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School board hears update on bus driver shortage

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education heard an update on transportation and the bus driver shortage from ASD Director of Operations Josh Sanchez at its Sept. 12 meeting.

Sanchez explained to the board that school began with five routes plus the special education routes being active.

He noted there were “some struggles” regarding the logistics of maximizing the number of students that can be on the buses and that the district has four bus drivers in training to obtain their commercial driver’s licenses (CDLs).

Sanchez added that the district is hoping to begin adding stops in the next few weeks.

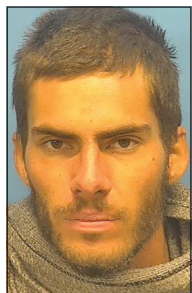
“As hard as it’s been, people have been very understanding in trying to work with us to try to figure that

■ See School A15

Remlinger sentenced to 22 years in prison for 2021 death

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Sept. 6, Chance Ryan Remlinger, 25, of Pagosa Springs, was formally sentenced to 22 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections with a term of parole to follow for his role in a 2021 homicide.



Remlinger

Remlinger’s guilty plea to murder in the second degree related to the 2021 death of Daniel Fitzpatrick, 52, was accepted by Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson on July 17.

As part of the plea deal, three other misdemeanor cases were dismissed.

During the sentencing hearing, Wilson acknowledged letters provided to him prior to the hearing before two of Fitzpatrick’s sisters spoke.

In their statements to the court, the sisters spoke of Fitzpatrick being happy and healthy, and building a home.

“He was thriving,” one said before stating that the family knows how Fitzpatrick’s death played out after hearing the 911 call.

She called the situation a “two-year-long nightmare” and adding, “Danny did not deserve to die.”

His other sister spoke of the moments stolen from them and the goodbyes they didn’t get.

After acknowledging Fitzpatrick’s other family members in attendance virtually for the hearing, Sixth Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne called the crime “senseless.”

■ See Remlinger A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Workers move “The Antler” into place to determine where concrete needs to be poured to support the sculpture at the Tennyson Sculpture Park and Gardens downtown. The sculpture, by artist James Ferrari, will be one of several that will adorn the Lewis Street site.

Gravel proposal presented to county

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Sept. 5 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a proposal from Travis Texer of Dancing Winds Ranch in southern Hinsdale County near County Road (CR) 600 concerning the extraction of material from the ranch for crushing into gravel in Archuleta County.

Texer explained that the ranch attempted to open a gravel pit last year, but the proposal was denied by the Hinsdale County BoCC.

He added his engineer, Nathan Barton of Wasteline Inc., had spoken with County Manager Derek Woodman about the possibility of performing excavation on the ranch and transporting the material to Archuleta County for crushing and screening.

Texer noted that this approach would remove many of the complaints the proposed project received in Hinsdale County.

■ See Gravel A8



SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Last weekend’s ART!Pagosa festival drew local and regional artists from a wide variety of mediums and crowds to scope out the curated art, listen to live music and partake in fare from a variety of food trucks.

Town council approves special fund to support future event venue

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Sept. 5, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved, in a 4-3 vote, a resolution that will move \$500,000 from the Lodging Tax Fund to a restricted account for the purpose of funding a future indoor event venue.

The specifics of the future event venue—the location, design, scope and cost—are all yet still to be determined.

Jennifer Green, executive director of Visit Pagosa Springs, explained that these specifics will come into

shape after a series of “field trips” to other mountain towns that have event venues.

Members of the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board—and possibly members of the town and county governments—will participate in the investigative trips, Green added.

The plan is to “investigate venues in other destinations to better understand how they were funded and different models for the management and operations of various venues,” states agenda documentation on the matter.

Establishing a future indoor event

■ See Venue A8

Search continues for missing man, dog

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A Pagosa Springs man who went hiking on Aug. 19 remains missing.

Rich Moore, 70, went hiking on Saturday, Aug. 19, with his dog and the plan of summiting Blackhead Peak, according to Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux and an ad placed by Moore’s wife.

According to the ad, Moore and Finney, a white terrier with black markings, checked in via text at 9:30

a.m. that day, but did not return that afternoon, and Moore’s truck was left at the trailhead.

Le Roux noted the page came in about 10 p.m. that day, with six people in the field by midnight to



Moore

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OUR VIEW

A unique opportunity

The last couple weeks have offered the staff members at The SUN a unique opportunity. As The SUN passed from being owned by Terri House and The Pagosa Springs SUN Publishing Inc. to Jim O'Rourke and O'Rourke Media Group, we've had the opportunity to reflect on what we do, how we do it, what the community expects from us and why we put out The SUN each and every week in print and digitally.

Jim joined us in the office for more than a week and shared in this as he got to know us better, see more about how we operate, talk with us about what we need and take care of business to keep us functioning.

We've been approached by community members seemingly anywhere and everywhere we go — the grocery store, sporting events, the arts festival, social gatherings and more. We've gotten calls, texts and emails. We've heard from friends, family, former coworkers and more from across the country. There have been a few patterns in these conversations. Many have told us congratulations, good luck, condolences and a number of other sentiments. Several also got straight to the point, asking what we think of The SUN's new owner and suggesting they hope things don't change too much.

We're thankful for that and truly appreciate it.

We're thankful that there are people in

this community who care enough to reach out. We're thankful we have readers who keep us accountable (even if we don't feel so appreciative in the moment). We're thankful we have community members who share their news with us, be it the family of deer in their front yard, how the mountain bike team did over the weekend, the status of their road or sharing the loss of a loved one with us. We're appreciative of our advertisers who look to us to help their businesses be successful.

And here are some answers to the questions we've gotten the most: We are hopeful. Terri was very diligent in finding someone who would be the right fit for our newspaper and our community, which we can't appreciate more. We're excited that we get to build upon our 115-year legacy and continue to grow and evolve with the community and our readers. We will continue to work to be what our readers want, expect and (hopefully) find interesting. Being part of O'Rourke Media Group will give us more resources to allow us to do just that.

We know things being implemented elsewhere — stopping print copies, printing national news, stopping coverage of certain topics — wouldn't serve this community, and we don't intend to do those things here.

Our readers, advertisers and larger community will continue to come first in each decision. We will continue to let you know what's going on in this com-

munity — the good, the bad and the ugly.

Remembering 9/11

We don't want to let this week go by without remembering Sept. 11, 2001.

For multiple generations, that day was pivotal in many ways. We went from getting around for school or work like any other morning to the harsh reality that our country was under attack. We questioned why someone would fly a plane into a skyscraper: Did the pilot experience a medical emergency? Was there another emergency that the pilot needed to tend to? Did someone do this on purpose?

But, as the second plane hit the second World Trade Center tower, the reality became clear: It was no accident. Because of hatred, American citizens were dying.

A total of 2,977 victims died in the Sept. 11 attacks. Thousands more were forced to deal with injuries, losing loved ones, and long-term illnesses and other health impacts.

In the coming years, multiple generations saw our own on the front lines of a war. We saw them try to come back to civilian life. We heard their horrific stories.

But, we also saw a country that came together and was there for each other in that difficult time — something we hope this country can remember now and in the future.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 14, 1923

Dr. W. B. Mayo, famous surgeon of the Mayo Brothers hospital of Rochester, Minn., accompanied by his wife, D.C. Balbour and wife, and Nels Tweede, all of Rochester, were overnight visitors in Pagosa Sunday. They had been visiting with the Roy Hall family at Chama and were en route to Mesa Verde park.

Edw. Teysaier, who has the contract for the construction of the new Putnam hill road west of town, has arrived from Durango, and with his wife will occupy the Mrs. Susie Bone residence. Preparations are now being made to move his equipment and teams to this point, so that work can start at the earliest possible time.

Twenty cans of young trout were brought from the Durango hatchery Saturday and placed in the West fork of the San Juan.

The Hersch Merc. Co. is putting up a fine new electric sign over the store.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 17, 1948

Word has been received here that the remains of Lt. H.H. Hazelwood will be returned to the states in the near future from Japan. Lt. Hazelwood was a pilot of a B-29 shot down over Japan. Services and burial will be held at the national cemetery in Arlington, Va.

The remains of Lt. Hazelwood and the twelve members of the B-29 crew will be buried in a common grave. The bodies of the entire crew were cremated by the Japanese and buried in the same grave. The relatives of these men have all agreed on this arrangement.

Lt. Hazelwood was well-known locally having attended high school here and later attending Fort Lewis College.

A fire in Glory Canon on the Lower Blanco broke out last Friday afternoon and burned over 8 and a half acres before it was brought under control that evening around 6 o'clock by a crew of 16 men under ranger R.K. Blacker. The fire was first reported at about 2 o'clock Friday afternoon when about 3/4 of an acre were on fire. By the time the fire fighting crew got into action 7 acres had been burned over. The fire was started by lightning, according to a statement by Ranger Blacker.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 13, 1973

Two automobiles were classed as a total loss after a mysterious explosion and fire early last Sunday morning. Sheriff Ottaway and investigators from the DA's office said that preliminary indications were that some type of explosion had been placed in or near a car owned by Burt Balonik. When it caught fire, a ruptured gas tank threw flames onto a vehicle owned by Ron Volger, which then caught fire. The incident took place at about 4 a.m. Sunday and there were no injuries.

Rain this week has slowed construction somewhat in most areas of the county. Weather has been mild, except for the rains, and a very few fall colors are starting to appear. Indications are that some cooler weather may be ahead. Big game season is just around the corner and by then there might be some snow in the high country.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 17, 1998

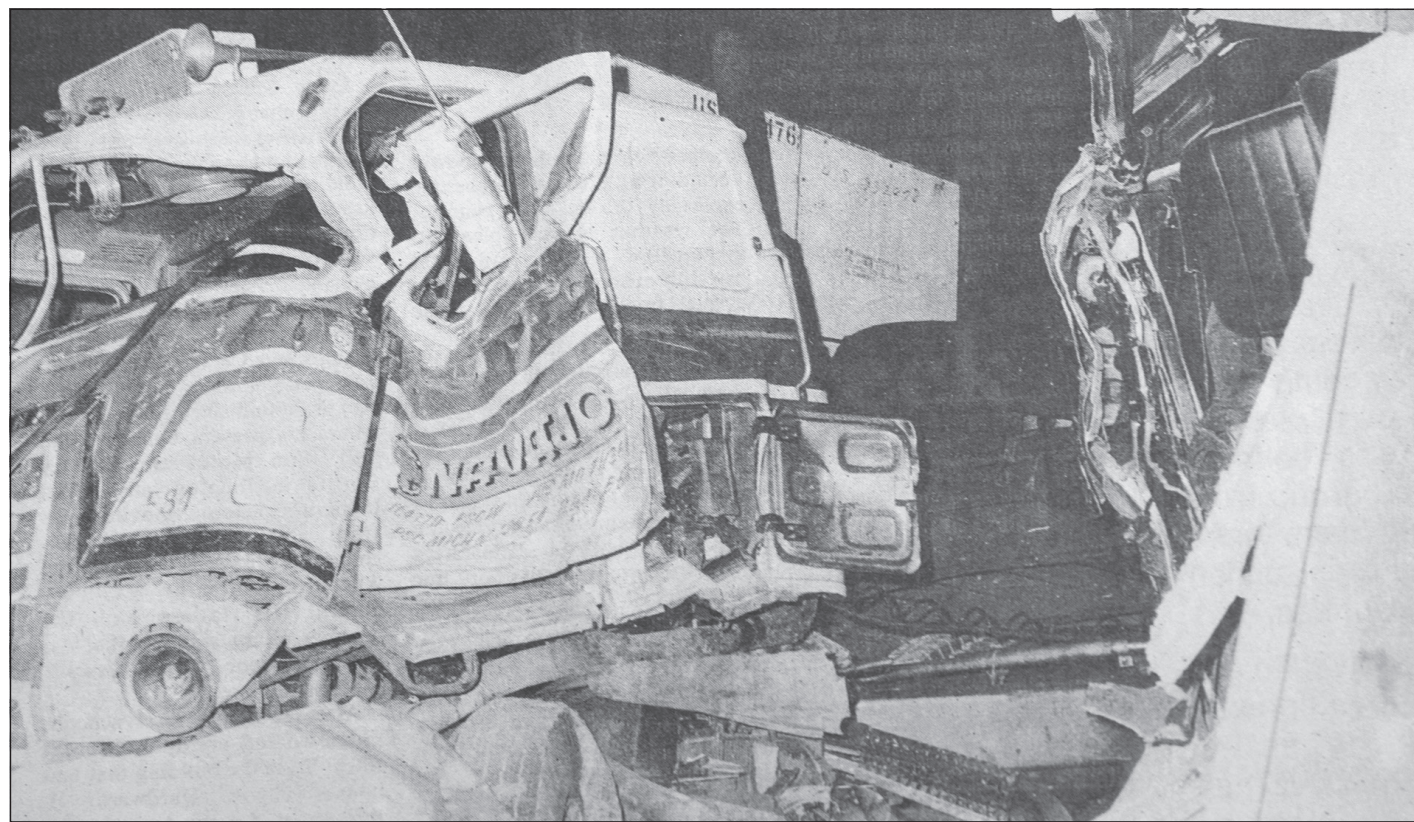
Connie and Sean O'Donnell are among the new faculty joining the School District 50 Joint staff this year.

Connie teaches eighth-grade learning lab at the junior high and physical education for the intermediate school. The learning lab, she said, is a combination of study hall and a place to work with students on study skills, goal setting and decision making.

Connie also coaches the high school's volleyball "C" team and works with the varsity Lady Pirates. At Manitou Springs High School, she lettered in volleyball, basketball and track.

Sean teaches pre-algebra, geometry and algebra II at the high school, taking over the slot vacated when Mark Thompson accepted the school's counseling position. Sean is also assisting head coach Myron Stretton with the varsity football team.

While attending Middle Park High in Granby, Sean lettered in football, basketball and track. From there he went to the University of Northern Colorado where he received a B.A. in secondary math education.



From the Sept. 12, 1974, Pagosa Springs SUN. TANGLED WRECKAGE — Two large transport trucks collided on Wolf Creek Pass last Saturday. This photo is of the two tractors and the smashed cabs. One man died in the accident, two other persons were injured. Truck to the left was sliding on its side when it hit the Navajo truck headon. Driver of the overturned truck was killed instantly in the wreck.

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Solve this problem

Dear Editor:
Want to Make America Great Again...solve this problem:

The value of a college education is now polled at less than 50% by current high school students while the rest of the developed world is placing more & more value on higher education? Ask a college grad whether their tuition loan was worth delaying a home, marriage, kids and other expensive stuff until their mid-thirties.

Don't think that's a problem well throw in a few more variables:

- We shipped most of our factories over seas for cost and tax purposes...not everybody can work at Star Bucks or McDonalds.
- National defense requires fac-

tories and robot's are cheaper than people.

- Artificial Intelligence capability will make a quantum leap in recursive capability (will teach itself) in a few years. You better believe that will change the 'ground rules' for jobs almost completely.

- The GOPers are doing their best to restrict what can be taught in schools & pulling books from libraries forget their passing laws that restrict your rights to your own lives and prevent you from voting.

Get the message, being Conservative or religious aren't bad things unless you take them to their extreme where you aren't just affecting the rights of others (Constitution/Bill-of-Rights, etc.), you're threatening our nation.

Want to make America Great Again...work together, make college affordable or better yet free, make Head Start available for everyone. The brightest most educated open-minded free citizens will win the global economic competitions and that will make America Great Again!

David Blake

Mill levy override

Dear Editor:
As the co-chairs of the Mill Levy Override (MLO) campaign in 2018, we want to remind the citizens how their affirmative vote supported our public school district.

With 61% support, our community passed the MLO which provided \$1.7 million annually for the Archuleta School District to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and staff, fund full-time school resource officers, fund full-day kindergarten, and provide the same services to Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS).

The fiscal responsibility the school district has shown in spending these voter-authorized dollars is commendable and aligns with the intent of the MLO. Thank you for being part of a community that values education and supports teachers, staff, and students.

The ballot initiative included an sunset of these funds in seven years. 2025 will be here before we know it, and the School Board, after consultation with an exploratory committee, has made the decision to place the MLO initiative on the November 2023 ballot. It will ask the voters to extend the MLO and allow the school district to continue to collect these funds for the benefit of our public schools.

More information will be communicated to our citizens in the coming months to inform them about this ballot issue and the rationale for support. Thank you for taking the time to understand this important initiative.

Lisa Scott
Brooks Lindner

Constitution Week

Dear Editor:
The week of September 17 – 23, is Constitution Week and this letter is a reminder for all American citizens to re-read the Constitution.

We take our freedoms so much for granted that it behooves us to tell our children and grandchildren about the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the creation of the Constitution.

Eleven years after the Declaration of Independence was signed, and after gaining our independence, a small group of delegates convened in Philadelphia to create a new constitution for governing the newly created nation. The U. S. Constitution is the oldest and shortest of the written national constitutions. More than 11,000 amendments have been introduced in Congress. Thirty-three have gone to the states to be ratified and twenty-seven have become amendments to the Constitution.

To quote Patrick Henry, "The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government."

And, the Preamble to the Constitution is an affirmation of our loyalty to our country and respect for our patriots who fought for our freedoms:

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessing of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Never Forget!

Joanne McCoy
Bayfield, Colo.

ABLE Project

Dear Editor:
As the Chief of the Colorado State Patrol, I am excited to announce a partnership with the Georgetown University Law Center for Innovations in Community Safety (CICS) to implement the Active Bystanderism for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Project.

Law enforcement officers fre-

quently face high-stress, high-stakes decisions as they fulfill their daily duties to protect lives and property. And, equally true, when examples of police misconduct emerge, we are left bewildered and appalled with the absence of intervention.

The truth is that it is harder to successfully intervene than it may appear in hindsight. And, as uncomfortable as this makes us all feel, there is decades of research identifying inhibitors that people experience that reduces intervention in the conduct of others, including violence, racism and other

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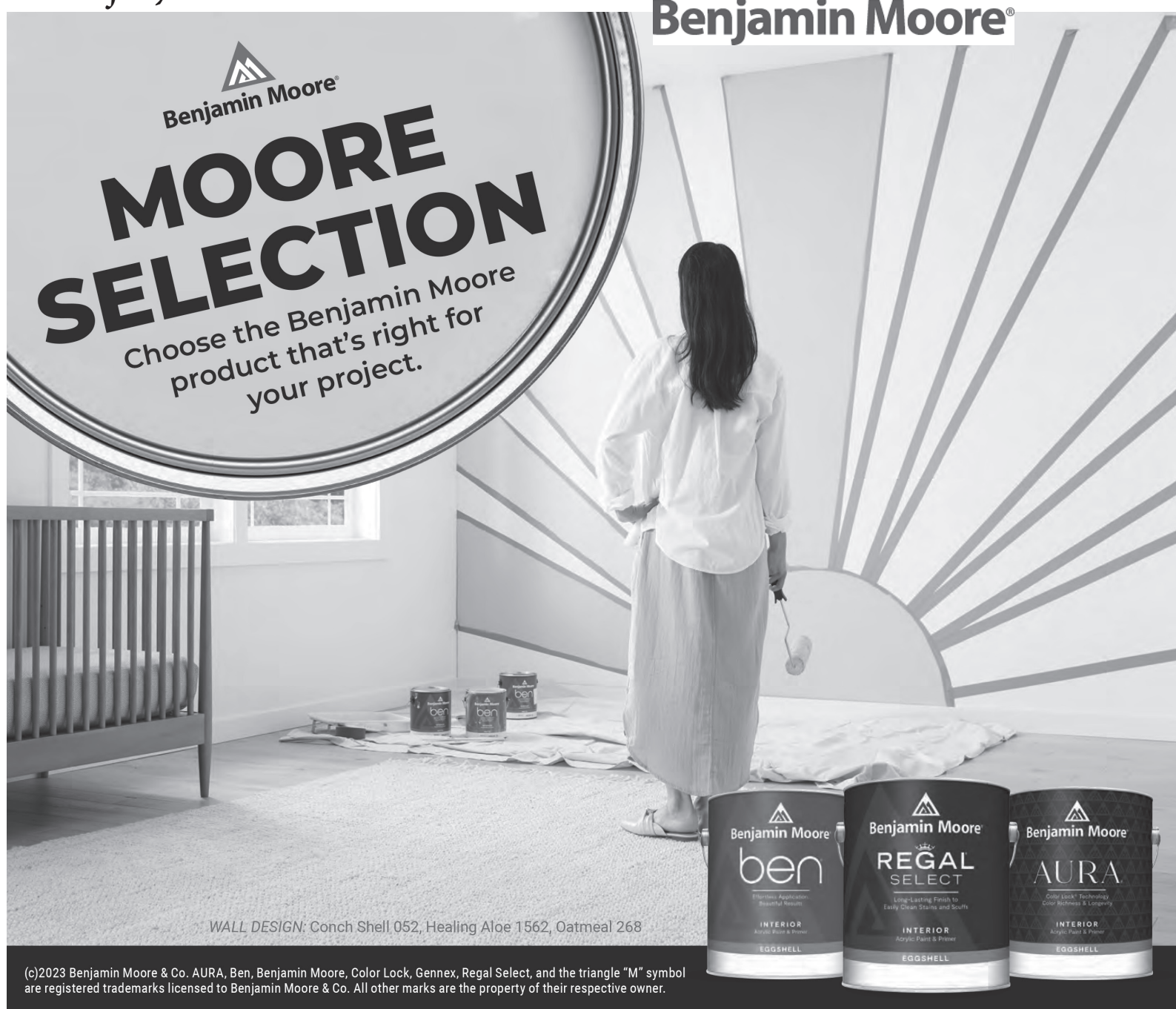
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Veterans for Veterans' fly-in a success

By Richard Walker
Veterans for Veterans

On Sept. 9 and 10, the Archuleta County Veterans for Veterans organization held its second annual fly-in event at Stevens Field.

Dozens of member volunteers began the set up on the Friday prior to the event and the "big top" tent was set up. Tables and chairs were put in place for our pancake breakfast and our griddle flippers began making hotcakes by 7:30 each morning.

The gates opened at 8 a.m., as did as the "chow" line. Hot coffee, orange juice and fresh fruit was all served along with breakfast by our Vets 4 Vets volunteers. Food trucks were also there serving delicious and unique coffee drinks and hot,

delicious food for those who were not stuffed with our great pancakes and sausage.

Hundreds of locals attended, as well as folks from Creede and other nearby areas. The mobile air ambulance was also on display.

The big event, and the real reason we were all there, were the free airplane rides for kids from 8 to 18. Our own San Juan Flyers and friends took 142 kids for flights over two mornings, compared to last year's total of 67.

Every child and young person who flew received a flight certificate signed by their pilot, a log book and an additional certificate for a free ground school lesson as an introduction to flight school.

The flights were sponsored by our very own chapter of the Young

Eagles, a nationwide organization that encourages young people to develop an interest in flying. Also participating was the Experimental Aircraft Association, a group of flyers who build their own aircraft.

Every young flyer I saw disembarked the aircraft with a huge smile on their faces and that made all of the hard work that our volunteers put into the event more than worthwhile.

There was also a bake sale table where homemade cakes, cookies and other delightfully delicious goodies were offered for a donation. All of the funds from these donations were in support of the Raymond Taylor family. Taylor is our county's veterans service officer, the commander of American

Legion Post 108 and a Vets 4 Vets member. His daughter, Lilly Taylor, is suffering from aplastic anemia and is being treated at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Ariz. Raymond Taylor has to drive back and forth, which costs hundreds of dollars a month plus there are, of course, other expenses. We hope that our contributions will help to sustain him and his family in their time of need. If anyone wishes to help the Taylor's financially, there is a GoFundMe site at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/team-lilly-supporting-the-taylors>.

Archuleta County Commissioner Veronica Medina spoke at our kickoff ceremony and the American Legion Post 108 Honor Guard for performed military honors.

Launch of The Studios Pagosa announced

By Jenna Gannon
Pagosa Community Initiative

The Studios Pagosa, a dynamic nonprofit run by the Pagosa Community Initiative, is a shared studio and creative co-working space. We

are thrilled to announce its official launch, ushering in a new era of artistic collaboration and community enrichment in the heart of Pagosa Springs.

The Studios Pagosa is a haven for artists, creators and innovators

seeking a nurturing environment to cultivate their talents and engage with a vibrant community of like-minded individuals. Offering art studios, a diverse range of workshops and co-working spaces, this unique initiative encourages

individuals from all walks of life to explore, create and connect.

The Studios Pagosa is deeply committed to giving back to the community that has welcomed and supported us. Through outreach programs, partnerships with local schools and community events, we aim to make art accessible to all, regardless of age or background. All funds generated from this space help with the youth development and family development programming of the Pagosa Community Initiative.

If you want more information about The Studios Pagosa, to stay updated on our latest events and offerings, and sign up for classes, visit <https://www.thestudiospagosa.org/>.

Letters

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forms of harm towards others. That being said, law enforcement officers have a duty to act and a responsibility to overcome inhibitors.

Training prepares officers for successful interventions. Active bystanders have proven effective in mitigating mistakes in surgery, pilot errors and sexual assaults on college and university campuses. With the ABLE Project the Patrol will adopt these principles for law enforcement, so that active bystanders can help prevent unnecessary harm in this context as well. This training considers the real situations faced by law enforcement while believing it is the responsibility of every officer to act to prevent mistakes, prevent misconduct, and promote their fellow officers' health and wellbeing.

The Colorado State Patrol is proud to become an ABLE agency, and contribute to a legacy of prioritizing community safety and fostering a healthy environment for our troopers to serve. By the end of September 2023, all sworn staff at the Colorado State Patrol, including top leadership and recruits, will be required to complete the ABLE training and will receive annual refresher training from this point forward.

Sincerely,
Col. Matthew C. Packard
chief, Colorado State Patrol

Of Thee I Sing

Dear Editor:

What do truly strong leaders have in common? I believe it is their humble mannerisms as they lead with strength. The Good Book states that humility brings wisdom. I recall the days of President Roosevelt. Despite his paralyzed legs due to polio, he led our nation with strength through the Great Depression followed by WWII. His words were always inspiring and filled with hope. When he planned to address the nation, the time was announced over the radio throughout the day and when the

scheduled time arrived, families would gather around the radio to hear his inspiring words of hope.

Sadly, today, some who seek leadership positions in our country are so "taken" by who they are, they forget that we are :One Nation under God" and God is Number One. No one can take His place. Through their daily prayers, they must seek his guidance. Yes, the beautiful hymn says it all: "My country 'tis of Thee, sweet Land of Liberty, of Thee I Sing".

Yes, sing it with love!

Patty Tillerson

Stop the heliport

Dear Editor:

We are asking the Archuleta County community to help us with our petition.

Read more at - <https://chng.it/ctsMHCzSVN>

We, the residence of Echo Creek Valley, the ranches that reside in Echo Valley, Echo Lake, and the surrounding communities, are asking the Archuleta County Planning Commission and the County Commissioners to REJECT the permitting and location of D'Aumeries - Private Heliport - Board Conditional Use Permit.

We are asking the Archuleta County Planning Commission and Commissioners to support a detailed Environmental Impact Study, to address the heliport permit which is a direct violation of the Archuleta County Zoning Regulations of 3.1.5.1 8c which states:

- "No residential dwelling units shall be located within one half mile of either end of any runway".

- As well as a violation of County Ordinance 22-2019, "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING NOISE LEVELS IN UNINCORPORATED ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO."

We are asking the Archuleta County Planning Commission and Commissioners to respect the concerns and 100% objections of the Heliport from the community. All of the permanent residents on Upper

Terry Robinson Road and Divide View Place are in opposition.

Stevens Field Airport is where the Helicopter should reside because of the above points. There is NO reason for the construction and operation of a private heliport to be allowed in the area. Stevens Field Airport is set up for any disastrous events to protect the environment and the quality of life for area residents and wildlife. Stevens Field Airport is the logical solution for all.

Conclusion:

If this proposed heliport is permitted by the Archuleta County Commissioners, we can expect other property owners in the future to use this approval as a guideline:

- You will see more heliports within Archuleta County start to pop up and the buzzing in our sky will negatively affect residents, wildlife and visitors in the county.

- Archuleta County zoning regulations will not be respected. Note: 3,1,5,1 8c clearly states the violation, and an approval would ignore the half mile radius and set a shameful precedent.

- The value of Stevens Field Airport to the community will be tainted. The approval would be dismissing the investment of Archuleta County tax dollars to keep the aviation airways under a central control point in order to serve the best interest of the community.

- The approval would be creating a carnival of disruption with noise pollution throughout Archuleta County. A vote to approve D'Aumeries heliport opens up Pandora's box to our beautiful skyways and peaceful environment.

- The approval would be a blatant disregard to the Archuleta County wildlife and ecosystem. Our wildlife will be threatened by the noise. Scientific facts have been presented to prove that point. The helicopter noise would disturb and push the wildlife further away from our beautiful rural areas.

- Most importantly - this approval would be a complete disrespect to the voters of the Archuleta County community.

Joseph Yoklavich

Obituary

Robert 'Bob' Horstman

Robert "Bob" Horstman, 99, went to his Father three days before his 100th birthday, at his home in Pagosa Springs.



Bob and his wife of 52 years, Rosemary, fell in love with Pagosa and moved here in 1997. He married Rosemary Welsh in 1951.

His passions in life were for photography, music and cutting horses.

Robert was born on Sept. 6, 1923, in Casper, Wyo. He had two sisters, Marjorie (Clements) and Mary (Maxon).

After attending the University of Wyoming for three years, Bob enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps on June 9, 1942, and active duty

with the U.S. Army on July 12, 1943.

He was assigned as a combat medic to the 273rd Infantry Regiment, 69th Infantry Division. Bob crossed the English Channel in a winter storm with the 273rd Medical Detachment in an LST (landing ship tank), disembarking in the harbor of Le Havre, France, on the night of Jan. 23, 1945. He was engaged in 89 days of combat during the Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns.

After the war, Bob earned his medical degree at Temple University, becoming an orthopedic surgeon. He was a professor at the USC Medical Department for one year. In 1962, he served as the team doctor for the Los Angeles Lakers. He practiced medicine for 37 years.

Bob always had a deep, quiet love for God and his country.

Bob is survived by his son, Russ; four grandchildren, Ashley (Thayer), Colin, Erica (Zagorski) and Jeremy; and three great-grandchildren.

Services for Bob will be Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Hilltop Cemetery in Pagosa Springs.



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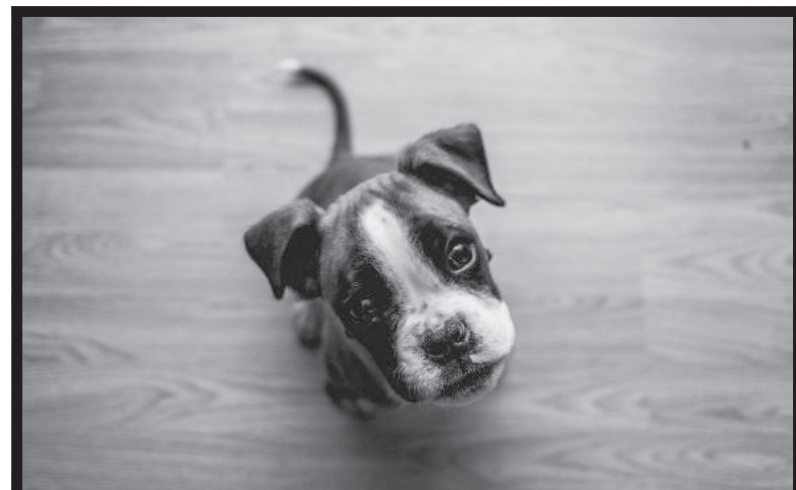
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Colorado Court of Appeals judges Dailey, Furman to retire

Nominating Commission sets date to select nominees

Colorado Judicial Department

The Supreme Court Nominating Commission invites qualified attorneys to apply for two Colorado Court of Appeals vacancies created by the retirements of the Hon. John Daniel Dailey and the Hon. David Furman.

Both vacancies will occur on Jan. 1, 2024. The commission will meet on Oct. 24-25 to select applicants to interview, to conduct interviews and to select nominees for appointment by the governor.

To be eligible for appointment

to fill a vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the state of Colorado and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years.

The annual salary for a court of appeals judge is currently \$201,312. The initial term of office of a Court of Appeals judge is a provisional term of two years. Thereafter, the incumbent judge, if retained by the voters, has a term of eight years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex-officio chair of the Nominating Commission, Chief Justice Brian D.

Boatright, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive of any of the 22 judicial districts.

Applications are also available at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>.

The completed application must be emailed to the address listed in the instructions below no later than 4 p.m. on Sept. 29. Late applications will not be considered. Any person wishing to suggest a candidate to fill the vacancy may do so by letter to be submitted to any member of the nominating commission, with a copy to the ex-officio chair, no later than 4 p.m.

on Sept. 22.

The members of the Supreme Court Nominating Commission are: Katina Banks and Ageno Oti, of Denver; Peter Gould, of Boulder; Lisa Kaufmann, of Lyons; Linda Garcia, of Pueblo; J. Martelle Daniels, of Grand Junction; Deborah Suniga, of Greeley; Stanton Dodge, of Castle Rock; Paul Wiggins, of Peyton; John Suthers, of Colorado Springs; Marco Chayet, of Centennial; C. Omar Montgomery, of Aurora; Heather Lipp and Danielle Radovich Piper, both of Golden; Edwin Perlmutter, of Arvada; Kevin Mullin, of Greeley; and Jerome DeHerrera, of Westminster.

The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for two weeks: 569.

Aug. 21 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Aug. 21 — Information only, menacing-intimidation (including stalking, threats), County Road 500.

Aug. 21 — Failed to display valid registration, no insurance in possession, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Aug. 22 — Death by natural causes, County Road 500.

Aug. 22 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, U.S. 160/County Road 146.

Aug. 22 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160/County Road 146.

Aug. 23 — Agency assist, South Squaw Canyon Place.

Aug. 23 — Information only, Harman Park Drive.

Aug. 23 — Criminal mischief, Ermine Court.

Aug. 23 — Agency assist, Pike Drive/Rainbow Drive.

Aug. 24 — Warrant arrest, Park Avenue/Seminole Drive.

Aug. 25 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 84.

Aug. 25 — Warrant arrest, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, County Road 600 and Back Swing Drive.

Aug. 26 — Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by minor, West U.S. 160/Majestic Drive.

Aug. 27 — Agency assist, illegal discharge of a firearm, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Aug. 27 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

Aug. 27 — Information only, Hummingbird Place.

Aug. 27 — Theft-motor vehicle parts/accessories from vehicle, Hopi Drive.

Aug. 28 — First-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, South Black Bear Place.

Aug. 28 — Criminal mischief, criminal extortion, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Colo. 151.

Aug. 28 — County-wide curfew, Canyon Circle.

Aug. 29 — First-degree criminal trespass-other intent, West U.S. 160.

Aug. 29 — Information only, County Road 600/Solomon Drive.

Aug. 29 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600/Solomon Drive.

Aug. 30 — Warrant arrest, Surrey Drive.

Aug. 30 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, West U.S. 160.

Aug. 30 — Warrant arrest, West U.S. 160.

Aug. 30 — Information only, West U.S. 160.

Aug. 30 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

Aug. 31 — Information only, Park Avenue.

Aug. 31 — Information only, Frontier Avenue/U.S. 84.

Sept. 1 — Criminal mischief, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, possession of drug paraphernalia-penalty, third-degree assault-simple assault, habitual user of controlled

substance, Park Avenue.

Sept. 1 — Fraudulent acts, Country Center Drive.

Sept. 1 — Possessing an illegal weapon, information only, West U.S. 160/Trinity Lane.

Sept. 2 — Criminal mischief, Canyon Circle.

Sept. 2 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, criminal mischief, Estates Circle.

Sept. 3 — Death-death by natural causes, Sumac Court.

Sept. 3 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, West U.S. 160.

Sept. 3 — Obstructing peace of officer/police animal/fireman, passed on left when left not clear to traffic, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, open container in a motor vehicle, East U.S. 160.

Sept. 3 — Information only, Old Sawmill Circle/North Pagosa Boulevard.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for two weeks: 292.

Aug. 19 — Harassment, County Road 600.

Aug. 20 — Careless driving, left scene without providing required information after striking, unattended vehicle or property, failed to notify police of accident, driver operated vehicle without insurance, San Juan Street.

Aug. 20 — Assault, criminal mischief, 15th Street.

Aug. 20 — Careless driving, failed to give information/aid after damaging another vehicle, San Juan Street.

Aug. 23 — Theft, Goldmine Drive.

Aug. 23 — DUI, driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, operated vehicle without insurance, expired license plates, open container in motor vehicle, U.S. 160/Pike Drive.

Aug. 23 — Illegal possession/consumption of alcohol by minor, Rainbow Drive/Pike Drive.

Aug. 24 — Theft, domestic violence, Lewis Street.

Aug. 25 — Warrant arrest, accessory to felony crime, Village Drive.

Aug. 26 — Careless driving, 14th Street/U.S. 160.

Aug. 26 — Warrant arrest, 14th Street/U.S. 160.

Aug. 28 — Careless driving, failed to notify police of accident, Country Center Drive.

Aug. 28 — Criminal trespass first degree, shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

Aug. 29 — Criminal trespass first degree, Eaton Drive.

Aug. 31 — Criminal mischief, Eagle Drive.

Aug. 31 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

Aug. 31 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Aug. 14 — Allen Alfrey, executed right turn from wrong lane, three points off, fines, surcharges and costs — \$116.

Aug. 14 — Lacie Bagley, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$72.

Aug. 14 — Jennifer Segura, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$72.

Aug. 14 — Brigette Hinger, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$72.

Aug. 14 — Jacob Hartley, following too closely, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

Aug. 14 — Spencer Cizek, following too closely, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

Aug. 14 — Nancy Guilliams, careless driving, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$202.

Aug. 14 — Raciell Rodriguez, careless driving, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$202.

Aug. 14 — Kristen Roth, careless driving causing bodily injury, four points off, fine and costs — \$335.

Aug. 14 — Maribel Cobos, failed to yield to traffic when making a left turn, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$116.

Aug. 14 — Seth Luebbert, following too closely, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

Aug. 14 — Sydney Martin, following too closely, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

Aug. 14 — Dustin Montoya, theft, fines, fees and restitution — \$210.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards

Aug. 28 — Eric Williams, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$72.

Aug. 28 — Uriah Tetphon, following too closely, four points off, fine and surcharge — \$111.

Aug. 28 — Travis Gilbert, shoplifting, fine — \$100.

Aug. 29 — Jason Hollar, prohibited acts in town parks, fine — \$50.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Aug. 23 — Nicklaus Reed Wilson, driving under the influence, 30 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 10 days electronic surveillance, fines and costs — \$720.50.

Aug. 23 — Alyssa M. Vaeth, driving under the influence-with prior conviction, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 10 days electronic surveillance, 24 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,968.20.

Aug. 23 — Rylee K. Zobel, license

plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.

Aug. 23 — Esteban U. Sanchez — seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$133.50.

Aug. 23 — Seth Fulton Miles, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Aug. 23 — Ryan E. Lyons, signaling violation, fines and costs — \$138.50.

Aug. 23 — Jacob Ryan Lowe, failed to stop at stop sign, fines and

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Dispatch center moving forward with new protocols

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Board voted to move forward with new protocol software for emergency medical dispatch (EMD) and other services at an Aug. 31 special meeting.

Emergency Communications Director Devin Moffat opened discussion on EMD by stating that the dispatch center currently uses EMD protocols through the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officers (APCO) but that he recommended that the center switch to the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) for EMD protocols as this is the only vendor that will provide accreditation to the center.

He explained that the "manual card system" from APCO is "very cumbersome" and does not meet current medical and other standards, such as recommendations for the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation or tourniquets.

He highlighted that the APCO system slows effective response to medical emergencies and stated he feels the IAED standards would be more efficient and are computer based.

Moffat commented that the

IAED standards would also give the center and local emergency organizations additional flexibility in deciding on the appropriate responses to various types of emergencies.

He added that the IAED would provide superior quality assurance as well as additional information for dispatchers compared to APCO.

Moffat stated that the IAED protocols are used in 69 countries at 4,080 centers and are translated in 30 different languages, and stated that he believes that the center could be a dual-accredited center for EMD and fire dispatch within three to five years with the implementation of these protocols.

He added that, in his opinion, switching EMD protocols is a "need" for the center, but that the IAED also offers fire and police protocols.

Moffat explained that the center currently has no fire dispatch protocols except for questions center staff have devised, which could potentially expose the center to additional liability.

He then outlined the protocols for calls involving fires and backcountry rescues, including questions separating various types of fires and instructions for persons trapped in burning structures or needing rescue in the wilderness.

Randy Larson, fire chief at the time of the meeting, commented that the Pagosa Fire Protection District is "all for" the expanded fire protocols.

Moffat then discussed the police protocols, stating that the protocols are similar to those currently used by the center but provide greater scripting.

He added that the IAED provides "complete civil liability" protection if its protocols are followed.

He noted the program would assist with resource allocation and triage in a growing community.

He indicated that the center's projected vacancy savings for the year are approximately \$250,000 and that the shift from APCO to the IAED would save approximately \$5,000 a year.

Moffat stated that the initial cost for buying EMD, fire and police protocols would be \$119,950, adding that he would roll out the protocols at different times, beginning with EMD protocols.

He then proposed that the center allocate \$150,000 of the vacancy savings for the purchase and implementation of the program, with a variety of options for when the purchase and implementation would take place.

Moffat concluded by summariz-

ing the benefits of the new protocols, including helping the center toward accreditation, improving dispatchers' ability to respond to calls and provide information before emergency services personnel arrive, and improving resource use for responding agencies by providing accurate information on the nature of incoming calls.

The board then discussed the details of protocols and the logistics of how the contract would be paid for, with Moffat stating that \$150,000 allocation would include funding for the software and a balance for funding training and implementation.


Larson highlighted the benefits of the improved protocols for fire response.

Sheriff Mike Le Roux also highlighted the benefits of the improved protocols for backcountry rescue operations.

County Manager Derek Woodman added that the new protocols would assist the center with its goal of accreditation and would improve efficiency.

The board then unanimously voted to authorize Moffat to move forward with acquiring and implementing the IAED protocols for the center.

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Pagosa fire district announces promotion

Pagosa Fire Protection District

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) would like to proudly announce the recent promotion of John Elliott from firefighter to lieutenant effective Sept. 12.

Elliott began his volunteer firefighting career with the PFPD in March 2016.

Elliott is qualified as a structure firefighter and wildland firefighter. He has additional training in vehicle extrication, hazardous materials, swift water rescue, ice rescue. He currently holds a certificate as an emergency medical technician, or EMT.

As a volunteer he said, "While this is not my paying job, it is definitely one of my passions."

He is inspired by the brotherhood and camaraderie of the fire department and Emergen-

cy Medical Services. He enjoys serving the community and helping those in need at their worst times.

Deputy Fire Chief Karn Macht said "John Elliott, since joining the Pagosa Fire Protection District, has been motivated to learn and improve upon his skills as a firefighter. He has the determination and dedication to the district and the community that we serve. He always looks to improve himself and those he works with. We are proud of his accomplishments and look forward to what John will bring as a lieutenant."



John Elliott

Upper San Juan Health Service District announces board vacancy

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors is seeking applicants following the resignation of Kathee Douglas.

The board oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

Douglas submitted a letter of resignation on Sept. 6, stating, "Unplanned family commitments (a terminally ill relative) have taken a toll on my available time and hence, my ability to serve on the Board."

She notes that she hopes to continue to serve the board and the medical center in the future, adding, "I remain committed to the success of our local medical facility and our community. I wish only the best for their future."

The public notice for the vacancy explains the board is "responsible for steering the Upper San Juan Health Service District toward a

sustainable future through sound, ethical high-level governance. The USJHSD mission is to provide quality, compassionate healthcare for each person we serve."

It adds, "The USJHSD Board is made up of volunteer board members who have relevant expertise. Further, qualified candidates must be an eligible elector (registered to vote in the State of Colorado and own taxable real or personal property in the District which is comprised of all of Archuleta County and a small part of Hinsdale and Mineral Counties)."

Self-nomination forms are available at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org or by contacting Board Clerk Laura DePiazza at Laura.DePiazza@PSMedicalCenter.org or (970) 507-3814.

Qualified candidates interested in serving must submit completed self-nomination forms no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29
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The Incredible Years Parenting Class set to begin Sept. 20

By Michelle Carpenter
The Incredible Years

The Incredible Years Parenting Class is a free opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow.

This class is created for families with children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old.

The parenting class will be offered each Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. for 14 weeks, starting Wednesday, Sept. 20. A free dinner will be offered at 5:30 p.m. and child care will be provided.

The Incredible Years Parenting class will help strengthen children's social skills, emotional regulation, and school readiness skills. You will learn to use praise and incentives to encourage cooperative behavior, learn to use positive discipline (rules, routines and effective limit setting)

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implementing at home. This class became a weekly meeting that I looked forward to each week as a positive gathering of friends."

If you have any questions about the class or would like to register, please call Michelle Carpenter at (970) 946-0664 or Michelle Cusick (970) 264-5513. Call soon as class size is limited.

The Blotter

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costs — \$140.

Aug. 23 — Wesley Channing Kees, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

Aug. 23 — Joshua M. Barnette, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$133.50.

Aug. 23 — Don Vernon Wood II, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

Aug. 23 — Paul A. Huerta, off-highway vehicle operated on street, fines and costs — \$83.50.

Aug. 23 — Rojelio N. Muestras, off-highway vehicle operated on street, fines and costs — \$83.50.

Aug. 23 — Lesley Clark Hill, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, fines and costs — \$93.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Aug. 24 — Ronnie Wayne Mansfield, motor vehicle theft/aggravated 2-under \$2,000, 26 days jail, 154 days suspended imposition, fines and costs — \$258.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

Aug. 29 — Jonathan Lawrence Woodrow, robbery, seven years Department of Corrections, fines and costs — \$428.50.

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Moisture helps keep fires quiet, town lifts fire restrictions

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Increased moisture has led to the lifting of fire restrictions within the Town of Pagosa Springs and has helped minimize fire activity on the Quartz Ridge and Bear Creek fires this week.

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, Interim Town Manager Greg Schulte announced that the town's Stage 1 fire restrictions would be rescinded effective that day. "In consideration of the recent and forecast rain and due to the fact that the County has also lifted their fire restrictions..." The restrictions went into effect

on Aug. 17. The San Juan National Forest also noted the rain in its fire update on Sept. 12.

"Rain kept fire activity minimal over both the Quartz Ridge and Bear Creek fires yesterday," the Tuesday update states. "Today brings the strongest chance for heavy precipitation, which may lead to localized flash flooding to recently burned areas. Showers and thunderstorms remain likely through the week, with drier weather over the weekend. Precipitation will help scrub smoke from the atmosphere and limit smoke production. There are currently no Air Quality Alerts.

Fire weakened trees and unstable soils may be affected by the rainfall therefore firefighters are closely monitoring the changing conditions and will only be engaging where and when safe to do so."

The update notes that the Quartz Ridge Fire is at 2,792 acres and that 77 percent of the objectives related to suppression have been achieved.

It notes the fire received .35 inches of precipitation Monday, bringing the 24-hour totals to more than half an inch and "keeping fire activity quiet."

It adds no significant fire activity is expected this week.

The update lists the Bear Creek Fire at 1,090 acres and with 83 percent of objectives met.

It explains the Bear Creek Fire received less rain than the Quartz Ridge Fire, but that fire activity was minimal thanks to higher relative humidities and almost half an inch of precipitation Sunday.

It adds no growth is expected under the ongoing moisture.

Closures orders related to both fires continue to be in effect, including Quartz Meadows Road, Quartz Ridge Trail, Quartz Creek Trail, Little Sand Trail and Shaw Creek Trail.

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County moving forward with domain name change

By **Josh Pike**
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The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a letter to .Gov Domain Registration authorizing changing the domain name of the county website from .org to .gov at its Sept. 5 meeting.

Earlier in the day at the BoCC work session, the board heard a presentation from Marlene Dehart of the office of the Colorado secretary of state on the benefits of switching to a .gov Web address.

Dehart explained that the Internet uses a system called "top-level domains" to route traffic, although she noted that this system was not strictly enforced early in the Internet's history.

However, she added that enforcement has become more strict, primarily for "trust reasons," with the federal DOTGOV Act of 2019 encouraging government entities to use .gov Web addresses.

She noted that, to register for a .gov Web address, the registering entity must provide proof they are a government, which Dehart highlighted as one of the main benefits.

She noted that phishing and ransomware sites often use deceptive URLs and that the core top-level domains such as .edu or .gov

require verification.

Dehart added that a .gov address promotes trust and qualifies the website as critical infrastructure and that all browsers encrypt the transfer of data on .gov websites, assisting with security.

She explained that .gov addresses are free for qualifying organizations as part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's rollout of the act.

Dehart stated that seamless transitions from prior government websites to new .gov addresses are accomplished through redirects, which she noted are common on the Internet.

She noted that .gov websites have enhanced security, including encryption, registries of persons authorized to make changes to the website and more secure dual-factor authentication.

Dehart explained that her office is providing a local cybersecurity grant program with an Oct. 4 deadline to help fund the transition to using .gov addresses.

Dehart stated that counties typically register the domain name first and then transfer their website, either gradually or at once, and that her office can provide assistance in making the transition "seamless."

She added that the grant could also cover rebranding business

cards, posters and other items with the new Web address.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked how complex the grant application is.

Dehart stated that her office has created a grant application template and would work with the county to input the necessary information for the application.

She added that .gov websites also assist with election security and that there are funds available to assist the county in creating .gov election domains.

Commissioner Warren Brown thanked Dehart for the information and noted that, according to County Information Technology (IT) Director Gabe Cersonsky, the change would cost approximately \$3,200.

Brown added that this cost is "pretty minimal."

Dehart stated that she would work with other staff at her office to follow up on the technical details of getting the county started with the transition.

Medina commented that she had pushed back at the Aug. 15 BoCC meeting—where the board tabled a decision on the change to get further information on the potential costs—and had asked the IT Department for additional information.

Medina added that she expected

Board of Health approves master task order, dissolves transitional committees

By **Josh Pike**
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County transitional Board of Health (BoH) approved a master task order with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the disbanding of the County Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee (TAC) and County

Health Department Transitional Oversight Committee (TOC) at its Sept. 5 meeting.

Public Health Director Ashley Wilson explained that the CDPHE task order will be the "first step" in finalizing the Archuleta County Public Health Department's scope of work and securing funding.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked County Attorney Todd Weaver if he had the opportunity to review the agreement, which Weaver stated he had.

The BoH then approved the task order.

Next, the BoH considered disbanding the TAC and TOC.

Wilson explained that, at an Aug. 16 meeting, the TAC discussed potential next steps and decided that the committee would not be of further assistance to the county.

At the meeting, Wilson stated, the members of the TAC approved and signed a letter of mutual resignation which recommends that the county disband the committee.

County Manager Derek Woodman explained that the TOC, which was composed of Woodman and heads of various county departments, signed a letter on Aug. 25 recommending the BoH dissolve the TOC due to its work being completed.

Brown moved to disband the TAC and TOC, noting his "gratitude to all involved."

Commissioner Ronnie Maez expressed his gratitude to Wilson for her assistance in setting up the health department and her involvement in the TAC.

"There's a lot of people who thought we couldn't get this thing going," Maez said. "But, ... there's a lot of smart people here and we need to stand up, take care of ourselves. ... And I'm very proud of this committee for sticking with it to the end and making it happen early for Archuleta County."

The BoH then unanimously approved dissolving the TAC and TOC.

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Obituary

Cindy Nossaman Spear

Cindy Nossaman Spear passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 13, 2023. She was a lifelong resident of Archuleta County and worked at many businesses in Pagosa Springs.

Funeral services are pending and her family will update everyone on social media.

A full obituary will follow.



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Venue

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venue became a major priority of the tourism board in 2023.

As an advisory board to both the council and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the tourism board brought its ideas about an event venue to the council and BoCC at joint work sessions on March 28 and May 25, respectively.

At the May 25 joint work session, Green stated that the original idea of an event venue stems from the Destination Master Plan, adopted by the town and county in 2019.

One of that plan's "key findings" was that the area did not have a significant indoor event center, Green told the boards.

Tourism board member Julian Caler added that the goal was to get the three entities — the town, county and tourism board — all on

the same page about the project and to eventually put some funding aside so that they could get the ball rolling on the event venue project.

At the Sept. 5 town council meeting, Green explained that, for its part, the BoCC had already approved the "allocation" of funding during its April 4 meeting.

She explained that the money would be "funding in a protected source so that the idea [of an event venue] can be explored."

"These funds would just allow continued investigation and looking at what options we'd have for the community," she added.

When opened to questions, council member Leonard Martinez asked if the funding would go toward any concrete plans or if it was just to continue exploring options.

"Really, no planning has started,"

Green responded.

She added, "We have a couple of location ideas that have been suggested ... so I think that's gonna be part of the process — just seeing what options are out there, what kinds of locations we have to work with ... and, then from there, I think we'd have site rendering, architectural plans drawn up, so that we can visualize what this venue could look like."

Martinez then expressed concern that the funding would be coming out of the tourism board's reserve funds and is not, therefore, specifically identified as a line item in the budget.

Green explained that "no funds would be spent from the restricted fund until budgeted."

At this point, she said, "we are just moving the funds so that the funding

is available if needed down the road."

Martinez replied that he has "a hard time" using reserve funding when no money had been put aside to "deal with our No. 1 issue," which he cited as the town's sanitation issues.

Again, Green explained that "this allocation is just to move funds into a restricted fund, so that, as lodging tax declines, et cetera, we still have a mechanism to move forward [with an event venue] when the time comes."

Council member Mat deGraaf asked about "the verbal commitment" that the council received from the tourism board that it would help fund "workforce housing" in the community.

Green answered that, in the 2022 budget, \$500,000 was allocated from the tourism budget for workforce housing, but that, in 2023, the council had not specifically requested any funds from the tourism budget to go toward workforce housing.

She added, "I believe we can have that discussion again" as the 2024 budget season ramps up over the next few months.

Council member Brooks Lindner asked if the exploratory field trips would be paid for out of the allocated \$500,000 and covered under the "planning" language in the resolution.

Green explained that the tourism budget for 2023 has a "travel line item, and I would take the board members on field trips using that."

Lindner also expressed concern about the resolution's language, which allows the funds to become unrestricted with a vote of the council, BoCC and tourism board.

He said his concern "would be that these funds, having been set aside, that you guys might start digging into them as part of just prepping, before we get to anything where we know what it's gonna be."

Green explained that any usage of the funds "would have to be budgeted in our regular budget, and I can tell you that, at this point, there's nothing in that line item for 2024."

Lindner then asked what role the town council would play in the process.

"I envision that we'd have work sessions, lots of meetings, but I am open to however the council members want to be involved in this process," Green answered, adding that council members are more than welcome to participate in the investigative field trips.

She also mentioned the possibility of creating a "subcommittee of the tourism board" that would include some town council members as well as members of the BoCC.

Mayor Shari Pierce expressed she thought that perhaps the resolution being considered was an example of "putting the cart before the horse."

She suggested that a more straightforward way to do it would be to fund "the research" for a potential event venue in the 2024 budget and then, "if we determine it's feasible, at that point move the \$500,000, or make it part of the budget process, rather than as a separate resolution.

"It just seems like it would be easier to decide what we want to do before we put the funds, rather than

trying to do a reversal," which she noted "would be much more complicated to get everyone on board."

Council member Madeline Bergon chimed in, saying, "Well, I think this is just one move to allocate some funds ... I think the idea was that, if and when we reach the point" when the community's ready to move on an event venue, that "we have to be able to leverage money somehow and there's actually a chunk of money to be leveraged, so that process has to start at some point."

Pierce asked, "Can't this be part of the 2024 budget, versus a separate resolution?"

Martinez expressed agreement with Pierce's suggestion to explore funding the possibility of a venue in the 2024 budget process.

"What your budget says speaks to your priorities. Us pulling this out of reserves would say that we are not honoring our own planning processes to talk about the priorities that we have. And if so, is this more of a priority than anything else that we have?" Martinez asked.

He noted that this budget issue is what "feels out of alignment to me."

He said that a reserve fund "should be the most flexible resource that we have" and it should be spent on emergencies, safety issues or something with a "very high priority."

He suggested he has not "heard this come up to that level" at any of the council's strategic planning meetings, and "so the fact that it's not in the budget, to me, speaks to the fact that we really don't have this set up as that high of a priority."

He stated, "For me, I'd rather see it in the budget."

Bergon responded that the town council "should not confuse our goals and budget with the tourism board's goals and budget ... When we talk about reserves, they [the tourism board] have their own reserves, too. It's not coming from our general account or reserves."

The tourism board is "not asking for our reserves, this is their reserves," Bergon said.

Green affirmed that the creation of the restricted fund would come from tourism's reserve fund, not the town's reserve.

But Martinez argued that the "principle remains the same," asking why the event venue isn't in the tourism board's budget if it's a priority.

Interim Town Manager Greg Schulte suggested that thinking about this resolution in terms of the budget might not be the best way to think about it.

He said, "It's not really a budgeted item. What you are looking at [in this resolution] is that the council's taking action that is based upon a recommendation from an advisory board that you, the town council and the county commissioners have constituted.

"There has been this recommendation, that the belief is that an event center, whatever that is gonna look like ... is something that we should be planning for."

Schulte told the council that he viewed this resolution as the start of "a partnership," since the funding would be "a mixture" of town and county funds, and it comes as a recommendation from "your tour-

ism board."

He further explained that the council would not be "budgeting money for an expenditure. You're taking money from one fund and isolating it, restricting it in a trust and impact fund."

Green added that there is a total of \$1.3 million in the reserve tourism budget at this point in time and that if the resolution passed it would still leave about \$873,125 in available reserve funds in the tourism budget, well over the recommended amount of the town's auditors.

Council member Gary Williams told the council that he thought the event venue idea was the product of thoughtful discussions from an all-volunteer advisory board, which sees it as a "vehicle for economic growth for the town and county and a boost for tourism."

"I think they are thinking, if we set this money aside, then it won't get pilfered for other causes ... so I think we should support our board."

He added that the tourism board decided "nearly unanimously" to not spend its tourism-related infrastructure dollars on things that are not directly related to tourism-related infrastructure.

An event venue, he added, would be directly related to tourism-related infrastructure, because it would bring people to town for concerts, banquets and corporate events.

Green confirmed that the tourism board prioritized an event venue as one of its top goals for tourism-related infrastructure.

Pierce expressed worry about prioritizing the event venue over local employees who provide the services for the tourism industry.

She said, "They need places to live," adding that while an event venue would be important to the community, "I think also having good roads are important ... so I struggle gravely with trying to build an event center when we have so many other needs in the community."

Earlier in the meeting, during public comment, local resident Bill Hudson expressed his opposition to what he called "a taxpayer-subsidized event venue."

He mentioned all of the venues he's performed at in town, lamenting that "you are going to take business away from all of those businesses and organizations that I just named — that have been supporting our community, and that have been supporting our workers for so many years.

"I think \$500,000 could really be used to help encourage workforce housing in this community. But the tourism board doesn't believe that. They have voted, unanimously, that they will not support housing for the workers in our tourism industry."

After a motion to deny the resolution failed, a motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-13 to restrict lodging tax funds for the purpose of a future event venue.

The resolution passed 4-3, with the roll-call vote showing that deGraaf, Pierce and Martinez voted against the resolution, with Bergon, Williams, DeGuise and Lindner voting in favor.

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Gravel

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He added that the ultimate goal of the project is to allow his family to build a house on the property and that they do not intend to have a long-term commercial gravel operation on the site.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked what volume of gravel would be available.

Texer responded that the amount of gravel could range from 160,000 to 500,000 tons depending on the duration of the project and the potential for realigning nearby Kleckner Lane.

Brown asked if the realignment has been approved by Hinsdale County and Texer responded that they were working on this approval when the project was denied, which "stopped the process."

Texer explained that the state permit for gravel extraction was due last week and they had funded the financial bond for the permit with the hope that Archuleta County would work with them on arranging gravel extraction.

He added that the state requires a permit if mined material leaves a property and commented that he is unsure what Hinsdale County regulations might apply, but that he hoped Archuleta County would work with Hinsdale on the issue.

Texer added that there is only a half mile of road from Kleckner Lane to Archuleta County, which is owned by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and maintained by Hinsdale County.

Texer added that his brother is wanting to move forward with permitting a house on the property and that he is "holding him back a bit" to explore the potential for gravel extraction.

Brown asked if Texer has spoken with Hinsdale County about the proposal, which he indicated he has not.

Brown asked if Texer would be open to requests from Hinsdale County made as conditions for al-

lowing the project, adding that he feels maintaining a good relationship with Hinsdale is important.

He added that he does not want to be seen as "strong-arming" the county, adding, "That's not a good relationship builder."

Texer commented that the denial of the permit had "a lot to do with the community" that had opposed the project, some of whom he noted were not from Hinsdale County, and that he felt this opposition had driven the Hinsdale BoCC's decision.

Woodman noted that Kleckner Lane is a USFS road and changes to the road would have to be arranged with them.

He added that, if the proposed work happened in Archuleta County, it would not require a county mining permit, although he stated that modifications to Kleckner or work on a hillside unconnected to the building site might be a "different conversation."

Woodman added that the project would be "big" but "doable" and could potentially require a temporary crushing operation on Cloman Boulevard or elsewhere.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked what the quality of the gravel would be.

Barton, who also serves as the county's gravel consultant, stated that the material would meet Colorado Department of Transportation and USFS specifications.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez stated that the BoCC needs to reach out to the Hinsdale County commissioners and get input on the project.

He added that he is in favor of the project due to the need for gravel in the county, but that he also wishes to maintain positive relationships with Hinsdale County.

Brown noted that he could see why Hinsdale County would not be in favor of the gravel extraction as it would be "cost prohibitive" to move the gravel to the majority of Hinsdale County where it might be used.

Woodman stated that the county has recently been paying \$32 a ton for gravel transported from Durango.

Texer commented that the gravel pit was not their initial goal for the property and that they intend to make the gravel available for the community.

Maez noted that putting a gravel pit anywhere is difficult, which Texer stated he understands.

Brown commented that he would support moving forward with the project, adding, "This is an opportunity that has been long overdue."

Maez asked if the USFS has approved the Kleckner Lane realignment, to which Barton responded that the USFS has shown interest but did not complete the formal approval before the project was denied.

Maez asked how much gravel would be available if the road realignment is denied.

Woodman stated that the remaining area would provide approximately 160,000 tons, which Barton expressed agreement with, adding that even this amount of gravel would give the county "a cushion that we don't have now."

Medina asked where the crushing operation could be set up and where the gravel would be stored.

Woodman stated that the crushing operation could be set up on the four acres on Cloman Boulevard the county is acquiring as part of the sale of its old courthouse and that the gravel could be moved to another location for storage.

He added that he spoke with local contractors who have crushing equipment and would be willing to work on the project for crushing prices of between \$3 and \$5 a ton.

The meeting concluded with the BoCC thanking Texer for presenting to them and Maez noting, "It's a good opportunity."

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Remlinger

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He then stated Remlinger was impacted by heavy drug use and schizophrenia, which he indicated combined to create a delusion that led him to kill Fitzpatrick.

The impact of those actions on Fitzpatrick's family, he added, can never be put into words.

Champagne later noted Remlinger has been "far from a model inmate," but that he admits he caused the death of Fitzpatrick.

Champagne added that the agreed-upon sentence is consistent with the sentences other "similarly situated" defendants have received.

He also acknowledged the family's range of feelings regarding the sentence, pointing out that one of those is acceptance and that Fitzpatrick's mother feels at peace with it.

Remlinger's attorney, Justin Bogan, also addressed the court during the hearing, explaining that one of the reasons the case has stretched out was that Remlinger underwent two mental health evaluations, with both agreeing that Remlinger has schizophrenia, and auditory and visual hallucinations.

He indicated Remlinger has had mental health issues since 2009 and has been self-medicating.

He also spoke of previous treatment attempts and stated that the case was being litigated with a plea

of not guilty by reason of insanity.

Bogan noted Remlinger's mother was in attendance and added that Remlinger is "profoundly remorseful" and has shown insight in talking about the incident.

Remlinger opted to not speak during the hearing.

Following the statements, Wilson explained he has a family member who suffers from schizophrenia and acknowledged the difficulties in dealing with it, but that he also has sympathy for the Fitzpatrick family.

He indicated the deal reached would probably be the best justice they were going to get in the case before formally issuing the sentence.

About the case

According to a press release issued by Derek Woodman, then the undersheriff for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, following the Oct. 3, 2021, homicide, deputies were dispatched to 340 Bobcat Lane, in unincorporated Archuleta County, at approximately 10:56 a.m. on Oct. 3, 2021, for a 30- to 40-year-old male who had been stabbed.

"Upon arrival, at approximately 11:02 am, the initial responding Deputy located the body of a white male, deceased, near an outlying building," the press release explains. "The immediate area was

searched and determined to be safe and was secured."

The press release indicated that the victim, later identified as Fitzpatrick, called 911 requesting aid.

"During the 911 call, the victim identified his assailant as his neighbor, Chance Remlinger," the press release explains. "This identification occurred prior to the victim succumbing to his sustained injuries."

The press release explains that further investigation identified the suspect as Remlinger.

It further alleges Remlinger was observed by a witness leaving the subdivision at a high rate of speed approximately the same time that the 911 call was made.

"Remlinger was observed driving his 1997 grey Dodge pick-up," it states.

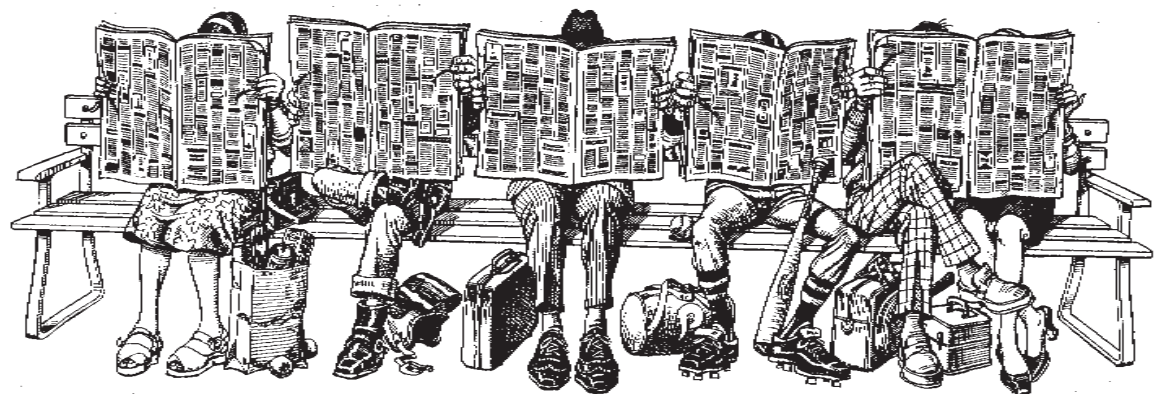
At approximately 1:28 pm, a Colorado State Patrol trooper observed Remlinger parked on U.S. 84, approximately 3 miles south of U.S. 160, the press release indicates.

"At the direction of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, the Trooper placed Remlinger in custody and transported him to the Sheriff's Office for further investigation," it explains.

Woodman later explained that it was determined Fitzpatrick died of a single stab wound to the arm — a transected axillary artery.

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Outdoors



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Ski-racing legend Bode Miller, along with award-winning filmmaker Brett Rapkin, will present the film "Paradise Paradox" in Pagosa Springs on Oct. 19. The event is one of two events in town that day that will feature Miller, with the other being a panel discussion.

Making A Difference Events will feature Bode Miller on Oct. 19

By Tracy Pope
Community Foundation

The Community Foundation's 2023 Making a Difference Speaker Series includes two events in Pagosa Springs next month with ski-racing legend Bode Miller.

Miller and Brett Rapkin, Emmy Award-winning impact sports filmmaker, recently produced the film "Paradise Paradox."

This film explores the shocking mental health crisis that is impacting Rocky Mountain ski towns and the innovative solutions happening in response. Colorado and neighboring ski states consistently rank in the top states for the highest suicide rates, giving the Rocky Mountain region the eerie descriptor "The Suicide Belt" according to National Geographic.

The Community Foundation's Making a Difference Speaker Series is designed to inspire conversation, prompt action and bring a new perspective on an important community topic.

The Miller events scheduled for Oct. 19, will focus on mental health challenges and hopeful solutions.

The first event will be a panel discussion with local mental health professionals. At this interactive presentation, you will hear from Miller and local experts on the unique challenges experienced in Pagosa Springs,

and vital resources available to assist in the community. The event will be facilitated by Miller at the Tennyson Building Events Center from 2 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 19. The \$25 tickets are on sale now at swcommunityfoundation.org/bode. Limited seating is available.

The second event will be the same evening at the Liberty Theater beginning at 6:30 p.m. Guests will watch the film "Paradise Paradox" and then hear from Miller himself about why he is passionate about mental health wellness in the Rocky Mountains.

There will be time for Q and A at the end of the presentation. The \$40 tickets will be available soon at pagosamovies.com.

"Bode Miller has been a household name in the skiing world for years," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "We are honored to bring Bode to Pagosa Springs to share how his personal and professional lives have been impacted by mental health throughout his career. We expect everyone who attends these events to come away empowered and hopeful, with a knowledge about how we can make a difference and foster mental health wellness."

Local corporate sponsorships for these events are still available. More details can be found at swcommunityfoundation.org or by calling (970) 375-5807.

Prescribed burns planned for September

San Juan National Forest

The San Juan National Forest's Pagosa Ranger District is planning to conduct several prescribed burns starting in September.

Burning operations may take place over multiple days when weather and fuel conditions are favorable for meeting objectives described in the prescribed fire plan.

Burning operations will utilize both hand and aerial ignitions and will be conducted by Forest Service personnel and cooperating agencies.

Project areas identified for burn implementation are:

- Mill Creek: 500 acres, 6 miles east of Pagosa Springs, along NFSR 665.
- Echo Canyon: 550 acres, 6 miles east/southeast of Pagosa Springs, along NFSR 029.
- Brockover Mesa: 650 acres, 8 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs, along NFSR 928.

These prescribed fires are targeted toward areas that consist predominantly of ponderosa pine and Gambel oak, with small components of mixed conifer and shrub-

land included in the planned units.

Prescribed fire is one of the key tools used for management of ponderosa pine ecosystems with the primary goal of reducing fuels that would otherwise increase susceptibility to more intense and severe wildfires. In addition, prescribed fire promotes growth of grasses and forbs, providing forage for many wildlife species.

For more information, please contact Fred Ellis, assistant fire management officer (fuels), Pagosa Ranger District, at fred.ellis@usda.gov.

Weminuche Audubon Society to hear about technology used in Mexican Spotted Owl Project

By Jean Zirnhelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

One of the promises of the Endangered Species Act is the protection of habitat considered critical for the survival of species whose declining numbers threaten their existence. One of these species is the Mexican spotted owl, whose numbers are limited by suitable nesting habitat and whose historic range is shrinking as a result of disturbances including timber removal practices, wildfire, and oil and gas development.

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At the September Weminuche Audubon meeting, chapter member Kurt Huffman will explain how the ARUs were used in our Mexican Spotted Owl Project, how the data captured by ARUs is analyzed and the exciting possibilities for future use.

We will begin the meeting with a presentation by Peyton Jackson, a Pagosa Springs High School student who was awarded a scholarship from our chapter to attend American Birding Association's Camp Colorado in July. This scholarship

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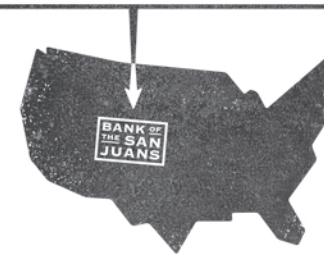
Jackson has participated with our chapter in Christmas Bird Counts and recently constructed and donated more than 100 nest boxes, distributed in our area as a part of his Eagle Scout Project. We are excited to find out what he learned at the camp.

We will meet at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Please join us for social time at 6 p.m. prior to our 6:30 meeting.

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Sports

SOCCER

Pagosa wins three games, evens record at 3-3

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School boys' soccer team fought its way to an even 3-3 season record over the week with three consecutive victories over Montezuma-Cortez on Sept. 8, Aztec, N.M., on Sept. 9 and Alamosa on Sept. 12.

The Pirates defeated the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers 5-2 in Cortez to begin their winning streak.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason explained that the team was working on its offensive moments and keeping its shape prior to the match against the Panthers and that it "really paid off."

He added that Cortez has a "strong team" with high numbers of athletes and players that could score off long-distance shots.

He explained that the Panthers scored the first goal of the game approximately 27 minutes in off a direct penalty shot 35 yards out from the goal.

"It just caught [Pirate goalkeeper Christopher Young-Martinez]," Kurt-Mason said. "Chris went up and got a hand on it, but it just got underneath the crossbar and went in."

A short time later, according to Kurt-Mason, Cortez scored again, extending its lead to 2-0.

However, in what the coach described as a "turning point" moment, during a water break later in the first half, the team discussed the importance of connecting passes.

He indicated that, after this, the team began connecting passes effectively — up to nine or 10 consecutive passes — and switching the point of attack.

Kurt-Mason explained that, following the break, Pirate Gavin Carter was knocked down in the Panthers' box, granting Pagosa a penalty kick taken by Carter.

"He shot and it glanced off the goalie's hand, hit the crossbar and he followed the shot like a smart player would do and finished it," Kurt-Mason explained.

Kurt-Mason stated that, six minutes into the second half, Chance Ramirez passed the ball from the corner to Jacob Castaneda, who shot it in, bringing the Pirates even with the Panthers.

The team's momentum continued, with Ramirez assisting Alex Pham in a goal in the game's 58th minute.

"Alex just woke up," Kurt-Mason said. "I said ... in the halftime, 'Alex, I want you to take more shots. You've got a great foot. We need you to take more shots from the midfield.' And he did. He had a hat trick; he finished the last three goals."

Kurt-Mason added that Pham's second goal came in the 78th minute off an assist from Ryder King and his third came in the last minute of the game off an assist from Carter.

He stated that Pham was named player of the game and that it was "great" to see the team's improved passing and increased possession.

"Kind of turned the corner on that part of our game," Kurt-Mason said.

The next day, the Pirates beat the Aztec Tigers 6-0, although Kurt-



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Randi Pierce

Pirate Milo Deitemeyer fights to gain possession during Pagosa Springs' home match against the Aztec Tigers on Sept. 9. The Pirates won the game 6-0.

Mason explained that the team suffered a "slow start" with difficulties in connecting passes and players holding the ball too long.

The Pirates first goal was scored 28 minutes into the game when Axel Chavez finished a cross from the corner by King that followed six connected passes.

Soon after, Chavez scored again off an assist from Ramirez, putting the Pirates up 2-0.

Kurt-Mason stated that, at 31 minutes into the game, Carter scored off of five connected passes in the midfield.

Castaneda scored off an assist from Carter later in the first half, putting the Pirates up 4-0 at halftime.

Eight minutes into the second half, King scored with a header off a kick from Carter, Kurt-Mason explained, noting that this was King's first varsity goal.

Carter sealed the game with another goal assisted by King.

Kurt-Mason noted King had a "great game."

He also commented that Ramirez was named player of the game, bolstering the Pirates' offense in the first half and stepping in as goalkeeper in the second half, allowing Young-Martinez to serve as the team's

striker.

Kurt-Mason commented that Ramirez had a challenging second half as goalkeeper, facing a penalty kick he successfully defended against.

The coach noted that the team would continue working on not holding the ball too long to prepare for the match against Alamosa and that defender Milo Deitemeyer is also a key factor in the Pirates' improvement due to his central role in helping the team communicate.

The Pirates defeated the Alamosa Mean Moose 2-0 at home in a rainy match on Sept. 12.

The Pirates scored twice in the first half, including a goal by Pham from a cross by Jose Garcia and a solo goal by Garcia later in the half.

The match became more difficult in the second half, with worsening field and weather conditions, flaring tempers, an increased number of fouls and an Alamosa coach being red-carded for disputes with a referee.

Kurt-Mason commended the Pirates for retaining their composure and not losing and getting into "that fighting vein."

"They backed away from a lot of stuff," he said. "A lot of bad tackles.

... And people were slipping, getting frustrated."

Kurt-Mason noted that the team's passing remained effective in the game, particularly in the first half.

He added that the team's roster has increased, allowing more opportunities for substitutions in future games.

The coach commented that the pressure the team has been under with its limited roster has driven a "really positive transition to being the best players they can be through that constant pressure. They have to have everybody else's back and they can't stop. It's really cool to see."

Kurt-Mason indicated that the upcoming game with Manitou Springs at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 16 at Golden Peaks Stadium will be "tough," but he added, "We always end up pretty tight with those guys." josh@pagosasun.com

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FOOTBALL



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Pagosa's Gavin Lindahl sets his eyes on a defender while running the ball during the Pirates' 35-32 loss to the Florence Huskies on Sept. 8. Lindahl scored four touchdowns in the game.

Pirates fall to Huskies 35-32

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team lost by three to the Florence Huskies on Sept. 8.

The game's final score was 35-32 in favor of the Huskies.

"I thought we played well enough to win," coach Nathan Morales said. Florence took a 7-0 lead with 9:15 left in the first quarter on a 5-yard run that was followed by a successful extra-point kick.

Pagosa scored on a 57-yard touchdown run by Gavin Lindahl later in the quarter, but the Pirates missed the extra kick, leaving them down 7-6.

Florence scored three times in the second, while Pagosa scored twice.

Pagosa's first touchdown of the quarter came on a 3-yard run by Lindahl, while the second was a 1-yard run. One of Pagosa's extra-point kicks was successful.

The score was 28-19 in favor of the Huskies at halftime.

The Pirates' first touchdown of the third quarter came on a 27-yard interception by Harley Armijo with 6:14 left on the clock.

With 6 minutes left on the clock, the Pirates again found the end zone, this time on a 9-yard run by Lindahl.

Florence rounded out the quarter with a four-yard touchdown run to take the 35-32 lead.

Morales noted the biggest differences in the Pirates' play between the first half and the second half were in taking care of the football and special teams.

"Our defense played really well," the coach highlighted, pointing out that Florence had three scoring drives of less than 10 yards. "That puts a lot of pressure on the defense. ... I thought the defense played pretty well."

The Pirates picked up 370 all-purpose yards in the game.

The Pirates rushed for 271 yards on 41 carries, with Lindahl logging 240 yards on 32 carries with four touchdowns.

Creede Dozier picked up 24 yards on seven carries and Seth Zeigler had 7 yards on two carries.

"I thought we ran the ball well," Morales said.

Dozier completed five passes for a total of 59 yards and Zeigler completed one pass for 6 yards.

The Pirates had 62 receiving yards, with Seth Aucoin picking up 34 yards on five receptions. Armijo had one reception for 16 yards and Blake Laner had one for 12 yards.

The Pirates had 56 total tackles, which includes 42 solo tackles and 14 assisted. Aucoin, Armijo and Connor Kelly had eight tackles each.

Armijo recorded two sacks for a total of 13 yards lost. Dozier punted four times for 105 yards.

Lindahl had one kickoff return for 10 yards.

"We won in a lot of places except taking care of the ball and that's something we'll look to shore up in special teams," the coach said.

This week, the Pirates will travel to Alamosa to take on the Mean Moose at 7 p.m. Friday.

The Pirates own a 1-2 record and are ranked 23rd in Colorado 2A football, while the Mean Moose are 0-3 on the season and are ranked 32nd.

Morales noted he'll be looking for physicality, effort and for the Pirates to continue to work on and get better at the things the team is working on in practice, especially special teams. randi@pagosasun.com

GOLF

Pirates take second, fourth in tournaments

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Regionals is just around the corner for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team, which took second and fourth in tournaments over the last week.

On Sept. 8, the team took part in the Tony Perea Golf Tournament in Monte Vista.

Pagosa's Pirates took second out of six teams at the event, behind Monte Vista.

Johnathon Smith took third with a 78 on the par-70 course. His day included two birdies and par on 10 holes.

Keaton Robel finished ninth out of 24 golfers with an 89, which included Robel shooting par on five holes.

Cedar Liverett finished 12th with a 94. His effort included shooting par

on three holes.

Chase Harper followed in 13th with a 94, with the senior shooting par on four holes in his first tournament of the season.

Isabel Galloway shot a 102 on the day, which landed her 17th. She shot par on two holes.

"As far as how they played, I honestly was a little disappointed," Faber said. "I thought we'd fare a little bit better. I thought we'd play better. I think pretty much everybody struggled. ... It was not what I expected. ... It just means we've got more work to do."

On Sept. 12, the team returned to Durango for the Durango Dalton Ranch Invitational, where the Pirates finished fourth out of 11 teams.

The Pirates were led on the day by Smith, who shot an even 72 to finish second out of 52 golfers. He shot birdie on three holes and par on 12

holes en route to that finish.

"He played well today, he really did. I think he's turning a bit of a corner; he played well," Faber said Tuesday.

Robel tied for 22nd with three others with an 89, which included a birdie and shooting par on six holes.

Liverett also finished as part of a four-way tie. He shot a 92, which included a birdie and par on two holes.

Harper finished 45th with a 105, which included a par finish on one hole.

Faber noted it was Harper's first time to ever see the course.

Galloway played in the girls' tournament, which was not completed due to inclement weather.

"They were a few holes from finishing," he said, adding, "She actually played pretty well."

Faber noted the team played OK on the day.

"Johnathon played well, which makes a big difference to the team score," he said, adding Liverett also played better.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Pirates hosted the seven-team Pagosa Springs Invitational.

Results were not available by press time Wednesday and will be included in the Sept. 21 issue of The SUN.

Regionals are set for Sept. 19 in Alamosa, where the Pirates will look to qualify for the state tournament that is slated for Oct. 2 and 3.

Faber indicated he thinks there's room for each Pirate golfer to continue to improve.

"I think there's more out of all of them," he said, adding several of the Pirates are better than they've shown.

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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Pirates go 2-1 in league play

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team went 2-1 to begin league play over the last week.

The week's play leaves the Lady Pirates with a 4-5 overall record. They sit as the No. 35 team in Colorado 3A volleyball.

The team fell 3-0 to the Alamosa Mean Moose on Friday, Sept. 8.

The Pirates dropped the sets 25-6, 25-21 and 25-13.

"We really struggled coming out of the gate," coach Katie Lorenzen said. "We lost the first set 6-25 ... so we really struggled. Alamosa is a very good team. They are usually very good. They run a fast offense, but our blockers were not communicating well about the switches, so we were in the wrong places and then often chasing their hitters, so we made their offense look a whole lot faster than it actually was."

The second set was neck and neck, the coach pointed out, adding she was proud of the team for turning around in the second set and "doing a whole lot better."

"So we were playing a whole lot better and we were tied at 21 and then ended up losing 25-21, but we'd picked it up," she said.

Overall, she added, it was hard for the Lady Pirates to do a lot on their side because they were chasing the Mean Moose offense.

"Aspen [Pitcher] had a great hitting percentage, eight kills, only one error. She hit .350. She is the only player who hit positive for us that night," Lorenzen said.

The biggest takeaway was that the team needs to working on blocking, Lorenzen noted, adding she can't wait to take on the Mean Moose again.

Grace Walker led the team with six digs in the affair.

The Mean Moose are 6-4 on the season and are the No. 9 3A team.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, the Lady Pirates traveled to Cortez to take on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

The Pirates logged a 3-0 win, winning the sets 25-20, 25-17 and 25-18.

"Coming off of kind of a late night and then leaving early to go to Cortez, it was nice that we ended up just taking care of business quickly," Lorenzen said, adding the team was also able to stop at Fort Lewis College and watch part of a college volleyball tournament, which allowed for conversation about things the team was working on.

Lorenzen noted the team hit the best it has all season against the Panthers at .187.

Limebrook led with 10 kills and hit really well, according to the coach, hitting .263 as a middle.

"For Kynslie to take 19 swings is actually pretty good for a middle. She was right behind Aspen, so it's nice that she was available often and that our setters were finding her," she said.

Lexi Campbell hit a .313, the coach added.

Lorenzen noted the match was the first of the season where the Pirates ran a six-two offense the entire time.

Sophia Sottek had 24 serve attempts with zero errors, with Lorenzen highlighting her work on the court. She had four aces.

Annie O'Donnell had five aces. She noted the setters' nine aces combined aces and that they served 41 times.

"So, that's really nice that we're getting long runs behind our setters," she said.

Pitcher had 20 digs. The Panthers are 1-6 on the season and 52nd in the 3A rankings.

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, the Pirates defeated the Bayfield Wolverines 3-2. Pagosa won the first two sets, 25-13 and 25-23, before falling in the next two 52-22 and 25-19. Pagosa won the fifth set 15-11 to log the win.

"It was really nice to come out super strong, but Bayfield was giving us quite a few points with a lot of errors," Lorenzen said. "However, we gave them a lot of points with a lot of our errors as well, so it was nice that, in the end, we kept our composure and came out strong in the fifth set to win."

Lorenzen noted the team's blocking improved against Bayfield.

"We worked on that hard this week," Lorenzen said, noting they worked on communication and talking about blocking assignments. "I think we did a lot better with that as well as just closing our block, making it easier for our defense to read."

Lorenzen noted the team passed above a two during the match.

She pointed out Grace Walker



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Jordan Lindstrom sends the ball over the net against Bayfield Tuesday evening. Pagosa won 3-2.

leading led by passing a 2.4, "which is awesome. That just helps our offense a ton."

Lorenzen also credited the team with being able to change its offense "on a dime" without a time out.

Lorenzen noted the team again ran a six-two offense against Bayfield and that the team's offense been very balanced and in a rhythm, allowing hitters to go up and swing confidently.

Lorenzen also highlighted the play of Sottek.

"She has been serving tremendously for the past couple matches," the coach said, noting she's took 22 serves against Bayfield, which is more than anyone else. "And that's because she's serving tough when she's back there."

Sottek had two aces, but Lorenzen noted she had other serves that kept the Wolverines "out of system" and her serves "really helped us."

Limebrook had eight aces, which the coach called "incredible."

"Overall we just had too many service errors," she said, adding she knows the team needs to work on it, but indicated the team had more aces than errors, which is a team goal.

Lorenzen also highlighted that the team won despite a low hitting percentage.

"We barely hit above zero and somehow still won, so that's a credit to us playing the entire game," she said.

She stated Monterroso had 20

digs and Pitcher came very close to a double-double with 13 digs and nine kills.

"Aspen's playing all around a great game. She just kept swinging and we give her the ball a lot," she said. "We rely on her, so she just does such a good job of staying steady at all times."

Of the win, Lorenzen said, "Overall, Bayfield is a really good team and they're always coached really well. Tonight it helped us that they did make quite a few errors, but we were playing our side and forcing some of those errors as well."

This week, the Lady Pirates will play only one match.

"It is nice to have more time in practice where we can focus on different things without just one prac-

tice before a game," she said, adding it also allows the team to support the junior high program and have a bit of a break.

On Saturday, the Pirates will travel to La Jara to take on the Centauri Falcons at 1 p.m.

"Centauri is a very athletic and quick team, but I think we can get in their heads if we are communicating and executing well on our side," Lorenzen said. "And if our ... blockers are doing their jobs, we can really get in their heads and slow them down. If they're on, they can be way on, and it's gonna be hard to dig ourselves out, but, with the rhythm our offense has been getting into, we can go out there swinging and we can take the win."

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Public Notices

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RADO
District Court Archuleta County, Colorado
109 Harman Park Dr.
PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
970-264-8160
Plaintiff:
HILARI L. BELL
v.
Defendants:
THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA D. MURRAY, deceased,
THE ESTATE OF RALPH C. MURRAY deceased, THE
ESTATE OF JOHN MCCANCE MURRAY, deceased;
DEIDRE R. MOORE; THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM MUR-
RAY, deceased; PATRICIA R. MURRAY; PAGOSA
LAKES LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; PAGOSA
AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT; PAGOSA
LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; THE
ESTATE OF MARGARET A. PIZ A/K/A MARGARET
A. PIZ CARDENAS, deceased; DAVID L. CARDENAS;
SANDRA R. CARDENAS; AMIE JO PIZ; THE ESTATE
OF JOSEPH F. PIZ, deceased; ASPEN SPRINGS
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT; SUSAN E. HUNT; GRA-
HAM P. HUNT; KEVIN D. OVERS; and ALL UNKNOWN
PERSONS WHO CLAIM UNDER OR THROUGH THE
NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PER-
SONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUB-
JECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
Attorneys for Plaintiffs:
Zachary A. Grey, Atty. Reg. 49269
Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein P.C.
4750 Table Mesa Drive
Boulder, CO 80305
Telephone: 303-494-6300
Facsimile: 303-494-6309
Email: zac@frascona.com
Case Number: 2023CV030033
Division: 1
Courtroom

**SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):**
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and
defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the
court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court
an answer or other response. You are required to file
your answer or other response within 21 or 35 days, as
applicable, after the service of this summons upon you.
Service of this summons shall be complete on the day
of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be
obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the
complaint in writing within 21 or 35 days, as applicable,
after the date of the last publication, judgment by the
court may be rendered against you by the court for the
relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
Dated: August 10, 2023
Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun
First Publication: August 17, 2023
Last Publication: September 14, 2023
Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and
Greenstein, P.C.
/s/ Zachary A. Grey
Attorney for Plaintiff
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County Court
Archuleta Combined Court
109 Harman Park Dr., PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Case No. 23CR89
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Public notice is given on 8/25/23 that a Petition for a
Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the
Archuleta Combined Court.
The Petition requests that the name of Amellia Rebec-
ca Davis be changed to Ariow Amarok Yago.
/s/ Cheryl Mulbery
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
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to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or
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MEADPROP UNITS, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
1133 N. 18TH STREET
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the
18th day of May 2023, the then County Treasurer of
Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public
tax lien sale to Archuleta County the following described
property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of
Colorado, to-wit:
**LOT 71 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO
THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD APRIL
30, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 94867.**
Account Number: R009472
Schedule Number: 569919135022
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00567
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 10th day of
January 2024, 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 21st day of August 2023
/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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**LOT 36 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO
THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD APRIL
30, 1979 AS
RECEPTION NO. 94867.**
Account Number: R010323
Schedule Number: 569919430446
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00925
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 2011;
That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the
name(s) of MEADPROP UNITS, A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY for said year 2011;
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
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(who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said
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That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property
to CASITA MONTANA ASSETS LLC on the 10th day of
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Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public
tax lien sale to Archuleta County the following described
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Colorado, to-wit:
**LOT 78 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO
THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD APRIL
30, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 94867.**
Account Number: R010342
Schedule Number: 569919435015
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00602
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,
ALIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LLC 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;
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to CASITA MONTANA ASSETS LLC on the 10th day of
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Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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Lien Sale Auction Advertisement
Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to the Colorado
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103 et. seq.), the undersigned will sell at public
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furniture, clothing, tools, and/or other misc. items.
Auction to be held at **11:00 am On September 22,
2023** at www.selfstorageauction.com.
The property is stored at:
Airport Self Storage, 201 County Road 600, Pagosa
Springs, CO 81147
NAME OF TENANT

Marlesa Brandt
Linda Rivas
Brandie Archuleta
917, 9/14/23
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Maria G. Filippio, Deceased
Case No. 2023PR30028
All persons having claims against the above-named
estate are required to present them to the personal
representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County,
Colorado on or before January 8, 2024 or the claims may
be forever barred.
Katheryn E. Reed, Personal Representative
306 Escobar Ave
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
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to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or
Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest
of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom
It May Concern, and more especially to:
WILSON, KENNETH AND LOUISE B. WILSON
1375 CR 400
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the
18th day of May 2023, the then County Treasurer of
Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public
tax lien sale to Archuleta County the following described
property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of
Colorado, to-wit:
**LOT 57 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO
THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD APRIL
30, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 94867.**
Account Number: R009458
Schedule Number: 569919134023
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00901
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 2009;
That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the
name(s) of WILSON, KENNETH AND LOUISE B.
WILSON for said year 2009;
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
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to CASITA MONTANA ASSETS LLC on the 17th day of
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**LOT 76 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO
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Account Number: R009471
Schedule Number: 569919135017
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00566
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of
purchase therefore to Archuleta County.
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A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY for said year 2007;
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 1133 N. 18TH STREET
 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 18th day of May 2023, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 70 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD APRIL 30, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 94867.
 Account Number: R009473
 Schedule Number: 569919135023
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00568
 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.
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LOT 40 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD APRIL 30, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 94867.
 Account Number: R010319
 Schedule Number: 569919434042
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00594
 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 2010.
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of MEADPROP UNITS, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY for said year 2010.
 That on the 18th day of May 2023, said Archuleta County assigned said certificate of purchase to CASITA MONTANA ASSETS LLC.
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LOT 74 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO

THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD APRIL 30, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 94867.

Account Number: R010345
 Schedule Number: 569919435019
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00604
 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.
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LOT 9 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TOTHE PLAT TEHREOF FILED FOR RECORD APRIL 30, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 94867.
 Account Number: R010351
 Schedule Number: 569919437008
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00606
 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 2020.
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of MEADPROP UNITS, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY for said year 2020.
 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.
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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON October 3, 2023

MICHAEL and ROBYN BENNETT have applied for a SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION, on their property at 1070 County Rd 302 in Twn: 35 Rng: 1W, (PLN23-156). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PLANNING@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on October 3, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Published September 14 and 21, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of Ordinance 23-2023 for the Control of Dogs and Other Pet Animals in the Unincorporated Area of Archuleta County, Colorado. The language proposed to be adopted is available for review in the County Clerk and Recorder's Office and at www.archuletacounty.org.
 The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner's meeting room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at which time interested parties will be heard.
 Written comments may also be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, at or prior to said public meeting.
 Published September 14 and 21, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
 JOSE MANUEL- VIZCAINO ZUBIA
 2411 BLUEBELLS DRIVE
 EVANS, CO 80620
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the

5th day of November 2020, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to PATRICK H. DISNER the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
 LOT 24 OF BLOCK 2 IN AMENDED ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 15, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74503
 Account Number: R002961
 /s/ Elsa P White
 Schedule Number: 569302410004
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2020-05135
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to PATRICK H. DISNER.
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2019;
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JOSE MANUEL- VIZCAINO ZUBIA for said year 2019;
 That said PATRICK H. DISNER on the 16th day of August 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 PATRICK H. DISNER on the 31st day of January 2024, 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 7th day of September 2023
 /s/ Elsa P White
 Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
 Published September 14, 21 and 28, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
 BRAD LEE WHITTIER
 5597 HANEMO DRIVE
 BIG RIVER, CA 92242
 BRAD LEE WHITTIER
 P O BOX 2033
 BIG RIVER, CA 92242
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2020, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to PATRICK H. DISNER the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 21 OF BLOCK 29 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 20, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74785.
 Account Number: R000319
 Schedule Number: 569311315002
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2020-05137
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to PATRICK H. DISNER.
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2019;
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of BRAD LEE WHITTIER for said year 2019;
 That said PATRICK H. DISNER on the 16th day of August 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 PATRICK H. DISNER on the 31st day of January 2024, 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 7th day of September 2023
 /s/ Elsa P White
 Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
 Published September 14, 21 and 28, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Board Member Opportunity

The Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) is seeking a member of the community to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. The USJHSD Board is responsible for steering the Upper San Juan Health Service District toward a sustainable future through sound, ethical high-level governance. The USJHSD mission is to provide quality, compassionate healthcare for each person we serve.
 The USJHSD Board is made up of volunteer board members who have relevant expertise. Further, qualified candidates must be an eligible elector (registered to vote in the State of Colorado and own taxable real or personal property in the District which is comprised of all of Archuleta County and a small part of Hinsdale and Mineral Counties).
 Self-nomination forms are available on the Pagosa Springs Medical Center website www.pagosapringsmedicalcenter.org, or by contacting the Board Clerk, Laura DePiazza, at Laura.DePiazza@PSMedicalCenter.org or 970-507-3814. Qualified candidates interested in serving on the Board must submit completed self-nomination forms to USJHSD no later than 4:00 p.m. MST on Friday, September 29, 2023. Published September 14 and 21, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING September 19, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS 30-28-116 that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, will hold a public hearing to consider revising the County Land Use Regulations. The language proposed to be adopted is available for review at the County Development Services Department 970-264-1390 and on the County Website.
 The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at which time all interested parties will be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, at or prior to said public hearing.
 Published August 31 and September 14, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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ARCHULETA COUNTY SHERIFF	\$	350.00
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NMS LABS	\$	318.00
LA PLATA COUNTY CORONER	\$	300.00
RECLA METALS LLLP	\$	295.48
JOHANNA ELLIOTT	\$	276.50
DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS, INC	\$	262.50
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.	\$	253.95
PARK DITCH COMPANY, INC	\$	234.00
MITZI HOPPER	\$	220.00
PAGCO INCORPORATED	\$	215.42
STERLING INFOSYSTEMS INC	\$	214.00
NAVAJO TRAIL RENTAL CENTER	\$	210.00
SOUTHLAND MEDICAL CORPORATION	\$	208.86
BROOKS LINDNER	\$	200.00
PINE VALLEY RENTAL & SALES	\$	194.70
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ARROWHEAD FORENSICS	\$	189.93
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN POPCORN LLC	\$	75.00
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STEPHEN KENO	\$	35.00
THE UPS STORE #5807	\$	32.60
RONNIE MAEZ	\$	31.83
LET ER RIP ALTERATIONS	\$	27.00
THE LANE LAW FIRM P.C.	\$	12.30
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	\$	4.10
TOTAL JULY EXPENSES	\$	1,831,157.21

ARCHULETA COUNTY JULY 2023 PAYABLES	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
VENDER		
HONNEN EQUIPMENT	SWL JOHN DEERE 664 LOADER	\$ 284,445.45
KILGORE COMPANIES, LLC	PIEDRA ROAD PAY ESTIMATE #1	\$ 247,637.62
BOK FINANCIAL	Q3 2023 RCI LOAN PAYMENT	\$ 125,041.96
CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 114,664.24
PAGOSA SPRINGS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	PLE LINE FOR NEW AERIAL FIBER	\$ 100,000.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY HOUSING	ARPA SUBMISSION #7	\$ 87,143.72
DURANGO GRAVEL	ROAD BASE	\$ 59,573.03
ENVIROAD, LLC	EARTHBIND STABILIZER-MAG CHLORIDE	\$ 59,571.00
JOHN JONES CHRYSLER DODGE	FLEET 2023 DODGE DURANGO	\$ 59,540.00
ARCHULETA SENIORS, INC	Q3 GRANT FUNDING	\$ 57,500.00
THERMO SCIENTIFIC PORTABLE	SO TRUNARC UNLTD & KIT	\$ 39,204.00
TURN KEY HEALTH CLINICS	MEDICAL SERVICES	\$ 32,622.98
J & K ESPINOSA, INC	GRAVEL HAULING SERVICES	\$ 29,820.00
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$ 28,332.90
FLYERS ENERGY LLC	COUNTY FUEL	\$ 27,486.29
WELLS FARGO	PCARD EXPENSE MAY 23-JUNE 23,2023	\$ 26,047.46
HEALTHY ARCHULETA	ARPA #16 AND JUNE CONTRACT	\$ 22,693.45
RUBY M. SISSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY	2023 CONTRIBUTION	\$ 20,000.00
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VAL'S VIP CLEANING LLC	PROFESSIONAL CLEANING	\$ 18,186.11
ALEXA MARTINEZ	2023 FAIR COORDINATOR	\$ 17,085.02
TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS	TANF KIDS CAMP WEEKS 1-8 & SEWER UTILITY	\$ 15,151.25
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CABE'S COLLISION AND CUSTOMS	COUNTY VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$ 14,218.94
BWD CONSTRUCTION	SEWER SYSTEM INSTALL	\$ 13,548.75
FOUR STATES TIRE AND SERVICE	FLEET TIRES	\$ 11,299.00
VISIONARY COMMUNICATIONS	QUARTERLY BROADBAND BILLING	\$ 10,179.83
TAYLOR RANCH TRUCKING LLP		

CROSS-COUNTRY

Pirates set personal records at Joe Vigil meet

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Ten Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country runners set personal records (PRs) at the Joe I. Vigil XC Invitational on Sept. 9 in Alamosa.

The girls cross-country team placed 11th out of 15th teams at the event with a total of 303 points.

In an email to The SUN, coach Rachael Christiansen points out the high temperatures during the girls' team's race, adding that the team did "well."

She states that all the Pirates' top-five runners finished the race in less than 25 minutes with only a minute and a half separating them.

Lady Pirate Sienna Rose finished 56th out of 172 runners with a time of 23 minutes, 15.8 seconds.

Christiansen comments that Rose improved her time in the race from last year by 18 seconds despite this being her first official race of the season.

Kaiya Lyons finished 65th with a time of 23:29.17, and Madisen Stretton took 77th with a time of 24:02.31.

The coach comments, "Kaiya Lyons had a standout day, taking over 4 minutes off her PR which

was set in Ignacio 2 weeks back. Madi Stretton was right behind Kaiya, also taking over 4 minutes off her PR! These two freshmen are off to a great start!"

Charlotte Duranton took 81st with a time of 24:08.47 and Hailey Sams placed 94th with a time of 24:53.7.

Christiansen notes that the race was Duranton's first American 5k and that Sams was "strong from the start and raced almost 3 minutes faster than in Ignacio!"

Marie Smith placed 99th with a time of 25:02.23 while Johanna Beaird finished 168th with a time of 32:15.37.

The coach comments, "Marie Smith was only 7 seconds off her PR and Jo Beaird took almost 7 minutes off her time from Ignacio!"

Overall, Christiansen states, "there was lots of improvement from these ladies, but we know we can do more, so we'll get back to work this week."

The boys' team took 12th out of 19 teams with 310 points, placing ahead of regional rivals Centauri (311 points), Bayfield (346 points) and Del Norte (393 points).

Christiansen commented that the placement one point ahead of Centauri "will keep things inter-

esting as we head to our league meet in a few weeks."

She adds, "The boys raced first and had a great showing. Our plan going into the race was to close our gaps in the front pack, bringing those five runners closer together, and they did just that!"

She states that all five of Pirates' top boys runners finished with times below 20 minutes and only 46 seconds separating them.

Christiansen adds concerning the top five runners, "This pack is ideal for regionals and we believe we can get all [five] sub-19 by the end of the season."

Pagosa harrier Miles Baker placed 56th out of 204 runners with a time of 19:04.72.

Levi Hinger finished 64th with a time of 19:16.81 and Jesse Beck finished 68th with a time of 19:20.38.

Pirate Peyton Jackson took 83rd with a time of 19:47.88 while Connor Thomas took 85th with a time of 19:50.2.

Christiansen states that Baker, Jackson and Thomas all set new PRs, while Hinger and Beck narrowly missed beating their previous PRs.

Pagosa harrier Dylan Dempster placed 130th with a time of 21:36.47.

The coach comments that

Dempster had a "great day" and earned a new PR.

Asher Burk took 137th with a time of 21:53.16, Isaac Hanto placed 144th with a time of 22:04.34 and Elias Sanchez took 148th with a time of 23:12.34.

Christiansen indicates that Burk ran his first official 5k with a time she describes as "amazing," while Hanto had a "standout" race, improving on his time in the Pirates' previous race by 2.5 minutes.

She adds that Sanchez ran his first race of the season with an improved time over last year.

Pirate JC Allen took 170th with a time of 23:55.32 and Asher Kurz placed 182nd with a time of 25:34.98.

The coach comments, "JC Allen set a huge PR, taking over 5 minutes off his time from Ignacio, while Asher Kurz took almost 3 minutes off his time, earning him a new PR as well! You know it was a good day when 8 out of 11 runners set new PRs."

The Pirate teams' next race will be on Sept. 16 at the Bayfield XC Invitational in Bayfield.

According to Christiansen's newsletter, the girls' team will race at 10:20 a.m. and the boys' team will race at 10:50 a.m.

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Freshmen Justin Sewell and Van Halterman have a strong start in Glenwood Springs.

Photo courtesy Janine Emmets

DUST2 team takes second at Spring Valley Scramble

By Hadley Phillips
DUST2

The DUST2 Pagosa Springs Mountain Bike Team attended its second race of the season this past Saturday in Glenwood Springs.

This weekend they had 15 racers representing Pagosa. The Spring Valley Scramble course was hot and dusty, but all the racers did exceptional work. Even though the course had 646 feet of climbing per lap with the laps being 5.5 miles long, Pagosa riders were up for the challenge. Each lap consisted of single- and double-track trails, weaving through the pinion and sagebrush surrounding the Colorado Mountain College campus.

This course happens to be the course for the state championships in October, so our racers were very excited about having a small advantage over two of the other regions.

The first race of the day was freshman boys. With five freshman racers, much of the team was present for the start. The boys were excited to be racing two full laps compared to the one they did in Leadville two weekends prior. Eric Smith placed 11th with a time of 1:04, Justin Sewell placed 21st with a time of 1:07, Van Halterman placed 29th with a time of 1:10, Aaron Sowle placed 30th with a time of 1:11 and Heath Leentjes placed 46th out of

74 with a time of 1:17.

Leentjes is such an amazing and consistent rider to have on the team, with his two lap times only with seconds apart.

All of Pagosa's girls were next up. The JV girls started, followed by the sophomore girls and the freshman girls. Each category starts at five-minute intervals of the others. The first three girls to finish were all of our JV girls. Rylie Carr, a junior and the first girl to finish for Pagosa, placed fourth with a time of 1:07, Natalie Mashue (senior) placed 11th with a time of 1:11, and Hadley Phillips (senior) placed 12th out of 28 with a time of 1:13. Next up was freshman Sophia Alexander in third with a time of 1:07 and freshman Adelyn Hittle in fourth out of 24 with a time of 1:08. Pagosa's only sophomore girl, Kaylee Hensle, followed close behind in 10th out of 16 with a time of 1:28.

Following the girls' racing were the varsity boys. Bradley Lamoreaux (senior), Pagosa's only varsity racer, placed 11th out of 31 racers with a time of 1:22 for three laps. He experienced major heat waves on his three laps and was relieved to be done and receive a much-earned Gatorade.

Lamoreaux is an amazing example of what hard work and endurance can achieve, one only has to look at his amazingly consistent lap times.

Lamoreaux also won the Yeti

Skills Course challenge. Every race, a small skills course is set up at the race venue for kids to practice their handling skills. An award is given to the fastest male and female to complete the course.

After the varsity were the sophomore boys, Weston Phillips and Brady Ziminsky. Both boys had amazing races with a few water bottles of cold water dumped on them to try and fight off the heat. Ziminsky placed 33rd with a time of 1:09. Weston Phillips, after an unfortunate mechanical issue in the Leadville race, started in 73rd place but climbed all the way to 19th place with a time of 1:03. With this, Phillips received the Slingshot award,

an award showing that he climbed the most places out of all the racers from his finish in Leadville to the finish in Glenwood. He is Pagosa's first-ever Slingshot award winner.

The final race of the day was JV boys. Jack Hittle is our only JV boy and he placed 47th out of 100 with a time of 1:06. Jack Hittle raced in the hottest part of the day and received a total dousing by his fellow teammates upon arriving at the finish line.

Despite the heat, our team took second place overall in our division with 4,461 points. The entire team had exceptional races and can't wait for the next race, The Haymaker Classic, in Eagle in two weeks.



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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Sept. 14

Main Street Advisory Board meeting. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting. 5 p.m., administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

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 09048375, 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>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Upper San Juan Library District Board meeting. 4 p.m. via Zoom. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146>.

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., 3133 Cornerstone Drive. For more information, visit <https://pagosapeakopenschool.org/board-committee-meeting-calendar/>.

Thursday, Sept. 21

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

School

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out overall as we try to get that very locked down and let that be for at least the next several weeks so we know this is where we're going, these are the routes," Sanchez stated.

He stated that the difficulties with buses were amplified by construction work and associated detours, and that the district is planning ahead to ensure activities and field trips continue to occur.

Superintendent Rick Holt noted that Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) reached out and offered assistance, with the potential for sharing certain routes and other options to reduce the pressure on transportation.

Board member Bob Lynch sought to clarify there are persons in the pipeline to be bus drivers, which Sanchez confirmed, adding that some of these people can also drive smaller buses on certain routes as an emergency measure.

Lynch asked if a route would be added when a bus driver is fully certified.

Sanchez explained that a letter circulated to parents on Aug. 29 outlined the priorities that would be used to determine which routes will be brought back first.

According to the letter, the priorities include bus safety, bus capacity, driver availability, amount of in-district students, amount of students in an area and length of student time on the bus.

"Good job communicating and handling a tough situation," Lynch commented.

Board member Tim Taylor asked how many bus drivers would be ideal.

Sanchez stated that 14 drivers would allow the district to provide bus service for the maximum number of students.

"But three or four is certainly a big help," Taylor commented.

Holt added that the district has "a few" activity bus drivers who have also been assisting with routes, although their assistance is limited by the fact that some activities conflict with the timing of the routes.

Sanchez added that ASD also has to ensure that substitute bus drivers are available if they become necessary and that activity bus drivers can assist with this.

Taylor asked if the incentives the board passed last year for bus drivers are still in effect.

Holt stated that the district increased driver salaries "a total of 10 percent" to ensure they are competitive with other positions in the area that also require a CDL.

He added that the district is looking at other incentive options, including benefits and flexibility in linking bus driver positions with other jobs in the district.

ASD Finance Director Michael Hodgson explained that the incentive of paying for CDL training and testing is still in effect, though the retention payments at the end of each semester were discontinued as they failed to retain drivers.

Board member Dana Guinn asked if the district has data on the impact of the bus shortage on stu-

dent activities and students being late to school due to transportation challenges.

Sanchez responded that ASD has not had to cancel any activities or field trips so far and that there have been some delays with students arriving or departing the school due to the logistics of the shortage and running the routes that are currently open.

Guinn commented that it will be important to track results for students who had access to a bus route last year and who do not this year to ensure the district is not "disadvantaging" them.

Holt noted that attendance numbers are currently above last year's, although some families from outside the district have opted to remain in their own districts

instead of continuing to travel to ASD.

"So, that leads us to believe that a fair number of families who weren't able to get bus service are getting themselves to school," Holt stated, adding that the district would keep monitoring this weekly.

He added, "My sincere hope is that we have a couple of weeks of added burden on the family and then when our new drivers catch up we'll be able to begin to relieve that, but we are keeping an eye on it."

Holt concluded the discussion of transportation by commending Sanchez and Transportation Director Lori Manzanares for their work on the bus driver shortage, noting that it has been a "pretty huge undertaking."

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Search

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begin to look for Moore and Finney. He explained the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office launched its thermal drone and Flight for Life flew over the area.

"I don't believe we could have jumped on it any quicker," he said.

The initial search was unsuccessful, and crews have spent days continuing to search.

"It's steep and we've covered areas that have been hard to get to as well as easy to get to," Le Roux said.

Le Roux explained the search has included ground and air searches, and the help of the Civil Air Patrol Cellular Forensic Team, which helped determine a radius based on the towers used by Moore's cellphone.

But, he noted, due to the lack of towers in the area, the radius provided using that technology is large.

As of the end of the day on Friday, Sept. 8, according to Le Roux, around 1,700 man hours or more were spent searching for Moore over the course of 10 search days.

That includes 1,535 man hours of searching on the ground with 140 different ground personnel, he noted, which included Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, U.S. Forest Service, San Juan Outdoor Club, and a number of other volunteers that included family and friends.

Mineral and La Plata counties have also provided resources, according to the sheriff, and people have taken several consecutive days off work to help.

"In addition to that, we had two full flight days by the Division of Fire Prevention and Control," he said.

That agency sent a crew of eight people, six of whom were in the air, he noted.

Other air resources used in the search have included a UH-1 Huey, a National Guard helicopter with five personnel, Flight for Life (which has helped deploy ground resources into the field) and a federal helitack asset, the sheriff relayed.

He noted a helicopter also helped insert ropes teams in the area.

Too, the search has included two separate K-9 units out of New Mexico that included three K-9 units one day and one another day.

"That's a lot of man hours and search days," Le Roux said.

Last Friday's search, he explained, expanded the search area and included an area adjacent to the original search area, still with no luck.

But the search is not over.

Le Roux explained crews will be out again on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 and 17, including additional K-9 units from within the state.

He noted three K-9 teams plus their handlers, additional ground support and additional search and rescue volunteers, will be out.

Le Roux also acknowledged that others will be in the area searching or, with hunting season underway, recreating, and urged caution.

"Ultimately we just request that if anybody is going up there to search, ... have a plan. Have a communication plan. Have a safety plan," he said, noting he doesn't want to have another situation.

He added there's an inherent risk of recreating in the backcountry, with the area of Blackhead Peak consisting of steep terrain, heavy vegetation and bordering wilderness.

"It certainly has played a huge role in how we're able to search," Le Roux said, highlighting there have been zero injuries among search crews to date.

He added the trail that summits the peak is a nonsystem trail, and the trail system in the area is not highly used.

The ad describes Moore as 6 feet, 2 inches tall and 150 pounds.

It indicates he wears glasses and had a black Osprey day pack with him, a tan hat and Oboz hiking boots.

It asks that anyone who saw Moore the morning of Aug. 19 or has information that may help in the investigation to call the sheriff's office via Archuleta County Combined Dispatch at (970) 731-2160.

"The search at this point is still ongoing," Le Roux said, adding his office and other searchers continue to give it as much energy and attention as they can.

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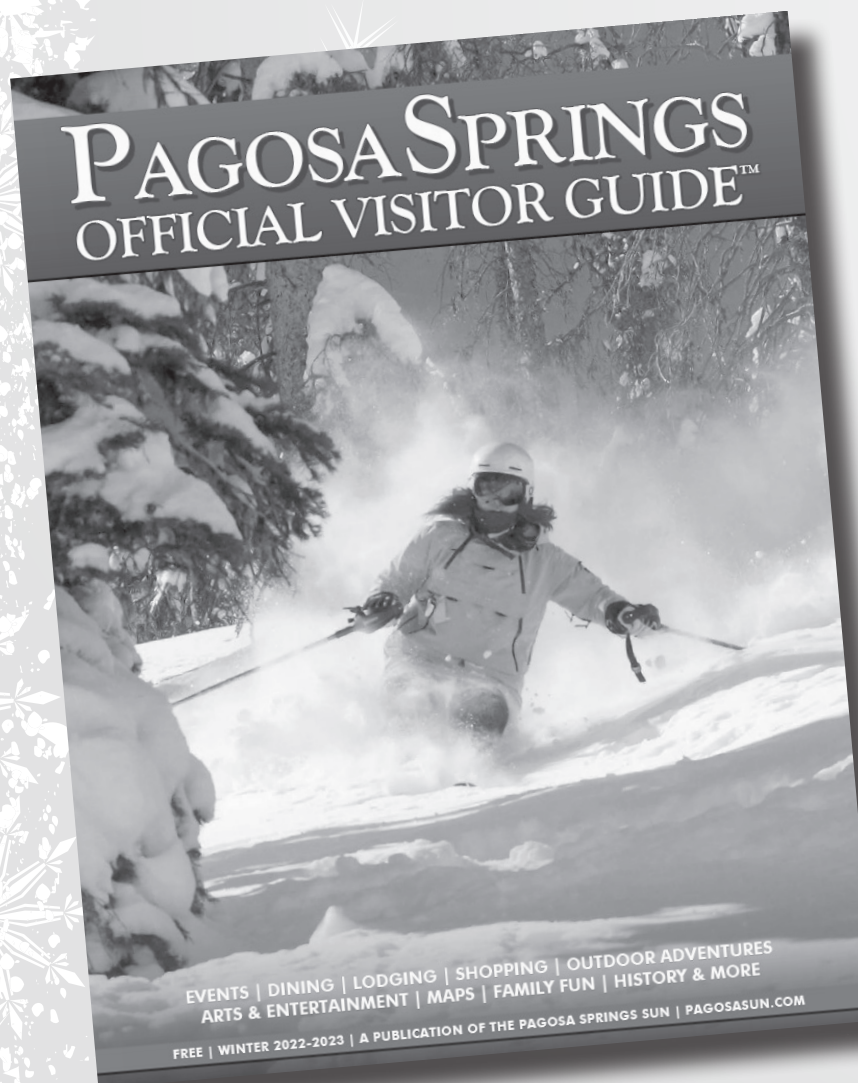
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Taking care of those who served: Organizations work to secure veteran benefits

By Hailey Sams
SUN Intern

There are more than 1,200 veterans residing in Archuleta County, according to Raymond Taylor, Archuleta County's veterans service officer.

Of those, 700 served during Vietnam, Taylor indicated.

Taylor helps these veterans and their loved ones find various benefits and options available to them. He advises veterans to visit and file claims with his help to ensure they get what they are entitled to from serving.

In recent years, there have been updates and new discoveries that affect these benefits. These include the PACT Act of 2022 and the investigation of Agent Orange.

In addition to Taylor's work, the PACT Act and the investigation into Agent Orange, Archuleta County is home to multiple other veteran organizations, including Vets4Vets, which aims to help veterans.

PACT Act

"The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022 is a new law that expands VA [U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs] health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of veterans - and their survivors - with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve" a presentation from the VA states.

The PACT Act expands eligibility for VA health care for veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances and veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post 9/11 eras.

According to the presentation, the PACT Act also:

- Gives initial toxic exposure screening to enrolled veterans and follow-up screenings every five years. Veterans who are eligible to enroll will have an opportunity to enroll and receive screening as well.
- Authorizes 31 new facilities across the United States, providing greater access to VA health care.
- Provides toxic exposure-related education and training to VA health care staff and claims processors.
- Will improve the process of deciding what determines the medical conditions for presumptive status.
- Requires research studies on the mortality of veterans who served in southwest Asia during the Gulf War, post-9/11 veteran health trends and veteran cancer rates.
- Helps the VA build a stronger, more skilled workforce to meet the growing demand for benefits and services.

The PACT Act expands the list of presumptive conditions that qualify veterans for benefits provided by the VA, meaning that if a veteran has been denied in the past, and the condition is part of the new list, the veteran can reapply.

Further information about the PACT Act — and conditions and service times that are eligible — can be found at <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>.

Agent Orange

Veterans exposed to Agent Orange between 1962 and 1971 in Vietnam and other southeast Asian countries are eligible for disability compensation, according to a booklet released from the Vietnam Veterans of America.

"In Vietnam, herbicides were sprayed from fixed wing and rotary aircraft, trucks, and backpack sprayers to clear vegetation around fire bases, landing zones, and along river banks," states the booklet. "The herbicides were named for the color coded bands on the 55 gallon drums in which they were shipped; ex-

amples included Agent Blue, Agent White, and the most extensively used herbicide, Agent Orange."

The booklet explains that the herbicides were used "to protect American and allied troops by defoliating the dense jungle vegetation hiding enemy positions."

Agent Orange was also handled at military institutions.

"Some three million veterans served in Southeast Asia, and no one knows for sure how many of these veterans were exposed to Agent Orange," the booklet states. "Some of these personnel were deployed in areas during and immediately after spraying operations, while others actually handled Agent Orange and did the spraying."

According to the booklet, Agent Orange contained a highly toxic dioxin and exposure is linked to a list of cancers and other illnesses. Veterans exposed to Agent Orange can file claims with the VA.

For more information and a list of service times and conditions, visit <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/>.

To file claims, contact Taylor at (970) 264-4013 or raytaylor@archuletacounty.org.

Vets4Vets

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County, commonly known as Vets4Vets, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that began in Archuleta County in 2011 that focuses on aiding veterans.

"If anyone knows the cost of war,

a veteran does," Taylor said.

Vets4Vets help with financial struggles, transportation, appliances, housing and anything else a veteran may need.

With more than 240 members and over 10,000 volunteer hours, according to Richard Walker, Vets4Vets president, the group provides needed assistance and direct aid to the more than 1,200 veterans that reside in Archuleta county, according to Taylor.

Vets4Vets advises veterans to always ask about a veteran discount, as many places have them but do not advertise it.

"IfVA does not cover it, we try to cover it the best that we can," Lynn Weiland, vice president of Vets4Vets, relayed.

Many of the vets are also involved in the community through other organizations such as the American Legion. These veterans work for the community, including providing scholarships for high schoolers, and for veterans in need.

"We're not just serving vets, we're serving the community, too," Weiland commented.

"The guys that do things, do a lot of things," Taylor said of the involved veterans.

Vets4Vets hosted a fly-in last weekend and will host the Veterans Stand Down event happening Saturday, Sept. 22, with La Plata County. The event will be at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

Vets4Vets meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m., at the Tennyson Building Event Center, except for the first

Tuesday, when they meet at 9 a.m., for a breakfast meeting. The meetings last about an hour and consist of jokes, songs and community.

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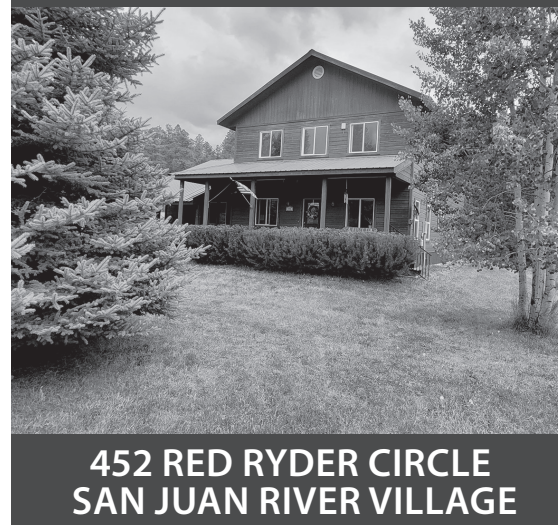
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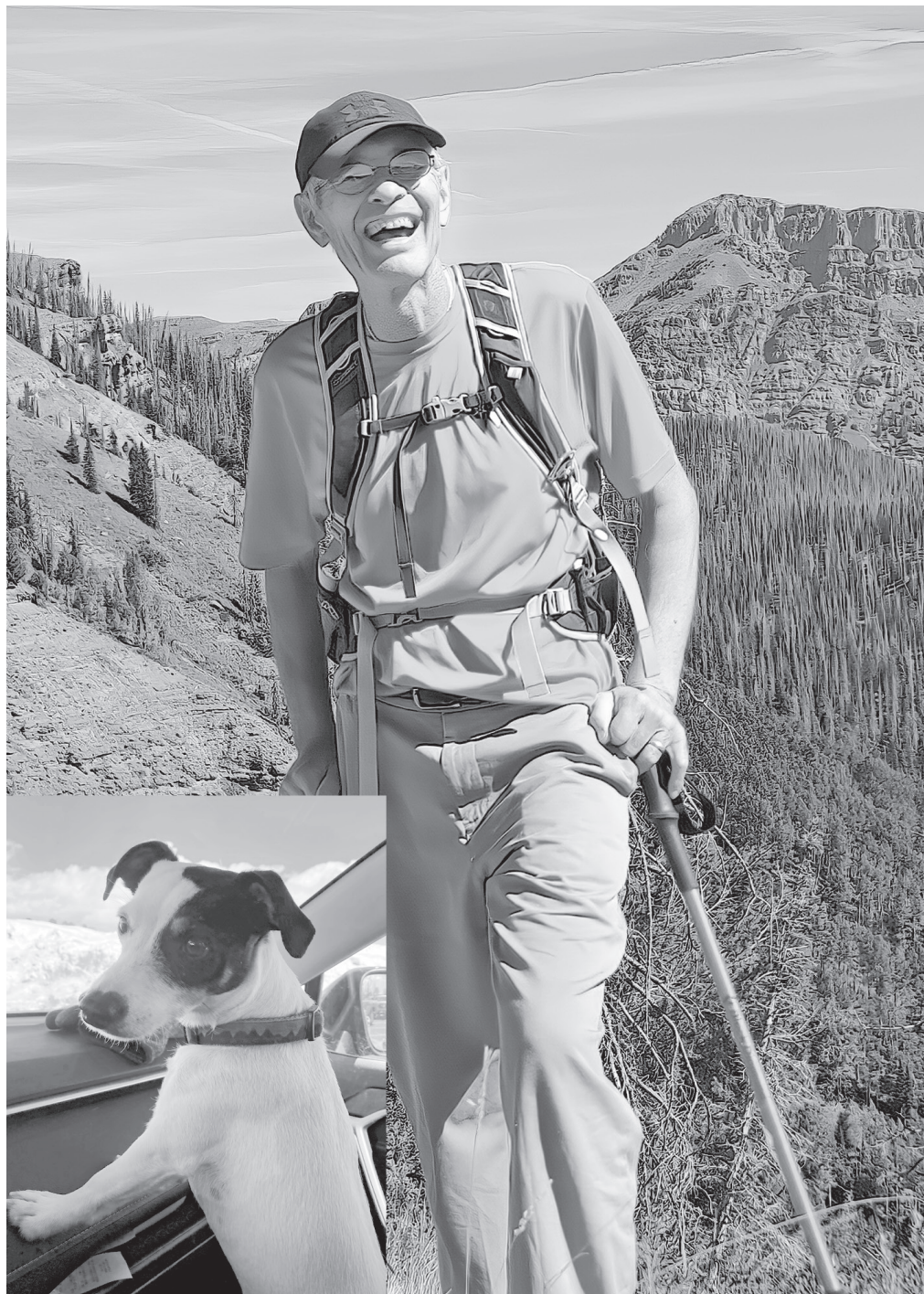
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MISSING



Rich Moore and his dog Finegan (Finney), an 11 lb., white with black markings, Jack Russel Terrier, have been missing since Saturday, August 19 in the area of the Blackhead Peak trail at the end of Nipple Mountain Road.

Rich and Finney checked in via text at 9:30 a.m. with a family member and had planned to summit Blackhead Peak. They did not return that afternoon and Rich's truck was still at the trail head. An extensive and thorough search was conducted over the first week they were missing by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office who brought in Search and Rescue Teams from multiple counties, helicopters, search dogs and drones with very little indication of his whereabouts found. They have not given up and continue to search but any help leading to finding Rich could help.

Rich is 6'2", 150 lbs., wears glasses and has a black Osprey day pack with him, a tan hat and Oboz hiking boots.

If you saw Rich that morning, or have any information that may help in the investigation, please contact the

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office at (970) 731-2160

Also, with the big game season opening soon, if you are in the field in that area, please keep an eye out and report anything that you may feel is pertinent to the search for Rich and Finney.

Mt. Allison Grange to host pancake supper

By Larry Corman
Mt. Allison Grange

On Saturday, Sept. 30, Mt. Allison Grange will host a pancake supper at the Mt. Allison Grange Hall, located at 2622 County Road 329, Ignacio.

This will be held from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. and will include eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, and juice and coffee.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children (6 to 10) and free for children under 6.

For additional information, please contact Larry at (970) 749-8438.

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ColorFest

September 15-17



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ColorFest weekend will include balloons, brews and more

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

This 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, and obstruct 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/ColorFest-ColorRunWalk5K> to sign up for the ColorRun/Walk. Watch the balloons and get doused with a rainbow of color as you complete the course.

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.

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.

The Bands and Brews festival will be 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.

More information is available at www.pagosachamber.com.

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- Wednesday**
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Sangre Joven to perform at Mountain Chile Cha Cha

By **Jacque Aragon**
Mountain Chile Cha Cha

The 17th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha is Saturday, Sept. 23, at the athletic field in the Town Park.

The festival includes a morning trail race, a Mexican beer garden, a margarita contest, a green chile cook-off and tasting, an all-day kids' corner and fresh green chile roasted on-site. One of our favorites, Sangre Joven, a beloved band from previous years, will return this year to deliver an electrifying Latin music performance.

About Sangre Joven

Sangre Joven originated in the northern New Mexico pueblo de Las Vegas. Our style of music is performed in El Estillo Del Norte De Nuevo, Mexico, and consists of Ranchera, Cumbias, Corridos, Polkas and Valses traditional to our heritage for centuries.

The band began its musical journey in 1988 with Lorenzo Miguel Gallegos and brother Daniel Lee Gallegos.

Gallegos founded the group. Several other members have contributed to the success throughout the last three decades, including artists such as Robert (Seaweed) Gonzales, better known as Gonzalo; Michael Marquez y Dulzura; Joaquin Maestas, of Quemoso; Bobby Madrid; and, of course, Lorenzo Miguel Gallegos.

The result was 17 very successful CDs. We recorded the first album in 1989, entitled "Sangre Joven De Las Vegas, New Mexico." It put us on the map and the music scene. Three other albums followed, including "Esta Vida, On The Run" and "Mal Ideas," which was such a huge success that it established us as an opening act for Los Lobos in 1994.

The band produced numerous original hits, including "Linda Morena," "Esta Vida," "Chiquitita de Mi Vida," "Triste Aqui," "Soy Musiquero," "El Carrito Chevy (55)," and many more.

In the summer of 1998, we released our fifth CD, "Mala Sangre." It was a tremendous success due in part to the brass section we added and the many more original songs that hit the charts. We wrote and arranged "Alegre Corazon," "Poco A Poco," "Sin tus Besos," "La Mas Hermosa" and "Besitos de Amor" for Best Salsa/Tropical Song of the Year. The CD was so successful it inspired and encouraged us to record a new enhanced CD entitled "Nortenisimo." This CD features a special multimedia section with a full-length video for your computer.

In 2006, we released an all-original CD entitled "Sangre Joven (Originales de Daniel Gallegos)," produced by no other than Gonzalo. It consisted of 10 original songs Daniel Lee Gallegos wrote in the New Mexico music style. Two original songs off the CD, "Te Me Fuistes" and "Y Que," appeared in

the top five on KSLV's "Horas Latina" with Jerry Medina in Monte Vista, Colo. Also, a TV appearance on Anthony Segura's show in Albuquerque, N.M., in late December of that year elevated the band to new heights.

From 2009 to 2012, Daniel Lee ■ See Cha Cha on next page

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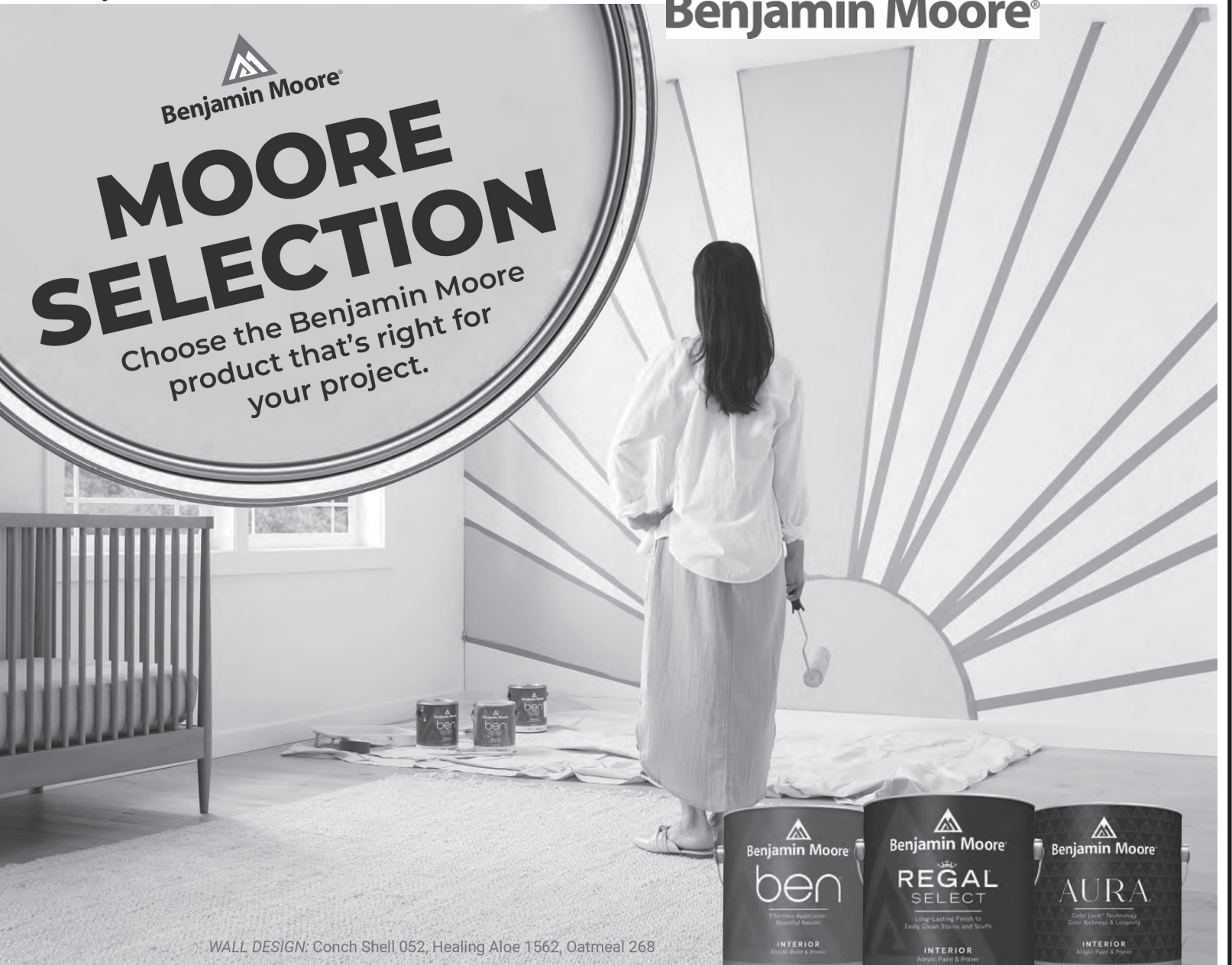
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Sangre Joven will return to Pagosa Springs Sept. 23 to take the stage at the 17th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha at the athletic field in the Town Park.

Cha Cha

■ continued from previous page Gallegos decided to put Sangre Joven on the back burner, per se. He concentrated on releasing two CDs with his brothers Rey and Francisco Gallegos (aka) Los Gallegos Brozz. The CDs entitled “Puro, Pinche, Party,” and “A.T.M.” brought many nominations in several categories as they are members of the New Mexico Hispano Music Association (NMHMA). Daniel Lee Gallegos also released his first solo CD, “Puras Conocidas,” which sold more than 4,000 copies in New Mexico and Colorado. It earned him a nomination for Corrido of The Year for “Reyes Ruiz.”

In 2013, the band transformed and became a five-piece group again, tying its music to its traditional roots. The band released a CD entitled “Act Right ‘Portate Bien” and toured the southwest

states of New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Arizona and Utah. The group was also nominated for Salsa/Tropical Song of The Year for the song La Camisa Negra by the NMHMA.

With tremendous success, the band released its ninth studio album, “Que Viva La Raza,” in 2014, which catapulted the group to perform more than 100 shows that year at many casinos, fiestas, weddings, family reunions and private functions.

In 2015, Daniel Lee Gallegos released his second solo CD, entitled “Hasta El Ultimo Cartucho,” where he started performing with an entire brass horn section in full New Mexican style. Later that year, Los Gallegos Brozz released its third studio CD, “Puros Exitos.” In 2016, Sangre Joven released its 10th CD, “Fierce,” featuring Bobby Madrid. The song “Carta Jugada” hit No. 1

in Colorado (on KSLV) and won the prestigious award for Los 15 Grandes de Nuevo Mexico.

In 2017 Daniel Gallegos released his third solo CD, “Exitos Originales,” and won his second award from the NMHMA for Instrumental Song of The Year for “Polka de Vino.” In 2018, Sangre Joven released its 11th CD, “Corridos,” and received a second award by Los 15 Grandes de Nuevo Mexico for the Corrido “Gabino Barrera.” In 2019, the group released its 12th studio CD, “30th Anniversary 1989-2019,” celebrating 30 years in the music industry with thousands of shows and 19 albums combined.

Sangre Joven was awarded another third Los 15 Grandes de Nuevo Mexico award in 2019 for the song “Viente Anos” from the new CD. Daniel Lee Gallegos was

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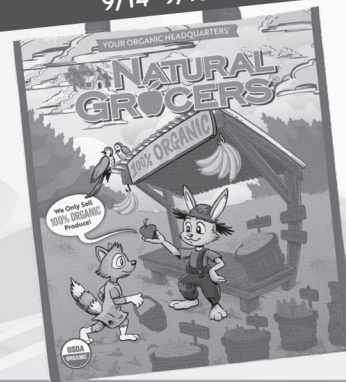


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Save the date for Tim Sullivan family scholarships concert

By Carole Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Fans of country singer-songwriter Tim Sullivan and his hugely talented musical family will want to save the date of Saturday evening, Oct. 14, for a cabaret-style benefit concert in Durango showcasing the musical skills of three members of the family, plus two other special guests.

The theme of the event is Broadway in the Rockies.

All concert proceeds go to the Jim and Elizabeth Sullivan Foundation for the Arts to provide scholarships for deserving local youth with a talent for music, dance or visual arts in the Four Corners.

The event will take place in the ballroom of the DoubleTree Hotel at 7:30 p.m.

After the concert there will be an informal reception and jam session in the DoubleTree's Animas River Lounge. All attendees are welcome.

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Photo courtesy Carole Howard

Popular singer-songwriter Tim Sullivan and his family will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, in a cabaret-style benefit concert in the ballroom of the DoubleTree Hotel in Durango showcasing the impressive musical skills of three members of the family, plus two other special guests. Left to right Jon Weber on piano, KT Sullivan, Tim Sullivan, Elizabeth Sullivan and Natalie Douglas. Tickets are \$100. All proceeds go to the Jim and Elizabeth Sullivan Foundation for the Arts to provide scholarships for deserving local youth with a talent for music, dance or visual arts in the Four Corners. Multiple Pagosa Springs youth have won these prestigious scholarships over the years.

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■ continued from previous page presented with the 2019 Corazon de Cultura Award in Music by the Hispanic Heritage Committee for his accomplishments in promoting and preserving Hispanic culture, history and heritage for 30 years. During the pandemic, Sangre Joven released its 13th album, "2020," which won two more awards (CD of The Year and Producer of The Year). The band is releasing its

highly anticipated 14th studio album "Orale."

The band consists of Manny Lucero (drums), Jerrold Roybal (bass/vocals), Ray Lucero (saxophone/vocals), and original member Daniel Lee Gallegos (lead guitar/vocals).

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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 is 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.

Sullivan

■ continued from previous page Local scholarship winners

Multiple Pagosa Springs youth have benefited from scholarships from the Sullivan Foundation.

They include members of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir, Kathleen Isberg's piano student Jovanka Ponce de Leon, and Venita Burch's voice student Gustavo Palma, piano student Mark Holladay, and voice and piano student Regina Sikes.

Concert performers

Tim Sullivan's sister KT Sullivan returns to Durango from New York City to perform as the headliner for the concert. She is the star of numerous Broadway productions and an internationally acclaimed singer and recording artist.

KT Sullivan has sung in several venues in the U.S., including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Spoleto Festival and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., as well as in London, China and Australia. Her theater credits include Broadway, where she starred in Marilyn Monroe's role of Lorelei in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." She also performed and danced the tango with Sting in "Threepenny Opera."

Tim Sullivan is well-known in

Pagosa Springs for his many local performances when the dance floor is jammed with people doing the Texas two-step and line dances to his music, both original and covers of such greats as George Jones and the Eagles. Tim Sullivan has performed in seven countries. He also has played with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and in Carnegie Hall, and been a featured performer with country stars such as Alan Jackson, Willie Nelson, Vince Gill, Glen Campbell and Tammy Wynette.

In addition to Tim and KT Sullivan, their mother, Elizabeth Sullivan, returns to Durango from Oklahoma to perform. A brilliant vocalist, songwriter and piano player, she is the matriarch of this accomplished musical family. When they were young, her eight children formed the Sullivan Family Gospel Singers with their mother, from whom they learned classical piano and voice as youngsters.

Tim Sullivan and his family have performed in concert at Carnegie Hall four times. Their last performance was featured on NBC's "Today Show" and "NBC Nightly News."

Also on stage will be award-winning singer and recording artist Natalie Douglas as well as

jazz pianist and composer Jon Weber, former host of "Piano Jazz" on NPR. Both Douglas and Weber have impressive U.S. and international performing credits and have wowed fans in Durango at previous Sullivan family benefit concerts.

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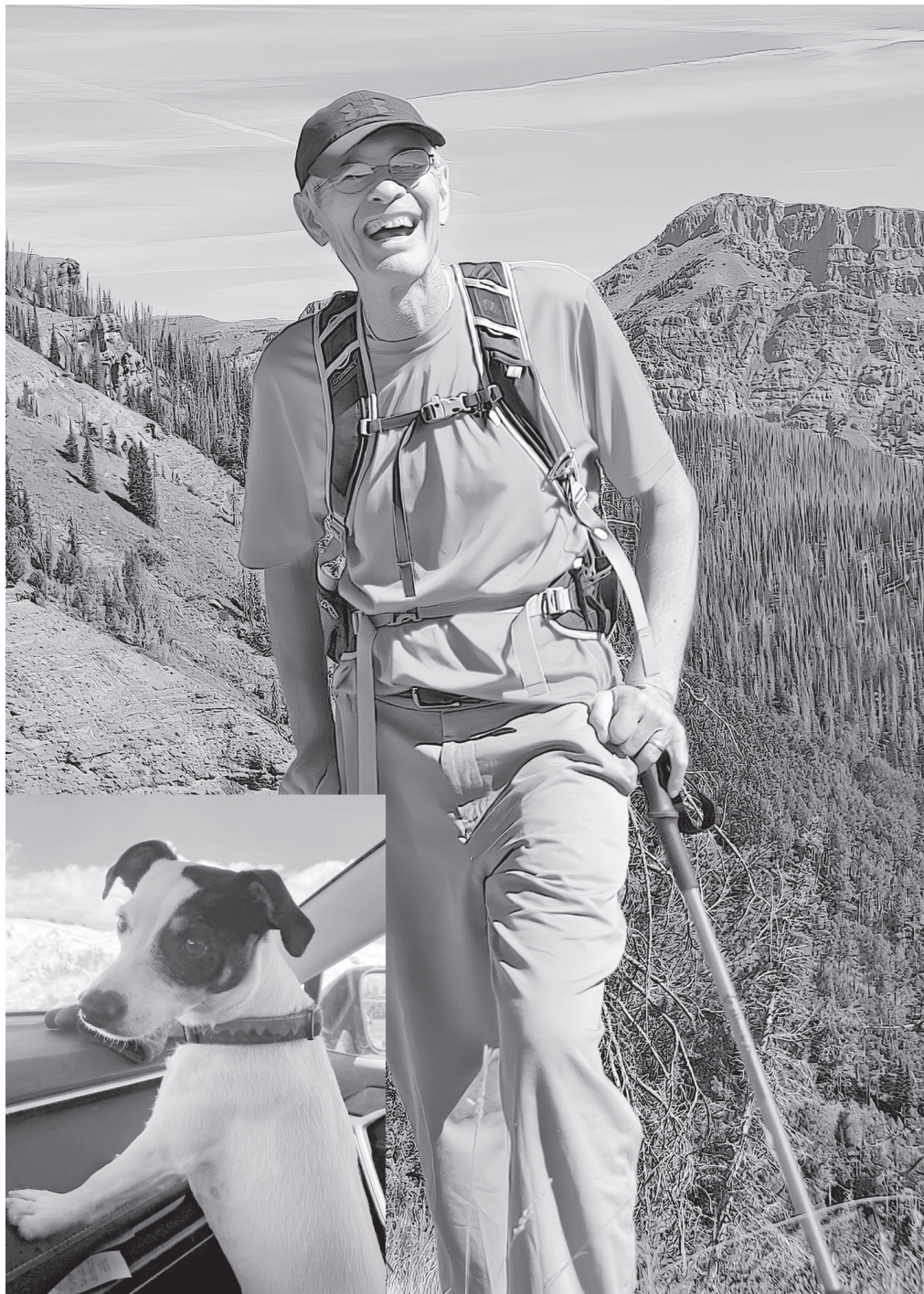
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Rich Moore and his dog Finegan (Finney), an 11 lb., white with black markings, Jack Russel Terrier, have been missing since Saturday, August 19 in the area of the Blackhead Peak trail at the end of Nipple Mountain Road.

Rich and Finney checked in via text at 9:30 a.m. with a family member and had planned to summit Blackhead Peak. They did not return that afternoon and Rich's truck was still at the trail head. An extensive and thorough search was conducted over the first week they were missing by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office who brought in Search and Rescue Teams from multiple counties, helicopters, search dogs and drones with very little indication of his whereabouts found. They have not given up and continue to search but any help leading to finding Rich could help.

Rich is 6'2", 150 lbs., wears glasses and has a black Osprey day pack with him, a tan hat and Oboz hiking boots.

If you saw Rich that morning, or have any information that may help in the investigation, please contact the

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office at (970) 731-2160

Also, with the big game season opening soon, if you are in the field in that area, please keep an eye out and report anything that you may feel is pertinent to the search for Rich and Finney.



Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

Women affiliated with a collegiate sorority recently gathered at The Alley House Grille to catch up with old friends while enjoying new friends and sharing the bond of sisterhood across badges. Fifteen women from 15 different universities and nine sorority groups attended.

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Tickets and sponsorships

Oct. 14 marks the 10th Sullivan family scholarship concert.

Tickets are \$100. Half-sponsor or full-sponsor tables with premium seating are available as well.

Purchases may be made online at jesullivanfoundation.com, by emailing j.e.sullivanfoundation@gmail.com or phoning Tim Sullivan at (970) 749-5531 for assistance.

All seats are reserved. Seating is cabaret-style and a cash bar is available.

Master classes available

While here, the gifted musicians from New York will follow their past tradition by hosting a vocal performance master class for local high school and college-age performers who want to take advantage of their experience and expertise.

The sessions will take place at Stillwater Music's performance space at 1316 Main Ave., Suite C, in Durango on Oct. 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. and Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost is \$25 and scholarships are available through the Sullivan Foundation at

j.e.sullivanfoundation@gmail.com.

One of the master class participants will be chosen to receive a scholarship from the Sullivan Foundation to perform next year in New York City. Two talented Pagosa youngsters have won this prestigious honor — Palma and Allora Leonard. Both sang at the International Cabaret Convention at Lincoln Center and also performed at Birdland Jazz Club in New York City.

As well, some of the master class participants will perform at the Oct. 14 concert.

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Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County Executive Director Lori Henrickson, right, poses with homeowner Robin. Henrickson partially retired on Sept. 1, but will continue with the organization on a part-time basis until the fall of 2024.

Habitat for Humanity's Lori Henrickson retiring

By Leah Ballard
Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

It has been a banner build year for Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County as we move through our first time ever building three homes in one year.

As summer winds down, we're still busy buttoning up all three modular homes, and finishing their stick-built detached garages. All three build sites are in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, on Sam Houston Avenue and Ranger Park Drive.

This fall holds some big changes for our small rural affiliate; one might even call it growing pains. We welcomed three new directors to our board: Kathy Pfister, Steve Sutton and Mike Garding. The new members are getting acquainted with all the intricacies of governing a nonprofit construction company with the help of existing board members renewing their terms in office. Staff leadership will also shift.

Many in this community have commented on the strides this organization has taken over the past few years, Mayor Shari Pierce among them. That progress is due

in large part to our Executive Director, Lori Henricksen, who partially retired on the first of September.

When Henricksen came on the scene, Habitat Archuleta was building roughly one home per year, which it has done for the past 29 years. Henricksen, and our former board president, Paul Lehman, forged the plan to build more, faster.

Habitat Archuleta board and staff went around and around trying to figure out how this small office could build three homes in one year. It would take more volunteers, it would take more time from subcontractors, and it would take more staff.

Henricksen is always quick to mention that the whole idea gained traction when a county commissioner called to ask if Habitat was interested in taking on some vacant tax lien lots in 2019, with the expectation being that the land be developed, homes built and sold for a cost that members of our workforce could afford.

With that invitation, Lehman drove the unimproved county roads, and compared each site to the list of tax liens we could choose

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By Laurah Brock Young

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

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The event will include singing HU for 15 to 20 minutes, a few minutes of quiet contemplation and a discussion after.

We will meet at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Club-

house, 230 Port Ave.

For more information, visit <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>.

This free event is sponsored by Eckankar as a community service, a spiritual resource for people of all faiths and beliefs. It is an individual, creative practice to experience our own unique relationship with the divine.

To read more about light and sound, visit <https://www.eckankar.org/experience/hu-the-sound-of-soul/>.

Sept. 17 New Thought topic: ‘What makes it possible for us to live joyfully?’

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on Sept. 17 at 10:30 a.m. will be “What makes it possible for us to live joyfully?” with Shayla White Eagle McClure.

“I know that in my true self I am joy, for I am God-Life.” — 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. 14, 6 p.m.: Sacred Medicine Ways class with 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, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: “Building the Sacred Medicine

Wheel and Ceremony” with White Eagle at Xanadu. Contact (970) 309-6067 for more information.

Sept. 24: Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. with Dr. Elaine Harding.

Sept. 26: Women Helping in Pagosa Springs, or WHIPS, fundraiser chocolate pairing with wine with Jenelle Syverson. Located at the Elk Trace Bed and Breakfast.

Oct. 8 and 15: Sunday service at 11 a.m. with Drs. Larry and Evelyn Malone, who will be hosting

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■ continued from previous page from. The cost of development increases significantly the farther a parcel is from existing utilities and roads. Lehman needed to be wise on these decisions, because Habitat would begin paying taxes, property owners association dues and utility access fees required to hold these vacant lots until construction could be completed.

Henricksen and the board at that time also set the standard that Habitat homes would have rooftop solar panels for long-term affordability.

Its difficult to brag about our executive director, who is always so quick to pass credit where else its due — utility companies, local government, excavators and volunteers.

But, according to Lehman, it was Henricksen who forged those relationships. It was Henricksen who gave our county commissioners the confidence to trust this organization with some of our county’s American Rescue Plan Act, also commonly known as ARPA, funds in 2021.

Prior to Henricksen’s tenure this affiliate went through a lot of leadership transition.

County Commissioner Warren Brown mentioned, “Lori seemed to be the missing part of the puzzle.”

Henricksen helped to build our

relationship with our property owners association, and our partners who take care of insulation, and sealing the crawl space.

It was Henricksen, with help from the experts on our board, pulling the whole circus together.

“She’s the one that lifted Habitat up,” said Lehman.

Our community isn’t the only place where people have taken notice. Henricksen was invited to join the board of directors for our state organization, Habitat for Humanity of Colorado.

Habitat Colorado Executive Director Karen Kallenberg said, “Lori is passionate about the mission, and it shows in everything she does.”

She added, “Lori would look at an obstacle, and create an innovative solution.”

Kallenberg even credited Henricksen for pushing the idea of a simpler construction financing for Habitat affiliates across the state. The Revolving Loan Fund, spearheaded by Habitat Colorado and largely funded by Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, or CHFA, has made a huge impact in this community. Complicated construction financing would have otherwise been a barrier to tripling our capacity here in Pagosa Springs.

With all of those impacts as part of her legacy, Henricksen will

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Biological controls in Archuleta County

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Biological controls (biocontrols) are insect and pathogens introduced from an invasive species' native range to naturally control them in their invaded range.

Researchers make determinations of likely candidates through observation in the weeds' home range and then study it for about a decade. The potential biocontrol candidate is rigorously tested to determine if it will damage and reduce the success of its target species and that it will not jump to a new host species. Biocontrol agents that will adapt to a new host are not cleared for release.

Registered biocontrol agents are a great way to manage invasive species populations without using herbicides or a lot of manpower to physically remove plant species from a site. Biocontrols do not eradicate a weed species, but

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instead reduce its success in order to level the playing field for native plant species.

Ideal sites for biocontrols are ones that: are difficult to reach, will receive minimal or planned disturbance, and have a management goal of containment and suppression. Biocontrols can be added to either a mechanical or chemical control plan.

In Archuleta County we are using biocontrols to manage musk thistle, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, Russian knapweed, yellow toadflax and field bindweed.

We have established nursery sites for Canada thistle and Russian knapweed, and may have nursery sites

for leafy spurge and musk thistle in the near future. We discovered a nursery site for field bindweed at Navajo State Park and coordinated a biocontrol collection event in 2021.

Yellow toadflax is our most recent addition of biocontrol agents, and we are hoping to establish populations before determining if any of our sites would be good candidates for a nursery.

Species that do not have a local nursery site can be ordered from the Colorado Department of Agriculture Palisade Insectary, while species that do have a local nursery site can be requested from the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Department. Both agencies offer biocontrols on the basis of seasonal availability and not all orders can be accommodated in a given year.

Currently Archuleta County does not have a program for diffuse and spotted knapweed biocontrols, though the Insectary does offer these agents. If you are interested in utilizing biocontrols to control diffuse or spotted knapweed (or any other weed mentioned in this article) please reach out to the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Department, we would be very interested in working with you.

Classes canceled and postponed

The Preserving the Harvest class

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the services at their home. They will present a two-part series on compassion.

Oct. 21: Vets4Vets Beerfest fundraiser at Yamaguchi Park. The time has not yet been announced. Tickets will go on sale soon.

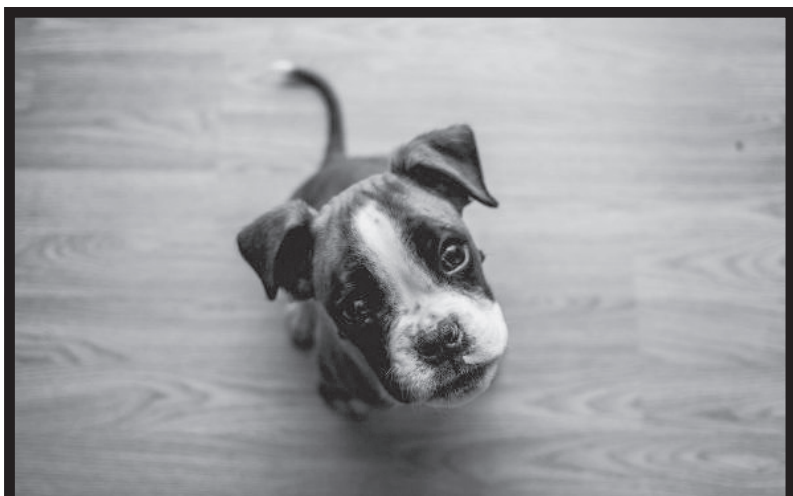
November: Quintangled Masquerade Ball Fundraiser with Julie Loar. Tickets will be on sale soon.

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Humane Society to host low-cost vaccination event

By Robson Reyes

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs will offer a drive-thru, low-cost vaccination event for cats and dogs on Saturday, Sept. 16, from noon to 2 p.m. at its animal shelter located at 465 Cloman Blvd.

This event aims to make it easier for owners to keep their pets and to help prevent the spread of infectious disease in our community's animals. The event provides access to vital vaccinations that keep beloved pets healthy and happy.

The vaccination prices are as follows.

- Dog vaccines:
 - Bordetella, \$15.
 - DA2PP, \$15.
 - Rabies, \$15.
- Cat vaccines:
 - Rabies, \$15.
 - FVRCP, \$15.

Owners are asked to simply drive through the shelter parking lot, where they will be directed to an on-site veterinarian that will be administering the vaccinations. Pets must remain in the vehicle. All

dogs must be on a leash and cats must be placed in a secure carrier while visiting the drive-thru clinic.

This is first-come, first-served event. No appointment is necessary and there are no income or financial requirements. The event is open to everyone in our community.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact hsdirector@humanesociety.biz or call (970) 264-5549.

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs is a local, private, non-profit organization that operates the only animal shelter in Archuleta County. Your local humane society does not receive funding from the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane, ASPCA or any other national animal welfare organizations. Private donations, grants, and thrift store revenues cover only a portion of animal shelter operating expenses. The remainder of shelter costs must be met through fundraising events and community support. It is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, all donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Viewpoints

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 scheduled for Sept. 16 has been canceled.

The Seed Saving class set for Sept. 23 has been postponed.

Look on the Extension Facebook page for additional information.

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. Check out the online option on our website <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/>.

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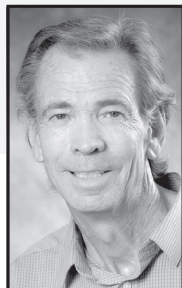
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All events listed in *The PREVIEW Calendar* are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Friday, Sept. 15

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.

Messy Art. 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Let's get messy and make art. We will make paper mâché candleholders. All supplies will be provided. Come create with us.

Magic the Gathering. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for this strategic fantasy card game. All playing levels welcome. Cards are not provided.

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

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/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.

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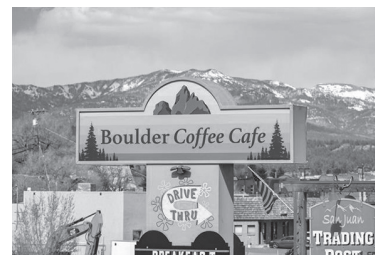
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ColorFest Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension. 8 a.m., downtown. More than 40 hot air balloons will take to the skies over Pagosa Springs.

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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.

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.

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 for more information.

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.

Pokémon Club. 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your cards to battle against others who love Pokémon too. No experience required.

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 An-

cient 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. 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.

Sunday, Sept. 17

ColorFest Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension. 8 a.m., uptown. More than 40 hot air balloons will take to the skies over Pagosa Springs.

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

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs. 1 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Avenue. Join the group for "Passkey to the Inner Worlds — Open Your Heart & Spiritual Eye with the HU Mantra." For more information, visit <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>.

Monday, Sept. 18

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

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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.

Learn to Knit or Crochet. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Come learn to knit or crochet for ages 8 and up. Supplies will be provided.

Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Inviting musicians of all abilities and expertise to jam and sing with others. Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for details.

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Tuesday, Sept. 19

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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Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

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.

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 experi-

ences 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.

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2453 Running Horse Place
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MLS 806520
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Scene ... experiencing the history of flight at the fly-in Saturday and Sunday at Stevens Field. The event featured daily flyovers, the opportunity for folks of all ages to explore a variety of aircraft, free pancake breakfasts and an opportunity for kids to take a free flight.



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 Virginia rail.

Like its relative the Sora, this is a secretive bird of densely vegetated shallow wetlands. Its preferred habitat has water levels less than 6 inches deep, a muddy bottom and open areas ringed by a thick cover of cattails, rushes, sedges and grasses.

Here, Virginia rails are seen in the warm-water wetland ponds along the Riverwalk. Those willing to quietly wait may be rewarded with a glimpse when the bird moves on the edges of the vegetation or pops out into the open to feed. Most often the only indication of their presence is the sound of their calls, described as clicks, grunts and oinks, coming from deep within the vegetation.

Long, strong legs and toes allow this rail to walk and run on floating mats of vegetation. It is also able to swim and dive, but outside of migration, flights are generally short and weak. It uses its long, reddish, slightly down-curved bill to probe in the mud for invertebrates like beetles, snails, spiders and flies. Small fish, some plant matter and seeds are also consumed.

When seen head-on, the Virginia rail looks very thin, while a side view makes it appear full-bodied. This laterally compressed body type and flexible vertebrae are adaptations which allow the bird to move through nearly impenetrable vegetation. Special ends on feathers of the forehead resist wear and tear.

The cinnamon-colored Virginia rail has black and white barring on the sides, a gray face and a short, stubby tail which confers a chicken-like look. New chicks are puff balls of downy black. A family remains together on the breeding territory until the chicks are full grown, at which time the adults may depart.

After breeding, Virginia rails head to parts of the southern United States or Mexico for the winter. In Colorado, fall migration for these birds peaks between mid-August and mid-September, but in many years they remain in our warm water wetlands until early December.

For information on events, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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Adult DIY. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library.

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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.

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

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

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 or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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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.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

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

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Kids Kare is a program for children ages 3-5 that meets each Wednesday and includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more.

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.

Author Talk: Adam Alter. Noon, virtual. Listen live or recorded. Featuring 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. For details, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

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

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.

Thursday, Sept. 21

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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Spinning sound
- 5 SWAT operation
- 9 Put to shame
- 14 Top of the line
- 15 Shooter's need
- 16 Particular occasion
- 17 University mil. group
- 18 Toy weapon
- 20 Grade of silver
- 22 Gas guzzler
- 23 Cupid, for one
- 25 Decorates a cake
- 26 Blazing
- 28 Superman from '78
- 30 Fighting mad
- 31 Its flag has two green stars
- 32 Equinox mo.
- 35 Pass on, formally
- 37 Slant
- 39 Meet with
- 40 Use a divining rod
- 42 Indianapolis team
- 43 Ruckus
- 44 NYPD descriptor
- 45 Legal rights org.
- 48 Artist's sketches
- 50 Monty Python member
- 52 Skillfully evade
- 55 "The Twilight Zone" host
- 57 Lifted and threw
- 58 Philly footballer
- 59 Barely beat
- 60 Change for a five
- 61 Knitter's purchase
- 62 Lab procedure
- 63 Cover at a KOA

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- 1 The "W" in V.F.W.
- 2 Laugh-a-minute
- 3 Weave
- 4 Craft anew
- 5 Forcible seizure
- 6 Make changes to
- 7 Mental pictures
- 8 Old PC platform
- 9 Unknown author
- 10 Wahlberg film, "___ Nights"
- 11 Prank
- 12 Film part
- 13 "___ Johnny!"
- 19 Legalese word
- 21 Citrus drink
- 24 Chill-inducing
- 26 Helpers
- 27 Priceless?
- 29 Salk discovery
- 31 Waste conduit

- 32 Landmark event
- 33 Kitchen invaders
- 34 Sabbath activity
- 36 Welding alloy
- 38 It has a big payoff
- 41 Like many resorts
- 43 Swiss granola
- 44 Act antsy

- 45 60's sitcom, "Green ___"
- 46 Dagger's partner
- 47 Narrow shelf
- 49 Tim Daly series
- 51 Witnessed
- 53 Word before keel or break
- 54 Termite, e.g.
- 56 Say okay

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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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.

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Little Explorers. 10-11 a.m. Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. Let's explore the outdoors in this nature- and

science-themed program.

PAWS to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Read with Muppet or Maple, therapy dogs who love stories.

Board Game Central. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn to play a new board game or bring your own to share with others.

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

Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball. 7 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Del Norte.

Saturday, Sept. 23

Autumnal Equinox Sunrise Program. 7 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. 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. 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. 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 who lived there 1,000 years ago. 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. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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

17th Annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha. 8:30 a.m., Town Park. This free event features 5k and 10k trail races, a concert by New Mexico's award-winning band Sangre Joven, a Mexican beer garden, a margarita contest and tasting, green chili roasted on-site and for sale, and an all-day kids' corner and delicious food vendors. Register for the race and cook-off by visiting ilovegreenchile.com.

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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 for more information.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your own or use our LEGOs to build.

15th Annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic. 12:30 p.m., Town Park. This cook-off, part of the Mountain Chile Cha Cha, is open to chefs from all backgrounds that want to compete for cash prizes and trophies. Space is limited, so sign up early. Home cooks can enter for just \$15, while commercial entrants must pay \$35. Tasting tickets are available for \$15. Visit ilovegreenchile.com for more information.

Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join new or experienced knitters to 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.

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Shakespeare Read Aloud Club and new large print nonfiction buy plan announced

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Shakespeare fans will want to save the date of Monday, Sept. 25, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for a new free all-ages Shakespeare Read Aloud Club that will meet on the second and fourth Mondays throughout the fall.

“A Midsummer Night’s Dream” will be the first play enjoyed by the club. It’s a romantic comedy that features several sets of lovers who must overcome obstacles and misunderstandings before they finally are united in marriage. It has multiple songs, dance and beautiful scenes.

People of all ages are invited to gather to read the play aloud together, with different roles chosen and discussed at each session. Participants can play one character or mix it up and be many.

You can bring your own copy of the play or borrow one of the library’s copies. The club will use the “No Fear Shakespeare” version with the original text on one page and the modern English translation on the other.

This new club is being organized by Jenny, a Pagosa resident with a lifelong interest in Shakespeare and the theater. She envisions this to be a multigenerational event and hopes involve adults, teens and children. You’re welcome to drop in for one meeting, several or all gatherings.

Costumes are optional. All that is required is a desire to have fun, learn something new, read together with others and experience some magic. For more information, contact Jenny at (240) 426-7887.

New nonfiction large print purchase plan

Your library’s many fans of large print nonfiction books will be pleased to know that Meg Wempe, our library director, has signed up for a standing-order plan with our



large print vendor to receive two of these coveted books every month.

As well, staff will continue to supplement these titles with additional ones that we think would be of interest to our patrons.

These two purchasing steps should even out the sometimes erratic availability of nonfiction large print caused by varying publication dates, and ensure we avoid the situation in the past where some months we haven’t received any large print nonfiction books at all.

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 talks

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

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://libraryc.org/pagosali-](https://libraryc.org/pagosali)

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Legal clinic tomorrow

This month’s legal clinic on civil issues is by appointment tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 15, from 2 to 3 p.m. Come to the library to

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Pinnacles. 5:45-8 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. 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 melodies of a native American flute played by our own Charles Martinez. The program is available by reservation. 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.

Sunday, Sept. 24

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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Paws to Read tomorrow

Friday, Sept. 15, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters are invited to share their favorite books with Muppet or Maple, therapy dogs who love stories, at a free Paws to Read session.

Messy art tomorrow

Let's get messy and make paper mache candle holders Friday, Sept. 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. All supplies will be provided for this free all-ages art event.

Magic the Gathering tomorrow

Teens and tweens are invited to join us for this strategic fantasy card game on Friday, Sept. 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. All playing levels are welcome. Bring your own deck.

Pokemon Club on Saturday

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At the free adult DIY next Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., you will paint glassware. All supplies will be provided.

Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 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.

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 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.

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.

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The American Society on Aging joins Allies Across the Globe in celebration of Ageism Awareness Day

By **Rose Chavez**
PREVIEW Columnist

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) and the American Society on Aging (ASA, www.asaging.org) encourage everyone to celebrate Ageism Awareness Day on Oct. 7.

Modeled after the United Nations International Day of Older Persons (Oct. 1), Ageism Awareness Day provides an opportunity to draw attention to the existence and impact of ageism in our society.

“We live in an aging society, which is a wonderful, remarkable thing,” said ASA Interim President and CEO Leanne Clark-Shirley, Ph.D. “But too many of us view



aging with fear, denial and even hostility. We are all growing older. We can't afford to limit ourselves and other people with such negative and harmful views, and why would we want to? Let's lean into the opportunities, diversity and full range of experiences that come with aging.”

The most widespread and so-

cially accepted form of prejudice, ageism is defined by the World Health Organization as “the stereotypes (how we think), prejudices (how we feel) and discrimination (how we act) towards others or oneself based on age.”

Evidence shows ageism is widespread in society and can be found everywhere, from our workplaces and health systems to stereotypes we see on TV, advertising and in the media.

In a recent webinar from Changing the Narrative — Ending Ageism Together (www.changingthenarrativeco.org) on “Ageism in Healthcare,” speaker Kris Geerken, program manager, said that ageism can shorten the lifespan by 7.5 years; hinder recovery; increase cognitive decline, social isolation and loneliness; and increase anxiety and depression.

Participants viewing the webinar at the Pagosa Senior Center provided some opinions about health care and ageism.

Dr. Robert Hagberg, retired physician, said, “Some doctors talk their own language and just try to talk louder when you don't understand; patients are intimidated because they don't know enough about how to talk about the health issue.”

Other participants added:

“The doctor didn't seem to want to treat the issue that was bothering me because it's ‘normal’ for my age.”

“I didn't understand the current system of care, who you see at the appointment, so that needs to be explained by the health care staff.”

“The hospital staff thought that because I am older and was sick, my mind didn't work well — if I can't speak well, they assume I can't understand.”

Self-advocacy is important when seeing a primary care provider. Go in with a written list of health concerns. Bring in a list or the actual bottles of any medications. Use statements such as

“What matters most to me now is ...,” “Today I'd like to discuss ...” Speak up if someone calls you honey or sweetie; say, “Please use my name.”

There are many forms of ageism, including:

- **Internalized ageism:** How we feel about ourselves as aging people and ageism in which older adults marginalize and discriminate against other older people.

- **Cultural ageism:** The everyday, invisible, profoundly ingrained and normalized negative messages about aging and old people embedded in movies, TV, songs, jokes, etc.

- **Implicit ageism:** The unconscious bias that includes attitudes, feelings and behaviors toward people of other age groups that operates without conscious awareness or intention.

- **Benevolent ageism:** Patronizing, paternalistic beliefs or behaviors that older people need to

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Reeves. “1923: A Yellowstone Origin Story” is season one starring Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren. “The Flash” uses his superpowers to travel back in time. “Being Thunder” is a portrait of an Indigenous two-spirit teenager.

Large print

“Hello Stranger” by Katherine Center tells of a woman who suddenly suffers from face blindness. “Mother of the Bride Murder” by Leslie Meier is a Lucy Stone mystery set at a French chateau. “Pink Lemonade Cake Murder” by Joanne Fluke is a Hannah Swenson mystery with more than a dozen cookie and dessert recipes. “Birder She Wrote” by Donna Andrews is a Meg Langslow mystery. “The Happiness Plan” by Susan Mallery is a romance. “Dead Fall” by Brad Thor is a Scot Harvath thriller. “His Majesty's Airship” by S.C. Gwynne chronicles the British plan to link its far-flung empire by air.

Nonfiction

“How to Beach” by Tim Rayborn is a guide to getting the most out of your excursions to the beach as a single, couple or family. “Mother Nature's Pedagogy” by Peter Gray explores the biological foundations for children's self-directed education.

Mysteries and thrillers

“The Dark Edge of Night” by Mark Pryor centers on a missing man in Paris during World War II. “Lion and Lamb” by James Patterson and Duane Swierczynski features two PIs working on a notorious Philadelphia murder.

Other novels

“The Invisible Hour” by Alice Hoffman features a woman greatly affected by Hawthorne's “The

Scarlet Letter.” “Lady Tan's Circle of Women” by Lisa See tells of the friendship of two young women in China.

Books on CD

“After That Night” by Karin Slaughter is a Will Trent and Sara Linton thriller. “The Invisible Hour” by Alice Hoffman features a woman whose life is saved by a book and a long-dead author. “Happiness” by Danielle Steel follows an author who inherits a grand estate near London.

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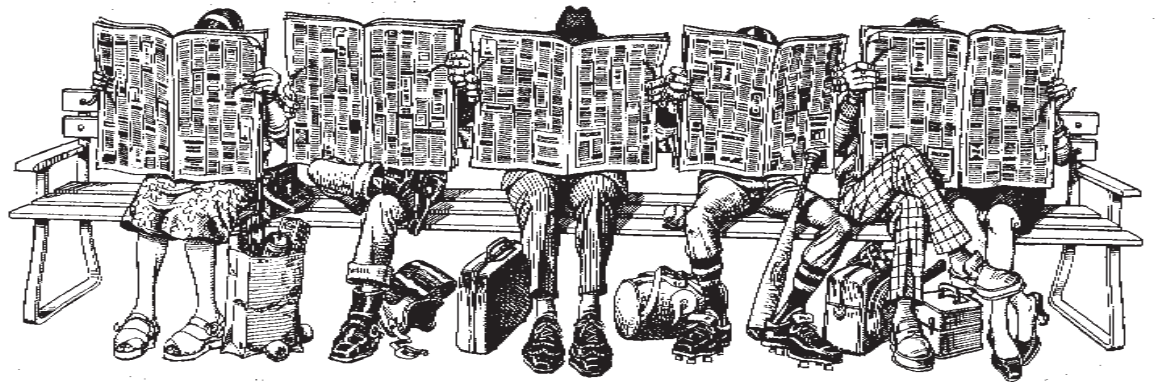
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be protected and taken care of by younger people, because they are no longer able to make decisions for themselves.

“The American Society on Aging and our members, partners and allies are raising awareness about ageism and its harms,” said Clark-Shirley, “so we can each take steps to change how we feel and act about aging. I hope you will join us!”

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 Ross Aragon 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.

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Community Cafe menu

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.

Monday, Sept. 18 — Green chili chicken, pinto beans, garden salad, fruit, churros and Milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 — Beef spaghetti with garlic bread, broccoli, garden salad, fruit and milk.

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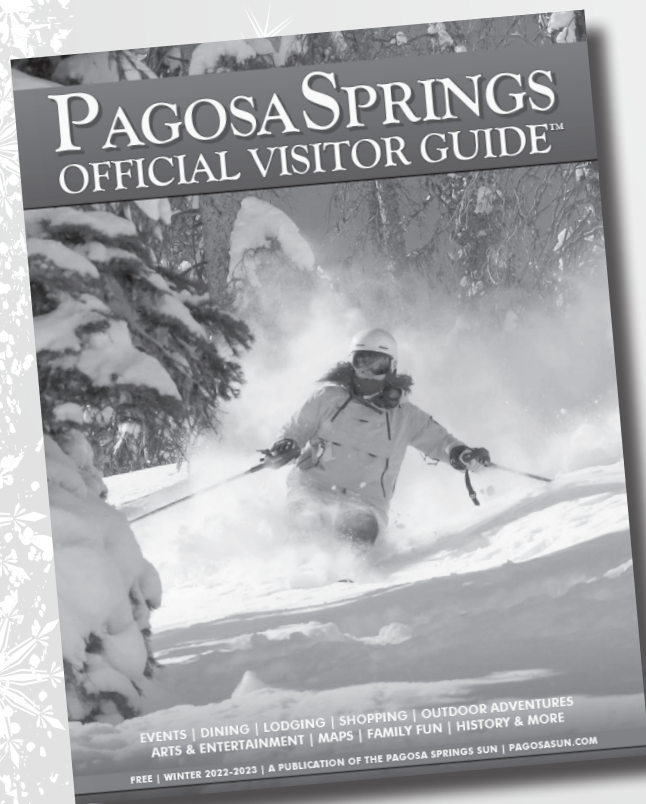
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Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Thursdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

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THE ARCHULETA COUNTY COLLABORATIVE Management Program (ACMP) is seeking a Collaborative Management Program (CMP) Coordinator to ensure the provision of supportive, quality, and effective services to children and families through our collaborative management program. The successful respondent to this RFP will be awarded a contract with Human Services. The scope of work and project schedule can be found on Archuleta County's website under Contracts and Procurement.

THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is seeking to hire a **Maintenance Worker** in our Public Works Department. The individual selected for this position performs a variety of customer service and preventative maintenance duties and responsibilities in the maintenance of Town public infrastructure and property. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Employment.

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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is hiring a full-time aid position for one of our Preschool classes. Please contact Emily Martinez for more information at (970)903-2803.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - SKID STEER and mechanized mulcher, multiple years of experience. Email resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com, (970)264-5000.

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YARD SALES

AWESOME GARAGE SALE: Friday thru Sunday 8a.m.-2p.m.405 Stagecoach Lane. Construction tools: table saw, jointer, planer, drill press, compressor, dust collection, tig welder, job box, saws, Hilti, construction electric sub panels and cable, routers, nail guns, transits, concrete counter top systems, yurt wood stove, speakers, stereo cabinet, guitar, electric potters wheel, backpacks, tents, dry bags, clothes, hunting waders, duck and goose decoys, remote control trap thrower, Browning A5 Stalker, Christensen Arms .308 LH Scoped, ammo.

ESTATE SALE. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, September 15th and 16th, 8 a.m. sharp. Household decor, patio furniture, lots and lots of tools, beds, dressers, kitchen items, table and chairs, refrigerator, freezer, horse tack, stock truck rails, camping, western decor, yard tools and much more. HWY 84S., go 11 miles then turn right on Darcie Place, turn right on Roberts Place, house #1620. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

STORAGE UNIT SALE Benchmark Storage, 412 Bastille Drive. Friday and Saturday, 9/15 and 9/16. 8a.m.-2p.m. Loads of good stuff, tools, household, cabinet hardware, art work and miscellaneous. Half price and free stuff Saturday.

MOVING SALE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 8a.m.-4p.m., Sunday, September 17, 8a.m.-1p.m. Wood stove, window shelving, kitchen items, tools, collectables, art, knick-knacks. 238 Pineview Drive, Continental Estates.

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

BIG ESTATE SALE near Allison, CO next weekend-stay tuned! The Organizers.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE, Saturday, September 16th, 8a.m.-noon, 559 S. 8th Street.

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DUPLEX, 2 BEDROOM, 1-1/2 BATH. \$1,795, great view. Includes stove and refrigerator, new microwave and dishwasher, updated fixtures, newly painted, single car garage, dogs OK, no cats, water included. (800)810-9466 (Winnie's Organics).

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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.

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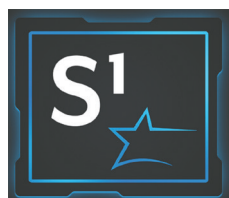
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