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Pagosa Springs SUN acquired by O'Rourke Media Group

Staff Report

The Pagosa Springs SUN was acquired by O'Rourke Media Group on Thursday, Aug. 31.

"I'm excited about our acquisition of The Pagosa Springs SUN. This is an outstanding weekly newspaper with impressive niche publications, great reputation, and a very strong team," O'Rourke Media Group owner Jim O'Rourke said. "It's been great getting to know Terri House and her team through the process, and I just have such respect and admiration for the work they've done serving this community."

"One common theme throughout Jim's company's newspapers is commitment to community," House, who owned the paper for 21 years and worked in the business 41 years, said. "That is why I knew he would make a great fit for The SUN and Pagosa Springs."

All current employees were

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New editor appointed at The SUN

Staff Report

Randi Pierce has been named editor for The Pagosa Springs SUN and will assume responsibility for managing day-to-day newsroom activity.

The SUN was recently acquired by O'Rourke Media Group after 20+ years of ownership under Terri House.

"I'm really looking forward to working with Randi as she assumes responsibility for our newsroom here in Pagosa. She brings great experience, energy and passion to this critical

See Editor A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

SUN staff poses with publisher Jim O'Rourke following The SUN's acquisition by O'Rourke Media Group. From left to right are O'Rourke, Randi Pierce, Teresa Watkins, Josh Pike, Hailey Sams, Shari Pierce, Robert Penton, Matt McKinnon and Derek Kutzer. Not pictured are Missy Phelan and Monica Nigon.

Back to School



SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Pagosa Springs Elementary students and staff delve into a variety of first-day projects and tasks Tuesday. The day marked the first day of the 2023-2024 school year for many Pagosa Springs area schools.

One killed in three-car crash

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A three-car crash on Wednesday, Aug. 30, resulted in the death of a 29-year-old pregnant woman.

According to Capt. John Trentini of the Colorado State Patrol, the crash happened at about 9 a.m. on Aug. 30 near milepost 138.8 on U.S. 160.

He explained that a Kia Sportage and a Dodge Journey were west-

bound on U.S. 160 when the Dodge slowed down to make a left turn onto an access road.

The Kia rear-ended the Dodge, he relayed, pushing it into the east-bound lane, where it collided with a Chevy Silverado.

The driver of the Dodge, he noted, was initially transported, flown to Denver and died at the hospital.

No medical update had been

See Accident A8

Commissioners talk budget following unauthorized spending

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Discussion of the Archuleta County Road and Bridge Department budget and unauthorized expenditures on road projects continued at a Sept. 6 Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session.

Discussion of the road budget situation began with County Manager Derek Woodman explaining

that the county has \$4.7 million allocated for capital road projects.

He stated that the mill and pave project on County Road (CR) 982 — which cost approximately \$1 million — had rolled over from 2022 to 2023, although in an "error" the funds had not been rolled over into the 2023 budget.

However, Woodman noted, the money is available and allocated for that project, making it a "nonissue."

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Our View

Continued from A2 newspaper serving in the role of community watchdog.

It seems as if Archuleta County has been the subject of many of my editorials over the past several years. Recent unauthorized projects, overspending, unbudgeted purchases, cuts to road projects, repeated landfill violations and failed elections as reported on in The SUN may have caused some of us who have lived here awhile to flash back to April of 2007 when The SUN reported on a dark financial juggernaut facing Archuleta County. By that summer, 38 county employees had lost their jobs, \$1.7 million in road projects had been postponed and the county administration made deep cuts to a variety of departments, programs and services.

We at The SUN refer to that era as "Archuleta County's financial demise."

That May, the county faced a multimillion dollar shortfall and making payroll was questionable. The county's finance director informed that \$2.87 million in the Road Capital Improvement Fund was "not real money." There were no real dollars to back the fund entry up.

State statute had been violated and possible criminal activity was being investigated.

The county was on the brink of bankruptcy.

Here we are in 2023, and questionable spending and decisions by management are still wreaking havoc. We hope the county can right the ship.

The SUN has been recognized by our peers as leaders in the news industry by winning numerous awards over the years. We've prided ourselves on hard work and we've focused on producing the highest-quality publications possible.

It was suggested that I count all of the state and national awards SUN staff has received, but that would take forever. Suffice it to say, there are hundreds of awards across the categories of design, photography, advertising, news reporting and editorial content.

One of my biggest honors was bringing home the Colorado Press Association's 1996 Best of Show in Advertising award. It was the first year the award was given to recognize the top advertising entry from all the entries across the state in all sizes and classes of newspapers.

In 2017, then-Gov. John Hickenlooper awarded The SUN with the Service to the First award in recognition of the newspaper's commitment to a free press and the public's right to know.

"This year's winner shows you don't have to be a big organization to make an impact or have a large newsroom to keep the government accountable and residents

informed," Hickenlooper said during the presentation.

"With its staff of three reporters, Pagosa Springs SUN staff have held government of all kinds and sizes accountable for conducting public business where it belongs — in public," Hickenlooper continued. "And while it's my honor to give The SUN this award, the real winner of this award is the community and residents that Pagosa Springs' newspaper covers."

Serving for eight or nine years on the Colorado Press Association board of directors, including one year as board chair, was a rewarding experience for me. Colorado is a big state, but nothing compares to the close relationships that I forged with the best of the best in the industry from border to border and beyond.

Many times over the years, industry experts encouraged me to shut down our printing press. It wasn't something that made good financial sense to me. Nowadays, many newspapers have found themselves without an affordable, quality press available to produce their print product. We are proud to have the last operating printing press in this region.

When the pandemic hit, we thought we would go under. Nothing was scarier than watching one ad after another cancel as local businesses struggled to stay afloat.

Supply chain issues left us wondering how we would get printing plates, ink and newsprint.

When one paper company informed me that the shipment of newsprint would be six weeks late, we told them we would be out of business if they didn't deliver on time. Fortunately, they delivered before we ran out of paper.

At one point, we were down to less than 60 percent of the staff we needed to put out a newspaper, but we persevered.

The SUN was founded in 1909. Since then, there have been different owners, publishers and editors.

Aug. 31 was my last day at The SUN. The newspaper was acquired by O'Rourke Media Group that day.

Over the years, I've had numerous offers to purchase the newspaper. When those offers came to me, the time either did not seem right or the company did not feel like a great fit.

A friend and fellow newspaper owner shared his journey of selling his newspapers with me in April and introduced me to his buyer.

When I met with Jim O'Rourke of O'Rourke Media Group, his organization seemed to be a great fit for the staff and the community with its strong commitment to local journalism and print media.

I have much gratitude for all of

those who have worked for The SUN over the years.

Current staff members with over 20 years of dedication and hard work include Robert Penton, Shari Pierce, Randi Pierce and Missy Phelan.

There have been numerous other employees, both past and present, who have helped this paper thrive. There isn't space to print everyone's names. You read some of their bylines on a weekly basis; others you could find working behind the scenes.

This newspaper wouldn't be what it is today without them.

The staff is dedicated and works hard. They care about this community and the future of the newspaper. I know The SUN will continue to shine and excel under their watch.

I am grateful for the years we've shared together doing the vital work of informing this community through a strong, local newspaper.

Part of my heart has wanted to undo the decision that I made to sell The SUN multiple times these past few weeks, but I know my decision was best for the future of the institution.

O'Rourke Media Group owns 41 publications throughout the United States. The company plans to continue the same high-quality journalism expected by SUN readers. It has the resources and expertise to take The SUN to the next level.

Local businesses have supported The SUN since 1909 through advertising opportunities. I am grateful for your support. The SUN wouldn't be here without you. These local businesses will now benefit from the myriad of advertising solutions the new ownership will bring.

The word of the week in emails and phone calls of congratulations has consistently been "bittersweet."

That it is. Nelson Poynter said, "I'd rather be a newspaper editor than the richest man in the world."

Being the editor and owner of this newspaper has enriched my life beyond measure.

Now I pass the torch. Thank you for your readership, support and help through all of these years.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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Planned giving workshop will be offered for local nonprofit staff

By Tracy Pope
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is offering a planned giving workshop for local nonprofits this fall: "Planned Giving Basics — What Every Nonprofit Needs to Know."

This two-hour event will take place in person in Durango on Sept. 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$50.

Attendees will learn how to access organizational readiness

and how to launch a meaningful planned giving program to attract legacy gifts.

Registration details can be found at swcommunityfoundation.org/nonprofit-resources.

The Community Foundation coordinates professional development for nonprofit leaders to increase the success and efficiency of local organizations, ensuring the best possible outcomes for the communities they serve.

"Philanthropy experts predict in the next 20 years, we will experi-

ence the largest wealth transfer in history — estimated to be \$84 trillion — as baby boomers pass on assets to their Gen X and millennial heirs," said Brigggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "We encourage nonprofit leaders to prepare for important conversations with their key donors to attract legacy gifts for the benefit of our communities. This workshop will give organizations the tools needed to help donors share their values with the next generation."

ART!Pagosa, ColorFest just around the corner

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Fall is here, our youth are back in school and there are still numerous events occurring in the next month. Don't forget the ART!Pagosa event occurring this weekend, Sept. 9 and 10, in the athletic field of Town Park.

Juried artists with artwork in a variety of mediums, jewelers, hand-crafted items, creations and carvings, and so much more will be at the fair. There will also be food, beverages and live music. Don't miss out on this event hosted by the Pagosa Arts Council.

The following weekend is the annual ColorFest celebration. Three separate events hosted by the Chamber will be rolled into one weekend along with some other activities.

There will be two days of hot air balloon mass ascensions. On Saturday, Sept. 16, there will be a mass ascension from the downtown area. The balloons will launch in the vacant field to the south of the construction area next to The Springs Resort. Only approved vehicles will be able to access the launch site. Spectators are encouraged to park at the Overlook along U.S. 160, the parking areas close to Reservoir Hill and the Town Hall/Ross Aragon Community Center

lots and view from those areas or walk to the launch site. Please do not block roads such as Hot Springs Boulevard, Apache Street and 6th Street obstructing traffic. You could also view the balloons from the Riverwalk as you participate in the ColorRun/Walk hosted by Aspen House/Aspen Services. Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/ColorFestColorRunWalk5K> to sign up for the event. Watch the balloons and get doused with a rainbow of color as you complete the course.

The Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival on Friday night, Sept. 15, is sold out. If you would like to get on a waiting list for tickets, please call the Chamber at (970) 264-2360. There are still tickets available for the Bands and Brews festival on Saturday, Sept. 16. Visit www.pagosachamber.com to purchase your tickets in advance. There will also be a balloon glow Saturday evening beginning around 7:15 p.m. in the athletic field.

The balloons will launch from the west side of town on Sunday, Sept. 17, around 8 a.m. Again, please be cognizant of not blocking streets or pulling over on either the highway or major street arteries to observe the balloons. Park in lots, not private residential driveways, and be observant and respectful of other drivers, walkers and the

event.

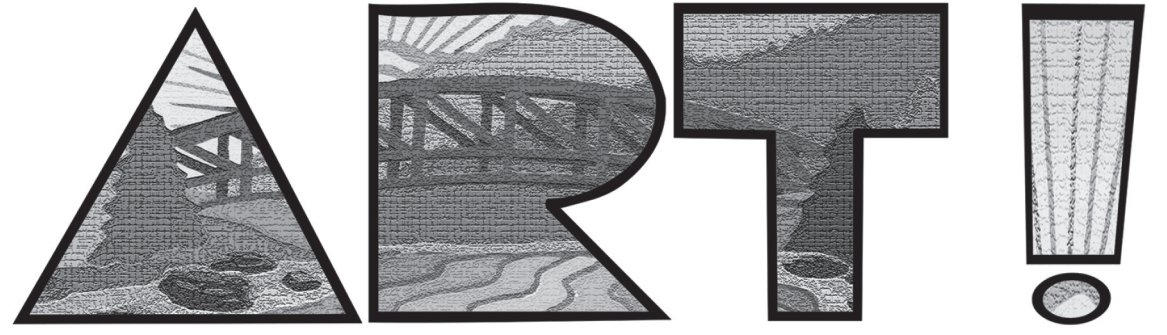
We are honored that these hot air balloon pilots choose to come to Pagosa to add so much attraction to this annual event. They love flying in Pagosa Springs with our stunning vistas and warm hospitality. They try to be respectful of personal property and road access; however, they are subject to the whims of the winds. We thank the community in advance for your patience on this weekend. This is truly a community event. We could not host it without the participation of our sponsors, lodgers, restaurants, brewers and the public who welcome all the visitors who come to Pagosa just for this event.

More information will be forthcoming in the Sept. 14 edition of The SUN. You can also get information through the Chamber's website at www.pagosachamber.com.

Upcoming training

If you are interested in learning more about the cottage food industry, attend a food safety class conducted by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and hosted by the First Southwest Community Fund. This class will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 12, and it is a three-hour, free virtual class. You will learn food safety guidelines, specifics of operating a small home-based business

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State Sens. Jeff Bridges and Cleave Simpson and Rep. Barbara McLachan listen to concerns, ideas and comments from citizens and local government representatives on affordable housing in the community at a Sept. 1 meeting at the Ross Aragon Community Center hosted by the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado. The meeting was part of a series of events across Region 9 with the three legislators focused on affordable housing challenges and solutions.

Commissioners discuss off-highway vehicle access on County Road 146, hear Extension update

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed off-highway vehicle (OHV) usage and access on County Road (CR) 146 and heard a Colorado State University (CSU) Extension update at its Aug. 22 work session.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez opened the discussion of OHV access by noting that a local business uses CR 146 for OHV trail rides and that Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux has begun enforcing the law that OHVs cannot be used on county roads on that road when it previously was not enforced.

Maez noted that this is lawful and stated that he wanted to discuss the possibility of a license agreement with the OHV business to "see if we can gain some ground and help keep a business in business."

Commissioner Veronica Medina noted that she had spoken to Le Roux, who had stated that he was not opposed to the idea, but would like to be involved in the discussions of the arrangement.

She added that she would be "open" to an agreement as long as Le Roux is and that she wants to support local businesses.

Commissioner Warren Brown raised two concerns about the potential agreement, noting that such an agreement could create a precedent that would compel the county to allow OHV access on additional roads and pointing out the impacts that allowing OHV usage on public roads has had on other communities.

A representative from the business in question commented that

the enforcement has harmed the business, causing it to send "66 percent" of its customers elsewhere.

"We've gone from 12 employees to having four, and I don't even know if I can pay them," he said.

Maez noted that the agreement proposed is different from the other communities Brown mentioned in that those communities allowed general OHV use while the agreement would only allow OHV use for a specific business.

Brown noted that he feels the county needs to be "careful," which Maez expressed agreement with but highlighted the different characteristics of this case.

The business representatives outlined the damage that hauling OHVs on trailers has done to the county road and the extensive complex of OHV trails created by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) in the area.

County Attorney Todd Weaver stated that he investigated a license agreement but had found that state law would only allow legal OHV use on the road with an ordinance or resolution making it an OHV route.

He added that the route would be open to all OHV users, not just a specific business, and that the county could impose limits on OHV use on the road, such as restricting hours of OHV operation or limiting OHV use to certain portions of the road.

The group then discussed the logistics of implementing such an ordinance and what areas would have legal access for OHVs to use the road.

Maez noted that the county could limit OHV use to the section of road between the business in question and USFS land.

A representative of the business

noted that, with the increased law enforcement on OHVs, OHV users on the road are driving faster to the USFS land but are still driving the road.

Maez noted the county could implement rules and an associated fine structure for OHV use on the road, adding that he feels a "key piece" of the discussion is to involve Le Roux.

Following a discussion where Weaver noted this would be important and Brown stated that he agreed with doing this, Maez gave staff direction to move forward with engaging with Le Roux on the issue.

A representative noted that the company's contract fines customers \$1,500 for various violations, including speeding or performing donuts.

He concluded by noting that enforcement had not occurred on the road for 17 years and that he wished things would "go back to the way it was."

Maez responded that the lack of enforcement was officer discretion and that Le Roux is enforcing the laws he is sworn to enforce.

Weaver added that the BoCC has no control over the sheriff's enforcement of the law.

Extension update

CSU Extension Director Robin Young provided the extension update, noting that the county fair had a "great year" and thanking the BoCC for its work supporting the fair, the 4-H program and the Rodeo Grounds Management Committee.

She explained that the 4-H livestock auction brought in \$408,000 this year, \$15,000 more than the previous year.

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link to the class.

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado and the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation will host an Enterprise Zone training from 11 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. How could your business



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Registration open for Sept. 16 Color Run

By Joanne Irons
Aspen House and Aspen Services

The Aspen House Color Run is ColorFest Saturday morning, Sept. 16, beginning at 8 a.m. in Yamaguchi Park at 684 S. 5th St.

It is exactly what it says: a fun 5k run or walk. Costumes are encouraged as there will be prizes in many categories. Registration ends at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. There is no cost for children ages 0-6. The cost is \$20 for ages 7- 17 and \$30 for ages 18-99.

This fun race is hosted by the nonprofit A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc. (dba Aspen House and Aspen Services) and is an event for the entire family. Run, walk or baby stroller your way through our 5k course. This is an

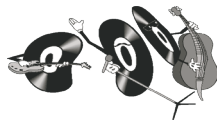
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At several color stations, you can get your white T-Shirt color splashed by our volunteers. The course is very user-friendly, scenic and mostly flat, so it can be completed by all. Enjoy the Riverwalk and the colorful balloon ascension. There will be awards/prizes for costumes, so be creative and come decked out for some colorful fun.

Sign up online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/ColorFestColorRunWalk5k>. Pre-race package pickup is at PS FROYO, 459 Lewis St., from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday evening to get your white T-shirt.

All proceeds benefit the building of a home and providing services for adults with developmental disabilities in Pagosa Springs.

Live Performers



Friday

East Side Market: Wayne Nayor, 11 a.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Bluegrass Cadillac, 5 p.m.

Saturday

East Side Market: Open mic, 11 a.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Glenn Unrath and Jack Ellis, 5 p.m.

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Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society to hear from author

By Carolyn Paschal
Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society

The Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society is pleased to welcome Annie Jackson as its speaker at the Sept. 9 meeting.

Jackson is a young adult author who enjoys writing across genres, including high fantasy, science fiction and urban fantasy. She developed the Agile First Draft method as the thesis for her master's degree in creative writing.

Many writers feel overwhelmed or intimidated when they consider writing a book. Jackson will share her Agile First Draft method, which

breaks with the traditional "butt-in-chair-hands-on-keyboard" approach. Instead, Jackson will walk through a more strategic technique.

An agile first draft breaks a book down into individual story elements of



Annie Jackson

plot, setting and character. Her presentation will also incorporate research as a vital part of drafting a genealogy book.

The Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society meets at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. Our meetings begin at 10 a.m. The public is welcome to attend the meeting via Zoom. For a link to join the meeting, you can contact Dan Senjem, desenjem@yahoo.com, or Carolyn Paschal, carolynpaschal@gmail.com.

Healthy Archuleta food drive set for Sept. 9

Healthy Archuleta

Please join us on Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Pagosa Springs City Market in sharing food with our neighbors who visit the food pantries.

Community food-sharing opportunities allow us to gather together to support our community as a whole.

Healthy Archuleta invites you to a food drive on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Market. Those who are able to are encouraged to share what they can to help the Food Distribution Center better support the Archuleta County Food Pantry Network with foods that our neighbors can use.

Join Healthy Archuleta in supporting the food security of our local community. A collection table will be set up at the store with a list of food items that our neighbors can use this fall and volunteers ready to collect donations.

These items will help stock the shelves of the Food Distribution Center, which supports the food pantries in Archuleta County. Come participate in a community food sharing opportunity. Additionally, monetary donations made during the event will be used to purchase additional food items.

If you would like to make donations of nonperishable food items before or after the food drive, there is a collection bin at the UPS store near City Market. For more information on the Healthy Archuleta food drive, visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/food-drive.html>.

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Photo courtesy Community Choir

Dan and Venita Burch lead the Pagosa Springs Community Choir in rehearsals. All singers are welcome to join the choir as it begins rehearsals for its Christmas concerts. Registration is Tuesday, Sept. 12, starting at 6 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School band room.

Community Choir to start rehearsals for 2023 Christmas Concerts

By Heidi Tanner

Pagosa Springs Community Choir

The Pagosa Springs Community Choir 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 that 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.

Spiritual Experiences Group to be at the WholeExpo

By Laurah Brock Young

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

Would you like to learn more about Eckankar?

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We will host an Eckankar booth at the WholeExpo in Durango Sept. 9 and 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

each day. This expo brings together participants with conscious, holistic and ecological perspectives to invest in the earth, your health and your spiritual life.

One of the members of the Spiritual Experiences Group will be giving a talk on Saturday titled "Loving Yourself First."

We would enjoy meeting you and will be giving out free "ECK

Wisdom" books on topics such as past lives, dreams, soul travel and other spiritual-related topics. Our booth will have a wisdom wheel that you can spin for a playful way to receive spiritual insights.

The Expo will be held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds located at 2500 N. Main Ave. in Durango.

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 Michela Marsh, Stephanie Shepherd and Tanya Quinn, forming the "We Can Do It" team, plan to wow the guests at Runway for Rise on Sept. 30.

Runway for Rise fundraiser aims to let creativity shine

By Dee McPeek
 Rise Above Violence

This new fundraiser for Rise Above Violence, Runway for Rise, is intended to be a unique ladies night out where creativity will shine. Our guiding principle for participating teams is "Frugal but Fabulous." They have been asked to spend no more than \$40 on their creations while letting their imaginations run wild.

Repurposed items from local thrift shops will become part of

their outfits, along with the required duct tape, trash bag and item from nature. With the lineup of inventive Pagosa women on these teams, we anticipate some surprises and amazements for our audience. Get your \$75 reserved tickets and \$50 general admission tickets at riseaboveviolence.org. Contact Dee McPeek at (970) 317-3224 if you have any questions.

While we expect it will be difficult to choose, guests will be asked to vote for one team that

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The Mountain Chile Cha Cha, set for Sept. 23, is a day-long celebration of fall that includes, of course chile with the Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic — a cook-off in which individuals and restaurants can compete for prizes and bragging rights.

Mountain Chile Cha Cha: a must-attend celebration of fall

By Jacque Aragon
Mountain Chile Cha Cha

The Mountain Chile Cha Cha is a highly anticipated, day-long celebration that will delight attendees of all ages.

This exciting event boasts an impressive lineup of activities, includ-

ing a free concert, a green chile cook-off and tasting, a refreshing morning trail race, a margarita contest and a Mexican beer garden.

In addition, various mouth-watering food trucks will be on-site offering delectable cuisines.

Cha Cha goers will also be able to enjoy live music with Latin rhythms

and savor the tantalizing aroma of on-site roasted green chile.

With so much to see and experience, the Mountain Chile Cha Cha is an absolute must-attend celebration of fall and our town's cultural heritage.

See you at the Cha Cha on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Free Medicare 101 class to be offered Sept. 11

By Caryn Hill
San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging

A free introduction class to Medicare will be offered at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library on Monday, Sept. 11, at 1:30 p.m. This class is open to everyone whether currently enrolled in Medicare or planning to enroll soon.

A certified Medicare counselor from San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) will present Medicare basics such as:

- Medicare eligibility and when to enroll.
- Definitions and explanations of parts A, B, C, D and Medigap

plans.

- Deadlines, open enrollment dates and avoiding penalties.
- How Medicare works with other health insurance plans.

Medicare counselors from SJBAAA are certified by the Colorado State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and are not associated with any health insurance company.

Medicare can be confusing, but SHIP counselors are available to help you navigate the program with as much ease as possible. Attending a Medicare 101 class is a great way to start your journey and meet your local SHIP counselors.

To register for the class, please

leave a message and your contact information at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. You can leave a message 24/7.

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library is located at 811 San Juan St.

If you can't attend the class but would like to meet with a Medicare counselor, call (970) 264-0501, ext. 4 to request an appointment. The SJBAAA Medicare office is located in the Pagosa Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Counseling sessions are by appointment only.

Rise

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We are looking for great volunteers to help our guests have the best time. If you are interested in helping, we will keep you busy but

also give you time to watch the show. Contact Ronnie Doctor at (970) 946-6367 for details.

Volunteers are also crucial as victim advocates for Rise. While volunteering offers vital help to those in need, the Mayo Clinic and Harvard Health agree that the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. Rise Above Violence will be hosting a new victim advocate training session this September. Call Jennifer at (970) 264-1129, ext. 6 or email her at jennifer@riseaboveviolence.org to learn more and get involved in this especially rewarding occupation.

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Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club will host its the eighth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance the evening of Oct. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Archuleta County Extension building. Tickets for the evening, which will feature the Tim Sullivan Band, are available now.

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Tickets now available for Rotary's Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance

By Lisa Scott
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

It's a barn dance. The Pagosa Rotary Club is hosting the eighth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance the evening of Oct. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at the Archuleta County Extension building.

The Tim Sullivan Band will be the live band playing boot-scootin' country music for line dancing and your favorite swing moves.

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$35 at the door and can be purchased at Choke Cherry Tree, Happy Trails or from any noon Rotarian. A chuckwagon dinner is available for those who have purchased an advance ticket for \$15.

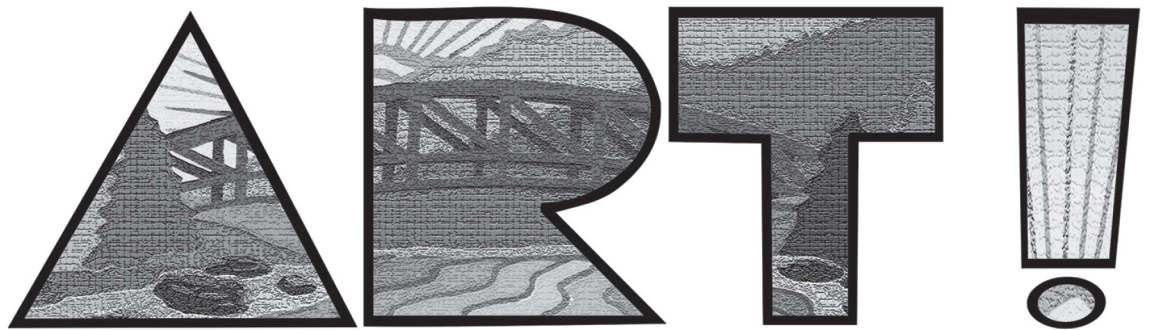
The evening will be full of activities, including a cash saloon with local brews and a full bar, contest for sexiest cowboy and cowgirl, and wagon rides. Local retailers and restaurants have donated items that will be available in a silent auction and in a drawing for

anyone who purchases a chance to win.

Profits from the Barn Dance are spread throughout the community in the form of scholarships, food-filled backpacks for youth needing weekend meals, dictionaries for third-graders and awards to send our youth leaders to leadership camps.

Support these community projects and have a fun-filled evening with friends and neighbors at the Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance. Buy your tickets today as there are only a limited number of tickets available.

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Thursday, Sept. 7

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

Ruby's Writer's Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writer's Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

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 or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 5-7:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This two-hour talk 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 over a thousand years ago. Guests must arrive 15 minutes before the program starts. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

Author Talk: Lidia Bastianich. 5 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded.

Featuring "Life, Love, Family, and Food" by Lidia Bastianich. For details, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Geology Tour. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and earn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area. Guests must arrive for check-in 15 minutes before the program begins. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Friday, Sept. 8

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This two-hour talk 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 over a thousand years ago. Guests must arrive 15 minutes before the program starts. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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

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. Registration opens on the first day of each month. Space limited.

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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.
Pagosa Springs Varsity Football. 7 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Florence.

Saturday, Sept. 9

Geology Tour. 8-10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and learn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area. Guests must arrive for check-in 15 minutes before the program begins. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

Pickleball. 8:30-11:30 a.m., South Yamaguchi Park. Social round-robin. Loaner paddles are available.

Riverwalk Naturalist Tours. 9 a.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Join our naturalist guides on a tour of discovery through the Pagosa Riverwalk Wetlands Conservation Area. The area is rich in natural history and ecological treasures. Tours are free and last approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars are optional. Pets should be left at home. No reservations are needed. Meet your tour guide at the Native Plants Garden on the Geothermal Greenhouse

Partnership site. For more information, contact pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

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 Peak Genealogical Society. 10 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Annie Jackson will be the speaker and will share her Agile First Draft method, which breaks a book down into individual story elements of plot, setting and character. Her presentation will also incorporate research as a vital part of drafting a genealogy book. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person, or you can join on Zoom. For a link to join the meeting, you can contact Dan Senjem, desenjem@yahoo.com, or Carolyn Paschal, carolynpaschal@gmail.com.

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.

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

Monday, Sept. 11

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Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Yamaguchi Park. Loaner paddles are available.
Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064.
Pickleball. 10:30 a.m. -1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Medicare 101. 1:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Information on Medicare plans, enrollment, deadlines and details. If you can't attend the class but would like to meet with a Medicare counselor, call (970) 264-0501, ext. 4 to request an appointment.
Biblical Citizenship in Modern America. Grace in Pagosa, 1044 Park Ave. 6-8 p.m. Throughout our history, American churches have played a vital role in the preservation of liberty. In this time of crisis, where we see our freedoms under attack like never before, we are calling on every Biblical Christian in America to step up and join us in defending liberty. Join us for us an eight-week study on what the Bible says about being a biblical citizen. The course runs until Oct. 30. For more info and to register for free, go to GracelnPagosa.org/register.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Yamaguchi Park. Loaner paddles are available.
Geology Tour. 8-10:30 a.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and earn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area. Guests must arrive for check-in 15 minutes before the program begins. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.
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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 or text (970) 946-6454 for more information.

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

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

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. We will discuss "Pure Land" by Annette McGivney. Copies are available at the library. This free book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles, with snacks provided. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Soccer. 4 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Alamosa.

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

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.

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 or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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Dungeons and Dragons. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

Riverwalk Naturalist Tours. 6 p.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Join our naturalist guides on a tour of discovery through the Pagosa Riverwalk Wetlands Conservation Area. The area is rich in natural history and ecological treasures. Tours are free and last approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars are optional. Pets should be left at home. No reservations are needed. Meet your tour guide at the Native Plants Garden on the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site. For more information, contact pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball. 6 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Bayfield.

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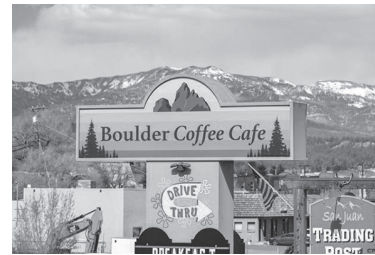
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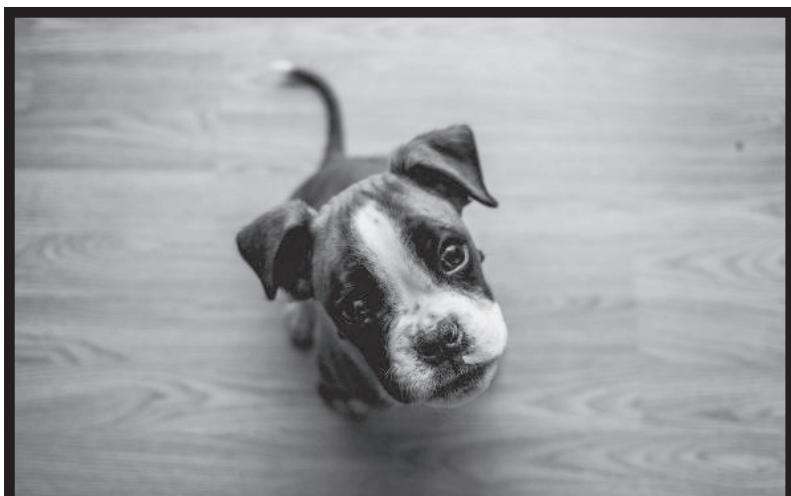


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Wednesday, Sept. 13

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

Pagosa Springs Varsity Golf. 9 a.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

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.pago-sapickleball.org.

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

Therapy Dog Visit. 11-11:45 a.m., Sisson Library. You are invited to come to the library for a free visit with a certified therapy dog. Visits are limited to 10-15 minutes— just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say “Hi.” This is an all-ages activity.

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

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Thursday, Sept. 14

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

Ruby's Writer's Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writer's Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

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Friday, Sept. 15

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ColorFest Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival. 6 p.m., Town Park. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.pago-sachamber.com.

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Saturday, Sept. 16

Birding at Chimney Rock. 7:45-10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Check in 7:45 a.m. and 8 a.m. 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. Birders of all skill levels are welcome. Not recommended for young children. This is a reservations-only program. Tickets are \$16 (age 13 and up), \$8 (age 6-12), 5 and under free. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

ColorFest Color Run. 7:30 a.m., Yamaguchi Park, 684 S. 5th St. A 5k run or walk for the entire family hosted by A Safe Place in Pagosa. Get splashed with color throughout the course. Registration ends at 7:30 a.m. Sign up online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/ColorFestColorRun-Walk5k>. Pre-race package pickup is at PS FROYO, 459 Lewis St., from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday evening to get your white T-shirt.

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Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Soccer. 10:30 a.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Manitou Springs.

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Vaccine Clinic. noon-2 p.m., Humane Society, 465 Cloman Blvd. Low-cost vaccines for dogs and cats will be available at the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Animal Shelter. Bordetella, DA2PP, and Rabies vaccines for dogs will be \$15 each. Rabies and FVRCP vaccines for cats will be \$15 each. For more information, visit shelteroffice@humanesociety.biz.

ColorFest Bands and Brews Festival. 4 p.m., Town Park. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.pagosachamber.com.

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.

Mystery of Chaco Canyon. 6 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Chimney Rock Interpretive Association will present a viewing of "The Mystery of Chaco Canyon" at the amphitheater. An award winning film, "The Mystery of Chaco Canyon" by Anna Sofaer reveals the brilliant astronomy of the Ancient Pueblos. 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. Tickets are

available at www.chimneyrockco.org for \$15 (age 13 and older), \$8 (age 6-12), 5 and under free. Note: These tickets are not available on 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.

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Ideal back-to-school gift for your youngsters

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Do you know the value of a home library for your youngsters? Research shows that kids who have books in their home have improved vocabulary and overall reading performance; do better in math, science and social studies; perform better on standardized tests; and are more likely to go to college.

Those are impressive skills for your child to cultivate — and they are especially relevant now that Archuleta County kids are back in school.

Another valuable tip to help your youngster be successful in school and in life is reading aloud.

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You are stimulating language and literacy skills, as well as building motivation, curiosity and memory.

The free storytimes at your library can help build a love of reading in your children. Storytimes are a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

As school starts, this may be a good time for parents, grandpar-

ents and other caregivers to make a personal resolution to help build home libraries for your loved ones.

Early library closure

Your library will close early on Monday, Sept. 11, for a staff meeting at 5 p.m. This is our regular new staff meeting schedule — on the second Monday of the month.

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.

Virtual author talk today

Our highly popular virtual author talks continue this month with three more opportunities for you to interact with New York Times best-selling authors with an opportunity to ask questions.

Today, 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.

Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. will showcase Amor Towles, author of three nov-

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the yellow-rumped warbler.

In our area, by the end of September, warbler season is for the most part coming to an end. Typically by then, these colorful, active, insectivorous birds will have moved on to warmer climes for the winter. The yellow-rumped, however, will be around for a while, migrating later in fall than others. It is sometimes even spotted here as late as December.

This is one of the most widespread and well-known warblers in North America, breeding in coniferous and mixed forests. One group, the "Audubon's" type, breeds primarily in the mountains of the west and into British Columbia. The "Myrtle" type with a white throat breeds primarily in eastern states and across Canada to Alaska. A short- to medium-distance migrant, yellow-rumped warblers are found in central and southeastern states, and are abundant along the Atlantic coast in winter.

An adaptation in the digestive system of this warbler allows it to digest the waxy coverings of the fruits of the bayberry and wax myrtle, which are plentiful along the Atlantic coast and provide a winter food source. Other fruits commonly eaten in fall and winter include those of juniper trees, poison ivy, poison oak, grapes and dogwood.

In summer this warbler flits about in the canopies of conifers gleaning insects from the trunks, branches and needles of trees. It will also perch on outer limbs and fly out to grab insects from the air.

A yellow-colored rump is diagnostic for these birds and has earned them the affectionate name butterbutt. The Audubon's type, most common here, also shows patches of yellow on the crown, throat and sides. Breeding males have blue-gray backs with black streaks. Females and winter birds are more muted and brownish.

According to the American Bird Conservancy, over 60 percent of the yellow-rumped warbler population breeds in the boreal forests of Canada, where wildfires this summer have affected air quality and burned millions of acres of breeding habitat. While fire has always been a natural part of the landscape, it is unknown how bird populations will be impacted by this year's massive fires.

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

Read Baby Read

The next free interactive story-time for babies up to 18 months takes place tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. 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 tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Beginning chess Saturday

Learn how to play chess with quick lessons and game time to practice your skills on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All ages and abilities are welcome.

LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to bring your imaginations on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the free LEGO Club. Note the extended time of two hours rather than one. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

Adult knitting Saturday

Join new and experienced knitters this Saturday, Sept. 9, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

Medicare intro Monday

Learn about Medicare coverage and how to sign up on Monday, Sept. 11, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in a presentation by the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging.

Ruby's Book Club Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club meets from 2 to 3 p.m. next Tuesday, Sept. 12, to discuss “Pure Land” by Annette McGivney. Copies are available at your library.

This free book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and non-fiction titles, with snacks provided. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, Sept. 12, 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 to join.

Therapy dog visit

Next Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 11 to 11:45 a.m., you are invited to come to the library for a free visit with a certified therapy dog. Visits are limited to 10-15 minutes—just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say “Hi.” This is an all-ages activity.

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 provides 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

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Nonfiction

“The Underworld” by Susan Casey describes the latest technology to journey to the depths of the ocean. “Strip Tees” by Kate Flannery is a memoir by a recent college graduate who experienced life in the racy Los Angeles

corporate fashion world. “Diversity For Sale” by Jay Jeezy Jenkins is a memoir about the author's triumph over small-town poverty to become a successful artist, father, husband, entrepreneur and philanthropist.

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“Gone Tonight” by Sarah Pe-

kkanen follows a mother with a secret she's held all her life. “Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Defiance” by Brian Freeman is a Jason Bourne adventure. “Family Lore” by Elizabeth Acevedo features a woman who can predict when somebody will die. “Cutting Teeth” by Chandler Baker tells of a teacher's murder where 10 four-year-olds are

suspects. “The Bone Hacker” by Kathy Reichs is thriller featuring forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan. “The Carnivale of Curiosities” by Aimee Gibbs is set in Victorian England. “After Death” by Dean Koontz begins when the head of security wakes up alone after a massive disaster.

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Members of the San Juan Pi Beta Phi alumnae club were hosted by Joni Rose at the Alley House Grille Aug. 30 for a delightful gathering that enabled the ladies to pay their annual dues for the 2023-2024 school year while enjoying an afternoon of camaraderie and catch-up conversations. A highlight of the event was visiting with Constance Clark, a former Pagosa resident now living in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Left to right standing: Patty Brown, Joni Rose, Carole Howard, Kelly Maestas, Mary Rothchild and Laurie Williams. Left to right seated: Melissa McDonald, Lisa Scott, Constance Clark and Paula Tennant.

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Mysteries and thrillers

“Clive Cussler Fire Strike” by Mike Maden is an Oregon Files adventure. “The Last Sinner” by Lisa Jackson is a Detectives Benz and Montoya murder mystery. “The Secret Book” by Flora Lea begins when a book arrives with a story only two children knew, one missing. “The Wolf Hunt” by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen deals with the aftermath of religious and racial incidents. “North of Nowhere” by Allison Brennan features hidden children found by their crime family father.

Other novels

“The Art of Scandal” by Regina Black focuses on a political couple who make a deal to stay married to avoid scandal. “Heart Bones” by Colleen Hoover features a young homeless woman trying to stay safe until her full-ride college experience. “Maame” by Jessica George

follows a young woman trying to escape the confines of too many family responsibilities. “Ender’s Game” by Orson Scott Card is a sci-fi story about a military genius Earth desperately needs. “Fourth Wing” by Rebecca Yarrows is the first book in a new fantasy series about war college students becoming dragon riders with magical powers.

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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

“Launching new projects is very stressful. But it’s also extremely fun. Betting on yourself is a good thing. If you fail, you learn — and then you apply that knowledge to the next endeavor.” — Drew Barrymore, actress, talk show host, author and creator of specialty designed products for the home.

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Noxious Weed of the Month: orange hawkweed

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Orange hawkweed is a member of the aster family and is an invasive plant on the Colorado Noxious Weed A List.

Plants grow between 1 and 2 feet high and spread by seeds and a creeping root system. The flowers are reddish orange and resemble chicory with its toothed petals. Orange hawkweed has basal leaves that are covered with bristly hairs and are dark green, occasionally there may be a stem leaf or two. In ornamental plant mixes, orange hawkweed may also be called fox and cubs.

Orange hawkweed is not reported in Archuleta County, but it is present in Colorado along the northern Front Range and in Rio Grande County, east of Wolf Creek Pass.

A native look-a-like for orange hawkweed does grow in Archuleta County and has given me a few heart attacks over the years. The orange agoseris is a native species whose flower and growth habit is very similar to orange hawkweed. The main difference is that the agoseris grows as an individual, while the orange hawkweed is a mat-forming species.

If you believe you have seen orange hawkweed, please report it to the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Department.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

Extension Viewpoints

Preserving the harvest classes planned

Sept. 9 — Canning, drying, freezing.

Sept. 16 — Fermentation.

Each class is \$25. Visit <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/> to register.

Seed saving class

Sept. 23 — Seed saving can be fun, profitable and can create community and pass down stories from generation to generation. The class will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the Extension office. The cost is \$10. Visit <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/> to register.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month by the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 264-5931 to register.



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Orange hawkweed is a member of the aster family and is an invasive plant in Colorado.

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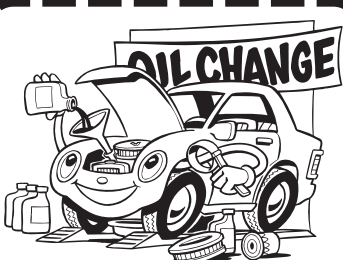
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Spanish Fiesta raises funds for Archuleta Seniors Inc., youth scholarships

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

During the 21st annual Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta that took place this past July 29, community members of all ages joined together with Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) to celebrate the rich Hispanic, Native and Anglo heritage of Archuleta County with music, libations, dancing, vendors, color and more.

Along with all the wonderful memories made, more than \$20,000 was raised to benefit the older adults of Archuleta County, along with 15 percent of net proceeds — or just over \$3,000 — going into the newly established Intergenerational Fiesta Hispanic and BIPOC Scholarship Fund.

Scholarships specifically for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) or Hispanic youth going on to education beyond high school were part of fundraising historically by the Hispanic community. There have not been scholarships dedicated exclusively to BIPOC or Hispanic youth in Archuleta County since at least 2006. Those under 18 who come from underserved families are approximately 17 percent, or 663 youth, who could compete for the scholarships. Re-establishing the scholarship program helps support the educational aspirations of these youth.

ASI proposed to collaborate with the community because the path forward is intergenerational, the essence being our elderly community members working with our younger community members (i.e., students) to create the future by investing in education for the underserved from our county.

In the past, Spanish Fiestas were one of the ways funds were raised for the scholarships. The Spanish Fiesta is not new, but was re-established after a 20-year hiatus this year. The Spanish Fiestas educate the public on the history and di-

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iversity of Indigenous/native and early settlers in this region, most of which exists in oral history, songs and sayings. Most important has been the inclusion of school-age residents to participate in the fiesta and to be awarded scholarships for their efforts.

Several Archuleta County entities and individuals had interest in re-establishing this annual event, but the explosive growth in the county in the last 20 years diverted resources and attention. ASI was successful in bringing all those individuals and entities together to form the Spanish Fiesta Committee in January. ASI has agreed to cover the upfront costs of the 2023 and future fiestas and will share the proceeds with the scholarship program.

In addition to the funds raised during the 21st annual Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta, Executive Director Rose Chavez applied on behalf of ASI to the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Roundup Foundation board for an additional \$2,000. On Monday, Aug. 28, the LPEA Roundup Foundation board announced that it would fully fund ASI Spanish Fiesta Committee Intergenerational Fiesta Hispanic and BIPOC Scholarship Fund. With these additional funds, the committee is now set to award five \$1,000 scholarships for the 2024 school year.

The ASI Spanish Fiesta Committee is inviting community members to help form the Intergenerational Fiesta Hispanic and BIPOC Scholarship Fund committee this fall and winter. This committee will

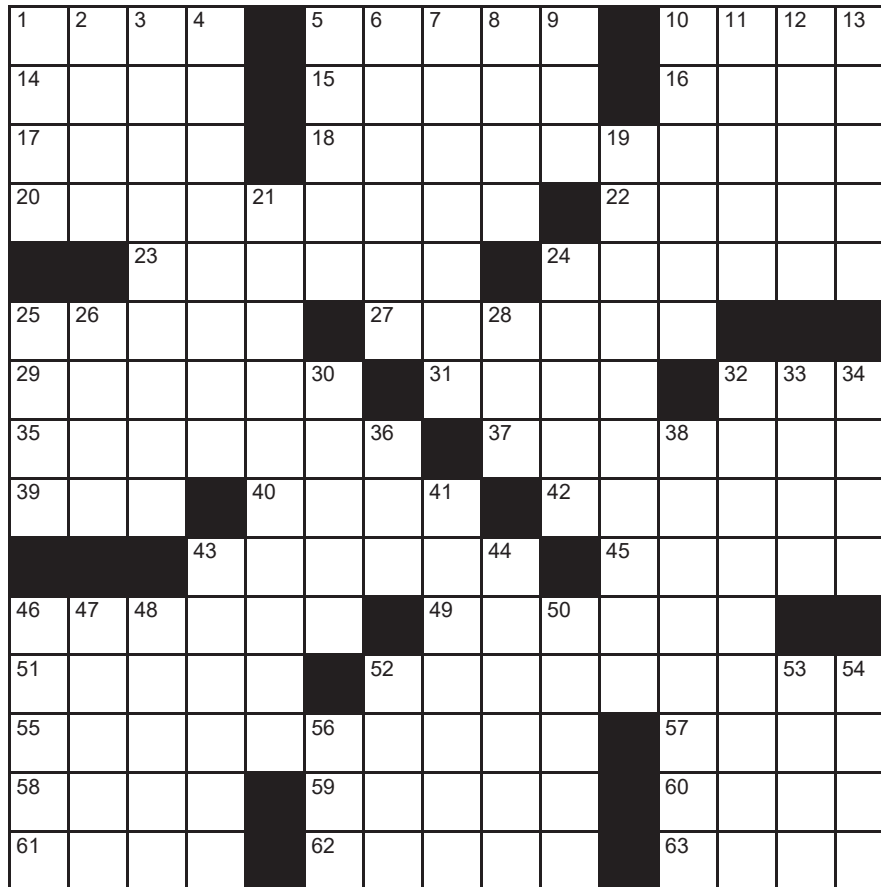
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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Old wives' tale
- 5 Popped up
- 10 Insect stage
- 14 Belgian bread
- 15 Bank heist, e.g.
- 16 Letters on an F-16
- 17 Piece of wood
- 18 Elite group
- 20 Feeling
- 22 Rental contract
- 23 Does 80 in a 50, say
- 24 Bank worker
- 25 Palette selection
- 27 Kind of number
- 29 Big speech maker
- 31 "Jurassic Park" actress Laura
- 32 Wimple wearer
- 35 Nautical knot
- 37 Really dislike
- 39 Brewpub offering



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- 40 Perjured oneself
- 42 Pie servings
- 43 Allergen from a pet
- 45 One way to fall
- 46 Slot-machine fruits
- 49 Bother
- 51 Held in reserve
- 52 ABC's "_____ Housewives"
- 55 Support
- 57 Forever and a day
- 58 "Hamilton" highlight
- 59 Not necessary
- 60 Crescent point
- 61 Moistureless
- 62 "_____ on a true story"
- 63 "Firework" singer Perry

- 2 Type of log
- 3 Do a job at the U.N.
- 4 Wi-Fi locations
- 5 Sharp angle
- 6 Current location?
- 7 Saying "nay"
- 8 "As ___ on TV!"
- 9 Make a goof
- 10 Hand sanitizer brand
- 11 Par for the course
- 12 Antiquated
- 13 Subsequent to
- 19 Symbol of a new start
- 21 Runway sights, to a Brit
- 24 They leave tracks
- 25 ___-Cola
- 26 Kind of hygiene
- 28 Roulette bet
- 30 Ruins a parade
- 32 Neighbor of Honduras

- 33 Anagram for "sure"
- 34 Hatchling's home
- 36 Calendar abbr.
- 38 Industrial storage item
- 41 Is contingent
- 43 Unlikely to bite
- 44 Coast Guard operation
- 46 Prepares to shoot
- 47 Follow as a result
- 48 Money hoarder
- 50 Drive too fast
- 52 Actress Delany
- 53 Reason to cram
- 54 Glimpse
- 56 Soaking spot

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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be instrumental in determining the criteria for the scholarships and promoting the scholarship fund to the community to generate applicants from amongst individuals seeking higher education opportunities. If you are interested, please contact executive director Rose Chavez at rosa@psseniors.org for more information and additional details.

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.

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.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

Community Cafe menu

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.

Monday Sept. 11 — Chicken Dijon, asparagus, garden salad, strawberry-rhubarb crisp and milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 12 — Beef stuffed bell peppers, Parmesan zucchini, focaccia bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 13 — Chipotle-lime crusted baked tilapia, brown rice, garden salad, fruit salad and milk.

Thursday, Sept. 14 — Harvest chicken salad wrap, macaroni salad, garden salad, fruit and yogurt, and milk.

Friday, Sept. 15 — Vegetable lasagna, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, carrot cake 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.

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Sept. 10 New Thought topic to be ‘Live an Inspired Life’

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The Sunday service on Sept. 10 at 10:30 a.m. will be “Live an Inspired Life — Remember your brilliance, let your light shine through” with Stephanie Morrow.

“Follow the inward gleam of your consciousness and you will arrive.” — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

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, Sept. 7, 6 p.m.: Sacred Medicine Ways class with Shayla White Eagle. The class will be on “The Fountain of Youth” — the five ancient rites to longevity, plus the importance of glutathione — the master antioxidant.

Sept. 15, 7 p.m.: New moon drumming at Xanadu.

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. The time has not yet been announced.

Nov. 11: Quintangled Masquerade Ball Fundraiser with Julie Loar. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Library

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. Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through awareness of a higher power. We are the Good Vibe Tribe that practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

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). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309.

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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.

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a

standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Thursdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years.

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Answer: Dog Collar



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How they SAY that in...

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SPANISH: Rabo

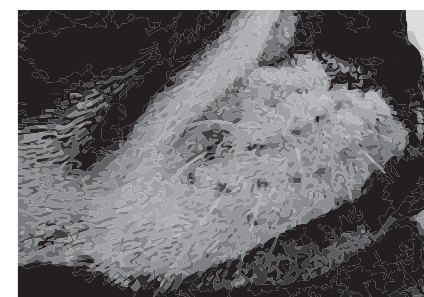
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