanitary conditions there. Since that time prisoners have been transported to Durango. Town board members report that drunks on the streets have become a major problem since that time.

Town board members asked that the county allow them to clean and use the county jail for a drunk holding tank. A great deal of discussion concerning regulations for construction of a new jail, what type of jail should be constructed, and possible location followed. It was suggested that El Centro might be remodeled into a jail, and other possibilities were explored.

No definite decision was reached on the matter other than that further inquiries about jail requirements would need to be made and that architects would be contacted for possible design of a new jail. Location was considered as major problem as was cost and design.

### 25 years ago

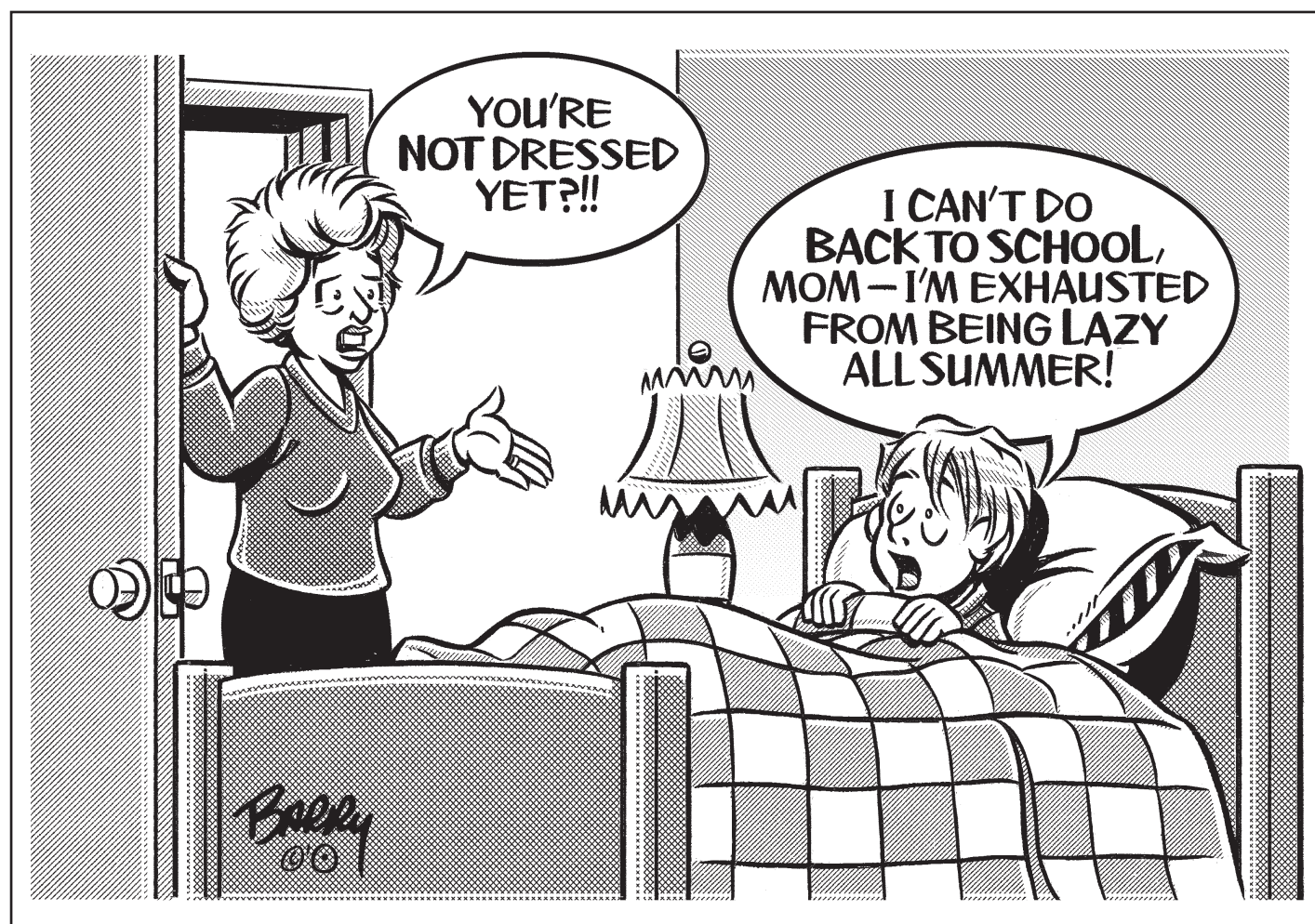
Taken from SUN files of  
September 3, 1998

**Archuleta County and Weeminuche Construction Authority** signed a contract this past week for the Towaoc firm to perform road construction agreed on under a 1997 \$6.5 million bankruptcy settlement agreement between Fairfield Communities Inc., Archuleta County and Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association.

Weeminuche Construction submitted the low bid of \$5.2 million for the project. This past week's contract signing confirms that the firm owned by the Ute Mountain Ute tribe and the county agree on how the work will proceed and that the county accepts the low bid.

The firm expects to pave North Pagosa Boulevard through the Lake Hatcher subdivision this season. The remainder of the work will likely be completed during 1999.

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# Letters

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## Climate change

Dear Editor:  
Discussion about climate change from conservative voices has been all over the map. On one edge of the conversation, we have Former President Donald Trump saying "I think global warming is a hoax. It's a money-making industry, okay? It's a hoax, a lot of it."  
On the other end are legislators who think we need to stop arguing with the thermometer and face the reality- We are experiencing the economic impact of drought, crop loss, wildfire damage, more severe storms, and property loss to name a few. Sen Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has said "We should be developing the kind of energy that provides good jobs, that leads to greater prosperity, that protects our environment." Many conservative ideologies emphasize the importance of preserving and stewarding the environment for future generations. This mindset is at the core of conservative family values.  
A good point was made by Rep

John Curtis, (R) UT03 "I believe strongly that if Republicans don't make (climate change) an issue, we will lose the upcoming generation of Republicans... The upcoming generation will not be patient with us. This is a deal-breaker for them. They'll leave the Republican Party over this one issue."  
Why conservative voices are so important for all at the climate change policy table:  
Long-Term Sustainability: Climate change policies need to be durable and adaptable to changing political landscapes. Involving conservatives in crafting these policies can help ensure that they are designed to withstand shifts in political power and remain effective over the long term.  
Economic Considerations: Conservative perspectives often prioritize economic growth and fiscal responsibility. Integrating these concerns into climate policies can lead to strategies that minimize negative economic impacts while still advancing environmental goals.  
Policy Innovation: Conservative voices can contribute fresh ideas to the climate change conversation. When conservatives engage in climate dialogue, there is potential for different viewpoints leading to innovative policy proposals that align with conservative principles, such as market-based solutions, individual freedoms, and limited government intervention.  
Technological Innovation: Conservative voices can encourage the exploration and support of technological solutions to climate challenges. Emphasizing research and development of clean energy technologies can align with conservative values of innovation and enterprise.  
Public Support: Climate policies with broad political support have a better chance of garnering public acceptance and avoiding polarization. If conservatives are actively involved in shaping climate policies, the resulting initiatives are more likely to enjoy widespread endorsement, which is crucial for effective implementation.  
Local Solutions: Conservatives often emphasize the importance of local governance and individual states' rights. This perspective can lead to the promotion of region-specific climate solutions that better reflect the needs and values of different communities.  
Conservative legislative voices in the climate change conversation are crucial for fostering bipartisan support, designing effective policies, and ensuring long-term sustainability of efforts to address this global challenge. I encourage you, regardless of affiliation, to reach across the aisle- and work on climate change policy solutions that align with our shared values of responsibility to future generations. If you don't have a seat at the table, you don't have influence.

Susan Atkinson

## Search and rescue effort

Dear Editor:  
On behalf of the family and the San Juan Outdoor Club, we wish to recognize the extraordinary efforts of Sheriff Mike Le Roux and the entire Search and Rescue team. When our friend Rich Moore went missing last week, they sprang into action and conducted a thorough search, bringing in some tremendous outside resources to their efforts. We went up Saturday to do our own search and it was obvious to us that they had done an extensive search. Once off the social trail, this is a rugged area with some treacherous terrain that they scoured. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Sheriff Le Roux, his staff and all the amazing members of our local Search and Rescue team. Please keep Rich in your thoughts and prayers that we may find him.  
Steven Earle

## Let's be friends

Dear Editor:  
This summer two of our best friends from Austin bought a home in Santa Fe making it super easy to have get togethers here in Pagosa. On one recent visit we took them to the Pagosa Center for the Arts to see Jersey Boys. About midway through the show, one friend leans over and whispers to me, "Did we just buy a house in the wrong place?" (More on this later) After the show, she went on to say, "I cannot remember the last time I enjoyed a live theater production this much. The actors are so talented and the setting is so intimate. I didn't want it to end." This is high praise, because, like many of you, these friends are world travelers and always make theater one of their priorities when visiting other countries. They are still talking about how much fun we all had that evening.  
It was delightful seeing our Center for the Arts through our friends' eyes. I too marvel at the talent and energy Tim and Laura Moore bring to us through Thingamajig right here in Pagosa, but it's not just the performances that bring our community joy; as a Friend of Thingamajig (\$35) you can become an integral part of the entire theater experience. As a Friend you

not only get many opportunities to interact with out talented visiting actors—and many times their families, but you get access to the best parties, celebrations, galas, behind the scenes experiences, and a chance to enrich our community by investing your own time and talent in making this possible. Becoming a Friend is a quintessential Pagosa experience.  
So, to answer my friend's question, "Did we just buy a house in the wrong place?" Only time will tell. Thankfully, Pagosa isn't for everybody, but live theater is for most, so let's be Friends.  
Pat Love

## 'Strangers in the wild'

Dear Editor:  
Many of us have seen animals in zoos but relatively few have interacted with them in the wild; where they thrive and produce their offspring. On Friday and Saturday (August 25-26) the Pagosa Springs Arts Council, along with various area businesses, provided residents the opportunity to interact with local artists in their natural habitats: their art studios and work spaces (there's a difference, as a few shared spaces with their horses).  
The 151 annual "Pagosa Springs Artists Studio Tour" was a self-guided tour throughout the wilds of Pagosa using a professionally done brochure listing the artist's name, address, talent, and a number corresponding to their location on a fold-out map. My wife and I used the map like a guide in an Easter Egg Hunt  
Similar to a child's first day back at school when asked, "What did you do this summer?," every artist was excited to share what they loved. The variety of talent included Landscape Painters, Wood Workers, Bead Makers and Glass Blowers (demonstrations included), an Acoustic Sculpturer, Potters, a Fiber Artist, and a Furniture Maker, among others; who warmly shared not only their art but their journeys and insights.  
The spirit of the tour created the kind of fun one can have in going through someone else's attic.  
Did you know the human eye sees the world quite differently

■ See Letters A7

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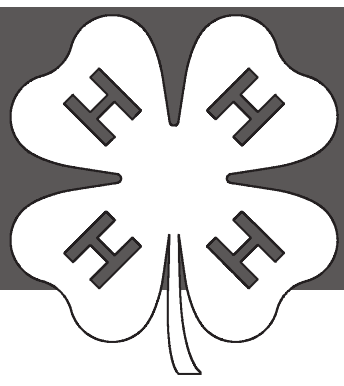


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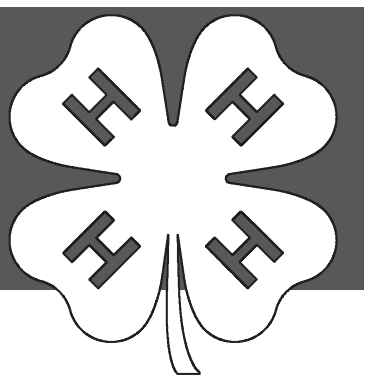
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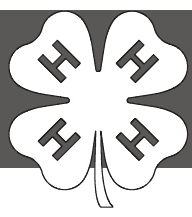
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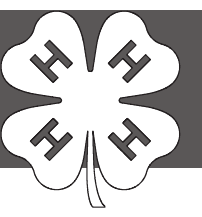
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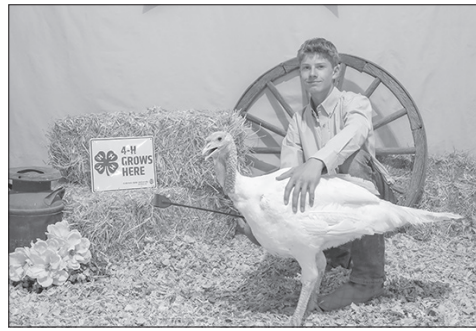
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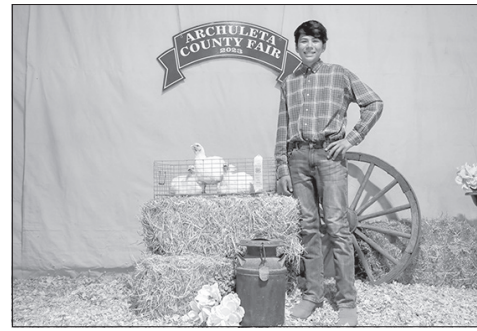
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Market Turkey — 3rd Place  
Light Medium Weight  
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Chicken — Pen of Three — 6th Place Fryer  
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Market Beef — 3rd Place Light Weight  
The Springs Resort & Spa



**Duke Ketchum**  
Market Swine — 2nd Place Heavy Weight  
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Medium Weight  
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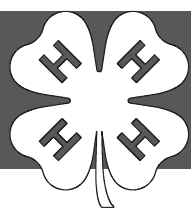
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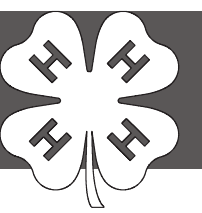
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Market Goat — 5th Place Light Weight  
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*Dutton Creek Ranch*



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Heavy Medium Weight  
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Market Swine — 4th Place Heavy Weight  
*The Springs Resort & Spa*



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Market Swine — 5th Place  
Medium Heavy Weight  
*M&M Construction*  
*Echo IT Consulting*



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Market Swine — 5th Place Heavy Weight  
*Valley View Ranch*



**Corinna Galabota**  
Market Swine — 6th Place Light Weight  
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Market Swine — 6th Place  
Medium Heavy Weight  
*Trujillo Holdings*



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Market Swine — 7th Place Light Weight  
*Southwest Ag & 4 Corners Trailers*



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Market Swine — 8th Place  
Medium Heavy Weight  
*Dutton Creek Ranch*



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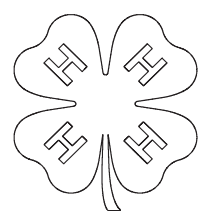
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# Obituary

## David Shoel Joseph Panter

David Shoel Joseph Panter, beloved husband, brother, son, friend and devoted dog dad, passed from this world on April 12 in Durango, Colo. Born Sept. 23, 1981, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Mary Lou and Barry Panter, he was the youngest of three siblings. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Lou, grandparents Helen and Louis Panter, and Erma and Jesse Reinhardt, and Uncle Stanley Reinhardt. He is survived by his loving husband, Joshua Glasby; sisters Adrienne Panter, of Pagosa Springs and Durango, Colo., and Amy Vail, of Lake Tahoe, Calif.; and father Barry Panter, of Danville, Calif.; and many other extended family and friends.



David moved to Durango in 2015, and fell in love with the Four Corners region. He was a firm believer

in helping the less fortunate in our community, and loved to spread and share the good vibes of Durango. He gave sleeping bags, snacks, socks, sidewalk chalk and other useful items to people in the homeless population, and was always there to help friends and friends of friends in need. He will be remembered for his generosity; irrepressible creativity; entrepreneurial spirit; love of family and friends; and a strong desire to make the world a better, kinder place. He was deeply curious about the mysteries and magic in the world, and loved to engage in discussions about topics he was passionate about, of which there were many. He could be opinionated and stubborn, but never let differences of opinion get in the way of important relationships with those he cared about. Some of David's interests included: collecting/restoring classic muscle cars, vintage fashion, art and furniture, snowboarding, traveling, beekeeping, sacred geometry, raising chickens, exploring remote places in the Four Corners, cooking amazing meals, and spending time with his friends and family. David will be forever loved and missed by those who knew him. Until we meet again, vaya con dios, and rest in peace.

## Letters

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than an expensive camera? To take a picture of a door you swear you can walk through takes six overlaid exposures from one angle, while our eyes see in HD with every glimpse we take. Fascinating.

Another artist paused in mid-conversation to retrieve his family album to show us the time and place of the inspiration for his work. Other insights provided would require registering for a college course.

And though you could buy anything you wanted, that never seemed the purpose of the tour, but rather for the artists to be known by their community and vice versa. For visiting these 'light

catchers' in their natural settings is so unlike an artist in captivity: a chance meeting at a party or herded together in a Gallery.

When we got back home where we end each day with an evening walk, the sun was setting as billowy clouds turned from big and white to dark and gray. Only spots here and there still bathed in sunlight. My wife turned to me, "This reminds me of the map we used today, with the artists being lights peppered throughout the Pagosa wilderness."

It had been a very good day. A day to meet and interact with neighbors who before today had been strangers in the wild.

Jesse Wenzel

# Commissioners approve letters of support and opposition, district revisions

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a letter of support for the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD), a letter of opposition to the letter of credit requirements for Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program grants and revisions to commissioner districts at its Aug. 15 meeting.

At the BoCC work session earlier in the day, Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb presented on the letter of support request by USJHSD, outlining that the county previously provided a letter of support for PSMC's successful application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for a \$1 million grant for a renovation for a new wellness building.

She added that, in 2019, USJHSD (which operates as PSMC) identified the potential for an oxygen shortage at the hospital in the event of a natural disaster given the organization relies on oxygen brought from Farmington, N.M.

Webb noted that, to address this need, the USJHSD ordered and paid for oxygen generation equipment and now needs to construct a building to house it.

She explained that the building will be approximately 420 square feet, though the cost per square foot will be high given the "specialized" design, and that the USJHSD is planning to apply for a grant from DOLA to help fund the building.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked what the expected timeline for the project is.

Webb commented that the bids for the project came back higher than expected and that the hospital is hoping to complete the project in 2024.

She added that PSMC would likely see long-term savings from generating its own oxygen.

According to an email from PSMC Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese, PSMC applied for a matching reimbursement grant in the amount of \$507,000.

Also at the work session, the BoCC heard from Archuleta County Broadband Services Technical Manager Eric Hittle on the letter of opposition to the letter of credit requirement for BEAD.

Hittle began his presentation by explaining that the BEAD funding is federal funding administered by state broadband offices targeted for last-mile broadband projects.

He indicated that Colorado received \$828 million in BEAD funding and that the letter of credit requirement is similar to the letter of credit requirements included in earlier broadband funding applications that caused difficulties.

Hittle stated that the letter of credit requirement for BEAD funding could be an issue for local governments and small Internet service providers (ISPs) and that he would prefer to have additional options of securing projects, such as performance bonds allowed as well.

He noted that the letter of credit requirement benefits larger ISPs.

Brown commented that he would like prior work on broadband included as a source of match for BEAD funding.

Hittle explained that he was providing letters for each member of the area's congressional delegation expressing opposition to the requirement.

County Attorney Todd Weaver highlighted that a county cannot provide a letter of credit due to the requirements of the Colorado Constitution.

He added that larger ISPs can easily secure letters of credit and that these ISPs have not been helpful for expanding broadband in the area.

Weaver and Commissioner Ronnie Maez both noted that the letter of credit requirement disadvan-

tages smaller communities such as Archuleta County.

Brown commented that these funds are potentially being made "unavailable" to allow them to be reallocated later by the federal government when they are not expended.

He added that he supports the letter of opposition.

Weaver concluded that the county desires more options beyond the letter of credit requirement.

At the meeting, Brown commented that the oxygen generation grant for USJHSD would be a "great opportunity" for the community and that he spoke to medical providers during the COVID-19 pandemic who raised concerns about oxygen availability in the community.

The BoCC then unanimously approved the letter of support.

Prior to a vote on the letters of

opposition to the letter of credit requirement for BEAD, Weaver highlighted that the letters would be sent to Sen. John Hickenlooper, Sen. Michael Bennet and U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert.

The board then unanimously approved the letters.

At the meeting, the BoCC also passed a resolution revising the Archuleta County commissioner districts, moving a portion of the area near Cloud Cap Avenue from District 2 to District 3.

Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta commented that a public hearing on the redistricting was held on July 5 and that the BoCC had received three public comments on the redistricting.

Brown commented that he appreciated Archuleta's work, after which the BoCC unanimously approved the revisions to the districts.

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## Cards of Thanks

### Arnold family

A big thank you to Vets for Vets Pagosa Springs for the wonderful memorial service for Bob. Everything was done with dignity and pride. Also the San Juan Squadron for their moving missing man fly-by. Pagosa is special.

The Arnold family

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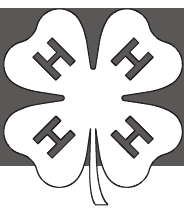
The Main Street Advisory

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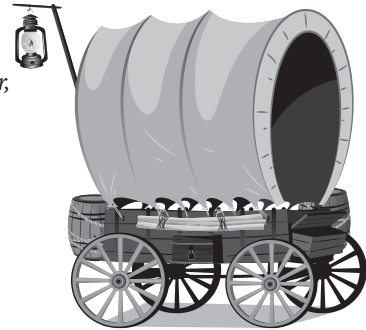
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We would like to send out a very special thank you to Matty Warren and family for leading the way! There are numerous volunteers that make the dinner a success. Thank you to each and every one of you! Thank you to American Ag Credit for donating plates & cups.

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# County

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leadership, have opened this vital county position."

In an email to The SUN, Archuleta County Public Information Officer Ashley Springer states that the former public works director, Kevin Pogue, "did not depart" and that there was a "separation" between him and the county.

County Manager Derek Woodman added that the separation of Pogue was connected to a personnel issue unrelated to the issues at the landfill and the roads, and that these issues were only uncovered following Pogue's departure.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioner Chair Ronnie Maez confirmed the former public works director was Pogue.

Springer adds that Michael Torres, formerly the county's fleet manager, assumed the position of interim public works director and, as of Aug. 28, accepted an offer for the position of public works director.

## Landfill issues

The press release continues to provide background on issues at the landfill, including problems identified in the recent landfill inspection and unauthorized work being done at the location.

The press release states, "On June 21st, 2023, pursuant to the Solid Waste Disposal Sites and Facilities Act, CRS §30-20-100.5, the Archuleta County Landfill received their annual inspection. Initially, the County received a Notice of Inspection marked with the result of 'no violations observed.' The initial inspection form was then provided to County Manager Derek Woodman, at which time announcements were made and press releases written which included passing of the inspection for the first time in several years.

"On July 10th, 2023, the county's most recent Public Works Director received the full compliance advi-

sory report from the Colorado Department of Health & Environment (CDPHE) Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division. The report included six deficiencies that were concealed from county leadership. After receiving a call from CDPHE on July 15th, 2023, regarding an upcoming meeting to fix the discrepancies contained in the landfill report, it became clear neither Woodman nor county leadership had ever been provided the full report from the most recent Public Works Director."

According to the compliance advisory letter from the CDPHE provided by the county to The SUN, there were six deficiencies identified at the landfill, which the letter requested be corrected by Aug. 18.

Among the deficiencies were a failure to maintain 6 inches of daily earthen cover at the working face, a failure to maintain 1 foot of intermediate earthen cover in landfill Cell 4A and to place waste in the most dense volume practicable using compaction in that cell, and a failure to dispose of biosolids waste on the working face.

The letter notes that the landfill failed to provide adequate cover, prevent ponding of water and to distribute waste in the smallest area and in the most dense volume practicable during the digging and filling of trenches in Cell 3.

The letter adds that disposing of liquid leachate into trenches is a violation of state regulations and that the facility failed to allow the CDPHE to review and approve the "significant operational change," also a violation of state regulations.

The final deficiency the letter notes is that the facility failed to provide adequate training to ensure compliance with regulations and with the facility's Engineering Design and Operations Plan.

The county's press release continues, "Following the discovery of this oversight and the failure to provide the results of CDHPE's Com-

pliance Advisory report to leadership, county staff have worked diligently to right all discrepancies and have corrected all but one to date. Work includes the spraying of a thick breathable cover over loose trash, water pooling prevention, training of new personnel and required storage of written policies and procedures on-site at the facility. Despite the deficiencies, the landfill did pass 39 of the 45 functional categories.

"For the past three months and unbeknownst to county leadership, a contractor has been working to repair damage to the landfill's lining in cell 4A with no signed contract and likely on a handshake deal with the most recent Public Works Director. Once County leadership learned of this work without a proper contract, the project was stopped immediately. Work is set to resume with the same contractor once a proper contract has been approved and signed by the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC). Due to this discovery, the landfill is projected to be closed for up to two weeks while the proper materials are ordered and put in place. More details will be provided to the public as they are received."

Woodman explained that work on the liner repair will move forward once a contract for the work is approved by the Board of County Commissioners and noted that the project is "beyond high" priority.

He added that the closure is connected to the need for the county to "get our head above water" with processing accumulated green waste, construction waste and mattresses, as well as transporting what Woodman estimated to be "15 truckloads" of metal to Durango for recycling.

"We have a limited staff out there," he said, adding that the county had hoped closing the landfill on Wednesdays would allow staff to keep up.

"We just need to push pause, get

caught up and ... reset, that's all," Woodman concluded.

He stated that the county transfer stations will remain open, adding, "We're trying to time this to where it's appropriate."

Woodman speculated that the closure might occur in September and indicated that the county would attempt to give "a couple weeks' notice because it's going to be a huge impact. I don't even know how we're going to deal with it."

Elite Recycling and Disposal owner Chris Tanner explained that his company is aware of the potential closure but is unsure what impacts it might have, although he noted that trash would have to be hauled to Bondad Landfill near Durango and dumped at a higher cost.

He added that the longer trip to dump trash could also cause logistical difficulties.

At Your Disposal owner Tom Miller stated that he was unaware of the potential closure but that a closure would make it "extremely difficult to get all the trash picked up" due to the increased distances involved in hauling trash to Bondad Landfill.

He added that he would potentially have to shift trucks from other trash-hauling companies he owns in the state to continue operations during the closure.

## Road project issues

The press release also comments on the impacts of Pogue's actions and the unauthorized agreements he made with subcontractors on county road projects.

It states, "In addition, several road projects will be impacted by recent findings. Pursuant to County Procurement Policy, Section 4.1.B.1, only the County Administrator or the Chair of the BoCC has the authority to sign a capital improvement contract for the County. In addition, pursuant to Section 4.1.B.2, only the County Administrator or the Chair of the BoCC

has the authority to sign a service contract for the County if the total value exceeds \$50,000. Findings show the most recent Public Works Director made a total of three unauthorized verbal agreements with subcontractors without any such contract, bypassing the necessary contractual steps required by the County. This would have resulted in over-budgeted expenditures of nearly \$1 million. Quick teamwork and research by Woodman, the Interim Public Works Director and the Road and Bridge department put a stop to all projects that would have caused the budget breach."

Woodman elaborated on the unauthorized agreements, stating, "The work was agreed upon by him and told to move forward even though ... there might have been a contract in place already with that particular contractor and so it ended up being a change order, but the change order came in after the work was done because it was a verbal authorization to move forward."

Woodman indicated that the change orders occurred with the chip- and fog-seal project and the crack-sealing project.

He added that there were two "huge" change orders connected to paving work on Valley View Drive and Talisman Drive which authorized bringing in and placing additional material to build up the base on these roads.

"There's \$600,000 in change orders between those two roads," Woodman said.

He explained that there was also \$646,000 in transport costs for relocating aggregate material, primarily to prepare for paving work in the Vista and Trails neighborhoods.

Woodman added that, unknown to county leadership, the paving company was not paying for the aggregate material for the projects, so the aggregate costs were in addition to the cost of the paving contract.

He commented that these unauthorized projects caused gravel road maintenance to be delayed or "ignored," stating that county staff and equipment were being used to haul aggregate for the road projects, among other work.

"And so, by doing all of this, the balance of the roads in the county were not maintained," Woodman stated.

The press release continues, "Unfortunately, this will result in the inability to finish several road projects. A project in the Woods neighborhood, which had already begun, will be completed in the coming days. However, additional scheduled work in both the Trails and Vista neighborhoods will receive additional materials and surface treatments to carry them through the winter months. Work in those areas will be completed next spring."

Springer states that, following Pogue's departure, a change order was also signed canceling the mill and repave of North Pagosa Boulevard between U.S. 160 and Bastille Drive due to "budget oversight by the previous Public Works Director."

The press release concludes, "The county thanks residents for their patience during these recent discoveries. More information will be released as it becomes available."

Springer states that work on the paving of Piedra road is ongoing and has experienced delays, although these delays are related to a lack of asphalt supply and have no connection to the problems with unauthorized work.

Woodman stated that the project is expected to be completed by the end of September, within the time designated in the contract, and that he had heard there might be delays occurring involving completing the installation of culverts.

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# Fire

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According to an Aug. 30 update from the USFS, progress continues to be made on the Quartz Ridge and Bear Creek fires, with some areas that were previously closed reopening.

The update notes that Mosca Road (Forest Road 631) reopened on Aug. 30.

"Additional road and trail closures remain in effect," it states. "Fire activity is expected to be minimal with smoldering, creeping, and backing where pockets of heat remain. Resources are available to respond quickly if conditions change."

The update lists the Quartz Ridge Fire is listed at 1,840 acres, which it notes is an increase of

seven acres.

The Quartz Ridge Fire, burning approximately 3 miles into the South San Juan Wilderness and 13 miles northeast of Pagosa Springs, is a lightning-caused fire that was discovered on Aug. 5.

The update notes that 76 percent of the objectives related to suppression of the fire have been achieved.

"Infrared mapping from aircraft showed scattered heat on the south side of the fire on the east side of Quartz Creek near the trail. Direct control lines are being utilized to suppress accessible parts of the fire and indirect control lines are providing confinement on remote areas that present high safety risks to firefighters," it states.

The Bear Creek Fire, it notes, remains at 443 acres, with 82% of the objectives related to suppression achieved.

The Bear Creek Fire is located 23 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs and 2.5 miles west of the Weminuche Valley. It was caused by lightning and discovered on Aug. 1.

"Infrared mapping from aircraft showed isolated points of heat along the ridge between Bear Creek and Shaw Creek. Minimal fire behavior is expected, but more active fire behavior may produce smoke in interior areas of the fire as conditions continue to dry out. Fire spread is not expected as fuel moistures remain elevated," the update states.

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# Legislators

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day, Sept. 1, as follows:

- 3:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.
- 4:45 p.m., Enclave Workforce Housing, 250 Aspen Village Drive.

During these stops, the legislators will be open to hearing the stories, challenges and solutions that the people of Southwest Colorado have regarding housing and related issues. This is part of an ongoing effort by Bridges to hear stories, challenges and solutions to Colorado's housing crisis from Coloradans across the state. Every Coloradan should have

the opportunity to live where they work, and Simpson, McLachlan, and Bridges want to hear concerns from the community to better understand how to address the issues raised.

During the most recent legislative session, Senate Bill 23-213 — which aimed to address housing-related issues in Colorado — ultimately did not pass. This visit is part of ongoing efforts to better understand the needs and perspectives of the residents in the region, without taking a side in the issue.

The legislators welcome all residents and elected officials to join

them at these locations to engage in constructive conversations about the challenges and opportunities facing Colorado. Their goal is to ensure that the concerns of the communities are heard and considered as part of the broader discussions regarding housing in the state.

For more information about the visits or to request additional details about the schedule, please contact the Town of Pagosa Springs' community development director, James Dickhoff, at jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov or (970) 264-4151, ext. 225.

# Breach

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duct in a restricted building or grounds.

- Disorderly conduct in a Capitol building.
- Parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building.

The statement of facts included within the complaint outlines that the breach of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., occurred during a joint session of the U.S. Congress convened in the Capitol and outlines the course of events.

At the time, it notes, the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate were meeting in separated chambers of the Capitol to certify the vote count of the Electoral College of the 2020 presidential election, which took place on Nov. 3, 2020.

The joint session, it outlines began at approximately 1 p.m., with the House and Senate adjourning to separate chambers at approximately 1:30 p.m. "to resolve a particular objection."

"As the proceedings continued in both the House and the Senate, and with Vice President Mike Pence present and presiding over the Senate, a large crowd gathered outside the U.S. Capitol," it states, adding temporary and permanent barricades "were in place around the exterior of the U.S. Capitol building, and U.S. Capitol Police were present and attempting to keep the crowd away from the Capitol building and the proceedings underway inside."

It continues, "At such time, the certification proceedings were still underway and the exterior doors and windows of the U.S. Capitol were locked or otherwise secured. Members of the U.S. Capitol Police attempted to maintain order and keep the crowd from entering the Capitol; however, around 2:00 p.m., individuals in the crowd forced entry into the U.S. Capitol, including by breaking windows and by assaulting

members of the U.S. Capitol Police, as others in the crowd encouraged and assisted those acts."

It notes that at approximately 2:20 p.m. members of Congress were instructed to evacuate and evacuated the chambers, with the joint session "effectively suspended" until shortly after 8 p.m.

It notes Pence remained in the Capitol from the time he was evacuated from the Senate Chamber until the session resumed.

"During national news coverage of the aforementioned events, video footage which appeared to be captured on mobile devices of persons present on the scene depicted evidence of violations of local and federal law, including scores of individuals inside the U.S. Capitol building without authority to be there," the complaint states before alleging Kincaid was among those individuals.

It adds that, after Jan. 6, 2021, records obtained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) indicated that the user of a certain phone number was inside the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, with the likely user of that phone determined to be Kincaid.

The complaint alleges Kincaid "ascended to the Upper West Terrace on the Northwest stairs, under the scaffolding. He was verbally engaging with officers attempting to hold the top of the stairs and had his hands on a bike rack the officers used as a barricade."

It adds he continued holding onto the bike rack "as other rioters pulled it away from the officers" and held what appeared to be pepper spray.

The complaint also includes images of the alleged events.

"After the mob pulled the bike rack away from the officers, KINCAID stood at the top of the NW stairs and spoke with an officer," the complaint states. "During this conversation, KINCAID appears to

be sprayed with some type of chemical spray deployed by a rioter behind him. KINCAID then made his way through the police line closer to the Capitol after speaking some more with the officer."

The complaint then notes that, in surveillance camera footage from inside the Capitol, Kincaid was observed entering the Capitol at approximately 2:27 p.m. through the Rotunda door.

The complaint notes that was less than one minute after rioters pulled the officers away, breaching the door.

It alleges he walked to the House of Representatives' side of the building and "stood at the front of the mob as it pushed through police in the statuary connector hallway, and proceeded up to the 3rd floor. He exits the Capitol building through a door on the South side of the 1st floor of the House of Representatives side at 2:52 PM, twenty-five minutes after entering."

The complaint further outlines that, in an interview with the FBI, Kincaid admitted to being in the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

The complaint notes Kincaid further reported that "a female law enforcement officer shot him with six rubber bullets and sprayed him with pepper spray on the outside of the US Capitol before he entered the building. Kincaid believes the officer shot him because he and the others had climbed up onto the Capitol balustrade, and she hit him because all the other people around him ducked down and he did not.

The complaint notes open-source video confirms the incidents, but not that Kincaid was actually hit by rubber bullets.

Court records indicate Kincaid was arrested on Aug. 23 and is slated to appear in court for an initial appearance on Sept. 5.

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# School

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of the buses.

The new route proposes six buses to be ready for boarding and drop-off in the alley behind the dental office adjacent to the school, which would remove the parking from that area.

Buses will take a right onto Pagosa Street when leaving the school, and a left onto 3rd Street when returning, according to ASD Director of Operations Josh Sanchez.

The district is facing setbacks in its busing system due to staffing issues.

"Given our extreme shortage of bus drivers to start the school year, we have had to make some very difficult decisions concerning routes and ridership availability for our students," a letter sent to parents of students who ride the bus reads.

The letter describes "transportation priorities," including bus safety, bus capacity and driver availability; in-district students; areas with high student populations; and length of student time on a bus.

The letter states that during the 2022-2023 school year, the district operated approximately 11 routes. At the start of this year, it will reduce that number to six.

"As of today, we have chosen to eliminate routes in the following areas: Pike, Rainbow, Bienvenido, Meadows, 160 East of the 84/160 Junction, and all of Highway 84 (including Chromo stops)," the Tuesday letter states.

The district will further be "eliminating bus passes, eliminating student activity requests (requests for alternative stops: after school activities, daycare, etc.), and limiting field

trips and other activities," according to the letter.

"We are optimistic that we will be able to hire drivers shortly," Holt said in an interview. "We've had applicants, but it's a long process between applying, getting your CDL license and beginning to drive. We're unsure of how big of a gap it will be, how long it will take us to get back to a normal level of service."

He added that any CDL drivers in the area can apply at mypagosachools.com.

The letter reminds parents that bus contracts need to be filled out online as soon as possible, and those contracts can be found on all school and the district websites.

Despite the transportation setbacks, the district marches on with exciting new curriculum, particularly at the San Juan Mountain School (SJMS).

"Last year our teachers designed several new and engaging classes we plan to develop more this year, such as an entire six-week unit around water science and conservation," Principal Stewart Bellina states in an email to The SUN.

She added that the comprehensive unit included studying migration patterns as related to water, visiting farming and ranching communities, and collaborating with local filmmakers.

Bellina wrote that the studies culminated in a field trip to Lake Powell to tour Glen Canyon Dam and the associated reservoir.

"We have already planned our overnight adventure-learning trips just like this one for this school year, and plan to focus them on min-

ing and local land use," she stated. "These trips engage students in healthy activities in our region while increasing their investment in education and supporting learning applicable to the real world."

Pagosa Springs High School Principal Sean O'Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN, "We are excited to be welcoming everyone back for the 2023-2024 school year, and look forward to another year of preparing our students for success by continuously improving."

PSMS Principal Chris Hinger said, "We're super excited to get the year started and build on our successes of last year."

Hinger noted PSMS is continuing the implementation of the math program that began last year to "great success."

PSMS will build on its improvement in math with a new language arts program called Amplify.

"We're really excited to have a cutting edge, highly rated language arts curriculum that we've trained our teachers on," Hinger said. "We're expecting the same results as our math program with huge academic growth."

Hinger noted that the school will focus on new career exploratory courses.

"If kids can connect their schooling to the future, it creates hope and excitement that transcends into day-to-day academic work," he said.

Pagosa Springs Elementary School Principal Kelly Vining and PPOS School Director Angela Reali-Crossland did not respond to The SUN by press time Wednesday.

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# Judge denies sanctions motion in 2019 homicide case

By Randi Pierce  
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A July 19 order from District Court Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson ordered that Christopher Maez, the suspect in a 2019 homicide, again be housed in Archuleta County.

Maez was ordered to be housed in La Plata County after allegations surfaced during jury selection for his trial that jail staff recorded and viewed meetings between Maez and his attorney. A mistrial was called.

Wilson's order was issued following a July 18 sanctions hearing at which the court heard testimony from several people, including Jail Commander Ed Williams.

"In this case the defendant is charged with the first-degree murder of Millie Mestas," Wilson's order begins. "This matter came before the Court based upon the defendant's motion for sanctions filed on September 16, 2022. The motion alleges the prosecution committed outrageous governmental conduct by violation of the defendant's 4th and 6th Amendment rights. The motion complained that, in the course of investigating the date

and manner in which a partial police report found in the Archuleta County Jail was introduced into the jail, law enforcement was able to perceive privileged attorney-client communications."

The partial police report, the order explains, is a "redacted copy of a police report that had previously been provided to defense counsel in the discovery provided in this case.

It further notes that the redacted portion of the report indicates another inmate at the Archuleta County Jail "had information regarding the '... disposal of the weapon used in the Mestas homicide.'"

It adds the inmate's complete name was circled and had an arrow pointing to it on the report found in the jail.

"The Archuleta County Jail became understandably concerned about the safety of [the inmate] and investigated the matter to determine which other inmates had observed the report in the jail.

"In the course of the investigation, Jail Commander Ed Williams reviewed the video recording of part of an attorney visit with the

defendant and observed that it appeared that one of the defendant's attorneys provided the defendant the document found in the jail. Commander Williams testified that he reached this conclusion, although he was unable to read the document on the video, because he could see what looked like a yellow star at the top of the page and the printed lines and spaces on the page appeared to be similar to the report found in the jail. Commander Williams also testified that the recording only captured video; there was no sound on the recording. As soon as Commander Williams determined he had probably observed when and how the report entered the jail, he stopped watching the video and did not watch any other attorney-client videos of the defendant."

The order further indicates that, other than "determining the defendant was probably made aware of the contents of a police report (the contents of which were already known to the prosecution), there was no evidence presented at the hearing that Commander Williams or any other law enforcement officer attempted to discern or was

able to discern any communication between the defendant and his attorneys. There was no evidence that any agent of the prosecution was able to read the lips of the defendant or his attorneys or that the prosecution in any way was able to discover the defense's trial strategy by Commander Williams viewing the video."

The order continues to indicate that the defense counsel did not show Maez suffered any prejudice and the motion for sanctions for outrageous governmental conduct was denied.

The order also vacates a previous order requiring Maez to be housed in La Plata County's jail, stating, "The Court has now found that there was no evidence that privileged communications were intercepted by the prosecution ..."

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# Second-degree murder charge filed against Glen Hunt

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

A second-degree murder charge was filed against Glen Canyon Lee Hunt, the suspect in the death of Michael Kroll.

Hunt appeared before Archuleta County Court Judge Justin Fay on Aug. 24 for the filing of charges, with Fay explaining the allegation that on or about Oct. 16, 2021, Hunt caused the death of Kroll.

He noted Hunt, if convicted, could be sentenced to 16 to 48 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections with five years of parole and a possible fine of \$5,000 up to \$1 million.

Fay also indicated that six motions were filed that morning, with discussion during the hearing indicating those motions, with those present at the hearing indicating that includes motions related to pretrial

publicity and to ban the recording of attorney-client meetings held in the Archuleta County jail (something Hunt's attorney indicated was being litigated in other cases).

A preliminary demand hearing was set for 3 p.m. on Oct. 3 in front of 6th Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson, with Fay noting Wilson can rule on the motions.

Hunt was represented by Ben Currier of the Durango public defender office.

According to a press release issued by the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) on Aug. 18, Kroll was reported missing from the Pagosa Springs area on Oct. 19, 2021, and his remains were later located in a remote area of La Plata County on Sept. 25, 2022.

The suspect, 60-year-old Hunt, formerly of Archuleta County, was identified through a joint investigation by the Pagosa Springs Police

Department and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, the press release notes.

It adds Hunt was taken into custody Friday morning, Aug. 18, in Kit Carson County and is being held on a \$50,000 bond for second-degree murder in connection to the disappearance and death of Kroll.

"The Pagosa Springs Police Department and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation would like to thank the public for their assistance in the investigation," reads the release.

Anyone with information related to this case is asked to contact Detective Boyd Neagle with the Pagosa Springs Police Department by calling (970) 264-4151, ext. 241.

Due to this being an active and ongoing investigation and prosecution, no other information is being released, according to the press release.

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# Hiker, dog remain missing after search

By Randi Pierce  
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A hiker and his dog remain missing in the area of Blackhead Mountain.

According to Archuleta County Undersheriff Robert Hill, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue had spent, as of Tuesday, approximately 1,800 man hours and 16 hours of flight time looking for the pair.

Hill reported that the call for the

overdue hiker, a 70-year-old male, came in Saturday night, Aug. 19, reporting that he had gone hiking to Blackhead Mountain.

The initial search team, he explained, deployed Saturday night and located the trailhead and continued to search into Sunday morning.

"We have not been able to locate the male or his dog," Hill wrote in an email to The SUN.

Hill reported that, as of Friday, search efforts have been scaled back, with personnel only searching areas personnel believe could

use another look after analyzing maps and search tracking.

Hill indicated there were dozens of people searching for multiple days.

The sheriff's office did not identify the hiker, but a letter to the editor written on behalf of the hiker's family and San Juan Outdoor Club identify the hiker as Rich Moore.

Hill's email notes the office's investigative unit has initiated a missing persons case and the investigation is underway.

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, Aug. 31

**Executive Management Board of Archuleta County Emergency Communications Services special meeting.** 1 p.m., Archuleta County Sheriff's Office conference room, 85 Harman Park Drive. Virtual access to the public is available via <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/7186713647>, Zoom meeting ID: 718 671 3647.

### Tuesday, Sept. 5

Archuleta County Board of County

**Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>


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**Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprisings.civicweb.net/portal/>.


**Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District board meeting.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprisings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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Chief Randy Larson

## Pagosa Fire Protection District Chief Larson retires

Pagosa Fire Protection District

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) congratulates Chief Randy Larson on his next chapter of accomplishment — retirement.

Larson began his fire service career Sept. 3, 1981, with the Amarillo Fire Department in Amarillo, Texas. During his time on Amarillo Fire Department, he worked his way from probationary firefighter up to the rank of lieutenant. He held certifications in structural and aircraft firefighting, technical rescue, incident command, driver operator for aerial apparatus, and hazardous materials response, just to name a few. He was also accredited as an Instructor III and Fire Officer II. During that time, he was also an instructor at Amarillo College teaching the Firefighter Academy, Haz-Mat Academy, Fire Protection Technologies Degree Program and Environmental Safety Program.

After leaving Amarillo, Larson worked as the deputy chief of operations and training at Upper Pine River Fire Protection District

in Bayfield, Colo. When the opportunity presented itself to follow his dream of living in a small mountain community, he accepted a position with the PFPD.

Originally hired as the assistant chief in August 2015, Larson was appointed as interim fire chief in March 2016. The position became official in January 2017 when he accepted the position of fire chief.

During his tenure with the PFPD, Larson has contributed his skills in a variety of additional organizations, including the president of the 4-Corners Training Officers Association, board of directors for the Volunteer/Combination Officers Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), and board of directors of the Safety, Health and Survival Section of the IAFC. He is currently an instructor with IFAC for Volunteer Workforce Solutions.

While Larson has plans to continue teaching during retirement, his focus will be on his family and spending time with his kids and grandkids. He also plans to travel, get his "golf game back in shape and scare the fishes."

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## Wildfire mitigation assistance available

By Bill Trimarco  
Wildfire Adapted Partnership

Wildfire Adapted Partnership (WAP) is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a Community Wildfire Defense Grant from the USDA Forest Service to further our efforts to protect lives and property from wildfire.

This program, which was authorized by the bipartisan infrastructure law, prioritizes at-risk communities in areas identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential, are low income, or have been impacted by a severe disaster that affects the risk of wildfire and helps communities in the wildland-urban interface (WUI) implement the three goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy.

WAP, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has been the primary source of wildfire education and mitigation assistance for private landowners in southwest Colorado for more than 20 years. This award will allow WAP to continue and expand its efforts in Archuleta County.

Here are some of the programs available to property owners in Archuleta County.

- Neighborhood Ambassador Program: Residents volunteer to be the lens for their community, sharing wildfire information and helping to protect their community.

- Wildfire risk site assessments: Property owners can receive an assessment of their home and property which includes a scope of work with detailed recommendations to protect their property and life from wildfire.

- Cost-sharing programs: In most cases, WAP can offer partial reimbursements to offset the cost of performing wildfire mitigation to protect homes and forests. Assistance is available for both HOAs/communities and individual landowners.

- Chipper Rebate Program: Property owners can receive partial reimbursements for renting a chipper or hiring a contractor to chip the woody slash from their mitigation work.

- Community assessments: WAP can offer assistance with developing a community risk assessment that includes both short- and long-term action items. Many of the action items could qualify for cost-sharing programs.

Wildfire is the greatest natural threat in our county. Wildfire has

been part of the landscape here for thousands of years. As long as trees, brush and grass are able to grow, we will always live with the risk of wildfires. We cannot predict when the next fire will occur; however, we do know how to protect lives, homes and property.

To get help with planning and creating defensible space around your home and property, go to [www.wildfireadapted.org](http://www.wildfireadapted.org) and fill out your contact information for a free site visit under the Programs tab. If you have questions, please contact Bill Trimarco, Archuleta County coordinator, at (970) 398-0305.

For more information regarding the Community Wildfire Defense Grant program and link to the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants>.

## Universal preschool to begin this fall, local capacity remains limited

By Monica Nigon  
Staff Writer

Staff and board members of the Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County (ECCAC) presented an initiative to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Aug. 22 describing free, voluntary, half-day preschool for 4-year-olds this fall.

ECCAC Director Laura Mijares described universal preschool, also known as UPK, to the board. In this initiative, 4-year-olds in Colorado will be granted a 15-hour per week in an educational setting. In addition, 3-year-olds with certain qualifying factors are eligible for part-time (10 hours) preschool programming.

"While in Archuleta our demand is high, we're still building capacity," Mijares said. "We have three organizations: Wings, Seeds of Learning

and Head Start."

She added the council is "looking at care and education for about 60 kids."

"This is huge, because we haven't had this in Archuleta or in Colorado," she said.

In an email to The SUN, Mijares wrote, "There is a lot to celebrate, but I want to be cautious in my promotion because 23-24 will not be 'universal.' We are limited by the capacity of established centers in Archuleta and currently have openings for interested families only at Head Start. Yet, looking into the future with more centers, we may build to the point that it is universally offered in Archuleta."

She adds in her email, "Next year, it is hopeful that additional UPK services will be offered at Pagosa Peak Open School."

Mijares explained that UPK is be-

ing funded through a voter-approved nicotine tax measure passed in November 2020.

"This is not considered part of the public charge, so all families, regardless of immigration status, can receive access to UPK care and education," she wrote.

She added that, currently, childcare costs 30 percent of the median household income for Colorado families.

"By providing at least 15 hours of free preschool to 4-year-old children across the state, families each are projected to save an average of \$6,000 a year," Mijares wrote.

She adds, "The Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County (ECCAC) works with the Local Coordinating Organization to promote information about voluntary preschool and assist in matching families with available preschool slots."

## Congresswoman Boebert's office releases mobile office hours

Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's Office

Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's Office announced mobile office hours in the coming weeks.

Boebert stated, "If you are having issues with a federal agency, or want your voice to be heard, please come to one of our mobile office hours, and a member of my team will be happy to assist you."

Staff from Boebert's office will be available to help constituents who aren't getting answers from federal agencies, like veterans seeking to get the care they earned from

the Department of Veterans Affairs, travelers that need expedited assistance to receive a passport on short notice, taxpayers being harassed by the IRS, and senior citizens having issues with the Social Security Administration or Medicare.

Additionally, constituents are invited to come to the office hours to express their viewpoints on legislative issues or request special congressional commendations from the congresswoman recognizing outstanding public achievements.

Mobile office hours will be avail-

able Friday, Sept. 8, in the Ross Aragon Community Center east conference room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., from 3 to 4 p.m.

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# County commissioners discuss transit centers, contemplate shifting contractors

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an update on the construction of the county transit center from Transportation Director Kevin Bruce at its Aug. 22 work session, where the board discussed engaging Buildings by Design for the project given issues with the current contractor.

Bruce opened his update by explaining that he continued to work with current contractor FCI Constructors and that he did not believe that FCI could meet the approximately \$4.7 million budget for the building.

He noted that FCI was aware of the budget and that the company's first estimate was \$5.6 million, although the company stated that it was confident the cost could be reduced to meet the budget through value engineering.

Bruce stated that the county underwent several steps of value engineering, including reducing the lobby size, eliminating infrastructure outside the building and changing the floor types, which reduced the cost to \$5.1 million.

"I don't see any way that we'll get any lower," Bruce said, noting that there is no other "low-hanging fruit" with FCI and constructing the building at this cost would fully consume the contingency for the project.

He explained that the BoCC asked at an Aug. 8 work session for county staff to get numbers from the second-choice contractor Buildings by Design, with that company's staff indicating they believe they can build the facility as originally designed for \$4.7 million.

Bruce stated that Buildings by Design gave the county the option of either starting construction in the fall or delaying work until next spring, which the company recommended.

He added that getting the contract in place would allow Buildings by Design to begin ordering certain parts with long delays.

Bruce stated that the county has a preconstruction contract with FCI for \$11,000 along with the construction contract, which he noted FCI may not be fulfilling.

County Attorney Todd Weaver indicated that he would have to examine the construction contract, but the fact that FCI's costs do not match the contract could allow the

contract to be ended.

"So, if there's no meeting of the minds on the amount, then there's no contract," Weaver said. "It's basic contract law."

Bruce stated that he did not see "any way" to reach the \$4.7 million budget and noted a range of reductions that were made to try to reduce the cost.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked Weaver if the county would stand to lose the \$11,000 in the preconstruction contract, which Weaver stated is possible.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked Weaver to review the contract to see if the county has any liabilities, which he agreed to do.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked what would come next if the contract review does not surface issues.

Bruce stated that he would like direction to continue working with Buildings by Design to complete the cost estimate for the project and that he felt that staff could have an agreement ready for the Sept. 5 BoCC meeting.

Bruce and the board then discussed if beginning construction in the fall or delaying until spring would be ideal, with Maez raising

concerns about the potential for a cost increase with a delay.

Bruce stated that Buildings by Design would be willing to switch to a lump-sum contract, mitigating the possibility of cost increases.

Brown asked if signing a contract would obligate the funds for the project so that the mechanical equipment could be ordered, which Weaver stated would be true.

Bruce stated that he would support breaking ground in the fall as the ground would be more stable for excavation than in the spring.

Bruce noted that Buildings by Design had given this as an option, but had not recommended it.

Brown responded that Buildings by Design is potentially not familiar with the community.

County Manager Derek Woodman stated that the company is familiar with the area and constructed the county's Road and Bridge building, among other projects in the area.

Medina concluded the discussion by commenting that she would be inclined to follow the contractor's recommendation on when to break ground since she is not an expert in construction.

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## Archuleta County election security grant totaling more than \$13,000

Secretary of State Jena Griswold's office

Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold awarded \$945,319.62 in security grants to Colorado county clerk's offices over two funding cycles made possible by the Colorado Election Security Act (SB22-153). These grant awards were for upgrading physical security in county election offices across the state.

Archuleta County was awarded \$13,344.59.

"These new resources are critical in increasing security and protecting Colorado's elections from insider threats and bad actors," said Griswold. "I am so proud to issue these grants so that Colorado can continue to lead the nation in election security and access."

The Colorado Election Security Act is a first-in-the-nation law that safeguards against potential in-

sider threats to voting equipment and election systems. It was one of Griswold's 2022 legislative priorities. The bill was drafted after the Mesa County clerk and recorder made copies of hard drive images containing election management software, which were ultimately posted online.

Over the two funding cycles, 56 counties were awarded grants. Every county that applied received a grant award. Twenty-eight counties received funding in each award cycle, and eight counties did not apply for a grant during the either funding cycle.

The funds awarded by the secretary of state's office were used by counties to meet the security requirements under the 2022 Colorado Election Security Act, including:

- The purchase, shipment and

installation for Key Card Access Systems for rooms holding voting system components.

- The purchase, shipment and installation of continuous video security systems for voting system components, including costs for video storage.

- Eligible expenses for reimbursement were required to be spent by June 30. This grant funding is now complete.

In addition to the election security grant program, the act:

- Prohibits unauthorized imaging of voting equipment.
- Creates a felony for tampering with voting equipment; unauthorized access to or facilitating unauthorized access to voting equipment; or knowingly publishing voting system passwords online.
- Adds whistleblower protections for those reporting a breach

of election laws.

- Creates a timeline for expedited judicial review of 30 days for enforcement actions initiated by the secretary of state.

- Bars anyone from serving as a designated election official who has been convicted of an election offense in Colorado, or has been convicted of sedition, insurrection, treason or conspiracy to overthrow the government.

- Prohibits any elected official or candidate for office in a political subdivision with a population of 100,000 or more from having access to or being present in a room with voting equipment or devices without being accompanied by one or more people with authorized access.

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# Outdoors

## September events at Chimney Rock National Monument set

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Summer will soon be coming to an end and now that the weather is cooling off, this is the best time to visit Chimney Rock National Monument. View the stars or the full moon or take a tour of this spectacular place where the Ancient Puebloans lived more than 1,000 years ago.

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) offers monthly programs and guided tours at the monument. You'll walk in the footsteps of the fascinating and enigmatic Ancestral Puebloans as you learn of their ties to Chaco Canyon and the far-reaching influence of the celestial skies. Archaeological structures and artifacts, abundant wildlife and its breathtaking setting in the San Juan National Forest make Chimney Rock a must-see.

### Mystery of Chaco Canyon

CRIA is proud to present a viewing of "The Mystery of Chaco Canyon" on Sept. 16, at the Chimney Rock amphitheater.

An award winning film, "The Mystery of Chaco Canyon" by Anna Sofaer reveals the brilliant astronomy of the Ancient Puebloans. Before the viewing of the film, Dr. Erica Ellingson, professor at the University of Colorado, Department of Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences, will give a special presentation.

The gate will open at 6 p.m. Ellingson will speak at 6:30 p.m. "The Mystery of Chaco Canyon" (56 minutes) will be shown after the lecture.

Tickets are available at [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) for \$15 (age 13 and older), \$8 (age 6-12), 5 and un-

der free. Note: These tickets are not available on [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov). Walk-ins are welcome, and tickets can be purchased at the gift shop the evening of the event.

Bring something soft to sit on along with a jacket and flashlight.

### Birding at Chimney Rock

The last 2023 Birding at Chimney Rock Program takes place this month on Sept. 16.

This program includes a casual two-hour walk led by a knowledgeable birding guide from the Weminuche Audubon Society. These outings will introduce you to the diverse community of birds that spend their summer at the monument. Your guide will help you identify various species and explain the unique adaptations that allow these birds to survive here.

Good walking shoes are advised, along with plenty of water and sun protection — also, bring binoculars. Birders of all skill levels are welcome. This is not recommended for young children. Check in at the entry gate between 7:45 and 8 a.m. The program ends at 10 a.m. This is a reservations-only program. Tickets are \$16 (age 13 and up), \$8 (age 6-12), 5 and under free.

### Autumnal Equinox Sunrise Program

Welcome autumn at Chimney Rock on Sept. 23. Come to this special place and watch the sun rise over the San Juan Mountains this first morning of fall. With a 360-degree vantage point and the hush of early morning in the wilderness, the rising sun witnessed from the Great House Pueblo is a marvelous experience for

the eyes; and you will learn why such celestial events were important to the ancient ones.

It is a 3-mile drive to the trailhead and a 30 to 45 minute uphill hike to the Great House Pueblo in pre-dawn darkness (a rocky and steep trail in places). Please bring a good flashlight and dress appropriately. Sunrise is at 7 a.m., with the return hike down the trail taking place in daylight.

Guests will be given the opportunity to take photos and then depart the Great House Pueblo on their own or continue with your guide for an interpretive walk to learn the importance this location had for the Ancestral Puebloans.

The program is suitable for ages 8 and above. The tour is available by reservation. Tickets are \$16 (age 13 and up), \$8 (age 6-12), 5 and under free.

### Flute Music at Twilight Under the Pinnacles

The Flute Music at Twilight Program takes place on Sept. 23 in the amphitheater area, with an amazing view of the pinnacles above. The program will begin with a relaxing 1/4-mile walk up the nature trail above the amphitheater. Upon returning to the amphitheater, the program resumes with an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site.

As dusk progresses and stars begin to appear, you will be treated to the haunting melodies of a native American flute played by our own Charles Martinez. Gaze in wonder at the night skies and ponder what significance they had for the Ancestral Puebloans when they looked up at the same night skies 1,000 years ago.

Check in at the entry gate between 5:45 and 6 p.m. The program ends at 8 p.m. The program is available by reservation. Tickets are \$16 (age 13 and up), \$8 (age 6-12), 5 and under free.

### Full Moon Program with option of Early Tour

The Full Moon Program takes place on Sept. 29 against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa.

About an hour before moonrise, you will be treated to an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site (Ancestral Puebloan culture, archaeoastronomy theories, area geology, etc.) Then, as the full moon begins to rise, a single flute note follows another and another as you become slowly embraced by the music of Martinez. You'll be torn between looking west to see the spectacular sunset or focusing on the eastern mountain range to see the first sliver of moon.

The program lasts approximately three hours including check-in, driving to the mesa top (2.5 miles up a winding dirt road with 20 mph speed limit — allow 15 minutes each way) and hiking to the Great House Pueblo. Please keep in mind that the lecture before the moonrise is approximately 30 minutes in length and the hike back down the high mesa occurs after dark.

This program is available by reservation. Tickets are \$20. Guests are also offered the option to take a guided tour of the Mesa Village Trail before the Full Moon Program. This Early Tour Full Moon Package is \$25. Check-in is between 4:15 and 4:30 p.m. ■ See Events A13

## Stakeholder meeting held for proposed water regulations

By Hailey Sams  
SUN Intern

The Colorado Division of Water Resources (CDWR) met Wednesday, Aug. 9, to go over and develop water measurement rules for Division 7.

According to its water administration Web page, the Division of Water Resources (DWR) "has focused on measurement rules in recognition of the importance of measuring both surface water and groundwater diversions. DWR is now beginning a formal effort to develop measurement rules in Division 7 by conducting stakeholder meetings in Southwestern Colorado in late July and early August."

A draft of 18 possible rules was released and can be found at <https://swgcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2023-07-25-Rules-for-Initial-Stakeholder-Meetings.pdf>.

The rules are based off of the rules appointed in Division 6.

The CDWR is "in charge by law to make sure the people that divert water off the river according to their water rights, or pump water out of the ground do it according to their water right and ... don't injure other people" said Kevin Ryan, state engineer for the CDWR, at the Aug. 9 stakeholder meeting. Injury is used to describe when someone's water flow is negatively impacted by an upstream user.

### Why do we need measurement?

A presentation shown at the Aug. 9 stakeholder meeting indicates the CDWR determined that measurement was needed to ensure that water rights would take the decreed amount of water and to

distribute the available water to as many water rights as possible using this data. Measuring the amount of water that is taken is vital to measuring how many water rights can be given. Measurement data also helps protect individual water rights and Colorado water users by documenting water usage overall.

### Why/what are the rules and regulations?

According to the presentation, water measurement rules are deemed necessary for multiple reasons, including:

- Consistency and transparency for all water users.
- To recognize all types of diversions.
- To plan for options and alternatives through technical and administrative guidance.
- To involve stakeholders.
- Efficient implementation.

The rules serve as a guide that "provides a clear path for both water users and DWR regarding implementation of statutory authority" according to the CDWR's presentation, which adds, "rules define how statutory authority will be executed."

This includes answering questions such as:

- What is an adequate headgate?
- When is a headgate necessary?
- What is an adequate measuring device?
- When is a measuring device necessary?
- How is data recorded and reported?

### Water administration

A water right is "the right to divert water for beneficial use" according to the presentation. Ad-

ministrating water rights considers the "available flow in the natural stream" as well as the "list of water rights by priority."

According to the presentation and the agency's website, administration helps ensure that all water rights are getting their agreed amount and help fix when a right is not. Rights and administration have become more important as many basins in Colorado and water sources are in transition, which means the levels may be changing due to climate change and more demands of water rights.

In order to administer a water right, the CDWR's presentation states that the division engineer needs:

- A decree for beneficial use, including amounts, dates and an accurate location.
- A headgate or control structure.
- A measuring device.
- A known location that a water user will beneficially use.

A functioning headgate is needed to be an administered diversion. The headgate must be:

- Easily adjusted to control the amount of water entering a diversion.
- Close to a measuring device.
- Lockable.

### Measuring methods

Measuring methods, the presentation and website indicate, include measuring devices and alternative measuring methods.

Measurement devices are typically used at diversions. These include flumes, which measure how the water level rises when it reaches an obstruction, and weirs.

Alternative measurement meth-

ods measure flow indirectly, which include float tests and rated sections.

In order for an alternative method to be approved, it requires assumptions, calculations, predictable field conditions and a verification from the division engineer.

### Records and reporting

According to the presentation, recording data from diversions are important because:

- The value of a water right is based on its beneficial use.
- To protect against abandonment.
- To optimize operations.
- To provide accurate data on Colorado water use to other states.
- For transparency, the records are public and it builds trust and security in the system.

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## Water conservancy district approves hiring grantwriting consultant

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors approved hiring Renee Lewis as a grantwriting consultant at its Aug. 21 meeting.

Discussion of the grantwriting contract began with SJWCD president Al Pfister highlighting that Lewis stated that the contract revisions suggested by SJWCD board members were "good."

Lewis then asked the board about what potential projects the board might be looking for grant funding for, noting that the contract men-

tioned a film about the water infrastructure of the Upper San Juan River Watershed and grants related to an engineering report on the SJWCD's reservoir project being completed by Rick Ehat of Ehat Consulting.

She added that was looking into grants for the film and had heard positive initial comments from Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) staff.

Lewis also questioned if the engineering report would be finalized enough to support writing grants during this year.

Pfister noted that the film project would likely involve Josh Kurz and Christi Bode Skeie.

She asked if the board would be willing to "soften up" the language in the contract about grants based on the engineering report due to uncertainty about when the report might be complete.

Pfister stated that the board is still interested in moving forward with the film project.

The group then discussed the logistics and timing for the film grant, with Lewis pointing out that having information about the film project early would be critical.

The board and Lewis also discussed the engineering report, with Pfister noting he hopes to have a detailed report by the end of October.

Lewis stated that she would prefer to have a high degree of specificity in the report before assisting the district in identifying grants to apply for.

She requested that the contract be changed from stating that she would "initiate preparation" for grant applications related to the report from Ehat to state that she would "assist in identifying" possible grants.

The group discussed possible grants associated with the reservoir before voting to approve the contract with the changes and authorize Pfister to sign the contract with Lewis.

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## Events

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### Sketching at the Pinnacles

The Sketching at the Pinnacles class takes place every Tuesday in September and is part art, part reflection, part nature study, and a little visit to Chimney Rock National Monument — all rolled into one.

The class starts at the Mesa Village Trail with a guided walk down to the Great Kiva, where we relax on blankets or chairs which we provide. Our goal is to become centered with the site and focus on a specific item of nature. Using sketchbooks and drawing materials provided, we will examine an item of nature selected and watch how it magically appears on a page in our sketchbook. Afterward, there will be a sharing with each other of what we have learned.

No art talent is required, just a desire to be open to suggestions and willing to try a hand at self-expression. Materials will be provided to each participant. Check in at 5 p.m. at the entry gate. The class is available by reservation. The fee is \$20 per person (age 10 and up), plus a booking fee and includes all materials.

### Guided Great House Tour

The Guided Great House Tour takes place on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail, making several stops along the way to learn about the

Ancient Puebloan structures built more than 1,000 years ago. Hear the archaeological details that connected this civilization to the Chaco culture located 90 miles southwest of this spot.

At the end of the trail, visitors will enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view from atop the mesa ridge along with a very close-up view of the two pinnacles: Chimney Rock and Companion Rock. The tour is available by reservation for up to 10 people. Walk-ins are welcome if room allows. This is recommended for ages 5 and above. Check-in is at the plaza kiosk by 10 a.m.; the tour begins at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12 (age 13 and up) and \$5 (age 5-12), plus a booking fee. Walk-ins do not pay a booking fee. The tour may be canceled for insufficient attendees. The USFS Daily Use fee must be paid (or applicable federal pass used) since this program occurs during the monument's regular daily open hours.

### Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour

The Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour takes place on Monday and Friday mornings from 8 to 10:15 a.m. and on Wednesday evening from 5 to 7:15 p.m. This engaging two-hour tour will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area.

You will walk both the Mesa Village Trail and the Great House Pueblo Trail to learn specifics about the

structures along the way, including their significance and uses. You will be treated to the stunning views of the surrounding countryside.

Check-in is 15 minutes before the program starts at the entry gate. The tour is available by reservation. Tickets are \$16 (age 13 and up), \$8 (age 5-12), 4 and under free, plus a booking fee.

### Geology Tour

The Geology Tour takes place on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and on Thursday evening from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

This program includes a 2.5-hour guided tour that explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans who lived at Chimney Rock. Tour participants will learn about the events in the ancient geology of the area and how to identify a common trace fossil.

Check-in is 15 minutes before the program starts at the entry gate. The tour is available by reservation. Tickets are \$16 (age 13 and up) and \$8 (age 5-12).

### More information

For tickets for any of these special programs, visit [www.chimneyrock-co.org](http://www.chimneyrock-co.org) or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs. Tickets are considered a nonrefundable, nontransferable

donation.

Chimney Rock uses a fee system. All vehicles and motorcycles will be subject to an activity pass fee of \$20. The activity pass fee provides five days of access to Chimney Rock National Monument. To purchase your required activity pass, you can:

- Purchase your activity pass in advance at Recreation.gov.
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Include Chimney Rock in your plans this summer. This Ancestral Puebloan cultural site is located 17 miles west of Pagosa and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. To view the Chimney Rock National Monument 2023 Calendar of Events, go to [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that offers interpretive programs at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. For more information, see the CRIA website at [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (970) 731-7133.



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user should make frequent visits to the diversion and can record data themselves. The CDWR will accept user supplied data, the presentation notes.

According to the presentation, the existing authority states that "the owners (of ditches, etc.)...shall erect where necessary...a suitable and proper headgate...to control the water...and proper measuring flumes, weirs, and devices".

The proposed rules have stricter guidelines on what "where necessary" actually means.

With the expansion of these rules and regulations, owners of diverters and beneficial users of surface and groundwater, the presentation states, will better understand when a headgate and measuring device is needed, and will have better pro-

tected water rights.

The meeting included little discussion, and most questions were asked about clarifications with the rules and regarding personal division requirements.

The next steps will be to collect all stakeholder comments and changes and revise the rules, then to file with the water court and move to get the rules approved with a judge.

Protests against the rules are due to the court by the end of the second month after they are filed, after which the judge will set the schedule and deadlines and if a hearing is needed due to protests.

Once the judge approves the rules, there is a phase-in process of 12 to 24 months, according to the presentation.

For division structures with capacity or total water rights greater

than or equal to 5.0 cubic feet per second (cfs), the deadline would be 18 months after the effective date of the rules.

For structures with less than greater than or equal to 2.0 cfs and less than 5.0 cfs, the deadline would be 18 months from the effective date.

Structures less than 2.0 cfs would have a deadline of 24 months after the date.

Reservoirs with less than 5.0 acre-feet would have a deadline of 12 months, and ones with less than 5.0 acre-feet would be 24 months after the effective date, according to the rules.

If you have questions or comments, email Kevin Rein at [rein@state.co.us](mailto:rein@state.co.us) or Jason Ullmann at [jason.ullmann@state.co.us](mailto:jason.ullmann@state.co.us).

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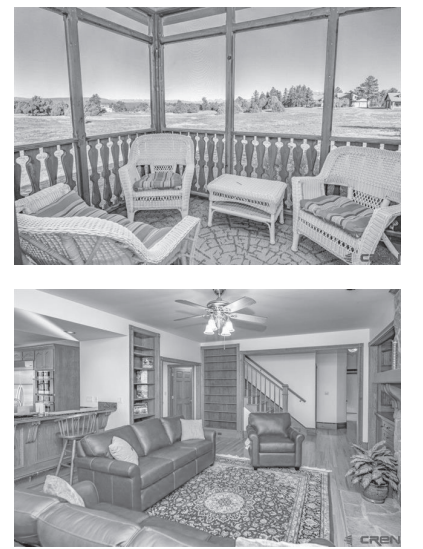
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# Business

## Grant opportunities for businesses, future road construction discussed at Main Street meeting

By Monica Nigon  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Main Street Advisory Board held a community meeting on Aug. 23 to present ideas from two Colorado Main Street Program representatives, who had toured the town that afternoon.

Program Coordinator Gayle Langley from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and Main Street Architect Larry Lucas spoke of the benefits of the Colorado Main Street Program, which, according to Lucas, offers tax benefits and grants for historical restoration projects, scholarships, technical assistance, education and consulting services.

"We're collectively and collaboratively working alongside local government to make your community better," Langley said.

Langley noted that the Colorado Main Street Program "covers 25 rural communities only across the state," of which Pagosa Springs is one.

She added the Main Street Program offers mini grants to rural communities.

"You guys get \$8,000 in an im-

provement in your downtown," Langley said.

Lucas described benefits to utilizing funds for historical revitalization projects and facade improvements.

"Facade improvements [funded by Colorado Main Street grants] saw a 20 percent increase in sales," Lucas said. "Forty-eight percent saw some increase in sales, and 45 percent saw a more than 15 percent increase."

Board chair Rick Holter noted they're working on \$2,000 facade improvement grants.

"Our priorities are to activate the main street experience," Holter said. "We use the word 'amplify' a lot ... We really want to move and connect people, work on making the town more walkable. ... We want to connect the river, which runs through us, to the road."

He added the Pagosa Springs Main Street program is focused on supporting businesses during the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) rebuild from 8th Street to the San Juan River.

Holter noted applications for the facade improvement grants can be found at [mypagosa.org](http://mypagosa.org)

and are due on Sept. 5 so that the projects could be done by the end of the year.

"This is an exciting opportunity to get up to \$2,000 to improve the facades of buildings anywhere in that main street area," he explained.

Emily Lashbrooke, executive director of the Community Development Corporation (PSCDC, which houses the Pagosa Springs Main Street program), added that businesses can supplement their \$2,000 grant with microloans from the PSCDC at a 5 percent interest rate.

She added, "The CDC also has a microloan fund ... It's a 5 percent interest and I can stretch it out as long as you need it. If it needs to be a year, I can do that. ... Let's start small; see what you can get done with \$2,000, and know you can apply for the CDC loan."

Lashbrooke explained that the microloans are "reimbursement grants."

"Your money gets turned around right away," she said. "You show me a receipt and you get that money right back."

Some representatives from main street businesses expressed con-

cern about a loss of business due to the CDOT reconstruction project through the downtown that's set to begin next year.

Lashbrooke said the PSCDC and Main Street board are working on a "Cone Zone Survival Kit."

She added that CDOT is going to go about its project "one block at a time."

Lashbrooke suggested main street businesses apply for Business Interruption Insurance.

"Apply for it now," she said. "Something like this comes along and you're closed for a week, you can activate that insurance and your costs will be covered ... It doesn't make you money, but it will cover your costs."

She added, "We want to help you, if we need to build a bridge to go over main street to get to your business, we're the people that are going to do it. The Main Street Program and the Main Street Advisory Board is committed to helping every single business survive this massive reconstruction project over the next two years. We're not going to lose a one of you. Not a one."

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## Proposed Put Hill Overlay District set aside

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

At a Pagosa Springs Town Council work session on Aug. 24, staff from the Community Development Department recommended that the proposed Put Hill Overlay District be removed from consideration as part of the updated Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

This recommendation comes in the wake of strong opposition to the proposed regulations by property owners who voiced their concerns about the proposed new overlay district at the last Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting.

Property owners argued that the town's effort to preserve mature ponderosa pine trees along the U.S. 160 highway corridor — which was the main intent of the new code — would amount to an infringement on their private property rights.

Owners expressed worry that the new regulations would amount to a "taking" of property without proper compensation because the new code would limit what a property owner can and cannot do on certain sections of their property.

Some also expressed concern that the new code would shrink the amount of developable land and would, therefore, devalue the properties along the corridor.

Faced with such pushback, both Community Development Director James Dickhoff and Senior Planner Karl Onsager suggested that continuing to consider the new overlay district as part of the larger process of amending the LUDC could stall and threaten the process.

Onsager said, "This seems like something that would derail and put risk on the entire [LUDC] adoption process," with Dickhoff adding that the town shouldn't "hold up" the adoption of the amended LUDC "just for the Put Hill Overlay District."

When Dickhoff and Onsager brought the issue before the council, they continued to push for taking the Put Hill Overlay out of the LUDC discussions and revisit it at a later date.

Council member Mat deGraaf stated he wondered if removing the new overlay district language would put the trees along the corridor at risk.

"Would we still have the language in the LUDC, without that Put Hill Overlay update, that will still allow for the preservation of the trees that we're looking to hang on to?" he asked.

Dickhoff answered that, "to a certain degree," the town can still refer to the language and vision previously adopted by the Comprehensive Plan of 2018.

The Comprehensive Plan was adopted through a community process with input from both private and public entities, and it sketches out a vision for guidelines

on growth and development for the Pagosa Springs community.

The LUDC states that the Comprehensive Plan "shall serve as a guide for all future Council action concerning land use and development. Future land use and development may vary from the terms of the Comprehensive Plan only for good cause shown."

Dickhoff said that within the LUDC and Comprehensive Plan, there are "sensitive-area protections in place for tree preservation" and that, in some cases, tree cutting is illegal without a permit, "so we don't have clear-cutting going on."

He added that while the new overlay district would help codify this language about tree preservation in a specific zone, he did not want the proposed new district to create a "hiccup" that could derail the LUDC amendment discussions.

But, he suggested, he did want the council to be aware that he had discussed the legality of the new code language with Town Attorney Bob Cole, saying that Cole found no merit in the argument presented by property owners that the new regulations would amount to a "taking" or "a restriction of the property to its whole development potential."

"It's not considered 'a taking' in our attorney's view," he said, reminding the council that the decision to keep or remove the Put Hill Overlay District would rest entirely

with it.

He added that he just wanted the council to have all the information before making a decision on the matter, but that he didn't want the issue "to hold up adoption" of the LUDC if the council thinks it's too controversial at the moment.

Mayor Shari Pierce suggested that, after talking with property owners and both Dickhoff and Onsager, she thought "it would be a really great thing to not include this right now."

"I mentioned to those property owners that perhaps once we get past this development code [update], then we could have a sit down conversation with them about what they envision up there and what their concerns are," she said.

She added, "If we end up doing an overlay in the future, we can add that later. It doesn't need to be now and it doesn't need to hold up the land use code. We've been working on this a long time and I'd like to get it over the finish line."

Dickhoff noted that his department could "rely on other provisions in the Comp Plan" to achieve some of the proposed district's goals in this "sensitive area."

Pierce added that one of the goals of the LUDC update is "simplifying" the language in the code, saying that the new overlay district is unnecessary right now, because

"I don't believe it simplifies the code."

She said that the overlay district "could still become part of" the LUDC at a later date.

Council member Madeline Bergon suggested that the language in the new overlay district "didn't just come out of left field."

It's in the Comprehensive Plan, which "was a very involved public process a few years ago," she said.

She added that she was "comfortable not including" the Put Hill Overlay "in this iteration of the LUDC," but that she wanted to say that "I'm sorry [to staff] that any of the feedback that you guys received from public comment was less than courteous."

Council member Brooks Lindner suggested that the overlay district "was a really good effort to preserve something that makes Pagosa unique and beautiful, so I wish that we were going through with it, but I understand ... the desire to get it ■ See District A15

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# Colo. 151 emergency culvert replacement project begins

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Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) maintenance crews observed heavy run-off from snowmelt carrying high volumes of water both around and through two 12-foot-in-diameter culverts located under Colo. 151, 10 miles north of Arboles.

Emergency culvert replacement work began on Colo. 151 Wednesday. Work is expected to be completed in late November. This emergency repair project will take place on a section of highway 5 miles south of the U.S. 160 junction near Chimney Rock National Monument at mile point 28.

Work will include the installation of two new concrete box culverts, rebuilding and resurfacing of the roadway and re-establishing proper water drainage in the area. Construction crews will utilize shoulder closures, single-lane closures and temporary signals. Earlier this spring, CDOT was

alerted of erosion issues on the shoulder of the highway caused by heavy spring run-off in Stollsteimer Creek. The repair work is critical to ensure a safe roadway and proper water drainage system to prevent future erosion.

## Traffic impacts

Beginning Aug. 30, motorists will encounter road work south of the Colo. 151 and U.S. 160 junction. Traffic impacts will include:

- Working hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday (some weekend work may occur).
- Motorists will encounter single-lane closures and shoulder closures near mile point 28.
- Motorists will be guided by temporary traffic light signals.

Motorists should plan for delays and one-lane alternating traffic on Colo. 151 between Arboles and Chimney Rock National Monument, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

**On April 11, Colorado Department of Transportation maintenance crews observed heavy spring run-off carrying high volumes of water both around and through two diameter culverts that were 12 feet in diameter located under Colo. 151, 10 miles north of Arboles. Permanent repairs will now be performed to replace the corrugated metal culverts with two concrete box culverts.**



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# Get your tickets for multiple Chamber events

By **Mary Jo Coulehan**  
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The Pagosa Springs Adventure Raffle is in full swing and now tickets are available on the Chamber's website.

The annual raffle has some modifications this year. Most important is that the raffle will continue until Dec. 16, and the winners will be drawn at the Old Fashion Christmas event at 6 p.m. at the Visitor Center. You do not need to be present to win. Along with purchasing your tickets online, you can purchase tickets in person at the Chamber offices Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will also be at upcoming events such as ColorFest and other community events.

Also new this year are the prizes that will be offered. While the Polaris RZR will not be up for raffle, you now have five chances to win a myriad of prizes. The first-place prize is a Kona 130 mountain e-bike, which is a stunner of a bike.

Second place is an Alpaca raft, Mule version, which is geared toward the hunters and fishers, with paddles, pump and two are-guided fishing trips. Other prizes include two chances to win five unrestricted ski passes combined with a year soaking pass. And not to be outdone, there will also be a \$1,000 shopping spree. These fabulous prizes would suit any outdoor person.

Tickets are only one ticket for \$5, three tickets for \$10 or seven tickets for \$20. Don't miss your chance to get entered into the drawing for these fabulous prizes. The Chamber holds this event every year to promote our community and help our organization, which receives no government funding or grants. We are funded through Chamber membership and the community events we produce including ColorFest, the Car Show, the Park to Park Artisan Market and WinterFest.

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## ColorFest tickets

While we have already sold out of the VIP tickets for the Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival on Sept. 15, we still have a few general admission tickets available to this event. We also have tickets for the Bands and Brews event on Sept. 16. You may purchase a beer-tasting ticket, which allows you a beer-tasting collectible glass and access to our wonderful breweries, or a general admission ticket. A general admission ticket allows you entrance to the event, the opportunity to listen to the music, and wine by the glass will be sold.

The entertainment this year at all the events is spectacular. On Sept. 15, Pagosa's own Bob Hemenger will work his musical magic. On Sept. 16, we welcome The Bobby Miller band from Denver and headlining will be Garrett LeBeau from Austin. From rock and roll to blues and funk, the music is certainly an added attraction to all

the weekend's events.

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com). Click on the ColorFest graphic and that will take you to the ticketing page.

If you are inclined to volunteer, we still have spaces available at both events. From selling merchandise and raffle tickets to registration or serving food or other beverages, we have a space for you. Benefits include attending the event and other perks. You can sign up to volunteer through the same website link as the ticketing page; just click on the Volunteer Sign-up link instead.

This popular community event is quickly approaching as we feel the cooler weather greeting us in the mornings and more temperate temperatures holding throughout the day. We thank all our businesses that are already participating in hosting our hot air balloon pilots, brewers and visitors. We look forward to a great weekend as we say, "Oh, the Colors You'll See."

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# District

Continued from A14 [the LUDC update] done and not have any further delays."

Bergon added that the proposed overlay district could serve as a "foundation" to "go back to those property owners and say, 'Hey, where can we compromise?' ... Let's continue those discussions with those property owners and not just let this go belly-up."

Pierce asked, "So, we are good with holding off on this for now?"

A binding decision cannot be made at a work session, but there seemed to be general agreement to table the Put Hill Overlay as part of the current LUDC update

process.

Onsager said, "Thank you for that direction, council."

Staff continues to synthesize public comment and will prepare the LUDC document for final formatting, revisions and legal review, with a public hearing tentatively

planned for the Sept. 26 planning commission meeting.

A first reading is scheduled to come before town council at its Oct. 19 meeting, according to a staff presentation at the work session meeting.

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Good luck, Pirates!

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# Sports

## Soccer



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Jose Garcia slides into the ball to score a goal during the team's Aug. 26 home game against the Lamar Thunder. The goal was scored off a kick from Milo Deitemeyer and was the Pirates' only goal in their 2-1 loss to Lamar.

## Pirates fall 2-1 to Lamar in 'brilliant' game

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team was narrowly defeated in a 2-1 loss to the Lamar Thunder at home on Aug. 26.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason commented, "They played really good. I was really happy with the team, the effort they put in. We defended like a pack of wolves. Anytime that ball got into our end of the field, it was all hands on deck and you gotta give them a lot of credit."

He stated that the Pirates midfield and defense "just came alive," adding that the team worked on tightening its defensive play over

the previous week.

"It was a brilliant, brilliant game and you gotta hand it to 'em," Kurt-Mason said, noting that the team only had 11 players for the game and highlighting the difficulty of playing at a fast pace for the entire game with no substitutes.

He stated that the Thunder had eight "really good" senior players, adding, "but we held them and that was great."

Kurt-Mason noted that the team's passing and possession showed improvement in the game, with notable progress in gaining possession of the ball after it had gone through the air.

He indicated that goalkeeper Christopher Young-Martinez had 16

saves in the game, including many from "point-blank range," and that his ball distribution and clearing was also consistently good.

"He's just grown into a super goalie," the coach said.

He also highlighted Milo Deitemeyer's defensive play and commented that "everybody had probably one of their best games. Everybody came together and did the right thing."

Lamar scored the first goal of the game at the 29 minute mark, leaving the score 1-0 at halftime.

The Pirates evened the score three minutes into the second half on a goal by Jose Garcia assisted by Deitemeyer.

"It was from about 40 yards out," Kurt-Mason explained. "Milo took a nice kick, just dropped it right into the spot it needed to go into at the far post and Jose finished, kind of slid into the ball."

Kurt-Mason noted that Pirate freshman Ryder King came close to scoring another goal in the second half.

He commented that King played "beyond his years," adding, "He is just huge on the field. He's got great vision and speed, and he has great footwork and can kick with both feet, and that was amazing that he got that close and had a near miss."

The Thunder sealed their victory with a final goal with five seconds remaining on the clock, leaving the final score 2-1.

Kurt-Mason noted that the team

was in a "position to win" in the game, adding "I think, if we can keep at least 11 players we're going to do this from now on — be in a position to win."

Kurt-Mason added that, for the match against Lamar, "I had one of the best teams defensively that I've had in years."

He explained that the team is expecting to have two additional players — Gavin Carter and Jacob Castaneda — which will add talent to the team and allow the team to substitute players during games.

Following a week of no games, the Pirates will return to play the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Sept. 8 at 4 p.m. in Cortez followed by a match against the Aztec, N.M., Tigers on Sept. 9 at home in Golden Peaks Stadium at 11 a.m.

### Correction

The Aug. 24 article "Pirates outnumbered in season-opening losses" incorrectly stated that the team had four freshmen, three sophomores, two juniors and two seniors at the games on Aug. 18 and Aug. 19. The team had five freshmen, three sophomores, two juniors and one senior.

The SUN regrets the error.  
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### RECREATION NEWS

## Recreation basketball registration now open

By Matt Zaborowski  
Town of Pagosa Springs  
Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department is now accepting basketball registrations for 7- to 8-year-olds.

The registration fee will be \$40 for the first child and \$20 for the second child. The deadline to register will be Sept. 23. On-

line registration will be available through our town website by clicking on the Parks and Rec tab on the main page or stop by the Ross Aragon Community Center to fill out a form. Practice will begin Oct. 10 and games will end in late November.

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## GOLF

# Smith logs 'phenomenal' day, ties for seventh at Montrose tournament

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team finished 15th at the 19-team Montrose Red Hawk League Tournament on Aug. 24, with the tournament being the first time any of the golfers had set foot on the course at Cobble Creek Golf Community.

The Pirates were led on the day by Johnathon Smith, who tied for seventh out of 97 golfers with a 74 on the par-72 course.

Smith shot birdies on seven holes and par on five.

"Johnathon played some phenomenal golf," Faber said, adding he just had a few holes that tripped him up a little bit.

The top five finishers on the day shot under par, with three of the top five being from Montrose. The top score on the day was a 63.

The rest of the team, the coach indicated, played as they have all year.

Keaton Robel finished in a

nine-way tie for 59th with a score of 91.

His effort included shooting par on seven holes.

Isabel Galloway finished tied for 83rd with a score of 100, and Cedar Liverett finished tied for 85th with a 102.

Faber noted it likely hurt all of the Pirates to be on the course for the first time.

"There's no doubt that made a difference," he said.

Following play in Montrose, the Pirates were set to return to more familiar greens.

Wednesday, the Pirates played at Hillcrest Golf Club in Durango. Results were not available by press time and will be included in the Sept. 7 issue of The SUN.

Thursday, Aug. 31, the team will be in Cortez for a 1 p.m. affair at Conquistador Golf Course.

"They're working hard," Faber said, adding, "I expect it to get better ... soon. I really appreciate the effort they're putting in."

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Photo courtesy Mark Faber  
Pagosa's Johnathon Smith makes a birdie putt on the course in Montrose on Aug. 24. Smith shot two over par on the day to finish tied for seventh.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

# Pirate teams take first, second at Ignacio meet

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams opened their season in Ignacio at the Ignati-

tus XC Invitational on Aug. 25, with the boys' team taking first place and the girls' team taking second.

Coach Rachael Christiansen comments in her newsletter that Ignacio course was new for the

team this season and adds, "While the course had some challenging hills, especially on the back half, our runners did a great job pushing themselves."

The boys' team took first place

out of the four full teams competing, scoring 21 points across four scoring runners. Its nearest competitor was Ignacio with 25 points.

Pirate Miles Baker finished third out of 33 runners with a time of 19 minutes, 51.30 seconds.

Christiansen comments on Baker, "He was a quarter of a second behind 2nd place and learned a few things while racing out there. We know that personal record (PR) won't last long."

Pirate harrier Levi Hinger finished 24th with a time of 24 minutes, 17.50 seconds.



Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

Pirate Dylan Dempster races ahead of the competition during the Ignatius XC Invitational in Ignacio on Aug. 25. The boys' team took first in the meet overall, with Dempster placing 24th with a time of 24 minutes, 17.50 seconds.



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# Cross country

## Continued from A18

ished fifth with a time of 20:57.41, while Connor Thomas took sixth with a time of 21:09.15 and Jesse Beck took seventh with a time of 21:09.66.

Pirate Peyton Jackson finished 13th with a time of 21:51.98.

The coach comments, “This was Connor’s first official 5k as well and he looked great throughout, setting a new PR that likely won’t make it past Joe Vigil. Finishing less than a minute later was Peyton, who also ran his first 5k and got a new PR too! (Lots of first cross country racing this week).”

Pagosa runner Dylan Dempster took 24th with a time of 24:17.50 and Pirate Isaac Hanto took 25th with a time of 24:37.29.

Christiansen notes that, as a freshman, this was Hanto’s first race and thus set his current PR.

Pirate runner Asher Kurz placed 30th with a time of 28:29.22 and Pagosa harrier JC Allen finished 31st with a time of 29:16.27.

The coach notes that both Kurz and Allen set new PRs, with Allen beating his previous record by more than nine minutes.

She also highlights the team’s first-place finish and comments, “Our pack of Levi, Jesse, and Connor is a great thing to have in cross country racing, and we will be working on getting the other boys up with them as their fitness continues to build.”

The girls’ team took second out of two full teams at the meet, scoring 23 points to place them behind Telluride, which scored 13 points.

Pirate freshman Kaiya Lyons completed the race in 26:14.71 to take third place out of 20 runners and set a new PR in what Christiansen describes as a “standout” race.

Pagosa runner Hailey Sams took eighth with a time of 27:38.97 and Marie Smith took ninth with a time

of 27:59.89 while Madisen Stretton took 10th with a time of 28:04 and Lucy Taylor took 11th with a time of 28:39.08.

Christiansen notes that this was Stretton’s first 5k race and adds, “she has also set her 5k PR which will also not be around for long, as she will crush our next flat, fast course.”

Johanna Beard took 20th place with a time of 39:07.15.

Christiansen comments that Beard put in a “solid effort and looked strong at the finish!”

She states that the race was a “good showing” for the girls’ team overall and adds, “Looking towards the future races with these ladies, I think we have the right pieces and just need to continue putting in the tough work during the week to get faster. When adding in a few more runners who weren’t able to be there this race, (Sienna Rose and Charlotte Durantan) I think we have a team to look out for!”

Following a week with no races, the cross-country teams will return to competition at Joe I. Vigil High School XC Invitational in Alamosa on Sept. 9.

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Respectfully submitted this 31st day of July, 2023.  
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Regarding: Subdivision: Chris Mtn Village 2 Lot: 15-16 CMV 2 Dec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W  
 Also known as: 469 Sam Houston Ave, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
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 Defendants, 982 INVESTMENTS LLC  
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**Sheriff Sale 2023-17**  
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**COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM**  
**Sheriff Sale 2023-18**  
 Regarding: Sheriff Sale of Real Property under Decree of Foreclosure, pursuant to Court Order and C.R.S. §38-38-101 et seq., County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:

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**Sheriff Sale 2023-19**  
 Regarding: Sheriff Sale of Real Property under Decree of Foreclosure, pursuant to Court Order and C.R.S. §38-38-101 et seq., County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:

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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
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 109 Harman Park Dr.  
 PO Box 148  
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
 No. 9487  
 Account Number: R010316  
 Schedule Number: 56991943009  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00592  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County.  
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2007;  
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of MEADPROP UNITS, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY for said year 2007;  
 That on the 18th day of May 2023, said Archuleta County assigned said certificate of purchase to CASITA MONTANA ASSETS LLC;  
 That said CASITA MONTANA ASSETS LLC on the 17th day of July 2023, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer’s Deed will be issued for said property to CASITA MONTANA ASSETS LLC on the 27th day of December 2023, unless the same has been redeemed;  
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer’s Deed.  
 Witness my hand this 15th day of August 2023  
 /s/ Elsa P White  
 Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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 Also known as: 449 Sam Houston Ave, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff’s Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Sheriff’s Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 9 a.m., on the 4th day of October 2023, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8434. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.  
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**Sheriff Sale 2023-15**  
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Jack Hittle races in the hail and rain in Leadville.

Photo courtesy DUST2

## DUST2 kicks off season in Leadville with 18 racers

By Janine Emmets  
DUST2

The DUST2 Pagosa Springs Mountain Bike Team attended its first race of the season in Leadville last weekend with 18 racers representing Pagosa Springs.

The Cloud City Challenge course consists of high-altitude single track, double track and dirt road, weaving through the land around Colorado Mountain College. Each lap is 6.2 miles with 620 feet of elevation gain.

The weather wasn't optimal for race day, but the team showed some real grit and determination despite conditions. There were intermittent thunderstorms all

afternoon with some intense hailstorms mixed in and multiple races got delayed or shortened.

The first race of the day was Sophomore Boys, racing two laps. Brady Ziminsky placed 40th out of 73 racers with a time of 1:15:47. Weston Phillips placed 73rd due to a cracked wheel rim in the first half of the race and he had to be pulled after the first lap.

The Varsity Boys were next, with Bradley Lamoreaux placing 16th out of 36 racers with a time of 1:29:45 for three laps. We're excited to see Lamoreaux race his senior year. He is so strong and so consistent.

Senior Jack Hittle was next in the JV Boys category. While Hittle

was standing in the start chute, it started pouring rain and hailing. Midway through his second lap, there was lightning in the vicinity so they pulled all the racers off course and scored them on the time of their first lap. It was disappointing as Hittle usually ramps up on his second lap. He placed 63rd out of 97 racers with a time of 35:25 for one lap.

Following the JV Boys were the JV Girls. We have three girls in this category this year. The JV Girls were only allowed to go to Marshal Point 5, less than halfway through the first lap, before getting pulled off the course due to weather conditions and lightning. They were placed based on their ranking at

the Marshal Point. Junior Rylie Carr placed fifth, senior Natalie Mashue placed eighth, and senior Hadley Phillips placed 11th out of 30 racers.

After the JV Girls were the Sophomore Girls, but they were pulled off course as well. They were able to start them again later, after the freshmen raced, so they could score them, but were only given a one-lap race. Kaylee Hensle placed 11th out of 16 racers with a time of 47:33.

After being delayed an extra 30 minutes, the Freshman Boys and Girls were next. We have our largest class of freshmen this year, with 10 of them racing this past weekend. They raced a one-lap time-trial-style race with four racers going off every 30 seconds instead of a mass start. They raced in a downpour and hailstorm as the temperature dropped into the 40s. Every rider came back covered in mud and soaked, but all with a smile on their faces.

In the boys' category, Eric Smith placed 16th with a time of 35:51, Jackson Chaney placed 18th with a time of 36:30, Justin Sewell placed 34th with a time of 39:05, Van Halterman placed 37th with a time of 39:43, Heath Leentjes placed 40th with a time of 40:44, Aaron Sowle placed 42nd with a time of 40:53 and Wyatt Carr placed 52nd out of 70 racers with a time of 42:22.

The Freshman Girls were next, and we had three girls competing in this category. Adelyn Hittle placed third with a time of 38:47, Sophia Alexander placed fourth with a time of 39:00 and Kenli Bush placed 19th out of 23 racers with a time of 49:08.

Despite weather conditions, our team took second overall in our division with 4,428 points. All of our racers did their best and we're extremely proud of all of our racers. They are already looking forward to racing the Spring Valley Scramble in Glenwood Springs in two weeks.



Bradley Lamoreaux on the course at the Cloud City Challenge in Leadville.

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## FOOTBALL

# Pirates sail to victory in season opener against Centauri Falcons

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team opened its season with a win over the Centauri Falcons Friday, Aug. 25.

The Pirates logged the 20-16 win on their home field at Golden Peaks Stadium.

"I thought the kids ... played well," coach Nathan Morales said, adding, "We were flying around the field making plays and we had a couple guys come up with some big plays for us, ran the ball hard, threw the ball well, so it was a good team win and we look to just keep building off of last week. We need to take care of the ball better, but for the most part it was a good team win — special teams, offense and defense."

The Pirates picked up their first touchdown of the night in the first quarter when Gavin Lindahl scored on a 3-yard run with 4:31 left in the quarter. Elijah Castro's kick was successful, putting the Pirates up 7-0.

Centauri evened the score with 11:28 left in the second quarter on a 6-yard run. The Pirates reclaimed the lead before the half with a 7-yard touchdown run by Lindahl and another successful extra-point attempt by Castro.

Centauri again evened the score in the third on a 22-yard pass with 8:49 left, but, with 4:13 left in the third, Centauri's attempted pass connected with Pagosa's Harley Armijo, who ran the interception for 18 yards and a Pirate touchdown. Pagosa missed the extra-point attempt, leaving the Pirates with a 20-14 lead.

The final points of the game came with 30 seconds left when Centauri logged a safety to make the game 20-16.

Lindahl logged 129 total yards on the night on 30 carries, with Seth Aucoin recording 51, Jayden Martin having 48 on kick receptions, Armijo logging 36 and Creede Dozier logging 7 yards on 10 carries.

"On defense, ... they were gettin' to the football fast, they were playing fast. I thought we got off the ball well on defense," the coach noted.

The team had 59 total tackles, including 39 solo tackles, led by Armijo's 10, which included seven solo tackles, and Connor Kelly's nine, which included eight solo tackles.

"It took everybody doing their job," Morales said of the win, "and I think the more and more we have that and whatnot, the better we'll be."

He noted the team will continue to build off what it did well and what it needs to improve upon before its next game.

"We know internally what we need to work on, and we're going to do those things," the coach said.

The Pirates' season will continue Saturday, when the team will take on the La Junta Tigers at 2 p.m. in La Junta.

"It's nice, especially early in the season, being able to get that extra day within your first couple games," Morales said of having an extra day of practice due to the week's game being on Saturday.

Morales noted that no one on the team has ever played in La Junta previously.

"We just look forward to going and competing," he said, adding the Pirates are excited and working their tails off this week to get better.

The Tigers are 1-0 on the season. They defeated Burlington 42-0 in their first game.

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Pagosa's Gavin Lindahl works to push through a defender during the team's season opener against the Centauri Falcons. The Pirates won 20-16 and will now travel to La Junta for a Saturday afternoon affair.

## VOLLEYBALL

# Pirates fall to Durango in close matchup

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team opened its season with a 3-2 loss to the 4A Durango Demons.

But, despite the night ending up in the win column, the matchup was "amazing," according to coach Katie Lorenzen.

"I told the girls in the locker room I was just so proud of the energy that they brought against ... a very good and a tall team. The fight that we had right up until the very end I think was — it was just amazing, it got our crowd involved," Lorenzen said following the game, adding, "To go five with Durango is quite a feat, I think."

The Lady Pirates dropped the first set 25-16 before rebounding to win the second 27-25. Durango won the third set 25-19. Pagosa took the fourth set 25-22 before Durango claimed the win with a 15-5 final set.

"I've been telling the girls that our defensive energy and hustle and tenacity and mindset was just going to change our level of play for this season ... and it clearly showed last night what exactly it can do," Lorenzen said the next day.

The coach highlighted the play of Aspen Pitcher, who had a double-double in the matchup.

"Aspen Pitcher just really had a stellar game leading — leading the team in kills, leading the teams in digs," Lorenzen said.

Pitcher had 12 kills and 22 digs. She was the only player with double-digit kills, with Jordan Lindstrom and Kynsle Limebrook following with six each. The team had 32 total kills.

Lorenzen noted Pitcher "also passed super well. She passed a 2.0 and our goal was for the team to pass above a 2, which we did."

Pitcher took more than double the amount of attempts on the ball than anyone else with 56, taking one-third of the team's 158 swings, according to the coach.

"We were relying upon her very heavily and it was a long match for that. And she was definitely exhausted, but she just kept going and really carried us offensively."

Lorenzen indicated the team's passing and defense were strong on the night.

"Our passing was incredible last night," she said Friday. "It definitely made it a whole lot easier for our



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Aspen Pitcher goes up for a kill against the Durango Demons on Aug. 24. Pitcher had 12 kills, two serving aces, three blocks and 22 digs in the matchup.

offense to stay in the game. Our defense was also incredible yesterday. We had 74 digs as a team, and we were just picking so much up from Durango."

In addition to Pitcher, Lauren Monterroso also had double-digit digs with 19 and Grace Walker picked up 13, with Lorenzen noting the two were "incredible."

Lorenzen noted Walker is playing middle back defense right now and "just crushing it."

The team averaged 14.8 digs per set, which the coach explained is "pretty great" and exceeded the team's goal of 10.

Monterroso led the team in serve receptions with 37 and had the highest passing numbers on

the team.

Annie O'Donnell logged 25 of the team's 27 assists, with Monterroso logging two. Limebrook led the team with four of its six serving aces. Pitcher recorded the other two.

But, Lorenzen also indicated there's more to work on.

"It's incredible that we went to five with a very good Durango team when we hit almost zero. We hit just barely above zero with a .006 hitting percentage," the coach said.

She pointed out the team had only six serving aces and missed 21 serves.

"So, that's not a good statistic, yet we were still in the game, and if we drop those service errors

down considerably, then that game could have been different — and Durango is a very, very good team," she said.

Lorenzen noted the Demons are a very well-coached team from a bigger school that went to state last year, with the Demons not losing many from last year's squad.

Pagosa, she noted, had three new starters and new people on the court.

"It was really incredible to see how much the defensive energy really brought up the level of play for our entire team," she said.

That energy, she noted, along with keeping balls in play, led to rallies and forced Durango to make mistakes.

Lorenzen also indicated the team will work on quicker reactions on plays that don't follow the typical format of dig, set, hit before its next game, explaining the team needs to work on "those things where we just need to be a little more aware of where the lines are 100 percent of the time, what's happening. We need to listen to each other, trust each other."

The team also still has a long way to go with blocking, she noted. The Lady Pirates had seven total blocks against Durango.

The Lady Pirates will welcome the 2A Dolores Bears to town for a 6 p.m. matchup.

The Bears are 0-2 on the season. randi@pagosasun.com



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# Hats off to Habitat ladies' luncheon set for Saturday

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The ladies-only event is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center. With this larger space, we have more than doubled our capacity compared to last year, so grab your best gals and let's raise some money for workforce homeownership in our community.

All the funds raised at this event stay in Archuleta County.

Tickets are sold in advance only at [www.HatsOfftoHabitat.EventBrite.com](http://www.HatsOfftoHabitat.EventBrite.com) or via the link on our website: [www.Habitatarchuleta.org](http://www.Habitatarchuleta.org). For \$350, purchase a table of eight for you and some friends, or purchase individual seats for \$60 apiece.

The event is fiesta themed, so wear your brightest colors, biggest skirt and your finest cowgirl boots. Entertainment this year will come in a variety of packages and there will be live music from Los Mitotitos and a catered lunch from a local Mexican restaurant. All food and drink is included in the ticket price, thanks to our generous sponsors.

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Cash, check and credit cards will be accepted for the silent auction at the event. Only credit card payments are accepted to purchase tickets. All proceeds go directly to Habitat Archuleta.

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**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.

### Wednesday

**The Den:** Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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# San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club monthly meeting Sept. 7

By Joan Mieritz  
San Juan Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers welcome members, new members and guests at all our meetings.

The Stargazers will hold their regular monthly educational meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Use the parking lot and enter at the door right off the parking area. (We leave the front doors locked.)

There is a social hour starting at 6 p.m. with coffee, tea and treats. You can bring something to share if you would like. This evening we will have a special cake to honor Veronica Johnson, who will be leaving Pagosa. She has been a Stargazer and worked at many Night Sky Programs. If you know her, you are welcome to join us in recognizing her at our meeting. She will be greatly missed by so many and we want to thank her for her dedication and responsibility, which is how she lives her life.

At 6:15 p.m., there will be a brief officers' meeting. Then, at 6:30 p.m., we will divide into committees such as: telescope, hospitality, new members, education, technology and club perks. Our purpose is to make sure people know what team they are on and what part they can play to be an active member of our club. If you did not select a committee or team on your membership form, you can pick one at the meeting. You can be on more than one.

At 7 p.m., Dena Laterza, our communication secretary, will present the results of the survey that members took in the early summer. With the technology work that she is doing, we are becoming better organized and better at communicating. We want the San Juan Stargazers to be the best club possible. We appreciate all the work, creative ideas and patience Laterza has shown in bringing us technologically up to date.

At 7:45 p.m., we will have the

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educational part of our program prepared by Ann Marie Kemp. For the past year, we have been studying our solar system which we will complete in September or possibly the next month. The theme of this lesson is comets, the Kuiper Belt and the Oort Cloud. We will be looking at what lies at the edge of our solar system. What you will

learn is so amazing. This is one of the lessons that leaves us with a sense of wonder.

There are some recent changes that need to be mentioned. Some of you heard that Steve McAlister was to be our guest speaker at the meeting and later do a telescope workshop, but aging parents had

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By **Jacque Aragon**  
Mountain Chile Cha Cha

Come to the Mountain Chile Cha Cha and celebrate the annual green chile harvest at the Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic in the charming town of Pagosa Springs.

This exciting cook-off features approximately 50 participants, both amateurs and professionals, who compete for cash prizes, trophies and coveted bragging rights with their signature green chile creations. You'll have the opportunity to taste a wide range of green chile, from the traditional to the experimental, and explore the diverse flavors and styles that make this pepper so beloved.

But that's not all — the Cha Cha also includes a fantastic lineup of activities and entertainment. You can enjoy the lively Spanish music

concert or participate in the 5K and 10K trail races, which offer

*You'll have the opportunity to taste a wide range of green chile, from the traditional to the experimental, and explore the diverse flavors and styles that make this pepper so beloved.*

stunning views of the surrounding mountains. If you're thirsty, head to

the Mexican beer garden and enjoy refreshing drinks with friends. And for those looking for a little friendly competition, take advantage of the margarita contest and variety of food vendors.

One of the highlights of this event is the opportunity to taste freshly roasted Hatch green chiles, which will be available for sale and roasted on-site. You can take home a bag of these delicious peppers and enjoy them in your cooking creations.

The Mountain Chile Cha Cha is a free event on Sept. 23 in the Town Park athletic field, rain or shine. Whether you're a local or a visitor, this is an event that you will want to attend. To enter chile into the cook-off, visit [ilovegreenchile.com](http://ilovegreenchile.com) and participate in this fantastic celebration of green chile and Pagosa Springs' Hispanic cultural heritage through local cuisine and music.

## Stargazers

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to take precedence. We hope he will offer his telescope expertise next summer. We will not be doing the September Night Sky Programs at Chimney Rock.

### Upcoming meeting, solar eclipse

In October we will have our regular monthly meeting on Oct. 5, but also mark your calendar for Oct. 14, when there will be an annular solar eclipse called "Ring of Fire," which will be wonderfully visible here, but you must use eclipse glasses, which will be available for purchase on Sept.

7. If you are not a member and want to purchase eclipse glasses, step in briefly at the September or October meetings using the parking lot door between 6 and 7 p.m. and look for someone near the door who will be selling them. It is an active part of the meeting, so you may not even be noticed. The morning of the eclipse, there will be a program at Chimney Rock National Monument. The price of the program includes a pair of solar glasses.

### More about the Stargazers

If you would like to join the

San Juan Stargazers, you will also receive Reflector Magazine which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25 per family. You can join the club at any of our events or now you can join using PayPal at our website: [sanjuanstargazers.org](http://sanjuanstargazers.org). Check out our recently improved website with much more information and fabulous pictures.

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The Community Choir will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, Sept. 12, for its Christmas concerts. The choir has been operating for more than 20 years.

## Community Choir to start rehearsals for 2023 Christmas Concerts

By Heidi Tanner  
Community Choir

The Community Choir in Pagosa Springs will begin rehearsals for our 2023 Christmas concerts on Tuesday, Sept. 12. Rehearsals are held in the band room at Pagosa Springs High School weekly on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Community Choir has been operating for more than 20 years, and the group's Christmas concerts are beloved by the community and are a landmark of Pagosa Springs Christmas festivities.

This year's concerts will be held on Dec. 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. and on Dec. 10 at 4 p.m.

If you enjoy singing, please join us. It is helpful, but not necessary, to read music to participate in the choir. Our music director, Dan Burch, is a wonderful vocal coach and we provide learning tracks which you can use to practice at home. Venita Burch, our accomplished accompanist, also assists in learning parts and we have plenty of rehearsals to help us prepare. I have sung with the Community Choir since 2008 and

one of the highlights for me is how enjoyable rehearsals are as it is so fun to sing with the group.

Registration for this year's season will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12. There is a registration fee of \$20 which is utilized for the purchase of new music and operating expenses of the choir. This year we are starting a new wardrobe policy and there will be some additional expense for the purchase or rental of our performance dress, but we will offer financial assistance for those who need it. Fees can be paid with cash or check.

Our theme for this season is the "Sounds of the Season," and Dan Burch has chosen some wonderful music for us to sing — Christmas favorites such as "The First Noel" and "O Come All Ye Faithful" along with some lesser-known and new pieces such as "Kneeling at the Manger."

Please come and lift your hearts with song to celebrate the Christmas season. We will look forward to welcoming you at registration on Tuesday, Sept. 12, starting at 6 p.m. in the band room of Pagosa Springs High School. Rehearsal will begin at 7 p.m. sharp.



# Artist Thank you!

STUDIO TOUR

The participating artists would like to offer a sincere thank you to all of the art lovers that participated in last weekend's studio tour.

Additionally, we would all like to thank the Pagosa Springs Tourism Board, Pagosa Spring Art Council, The Springs Resort, Two Old Crows Gallery, FABA, Bill & Rhonda Webb, Southwest Organization for Sustainability, Galles Properties, The Awing Source, Kmack Studios, Epstein Clayworks, Podd Re-creations, Disner Fine Art, and all of the individual sponsors without all of which the tour would not have been possible.

*Looking forward to doing it again next year!*



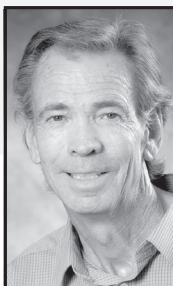


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The team of “We’re No Princesses” includes Nancy Haines, Cheryl Bowdridge, Gina Boaz, Diane Brown and Melissa Bailey. Hiding behind the trees could be another surprise to reveal at Runway for Rise event on Sept. 30.

## Fashion gala to help survivors of domestic violence

By Dee McPeck  
Rise Above Violence

The teams creating outfits to model for the new fashion gala Runway for Rise benefiting Rise Above Violence are planning some surprises for guests attending on Sept. 30.

Our master of ceremonies, Gus Palma, will showcase the models and their creations. Each team will donate an accessory which our auctioneer Darren Lewis will offer in a live auction. The money raised from these items will be added to team totals as they vie to win the Pagosa Prada Award.

Audience members will not be left out of the winner’s circle. Guests decked out in dressy, fashionista outfits, shoes and hats will take home the “Mountain Glam,” “Straight from Paris” and “Head and Toe” awards.

Be sure to continue voting online for your favorite teams. Each \$1 donation represents one vote. Teams know how the voting is progressing for their team, but not how their competition is doing. So, vote big and vote often at [riseaboveviolence.org](http://riseaboveviolence.org).

Don’t miss this evening of girly fun. Reserved seats are \$75 and general admission, \$50. Visit [riseaboveviolence.org](http://riseaboveviolence.org) to buy tickets. While you’re there, purchase a bottle of wine in the Online Runway Wine Pull.

Generous sponsors have covered the costs of this event. Your dollars will be used to help survivors of domestic and sexual violence seeking criminal or civil legal assistance. The legal system can be overwhelming and confusing. Rise helps navigate these systems so survivors better understand the

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# Preview Calendar

All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

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**ComFest.** 5:30-8:30 p.m., Town Park athletic field. A free outdoor concert featuring Dream Machine and Ragwater.

## Friday, Sept. 1

**Four Corners Folk Festival.** Reservoir Hill. Visit [www.ksutpresents.org](http://www.ksutpresents.org) for more information and tickets.

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**Pickleball.** 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

## Saturday, Sept. 2

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**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. This 13-week program provides support and encouragement after the death of a family member or loved one and offers biblical concepts for healing from grief. Contact Marie Rascoe at [marierascoe67@gmail.com](mailto:marierascoe67@gmail.com) for more information.

**DivorceCare.** 4-5:30 p.m. Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. This divorce recovery seminar and support group will meet at Centerpoint Church each Saturday. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "New Relationships," "Kid Care" and "Forgiveness." For more information, call Lorena Medina at (970) 731-2205 or email her at [loremedina0817@gmail.com](mailto:loremedina0817@gmail.com).

## Sunday, Sept. 3

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## Monday, Sept. 4

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**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

**Pagosa Duplicate Bridge.** 12:30 p.m. PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please

email names of the playing pair to [pagosaduplicate@gmail.com](mailto:pagosaduplicate@gmail.com) or text (970) 946-6454 for more information.

**Bridge.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

**Mahjong.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

**English as a Second Language.** 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Join the adventure.

**Conversational Spanish.** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required.

**Sketching at the Pinnacles.** 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This class is part art, part reflection, part nature study and a little bit of a visit to Chimney Rock National Monument – all rolled into one. On the fourth Tuesday of each month we'll explore watercolors and how those materials can capture the world around us at Chimney Rock. Materials will be provided to each participant. The fee is \$20 per person (age 8 and up) including all materials and is considered a nonrefundable donation. For more information or tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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## Wednesday, Sept. 6

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, South Yamaguchi Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an educational hour of reading, singing and free play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Pickleball.** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Community Center. Free beginner lessons. Reserve at [www.pagosapickleball.org](http://www.pagosapickleball.org).

**Pickleball.** 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Senior Conversations.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

**Remembering 9/11 Blood Drive.** 3-7 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1879 Majestic Drive. As part of the 9/11 Day of Service, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in conjunction with Vitalant, is hosting a blood drive. Blood banks at this time of year are in critical need of donors. Contact David Hamilton, [pagosahamilton@gmail.com](mailto:pagosahamilton@gmail.com) or (970) 799-4056, for more information.

**Pagosa Panhellenic Gathering.** 4-6 p.m., Alley House Grille. Women affiliated with a collegiate sorority are invited to attend a gathering of sisters. Call or text Sherry Spears at (940) 887-9208 or [sherrykay-spears@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sherrykay-spears@sbcglobal.net) with questions or to RSVP.

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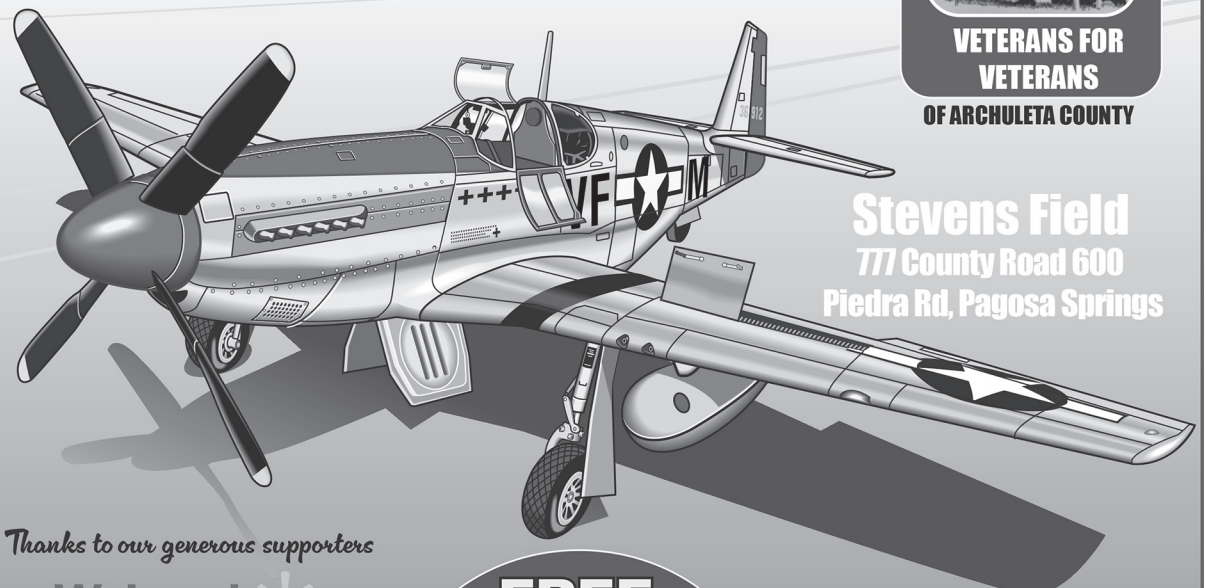
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**San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club Monthly Meeting.** 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The Stargazers will hold their regular monthly educational meeting. Use the parking lot and enter at the door right off the parking area. There is a social hour starting at 6 p.m. with coffee/tea and treats. You can bring something to share if you would like. At 7 p.m. there will be a presentation on a member survey and the education program will be at 7:45 p.m.

**San Juan Outdoor Club Monthly Meeting.** 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. David Lenderman, San Juan Outdoor Club member and active member of the Houston Underwater Photographic Society, will present "The Beauty and Challenges of Underwater Photography." The public is welcome to join. The meeting starts with a social half hour at 6 p.m. with light refreshments. For more information, please email [sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com).

**Friday, Sept. 8**

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**Read Baby Read.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For babies 0-18 months. Babies will love this interactive storytime with singing, bouncing and laughing while enjoying age-appropriate books and songs.

**Pickleball.** 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Free Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via Zoom at the Library. Contact us at (970) 264-2209 or [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org). Registration opens on the first day of each month. Space limited.

**Video Gaming.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Play age-appropriate video games on an Xbox, Wii, and various other game systems. We mostly feature team or active games.

**Saturday, Sept. 9**

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**Chess Club.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to play chess with quick lessons and game time or practice your skills. All ages and abilities are welcome.

**Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Senior Center dining room. Bring your scrapbooking projects or any crafting project you may want to work on with the group.

**Guided Great House Tour.** 10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Meet at 10 a.m., tour at 10:30 a.m. See ancient Puebloan structures built more than 1,000 years ago and hear the archaeological details that connect this civilization to the Chaco culture located 90 miles southwest of this spot. The tour is available by reservation for up to 10 people and walk-ins are allowed if room allows. Recommended for ages 5

and up. Tickets are \$12 (ages 13 and up) and \$5 (ages 5-12) plus a booking fee. The USFS daily use fee must be paid (or applicable federal pass used) since this program occurs during the monument's regular daily open hours. For more information or tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. This 13-week program provides support and encouragement after the death of a family member or loved one and offers biblical concepts for healing from grief. Contact Marie Rascoe at [marierascoe67@gmail.com](mailto:marierascoe67@gmail.com) for more information.

**Knitter's Circle.** 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join new or experienced knitters, get help with your project, or sit and knit.

**DivorceCare.** 4-5:30 p.m. Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. This divorce recovery seminar and support group will meet at Centerpoint Church each Saturday. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "New Relationships," "Kid Care" and "Forgiveness." For more information, call Lorena Medina at (970) 731-2205 or email her at [loremedina0817@gmail.com](mailto:loremedina0817@gmail.com).

**Sunday, Sept. 10**

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, South Yamaguchi Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

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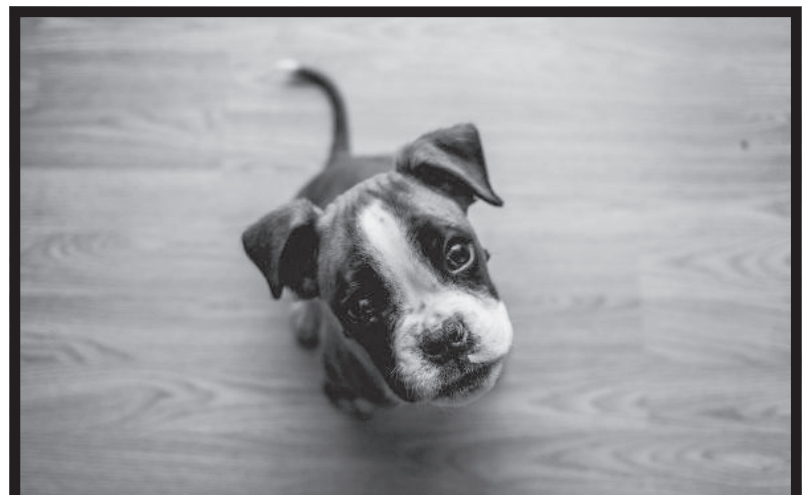
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# Online virtual author talks continue in September with three more free sessions

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Our highly popular virtual author talks continue in September with three more opportunities for you to interact with New York Times bestselling authors with an opportunity to ask questions.

Thursday, Sept. 7, at 5 p.m., we'll meet with Lidia Bastianich, Emmy award-winning TV host and author of the memoir "Life, Love, Family, and Food." She is an Italian-American celebrity chef, cookbook author and restaurant owner.

Wednesday, Sept. 20, at noon will feature New York University psychologist Adam Alter, author of "Anatomy of a Breakthrough: How To Get Unstuck When It Matters Most," a guide to freeing you from habits and relationships that prevent you from achieving your full potential.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. will showcase Amor Towles, author of three novels — "The Rules of Civility," "A Gentleman in Moscow" and "The Lincoln Highway." His first novel was so successful that he was able to retire from investment banking and write full-time.

For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

## Library closing

Your library will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, for Labor Day.

## Activities calendars

Pick up monthly events calendars at the library so you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your family.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact [Josie@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:Josie@pagosalibrary.org) to join.

## Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. No minimum skill level is needed. Note this group now meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

## Read Baby Read

The next free interactive storytime for babies up to 18 months takes place Friday Sept. 8, from 10 to 11 a.m., when we will sing, bounce and laugh as we enjoy age-appropriate books and songs.

## Video gaming

Play free age-appropriate video games on an Xbox, Wii and other game systems next Friday, Sept. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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### Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

### Writers support group

Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for opportunities, support, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

### ESL class times

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and there is a change in the way the time is divided: 4 to 5 p.m. is reserved for beginners, 5 to 6 p.m. for intermediate and 6 to 7 p.m. for advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

### Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provide assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources. No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions, but it is important that you bring your device's charger with you.

### PALS/GED adult education

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

### Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages. To access this free digital collection, download the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and four-digit PIN. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

### DVDs

"The Last of Us" is the complete first season. "Guardians of the Gal-

axy" is volume three. "Pokemon The Movie Secrets of the Jungle" features a young boy who leaves his home jungle and discovers the human world. "John Wick" is chapters one through three about the underground world of assassins.

### Essays

"The King of Late Night" by Greg Gutfeld is a comedic essay collection about how the author became host of the No. 1 late-night TV show that became a cult classic.

### Mysteries and thrillers

"Whispers at Dusk" by Heather Graham is volume one of the Blackbird Trilogy. "Central Park West" by former FBI director James Comey is a legal crime story. "Breakneck" by Marc Cameron is a Arliss Cutter mystery featuring a Supreme Court justice and her daughter set in Alaska. "The House Across the Lake" by Riley Sager is a psychological thriller.

"Out of Nowhere" by Sandra Brown is a thriller that begins with a shooting at a Texas county fair. "Cross Down" by James Patterson and Brendan DeBois is an Alex Cross and John Sampson thriller. "All the Demons Are Here" is a thriller by CNN anchor Jake Tap-

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# New Thought Center to hold cookout

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sept. 3 Sunday service at 5 p.m. will be replaced with a cookout, “Celebrating Community” with Bruce Wayne and Shayla White Eagle.

Dance in nature, relax, bring drums, blankets, lawn chairs and a dish to share at Xanadu. Call or text (970) 510-0309.

## Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join the SpiritHeart band. Please text Bruce at (970) 507-0739 for band information.

Thursday, Aug. 31, 6 p.m.: Sacred Medicine Ways — “5th Dimensional Consciousness” and application of intuitive channels and practices to support the body, mind and spirit. The cost is a \$20 donation. Text or call (970) 309-6067 for more information.

Sept. 10: Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m. with Stephanie Morrow.

Sept. 23: “Art with Spirit” workshop with Karen Kinney, spiritual art teacher. Kinney will bring to life the lessons from the book created by Karen Aspin for spiritual development at Xanadu. Text or call (970) 510-0309 if you would

like more information.

Oct. 21 — Vets4Vets fundraiser at Yamaguchi Park. Time to be announced.

Nov. 11: Quintangled masquerade ball fundraiser with Julie Loar. Tickets will be on sale soon.

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The Aspin Inspiration Memorial Library is a collection of spiritual books.

## About us

The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance our members’ life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an all-inclusive community.

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Pagosa Lodge (elevator available).

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## Other novels

“Happiness” by Danielle Steel is set in London when a writer inherits a grand estate. “One Southern Summer” by Heidi McCahan follows a former beauty queen who returns home disgraced and divorced. “The Last Family in England” by Matt Haitg features a Labrador named Prince helping his family when things go awry. “The Covenant of Water” by Abraham Verghese tells of three generations of a family on India’s Malabar Coast. “Palazzo” by Danielle Steel explores the fortunes of three grown children when they are left a company and a palazzo when their parents die.

## Nonfiction

“Grounded” by Ruth Allen, who has a Ph.D. in geology, is a guide to connecting with nature to improve your mental and physical well-being. “The First Ladies” by Victoria Christopher Murray documents an unlikely friendship between Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights

activist Mary McLeod Bethune.

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The Friends take fiction published in 2013 or newer and nonfiction from 2018 or newer. Limited workroom space means we can only accept one or two small boxes at a time.

## Quotable quote

“When you’re writing songs, you have to tell the truth, to reflect the times. Most of the choices I’ve made started with my mother and father telling me, ‘Follow your heart and you won’t go wrong.’” — Graham Nash, singer and songwriter and member of the Crosby, Stills and Nash folk rock group.

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Archuleta Seniors Inc. held an event to celebrate and thank the Pagosa Senior Center's volunteers on Aug. 25.

# Archuleta Seniors Inc. celebrates and thanks 50-plus volunteers

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

Friday, Aug. 25, was an evening of celebration and giving thanks for the 50-plus volunteers and their families who joined the staff of Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) and its board of directors for dinner and a presentation to thank them.

Their countless hours of support make the organization so meaningful to so many in Archuleta County.

During 2022, volunteers provided an estimated 2,500 hours in kitchen/administrative tasks, delivering meals, providing for games/activities and fundraising.

ASI's mission is "To promote independence and advance community resilience by empowering individuals who are 60 years old and better, their families and other community stakeholders."

The organization and its pro-

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gramming work directly to improve the well-being of older adults and the community in areas widely considered to be social determinants of health — nutrition security, social connections, physical/built environment and housing — and access (transportation) to services.

ASI provides a safety net for those who can quickly find themselves living in peril, providing home-cooked, quality meals; supplemental nutrition (e.g. "Boost"); at-home wellness checks and monitoring devices; educational

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workshops and resources/materials; and congregate social activities.

Assisting all individuals in need ages 55-plus years, the desired outcomes for this work are for at-risk older adults to:

- Remain in their homes.
- Have regular and reliable nutritional sustenance, and access/referrals to other resources meeting basic needs.
- Retain physical and emotional wellness, and
- Establish/sustain social connectedness.

Further, ASI provides access/referrals for caregivers of at-risk older adults to various supports that sustain them in their caregiving role. No other organization in the community provides similar daily services.

Chef Cynthia Sperry devised a delicious Greek-themed menu celebrating heart-healthy, nutritious and delicious Mediterranean fare.

Executive Director Rose Chavez welcomed and thanked volunteers while staff Barbara Noriega and Janet Monks provided the guests with some short anecdotes made by the volunteers who had shared about why they are so motivated to volunteer with ASI. Of note were a few volunteers that have been with the organization for almost 20 years who were acknowledged and thanked for their selfless services for so many years.

In reflecting on the past year, ASI is exceedingly grateful for all the support received from within and beyond the community, ensuring continued provision of critical services while positioning the organization for planned expansion of programming in coming months. All the guests enjoyed mingling with each other, enjoying beverages, dinner and dessert.

ASI could not be of service in this community without our volunteers and community members supporting us every step of the way. We are blessed to do the work we do and call Pagosa home. Thank you, community, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you or someone you know is in need of our services or you would like to volunteer. Please contact us at (970) 264-2167 or stop by the Pagosa Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

## New Monday music

Enjoy pleasant soft-rock songs from the 1960s, '70s and '80s, as well as international folk, humor and new music, too.

Dr. Erika Sueker has been playing music since 1967, teaching music since 1978 and working with older adults since 1983. Join the lunchtime fun upcoming Mondays.

## Senior conversations

Join us Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of "Senior Conversations" with local Bill Salmansohn.

He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

## Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

It meets each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together.

Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to [copenhavercreative@gmail.com](mailto:copenhavercreative@gmail.com).

## Share lunch Monday through Thursday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is open to all. Pickup is available all week, including Fridays.

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$10, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10 charge for guests under the age of 60.

Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage. Some popular menu items include Frito chili pie, pork tenderloin with harvest chutney, Singaporean pork ribs, vegetarian lasagna, Hawaiian shrimp with coconut rice and always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand-prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

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## Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Aug. 31 — Chicken pesto wrap, orecchiette pasta salad, garden salad, fruit, milk and lemon bars.

Friday, Sept. 1 — Barbecued country ribs, macaroni salad, apple crisp, garden salad, fruit and milk.  
Monday Sept. 4 — Beef Frito pie, coleslaw, blueberry cobbler, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 5 — Codfish Vera-cruz, quinoa pilaf, broccoli, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 6 — Chicken curry with rice, roasted cauliflower, chai pudding, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Sept. 7 — Stuffed portabella mushroom cap, naan bread, red pepper hummus, carrot cake, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Sept. 8 — Grilled turkey, Swiss and tomato sandwich; sweet potato fries; garden salad; fruit; and milk.

## Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

## Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

## Mobile food pantry service discontinued

The Mobile Food Pantry Service has been discontinued due to funding shortages. Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with its paratransit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

## Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

## COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of six free COVID-19 tests kits for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public who needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

## Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the northern mockingbird.

Until it opens its mouth to sing, this is not a flashy bird. Northern mockingbirds are slender, medium-sized birds, grayish above and white below with a long slender bill and long tail. Large white wing patches, visible in flight, appear as a small white mark when the wings are folded.

The scientific name, *mimus polyglottis*, which translates as many-tongued mimic, describes the attribute for which this bird is best known. Northern mockingbirds add parts of the songs of neighboring birds and other sounds they hear including car alarms, sirens and musical instruments to their varied repertoire.

In defense of territory and to attract a mate, a male may sing his ever-changing song all through the day and into the night. Each phrase in the lineup is usually repeated three to five times before it is replaced. In his exuberance, he may leap into the air and flap his wings while singing. Females also sing, but more quietly and less frequently.

Northern mockingbirds aggressively defend their territories, nests and young, keeping an eye out for intruders from high perches on tall shrubs, poles or utility lines. Pairs are believed to maintain long-term bonds. They will chase and dive at anything perceived to be a threat near the nest including predators, pets, other birds and people.

Originally a bird of the southern states, today the northern mockingbird is a resident bird across much of the United States with some northern birds migrating to warmer areas in winter. They eat a variety of insects in summer and fruits in fall and winter. Their preference for living in open areas with shrubby undergrowth brings them into close contact with people in urban and suburban settings.

Although their entertaining songs are fun to hear, at times their noisy and aggressive ways get them into trouble with people and label them as pests.

For information on events, visit [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

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# The basic steps to a VA claim

By Raymond Taylor  
PREVIEW Columnist

The veterans service officers' duty is to assist the veteran in putting together the best claim possible, and to ensure receipt, review and the highest disability rating afforded by law.

Step 1: The claim must be a service-connected injury or illness that occurred or was aggravated while on active duty. You must have medical documentation showing you were treated while on active duty.

Exceptions: Presumptive conditions, file claim or receive treatment with one year of date of discharge.

Step 2: You must have an existing disability. Medical documentation showing that today the disability exists. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) currently looks at medical documentation of up to one year from today (current diagnosis).

Step 3: The bridge (or nexes) between step 1 and 2; connect how the disability is related — medical records, discharge (DD-214) and doctor letters stating that the two steps are connected.

All documents and forms are submitted to the VA.

Step 4: The VA will put the claim together and order a compensation exam (C&P exam). You must attend this exam or the claim will be denied for "failure to report to exam."

Step 5: The VA adjudicates the claim and awards or denies benefits.

If the VA denies the claim or veteran wants to dispute the award, the appeal process will then begin.

## American Legion Post No. 108 Honor Guard seeking members

Archuleta County veterans and community, Pagosa's American Legion Post No. 108 Honor Guard is looking for veterans to release our Vietnam veterans of their relentless service to the Honor Guard.

What is the Honor Guard? It's a "Detail of Veterans, in uniform," honoring all branches of our military service, the men and women who served and those who were "Killed in Action."

This means you need to fit into a uniform of your service. Any individual who participates is not required to belong to any veteran organization. We would enjoy if you chose to, but it is not a requirement. The Honor Guard consists of veterans who have pride in their service and wish to show that pride for others to see.

The aim is to respectfully honor each deceased veteran and their families for their sacrifice of service with military honors, which includes a minimum of a flag folding presentation to the next of kin or family members. A full service includes a flag folding and three

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sets of rifle volleys, followed by the playing of taps.

This detail requires those of all ranks and MOSs, from commanding positions to enlisted. It's necessary for veterans to be comfortable shooting a rifle, properly folding a flag, presenting to groups, and we're looking for instrument-friendly individuals who can play reveille and taps.

The Honor/Color Guard has been asked to perform for final military honors, public appearances such as parades, public events, Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, and other requests

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Photo courtesy Guiseppe Margiotta

The Pagosa Catholic Community was well represented in supporting the Aspire Barn Bash Fundraiser.

# EARLY DEADLINES

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**Display Advertising**  
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# Certified Colorado Gardener Program registration open

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

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CSU Extension has a certifying full-course option and multiple short course options to meet anyone’s needs. Regardless of the course, you’ll receive in-depth horticulture training provided by CSU faculty, staff and specialists.

The full course is \$475 for early bird registration open now until Sept. 15. Regular registration is Sept. 16 through Oct. 25 and costs \$530. The full course is comparable to a four-credit class. In comparison, tuition for a four-credit class at CSU is \$1,932.

Classes will run late October

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through March 2024. This course is offered only once a year. You will have full access to 14 self-paced online classes with live weekly class reviews with CSU subject matter experts for one full year. To obtain certification, trainees must complete eight online classes and pass the comprehensive final (open-book, research encouraged) with a 70 percent or better.

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## Veterans

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Contact Vets4Vets at <https://vets4vetspsco.org/> or [dharp@gmail.com](mailto:dharp@gmail.com).

### Contact information

Veterans: Thank you for your service. Welcome home.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office (VSO), located at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The office: (970) 264-4013, fax number: (970) 264-4014, and email is [raytaylor@archuletacounty.org](mailto:raytaylor@archuletacounty.org). Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO. Always leave a message and phone number to contact you.

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

- Veterans for Veterans: every Tuesday at 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive, on all but the first Tuesday. Breakfast meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, Lewis Street. Contact Gary Hanneman at (970) 946-2540.

- Women’s Group of Spouses of Veterans: first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Carter’s office; contact Charlotte at (970) 903-9690.

### Important information

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# Requiem for the Joshua tree

By **Pepper Trail**  
PREVIEW Columnist

Disheveled, gangly, the Joshua tree is surely one of the West's strangest — and most recognizable — plants. Named by Mormon pioneers for the prophet Joshua, whose upraised arms pointed to the promised land, Joshua trees are more likely to remind people today of the lovable creations of Dr. Seuss.

The trees can live several hundred years and are both the symbol and ecological keystone of the great Mojave Desert ecosystem, stretching from southern California into Nevada, Arizona and southwestern Utah. This stark and beautiful landscape is home to a rich diversity of desert creatures, from tortoises to bighorn sheep, many of which depend on the Joshua tree for food and shelter.

Tragically, after existing in the Mojave Desert for 2.5 million years, Joshua trees are now in catastrophic decline, the victim of development, invasive plants, climate change and, most dramatically, fire.

This summer's York Fire burned almost 100,000 acres in the Mojave National Preserve and is only the latest in a series of fires that have devastated Joshua tree popula-

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tions. These include the Hackberry complex in 2005 — 71,000 acres — and the Dome fire in 2020 — 43,000 acres — which destroyed about 1.3 million trees.

But wildfires in the desert? Deserts are hot and dry, so that parched landscape doesn't have enough fuel to feed major conflagrations, right? That used to be true, but not anymore.

Invasive annual plants including cheatgrass and red brome have created a "fire-grass cycle" in the Mojave by adding continuous fuels to the formerly bare ground between the Joshua trees and other shrubs.

This sends fire across the landscape, killing everything in its path.

Joshua trees never evolved with frequent, intense fires and are highly flammable. Fewer than 10 percent of those burned in the Dome fire have since re-sprouted. Their fleshy fruits and seeds are not fire-adapted. And, massive efforts to plant Joshua tree seedlings

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to-date, engaging, self-paced and includes integrated readings, videos, activities and quizzes. Courses are science-based and specific to Colorado's unique (and challenging) climate, soil, environment, insects, wildlife and plants.

Classes for the full course include soils and amendments, botany: how plants grow, Colorado gardening challenges, entomology, integrated pest management and plant diagnosis, plant pathology, lawn care/turfgrass management, weed management, science of planting trees and tree care, vegetables, fruit trees, small fruits, pruning and irrigation.

Short courses are bundles of self-paced online courses: Colorado gardening foundations, landscape management basics, plant diagnostics and growing food. There are no live weekly class reviews for short courses, but you do have direct email access to course instructors. A certificate of completion will be provided to participants upon completion of all courses.

To obtain certification, trainees in the full course must complete eight online classes and pass the comprehensive final (open-book, research encouraged) with a 70 percent or better. Upon completion of the course, you'll receive

a Colorado Gardener Certificate. However, because there is no subsequent volunteer commitment, participants do not become Colorado Master Gardeners. The title of Master Gardener is a registered service mark and only to be used for CSU Extension events and purposes.

The Colorado Gardener Certificate may be displayed in a place of business and used in business marketing. Short-course participants will receive a certificate of completion for the specified short course. All courses must be completed to earn this certificate.

Contact your local Extension office or visit [GreenSchool@colostate.edu](mailto:GreenSchool@colostate.edu) for details.

### Preserving the harvest classes

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# The health benefits of being in nature

Special to The PREVIEW

Nature enthusiasts are known to say that spending time in the great outdoors has a positive effect on their mental and physical well-being.

Such an outlook is more than mere speculation, as it turns out spending time in nature provides a host of health benefits that might surprise even the most devoted outdoors enthusiasts.

## Nature and cognitive health

A 2010 study published in the American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias found that engaged persons with dementia in horticultural therapy-based (HT-based) programming solicited higher rates of participation than traditional activities (TA) programming.

In addition, a separate 2013 study in the journal Dementia found that exposure to a therapeutic garden had a positive impact

on quality of life for people with dementia.

And it's not just dementia patients who can experience the cognitive benefits of time spent in nature, as the Hagley Museum and Library reports that numerous studies have found exposure to nature improves cognitive function.

## Nature and vitamin D

The potential health benefits of vitamin D are increasingly drawing the attention of medical researchers, and for good reason. According to the Harvard Medical School, recent research has suggested that vitamin D may offer added protection against conditions such as osteoporosis, cancer, heart attack, stroke and depression. Exposure to sunshine can help the body generate vitamin D, thus providing further reason to spend time in nature.

## Nature and overall well-being

Given the aforementioned

health benefits related to spending time in nature, it's easy for even non-scientists to conclude that being outdoors has a profound impact on overall well-being.

But non-scientists can rest assured that recent research has confirmed such conclusions.

A 2019 study published in the journal Scientific Reports found that individuals who spent at least 120 minutes a week in nature were significantly more likely to report good health and psychological well-being than those who spent less time outdoors. Though the authors of the study cautioned that the exposure-response relationship was under-researched, and therefore likely needed to be studied more extensively, in the meantime individuals, after a consultation with their physicians and confirmation that it's safe to get out more often, can aspire to spend at least 120 minutes in nature each week. The results may speak for themselves.

Nature has a lot to offer, and the benefits of spending more time outdoors may be even more significant than people recognize.

# Writers

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"The reality is that Joshua trees are already in a state of decline because of global warming and increasing frequency of drought," ecologist James Cornett told the Los Angeles Times. "Then on top of that, you throw on a fire like the York fire, and these trees are not likely to recover in our lifetime."

Climate change is perhaps the greatest threat of all. A 2019 study concluded that only .02 percent of the species' habitat in Joshua Tree National Park would remain viable after 2070 if climate change continues unchecked; even in the best-case scenario only 19 percent may be saved.

A glimmer of hope comes from the fact that many, many people love the quirky Joshua tree and are dedicated to its survival. Several large preserves have been set aside in the Mojave to protect Joshua trees and other desert species. These include Joshua Tree National Park and the Mojave Desert Preserve in California, and the Desert National Wildlife Refuge and the newly proclaimed Avi Kwa Ame National Monument in Nevada.

To extend protections to private lands, California adopted the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act this summer. Designed to limit the impacts of development in rapidly growing desert cities like Palmdale and Lancaster, this requires permits and mitigation for the killing or removal of Joshua trees.

Finally, and as a last resort, there has been discussion of "assisted migration," moving Joshua trees

northward in response to climate change. A study by U.S. Geological Survey biologists concluded that only a few areas within the Joshua tree's current range are likely to be suitable for the species by the end of this century. To prepare for possible relocations, the National Park Service, with assistance from a youth conservation program, the Urban Conservation Corps, has collected more than a million Joshua tree seeds from 47 populations.

This work follows the example of a very old, and very large, collaborator, the Shasta ground sloth. This hulking bear-sized herbivore roamed the American West until about 11,000 years ago. Abundant sub-fossilized sloth dung found in caves throughout the southwest prove that its diet was largely composed of foliage from Joshua trees, with plenty of undigested seeds mixed in. Researchers believe that the sloths were key to spreading Joshua trees to new locations in the Pleistocene.

We can only hope that the efforts of today's young seed collectors will bring the Joshua tree to a new promised land.

*Pepper Trail is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writer-sontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation throughout the West. He is a biologist and writer in Oregon. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.*

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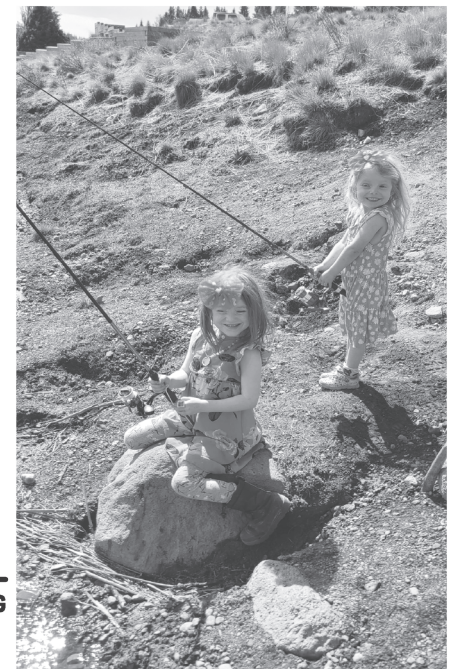
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# How the farm got another animal

By Daris Howard

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My mom loved to tell the story of her dog, Bob. Mom was not much of one for pets. She grew up during the Depression, and to stay around the farm, animals had to have some productive value, such as giving milk or eggs. Cats at her home ran wild, catching their own food. If they were good at that, they were allowed a home in the barn, but nothing more. The only other animals were cattle, horses and chickens. Anything else was another mouth to feed and was unneeded and unwanted.

But one day, when Mom was about 5, a stray dog wandered into the yard. It was haggard, ragged and extremely timid. It obviously hadn't eaten in a while, and his mangy fur showed that he likely belonged to no one. Mom's parents said he could stay for one good meal, then he needed to find another home. They offered a good meal to all the people traveling through looking for work but could share little more. They felt they should do the same for the dog.

They gave the dog some scraps of food they found and a little milk. He ate it like he hadn't eaten in years. Mom wanted to brush him before sending him on his way, but her parents forbade it. They were afraid she might get too attached.

After the dog had eaten, Mom's father shooed it up the driveway and back to the road it had come from.

Mom decided to walk out to her brothers, who were working to get the hay in. She decided to cut across the cow pasture. She had been told never to go in there because the bull could be unpredictable, but it was a shorter distance, and the bull, along with the cows, were at the far end of the pasture. But when she reached the middle of the pasture, the bull saw her and was apparently in a bad mood. He came at her from about a hundred yards away.

Her parents and brothers heard her screams but were too far away

to reach her in time. But the stray dog wasn't. He had returned and wandered out with her, though he kept his distance, shying away from all humans.

As the bull charged, Mom's brothers and parents ran to her aid, but the bull was far closer and running much faster. Mom's family members screamed and waved their arms as they ran, trying to draw the bull's attention. But nothing could distract him from his target — at least nothing could until a small dog suddenly appeared in his path and started barking and growling ferociously.

The bull slid to a stop, and he and the dog had a standoff. They circled each other, and then the bull rushed the dog. The dog leapt out of the way at the last instant like an expert bullfighter, then he jumped and sank his teeth into the bull's fleshy skin on his hip. The bull bellowed in pain and spun to free himself from the dog. The dog was flung a short distance, then the two faced off again. Once again, the bull charged with the same results. This happened a few more times before the bull finally decided he had had enough. He ran back to the herd to cry to the cows about his cruel mistreatment.

As the rest of the family arrived, the dog fearfully started to slink away.

My mom's father said, "Joyce, call the dog to you. He seems to have some affection for you."

My mom called the dog. He stopped, but didn't come to her. The others had to back away before he would, but he did come after the others gave her some space.

"Can I pet him, Daddy?" she asked.

Her father nodded. "Why not? I think he feels he's your dog."

They named him Bob because he had a bobbed tail. And that's how the farm got another animal.

"After all," Mom's dad said, "saving a family member is probably the most productive thing an animal can do."

To be continued.

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Imitate Pac-Man
- 6 Up to snuff
- 10 Napoleon's exile isle
- 14 Happen again
- 15 Rider's grip
- 16 Broadway brightener
- 17 Arch rival
- 18 Inlaid with gold or silver
- 20 Wound covering
- 21 Red blood-cell source
- 22 Capitol Hill figure
- 24 Music for one
- 25 53, in old Rome
- 26 Prom decoration
- 30 "Most Wanted" agcy.
- 32 Greek philosopher
- 34 Justice symbol
- 35 Bee, to Andy
- 37 Whirls
- 39 Snake's warning
- 40 Rowing teams
- 42 Appeals
- 44 URL ending, sometimes
- 45 Course taker
- 47 Bath powder
- 49 Stadium level
- 50 Pathetic
- 53 Relinquishment of the throne
- 57 TV remote button
- 58 Strolling site
- 59 It comes from the heart
- 60 "Ditto"
- 61 Pinball error
- 62 Map inside a map
- 63 Surveyed
- 64 Aces, sometimes
- 65 "Wayne's World" co-star

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- 2 Therefore
- 3 Titanic, for one
- 4 India's largest city
- 5 Get too nosy
- 6 Intensity
- 7 Hit on the head
- 8 Quarry rock
- 9 Beguile
- 10 Infringe upon
- 11 Salacious look
- 12 U2 frontman
- 13 One more time
- 19 Type of pitch
- 21 Cooks eggs, in a way
- 23 Word of advice
- 26 Stadium entrance
- 27 Appetizer follower
- 28 Word in a threat
- 29 Doctor's order
- 30 Clock front

- 31 Insult, in slang
- 33 Relate (to)
- 36 Cheated on
- 38 Gown material
- 41 Pie serving
- 43 Calendar abbr.
- 46 Crude shelter
- 48 Tart, in a way
- 50 Yeats and Keats
- 51 Put into words
- 52 Installs in office
- 53 Altar spot
- 54 Donkey's call
- 55 Rounded roof
- 56 Not being used
- 59 Objective

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# The heart of your story

By Betty J. Slade  
PREVIEW Columnist

“Are you prayed up?” I asked the writers. “Is your heart open to the Lord? Are you ready to hear from God? If you are, these words might help you to write better.”

As writers, we need to put heart in our stories. How do we do that? Take one of our old writings and see how it touches us. Then be willing to go deeper into what we want to convey. As an author, dig into your heart.

It’s more than a theme, it’s a message from our hearts to the heart of the reader. I asked the writers, “What made your writing breathe and come to life for you? If you don’t know that, you will miss the message from your own writing.”

“What do you think of the story of Job?” I asked the group. There were many answers, none that lined up with what I found when I studied the book. Answers that they had heard but didn’t comprehend. Like Job, they uttered words they didn’t understand.

My women’s Bible study group spent two years studying 42 chapters of this writing. People would frown when we told them we were

## Artist’s Lane

studying Job. “Job? That’s probably the most depressing book in the Bible. Poor Job. Horrible friends. All those sores and God told Satan to do what he wanted to do to a good man but only to a point. Why would God do that?”

The answer was in the missing puzzle piece of the story. Not the suffering of a righteous man — the real problem was that Job tried to justify himself. His three friends turned advice givers couldn’t solve his problem either. They charged him with sin without any solution. Elihu, God’s spokesman, reached higher ground, but still fell short.

Job was the E. F Hutton of his day. When he whispered, everyone listened. He took care of the widows and poor. This is recorded in his book, “In order to turn man from his deeds and conceal pride from man, God keeps back his soul from the Pit. Yes, his soul draws near the Pit and his life to the ex-

ecutioner.”

Job knew enough to see how man is bent on disaster, but he still didn’t have the answer. He begged for a mediator so God could hear his cries. He spoke swelling words but didn’t believe that God would deliver him, that God found a ransom and restored to man His righteousness.

Many of us write swelling words, robust in our declaration, but how many writers really believe what we write? It takes digging into our words and into our hearts in order to give breath to our writing and feel the heartbeat in our stories.

In the third act, chapters 38 to 42, God reveals himself. “Job, stand up like a man. I will question you and you shall answer Me. Can you, ‘Disperse the rage of your wrath?’” To paraphrase: Can you deliver a proud man from his anger? No. Neither can you deliver yourself. If you try, you will become angrier.

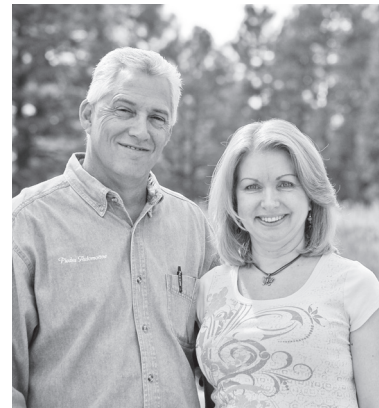
We’ve always heard of the patience of Job. His wife told him to curse God and die. He refused.

In the last chapter of Job’s story, Job acknowledges God’s sovereignty and humbles himself. I would say Job’s story is about God’s patience with us. Job confesses, “I

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# The most likely spots where mold will grow in a home

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Mold is a type of fungi that is found both indoors and outdoors. When mold grows inside, the health of people who spend time in the home or business where it grows can be in jeopardy.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), moldy environments may cause stuffy nose, wheezing, red or itchy eyes, and even skin conditions.

The Institute of Medicine reports there is sufficient evidence to link indoor exposure to mold with asthma symptoms, as well as hypersensitivity pneumonitis in certain individuals. Certain molds are toxigenic, meaning they can produce toxins, according to the CDC. Though there are very few reports of toxigenic molds found inside homes, when present, they can cause rare health conditions.

No one wants mold in their homes, as it's not only unhealthy, but also unsightly. The Environmental Protection Agency states there is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in an indoor environment. Certain rooms and spaces warrant careful inspection since they are more vulnerable to mold growth. Mold spores take root in areas where there is ample moisture. Controlling moisture indoors is key to controlling mold.

Here are some mold-vulnerable spots that merit some extra attention on the part of homeowners.

## Bathrooms

Bathrooms generate a lot of moisture through showering and bathing. Bathrooms need to be vented to the outdoors with an exhaust fan. If there is no fan, one

should be installed. If that's not possible, open a bathroom window to air out the room after bathing. Wipe down surfaces in the bathroom to dry them and keep mold at a minimum.

## Laundry area

Clothes dryers are moisture-generating appliances that should be properly exhausted to the outdoors. Homeowners also should make sure that washing machines and utility sinks are working properly and there are no leaks that can cause mold growth behind or underneath the structures.

## Kitchen

Mold also may grow in kitchens. Look under the sink and by the dishwasher for any leaks and areas susceptible to mold. Ventilating cooking areas can help reduce moisture in the area as well, states the CDC.

## Basement

Homeowners who have basements or crawl spaces could be breeding mold down there unknowingly, particularly if the areas are unfinished. Moisture, warmth and darkness are prime conditions for mold growth. A dehumidifier can be utilized in the basement to help reduce the moisture saturation in this space. Also, check for leaky pipes or windows that may contribute to mold growth. Humidity levels in a home should be kept between 30 and 50 percent to help limit mold formation.

## Attic

Although an attic may not be a spot homeowners frequent regularly, it's a good idea to get up there and look for potential mold problems.

According to the North Caro-

lina Department of Health, in the winter when buildings are heated, mold often grows in cold, uninsulated exterior walls where building surfaces are relatively cold compared to the indoors. Attics without proper insulation could be vulnerable to mold growth. Roofs also may be compromised by weather, causing leaks into the attic.

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Some green leafy vegetables-like collards, spinach, chard, kale-have even more calcium per serving than soybeans. Greens also have properties that help prevent cancer.



Indeed, we can obtain adequate calcium from plant sources. Furthermore, these foods are lower in protein and therefore should not extract calcium from our bones. If we avoid an excess level of protein intake and eat a good variety of plant foods, our body calcium stores will likely be more than adequate. As always, if possible, buy organic.

Bones in the Bible can represent strength, stability, and structure.

*"His bones are like beams of bronze, hIs ribs like bars of iron."* Job 40:18 NKJV

*"The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones..."* Isaiah 58:11 NKJV

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■ continued from previous page have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."

The puzzle piece, the heart of Job's story, is found in James 5:11: "Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord —That the Lord is very compassionate and merciful."

God revealed Himself in His majesty and power. Job emerged from suffering into double blessing and restoration. It was when he surrendered all of his lofty ideas about himself that he was able to receive

God's mercy and compassion.

"Actually, God considers all of humanity to be prisoners of their unbelief, so that he can unlock our hearts and show his tender mercies to all whom come to him" — Romans 11:32 (TPT).

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**DRIVEWAY/ GARAGE SALE.** Saturday, September 2nd, 8a.m.-2p.m. 372 Park Ave. Furniture, antiques, collectibles, 3 year old washer and dryer.

**3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE,** Saturday, September 2, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 87 Dutton Drive.

## YARD SALES

**SUPER COOL BARN SALE,** Saturday, September 2, 8a.m. sharp. Tools, work tables, license plate collection, beer mug collection, antiques, barnwood slabs, frames, birdhouses, shelves, display boxes, elk mount, water barrels, bookshelves and lots more. Hwy. 160 west, right on N. Pagosa up to Piedra Rd. (this is the easiest way because of road construction on Piedra), left on Piedra, right on Jack's Pasture Road, right on second Jacobson Circle House #813. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

**BE SURE TO CHECK** for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

**GIANT GARAGE SALE** 8a.m.-1p.m. Fri & Sat, September 1 & 2. Microwave, refrigerator, small refrigerator, quilting fabric, 3 sewing machines, books, art, decoys, and much more.

**MOVING SALE! SATURDAY, 9A.M.-1P.M.** Basketball backboard, canoe-kayak, TVs, miscellaneous. 9 Periwinkle Drive, corner of Lake Forest. (970)-98-1865.

**ESTATE SALE.** Antiques, stained glass and supplies, construction materials, tools, appliances, artworks. 149 Turkey Lane. Saturday September 2 9a.m.-3p.m.

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**AKC FRENCH BULLDOG PUPPIES** for sale. Serious inquiries only. 2 females, 2 males, blue. Pet price \$1,900, AKC price \$4,500. (432)634-2049, (432)664-1107.

**CHESADORE (Chesapeake/Lab cross)** FOR SALE: Aztec, N.M. Text for info and pics. We have 9 (3 males and 6 females) (303)915-0508.

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**2004 FORD F350 SUPER DUTY** Super Cab Diesel 6iO, 169,157 MI, have Carfax VIN check, sprayed bedliner, bumper for winch, 2 new batteries, needs EGR cooler & has cracked head, \$6,000 or best offer. Text @ (970)507-0966.

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**2000 TOYOTA SOLARA.** 2-door sports coupe. 38 MPG highway, 2.4 cylinder. \$3,500. (970)749-6281.

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**DOWNTOWN LUXURY HOUSE** on river. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, with garage. No pets. \$2,500/ month, 6 month lease. (504)339-4547.

**LOOKING FOR ROOMMATE** to share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. \$1,000/ month plus half utilities. First and last required. 3 miles down Hwy. 84. Call Tammie (719)285-3584.

**2 BR W/ATTACHED GARAGE,** covered porch, gas heat, NO PETS, NO SMOKING, lease, \$1400/mo, 1st/last/Security. (970)946-0118.

**2 BEDROOM, 2.25 BATH** condo on Lake Pagosa \$2,000/ month. Team Pagosa (970)731-8599 or [pagosaspingsrealty.com](http://pagosaspingsrealty.com).

**SADDLE MOUNTAIN TOWNHOMES.** 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 baths. Open floor plan with gas fireplace, oversize 2-car garage. Close to the bike path, uptown City Market and rec center. \$2,550/ month includes: water/ sewer, lawn maintenance, snow removal. Call/ text (512)626-8499.

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If interested, email resume or work history, and any correspondence to: [nosmartphonejr@gmail.com](mailto:nosmartphonejr@gmail.com). Position to be filled before the snow falls.

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**4 OFFICE SPACES.** Freshly remodeled, \$400-\$525. Well suited for spa services, 140-270 sq. ft. Beautiful spacious restrooms. (970)946-3232.

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**OPEN HOUSES**

**OPEN HOUSE 9/1-9/2/23, 12-4P.M.** at 77 Gala Place, Pagosa Springs. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage, 1,807 sq. ft. \$620,000. Realtors welcome. (970)749-5181,

**OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY 9/1/23, 11a.m.-2p.m.** 792 CR 600 aka Piedra Road. FIXER opportunity on double wide golf course lots (approximately 1/2 acre). 3 bedroom, 2 bath plus garage. PANORAMIC VIEWS of the Continental Divide. Master bedroom could easily be divided into a fourth bedroom. \$479,000. MLS #807371. Call Dave Netherton with eXP Realty at (719)588-3636 for more information.

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**1.2 ACRES, MOUNTAIN VIEWS,** electricity near, No HOA, close to town. \$35,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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**35.81 ACRES WITH AWESOME VIEWS** of Banded Peaks at the end of cul-de-sac with national forest access. Also comes with a full set of house plans. \$300,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties LLC a call (970)903-2817.

**184 CLINT CIRCLE.** Double lot on paved roads in gated subdivision. Private access to national forest. Priced to sell at \$138,900. Listed by Alysha Ranson, Broker Associate with Sherpa Real Estate. Call (970)903-1230 for more information.

**FSBO- 1.40 ACRES IN ARBOLES, CO,** Navajo Dam Lake view, water tap at property, electric close. \$75K, will consider 25% down and up to 5 years financing with 2% interest. kvelle2000@yahoo.com.

**1.1 ACRES WITH ALL UTILITIES** and RV with addition. 10 minutes from town \$165,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

**5 BEAUTIFUL ACRES.** Centrally located, all utilities near. \$250,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties LLC a call (970)903-2817.

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**DOWNTOWN LOT, GREAT VIEWS** for your dream home. \$190,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

**1 ACRE WITH WATER TAP** in Arboles. Beautiful views. \$55,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

**RIVER FRONT PROPERTY,** 1.45 acres, electricity across the street. \$289,900. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties LLC a call (970)903-2817.

**NEARLY 3/4 ACRE LEVEL** building parcel in Lake Forest Estates. Sewer, power, water, natural gas. \$79,950. R. Horton Properties. (970)946-3980.



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