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Water districts and county debate river access lease

PAWSD votes to dedicate parcel for employee housing

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) and Archuleta County sparred over a potential river access lease on a 21-acre parcel of Running Iron Ranch, the site of the SJWCD's proposed reservoir, at recent meetings, with the PAWSD Board of Directors designating the parcel for affordable housing at its Sept. 14 meeting.

The PAWSD board discussed the river access lease that was submitted by Archuleta County at its Aug. 24 board meeting.

The lease proposal was previously discussed by the SJWCD Board of Directors at a July 24 special meeting and Aug. 21 regular meeting where the board covered various changes to the lease lan-

guage and pointed out its need to hear the PAWSD board's position on the lease to move forward.

The Aug. 24 PAWSD meeting was originally scheduled to be preceded by a work session between the PAWSD and SJWCD boards, although this work session was canceled before the meeting.

The PAWSD board's discussion of the lease agreement began with board member Bill Hudson moving to table the discussion of the lease — a motion which was not seconded.

PAWSD board member Peter Hurley then asked PAWSD Director of Business Services Aaron Burns what the board was discussing regarding the lease agreement.

Burns stated that the board was being asked to consider whether to move forward with the lease agreement with Archuleta County or gather further information and noted that the lease agreement was missing numbers and details, which Hurley agreed with.

The board then heard public
■ See Debate A8



Photo courtesy San Juan Conservation District

The San Juan Conservation District honors Roger Candelaria with the 2023 Conservationist of the Year award. Candelaria accepted his plaque from Robin Young, ex-officio board member, at the Archuleta County Fair.

Roger Candelaria receives 2023 Conservationist of the Year award

By Cynthia Purcell
San Juan Conservation District

The San Juan Conservation District honored Roger Candelaria with the 2023 Conservationist of the Year award.

A plaque was presented to Roger at the Archuleta County Fair on Aug. 5.

His ranch, Ranchito Alegre, roughly translated, means "Joyous Homestead." Ranchito Alegre owes its existence to many twists and turns of history. In the big picture, their roots trace back to the New Mexico families who, over several centuries, grazed farther and farther north into the upper Rio Grande and the upper San Juan Basin.

Among those born in the 1800s were Fidelia Abeyta (La Garita) and her husband, Anastacio Candelaria, who settled at the mouth of Canyon del Prieto (Dark Horse Canyon), about 6 miles down the Piedra River from Chimney Rock. Both died young, leaving five youngsters to fend for themselves.

Their career paths later scattered them to several states and professions. But at least some of their descendants were drawn back into agriculture, animal husbandry and agronomy — and even to the exact same parcels that were once
■ See Conservationist A14

Court rules Forest Service violated FOIA with Valle Seco request

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Sept. 11, U.S. District Judge Christopher R. Cooper ruled that the U.S. Forest Service's policies violate the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) "by imposing additional restrictions that go above and beyond the statutory exemptions."

The ruling came in a case filed by Colorado Wild Public Lands against the Forest Service relating to the Valle Seco land exchange.

The Valle Seco land exchange, which was approved on June 29, 2022, allows the transfer of 380 acres in the national forest adjacent to South San Juan Wilderness into private ownership for 880 acres of private land near Chromo.

The ruling followed FOIA requests in early 2021 by Colorado Wild Public Lands to the Forest Service seeking "documents concerning the agency's evaluation of
■ See Valle Seco A8



ColorFest

SUN photos/Randi Pierce and Josh Pike

Saturday's ColorFest festivities got off to a foggy start before giving way to clear blue skies. The morning's event included a mass hot air balloon ascension and the Color Run, which ended with the traditional color toss.



Commissioners contemplate leaving area tourism board

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed issues with the allocation of Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board funding and a potential withdrawal from the organization at its Sept. 19 work session.

Later that day, the tourism board also discussed the potential withdrawal and the reasons behind it.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez opened the BoCC's discussion by noting that he read an article in the Sept. 14 issue of The SUN concerning the Pagosa Springs Town Council voting on a request by the tourism board to place \$500,000 in a restricted fund to support the creation of an event center.

He added that he also read the language of the county ballot question that authorized the tourism board and that he wanted to discuss the issues and "see what we can do or

what is the future of tourism."

Maez commented that he was "not sure" about the town council's direction of utilizing the funds for "something other than tourism" that would be outside of the county ballot question.

He questioned if the county wants to have negotiations with the Pagosa Springs Town Council concerning the tourism board, which is funded by lodging taxes collected by both entities, and suggested that a notice of intent to withdraw from the tourism board would have to be submitted by Oct. 2.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained in an interview with The SUN that the MOU for the tourism board is renewed annually and requires a party to give notice of intent to withdraw 90 days before the end of the year.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that there is "some cleanup work" to be done regard-
■ See Tourism A7

School district announces expanded bus routes

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Sept. 17, Archuleta School District Transportation Director Lori Manzanares sent a message to district families announcing expanded bus service to several areas of the community.

"We have been in school for two weeks. We now have a clearer picture of what the current needs of the community are," the message states before announcing expanded bus service to Village Drive, Park Avenue, Rock Ridge, East U.S. 160, McCabe Street, Lake Forest Circle and the Trails area.

It further notes the district would be opening up student-activity requests and individual bus passes to the areas.

In emails to The SUN, Man-

zanares and Director of Operations Josh Sanchez report that the district will re-evaluate its routes in three weeks to determine where it is at with new drivers and ridership.

"Over this past weekend we were able to expand our current routes to pick up more students," Sanchez wrote. "Currently, we continue to have six bus routes. We are hopeful that we will be able to add buses/routes in the next three weeks, pending our current trainees are able to acquire their CDL within that time. We will continue to use our four priorities: Bus Safety and Capacity, In-district students, areas with high student populations, and length of student time on the bus. We appreciate the community's support as we continue to do our best to meet needs for the students."
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OUR VIEW

One step at a time

In many ways, Pagosa Country feels busier than ever. Traffic is heavier, every weekend seems to have events to enjoy, stores often seem busy, and people continue to discover Archuleta County both as a tourism destination and as the place they want to move to.

Despite being a small community, we have met people across the country who have ties to Pagosa Springs and southwest Colorado. They love and envy the natural beauty and lifestyle afforded to us throughout the year.

But, with that growth and recognition come growing pains.

It feels rare these days to find a business or organization that isn't short-handed. Many of us are in the same boat: People are out sick or on vacation. We're working to add to our staff.

This week's paper includes 58 advertisements for businesses looking for employees. Other advertisements show businesses and buildings for sale or lease. If you're in the market for a job or business opportunity, there are definitely options out there.

It also means it's a time to have a little more patience and show a little more kindness. Keep in mind business owners and employees are often taking on

extra work just to keep things going until they're back to being fully staffed. Many are offering the best service they can given the position they're in. Waits at restaurants might be a bit longer. You might have to leave a bit earlier to get where you're going because of the traffic. You might have to wait longer to check out when buying your groceries. It might take a bit longer to pick up your student from school.

We also, however, know this is a community that finds its way, one step at a time.

Thanks to people stepping up to earn their commercial driver's licenses and work with Archuleta School District, we are hopeful the district will be able to add more routes in the future to help with traffic. As is, the district was able to announce the expansion of three routes on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17, with those changes going into effect the following day. We're hopeful those expanded routes will lessen traffic congestion around the schools in the morning and afternoon over the coming weeks.

In an email to The SUN, ASD Transportation Director Lori Manzanares indicates the district will be reevaluating in the coming weeks to see where the

district is at with new bus drivers and its ridership.

Local officials are moving forward with planning and construction related to water, wastewater and road infrastructure. Work is underway to improve broadband access. Local governments and organizations continue to focus on making more attainable housing available. Houses across the cost spectrum are being built throughout the area to house families that help keep Pagosa up and running.

Pagosa Country is not what it was in recent decades and centuries. We're no longer home to an Army fort, and timber is no longer our biggest trade. But, like we have each time the community has moved into a new phase of its existence, we will move forward. And we will do it one step at a time. We just need to continue to be creative, innovative, resourceful, patient and kind.

If you have ideas or know of resources, reach out to those in charge. If you have some extra time, volunteer or apply to help a local district or business. Sharing ideas and time, and working together will make Pagosa the best version of itself.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 21, 1923

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Rumbaugh of Pagosa Springs motored over from the hot water town yesterday afternoon and spent the evening visiting friends and enjoying the sights of the city.

Mr. Rumbaugh conducts the picture show at Pagosa and is also interested in a pool hall and a barbershop there. His is the principal owner of the Sullenberger block and being a pretty good carpenter, painter, plumber and rent collector, he manages to keep fairly busy.

For aside from his other duties, he is indirectly connected with the telephone company — the company, not the phone. He is also a member of the town board, which meets every Monday night, and with one lodge meeting on Tuesday and another on Friday, prayer meeting on Wednesday and church on Sunday, Charley has a hard time to sneak away long enough on Saturday night to scrub his weary hide. — Durango Herald.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 24, 1948

With this issue the SUN starts its 40th year of service to the Pagosa Springs community and Archuleta County. In looking back over the issues for the past 39 years many changes can be noted. For instance the 2nd issue of the SUN, printed with W.J. Wright as editor, advertises handkerchiefs at 5c, mufflers 50c and skirts made for \$3. Editor Wright comments as follows: "Some one said last week that the SUN is all right, and added that a little more 'snap' wouldn't hurt it. Guess we don't want to spend all our powder at one shot. We might see another bear one of these days."

Over the years Pagosa Springs has had many newspapers, often as many as three at a time. Files at the SUN office show that some of the papers were the "New Era," "The News," the "Herald," reference is made to the exploration of this valley by Captain J.N. Macomb, and states that he was the first white man to see the great Pagosa Springs. The oldest paper on file here at the SUN office is dated. February 14, 1896.

Since that date the newspapers of Pagosa Springs have played an important part in the progress of the community and it is our hope that the present publisher of the Sun will be able to carry on in the traditions established by the pioneer newsmen who preceded us.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 20, 1973

Eaton International is holding open house at the new Pagosa Vista subdivision this Sunday so that local residents may have an opportunity to see the progress there. This subdivision is something new in this area, a mobile home subdivision.

Pagosa Vista has 651 mobile home sites. These sites are all served with a central water and sewer system, and average 5000 square feet in size. They many be purchased with or without a mobile home. If lot purchasers have a mobile home they may simply buy a lot and move on.

Pagosa Vista is scenically located and has many features that will appeal to mobile home owners. A club house is being constructed within the subdivisions for the use of the residents there. There is a small lake, streets will be hard surfaced and utilities will be underground.

25 years ago

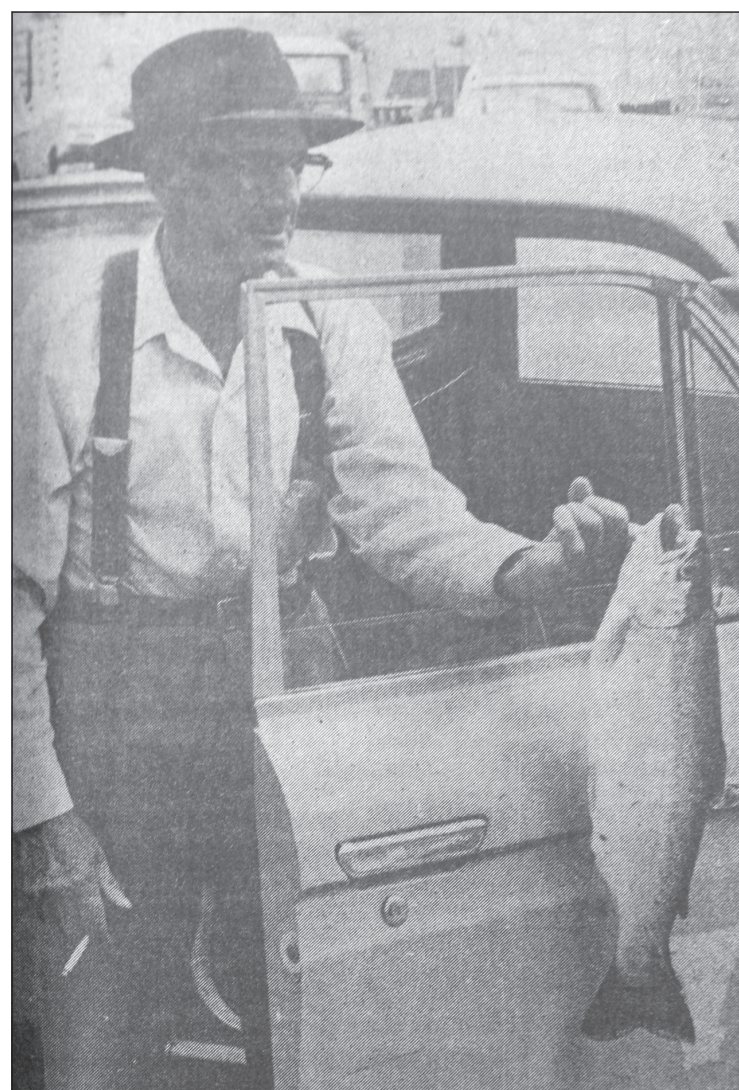
Taken from SUN files of
September 24, 1998

The mercury dropped to 31 degrees Tuesday night, the first frost of the coming fall and winter season. The last time freezing temperatures were recorded in Pagosa Country during 1998 was June 19 when 32 degrees was the reading, June 18, the thermometer bottomed out at 25 degrees.

Nighttime lows took a decided turn toward colder this past week, when the thermometer did not rise above 40 degrees. The average nighttime low temperature was 36.4 degrees.

A trace of rain fell Tuesday. For the month of September, only 0.45 inches of rain have fallen. The average annual rainfall for September is 1.89 inches. Next month, October is on the average the second wettest month of the year with an average precipitation of 2.03 inches.

It is not unusual for snow to fall on the mountain peaks surrounding Pagosa Springs by this time of year, but so far snow has not made its appearance.



From the Aug. 29, 1974, Pagosa Springs SUN. A WHOPPER — Riley Hill, one of the community's most ardent fisherman, exhibits a large trout he caught in Lake Pagosa. Mr. Hill is an avid fisherman and is also an expert at the art of angling.

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Start at the beginning

Dear Editor:
Here's the thing...Russia's dictator Putin just met w/North Korea's dictator to work out how to protect each other and supply Russia munitions for his war in Ukraine while...wait for it... our GOP led House of Representatives are amusing themselves by illegally (Trump's DOJ ruling) attempting to impeach our President without any infamous Clinton 'blue dress.' Oh and ole SCOTUS Clarence Thomas is probably on a luxury cruise paid for by his 'sponsor' while Alito won't recuse himself from conflicting hearings and Roberts says an Ethics Guideline is bad form!
So how long can our local GOP-ers hold their nose and foam at

the mouth over Donnie...ya gotta give'm credit for being morally blind in their persistence.

But what's the real beef about Biden? His major goof has been how we got out of Afghanistan (remember George pulling out for Iraq..not good) and yea...Biden's age. Did you, honestly have you paid any attention to Donnie 's babbling at any Mic and what's the real difference in their ages... Donnie's 77 and Biden's 80...remember your Grandad at those ages...not good either way. Today Mitt Romney pulled the plug at 76 and 'urged' both Biden and Trump to bow out for a younger generation, it'd be a miracle but maybe they'll listen.

We all wanna 'clean up Washington DC, so let's start at the beginning...vote for character, integrity, honesty and one who honors their oath to the nation...not their party and rabid ideologs.

Dave Blake

Concerned citizen

Dear Editor:
Man are we lucky, so peaceful and beautiful to have Piedra rd as our backyard, it used to be "off the beaten path" but now it's become a little BUSY.

I moved here because of that area.

I came to Pagosa Springs 22 yrs ago, The base of Wolf Creek pass.. was jaw-dropping beautiful.. I felt Audrey and Nick & The Big Valley Gang were going to ride out of the movie set... Small Town, Old Town, Hot Springs, Wonderful Community of People... after a soak, I drove out Piedra Rd out to Williams Reservoir and THAT'S when I decided to Leave Alaska for Pagosa Springs that Fall 2001... It's Jaw dropping beautiful!

I've said often "I could have chosen anywhere, but I Couldn't have chose Better"!

Hinsdale County denied Danc-ing Winds permits Fall 2022, last year.

For Good Reasons Folks, Danc-ing Winds pays their taxes to them and D.W's is obliged to those County rules & laws.

Why No New House Permitt. One law I understand, from Hinsdale County Line to the Continental Divide, Hinsdale allows One House per 35 acres!..

They have their buildings! It's A Very Good Reason, We will NOT become a Aspen or Vail out there, thank you Hinsdale Co.

I understand Hinsdale and Arcticleta County have a very good relationship, So Thank you All for keeping it wonderful out there! Most Important,

.. So who's going to maintain Over 10 miles of dirt road to that Hinsdale line?

Not Hinsdale County folks! Who's going to maintain the Pavement section, for years we endured horrible condition from the Airstrip north.

Heavy trucks are not gentle on roads we know!

I know we need gravel for many reasons, I know they'd like a house.

Archuleta County offers Us Beautiful Surrounding's..fishing & hiking & horseback riding, watching the eagles or the ducks flying, the deer & cattle and their babies, it's all out there friends... We are lucky.

Piedra is busy with Cars & Trucks, Big RVs, Horse Trailers, Cat-tle Trucks, Now "Maybe" Big Gravel Trucks ... That's a scary thought to me cuz it's still relatively relaxing & a beautiful drive to enjoy!

I am awestruck every time from the beauty of Piedra area

I don't want to watch those trucks coming in my rear view mirror.. the noise, the rumble and the dust. There goes the Neighbor-hood!!!

I'm concerned for driver's, bike rider's & the wildlife & residential noise pollution if this is allowed...

Many Residence & multi-genera-tion Ranch Owners I'm sure did not anticipate this was in their future...

Robyn Love

Pandora's Box

Dear Editor:

I have lived in Echo Valley since 2002, when my late husband and I purchased our property. We chose the location for its pristine landscape, proximity to national forest, abundant wildlife, and the remarkable, untouched natural soundscape; a place where sound or light pollution from road or air traffic rarely intrude. As population and development expand, in Archuleta County and beyond, places like Echo Valley, with its ir-replaceable natural resources and critical wildlife habitat, are increas-ingly rare. Sadly, these resources are being threatened by one self-ish neighbor who wants to build a heliport on his property, despite overwhelming opposition by ev-ery full time resident in the valley.

Why would someone move here to get away from the overcrowded, noisy, polluted city, only to impose those very "qualities" on their new community, with no regard for the feelings of anyone else living there, including wildlife. It doesn't make sense, especially considering that Stevens Field, an established, public use, general aviation airport is only 13 miles away from the proposed heliport site.

My neighbor's plans violate exist-ing Archuleta County Zoning Regulations 3.1.5.1 8c, which state that private heliports/airports cannot be located within a 1/2 mile

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Obituaries

Peggy 'Joyce' Danford

Peggy "Joyce" Danford
6/18/1932 – 8/10/2023

Joyce Danford was born in St. Louis, Mo. She grew up in Ignacio, Colo.; Durango, Colo.; and the Panama Canal Zone. She moved back to the states at age 18. She married Joseph Franklin Danford Jr. on May 12, 1951.



They had four children. They lived in multiple states during the growing-up years of the children. Joseph and Joyce divorced in 1978 in southern California. Joyce taught at preschools and day cares and eventually started her last career as a nanny. She had many wonderful clients who loved her dearly. Joyce became a commercial hot air balloon pilot along with her daughter, Peggy. This was a very fun and adventurous time of her life, making lifetime friends in the ballooning community. They flew their balloon in various events around the country. Joyce also competed in a hot air balloon competition in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Joyce retired from her nanny career and moved back to the family ranch near Ignacio, Colo., to care for her mother in the early 2000s. She was active with the Ignacio Senior Center and was a member of the Advisory Board of the San Juan Area Agency on Aging for several years. Joyce loved the ranch she had been raised on as a little girl and was blessed to pass away peacefully there surrounded by family on the evening of Aug. 10, 2023. She was much loved by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. To anyone who needed her, Joyce was considered mother, grandmother and aunt. She will rest in peace knowing she was loved by many. May God lift you up on eagle's wings.

Peggy Joyce Danford is survived by her brother, Dee Masters (Theresa Sherwood Masters) of California; her four children, Jeannette Marie Danford Saunders, of Texas, Peggy Jo Danford Jones, of Colorado, Bruce Alan Danford (Kitty McGahey Danford), of Colorado, and Karla Sue Danford (Tank Scott), of Colorado; grandchildren Egan Mahon Saunders, Kathryn Marie Saunders Prerost (David Prerost), Courtney Serena Jones, Kathryn Michael McGahey Lovett (Tim Campbell), William James McGahey Lovett (Amanda Lovett) and Samuel Edward Scott (Roni Lyn Scott); great-

grandchildren Sage Marie Prerost, Ava Grace Prerost and Kaliyah Marie Scott; her nieces, Carol Masters (Howard Swader), Jody Rhea Masters (Michael Borin) and Caitlin Virginia Masters (Donald Raye Hammond); and nephews David Danford (Dee Danford), Joseph Andrew Danford (Debbie Danford) and Alex Danford-Rincon.

Joyce was predeceased by her father, Carl Edward Masters; her mother, Catherine Newman Masters; and her older brother, Karl Masters.

The memorial service for Peggy Joyce Danford will be Oct. 6, 2023 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Durango. The service begins at 10 a.m. with reception to follow in Parish Hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ignacio Senior Center or St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Durango.

John H. Ingalls

John H. Ingalls
1935-2023

John Herbert Ingalls, 87, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away on Sept. 12, 2023.

Born at home on Oct. 21, 1935 in DeRidder, La., John was a country boy with a keen analytical mind. He flourished professionally as a mathematician, teacher and insurance administrator. John had a love for traveling, boating, marksmanship and always marveled at the wonders of nature. His strong Christian faith was a guiding force in his life, providing a foundation of solace and strength.

John is survived by his children, Stephen Ingalls, Kerry Ingalls, and Mary Ingalls Moore, as well as six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Ruth LeDoux, of Shreveport, La. John was preceded in death by his father, Herbert L. Ingalls, of DeRidder, La.; his mother, Edna Mahan Ingalls, of DeRidder, La.; his brother, David Ingalls, of Plato, Mo.; and his sister, Fran Richesin, of Republic, Mo.

John was especially blessed to enjoy the final years of his life in loving companionship with Ms. Candace Calder, of Pagosa Springs. They worshiped at Pagosa Bible Church.

After graduating from DeRidder High School, John pursued higher education in math and science at Harding College in Searcy, Ark., and Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla. He proudly

served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1960.

John's career spanned various roles, including as a high school math and science teacher in Dexter, Mo., a mathematician for RCA supporting the early Apollo space program at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., a group insurance administrator for the Missouri State Teacher's Association in Columbia, Mo., and a group benefits program administrator at Fidelity Security Life Insurance Company in Kansas City, Mo., where he retired.

In his free time, John enjoyed reading, woodworking and taking walks in the woods. He loved physical work and was fulfilled by daily chores and projects throughout his life. He was an engaging storyteller with a rich sense of humor, and he loved to sing.

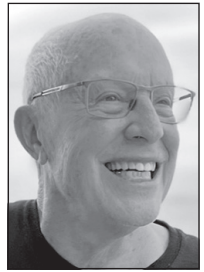
In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in John's memory to the Pagosa Bible Church or to Mercy Hospice House in Durango, Colo., where he received expert, loving care in his final days.

John will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy as a proud father, loyal friend, dedicated professional and faithful Christian will forever be cherished.



Richard 'Rick' Johnson

Richard "Rick" Johnson made his transition in the early hours of July 16, 2023, peacefully from the comfort of his home in Pagosa Springs, Colo. He is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart, Sharon Johnson. Together during their 59 years of marriage they raised two daughters, Cammie Buron and Robin Wolfe. The girls blessed the family with Cammie's husband, Otto Buron, and their children: Mason and his wife, Cassidy; Slater and his fiancé, Jade Montoya; and Ryker; as well as Robin's husband, Scott Wolfe, and their children: Courtney, Lindsay, Carson and Calianna. Rick would often tell his daughters how he thought he knew amazing love when he became a father, but that it was "just a drop in the bucket" compared to the incredible amount of joy and fulfillment he received from being a grandfather. He loved being a part his grandchildren's lives and attending their



sports and activities. In return, Rick is loved, respected and adored by his grandchildren, who often praise his humor, artistic talents, love of the outdoors and life in general.

Whether you knew Rick well or experienced a brief encounter, you were always greeted with a huge smile — he loved to make people laugh. His natural humor and ability to entertain served him well throughout his life. Rick was born and raised in Alamosa, Colo., by his parents, Carl and Wilma Johnson. Rick was an Eagle Scout who carried the love of the outdoors and service to people forward throughout his life. Rick earned his bachelor's degree in business and education from Adams State College. As a teacher, he enjoyed educating and inspiring students at Moffat High School. Rick also volunteered as a fireman, which culminated in him becoming fire chief. He was soon offered a managing position at the ASC bookstore. Rick was promoted to director of purchasing for ASC, where he worked until the day he celebrated his retirement by riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle down Richardson hall. ASC honored Rick's 29 years of devotion to the college with the "Distinguished Service Award."

Retirement gave Rick the opportunity to take advantage of all the things he loved to do in life. Rick put his woodworking talents to use by taking a big part in the building of their dream home in Pagosa Springs, Colo. This included a woodshop where he created unique furniture pieces and artistic antler chandeliers. He spent much of his time outside creating gardens, waterfalls and winding rock paths, including many areas to gather with friends and family. He also loved riding his Harley, spending time at Lake Navajo and relaxing at the mountain cabin he helped his parents build in South fork, Colo.

Rick packed a lot of living, passion and especially love into the 79 years he graced us all with his presence. As his family we could not be more proud of the man that is our father, grandfather and husband.

Although we miss his smile and humor, we are comforted by the incredible memories, faith and genuine love he showed to each and every one of us.

The celebration of life will be held Sept. 23, 1 to 4 p.m., at the Cottonwood Cove Guest Ranch in South Fork, Colo. To leave online condolences, remembrances and words of comfort, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

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of residences. The proposed site is within ½ mile of multiple residences. The sound generated by helicopter flights would exceed noise limits under County Ordinance 22-2019. Shouldn't that be adequate to prevent this from moving forward? Apparently not.

What are our collective values as a community? What kind of future do we envision for Archuleta County? Will the quality of life of residents, visitors and wildlife be enhanced if private heliports/airports start popping up around the county, along with increased flight traffic, light, air and noise pollution in local airways? Should the county favor wealthy landowner(s), to the detriment of other residents quality of life, property values, open space, wildlife habitat for hunting, fishing, recreation and agriculture, clean air and water, and community harmony?

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Adrienne Panter, PsyD, LPC

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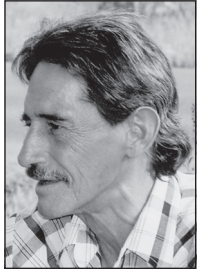
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Obituaries

Fidel Bernardo Martinez

In loving memory of Fidel Bernardo Martinez, beloved husband, dad, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

Your angels came to take you from your home and to our Heavenly Father on Aug. 9, 2023, in Pagosa Springs, Colo. You were 76 years old.



Surrounded by your family who loved you like no other, we watched you take your last breath. As sad and hurt as we all were, we are grateful you no longer suffer.

Born Dec. 31, 1946, in Tierra Amarilla, N.M., to Lito and Lillie Martinez. He was preceded in death by his parents and older sister, Dolores. Fidel was the second oldest of four siblings: Dolores Martinez, Vita Herrick and Isabel Webster.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cornelia Martinez; son, Cheto Matthew Chavez; grandchildren Eric, Marissa and Annissa; great-granddaughter Nora; sisters Vita Herrick and Isabel Webster; niece's Yolanda (Yo) Horn and family, Natalie Ortega and family, Wendy Theys and family; cousins Dina Brogan and family, Loyolla and Leo Martinez and family, Randy Diestekamp and family, Terri Dee Clark and family, and numerous other extended family members and friends.

Fidel moved to Pagosa Springs when he was 12 years old from Tierra Amarilla, N.M. In high school he loved basketball and gave his teacher's a run for the money. He

went on to serve our country in the Army and received an honorable discharge. Some of the jobs he held were working at Hersch's grocery store, delivered the GRIT newspaper, worked many years at Archuleta Housing, held a custodial position at The Pagosa Springs SUN office, worked the tunnel and cleared trails for the U. S. Forest Service.

Some of Fidel's interests were reading the Bible, listening to records and music, fishing, watching crime shows, bead work and jewelry making, creative woodworking, drinking chocolate milk, drinking Dos Equis, and smoking cigarettes.

Fidel will be remembered for his stubbornness, his great laughter, love of his family and friends, and will be forever missed by those who knew him.

Please help us celebrate his life at a Catholic Mass and reception uptown at Pope John Paul II on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m.

Cindy Spear

Lifelong Pagosa Springs resident Cindy Spear passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at Mercy Medical Center.



Cynthia Elaine Nossaman was born on Feb. 5, 1961, to Royal and Elaine Nossaman. She joined her sister, Susan, to complete their family of four. Living on the ranch that had been conveyed to Royal and Elaine from her grandparents Charles and Elizabeth Johnson, she developed a love of animals and caring for nature. Cindy started

first grade in Dulce, N.M., when her mom began teaching school for the Dulce Independent School District. Cindy spent her childhood living between Dulce and her home on the ranch in Pagosa as she attended school in Dulce and spent the weekends and summer in Pagosa. She participated in 4-H during the summers and honed her skills in gardening, sewing, cooking and leathercraft. She took piano lessons from Mrs. Thompson for around a decade. While she was overheard saying, "Why do I have to learn this? I just want to be a Mom," throughout her school years, she graduated from high school in Dulce in May of 1979. Cindy went on to be a lifelong learner, completing her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Phoenix. She was a "Jacqueline of all trades," doing home repairs and fixing her cars; and, as she liked to say, "her hero was the Little Red Hen."

Following high school, she attended a floral design school in Denver. She married Sean Burk in July of 1980. In June 1981, her childhood dream of being a mom was fulfilled with the birth of her oldest son, Raymond, followed by Lara in 1982 and Eddie in 1985. The family lived in Denver for a period of time, then returned to Pagosa Springs.

There was no such thing as a stray puppy or lonely child with Cindy; she would take them all home and love them. She lived on the farm that had been her parents raising goats, pigs and chickens helped by her own children and the "adopted" ones. When her children were grown, she was happy to take on the role of Grandma Cindy, loving all nine of her grandchildren. She also worked at several businesses around town, including the Sonoco, City Market and Bob's LP. She spent the past several years caring

for her oldest son, Raymond, who was born with cerebral palsy.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Royal and Elaine Nossaman, grandparents Charles and Elizabeth Johnson, and Clarence and Elizabeth Nossaman and an older brother, Baby John Nossaman. Also, her partners Marcel Dauguard, Reese Snow and "unofficially adopted" sons Jake Bramwell, Ryan Lister and Abel Lister.

She is survived by her children: Raymond Royal Burke, Lara Lei Riley, Eddie John Clarke-Nossaman-Burk and his wife, Randye. Also, by her grandchildren: Anna Marie and James Burke; Angelina and Charlie Graves, Leonidas and Lieve Riley; and Asher, Hayden and Lily Burk. Also, her sister, Susan Elizabeth Nossaman; nieces Elizabeth Anne Felts and Lauren Marie Felts-Salazar.

Services for Cindy will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday Sept. 22, 2023, at the CSU Extension building. Her family would like to invite those attending to bring a potluck dish to share food and fellowship after the service. Burial will follow at the Nossaman Family Cemetery at the Nossaman Ranch.

Services

Margaret 'Marge' McRae

The family of Margaret "Marge" McRae (1939 - 2023) will be gathering to celebrate her life, and they'd be honored if you'd join them. As a former nurse and first responder, and later a farm-to-market gardener, Marge touched many lives. Her legacy is the difference she made, and we'd love to hear your memories. Please join them Saturday, Sept. 30, at 1 p.m. at the Mar/Mac Farm, 541 County Road 175.



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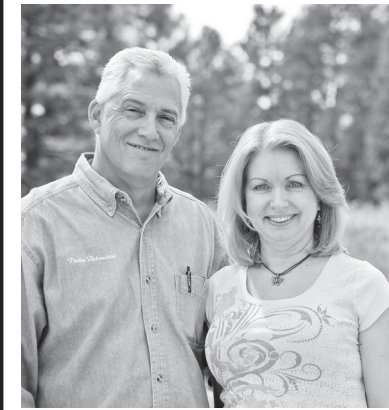
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Fire district swears in new chief

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

New Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Fire Chief Robert Bertram was sworn in at the Sept. 12 PFPD Board of Directors meeting.

According to a Sept. 11 press release from the PFPD, Bertram has been involved in fire service for 30 years in both career and volunteer capacities and has served with the Cascade Fire Protection District, El Paso County Wildland Crew, Florissant Fire Protection District, Hudson Fire Protection District, and as fire chief of the Chaffee County Fire Protection District.

The press release states on Bertram's qualifications, "Chief Bertram holds qualifications across many disciplines in all hazard response including Firefighter II, Driver Operator, Haz-Mat Technician, Fire Instructor I, Fire Officer II. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Fire and Emergency Services from Colorado State University. He is a member of the Colorado State Fire Chiefs, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Colorado State Firefighters Association, and the National Volunteer Fire Council."



Photo courtesy Pagosa Fire Protection District

New Fire Chief Robert Bertram poses by the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) sign at its offices at 165 North Pagosa Blvd. Bertram was sworn in as chief at the Sept. 12 PFPD Board of Directors meeting.

The release also highlights that Bertram is planning to work with the "great" PFPD team to develop strategic goals for the district and

that he is looking forward to "engaging in all the outdoor activities in the area with his family."
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Archuleta County Department of Human Services staff pose with the C-Stat award presented to the department by the Colorado Department of Human Services at an event on Sept. 15. The award was given in recognition of the department meeting 75 percent of its goals in the C-Stat performance analysis framework. The county was one of 15 counties across the state to receive the award this year.

Archuleta County Department of Human Services earns C-Stat award

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Department of Human Services (ACDHS) was recognized by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) for receiving a C-Stat Distinguished Performance award at an event on Sept. 15. ACDHS receiving the award was previously covered in the June 22 issue of The SUN.

According to the CDHS website, "C-Stat is a performance-based analysis strategy that allows every program within the Colorado Department of Human Services to better focus on and improve performance outcomes."

According to a Sept. 18 press release from

the county, Archuleta County was one of 15 counties that received a distinguished performance award this year for meeting 75 percent of its C-Stat goals.

The press release adds, "The Distinguished Performance Award recognizes counties which has met goals for timeliness, welfare, and precision in their work. When counties meet these three critical goals, it is often reflected by meeting the needs of individuals and families in their respective communities. In addition, they are more likely to have completed applications for SNAP (food assistance), the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)."

The event honoring ACDHS for receiving the award included a presentation by a CDHS representative, the presentation of the award to ACDHS staff and a brief speech by Commissioner Warren Brown commending the work of the department.

Commissioner Veronica Medina and County Manager Derek Woodman were also in attendance at the event.

The press release concludes, "The staff at ACDHS truly care about the community as a whole. They strive every day to provide excellent internal and external customer service, said Director Isabel Vita. 'I couldn't be more proud of each and every one of them.'"

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Upper Piedra roadwork underway, more discussed

By Hailey Sams
SUN Intern

Roads in the Piedra area have received attention over the last week, with road work beginning on one road and area county commissioners discussing potential opportunities for paving another road in the area.

A recent press release from the U.S. Forest Service announced the start of work on Williams Creek Road.

"Reconstruction and resurfacing of 3.5 miles of the Williams Creek Road (NFSR 640) has a planned start date of September 14th," states the press release. "The construction work will consist of reshaping the road prism and adding new aggregate to the road surface. The project will begin at the intersection of Williams Creek and the Piedra Road and will extend to the intersection of Poison Park Road for a total of 3.5 miles."

Visitors should expect delays, and

the public is urged to use caution when using these roads due to extensive work activity, according to the release. The project should be completed by Oct. 31, but is subject to change.

For more information, contact Roads Manager Pete Merkel at Peter.Merkel@usda.gov.

Discussion to pave upper Piedra Road

The Hinsdale County Board of County Commissioners recently heard about a grant application to pave upper Piedra Road.

"The Hinsdale County commissioners had a discussion with Alan McCaw from the Forest Service at their August 23 Special meeting," Sandy Hines, Hinsdale County administrator, explains in an email to the SUN.

The project could potentially stretch from the forest boundary to Williams Creek, according to Sabrina Kohrt, acting public affairs officer of

the Forest Service.

"It's undetermined at this point," she said, adding, "We're considering it because it needs considerable maintenance and, you know, it's the most heavily used road probably in all of Pagosa."

McCaw and Josh Peck also presented the project to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners at its Sept. 12 work session.

"This is the first time we've been able to apply for this grant," McCaw explained at the session.

McCaw added that he would guess the project would take "two months."

"If we do not pave the road, it's not going to stop the traffic ... that's continued to grow every year. It's been consistent and I don't think it's going to change," Commissioner Warren Brown said about citizen concerns that paving the road will increase traffic on Piedra. "I can understand the concerns of some of the citizens [that] if we pave the road, then

that's going to increase speed. But I think that also has another side, if we pave the road, we're going to get emergency response quicker, safer ... I don't see that as a negative. I think that that's a positive."

Brown relayed that Hinsdale County Commissioner Robert Hurd's biggest concern was "if we would have to take over ownership of the road."

"It doesn't sound like that's a fact," Brown continued. "I think we need to take the opportunity to apply for this money, put this project in work."

"I think a paved road is definitely better than a gravel road," Commissioner Veronica Medina commented.

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County announces waste tire collection event

By Ashley Springer
Archuleta County

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Residents may drop off passenger tires, light truck and semi tires free of charge. Properly ridding of all types of tires prevents mosquito breeding, eliminates fire hazards, and can improve curb appeal and property values.

Tires will be accepted by drop off at the Archuleta County Public Works Building, 1122 U.S. 84. Tire hauling services from a private residence to the Public Works building will be

available for a nominal fee.

Items which will not be accepted include: no other types of waste tires other than those previously listed, a maximum of nine tires per transferring vehicle, contaminated tires such as those covered in dirt or debris, and/or tires affixed to any type of rim. Commercial operations may not drop tires at this event.

According to the Colorado Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division, 6 million waste tires are generated each year in Colorado equating to, on average, one tire per person per year. Recycled tires often get a "second chance," used for tire-derived fuel, molded products, as-crum rubber for roads and in civil

engineering projects.

Waste tire fees are collected from consumers anytime a new tire is purchased in the state of Colorado. Recent legislation increased those fees to fund the End Users Fund Rebate Program and to market development for waste tire products and dump and clean-up activities such as this.

According to the U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association, 81 percent of tires were recycled in the United States in 2017. Help Archuleta County do its part in this recycling endeavor by participating in this free event.

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Tourism

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ing the discrepancies between the resolution that established the tourism board and the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the town and county concerning the board.

She added that the resolution is "great" and clearly lays out goals and measurement standards for the board and commented that she is "open to change things."

Maez then asked Weaver for his recommendation on the situation.

Weaver noted that county tourism can only be used for the promotion of tourism, although the legislature recently passed a law allowing counties to expand the uses of lodging tax to other tourism-related projects with voter approval.

However, Weaver noted, since this approval has not occurred in Archuleta County, county lodging tax funds can only be used for the promotion of tourism.

Medina noted that town and county lodging tax contributions are not separated in the tourism board fund, which Weaver commented is "the problem" and the arrangement in the MOU where the county gives its lodging tax revenues to the town "may not be appropriate ... under the law."

He added that he is unsure how the town accounts for town and county lodging tax and commented that, if they are merged together, that "ends the discussion" since the funds could not be used for projects outside of tourism promotion, such as housing or roads.

County Manager Derek Woodman commented that the town and county have different lodging tax rates.

He explained that the resolution creating the tourism board was in effect from 2010 to 2015, when the MOU was created, although he added that there is no evidence that the resolution was nullified in 2015.

Woodman commented that one of the "frustrating" elements of the MOU was that it provides few details on how the funds are to be spent except for referring back to the ballot language, which indicates the purpose of the funds is "to promote and otherwise attract tourism to the county."

He stated, in response to a question from Commissioner Warren Brown, that he believed the ballot question was from 1987 or 1988, although the town did a ballot question more recently.

Brown stated that the situation is a "great opportunity" for the BoCC to reach out to the town council to gain additional information and suggested that both parties "give each other a little bit of grace to make sure we know what's at hand and what we're deciding on."

He added that he would reserve his opinion on the issue until he has further information.

Maez commented that the county needs clarification on how funds are allocated and another agreement about how the funds will be used.

Medina commented that there is limited time and she is unsure when

the BoCC could meet with the town council, ask a group or have discussions with individual members.

Weaver noted that the county could submit a notice of intent to leave the tourism board and then could withdraw that notice if a deal can be reached.

Medina expressed agreement with Brown about the importance of direct communication with the town council to understand its goals and intent.

Weaver commented that the MOU is "very spartan" and reiterated his concerns about the legality of the arrangement.

Medina proposed that Woodman could work on scheduling a meeting with town council and, depending on when the meeting could be scheduled, the county could provide notice of its intent to withdraw.

Woodman stated that he would reach out to the town manager about if the funds designated for the event center are specifically town funds or if the funds are commingled.

Maez then directed staff to schedule a special meeting of the BoCC for 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 25 to consider submitting a letter of intent to withdraw from the tourism board.

At the tourism board meeting later that day, the board discussed the potential dissolution as part of a discussion on its budget, with Maez — who serves as the BoCC representative on the tourism board — opening the conversation by stating that the board needs to continue developing its budget and summarizing the concerns expressed at the work session.

Maez added that, during the 90-day window for dissolution, he believes the town and county could develop a clearer arrangement for the allocation and usage of lodging tax funds.

Tourism board member Shane Lucero asked how much of the board's funding comes from the county, to which Tourism Director Jennifer Green responded that the county contributes 40 percent.

Tourism board member Julian Caler commented that much of the issue with dissolution stems from the negative perception of tourism in the community and that the board needs to work to show the community "tourism is our lifeblood."

He highlighted the "propaganda" against tourism in the community, such as a recent article in the Pagosa Daily Post referring to the tourism board as "tyrants" and suggested that this negative perception has led to pressure from local governments to spend tourism funds for projects outside of tourism.

Maez responded that the county wants the tax revenue to be used for the purpose it was voted in for.

Tourism board member Michael Whiting pointed out that, beginning in 2017 and 2018, it had become clear that, due to vagueness of the language creating the tourism board, local governments could reallocate tourism funds to a range of other projects.

He added "if everything is tourism infrastructure, then nothing is" and

mentioned that he had observed a "further drift" from the original purpose of the tourism board and he understood why the BoCC would be concerned.

Whiting advised that the tourism board recommend to the town and county that they realign the usage of the funds toward their original intent, although he noted that the county and town can spend the funds differently, with the town having additional latitude in the usage of the funds.

He added that the combined usage of the lodging taxes created "wild success" in terms of funding events, staffing and marketing.

Tourism board member and Interim Town Manager Greg Schulte explained that the town and county previously had separate boards which overlapped in function and commented that it "doesn't make sense" to have two separate tourism promotion groups.

He cautioned against the county deciding to go its separate way and trying to develop its own promotional infrastructure and questioned why it would do this.

Maez questioned why the tourism board funding would be "reallocated to something it shouldn't be."

He added that the resolution requires a party to give 90 days of notice for an intent to withdraw and that the notice could be rescinded.

Schulte responded, "I would urge you to think about what you're getting yourself into if you choose to go it alone. I personally don't think that serves the best interests of the community."

Maez commented that he understood Schulte's concerns, but that he and the other commissioners are "challenge driven."

He added that he would like the issue resolved and to gain additional clarity about the use of tourism funding with a new MOU.

Caler commented, "The sooner we stop this conversation about where it needs to go, the faster we move forward."

He added that there had been a motion by town council to decline the \$500,000 allocation for an event venue — which did not pass — which Caler stated, "scares me."

Whiting commented that there was confusion from the town council on why an event venue would be a priority for the community, despite moving forward with an event venue having been signed off on by all local governments and the tourism board.

Maez commented the board needs to "get back to our roots."

Whiting stated that he understood why the BoCC might move forward with indicating intent to withdraw since it is the BoCC's "only lever" to influence the situation if it is not getting adequate cooperation or communication from town council.

Town council and tourism board member Gary Williams asked Maez if there was anything the tourism board could do at the meeting to avert the withdrawal vote.

Maez stated that he could come to the commissioners' meeting and make a public comment.

Lucero commented that the withdrawal would be especially detrimental to lodgers since they have operations in the town and county and that the board could recommend to lodgers to be aware of the issue and potentially take action.

Maez reiterated his desire for the funding to be used as initially voted.

Caler added that the tourism board could also recommend to the town council to "stop this nonsense conversation."

He commented that the council is "getting in over their heads" and considering using the money in "too many different ways."

"We have an idea where to use this money," Caler said. "Either you trust us or you don't trust us. If you don't trust us, the county splits. If you trust us, we stay together."

Maez stated his desire for "clarity and transparency for the people" and the use of the funds for their intended purpose with collaboration as a potential tool to accomplish this.

He highlighted the 90-day window and commented, "I know we can get this fixed. And I think what we gotta do is just stay in the lane. You know, we stay in our lane of what this money was allocated and dedicated for, then there's no problem. But the MOU is very vague, so I would like to see it in actual writing, possibly in another resolution if we have to do one, but then that way it's set in stone."

Whiting stated that he had been one of the "principal architects" of combining the town and county lodging tax and explained that this process required regular joint meetings and collaboration on strategic

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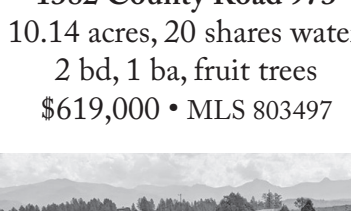
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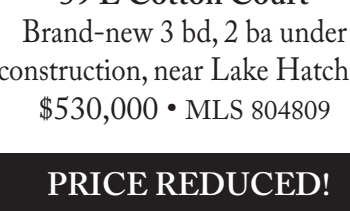


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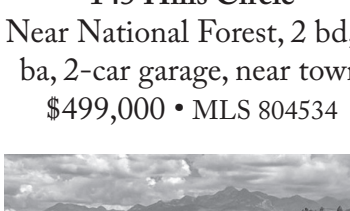
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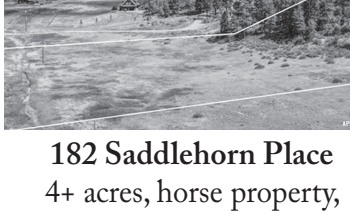


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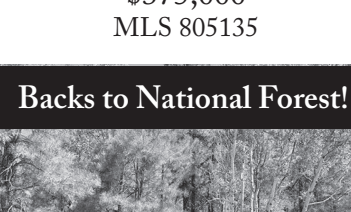
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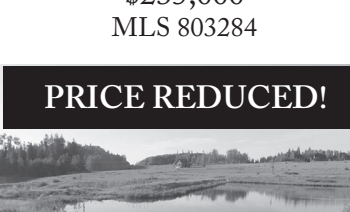


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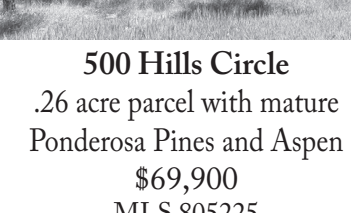
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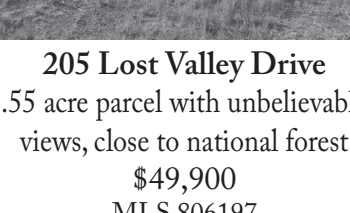
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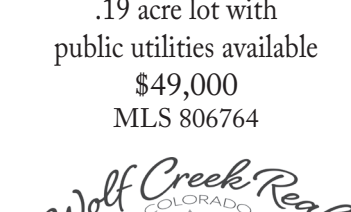
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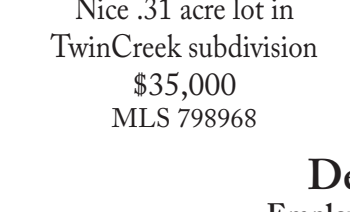
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Debate

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comment from Tobi Rowher, who asked if the board had any “thoughts or objections” to the lease agreement that could be addressed in future drafts.

Hurley responded that Rowher submitted comments on the lease, which he agreed with, and asked Rowher if he knew if the county planned to integrate this feedback.

Rowher replied that he was unsure.

Hurley asked if Rowher had spoken to the county about what it would pay for the lease, with Rowher stating he had not and was unsure what money might be offered, although he could inquire. “I thought you had something real pertinent to share with us Tobe,” Hurley commented.

“Just curious about the potential for moving this forward,” Rowher responded.

Hurley noted that the river access would likely only be relevant next spring and suggested that the county bring something “more pertinent” to the PAWSD board.

“I’m certainly not opposed to it, but I certainly don’t see anything that I need to act on right now,” Hurley added.

Rowher asked what Hurley would like to see in the lease, with Hurley responding that he would like to see the lease “filled in” with details on payment and maintenance of the river access.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh commented that the scope of river access is also unclear, as it had transformed from a “put-in” to a “county park.”

Walsh proposed that he would like Rowher to consider a put-in for licensed river outfitters to benefit their seasons and businesses, “rather than some full blown county park from a ... very distressed governmental organiza-

tion right now with no recreation department, no parks department, no parks budget, no recreation budget, no familiarity that I can see with working in and around rivers competently. Even the few things they do around rivers are bridges that are falling apart. So, just maybe something smaller and more focused on helping out actual people who know what they’re doing in the river. Low impact, they show up with a van and a trailer and a boat. Every one of their trips has a person who’s licensed by the state who knows what they’re doing, has first aid training, has communication. That seems to settle 99.9 percent of problems for me, just speaking for myself.”

PAWSD board chairman Jim Smith commented that the lease agreement does not contain a clause that the county will defend PAWSD if PAWSD is sued over an accident connected to the put-in and that he was told by an Archuleta County commissioner that such a clause might end the agreement.

Hurley noted that the lease seems “vague” and would expire shortly and suggested that the county create a new lease.

Walsh reiterated his proposal for a lease more focused on river outfitters.

“That’s about as vague of a lease as I’ve seen,” Hurley commented. “It’s like, ‘OK, you know we’ve spent three months, here you go.’ ‘OK, thank you. We’ve got other stuff to do.’”

Hudson proposed that the rafting companies could put forward a lease proposal, allowing PAWSD to avoid dealing with a “dysfunctional county.”

“And my god, they are dysfunctional, even compared to other businesses in town,” Hudson said.

Rowher thanked the board for

the input.

Walsh added that he would like the lease proposal to be focused on local rafting companies and not allow usage by competitors located farther away.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the issue of the lease at its Sept. 12 work session, during an administrative report from County Manager Derek Woodman.

Woodman explained the usage of the parcel appeared to be going in a “different direction,” with PAWSD proposing creating employee housing and using the parcel as “apparently like a park for the employees” instead of moving forward with the lease.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if the park would be exclusively for employees, which Woodman confirmed, and noted that “that’s tax dollars.”

County Attorney Todd Weaver commented that Maez would have to ask PAWSD about the use of the parcel.

Woodman added that the county will not be involved in the project and Weaver stated, “It’s really one less thing the county has to worry about.”

Woodman added that using the property for employee housing would be considered at the Sept. 14 PAWSD meeting and that affordable housing on the parcel was previously discussed by PAWSD “a year ago.”

At the Sept. 14 PAWSD meeting, the board heard public comments from SJWCD board members Candace Jones and Al Pfister.

Jones noted that the county lease proposal had been shaped with input from PAWSD staff and that the PAWSD board had not had time to consider the lease or meet with the SJWCD board, resulting in access not being established

this year.

She raised concerns about the possibility, as discussed at the BoCC work session, that PAWSD is intending to develop a park for employees on the site instead of moving forward with public river access.

Jones encouraged PAWSD to work with the county and SJWCD to complete the lease and raised concerns about a PAWSD proposal to develop workforce housing on another portion of the Running Iron Ranch — the proposed reservoir site — noting PAWSD’s lack of capacity for such a project and questioning if such a project would go outside of PAWSD’s stated purpose.

“I know that some members of the PAWSD board chafe at the history of the Running Iron Ranch, the purpose for which it was acquired and any plans to advance the objective of additional water storage,” Jones said. “Like it or not, however, PAWSD interests in the Running Iron Ranch are bound up with the interests of the conservancy district and the community in the bigger picture of water in the area. Making end runs around other stakeholders to construct housing will not serve the public in the long run.”

Smith pointed out that the lease was incomplete and PAWSD’s lawyers and insurance company advised against entering into it.

He added that the district is “nothing” without its employees and emphasized the importance of retaining them.

Smith stated that the proposed housing development would include pads for recreational vehicles (RVs) to house construction staff for the Snowball Water Treatment Plant expansion and that PCL Construction, the contractor for the project, would install these pads at no cost to PAWSD.

He added, in response to Jones’ comment about PAWSD potentially exceeding its scope, that PAWSD is also not in “the park business.”

“It’s good that you talked about these things, ‘cause people get the wrong ideas about some of this stuff and we got to all be on the same page,” Smith commented, adding on the subject of the “Dry Gulch contract” that PAWSD spends \$260,000 yearly paying for the property while SJWCD has only paid \$20,000 in interest in 2011.

PAWSD District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey added that PCL has to bring in employees from outside the community and is having difficulties finding housing for these employees.

Pfister then made his comment, noting that PAWSD and SJWCD are “tenants in common” on the Running Iron Ranch and the need for coordination between the two organizations, adding that many of Jones’ comments were driven by the lack of information on what project PAWSD is considering for the site.

Smith noted that the SJWCD’s

role in managing the property is finding partners to build a dam on the ranch and questioned what the SJWCD has done in the eight years since the creation of the joint agreement with PAWSD and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) regarding the management of the property to advance this goal.

“You get \$100,000 from the county and it seems like y’all spend most of it for doing surveys, but what have you done to ... find somebody to help come up with the money to build the dam?” Smith asked. “That’d be great if you could, but what have you done?”

Pfister stated that the district has completed “cultural and environmental” surveys that would be required for the dam construction permit, although he noted they would have to be done again; has pursued land exchanges needed for the full reservoir; performed diligence on the project; hired an engineer to advance the project; and has considered an application to a program from the Bureau of Reclamation for up to \$30 million for small storage projects.

“That would be pretty small, wouldn’t it?” Smith responded.

Pfister commented that the cost is unknown and needs to be determined.

Jones attempted to make a further comment and Walsh asked if he could get a “word in edgewise,” adding that the PAWSD board accepts public comment and attempts to respond “responsibly” to these comments and that PAWSD would discuss potential agenda items for a board meeting, “but in this continuing pattern of kind of perimeter-lessness disrespect you guys just decide to invade our board meeting. That’s fine, we can have it here. But let me just respond to this letter because I did in a number of places find it to be really condescending or at least inaccurate.”

Walsh then objected to several contentions Jones had made, beginning by noting that he had given the lease as much consideration as possible for a document filled with “placeholders and blanks.”

He added that he had been clear he did not want to enter into a partnership with the county due to the county’s lack of parks expertise and issues with other county projects.

He also noted the SJWCD’s lack of contributions to paying for the Running Iron Ranch and that, in his view, the river access lease is outside SJWCD’s obligations on the property, which are to build a reservoir.

Jones responded that she would like for SJWCD to have further conversation with PAWSD about the project and that she did not want to “derail” PAWSD’s meeting.

Smith explained that “county tax money” is not used to fund the Running Iron Ranch loans, to which Burns added that PAWSD pays for the loan from water rate

revenue.

Pfister commented that the lease does not include terms about the parcel being a county park and this was “some people’s interpretation.”

Walsh responded that it was a “fair interpretation.”

PAWSD board member Gene Tautges and Walsh noted that PAWSD does not intend to turn the parcel into a recreation facility or park for staff.

Jones thanked the PAWSD board for this clarification.

Later in the meeting, Ramsey explained that the agreement to potentially install RV pads on three acres of the Running Iron Ranch is still in negotiations with PCL and that, although it would eventually need to be discussed by the board, that there would not be “anything to discuss at this point.”

Walsh and Hudson questioned why documentation in the agenda suggested that the 21-acre parcel that had been considered for a river access lease might be used for a PAWSD employee recreation area, with Walsh noting that he was not interested in creating such a recreation area.

Ramsey stated that this was placeholder language and that the board needed to determine what it wanted to do with the parcel.

Walsh commented that the parcel would be ideal for PAWSD employee and contractor housing and that the project could use the affordable housing fees collected by PAWSD.

“We need to get 10 units of employee housing going,” Walsh said. “And that’s a beautiful, flat, buildable spot. It’s kind of inspiring and if you want to retain some key employees and if you can build some decent park model two-bedroom houses, 600 square feet, and charge them \$800 a month, you’ll be retaining employees in that spot.”

Smith recommended that PAWSD dedicate the parcel for that purpose “so people will quit trying to take it over from us.”

Hudson expressed that he would agree with this idea.

Smith then moved that PAWSD dedicate the area for employee housing and take it “off the market” for other uses with the exception of potential offers for purchase.

Walsh commented that this would be a “first step” and that other partner organizations could potentially use it for housing.

Tautges asked if the creation of a reservoir in the area would require a new hazard mitigation plan for potential flooding due to the housing project being located near it.

Ramsey stated that the creation of the dam would always require such a plan regardless of the housing project.

The board then voted on the plan, with Smith, Hudson and Tautges voting aye and Walsh voting “hell aye.”

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priorities.

He added that “that collaborative culture has broken down and no longer exists” and recommended that the town and county “get back to the table” and begin discussing joint strategic priorities.

Williams asked what event had triggered the county’s concerns and potential withdrawal.

Maez explained that the allocation of the \$500,000 for the event center was “the beginning of it” and that further discussions of using tourism funding for sewer or road infrastructure had raised concerns and a desire for additional clarity on how the lodging tax funds could be used.

Williams then addressed the \$500,000 allocation, indicating that the town council was split on the measure and that he had supported it due to the unanimous support of the tourism board for the decision and the fact that the event center would be directly tourism-related infrastructure.

“So, I’m just kind of befuddled here myself,” Williams concluded.

“It sounded to me like town council was equivocating on that position,” Whiting said. “That’s what it sounded like, and I think that’s what it sounded like to the BoCC as well is, well, wait a second, we don’t really want to set this aside in a dedicated fund to protect it for this event venue that the whole community, through a series of meetings and collaborative discussions said, ‘Yeah, this is a very high priority to have a dedicated. We don’t know where it’s going to be yet because we haven’t determined that, so we bought a \$100,000 portable stage to move around the community to

figure out where to put it.’ And then put some money aside year after year, and that’s what the \$500,000 was intended for, was to be the first deposit on a down payment on a permanent event venue for Pagosa Springs.”

“And I thought that’s what the town voted to do the other night,” Williams said.

“Yes, you did,” Caler responded. “After someone tried to vote it down, which is the scary part.”

“But the county’s all fine with the \$500,000 putting towards the event venue, correct?” tourism board member Anne Marie Sukcik asked. “So, it was just how the diversion happened afterward?”

“That’s this board’s job to do,” Maez commented, adding that his job is to ensure the board remains focused on tourism, not on other projects.

Williams commented that one of the reasons he had asked to be appointed to the tourism board was to “get away from this problem of the \$500,000 going to affordable housing. I can understand the county’s irritation with that. We unanimously voted that shouldn’t happen in the future, it should stay focused on tourism, and then I walk into this meeting and you guys are talking about pulling out. ... I think about, from a personal relationship kind of situation, somebody mentions divorce, it’s really hard to put it back together again. ... I thought we were workin’ well together, and so I’m a little disappointed.”

“Well, you can be that ,and that’s yours to be, but, you know, I can’t help that you’re disappointed,” Maez responded. “That’s what you choose to be. The thing is what we need to look at, and what you as a councilman and me as a

commissioner, we all need to get on the same page. What was this established for? Let’s not talk about redirecting the funds for something else. Let’s let this board, which it was charged to do with its disbursement of tourism money, let this board do its job and let’s stay out of their money. That’s all I’m saying. ... I want this fixed right, but I want it fixed right for however long it can stay fixed. But with it being vague in the resolution — ‘cause the MOU doesn’t even have any definition on how the money should be spent or allocated, it’s vague — and I don’t think you would like that, I don’t like it, and I want it to be clear and defined.”

Caler commented that he understood where Maez and Mayor Shari Pierce are “coming from,” adding, “They are on totally different levels. I talked to the mayor the other day ... during town interviews and she has a totally different mindset than Ronnie does, so we need to find a balance of what is tourism, where that money needs to go.”

Williams asked if “your lawyer and our lawyer” need to work on coming to an agreement.

Maez proposed that the town council and county should have equal representation and suggested that a town council member and the town manager should work with a commissioner and county manager to develop a solution.

“So, do we need to continue with the budget and how we allocate?” Caler asked, to which Maez responded, “Absolutely.”

In later discussion on the budgets, Maez was asked if the county had issues with any part of the budget.

“Nope,” he answered.
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New COVID-19 vaccine available locally

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The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced the approval of a new COVID-19 vaccine with a recommendation for everyone 6 months and older to get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against potentially serious illness this fall and winter.

The updated COVID-19 vaccine is expected to be available in Archuleta and La Plata counties this week or next.

To many the vaccine will be available at no cost, but people are encouraged to check with their health care provider or insurance carrier to be sure the new vaccine is covered.

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Surveillance indicators show an increase in COVID-19 transmission in both Archuleta and La Plata

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a proposed land exchange in the San Juan National Forest, including third-party appraisals of the relevant parcels,” according to the 34-page Memorandum Opinion and Order.

The order explains, “The Forest Service initially refused to produce most of the requested evaluation documents based on its internal policies that forbid disclosing such documents until the underlying appraisals have been approved for agency use and the land exchange has been finalized. After many months of litigation and delay, the Forest Service eventually turned over almost all the requested documents except for several redactions under Exemption 5 based on the deliberative process privilege and Exemption 6 based on privacy concerns. The Service then moved for summary judgment on the ground that it produced all reasonably segregable, non-exempt portions of responsive records. COWPL responded by filing a cross motion for summary judgment on its claim that the Service’s policy and

practice of withholding documents until a land exchange is completed violates FOIA.”

The court ultimately granted the Forest Service’s motion in part and denied it in part, and granted Colorado Wild Public Land’s request for a declaratory judgment “to that effect.”

“When the Forest Service sells or transfers public lands into private ownership, transparency and early public access to documents disclosing the values of each parcel is paramount,” said Maya Kane, one of the attorneys representing Colorado Wild Public Lands, via a press release that calls the ruling a “sweeping victory for the public.” “For decades, the agency has kept appraisals and related records from the public, which has prevented organizations like Colorado Wild Public Lands from understanding whether an exchange is truly in the public interest. The failure of land management agencies to release pivotal documents in a timely manner prevents the public from meaningfully commenting on proposed exchanges.”

In his ruling, the judge notes that “the Court concludes that the Service has failed to show that all materials withheld under Exemption 5 are deliberative or that releasing them would cause foreseeable harm. By contrast, the Service mostly satisfied its burden of justifying the withholdings under Exemption 6, with one exception regarding the redactions of realtors’ contact information. The Court will, accordingly, grant the Service’s motion in part and deny it in part.”

While the decision grants Colorado Wild Public Land’s requests for declaratory judgment, the order notes that the court is not referring the matter to special counsel for investigations and recommendations, which was also sought by Colorado Wild Public Lands, because “The Court does not believe such referral is appropriate in this case because it is confident that the Forest Service will act to bring its policies into compliance with FOIA, as interpreted in this opinion.”

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Sports

CROSS-COUNTRY



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Pirate harriers Miles Baker and Sienna Rose pose with their trophies at the Bayfield XC Invitational on Sept. 16, where both the Pagosa boys' and girls' teams took first place. Rose finished first in the girls' race with a time of 23 minutes and 37.56 seconds while Baker finished first in the boys' race with a time of 19:22.43.

Pirates take first at Bayfield meet

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams both placed first at the Bayfield XC Invitational on Sept. 16 in Bayfield.

Coach Rachael Christiansen comments on the meet in an email to The SUN, "Wow! What a weekend our runners had in Bayfield! The focus of the week leading up to the race was flexibility and adaptability (because of storms and last minute change of plans), and with the course being changed the night before, our runners proved that they can adapt and roll with the punches. Bayfield was a small race with only 3 teams, however, the teams provided some good competition to keep us focused and hungry."

The girls cross-country team was the only full team present at the meet, although runners from Bayfield and Montezuma-Cortez also competed in the race.

Pirate Sienna Rose took first place out of 15 runners in the girls' race with a time of 23 minutes, 37.56 seconds.

The coach comments on her performance, "Sienna ran a perfect race, maintaining 2nd place up until the final 400 [meters] where she sprinted and overtook first place, winning the race and running only 22 seconds slower than last week at Joe Vigil, on a much hillier course."

Pagosa harrier Charlotte Duranton finished with a time of 24:44.58 to take third place with a performance Christiansen described as "very strong from the start."

Kaiya Lyons finished fourth with a time of 25:03.53 while Hailey

Sams finished in 26:04.91 to take sixth and Madisen Stretton finished seventh with a time of 27:55.81.

Pirate Marie Smith took ninth with a time of 29:25.47 and Johanna Beaird took 15th with a time of 37:13.29.

Christiansen comments, "Marie ran well, especially considering she's been battling a cold all week and Jo was looking good out there with her focus on form!"

She concludes on the girls' team's performance that it was a "good showing."

The boys' team finished first out of three teams and had "some very impressive performances," according to Christiansen.

Pagosa runner Miles Baker took first out of 23 runners with a time of 19:22.43.

Christiansen explains, "Miles also ran a perfect race, staying patient at the start to move into first place in the second half of the race. He was only 18 seconds slower than Joe Vigil and is learning a ton about racing XC each week!"

Levi Hinger finished third with a time of 20:07.02 and Jesse Beck finished in 20:08.99 to claim fourth place.

Connor Thomas finished sixth with a time of 20:57.86.

Dylan Dempster placed 13th with a time of 22:41.10.

The coach comments, "Dylan was our 5th runner, filling the void of Peyton who was out with a minor knee injury. He should be back for our home meet this weekend, but Dylan did a great job as our final scorer."

Isaac Hanto took 16th with a time of 23:32.52 while JC Allen took 19th with a time of 26:05.33

and Asher Kurz claimed 22nd with a time of 27:19.94.

Christiansen states that all three runners "ran strong."

She also comments on the team as a whole, "Boys as a team finished 1st out of 3 teams, beating Bayfield by 12 points. Last week in Alamosa, the boys only beat Bayfield by 11 points with a lot more runners, so this was a major improvement from last week, even missing a few of our strong runners. We love to see it!"

The cross-country teams' next race will be the Pagosa Springs Cross Country Challenge in Pagosa Springs on Reservoir Hill on Sept. 23.

According to Christiansen, the middle school girls' race will occur at 9 a.m. and the boys' middle school race will happen at 9:30 a.m.

These will be followed by the high school girls' race at 10 a.m. and the high school boys' race at 10:30 a.m.

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GOLF

Smith places first at regionals

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Johnathon Smith will represent Pagosa Springs High School at the 3A state golf tournament Oct. 2 and 3, with Cedar Liverett slated to be the first alternate should someone not be able to participate in the tournament.

The state placements were determined at Tuesday's Region 1 qualifier at Cattails Golf Club in Alamosa.

The Pirates placed fifth as a team with a 255 at regionals. Kent Denver and Monte Vista tied for first with team scores of 234.

Smith took first place in individual play at regionals by finishing two under par with a 69.

"Johnathon played really well and finished incredibly well," coach Mark Faber highlighted.

Smith had an eagle and two birdies on his final three holes. He also logged birdies on three other holes and par on seven holes to finish seven strokes ahead of the second-place golfer.

"That's what he's capable of," Faber said.

Liverett finished in a three-way tie for 22nd out of 66 golfers with a score of 92. His effort included shooting par on five holes.

Faber relayed that right before awards they were told Liverett was in a three-way playoff for the first and second alternate spots, with Liverett finishing first in the playoff to earn the first-alternate spot.

Faber noted Liverett will travel up with the Pirates and play the practice round since someone could drop out at the last minute.

Finishing two strokes behind Liverett was Keaton Robel with a 94. That put him in a three-way tie for 26th.

"Keaton worked really, really hard this year," Faber said, adding Robel got his game in good shape and played well part of the day, but struggled part of the day.

He shot par on four holes. Isabel Galloway finished 57th with a 122, with the coach noting she played "pretty well" and played 1,000 more yards than what high schools girls' golf includes.

She shot par on one hole. For more on the state tournament, see next week's issue of The SUN.

Prior to regionals, the Pirates



The Pirate golf team poses at Tuesday's regional tournament in Alamosa. From left are coach Mark Faber, Isabel Galloway, Keaton Robel, Cedar Liverett and Johnathon Smith.

Photo courtesy Dawn Robel

hosted their home tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Faber indicated the day was a struggle for the Pirates, but that he's thankful the weather held out for the tournament and the golf course allowed them to play.

The Pirates took fifth out of the seven teams at the tournament with a team score of 262. Durango won with a 223.

Smith finished the day as part of a three-way tie for ninth with an 81 on the par-71 course. He logged two birdies and shot par on 10 holes.

Liverett finished 19th with a 90, which included par on four holes. Robel tied for 20th with a 91, which included shooting par on five holes.

"Keaton's the one that played... relatively well," Faber said.

Chase Harper finished as part of a six-way tie for 17th with a 99. He shot par on three holes.

Trey Garcia finished 35th with a 108, which included shooting par on one hole.

Galloway finished 42nd with a 116 and shot par on one hole. Bailey Green finished 46th with a 130.

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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Pirates fall 3-0 to Centauri Falcons

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team fell prey to the Centauri Falcons on Sept. 16 in La Jara.

The Pirates fell 3-0, dropping the team to a 4-6 record on the season.

The Lady Pirates are currently the No. 38 team in the Selection & Seeding Index, while the Falcons are No. 14 and own a 6-5 record.

"Overall it was just a really off day for us," coach Katie Lorenzen said. "We didn't show our game almost at all."

The Pirates fell 25-9, 25-18 and 25-17.

"We did pass really well and our defense was picking up some good balls, but otherwise we just weren't connecting. It was just very off," the coach said.

She noted the whole day was off for the team, with a starter missing the bus due to a dead phone battery, the team's energy being off during warm-up and more events happening after the match.

"It was just kind of a weird day," she said. "Everything was off."

The team hit -.051 on the day, the coach pointed out.

"We definitely can't win when we're hitting in the negative," she said, noting the team passed a 2.1, but wasn't doing much after that.

Kynslie Limebrook led the team with three of the team's seven aces on the day.

"Kynslie did really well serving, as she usually does," Lorenzen said, noting it helps the team when it can get some good runs behind her.

Lorenzen highlighted the team had three errors on the night, compared to 18 against Bayfield.

Aspen Pitcher led the team in kills with seven. The team had 13 total kills.

Pitcher was also the only player to hit in the positives, according to the coach.

"We just can't win games if we only have one player hitting positive," she said.

Limebrook had two blocks against Centauri and Jordan Lindstrom had one.

"We otherwise just weren't reading Centauri very well," Lorenzen said. "They weren't taking that many really hard swings, so we were getting up there to block, but then they were just throwing down some shots that

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FOOTBALL



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Pirate Gavin Lindahl runs the ball against the Alamosa Mean Moose on Saturday, Sept. 16. The Pirates won 21-12, with Lindahl logging 185 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

Pirates move to 2-2 with win in Alamosa

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Football team marooned the Alamosa Mean Moose during Saturday's game in Alamosa.

The Pirates won the game 21-12, moving them to a 2-2 record on the season.

"I thought the kids ... played well," coach Nathan Morales said. "I thought they were ... physical and flying around on defense, and physical on offense, and ... made some adjustments at halftime. They came out and executed 'em really well, so that's a really ... good thing for us and the program. It

just tells you what type of kids we have. We just have those kids that are resilient, and they're gonna stay in the fight."

Alamosa scored first in the affair with a 1-yard touchdown run with seven minutes and five seconds left in the second quarter.

Pagosa countered with two touchdowns in the third.

The first came with 10:21 left in the quarter when Gavin Lindahl made a 24-yard run, which was followed by a successful kick by Elijah Castro to give the Pirates a 7-6 lead.

The second touchdown of the quarter came with 1:01 left on the clock and was a 2-yard run by Lindahl that was again followed by a successful kick.

The Pirates scored again with 10:21 left in the game when Jaxten Schiel had a 75-yard interception for a touchdown that was, again, followed by a successful kick.

The Mean Moose scored with 7:57 left in the game on a 3-yard run, but were unable to score on the kick, leaving them down 21-12.

The Pirates had 245 rushing yards in the game, led by 185 from Lindahl on 29 carries. Colton Lucero followed with 38 yards on eight

carries. Creede Dozier had 20 yards on four carries and Seth Zeigler had a 2-yard carry.

Dozier logged three complete passes for a total of 14 yards. The Pirates had 14 total receiving yards, led by 15 on one reception from Seth Aucoin.

The Pirates tallied 83 total tackles, including 48 solo tackles and 35 assisted. The Pirates were led in tackles by 17 total from Blake Laner (12 solo, five assist), and 10 each from Zeigler and Connor Kelly (six solo and four assisted each).

The stats show six sacks in the game, including three for 18 total yards lost by Laner, two by Harley with undetermined yardage and one by Lucero for a 22-yard loss.

In addition to Schiel's interception, Zeigler also had one for 3 yards.

Castro kicked off four times for a total of 91 yards, while Dozier tallied five punts for a total of 141 yards.

Morales also noted Pagosa's special teams played well in the affair.

"They didn't have any big plays on special teams, and that ... was an emphasis for us, and that will

continue to be one for us going forward," he said.

Moving forward, the Pirates will have a break from competition this week before opening league play against Delta on Sept. 29.

"It's a time to recover," the coach said of the extra time between games. "We'll have some recovery days, but we'll have a couple days of good, hard practices and get some stuff squared away, and get an extra jump on Delta for our first league game next week."

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Volleyball

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were very smart, tipping where it was open without having to swing their hardest."

In digging, the Lady Pirates were led by Pitcher and Lauren Monteroso with 10 each.

Grace Walker had seven digs, which the coach noted included her laying out and running halfway across the court to pick up balls.

"She really made some big efforts, and we needed that, but it didn't quite get us going because we weren't then reacting well after," she said, noting the team just never really got anything going on the day.

The coach also highlighted the team's younger players who stepped up.

The team's swing players, who play both JV and varsity, entered without hesitation and "took big swings," the coach said.

"Centauri is a very good team, but we didn't show them ourselves at all, and didn't really show up. So, we do need to figure out how to show up on earlier game days," Lorenzen said.

The Lady Pirates will look to move back into the win column with a pair of home games over the next week.

On Friday, the Pirates will host the Del Norte Tigers, who are 4-8 on the season, at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, the team will host the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers at 6 p.m. The Panthers are 2-8 on the season. The Lady Pirates beat the Panthers 3-0 on Sept. 9 in Cortez.

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

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Monday, Sept. 25

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKaNlNHWHF>

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Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprinings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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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 9 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF 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;
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That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to CASITA MONTANA ASSETS LLC on the 17th 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 24th day of August 2023
/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON October 3, 2023

MICHAEL AND ROBYN BEMETT 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.
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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 hearing.
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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Footnotes
1 Section 4-7-210(a), C.R.S.
2 Conspicuous is defined in Section 4-1-201(10), C.R.S.
3 4.20 Enforcement of U.C.C. warehouse's lien, 9 Colo. Prac., Creditors' Remedies -
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3 Section 4-7-210(b), C.R.S.
4 Section 4-7-210(c), C.R.S.
5 Section 4-7-210(d), C.R.S.
6 Section 4-7-210(e), C.R.S.
7 Section 4-7-210(f), C.R.S.
8 Section 4-7-210(g), C.R.S.
9 Section 4-7-210(h), C.R.S.
10 Schmidt v. Cowen Transfer & Storage Co., 170 Colo. 550, 463 P.2d 445, 447 (1970) (This decision was governed by the former Warehouse Receipts Act.).
11 Section 4-7-210(h), C.R.S.
The following unit name and numbers will be auctioned off on Saturday September 30 at 10:30AM. To avoid the sale of your property, your balance must be paid in full before the above date. Please contact Pagosa Springs Mini Storage at (970)479-2867 to arrange payment. This is a final notice.
Devin Leigh 40, Eugenio Martinez 46, Anthony Montoya 54, Jesusita Gallegos 64, Cindy Gray 66, Bruce Stafford 84, Barry Kelly 106, Mary Ann Valdez 61 and 105.
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later than 4:00 p.m. MST on Friday, September 29, 2023. Published September 14 and 21, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center Campus Snow Removal RFP

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) is requesting proposals to: Remove snow from the main campus to include the buildings at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., (main medical center campus) and 35 Mary Fisher Circle (Rocky Mountain PT). If you are interested in this project please send an email with your intent to submit a proposal to Cathy Mundi at cathy.mundi@psmedicalcenter.org by October 16, 2023. Once prospective bidders are chosen, an in depth scope of work and site walk will be scheduled. Informational Statement:
Area to remove snow: Visit the PSMC website at <https://pagosapriningsmedicalcenter.org/request-for-proposals/> to view a map and download a quotation sheet. The area includes all sidewalks and parking lots.
Advisories: These are active working businesses with patients coming and going throughout the day as well as ambulance traffic. All work will be coordinated with Facilities Manager and company will alert manager of arrival prior to starting work. No entrances/exits will be blocked at any time; no shipping/receiving lanes will be blocked at any time.
Working Hours: Unless otherwise arranged all work will be completed between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Scope: PSMC requests priority scheduling by contractor for snow removal to assure that PSMC is able to be open at all times to meet the public's need. PSMC's Emergency Department and Inpatient Department are open 24 hours per day, seven days a week. PSMC's outpatient medical center operations are Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. When the weather is conducive to snow, contractor agrees to remain ready, willing and immediately available to begin snow removal within one hour of snow of three (3") or more on the ground at the Emergency entrance and/or notice given by Plant Operations staff and/or Administrative staff. Extra attention should be given to the Emergency Department and loading areas. The scope also includes removal of snow from the roof when the depth of snow is between twelve (12) and sixteen (16) inches.
All work proposed by the contractor must be accomplished using the contractor's owned and/or rented equipment. All equipment must be in good working order to assure safe operation prior to use on the hospital's property. All responders to the RFP shall provide evidence of the following insurances which must be included with the responders bid as listed below:
1. Contractor shall maintain general liability insurance with limits of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in the aggregate per policy year.
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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON October 17, 2023 DAVID AND BARBARA PETTUS have applied for a MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Pettus Minor Subdivision in Sec: 14 Twn: 34 Rng: 25W, at

SOCCER

Pirates tie Mustangs, beat Tigers to continue streak of success

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team ended in a draw against the Manitou Springs Mustangs on Sept. 16 and won a game against the Taos Tigers in New Mexico on Sept. 19 to bring its record to 4-3-1.

The Pirates tied the Mustangs 1-1 on Sept. 16 at home, with both goals in the game coming near the end of the second half.

As of Sept. 20, Manitou Springs had a 7-0-1 record and were ranked fourth in the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) 3A Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) rankings, which help determine playoff placements.

On Sept. 20, the Pirates ranked 27th, up from positions in the 30s and 40s earlier in the season.

The top 32 teams in 3A will advance to the playoffs.

Assistant coach Scott Galabota, who coached the game with assistant coach Ben Vaughn due to coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason being on a trip, commented that the team played a "fantastic game" and played with "discipline."

He noted that the team focused on "controlling what we could," including gaining possession of balls in the air and marking up on defense, and was successful in these areas during the game.

Galabota added that the team had good communication and retained its shape throughout a game where play regularly shifted from one end of the field to the other.

He stated that Pirate goalkeeper Christopher Young-Martinez showed "a lot of leadership with his actions and words."

He also highlighted that the team had a large number of players come in and out of the game and retained coordination throughout and that he was "really proud of the sportsmanship that they displayed before, during and after the game."

Following a scoreless first half, Pirate Jose Garcia scored with six minutes remaining in the second half off an assist from Jacob Castaneda.

Galabota stated that Castaneda made a one-touch pass from the right side of the field to Garcia,



Gavin Carter heads the ball away from the goal during the Pirates game against the Manitou Springs' Mustangs on Sept. 16. The game ultimately ended 1-1, following both the Pirates and Mustangs scoring in the game's final six minutes.

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who then had two touches on the ball before shooting it past the Mustang's goalkeeper on the left side of the goal.

"It was a fantastic assist by Jacob and it was a great feed up to Jose right through where he needed it," Galabota said.

The Mustangs evened the score two minutes later, leaving the game a tie.

On Sept. 19, the Pirates defeated the Tigers 2-0 in Taos, N.M., in what Kurt-Mason described as a "pretty chippy" game.

He noted that the team struggled with passing, "But we rallied enough to score a goal in the first half."

He indicated that Garcia scored from approximately 30 yards out with a direct kick which "went right through the goalie."

In the game's second half, Kurt-Mason stated that Garcia scored again, beating three Taos defenders and taking a successful shot for the left side of the goal.

He indicated that player of the game for the match against Taos was shared by Jayden Martinez and Nathaniel Kinsley, who "demonstrated some pretty amazing play, defensively speaking."

Kurt-Mason also commended Young-Martinez's play, noting he had 11 "pretty amazing" saves and stating, "He kept us in the game."

On Sept. 22, Pagosa will face the Bayfield Wolverines at home in the Golden Peaks Stadium at 4 p.m.

Bayfield is currently ranked 16th in the CHSAA RPI ranking for 3A with a 5-1 record.

Following this, on Sept. 23, the team will play a rematch against

the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers at home at 11 a.m.

The Pirates previously beat the Panthers 5-2 on Sept. 8 in Cortez. The Panthers are ranked 45th in the RPI rankings a 2-5-1 record.

Earlier in the season, the Pirates struggled with low numbers of players.

However, Galabota explained that, at a recent practice, the team had 21 members, up from 12 approximately a week ago, allowing for more constant substitutions.

"I believe it's a testament to the program that Lindsey has created and developed that it's attracting more players as the season progresses," Galabota commented on the increasing numbers of players.
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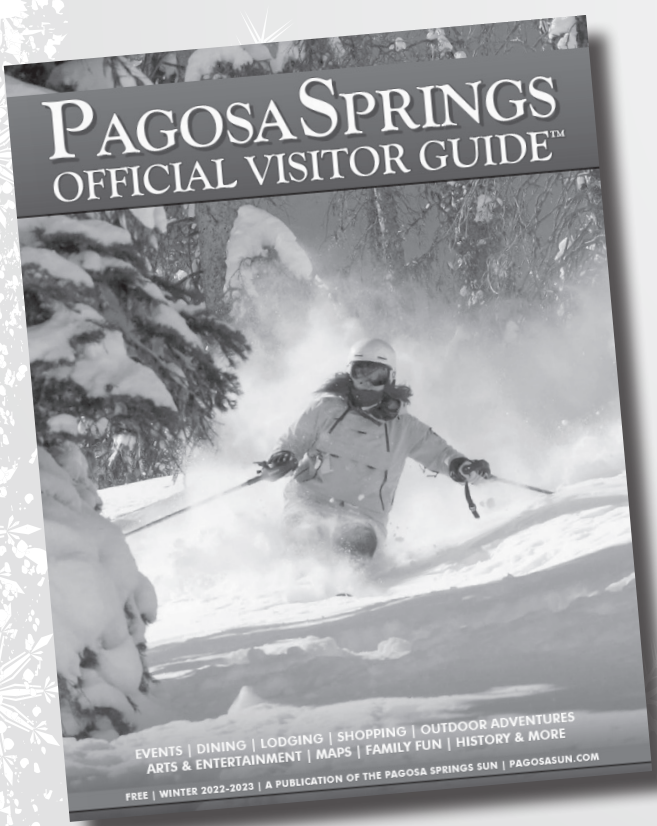
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Teddy Roosevelt signed off on a homestead made by Roger's great aunt, Victoria Anita Candelaria, and her husband, Juan Gurule, in 1906. Almost a half century later it went to her nephew, E.J. Candelaria. Then it came back to Roger's father, Martin, and Roger in 1974, along with an adjoining parcel that E.J. inherited from his father, Francisco Candelaria.

Coincidentally, the initials for Ranchito Alegre, "RA," also stand for regenerative agriculture. Roger applies newly understood scientific principles regarding the soil biome and its relation to human health to organically produce foods for our local community. As Roger likes to say, "We don't treat our soil like dirt!"

Roger is a food hero, participating in Healthy Archuleta or the Food Coalition, a local nonprofit, contributing to the community's vision for a sustainable, health promoting and equitable local food system so that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious foods. He has also partnered with Chris Frederics to offer produce shares for purchase or donation. The installation of high tunnels has enabled him to grow a multitude of produce on his ranch.

Roger is implementing many innovative principles on his land to improve the soil. He uses goat and chicken droppings for organic fertilizer, strip grazing and has planted many cover crops. He is diligently working toward improving his irrigation methods to be able to produce even more high-quality, organic produce. He even offers hands-on farm stays and ranching experiences to people wanting to learn about regenerative agriculture.

Through hard work, dedication to the land and a willingness to share his experiences with others, we commend Roger on his conservation ethics.

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September 21, 2023

It's almost time to cha cha

*17th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha,
15th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile
Classic set for Saturday*

By Jacque Aragon
Mountain Chile Cha Cha

As fall approaches in Pagosa Springs, the days become shorter, the nights cooler, and the scent of freshly roasted green chiles fills the air, signifying the annual harvest of green chiles, particularly the Hatch variety from New Mexico and Big Jims from Grand Junction.

The Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic is an event that showcases around 50 participants, both amateurs and professionals, who compete for cash prizes, trophies and bragging rights by presenting unique green chile recipes. From traditional to experimental, the cook-off offers diverse green chile flavors and styles for attendees to explore and enjoy.

Apart from the chile competition, the Mountain Chile Cha Cha also features other fun activities for people of all ages. The event begins with a 5k and 10k trail race and offers activities for children, a Mexican beer garden, and a margarita tasting. Attendees can also indulge in different food vendors. Another event highlight is the opportunity to buy locally grown and

freshly roasted green chiles to create unique dishes.

The lively Latin rhythms of Sangre Joven, an award-winning band from New Mexico, will provide electrifying entertainment for attendees.

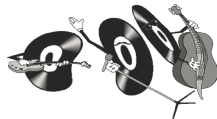
The Mountain Chile Cha Cha is a free event on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Town Parks athletic field, rain or shine. Whether you are a local or a visitor, this fantastic celebration of green chile and Pagosa Springs' Hispanic cultural heritage through local cuisine, music and dance is an event you will want to attend.

Additional information is available at ilovegreenchile.com

The happenings

- 8:30 a.m.: 5k and 10k trail races.
- 12:30 p.m.: Green chile tasting.
- 1:30 p.m.: Live music by Sangre Joven. An American/Latin music concert.
- 10 a.m.: Beer garden opens.
- Noon: Kids Corner opens with fun for kiddos.
- Noon: Margarita contest and tasting where local restaurants and bars compete for the best margarita.

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Tickets available, early voting open for Runway for Rise Fashion Gala

By Dee McPeck
Rise Above Violence

The first annual Runway for Rise Fashion Gala being held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30, is in full planning mode and getting more fun every day.

All the teams, including the “Bling-ables,” are assembling their outfits and accessories to model. They are rehearsing with runway coach Adrienne Young while the tech team of Dale Scrivener and Markus Hughes constructs the music and lighting. Master of Ceremonies Gus Palma and Auctioneer Darren Lewis are preparing their scripts so a great time will be had by all attending.

Do you have your tickets yet? Reserved tickets are \$75 and general admission tickets are \$50. The seats are filling up fast and there are a limited number available. Don't miss out on this entertaining evening. Go to riseaboveviolence.org to pay for your tickets.

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Early online voting is still open at riseaboveviolence.org to support these amazing groups of women using their time and talent to help Rise Above Violence.

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Tickets on sale for eighth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance

By Lisa Scott
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

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That fun-loving group welcomes you to their own version of days gone by in Archuleta County as they throw open the doors of the county Extension building at the rodeo/fairgrounds and welcome everyone to the eighth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance on Oct. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. (the doors open at 6:30 p.m.).

There will be a silent auction of things too exciting to mention, a cash bar and wagon rides in the parking lot. Tickets may be purchased at Happy Trails, the Choke Cherry Tree or from any of your fine Rotarians. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$35 at the door. A chuckwagon dinner will be available for \$15 and includes barbeque chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, chips and dessert.

Music that promises to get those boots a-movin' will be provided by the Tim Sullivan Band. So, get out those Sunday jeans, embroidered western shirts, bedazzled skirts and come on out to support the Pagosa Springs Rotary Scholarship Fund and other community projects.

As in years past, this will be a whopping good time. For sure, it will be the best time to be had in Pagosa on an October Saturday night. Yippie-i-o. You just have to go.

Rotary International is a service organization with the goal of bringing together dedicated individuals to provide service in their communities and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Exemplifying the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," the local Rotary clubs provide support for local and international projects that improve the lives of others.



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The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club's eighth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance will take place Oct. 7. Tickets are available now.

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The Mt. Lee Drive photobooth at 2022's gala, the Golden Age of Hollywood. This year's gala to benefit Pagosa Peak Open School will be a casino night on Oct. 21.

Viva la Pagosa casino night fundraiser to benefit Pagosa Peak Open School

By Abbie Karas
Pagosa Peak Open School

Mark Your Calendar: At 6 p.m. on Oct. 21, the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts will transform into a lively Vegas-themed casino hall.

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Pagosa Springs Community Garden to offer accessibility in 2024

By Leslie Wustrack
Pagosa Springs Community Garden

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden, located downtown on the San Juan River at 5th Street, is wrapping up another successful season with two announcements: 2023's donations to area schools and 2024's expansion for accessibility.

Founded in 2006, the garden is on land owned by the Town of Pagosa Springs, and plots are granted to the town's citizens free of charge. To maintain the aesthetic values and ecological health of the beautiful space, each member of the volunteer gardening group takes on tasks to care for the garden throughout the growing season. Thanks to the generosity of Pagosa Springs merchants, goods have been donated annually to ensure the garden's perpetuity. This year, as in the preceding seven years, all plots were full.

Every year a relevant component is added to the gardening

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Casino

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ing for photos in front of a crescent moon and a 1957 Ford Thunderbird. This annual gala celebrates community collaboration and supports arts and education in Pagosa Springs. Join us for an unforgettable evening.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Abbie at Parent-Council@ppos.co.

Find the event on Facebook for more details. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at Pagosa-Center.org.



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Michael Tatum and his grandmother, Cindy Halverson, both gardeners at Pagosa Springs Community Garden, stand with Sally Geren, Pagosa Springs Elementary School administrative assistant.

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Healthy Archuleta holds Growers and Producers Forum

Healthy Archuleta

The Sept. 14 Growers and Producers Forum was replete with information about recycling, composting, and raising grass-fed and finished beef on organically enriched pasture — a perfect storm of experiences that contribute to the goal of sustainable existence.

A composting business joined our meeting to share some exciting news regarding food waste pickup in Pagosa Springs.

The business operates out of Durango with a plant close to Bayfield from which they export to surrounding users the most beautiful compost imaginable; both the feel of it and its smell suggests healthy, productive soil.

The exciting news is that they now have a contract with City Market here in Pagosa Springs to pick up food waste, primarily produce, at an estimated rate of one ton per week. The result will be a significant reduction in the amount of waste being transported to our local landfill and an increase in the quantity of healthy, usable compost for our local farmers and home gardeners.

They also shared information about a new program, the Compost Kiosk, currently piloting at a local business in Durango. This kiosk is a metal unit that is bear proof that will be accessible by the customer using a code that protects the kiosk from not only wildlife, but also from being used as a general trash receptacle.

The program is in the development stage and they are looking forward to possibly offering this service to both commercial

businesses and homeowners in Pagosa Springs. This service is fee driven, at a projected monthly cost of approximately \$24 per month. If requested, in return the customer will have delivered 15 gallons of finished compost for their gardens.

There was more important recycling news; Archuleta County will be hosting the upcoming County Waste Tire Recycling Event on Thursday, Sept. 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This free recycling event targets tires from passenger vehicles, light trucks and semis only, with a maximum of nine tires per delivering vehicle.

And, finally, there was a long session on organic beef production and pasture development from operators out of Tierra Amarilla, N.M. Their method of raising beef is a far cry from the cowboy and open range scenario. It is a compact arrangement of pastures where their special breed of a smaller Angus beef is pastured in dense numbers in a restricted area for a short period of time and then moved on to another pasture while the original pasture is let to rest and absorb the organic matter left behind. “Mob grazing,” as it is called, results in a luxurious regrowth of organic Timothy, orchard, clover, false rye grass and alfalfa to be consumed by the next “mob.”

This process eliminates the use of commercial fertilizers completely. Their success with using sprinkler systems with this method has allowed them to replace the traditional “flood” irrigation, thus using water much more economically. In an effort to conscientiously grow the business and still be profitable, the farm

works closely with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in land management, soil health and water conservation.

These three updates add materially to the local and regional efforts to deal more wisely with our limited resources, essentially all good news. Look for an announcement for our next Growers and Producers Forum in November.

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Garden

■ continued from previous page program. Last year (repeated this year), heritage farmer LeRoy Salazar donated an enormous amount of certified seed potatoes to enable the volunteer gardeners to continue their community contributions.

This year, the garden is donating its excess inventory of new seed-starting trays, seed starting mix and seeds to all schools in the Archuleta School District, the charter school and to the Archuleta Seniors Inc. growing dome.

Thus far supplies have been delivered to the Pagosa Springs High School growing dome, Pagosa Springs Middle School garden project, Pagosa Springs Elementary School, and to the Archuleta Seniors Inc. 42-foot growing dome. The resources will be distributed until exhausted.

2024 will present an additional opportunity for the Pagosa Springs Community Garden to align with core services of ensuring maximum availability of town facilities

to residents and visitors alike. Offering solutions to accessibility, the Pagosa Springs Community Garden's current borders will be expanded in close proximity to the adjacent sidewalk system that follows the river and appropriate beds will be added. The welcomed expansion will allow easy entry and use of the garden for all.

To be kept informed and/or to be added to the garden's plot waiting list for next year, send an email to PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com.

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is free and open to all 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To inquire about a bed for 2024, please send an email to PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com.

With the assistance of local donors and the Town of Pagosa Springs, the garden was designated a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Residents and town visitors are invited to stop by and enjoy the peaceful space.

The harvest of our labor

By Betty J. Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

Every season has its harvest. There is a beginning, middle and end to each season. We plant, water, cultivate and gather in the harvest. Four seasons in a year. We are in harvest season according to the yearly calendar.

Our lives also move in seasons. We have trusted the waiting process. We've experienced birth and new life in the spring of our lives, growing in grace in the summer, harvesting our labor in the fall and digging deep in the dormant, deadly winters. To my generation. It's time to gather the harvest of what we've planted. We have planted seeds in friends, family and business. We have watched these relationships mature over the years.

Each apple carries three or four seeds. Depending on the size of the tree, we can expect to harvest 200 to 300 apples per tree. In older apple trees, the yield could be up to 700 to 800 apples. Can you imagine what older people have stored in them? Knowledge, wisdom and faith. They stand where they are planted. They are still yielding fruit.

When we first came to the Lord, we were like hard, sour, green marbles rolling around and telling the world what Jesus did for us. Our faith was small, but our hearts were bursting in a love relationship. We were experiencing the honeymoon of heaven. That love has never diminished, but has grown like the love in a marriage relationship. Even in the changing, we grow together and love more.

WHIPS to host chocolate fundraiser luncheon

By Nancy Ford
WHIPS

WHIPS, Women Helping in Pagosa Springs, will have its monthly luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 11:30 a.m. for \$15 at Elk Trace B&B off of Stevens Lake Road.

Because of construction on Piedra Road, get to it from Monument, then take a right onto Piedra Road and left onto Stevens Lake Road. Follow the green signs.

This luncheon will have chocolate dipping as our fundraiser for our 2024 scholarship fund. One plate is \$15 and two plates is \$25. Donations will be accepted.

We must have luncheon reservations by Sunday, Sept. 24. Call (970) 946-1895 to make a reservation.

Artist's Lane

I wrote about a sweet country family living on the Crawford River Ranch in the heart of Archuleta County. Tucked away from the noise of the world, fighting for a way of life for their family, faith and community, this family lives in their unpretentious ways. They are hardworking folk who have raised good kids, claimed their pew on Sunday morning and helped their neighbors. They could be any of us.

When I look back on my life, I can see clearly how so many seasons have come and gone. I've lived in metaphors of disappointment valleys and mountaintop experiences. These beautiful Rocky Mountains have taught me much.

My generation is welcoming a new season. It's time to gather the harvest. Our branches are laden with ripe, red apples. If we don't share the fruit, the birds will peck at the apples, and they will fall to the ground and rot.

For the unlearned, old age is winter. For the learned, it is the season of harvest.

"The Lord has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning. He awakens My ear to hear as the learned." — Isaiah 50:4 (NKJV).

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." — Proverbs 25:11 (NKJV).

God uses gold to describe our faith. Our faith has been tried and found to be true. We carry the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, against which there is no law.

One year for my Christian Artist and Writers' Retreats, I had invited a couple of key speakers with a large following. They declined my invitation. One of the writers said, "You are just a sapling. When you grow bigger and your branches become stronger, the big birds will find a place to nest in your branches. You will be shade for others. You're not there yet."

We were faithful when we were just saplings and thrilled to show a blossom or two. Tying big red cardboard circles on the tree to mimic heavenly fruit didn't give sustenance, but it would've made us feel better. Today, our faith is full of juicy apples. The seeds have been planted into other lives across the country. We have no idea who we've fed and where the wind has blown the seeds.

Final brushstroke: My generation is moving into our final season. This season is a wrap-up of how we've walked, where we've been, what we have and what we've given. We are seeing the harvest of our labor. We will be met with, "Good job and well done, my faithful servant."

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Kids Kare, Good News Club offered for youngsters

By Frank and Connie Porter
Kids Kare

Have your little ones ever wished they could go to school with big brother or sister? Once again, we have a program just for them; it is called Kids Kare.

This program is designed for little kids ages 3 to 5 years old and takes place at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive, behind Wells Fargo Bank. It meets each Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on days that public school is in session.

The program includes Bible time with stories, songs, memory verses and lots of activities. The children also have a craft time, game time and a snack. They meet new friends and a wonderful staff of screened adults who take great care of them.

There is no charge for the program and all little kids are welcome to come. To register your child for Kids Kare, go to coloradocef.org/southwest and click on "Register for a Club." For more information about the Kids Kare program, email Frank and Connie Porter at ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

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Good News Club for kids

A Good News Club is scheduled to begin on Sept. 26 at Pagosa Springs Elementary School for kids in kindergarten through fourth grade. This club meets in the cafeteria each Tuesday that school is in session from 3:15 to 5 p.m.

A Good News Clubs is an exciting fun-filled weekly club in which the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. We also teach respect for authority, character qualities and moral values.

The volunteers for all clubs are screened before we invite them to join the team. The clubs are free to all kids who want to come for a fun and exciting time.

There is no charge for the program and all kids from any school or home-schooled are welcome to come. To register your child for Kids Kare, go to coloradocef.org/southwest and click on "Register for a Club." For more information about the Kids Kare program, email Frank and Connie Porter at ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Rosa Cemetery cleanup planned

By Peggy Duggan

St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church Carmelitas

The Carmelitas of St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church will hold a community fall cleanup of the historic Rosa Cemetery starting at 9 a.m. on Oct. 21 in Arboles.

This cemetery was created when Navajo Lake Reservoir flooded Rosa and caused its graves to be moved to this new site.

The cemetery is located at the south end of County Road 975, immediately to the left after the state border cattle guard.

Attendees are asked to wear gloves and hats, and bring what they can, including rakes, shovels, Weedwackers and rider mowers. Lunch will be provided by the Arboles Carmelitas.

The event is open to all.

For more information, please call (970) 883-2556.

Silent auction to benefit St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church

By Peggy Duggan

St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church Carmelitas

The Carmelitas of St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church will hold a silent auction in conjunction with the Saint Francis of Assisi annual Mass and fiesta on Oct. 8 at Colo. 151 and Old Gallegos Road.

The silent auction will run from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and all proceeds will go toward paying the annual insurance for St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church in Arboles.

The Mass is at 1 p.m., followed by a potluck.

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September is library card sign-up month, new Reminisce Club for seniors announced

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

September is library card sign-up month. Although it's likely that most readers of this "Library News" column already have a card, staff at your library are happy to get you one if you don't — and help you to get one for your child.

With a library card, you can check out physical items, download other items and access online resources. These resources include tools to help you learn a new language, repair your lawnmower or car, stream a film, take a class online, find an author or book by new authors similar to those you already like, and much more.

Here's a little-known fact: There is no minimum or maximum age limit for library cards. Everyone from babies to seniors is welcome. So, parents and guardians are encouraged to come in to sign your child up for a card no matter how old they are.

Meg Wempe, director, reminds us that your library card provides access to technology, multimedia content and fun educational programming that transforms lives and strengthens communities.

"A library card provides opportunity for discovery and access to a rich and diverse world. It empowers you and your family to enjoy new stories and experiences," she said.

New Reminisce Group for seniors

Those aged 60 years and older are invited to a new Reminisce Group for seniors on Monday, Sept. 25, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. We'll explore photos, magazines, special items, dates and events to revisit "the old days."

Research tell us that reminiscing helps reduce symptoms of depression and boosts self-esteem. This is a new monthly ongoing program.

Save the date for Elephant and Piggy

All ages are invited to a fun free Elephant and Piggy party on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We'll have crafts, games, face painting, selfie stations, a scavenger hunt, two storytimes, dancing and a puppet show. More details will be in next week's "Library News," or go online to pagosalibrary.org for the party schedule.

New Shakespeare Read Aloud Club

Next Monday, Sept. 25, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., we'll host 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"

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will be the first play enjoyed by the club. All ages are invited to gather to read it aloud together, with different roles chosen and discussed at each session. Participants can play one character or mix it up and be many. The club will use the "No Fear Shakespeare" version with the original text on one page and the modern English translation on the other. You can bring your own copy or borrow one of the library's copies.

For more information, contact Jenny at (240) 426-7887.

Virtual author talks

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

Next 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/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Little Explorers tomorrow

Kids ages 1-5 are invited to explore the outdoors in this new free nature- and science-themed program tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 22, from 10 to 11 a.m. We'll discuss the changing of the seasons, make leaf crafts and use magnifying glasses.

Board games tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 22, is our free Board Game Central from 2 to 4 p.m. If you love board games, we invite you to bring your favorite game or explore the library's collection.

LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to bring your imaginations on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the free LEGO Club. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

Adult knitting Saturday

Join new and experienced knitters this Saturday, Sept. 23, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 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.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provides assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources.

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PALS/GED adult education

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New nonfiction large print purchase plan

Your library's many fans of large-print nonfiction books will be pleased to know that 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

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Downloadable books

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Books on CD

"Prophet" by Sin Blache and Helen MacDonald is a sci-fi romance set in a universe one step from our own. "Shadow Dance" by Christine Feehan is a Shadow Riders murder mystery. "Tides of Fire" by James Rollins is a Sigma Force adventure.

Large print

"The Best Strangers in the World: Stories from a Life Spent Listening" by NPR "All Things Considered" public radio host Ari Shapiro features people he has met as he traveled around the world. "The Bootheel" by Kevin Wolf is a western. "The Fires of Hell" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is book five in the Jackals western series.

Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

"Cobalt Blue" by Matthew Reilly features a young woman who may be America's only hope in the face of a massive attack. "Obsessed" by James Patterson and James O. Born is a Michael Bennett psychological thriller. "The Hike" by Lucy Clarke follows four women in a wilderness hike in Norway. "Silver Lady" by Mary Jo Putney is a romance set amid a plot involving French agents and Cornish smugglers. "The Longmire Defense" by Craig Johnson features Sheriff Walt Longmire working a cold case. "Die Around Sundown" by Mark Pryor is a mystery set in Paris during World War II.

Other novels

"Coleman Hill" by Kim Coleman Foote follows two young women fleeing racism and poverty in the post-Civil War south. "The Spectacular" by Fiona Davis is set amid the glamour and glitz of Radio City Music Hall. "Talulah's Back in Town" by Brenda Novak tells of a runaway bride who returns home to settle her great-aunt's estate.

DVDs

"Yellowjackets" is season one. "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" is the latest Spider-Man movie. "Yogi Berra: It Ain't Over" is a documentary about the life of this sports legend.

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Quotable quote

"None of us is ever 100 percent ready for everything we do. Hopefully people with disabilities will see me and feel they can pick up and move on rather than feeling sorry for themselves." — Hari Budha Magar, Nepalese mountaineer who climbed out of depression and to the top of Mount Everest in 2023 on prosthetics after losing both legs above the knee in an IED explosion in 2010 in Afghanistan while serving in the British Army.

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Pagosans show their true colors, make Color Run a success

By Pattie Copenhaver
Aspen House/Aspen Services

On a foggy September morning, the Aspen House volunteers gathered in the early hours to set up the 2023 Color Run at Yamaguchi Park. The anticipation grew as participants started to arrive and everyone wondered if the mist would lift enough to see the beautiful balloons rise into the sky as runners hit the course. It did.

Just as Pattie Copenhaver, the new executive director of Aspen House/Aspen Services, sounded the starting horn for the race, the sky began to clear and the runners and walkers, strollers and even scooters hit the course with high hopes for the colors that would fill the air and cover their shirts during the race.

The Color Run is an untimed fun run for individuals of all ages and levels in which runners are showered with colored powder at stations along the run. Color runs are held in cities across the country by nonprofit organizations.

In 2020, Aspen House adopted

the fundraiser from Rise Above Violence, which generously allowed them to continue the tradition in Pagosa Springs.

The fundraising event is perfect for Aspen House as it allows all of its adults with developmental disabilities and their families to participate in the event, have a great time and even volunteer at the various stations around the course. It's also a great way for Aspen House to provide the community with a fun event and spread the word about its mission and goals of building a house right here in Pagosa Springs that will become a home for the adults with developmental disabilities to thrive, find the support and services that they need, and fully engage within our community.

The 2023 Aspen House Color Run brought the organization \$4,500 closer to its goal and it could not be more appreciative of the community members that came out to support it and have so much fun with during ColorFest weekend.

Sept. 24 New Thought topic to be uncovering inner peace

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on Sept. 24 at 10:30 a.m. will be "Uncovering Our Inner Peace by ending Wat Within" with Dr. Elaine Harding.

"Nothing can bring you peace but yourself." — Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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.

Oct. 8 and 15: Sunday service at 11 a.m. with Drs. Larry and Evelyn Malone, who will be hosting

the services at their home. They will present a two-part series on compassion.

Nov. 4: Vets4Vets fundraiser at the Pagosa Lodge. Tickets are now on sale.

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

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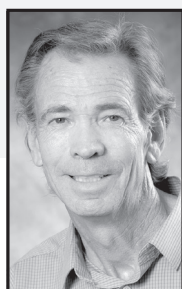


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By **Rose Chavez**
PREVIEW Columnist

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We also have online sessions on creative art-making, mindfulness, technology, music and more. All are free, but please register in advance.

Popular options include:

- “Song Sharing Circle.” In this group, we’ll listen to our favorite songs, discuss, reminisce, and recommend old and new favorites. You can come prepared with a few songs to share for each week’s topic, or you can listen along with us. There are no wrong answers; all songs are welcome. Just tell us the title of a song, and we’ll do the rest. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/song-sharing-circle-thursdays-200-pm-ct-ticket-s-653214160137?aff=oddtcreator>.

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New Monday music

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music since 1978 and working with older adults since 1983. Join the lunchtime fun upcoming Mondays.

Senior conversations

Join us Mondays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of “Senior Conversations” with local Bill Salmansohn.

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

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

Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club

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

It meets each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together.

Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com.

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 al-

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 an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

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

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Sept. 21 — Singapore pork coffee ribs with rice, squash casserole, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Sept. 22 — Vegetable pizza, sauteed spinach, garden salad, fruit, chocolate éclair and milk.

Monday, Sept. 25 — Pork tenderloin with harvest chutney sauce, garden salad, chocolate cake and milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 — Honey garlic shrimp, veggie fried rice, sauteed snow peas, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 — Chicken potato-leek soup, focaccia bread, roasted beet salad with walnuts and goat cheese, cookies and milk.

Thursday, Sept. 28 — Greek polenta pie with spanakopita greens, roasted squash, garden salad, fruit, mini cheesecake and milk.

Friday, Sept. 29 — Pork kielbasa with peppers, roasted herb potatoes, garden salad, fruit, vanilla orange cake and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain

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Mobile food pantry service discontinued

The Mobile Food Pantry Service has been discontinued due to funding shortages. Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with its paratransit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-N-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with

a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Medicare call by appointment

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

Bridge

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

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

Hand and foot card game

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

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

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Bright Angel Trail in Grand Canyon National Park.

There's such a thing as trail etiquette

By Marjorie "Slim" Woodruff
PREVIEW Columnist

The uppermost switchback on the Bright Angel Trail in Grand Canyon National Park is 8 feet wide. Yet the last time I hiked out, I was stymied by a group of young hikers walking down shoulder to shoulder, tapping on their phones.

Even when I said, "Ahem, excuse me," I was unceremoniously nudged out of the way — not on the cliff side, but still.

It shouldn't need mentioning, but while walking on a rocky trail where one may fall to one's death, it is best not to be watching one's phone. And in case you were wondering, uphill has the right of way.

I am often told that people coming downhill should have the right of way because they might lose control and can't easily stop. Well, on a shared trail, one should not be losing control, and certainly not on a trail where a fall could lead to dying, as above.

Uphill has the right of way because it is harder to stop and restart while climbing. Yes, some hikers want to stop and rest and that is their prerogative, but if I have my uphill mojo going, I don't want to stop.

Downhill hikers also have a much wider field of vision. Climbing up, I usually see only my feet, particularly if I'm wearing a sunhat. Since most injuries occur on the way down a trail, it might behoove one to slow down and pay attention in any case.

Nor does this apply only to hikers. On a four-wheel drive road, the driver coming down must pull over for the driver coming up.

In mountain biking, uphill has the right of way as well, partly because if the uphill rider has to stop, they will likely be walking up the rest of the hill.

Opinion: Writers on the Range

Standing at the top of a steep hill and yelling "Clear!" before bombing down is not sufficient. Perhaps that is why more and more trails around Arizona have signs posted around warning riders that if they cannot comply with the rules, the routes

will be closed to bikes.

Mountain bikes are supposed to yield to hikers, but since I know how hard it is to stop and start on a bike, I usually step out of the way anyway.

Yet all trail users must yield to horses. I have met horses that freak out upon seeing a piece of blowing paper, so I cannot imagine how they would react to a fast-moving bike.

Regarding those annoying downhill hikers and runners who

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Freezing fruits and vegetables made easy

By Ariel Eddings and Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnists

Extension Viewpoints

To preserve fruits and vegetables with maximum nutritional value year-round, try freezing them. It's easy.

And if you're anything like me, you love all the fresh fruits and vegetables that are available during the summer. You might have your own home garden or purchase your produce from a local farmers market like I do. Wherever you get your produce, it's always unfortunate when the weather changes and they are no longer available.

However, a great way to have high-quality fruits and vegetables with maximum nutritional value is by freezing them.

Freezing fruits

Freezing fresh fruits is an easy way to have ready-to-use fruits all year. This is the least time-consuming way to preserve fruits.

Tips for freezing fruits:

- Prepare fruits so they are ready to eat (peel, slice and pit fruit when needed).
- Freeze cherries and berries quickly after harvest.
- Fruits like apples, pears, apricots or peaches need to be fully ripened before freezing. Add ascorbic acid to preserve the color, flavor and nutrients of the fruit. Ascorbic acid can be purchased from stores where canning supplies are sold.
- Choose the correct method for packing. Fruits can be frozen dry, in syrup or with sugar. Freeze berries

and cherries on a baking sheet first, then packaged in a freezer bag so they don't clump together.

- Label packages with the name of the product and freezing date.

Freezing vegetables

Unlike fruits, most vegetables must be blanched prior to freezing them. Blanching means to expose the vegetables to boiling water or steam for a short period of time. This process stops enzymes that can cause discoloration, flavor loss and changes in texture. For the best results, blanch in small batches, then place vegetables in ice water to prevent them from cooking.

Tips for freezing vegetables:

- Harvest when it is cool.
- Rinse thoroughly in cold water.
- Blanch vegetables to deactivate enzymes (except tomatoes, peppers and onions).
- Store in the correct container like a meal-sized freezer bag or container.
- Make sure to pack tightly and cut down on the amount of air in the package.
- Label packages with the name of the product and freezing date.

Using frozen fruits and vegetables

Now that our freezer is stocked full of delicious frozen fruits and vegetables, it is time to find ways to use them in our cooking and baking.

- Use frozen fruits within eight to 12 months. Use them in desserts like cobblers, crisps and pies, quick breads, oatmeal, salads and smoothies. Some recipes will require a thickener to balance the extra juice from the frozen fruit. If you are making a recipe with a short baking or cooking time, thaw frozen fruit first.

- Use vegetables within eight to 12 months. Use them in stir-fries, casseroles, side dishes and soups.

Freezing fruits and vegetables is one of the easiest ways to preserve produce while maintaining the nutrients. Keep the fresh flavors of summer.

Seed Saving class postponed

The Seed Saving class set for Sept. 23 has been postponed.

See the Extension Facebook page for additional information or call (970) 264-5931.

CPR and first aid classes

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



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Writers

■ continued from previous page say they "need" the right of way, I have not done the study, but I would bet they never yield no matter which direction they are heading. They have important things to do and places to go, and maybe a phone to check.

As absorbing as it is to walk hand-in-hand with your sweetie, or arms linked with your BFE, you probably would not force people off the sidewalk into traffic just to keep your bestie right there. So why, on a trail, would you force other hikers to give way?

Faster hikers overtaking another party should politely make their presence known. A curt "on your left" as you elbow them out of the way does not suffice. Neither does stepping on their heels until they finally acknowledge you.

Speaking for myself, I often fall into a reverie while hiking, and I do not always notice someone dogging my footsteps. So, please, say something.

I've been startled more than once by a runner brushing against me as they sped past, sometimes on a trail narrow enough that had

I stepped (or tripped) to the side, I would have knocked the runner off the cliff.

People are allowed to periodically pause on their treks. I was berated recently because I was standing with my pack facing the trail. I was informed hotly by an approaching runner that he had to slow down to pass me, and next time would I please move out of the way? I did not realize I was upsetting his best time ever.

More and more, it seems, we must share our wilderness with all sorts of users.

Yes, we all get hot and sweaty and cold and tired and exhausted and hungry and thirsty, but we can still be polite. To paraphrase the immortal Robert A. Heinlein, politeness is what characterizes a civilization.

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It's a matter of faith

By Lynn Moffett
PREVIEW Columnist

One of the many ways to come up with a subject to write on is to consider this phrase, "I was ... but now I am." This isn't that kind of story.

A common tale in our society goes something like this: I was a wonderful child, but I had a tragic upbringing and now I'm a murderer. Such a story is not my experience.

Now that I've told you what I'm not going to say, I can simply celebrate one of the blessings of my life — my daddy. I called him that 'til the day he died.

Some are blessed and some are not. I was. "My dad showed me God" is a poem I wrote before I learned anything specific about writing. I've been told by real poets that it's terrible. As I recall, one reviewer handed it back to me and said, "Uh huh." A couple of these experts said, "It sounds like a greeting card."

I took that hard. But guess what? When I gave it to Daddy one Father's Day, he cried. I wasn't a 4-year-old. I was a married woman in my early 20s. He didn't cry because I was a little girl and this was my first try at writing poetry. He cried because what I wrote confirmed his success in his desire to raise godly children.

The Pagosa SUN, as a rule, doesn't publish poetry, which means I can't simply add that ode to this article. Nevertheless, I'm determined to celebrate this man — not for a Father's Day column, but because it is a matter of faith. My faith.

When I was a little girl, I had a ghastly nightmare. We were driving along a road bordered by bluegrass and my brother's head lay in that grass. I scrambled out of my room to find Daddy sitting in his easy chair as if waiting for me. He pulled me up on his lap. "Lynn-dee-Lou-Lou, if you tell me your dream, it won't scare you anymore."

Can you hear the lesson? Unlock your worst at the throne of a loving Father and he'll forgive you and that awful thing is no longer a chain hanging around your neck, weighing you down.

Yes, sometimes Daddy didn't "seem" loving at all. One day, probably while I was in fourth grade, I wanted to learn to play an instrument at school. The flyer stated the fee amount for renting one. I blithely went to school with the money in hand and chose the marimba — a huge wooden xylophone. I didn't realize there wouldn't be a fee for something too big to cart home. And there I was, all that money in hand. Yes, I kept it, went to the store and bought candy and coke I shared

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with friends. The thing is, when I was found out and Daddy spanked me, he cried as much as I did.

Can you hear the lesson? Our God is just. He will do what's necessary to teach us how to walk uprightly even though it hurts his heart to do so. The lesson is, in this case, don't be a thief and don't be a liar.

As a grown, married woman with teenage children, when I wrote my first novel, my daddy read it before anybody else. It wasn't a chore. He was honored by the opportunity. He praised it and encouraged me in every way he could. Here's a secret: It was poorly written. He loved it anyway. To the extent that when my husband wouldn't or couldn't find the funds for me to pursue this new career, Daddy did. He wanted me to succeed. He bought me my first computer — floppy disk, DOS and all. Windows was still in the dream state.

What is the lesson, you might ask. He provided something I sorely needed to go forth in the direction he saw for me. One of the names of God is Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides.

I'll share one last incident. These things happened from day one until Alzheimer's did its best to destroy my brilliant father. (One of his inventions is in the Smithsonian.)

As a family, we didn't believe in divorce. It was never a topic of discussion, but we all understood, to the point that I feared God wouldn't love me anymore when I divorced.

My daddy stood right beside me. No condemnation, no judgment. He simply held my hand. I doubt I need to point out the lesson. If you're still wondering, pick up your Bible and read Romans 8:28. It starts, "And we know ..."

Can you see how this is a mat-

ter of faith? I was blessed. My dad showed me God.

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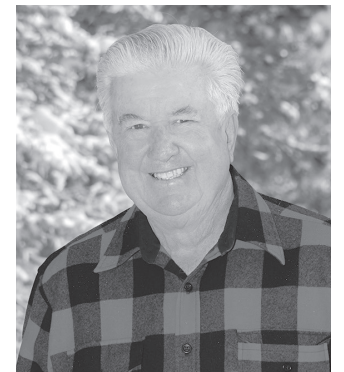


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Thursday, Sept. 21

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

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Friday, Sept. 22

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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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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Beer ingredient
- 5 Bushy boundary
- 10 Oscar Madison, famously
- 14 Winglike
- 15 Put forth effort
- 16 Corn cake
- 17 Intro to physics?
- 18 Make an _____ (stop by)
- 20 Heavy guns
- 22 Finishes the lawn
- 23 Shorthand taker
- 24 Used car transaction
- 26 Some are blind
- 28 _____ tunnel syndrome
- 32 Wise person
- 35 Cut in half
- 37 Aviation hero
- 38 Critters in shells
- 40 Looking closely
- 42 Notable period
- 43 Pupil protector
- 45 Till stack
- 46 Get by
- 48 Model of perfection
- 50 Title for Flaubert's Bovary
- 52 Finish second
- 56 Round trip?
- 59 Axon's spot
- 61 Bouvier, to Jackie Kennedy
- 63 "Raid" anagram
- 64 Book before Romans
- 65 Tax man's task
- 66 "Come here often?," e.g.
- 67 Twiggy digs
- 68 Post-sneeze word
- 69 Give the eye

DOWN

- 1 Half a '60s quartet
- 2 On one's toes
- 3 Caffè _____
- 4 Lionel product
- 5 Make good as new
- 6 Mastery
- 7 Make sad
- 8 ABC series, "_____ Anatomy"
- 9 In-flight info, for short
- 10 "The Blacklist" star
- 11 Yearn
- 12 _____ bitten, twice shy
- 13 Honey bunch?
- 19 Tell
- 21 Cut off, as branches
- 25 Give in
- 27 Minded
- 29 Liniment target
- 30 Teen's torment
- 31 Table foursome
- 32 Pipe part
- 33 Special glow
- 34 _____ Torino (old Ford model)
- 36 Outer layer

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- 41 Class starter, often
- 44 Tart quencher
- 47 Surrounded by
- 49 Jungle swinger
- 51 Declare void
- 53 Eagle's nest
- 54 "Sweet Dreams" singer
- 55 One sought for advice
- 56 Neighbor of Saudi Arabia
- 57 Speedway event
- 58 Morsels
- 60 November honorees
- 62 Apprehend

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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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.

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.

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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.

Flute Music at Twilight Under the 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.

Monday, Sept. 25

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

Reminisce Group. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Explore photographs, magazines, special items, dates and events to reminisce and visit

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Shakespeare Read Aloud Club.

3:30-5 p.m., Sisson Library. “Come join us in reading aloud “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”! Have fun and learn something new. Costumes are optional. Call Jenny at (240) 426-7887 for more information.

Biblical Citizenship in Modern America.

Grace in Pagosa, 1044 Park Ave. 6-8 p.m. Throughout our history, American churches have played a vital role in the preservation of liberty. In this time of crisis, where we see our freedoms under attack like never before, we are calling on every Biblical Christian in America to step up and join us in defending liberty. Join us for an eight-week study on what the Bible says about being a biblical citizen. The course runs until Oct. 30. For more info and to register for free, go to GracelnPagosa.org/register.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

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

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Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, 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.

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.

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

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WHIPS, Women Helping in Pagosa Springs.

11:30 a.m., Elk Trace B&B off of Stevens Lake Road. WHIPS will have its monthly luncheon for \$15. Because of construction on Piedra Road, get to it from Monument Avenue, then take a onto Piedra and left onto Stevens Lake Road. Follow the green signs. This luncheon will have chocolate dipping as our fundraiser for our 2024 scholarship fund. One plate is \$15 and two plates is \$25. Donations will be accepted. We must have luncheon reservations by Sunday, Sept. 24. Call (970) 946-1895 for reservations.

Pagosa Duplicate Bridge.

12:30 p.m. PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of the playing pair to pagosaduplicate@gmail.com or text (970) 946-6454 for more information.

Bridge.

1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mahjong.

1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Good News Club.

3:15-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. For kids in kindergarten through fourth grade. This club meets in the cafeteria each Tuesday that school is in session and is weekly club in which the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. All kids from any school or home-schooled are welcome to come. To register your child, go to coloradocef.org/southwest and click on “Register for a Club.” For more information, email Frank and Connie Porter at ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Dungeons and Dragons.

4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

English as a Second Language.

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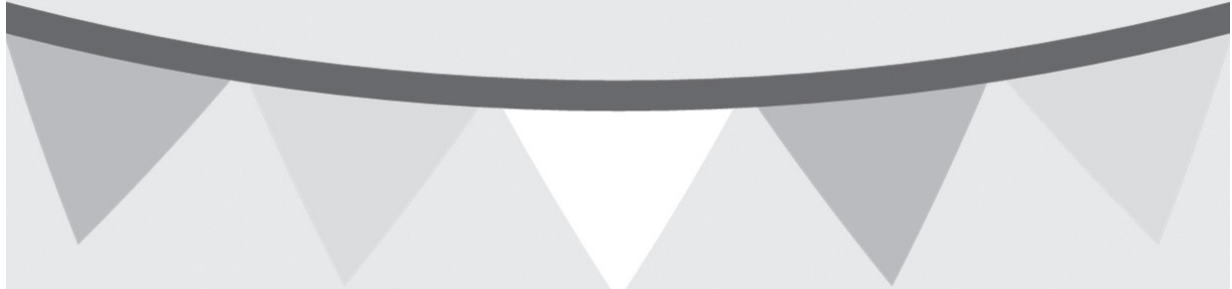
Sketching at the Pinnacles.

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)

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Wednesday, Sept. 27

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.

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Author Talk: Amor Towles. 6 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. Featuring Amor Towles, author of three novels: "The Rules of Civility," "A Gentleman in Moscow" and "The Lincoln Highway." For details, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 5-7:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This two-hour talk will

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Thursday, Sept. 28

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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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

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Friday Flix. 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy a PG-rated movie and free popcorn.

Full Moon Program with Option of Early Tour. 4:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. The Full Moon Program takes place against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa. About an hour before moonrise, you will be treated to a lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site (Ancestral Puebloan culture, archaeoastronomy theories, area geology, etc.) Then, as the full moon begins to rise, Charles Martinez will begin to play flute. The program lasts approximately three hours including check-in, driving to the mesa top and hiking to the Great House Pueblo. This program is available by reservation. Tickets are \$20. Guests are also offered the option to take a guided tour of the Mesa Village Trail before the Full Moon Program. This Early Tour Full Moon Package is \$25. Check-in is between 4:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. All tickets require a booking fee. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

Saturday, Sept. 30

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Elephant and Piggy Party. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Celebrate our favorite friends, Elephant and Piggie from the Mo Willems' book series. Stop by to enjoy themed crafts, collaborative games, face painting, selfie stations and more. This all-ages event will also feature a scavenger hunt, two storytimes, a puppet show and dance party. Elephant and Piggie may even make a guest appearance. A full schedule of events is online at pagosalibrary.org.

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.

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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 Relation-

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Sunday, Oct. 1

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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Five myths about Alzheimer's disease

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer's Association

Despite being the seventh-leading cause of death in the United States and the single largest risk to the health of our Medicare system, Alzheimer's disease is not widely understood. Even some of the people most clearly at risk will go to great lengths to maintain a distance from the illness.

"Callers to our helpline sometimes won't even give us their name," said Jeff Bird, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado, which operates the association's free multilingual helpline that is accessible 24/7, 365 days a year to provide information and counsel to individuals who have questions or concerns about their own or a loved one's mental health.

"For some, acknowledging their concerns about memory loss may be an admission of their worst fears — that they have Alzheimer's disease," said Bird. "For that reason, many people don't want to address the subject. But it's important for people to realize that there can be other causes of memory loss, making it crucial to get a doctor's diagnosis."

Yes, Alzheimer's deserves its fearsome reputation. It kills more people annually than breast and prostate cancers combined. More than 6.7 million people in the United States, including 76,000 Coloradans, are living with the disease, which currently has no prevention or cure. And caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias is currently taking one of every five Medicare dollars — a total expected to rise to \$1 of \$3 by 2050 if a cure is not found.

The Alzheimer's Association is the largest nongovernmental source of funding for research to find a cure for the disease. That research is ongoing.

Until a cure is found, people should be aware of some common myths regarding Alzheimer's.

Myth 1: Memory loss is a normal part of aging

Reality: While it's normal to have occasional memory challenges as we age, such as forgetting names of someone you just met, when that memory loss disrupts one's daily life, that is a cause for concern. The frequent memory loss that is part of Alzheimer's results in needing to rely on memory aids or family members for things that one previously handled on their own.

Myth 2: Alzheimer's is not a fatal disease

Reality: Alzheimer's disease is

America's seventh-leading cause of death — ahead of breast and prostate cancers combined. It slowly destroys brain cells, ultimately leading to the loss of body functions and death.

Myth 3: Alzheimer's only affects the elderly

Reality: 6.7 million Americans over age 65 are living with Alzheimer's. More than 200,000 additional people in the U.S. under age 65 are living with the disease.

Myth 4: The risk from Alzheimer's is the same for everyone

Reality: While the main risk factor for Alzheimer's is aging, some population groups are at greater risk than others. Black Americans are twice as likely as whites to be diagnosed, and Hispanic-Latinos are 50 percent more likely. And, as a group, two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's disease are women.

Myth 5: I can ignore the symptoms of Alzheimer's and get by

Reality: Some people are able to temporarily work around the memory loss and other symptoms of Alzheimer's, compensating in other ways, but delaying diagnosis is detrimental because it also delays access to medications, supportive services, planning and other resources that help both the person with Alzheimer's as well as caregivers and loved ones. Delaying the diagnosis does not delay the progression of the disease.

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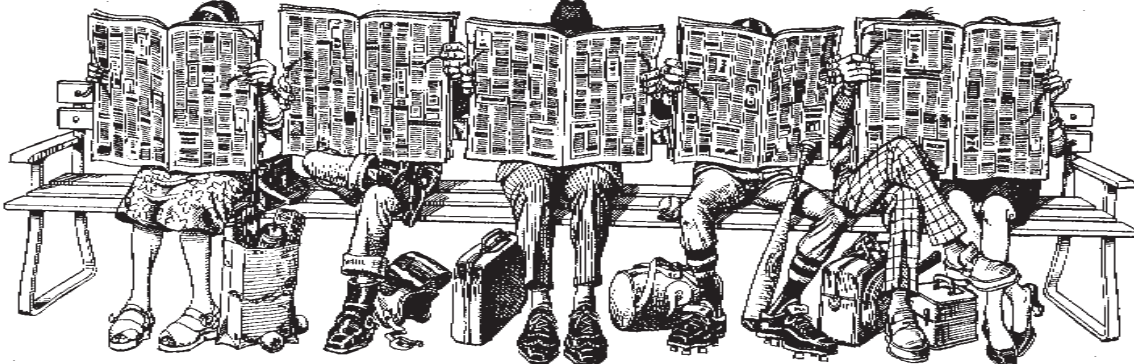
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Peaches are typically viewed as a sweet treat, particularly in summertime. But peaches also provide a host of health benefits, which can make anyone who enjoys a peach-based sweet treat feel a little better about their indulgence.

Peaches and heart health

Peaches are rich in vitamins and minerals, including potassium. The potassium content in peaches, though moderate, is still significant, as the American Heart Association notes that potassium plays an important role in the management of high blood pressure.

In addition, a 2014 animal study published in the Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry found that consumption of peach and plum juice provided protection against cardiovascular disease.

Peaches and body weight

One of the keys to long-term health is the ability to maintain a healthy weight from childhood through adulthood. The Cleveland Clinic estimates that a single large peach contains just 68 calories. Peaches also do not contain any saturated fats, making them a good low-calorie snacking option that can help people maintain a healthy weight.

Peaches and cancer risk

A report from the American Institute for Cancer Research linked fruits with a lower risk for cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, lung and stomach. Peaches are rich in free radical-fighting vitamin C. That could explain their link to reducing cancer risk, as free radicals are unstable atoms that often contribute to cell damage that is a hallmark of cancer.

Peaches and vision

Peaches also can have a positive impact on vision. According to the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers University, a medium-sized peach provides roughly 6 percent of the daily recommended value of vitamin A. That's helpful for vision, as the American Optometric Association (AOA) notes that vitamin A supports functioning of the conjunctival membranes and cornea.

In addition, the AOA reports that vitamin A deficiency is the leading cause of preventable blindness in children.

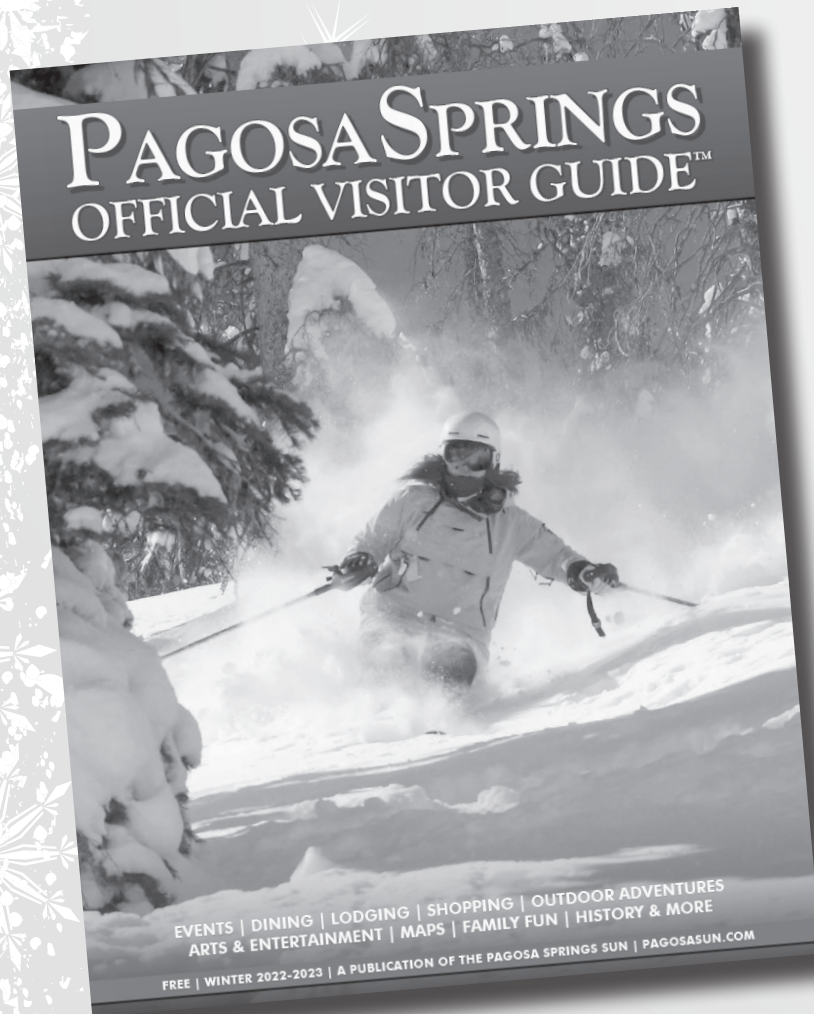
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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the lark sparrow.

This bird's rich, melodious song of trills, buzzes and clear notes; habit of singing in flight; and relatively high flight over the ground are reminiscent of Old World skylarks and responsible for the "lark" in this sparrow's common name.

The bold face pattern and white edged tail aid in identification of this large sparrow. The complex color pattern of dark, light and chestnut head stripes and chestnut ear patches along with its dark mustache stripes make it look like it is wearing a helmet. Its white breast contains a dark center spot.

This sparrow is a bird of open habitats with scattered shrubs or trees. They do well in sites that have been disturbed by overgrazing or fire and in woodland areas that have a sparse canopy. In southwestern Colorado, they are often associated with sagebrush and Gambel oak.

The lark sparrow is primarily a ground-foraging omnivore, feeding on insects, grass and weed seeds, and waste grains. In unusual behavior for a sparrow, the male performs elaborate courtship displays to females that include dancing for up to five minutes and strutting with wings spread like a turkey. If the female is receptive to his advances, she accepts a small twig from him.

Males have been described as pugnacious in breeding season, engaging in frequent combats with each other on the ground or in the air. When incubation is almost over, they become more gregarious, and in winter feed in mixed flocks that include white-crowned and vesper sparrows. They will soon move to southern states and Mexico for the winter.

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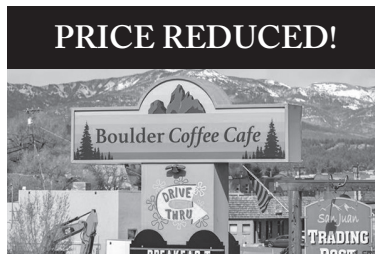
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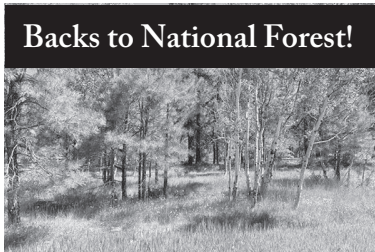


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