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## Town's sanitation district looks at options for future

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

At both a Sept. 21 meeting and Sept. 28 work session, the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) Board of Directors (which also serves as the Pagosa Springs Town Council) received an assessment of the town's wastewater conveyance system and the future outlook for the district.

This report comes after the district had to replace pumps at the district's lift stations between 2022 and 2023.

Currently, the PSSGID operates and maintains five lift stations that move wastewater from one elevation to another. These pumps convey sewage, when gravity flow is not possible, to the Vista wastewater

■ See Sanitation A8



When Tuesday morning's fog cleared, Pagosa Country residents and visitors were treated to one of the season's first views of snow on the mountains.

Photo courtesy Ashley McGowan

## County to close landfill Oct. 9-21

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

According to a press release from Archuleta County, the county landfill will be closed to the public from Oct. 9 to Oct. 21 for removal of accumulated materials and the repair of the liner on one of the landfill cells.

The press release notes that the landfill will continue accepting trucks from commercial trash haulers during the closure and that the landfill will "fully reopen" on Oct. 23.

The press release elaborates on the reasons behind the closure and the need for the liner repair, stating, "The current liner, located in Cell 4A, was previously damaged as long as five years ago. The cell has yet to be used. Proper landfill liner, which is a low permeable barrier placed underneath the landfill to stop the migration of leachate, can-

■ See Landfill A8

## Town council chooses new town manager

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council picked a new town manager at its Oct. 3 special meeting.

At the meeting, two finalists appeared before the council for interviews, with the council choosing David Harris for the position.

Harris will replace outgoing Interim Town Manager Greg Schul-



Harris

te, who took over in the role temporarily after the departure of the previous town manager, Andrea Phillips.

The two final candidates — Harris and Dawn Collins — went through an interview process in a public format where the council interviewed each candidate separately for about 20 minutes, asking the same set of questions to each candidate, which was in accordance with a predetermined format for the procedure.

After the interviews were completed, the council signaled that there wasn't too much separation between the two candidates, with several of the council members

■ See Manager A9

## Commissioners hear Senior Center budget request

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a budget request from Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) — the organization that operates the Pagosa Senior Center — and discussed options for moving the center back toward county control at its Oct. 3 work session.

ASI Executive Director Rose Chavez presented the request to

the BoCC, beginning by explaining that ASI is a nonprofit organization that provides senior services through the center, a contrast with most other senior centers in Colorado, which are county funded and operated.

She noted that ASI was previously funded and operated by the county as well.

Chavez noted that ASI provides a "safety net" for seniors by offering meals, supplemental nutrition,

■ See Senior A15

### CMAS results: Percent of students who met or exceeded expectations

	Archuleta	Alamosa	Bayfield	Durango	Ignacio	Montezuma-Cortez	State average
Math Grade 3	27.4	26.0	29.3	44.9	7.0	22.8	40.4
Math Grade 4	29.5	24.5	23.3	28.9	*	21.1	32.7
Math Grade 5	8.3	20.8	35.2	38.3	12.2	19.5	36.5
Math Grade 6	16.5	12.4	21.2	31.2	*	10.6	28.2
Math Grade 7	14.0	14.7	9.1	23.1	*	12.4	26.3
Math Grade 8	23.9	12.8	23.3	30.5	11.5	22.4	32.7
English Language Arts Grade 3	34.1	24.7	25.0	43.6	12.3	17.6	39.9
English Language Arts Grade 4	36.1	38.8	26.7	46.6	32.6	29.2	43.8
English Language Arts Grade 5	23.6	39.6	50.0	50.6	24.4	33.2	47.8
English Language Arts Grade 6	27.3	30.2	40.0	50.7	17.4	33.3	43.4
English Language Arts Grade 7	29.6	35.6	37.7	49.4	32.7	28.0	45.0
English Language Arts Grade 8	26.9	24.4	30.6	44.0	32.7	23.4	42.4
<b>PSAT/SAT mean score results</b>							
PSAT Grade 9	861	816	835	923	803	810	891
PSAT Grade 10	890	871	920	982	822	870	930
SAT Grade 11	939	930	994	1027	896	876	990

An \* denotes a sample size too small to report.

Numbers listed above include all applicable schools within each district as provided by Colorado Department of Education and Archuleta School District.

## Test results show gradual improvement, continued challenges following pandemic

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Results from state assessments taken last spring show gradual improvements in many grades and subject areas over the previous year and a few even performed better than the pre-pandemic results; however, the scores also reveal continued deficits in many areas and for many student groups, according to information released by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education heard about the district's scores on the Colorado Measures of Academic Success, or CMAS, and SAT/PSAT in September.

Superintendent Rick Holt presented the data as part of an update on the district's strategic initiatives.

Holt began by noting last year was a relatively normal school year compared to previous years and explaining that, in terms of outcomes, the district looks at achievement and growth with other similar students.

Holt indicated the elementary school experienced high growth in English language arts and math across all grade levels, while the middle school saw "small bumps" and a wider range of growth values.

He noted that areas with lower growth values are where the district needs to look "very carefully" at the program it's providing and ask why students aren't growing similarly to other students.

"That said, the middle school had minority and free and reduced lunch [FRL] students meet or exceed the state in growth in math," which he noted is largely

due to the efforts of the math team and the high-quality curriculum at the school.

He added the school had good growth in math in general, particularly at the seventh- and eighth-grade levels.

At the high school level, Holt told the board, there were "small bumps" in the mean score on the PSAT and SAT, but the school made average growth on the evidenced-based reading and writing portion of the test and the math growth was slightly behind that, though it is still considered "typical growth."

FRL students at the high school, he added, met or exceeded the state mean SAT scores in both language arts and math.

"So, that's good," he said.

Holt then indicated where the district needs to improve.

"In all our buildings, though,

we have to face the fact that we still have to increase performance across the board in all subgroups. We still lag behind state performance, whether you're looking at, whatever subgroup you pick..., we're lagging behind," Holt said.

He added the district needs to address gaps — something he called "concerning."

He noted the strategic initiatives for the year will start working on closing achievement gaps and ensuring all students see adequate growth every year.

Board director Dr. Tim Taylor clarified that the numbers don't reflect new curriculum implemented by the district.

According to the CDE, at the state level, significant gaps remain between student groups based on their race/ethnicity (historically higher and lower achieving

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## OUR VIEW

### Volume 116 — No. 1

We have a lot to celebrate this week. This issue, Volume 116 — No. 1, begins another year of The Pagosa Springs SUN.

The first issue of The SUN came out on Dec. 3, 1909, and subscriptions to the new paper, which was published on Fridays, were \$2 per year.

That issue features a message from the editor, W. J. Wright, that outlines the aims of The SUN:

"In the first place, the chief aim of the paper will be to push every interest of Archuleta county for all it is worth. It will be our business to aid in the development of every resource of the county. We appreciate the possibilities, to a large degree, of the resources of so great a county, and shall always be found ready and anxious to cooperate with any honest effort for the development of our vast resources.

"In the second place, it will be our aim to promote the cause of any legitimate enterprise that will increase the wealth, intelligence and moral character of our people, thus lending our energy to bringing about prosperity, happiness, etc.

"As to the political complexion of the paper, we will endeavor to steer clear of anything that will savor of 'limburger' politics. In fact do not care to indulge in the game, but we reserve the right to criticize [sic] or condemn either or any political party for such action or policy as we may deem inconsistent or out of harmony with the best interests of the people, or commend such policy or action which is good and worthy, regard-

less of its parentage."

While our goals have been refined over the last century plus, they remain largely the same. We hope to help you, our readers, be informed about what is happening in our community — the good, the bad and the ugly — allowing you to affect change where you see fit and celebrate the wonderful things, organizations and people of Archuleta County.

While we may not print about the individual visitors to town, the picnics and trips people took and what they ate together like The SUN has in decades past, that spirit remains. We're happy to print announcements of marriages, graduations, accomplishments and awards alongside the other serious matters facing the area.

There have been many owners, publishers, editors, writers, advertising representatives, front office staff, press operators and more over the years of The SUN's existence, and many more will follow us, but, as Wright wrote, "We will print the news while it is news, and hope to be able to publish a paper which will commend itself to you because of its worth."

As we roll into year 116, the staff bringing you The SUN each week are Shari Pierce, Robert Penton, Randi Pierce, Josh Pike, Derek Kutzer, Matt McKinnon, Teresa Watkins and Hailey Sams.

We are also fresh off of learning that SUN staff were awarded 14 awards in the 2022 Better News Media Contest, which was judged by the New York Press Association.

First-place awards went to Shari Pierce for Best Advertising Campaign; Josh Pike and Terri House for Best Data Journalism Reporting; Terri House for Best Serious Column Writing, Best Cover Design and Best Page Design; and Randi Pierce for Best Photo Slideshow, Gallery or Photo Essay. Second-place awards went to Shari Pierce for Best Advertising Campaign and Best Print Ad; the team of Terri House, Shari Pierce, Randi Pierce and Missy Phelan for Best Advertising Special Section and Best Editorial Special Section; Randi Pierce for Best Education Story; Terri House for Best Investigative Story Package and Best Page Design; and the team of Clayton Chaney, Josh Pike, Randi Pierce and Terri House for Best Public Service Project.

The SUN was also the sweepstakes winner for Advertising, as well as Photo and Design.

This week is also one we celebrate for another reason — it's National Newspaper Week.

National Newspaper Week, in its 83rd year, is a recognition of the service of newspapers and their employees throughout the United States and Canada. We believe firmly that newspapers are key to democracy and successful communities.

As Charlotte Tillar Schexnayder (1923-2020), a former member of the Arkansas House of Representatives and publisher and editor of the Dumas Clarion in Dumas, Ark., said, "A free press is the guardian of democracy. In whatever form, it must be preserved."

Randi Pierce

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
October 5, 1923

**Chas. F. Rumbaugh** has received about 500 feet of casing for a new hot water well, which will be drilled by Ike Jones as soon as the latter has completed the Montroy well now in the process of drilling. The Rumbaugh well will feed the Metropolitan hotel plunges, the present flow being deemed insufficient for all purposes.

**Trout to the number of 50,000** were received from the Durango hatchery Tuesday and liberated in the upper Piedra river.

**Hersch Merc. Co.** is having built at Sunetha a substantial building for use as a shearing plant and wool storeroom. J. Jacobson laid the foundation, while the carpenter work is being done by Allen Snyder and Joe Schreiber.

**Beginning at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6th**, the Civic Club will hold a library benefit sale at the court house. Each member of the club, and any other woman who desires to help build up the community, is requested to donate one apron of any kind and one article of food that will sell. Cakes and pies preferred.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
October 8, 1948

**Six salesmen of the National Biscuit Company**, who are winners of the Red Ryder contest will arrive in Denver on Tuesday of next week, where they will be greeted by Governor Knous. After a tour of the Pikes Peak region they will arrive in Pagosa Springs on Wednesday, October 13. These men earned the trip by winning the sales contest of employees of the National Biscuit Company, the sponsors of the Red Ryder Radio Show.

The contest winners will be the guests of the Red Ryder creator, Fred Harman, while here. They will be entertained at a banquet at the Los Banos Hotel upon their arrival in Pagosa. The mayor and other dignitaries will be present at this luncheon to welcome the group to the San Juan basin. Mr. Harman will then take the men to the ranch where they will be his personal guests for more than a week.

During their stay in the basin, Mr. Harman will take them on a tour of the area with stops at such famous places as the Chimney Rock ruins and Mesa Verde Park.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
October 4, 1973

**There was big excitement last Saturday** during the noon hour when a runaway truck roared down Put Hill, smashed through the rock embankment on the parking fill and went over the bank. The truck was loaded with cattle. The driver bailed out just before the truck went over, taking a parked car with it.

**This is the last issue of the SUN** being printed on the faithful old Miehle flatbed cylinder press. It goes out this weekend to make room for a Goss community offset press. The old Miehle has been a faithful servant for many years. It is indeed a fine piece of machinery, but very old. It was made in the days of superior workmanship by skilled craftsmen. Weighing 13 tons, the big press has had a long life but bearings and gears are still like new, it still runs beautifully but it also runs slowly. Because of the installation of the new press, the SUN production department will be tied in knots and bolts for the next few days and delivery on commercial printing will be slow. We hope to remedy this as quickly as possible.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
October 8, 1998

**In honor of the late teacher and community leader Worthe V. Crouse's** dedication to the betterment of young people, the Pagosa Springs school board has named the new vocational education building the "Worthe Crouse" building.

"It is altogether fitting that the new vocation building should be named for Worthe Crouse," said Glenn Sterkel, head of the school's vocational-technical teaching department. "Worthe would be proud of this building and its classrooms."

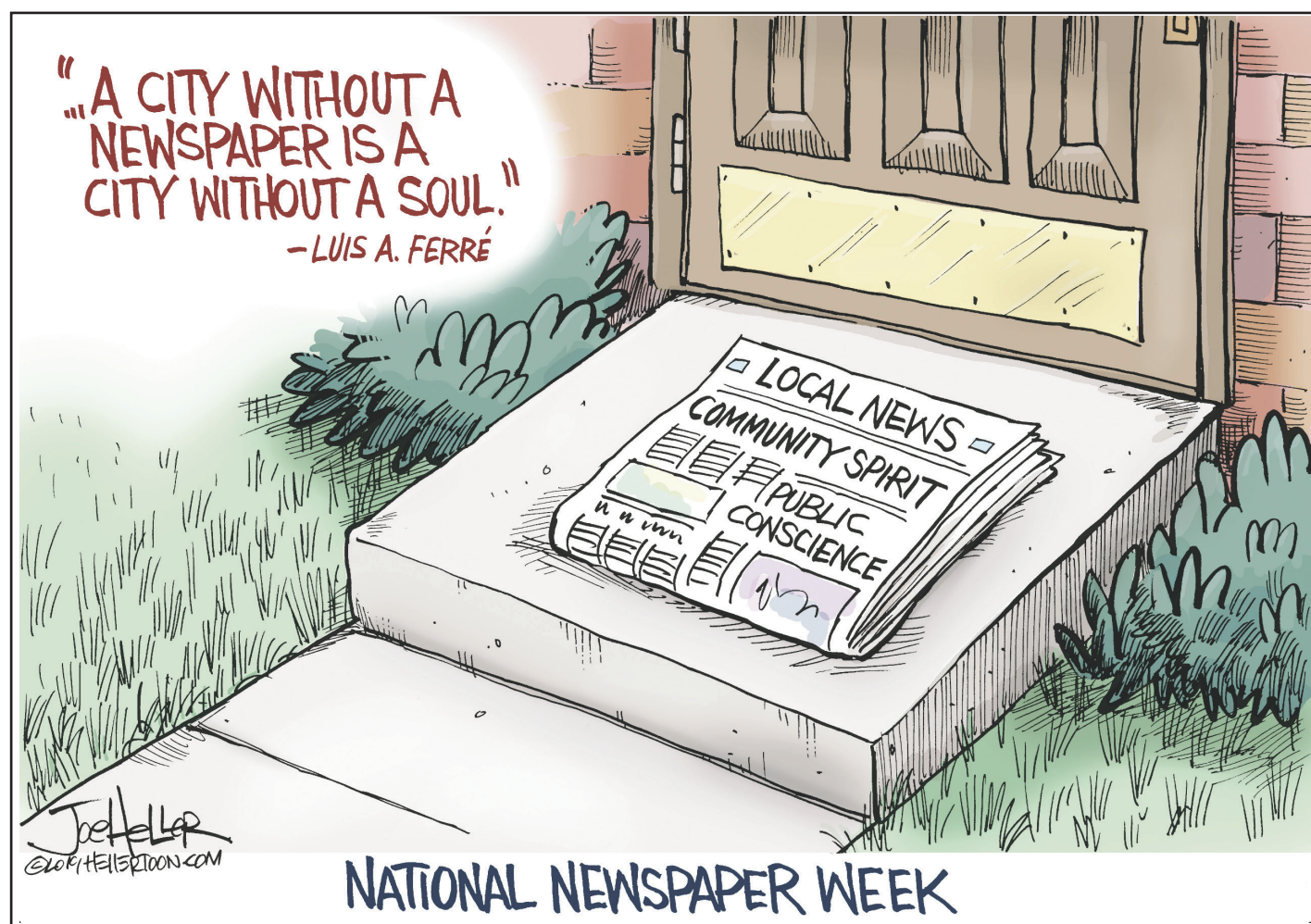
Crouse was teaching welding in a shop building on the elementary school campus back in 1980 when Sterkel was first employed by the Pagosa Springs school district. Crouse, his students and community members had moved the building from the old Job Corps site on Piedra Road in 1972, then remodeled the building to suit their purposes. At first, Worthe taught auto mechanics and welding.

## LOOKING BACK



From the Aug. 1, 1974, Pagosa Springs SUN. **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT — John Nossaman**, conservation technician with the San Juan Soil Conservation District, was presented a certificate of merit last week. The certificate was in recognition of his exceptional work, his cooperative attitude, and his willingness to put in all the time needed to do a job right. Mr. Nossaman has been with the Soil Conservation Service since 1961 and has been with the local district since 1965. He is an Archuleta County native. Making the award, right, is Jim Swartz, local Soil Conservationist for the District.

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9/27	76	38	-	-	-
9/28	74	37	-	-	-
9/29	75	36	-	-	-
9/30	76	39	-	-	-
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10/2	66	41	R	-	.21

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# Letters

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## Threatened serenity

Dear Editor:  
Serenity in Echo Valley Threatened with Extinction

My wife and I have lived in Echo Valley just off Hwy 84 since 1993. We intentionally chose to live here because of the wild beauty and quiet serenity of the natural environment. We enjoy the migration of elk, deer, geese, and mountain bluebirds. This way of life is being seriously threatened by a local resident, who moved into our valley a few years ago with the intent to build a heliport on his property, and run a helicopter-based business disrupting the way of life for us who have chosen to live in a place of quiet wild beauty.

County Regulation 3.1.5.1.8c states that private heliports/helipads cannot be located within 1/2 mile of any residences. "While the original Conditional Use Permit Application has been pulled, the Planning Commission continues to work towards assisting relocating the heliport/helipad to a new location on the resident's property that will still be in violation of county zoning regulations."

The Planning Commission has been notified of this violation multiple times and has failed to terminate this application process. Why this is even a conversation at this point is of serious concern to our Valley residents who are 100% in opposition to the Planning Commission's support of one resident's personal agenda at the expense of the quality of life for the entire surrounding community.

This is a gross violation of our soundscape and quality of life

which we are unanimously committed to protecting at all costs. Our simple request is that he park his helicopter at the airport which is regulated by the FAA to support a helicopter business.

Also of huge concern is the noise that his helicopter would make flying in and out of Echo Valley which has been given its name because of its unique topography that generates an echo effect.

A Private heliport conditional use permit is in direct violation of County Ordinance 22-2019 which states that the maximum permissible noise level in a Commercial County location being 60 db (decibels) between 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. For reference, County Ordinance 22-2019 defines "Noise Disturbance" as any sound which may be

- Harmful or injurious to health, safety or welfare of any Person;

- Of such volume or frequency that it unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of life, quiet, comfort or outdoor recreation of a Person of ordinary sensitivity and habits;

- Unreasonably interferes with the value of real property

The residents of TRR and neighborhoods that would be effected by a private helicopter regularly flying over their homes are demanding that our collective concerns be heard & valued by Pamela Flowers-Director of Development Services, the Archuleta County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners.

If the Planning Commission continues to ignore and dismiss the will of the people in favor of one man's personal convenience then we are faced with a much bigger problem effecting all our quality of life moving forward.

Ross Barrable

## The Christian Right

Dear Editor:

Jesus would not have recognized today's Christian Right as representative of anything that he preached or did. The religious right in our country has espoused a weirdly perverse and selective view of scripture to justify completely unChristian behavior, and then claim that simply believing in Jesus absolves them from any hypocrisy. The Bible is packed with examples of what Jesus had in mind for how we should treat one another, beginning with treating others as you yourself would wish to be treated. Accusing those of a different political persuasion of spewing lies and spitting on the Constitution is hardly a Christian approach. Finding "no good, only hate and destruction", in other words pointing at a large number of fellow Americans as evildoers and liars, would not make Jesus proud.. particularly when these accusations are spewed without any citation of facts to back them up. And simply professing belief in Jesus and ignoring nearly everything that he asked that people do is not what Jesus preached. James 2:18-24 is quite clear on this. And have a look at Matthew 6:1-6 about flaunting your religion. The United States is not and never will be a "Christian" nation. We are diverse, we are of many religions and no religion, and everyone who differs in their outlook from those of the religious right is not automatically a liar, a hater, or a destroyer.

Cathlynn Groh  
Santa Fe, N.M.

## Local support

Dear Editor:

Dear Residents,  
You voted in 2018 to support local funding for our local public

schools. It's time to reaffirm that commitment to our kids. Your vote for the Archuleta Schools mill levy is essential to maintain funding for teacher salaries and school safety.

I can guess what you're thinking. "Our property valuations just went up ... doesn't that mean public schools are getting more money next year?" Unfortunately, no. That's not the way education funding works in Colorado.

Colorado guarantees a set funding amount per student. State funding does not account for local economic conditions, like the high cost of housing and gasoline here, or local property tax increases. Even without our cost-of-living challenges, state funding alone is not enough. According to data from 2020-21, Colorado's per pupil spending was \$1400-\$2300 less than the national average.

The mill levy raises funds that stay here in Archuleta County for our public schools. The school board and district staff have been fiscally responsible, spending revenue from the mill levy in areas identified by the community as important.

Since 2018, the school district has used local funding from the mill levy to raise teachers' salaries to a more competitive level. (In 2021, Colorado ranked 34th in average teacher compensation.) The mill levy also enables the school district to employ School Resource Officers to improve student safety and to recruit and retain staff.

Archuleta schools need sustained local funding to maintain the progress made since 2018. Now is the time to permanently extend the dollars committed in 2018. Voting to continue local funding is a pledge to retain our highly qualified teachers, keep our schools safe, and give our kids a good start toward bright futures.

Vote YES on 5A.

Candace Jones

## Lynx memories

Dear Editor:

The September 28, 2023 Sun Legacies column did bring back memories!

There were many questions left unanswered prior to Colorado's Lynx reintroduction.

There was no reliable evidence

that the Canadian Lynx had ever established a viable breeding population in Colorado. Although remnant male Lynx had left their genes in Colorado's Bobcat population it posed the question: Were the Southern Rockies even suitable habitat for the Canadian Lynx?

In the early 1990s the Journal of Wildlife Management reported numerous concerns about a "new" phenomenon called Global Warming which would alter wildlife habitats.

Virtually all Wildlife Professionals were aware of this concept. How then, could it be prudent to consider bringing Lynx to the extreme southern end of its possible habitat?

Would this even be fair to the Lynx?

Canadian Lynx were released in Colorado in 1999. They hit the ground confused and running. One Lynx was killed by a train in Kansas. At least 4 went into New Mexico. One was found starving at Navajo Lake. Chaos ruled.

Prior to this another Lynx reintroduction implemented along the New York - Canadian border resulted in failure with no Lynx surviving.

Now we ask ourselves, How are the Lynx doing? Seen one lately? Remember, our native Bobcats are larger and taller than the southern Bobcat.

We study history so that we can learn from past events.

Dick Ray

## Freedom Caucus

Dear Editor:

Kevin McCarthy, at the eleventh hour, did the "terrible thing" — he reached across the aisle and worked with the Democrats to pass legislation to keep the government running! Horrors! One wonders what took him so long because now he is apparently going to suffer that which he so fervently wanted to avoid — his potential ouster and replacement by: well, who in their right mind would want his job? I suppose a member of the so-called Freedom Caucus — that far-right, wrecking-crew portion of the GOP, has chosen a name that is sure to please, but, judging by appearances and the behavior of its

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# Obituaries

## Evelyn Arline (Bostrom) Hubbard

In loving memory of Evelyn Arline (Bostrom) Hubbard. 1939-Sept. 17, 2023

Long-time resident of Pagosa Springs, our beloved mother, wife, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend, Evelyn, affectionately known as "Ev or Evie" passed away on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023.



Evelyn Arline Bostrom Hubbard was born in 1939 to John Bostrom and Eleanor (Knutson) Bostrom in San Francisco, Calif., and graduated from Sequoia High School. Evelyn dedicated her life to Jehovah God on Feb. 1, 1953.

Evelyn is preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" T. Hubbard; her parents, John and Eleanor Bostrom; brother John E. Bostrom (spouse/sister-in-law JoAnn); and brother-in-law Borris Golceff.

She is survived by her stepdaughters, Donna (Hubbard) Safley (spouse/son-in-law Tom) and Judy (Hubbard) Sanchez, along with six grandchildren, whom she was very proud of: Rachel, Erin, Jennifer, Brandon, Jessica and Michael; and 14 great-grandchildren, with one more on the way. Last year, she enjoyed a visit in Pagosa Springs by some of her Oregon children and grandchildren. This year, she traveled to California and enjoyed a visit with some of her children and grandchildren. She considered her "step" daughters as "real" daughters.

She is also survived by her sister Mary Baldivid (spouse/brother-in-law Ruben), brother James Bostrom (spouse/sister-in-law Marlene), brother-in-law Fred Hubbard (spouse/sister-in-law Leslie), all

whom she loved dearly, along with a host of extended family, nieces, nephews and great-nieces/nephews.

Evelyn was an industrious individual, experienced in sewing, cooking, health education and enjoyed outdoor activities such as traveling, camping, skiing and gardening. She always enjoyed the animals and critters of her surroundings and bringing home mementos to remember her wonderful travels. In her youth, she enjoyed skiing, tennis and bowling. She cherished time spent with her local Pagosa Springs congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, her spiritual family whom she was close to, especially after the passing of her best friend and husband, Bob.

Evelyn's greatest education came from studies of God's word. She believed in a future free from sickness and death, in the hope of resurrection on earth as supported by the scriptures (Acts 24:15, Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). She spent a great deal of her life fulfilling the command given by Jesus to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of people of all the nations," assisting others to come to know their creator, Jehovah God, and his purpose for mankind and the earth. Evelyn looked forward to sharing her future with Bob, continuing their love story and adventures together forever in a new paradise earth.

It was her wish to share her hope with you. (Psalm 37:11, Psalm 128:1,2).

Memorial services will be Oct. 7, 2023, at 2 p.m., at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 35 Meadows Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Evelyn's family, with much love and gratitude, would like to express our deep appreciation for the acts of kindness, thoughts, prayers and expressions of sympathy shown to us during this sorrowful time. Our hope is that this will be but a brief pause until we welcome our loved ones back as promised in God's word (John 5:28, 29, Job 14:13-15).

## Stephen Keil

Steve was born in Billings, Mont., on Feb. 21, 1947, the son of Billie Lou and Nolan Keil, and spent his



younger years in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, California and Nevada. With all this moving, Steve learned to make friends easily. Steve enrolled as a student at the University of California, Berkeley and received his BS degree in physics there in 1965. He received his Ph.D. in astrophysics from Boston University in 1975. While in Boston, Steve met his future wife, Alice. Steve and Alice were married in 1971 and celebrated their 52nd anniversary this past June. They had two children: a daughter, Pamela, who resides in Alice Springs, NT Australia; and a son, Wesley, of Arcadia, Calif.

Dr. Keil spent most of his career as a solar physicist working at Sacramento Peak Observatory in Sunspot, N.M., as head of the Air Force Research Group there, and later as director of the National Solar Observatory (1999-2013). While there, he helped foster a professional environment and community atmosphere that attracted scientists from around the world. In 1999, as director, he guided the observatory's transformation through a major new telescope project and transition to a new headquarters' site in Boulder, Colo. He shepherded the Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope through the Decadal Survey Process, secured its full funding by the National Science Foundation and saw the beginning of the telescope's construction on Mt. Haleakala, Maui, Hawaii, in 2012. In spite of his busy work schedule,

Steve always made time for his family. He was an attentive, devoted husband; an actively loving father; and a well-loved brother. To him, family was paramount.

He was an active outdoorsman who enjoyed hiking, backpacking, camping and fly-fishing. He led the annual Dog Canyon Hike, a trek from Tularosa Basin up 4,000 feet to the Observatory, that challenged numerous scientists of all ages and their families. His volleyball games introduced a generation of REU students to his backhanded spike.

In 2014, Steve and Alice left their beloved home in Sunspot to move to their retirement home in beautiful Pagosa Springs, Colo., which Steve had come to know and love through his fly-fishing vacations. They found many new friends in the community and a warm welcome. Steve became an avid dancer, and, as a couple, Steve and Alice joined local line-, square-, and round-dancing groups. Steve loved to hike and ski in the beautiful Colorado forests and mountains. He was a member of the Gray Wolves. A big, important part of Steve and Alice's life in Pagosa was the Thingamajig Theatre Company, where they enjoyed the wonderful performances, the events with Friends of the Theatre, and volunteering as bartenders.

Steve is survived by his loving wife, Alice Orient Keil; his daughter, Pamela Lynn Keil (Michael LaFlamme); and son Wesley Forrester Keil (Youshi Li). He also leaves three brothers, Stanley, Stuart and Ronald (JoEllen) Keil.

He is preceded in death by his father, Nolan F. Keil, and mother, Billie Lou (Benjamin) Keil.

A celebration of life potluck will be held on Oct. 21, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., Pagosa Springs, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, you may donate to Thingamajig Theatre, Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Trout Unlimited or the Nature Conservancy, if you wish.

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# Letters

Continued from A3 members, indicates the freedom to behave like spoiled children whose only aim is get their own way. Also, the freedom to be blatantly cruel and inappropriate in statements and policy goals.

Their behavior is not surprising since it is based on whatever our former president wants — the man who has been indicted in four jurisdictions and faces 91 felony counts. The fraud trial in New York begins today in which the judge has already ruled that the former guy routinely and over many years committed fraud by vastly overvaluing his properties when trying to get a loan and under-valued his property when paying taxes. That sounds pretty sleazy but still doesn't spell out how he stole top secret government documents and refused to return them, tried to prevent the peaceful transfer of power while allowing a mob to threaten the life of his vice president and members of Congress, and continues to talk like a fascist threatening the well being of various people who are trying to do their jobs in a straightforward and honest manner. General Milley, retiring Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has stated that he will probably be jailed if Trump wins the presidential election.

Mr. Trump desperately wanted the Freedom Caucus to shut down the government and they almost succeeded; but since they can't even agree with each other, McCarthy finally caved — something he could have done earlier. But wait! It's only a temporary fix so we should be prepared for more of the same from

this group of idiots. And we need not be fooled by their claim of fiscal responsibility in wanting to cut spending. These are the very people who voted for the Trump tax cuts, the vast majority of which went to the top 1% of earners, adding \$2 trillion to our deficit; and they want to cut IRS funding to hinder going after wealthy tax cheats, like our former president. Their proposed cuts will mainly impact the less powerful/wealthy citizens — much easier to throw those types under the bus than the oligarchs who are funding their campaigns and life styles. Totally in thrall to a felonious fraudster whose only goal is to avoid criminal prosecution by winning the presidency, they push fascist policies. Where are the true conservatives in the GOP? The ones with courage, compassion and loyalty to our democracy. Will you ever speak up? Lee Stopher

## Memories

Dear Editor:

I enjoy memories of my young childhood, especially how my parents disciplined us. Our mother raised us to believe that our Dad was the most honorable person in the world and that we needed to behave in a way to make him proud of us.

Sooooo, when I did something wrong, instead of a "spanking" or the such, mother would say, "when your father gets home, you have to tell him what you did."

Soon after his arrival I would hear mother calling me, "Patty Sue, come in the house, you have something to tell your father". I showed up and she took me to Dad who

had settled down in his favorite chair, newspaper in front of his face. Mother would announce, "Ray, Patty has something to tell you". He let the paper down and said, "oh really? What is it?" I then shamefully I told him what I had done after which he looked straight at me and said, "Well, just don't do that again..". That was it! Whew! What a load off my back, I had suffered enough, he made me feel forgiven. I ran outside to continue playing, free of guilt; and he continued to read his paper So, I grew up to understand the value of confession and once I became his age, this "practice" was transferred to my relationship with our Heavenly Father. I believe they were training me in the value of confessing to our Heavenly Father, the true power of forgiveness!

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Because of that, I have lived a very blessed life, not perfect of course, but one of security as "I walk with him, I talk with Him" as I go about my daily chores. I am "open" to His guidance in all that I do with thankfulness every day. Yes, I was very fortunate to have parents who worked together to raise me right and I pray my life's experience has made them proud. Blessings to all!

Patty Tillerson

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# Business

## County approves broadband letter of support, fiber leases

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Sept. 19 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a letter of support for a grant application by the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) and Visionary Broadband to extend fiber to the Lake Hatcher area, as well as a set of lease agreements for dark fiber.

The commissioners discussed the Lake Hatcher project with PSCDC Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke and Archuleta Broadband Services Technical Manager Eric Hittle at a BoCC work session earlier in the day.

Lashbrooke explained that the application is to the Advance Colorado Capital Project Fund and would work off of PSCDC middle-mile projects to bring fiber to the home of residents near Lake Hatcher.

She added that the PSCDC is also working on another similar application for funding with Internet service provider (ISP) Clearnetworx, a company interested in beginning work on Internet access projects in the area.

Lashbrooke commented that both the projects the PSCDC will be involved in are in its strategic plan.

Hittle explained that Clearnetworx is based in Montrose and has done work in a range of communi-

ties in the region.

In an email to The SUN, Hittle explains that the grant with Clearnetworx would cover bringing fiber to homes uptown and south of U.S. 160, including the Meadows, Timber Ridge and Alpha subdivisions.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked what the timeline for the Lake Hatcher project would be if the grant is awarded.

Hittle explained that the project would likely start next summer and would likely be done by 2026 due to the restrictions of the American Rescue Plan Act funding that is used to fund the grant.

He also commented that the grant funding would make expanding broadband to the area economically viable when it otherwise would not be.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez and Commissioner Veronica Medina both expressed support for the application.

At the meeting, the BoCC unanimously approved the letter of support for the grant application.

The BoCC also approved an agreement with the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado designating Region 9 as the county's agent to manage the leasing of county dark fiber to ISPs in the region.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that the fiber was built in 2006 using Southwest Colorado

Council of Governments (SWCCOG) funds and that there was an agreement between the SWCCOG and the Archuleta County that 25 percent of the funds from leasing this fiber to ISPs would go to the county while the rest went to the SWCCOG.

Weaver stated that the agreement with SWCCOG is set to expire and a new agreement between Region 9, SWCCOG and the county would evenly split the money made from leasing fiber between Region 9 and the county.

He added that the money Region 9 receives would go into a restricted fund for broadband projects under SWCCOG.

"So it is a, I would say, a complete win for both sides," Weaver said.

He also explained, in response to a question from Maez, that local governments would be responsible for the maintenance and operations costs associated with their portion of the dark fiber.

The BoCC then approved the agreement with Region 9 unanimously.

Later in the meeting, the BoCC also approved dark fiber lease agreements with Visionary Broadband and Zito Media, which Weaver noted would be covered under the newly approved lease agreement with Region 9 and the SWCCOG.

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## County unemployment falls in August

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

According to a Sept. 15 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate dropped from 3.4 percent in July to 3.2 percent in August.

County unemployment rose from 2.6 percent in May to 3.4 in July after falling between March and May.

From July to August, Archuleta County's labor force rose from 7,315 to 7,344.

For the month of August there were 7,106 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is up from July's report of 7,065 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for August was Huerfano County at 6.4 percent, followed by Las Animas County at 5.7 and Fremont County at 5.2.

Pueblo County is next at 4.9 percent and Costilla County follows at 4.6 percent.

The state's unemployment rate increased from 2.9 in July to 3.1 in August.

The state's labor force increased by 2,500 from 3,252,500 in July to 3,255,000 in August.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point in August to 3.1 percent compared to the July rate of 2.9 percent. The number of unemployed individuals grew by 4,700 over the same time period to 99,800. The national un-

employment rate increased three-tenths of a percentage point to 3.8 percent from July to August."

Employers in Colorado added 5,600 nonfarm payroll jobs from July to August, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to 2,916,000.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector gained 9,100 nonfarm payroll jobs while the government sector lost 3,500 jobs.

The private-industry sectors with significant job gains in August include:

- Leisure and hospitality at about 4,700.
- Educational and health services at 2,800.
- Professional and business services at about 1,600.

There were no sectors with significant over-the-month declines, according to the press release.

"Since August 2022, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 42,700, with the private sector growing

by 26,000 and government adding 16,700 jobs," the press release notes.

Since August 2022, the largest private-sector job gains include:

- Leisure and hospitality at about 24,000.
- Professional and business services at about 7,200.
- Educational and health services at about 6,400.

Since August 2022, the largest private-sector job losses include:

- Financial activities at about 7,300.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 5,500.
- Construction at about 2,500.
- Information at about 1,500.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.3 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$34.11 to \$35.90, two dollars and eight cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$33.82."

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Staff and board members of the Archuleta County Housing Authority, as well as local and state dignitaries and guests celebrated the grand opening of the Rose Mountain Townhomes on Friday, Sept. 29.

## Chamber seeking board member nominations

By Mary Jo Coulehan

Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The annual process for accepting Chamber of Commerce board nominees is open to the public who are Chamber member businesses.

Every year, the Chamber replaces three board members who have served for a three-year term. In this way, three new members come onto the board every year and three board members come off the board. This keeps a fluid momentum of experience and “new blood” on the board.

There are criteria that a business must meet in order to self-nominate for the board. The first requirement is that the business be a Chamber member. In order to qualify to run for the board, the member needs to be a member in good standing for a year. The seat is typically held by the business, not necessarily the person. However, that person needs

to be someone integral with the organization such as an owner or key manager or employee. The term is a three-year term.

Meetings are held once a month with additional meetings as required. Participation at other Chamber events such as monthly Business After Hours and other annual Chamber community events is also requested.

The Chamber board looks to make up the board with a range of businesses, giving representation to the whole of the business community. While some decisions work for some industries, they don't work for all industries; however, this dialogue keeps the Chamber board interesting and looking at the good of the whole of the community.

One of the key roles is representation and input into keeping the Chamber organization relevant to the business community and supporting our business needs.

The Chamber of Commerce is a

nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(6) status. We receive no government funding and are a membership-based organization also producing several major events throughout the year to help sustain the organization.

If you are interested in learning more about the Chamber or about running for the board of directors, contact Mary Jo Coulehan at (970) 264-2360 or [director@pagosachamber.com](mailto:director@pagosachamber.com). An interest form will also be available online at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com).

### Looking for healthy vendors

The Archuleta Health Fair and Expo is going to be held on Oct. 21 at Pagosa Springs High School from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Not only will you be able to get low-cost blood work performed, you will be able to attend some very interesting informational sessions, cooking demonstrations, testing

and tours all culminating with a farm-to-table lunch with keynote speaker Dr. Dave Shaeffer M.D. with Pagosa Medical Group.

Throughout the fair there will be vendors offering services and products for a healthier you. Local and regional vendors will be on hand to discuss their services or demonstrate their products. If you are a vendor with a product or service and would like to be involved in the Health Fair and Expo, please contact Coulehan at [director@pagosachamber.com](mailto:director@pagosachamber.com) for an application and information.

This Archuleta Health Fair and Expo is a community project made possible by the work of Healthy Archuleta, the new Archuleta County Public Health Department and the Chamber.

We ask our businesses to get their employees engaged with the lab work, the educational sessions or any part of the expo. The healthier your employees are, the healthier your business can be. We want to be preventative and proactive, not just reactionary, to health issues. Engage your staff members and encourage them to take advantage of these low- and no-cost programs at the Archuleta Health Fair and Expo.

## San Juan Basin Public Health selects new interim director

By Josh Pike

Staff Writer

At its Sept. 28 meeting, the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health voted to move forward with appointing Brian Devine as interim executive director in response to the departure of former interim executive director Tiffany Switzer.

According to the agenda documentation for the meeting, Switzer's last day with SJBPH was Oct. 3.

Bellann Raile, managing director at Cordes and Company, the receiver for SJBPH, explained during her receiver's report that Switzer worked on finding outside candidates to fill the vacancy but was unsuccessful due to the short period of the position and the distant location of the agency.

However, she stated that SJBPH found an internal candidate in Brian Devine, who previously served

as the environmental health director and interim deputy director.

Raile noted that Devine would provide continuity for the SJBPH staff and that she believed he would do a “great job.”

Later in the meeting, the BoH considered the appointment of a new interim executive director, with SJBPH attorney Michael Goldman explaining that Devine would be willing to accept Switzer's former salary as well as taking a final retention bonus that Switzer would forgo through her early departure.

Goldman added that Devine will likely be assuming a position at the La Plata County Public Health Department once SJBPH is dissolved and that, as part of considering the SJBPH position, Devine had considered his ability to balance responsibilities for SJBPH and La Plata County.

BoH member Terryl Peterson commented that Devine's ap-

pointment would be a “natural progression” in keeping staff with institutional knowledge through the dissolution of the organization.

The board discussed potential temporary staffing needs at SJBPH for the remainder of the year, with Devine pointing out that SJBPH would likely need additional assistance in environmental health, and emergency preparedness and response.

He also stated that SJBPH staff identified temporary resources to assist in these areas as well as on other dissolution-related tasks.

The board then moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters concerning Devine's contract and payment.

Following the session, the BoH voted unanimously to move forward with contracting with Devine to serve as the interim executive director for SJBPH.

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# San Juan Basin Public Health receives clean 2022 audit

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health (BoH) heard a presentation of the 2022 audit results by Michelle Sainio of Fredrick Zink and Associates at its Sept. 28 meeting and later voted to approve the 2022 draft audit.

Sainio explained that her staff worked extensively with Tiffany Switzer, then the interim execu-

tive director of SJBPH, and Bellann Raile, of SJBPH receiver Cordes and Company, to complete the audit and stated that the auditors issued a "clean, unmodified opinion."

She highlighted that the auditors work to obtain "reasonable assurance" that there are not financial misstatements, although she noted that misstatements are possible in areas of the financials that the audit did not examine.

Sainio noted that there was a significant deficiency in internal

control at SJBPH during 2022, which she attributed to turnover of staff and loss of institutional knowledge.

However, Sainio added that she believes the internal control issues were likely addressed by organizational changes in 2023.

She stated that the audit found no issues with SJBPH's compliance or financial procedures for the two major federal programs the audit examined.

Sainio explained that, after the

board approved the draft audit, board communication and management representation letters would need to be completed before the audit is submitted to the state and federal government.

BoH President Shere Byrd thanked Sainio for her work and Sainio concluded by thanking the SJBPH staff for its work on the audit.

Later in the meeting, the BoH unanimously approved the draft 2022 audit.

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## The Blotter

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

**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**  
Calls for service for two weeks: 603.  
Sept. 18 — All other thefts, Bastille Drive.

Sept. 18 — Unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon, violation of restraining order, possession of weapons by previous offenders, child abuse, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, harassment-public place obscene language or gesture, North Pagosa Boulevard.  
Sept. 18 — Information only, Lewis Street.

Sept. 18 — Warrant arrest, Country Center Drive.  
Sept. 19 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, Carefree Place.

Sept. 19 — Information only, Aspen Village Drive/West U.S. 160.  
Sept. 19 — Information only, Cloud Cap Avenue/Park Avenue.

Sept. 19 — Information only, Tom's Place.  
Sept. 20 — Failure to appear (bench warrants), Harman Park Drive.

Sept. 20 — Failure to appear (bench warrants), failure to appear (bench warrants), Harman Park Drive.  
Sept. 20 — Driving while ability impaired by alcohol, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), operated a vehicle with defective headlamps, San Juan Street/Lewis Street.

Sept. 20 — Improper registration, theft-motor vehicle parts/accessories from vehicle, Raccoon Drive.  
Sept. 20 — All other thefts, Davis Cup Drive.

Sept. 21 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, driving while ability impaired by alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia-penalty, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, open container in a motor vehicle, failed to drive in a single lane (weaving), first-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, South 8th Street/Durango Street.

Sept. 22 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, first-degree burglary, criminal attempt to commit felony, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, criminal extortion, first-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Badger Place.

Sept. 22 — Cruelty to animals, Rec Center Road.  
Sept. 22 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

Sept. 22 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, menacing-misdemeanor, Badger Road.  
Sept. 23 — Trespass warning, Susan's Place.

Sept. 24 — Disorderly conduct-petty, Navajo Trail Drive.  
Sept. 24 — Information only, Side Lap Court.

Sept. 24 — Disorderly conduct-petty, Great West Avenue.  
Sept. 25 — No offense listed, Cloman Boulevard.

Sept. 25 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, Handicap Avenue/Pines Club Place.  
Sept. 26 — Missing property, Cloud Cap Avenue.

Sept. 27 — Domestic violence, second-degree assault, County Road 982.  
Sept. 27 — Information only, Mari-posa Drive.

Sept. 27 — Information only, Alpha Drive/West U.S. 160.  
Sept. 28 — Information only, all other

thefts, Aviation Court.

Sept. 28 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle without insurance, North Pagosa Boulevard/Greenbriar Plaza.

Sept. 28 — Resisting arrest, obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, county warrant, Carefree Place.  
Sept. 28 — Drove vehicle without valid driver's license, failed to signal or gave improper signal, disregarded stop sign at through highways, improper registration, drove vehicle without insurance, driving while ability impaired by alcohol, Pagosa Street/North 2nd Street.

Sept. 28 — Harassment by phone or computer-threaten bodily injury, Cornerstone Drive.  
Sept. 29 — Child abuse, violation of restraining order, following too closely, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, expired license plates, West U.S. 160/14th Street.

Sept. 29 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, driving while ability impaired by alcohol, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, disregarded stop sign at through highways, County Road 600/Act Court.

Sept. 29 — Criminal mischief, County Road 600.  
Sept. 30 — Drove vehicle when license canceled, off-highway vehicle operation prohibited on street, Navajo Trail Drive.

Sept. 30 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, Cloud Cap Avenue/County Road 600.  
Sept. 30 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), information only, West U.S. 160.

Oct. 1 — Information only, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, failed to display valid registration, Acorn Drive/Stollsteimer Road.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**  
Calls for service for two weeks: 269.  
Sept. 16 — Harbored vicious animal, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Sept. 17 — Trespass warning issued, Aspen Village Drive.  
Sept. 20 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, speeding, North 8th Street, San Juan Alley.

Sept. 20 — Left scene without providing information after striking unattended vehicle/property, Country Center Drive.  
Sept. 22 — Criminal mischief, theft, U.S. 160/U.S. 84.

Sept. 22 — Trespass warning issued, San Juan Street.  
Sept. 23 — Criminal mischief, drove vehicle when blood alcohol 0.08 or more, resisting arrest, harassment, drove vehicle with suspended license, Pagosa Street.

Sept. 23 — Warrant arrest, Bienvenido Circle.  
Sept. 23 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), U.S. 160/Trinity Lane.

Sept. 23 — Burglary second degree, theft from building, Eagle Drive.  
Sept. 25 — Criminal mischief, East

Pagosa Street.

Sept. 25 — Allowed animal to run at large, East Pagosa Street.

Sept. 26 — Menacing aggravated with weapon, Pike Drive/U.S. 160.

Sept. 27 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

Sept. 28 — Disorderly conduct, menacing, Pagosa Street.

Sept. 28 — Shoplifting, San Juan Street.

Sept. 29 — Fraud by check, San Juan Street.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards**  
No report.

**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
Sept. 19 — Cedrick Manheimer, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Sept. 20 — Ralow Dobbs Valdez, driver's license-driving without, license plate not automatically readable, fines and costs — \$245.50.

Sept. 20 — Seth Dominic Ortiz, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$290.

Sept. 20 — Boni Lynn McIntyre, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.

Sept. 20 — Benny Hall, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

Sept. 20 — Coule Jaice Dale, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$160.

Sept. 20 — David Thomas Armijo, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$120.

Sept. 20 — Noyd Albert Wolf Jr., speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Sept. 22 — Nathaniel L. Gutierrez, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

Sept. 22 — Jeremy Duane Caler, failed to stop at stop sign, fines and costs — \$105.

Sept. 22 — Britton McLeod Church, registration-unregistered vehicle, speeding 10-19 over limit, fail to yield right of way/stop sign, fines and costs — \$379.50.

Sept. 25 — Raelyn Aleyce Lancaster, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$135.

Sept. 27 — Celeste Medina, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Sept. 27 — Clinton Scott Yale, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Sept. 27 — Hunter Lee Taylor, registration-unregistered vehicle, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$333.50.

Sept. 27 — Richard Martin Oney, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.

Sept. 27 — Tyler Alan Mael, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$160.

Sept. 27 — Michael John Griffin IV, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Sept. 27 — Korey Michael Cassador, drove wrong way on a one-way street, fines and costs — \$140.

Sept. 27 — Michael Dave Begishie, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Sept. 27 — Kevin Robert Portnell, spilling load on highway, fines and costs — \$72.50.

Sept. 27 — Makayla C. Murray, following too closely, fines and costs — \$135.

Sept. 27 — Patricia Ann Mallory, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$135.

Sept. 27 — Cason Clay Johnson, failed to stop at stop sign, fines and costs — \$105.

Sept. 27 — Juliann Cullen, drove a defective vehicle, defective stop lamps/turn signals, fines and costs — \$126.

Sept. 27 — Jason Lance Atkinson, failed to stop at stop sign, fines and costs — \$105.

Sept. 28 — Octavio Avila, driving while ability impaired, 55 days jail, 24 hours community service, 45 days suspended imposition, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs — \$796.50.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
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**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**  
No report.

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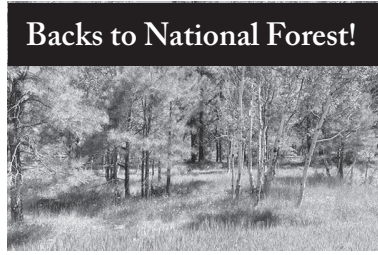
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# Sanitation

Continued from front treatment plant, which is managed by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

"The PSSGID is seeing increased operational costs and mounting costs for capital projects to maintain and plan for future needs," states an agenda brief on the matter.

After pump functionality problems and millions of dollars spent to keep the current conveyance system operational, the district sought an assessment of its choices for the future and hired Carbondale-based Roaring Fork Engineering to conduct the analysis.

At an earlier meeting, Town Public Works Director Karl Johnson informed the district board that Roaring Fork completed the first part of its study, which is focused on the functionality of the current system and possible choices for the future of the sanitation district.

The completion of this first half of the study prompted the board to seek a hearing with representatives from Roaring Fork to present the findings to the board.

Roaring Fork's presentations focused on three main areas of consideration:

- What it would take to continue to operate the current system "as is."
- What it would take for the town to build a new wastewater treatment plant independently of PAWSD, which would eliminate using the lift station system.
- What it would take to consolidate with PAWSD, using either the current lift station system or building a new joint wastewater plant.

Continuing to operate the current system would include the continuation of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the PSSGID and PAWSD, the report notes.

The current IGA between the two entities requires the PSSGID to operate the pump stations and pipes without any financial or operational assistance from PAWSD while also requiring the PSSGID to pay a rate, which has fluctuated from \$1.38 to \$1.92 for every 1,000 gallons of wastewater pumped to the PAWSD facility.

The current IGA also requires the PSSGID to be responsible for 25 percent of the costs of upgrading, modifying or rebuilding PAWSD's Vista treatment plant.

This last part of the IGA has become a crucial point since new state

nutrient regulations mean that the Vista wastewater treatment plant would need major upgrades to bring it into compliance with new nitrogen and phosphorus regulations.

The study states that PAWSD has determined that it would cost about \$45 million to bring the Vista plant into compliance with these new regulations. The PSSGID would, therefore, be responsible for about \$11 million for the plant upgrade under the current IGA.

The report concludes that if the PSSGID decides to continue with the current system, the district would need to take steps to ensure the longevity of its pumps by installing upstream protections while also "developing a detailed asset management plan, including identifying projects and costs to appropriately set rates, tap fees, and pursue external funding when needed."

The district would also have to continue to pay PAWSD for wastewater treatment and around \$11 million to bring the Vista plant into compliance with new state regulations, the report states.

At the Sept. 21 meeting, Roaring Fork Project Manager Maggie McHugh told the board that the analysis estimates that it would cost the PSSGID about \$2.8 million per year to continue to operate the current system.

At a Sept. 28 work session, she clarified that this number is solely the annual operational cost and, therefore, does not include the costs associated with paying PAWSD to treat the wastewater nor the costs of upgrading the Vista plant.

At both meetings, McHugh walked the board through the estimated costs of building a new wastewater treatment plant, which would eliminate the need to pump wastewater uphill to the Vista plant.

The analysis figures that it would cost almost \$20 million to construct a new treatment plant on a "town-owned parcel," she said.

Another option to consider was consolidation with PAWSD. This could include going in together with PAWSD on a new treatment plant, or the district could help PAWSD fix the issues at the Vista plant and have PAWSD join in on the repair and maintenance of the current system.

The report states that the advantages of "consolidation with PAWSD would include the combination of financial and managerial resources,

which often results in lower overhead and capital costs that are put back on the customers."

"Consolidation also provides the benefit of not needing to construct a new [wastewater treatment facility] WWTF if the existing PAWSD plant has available capacity for full PSSGID service build-out," the study states.

It adds, "This reduces environmental impact by not disturbing a new site for WWTF construction, and discharging WWTF effluent to San Juan River, which currently does not receive any discharge from PSSGID. Due to the economy of scale of mechanical equipment operations, operating one WWTF minimizes energy consumption. A new WWTF would require higher energy costs to operate and maintain."

But McHugh noted the disadvantages of consolidation with PAWSD as well.

She explained that the PSSGID, which is an extension of the Town of Pagosa Springs, would be losing some autonomy about decision making about future growth in the community.

The report states: "Utilities can often be the limiting factor for major developments, and the Town would no longer have the ability to evaluate the impact of growth and development on water and wastewater. This evaluation would be completed solely by PAWSD."

McHugh recommended that if the town ultimately decides to consolidate with PAWSD, it should negotiate to maintain some of its power over decisions within its boundaries.

At the work session, Mayor Shari Pierce said, "When you control your water and sewer, you largely control the development of your community, and so if we are going to go down the path of working with PAWSD, I think we need to be really careful and mindful of what that agreement will look like."

She added she wants "to make sure that we still have some control" over the town's "own development."

McHugh chimed in, saying "there's different avenues" the district could pursue "to maintain that autonomy."

PSSGID board member Mat de Graaf sought clarification on whether this autonomy would be used to limit or allow growth.

Pierce replied that it could be "either way," limiting or allowing.

"If we have someone coming in and they're rightfully allowed to develop their property, we want to make sure that they can do that and we don't have another organization saying, 'Well, no, we can't provide that infrastructure to you,' so we need to make sure that's protected," she said.

Summarizing the direction the board was heading, Pierce noted that, in the short term, the district seemed to want to pursue some maintenance and upgrades to the current system so that the idea of consolidation might appear more attractive to PAWSD later on.

She added, "And we would also want to start engaging with PAWSD over some discussions about what consolidation could look like, both for the town and for them, as we move down the road."

Earlier in the work session, Johnson said that "there's a lot of moving

parts with all of this."

His suggested biggest concern "is the ongoing maintenance of the lift stations with the staff that we currently have. We're keeping up, but every time there's a little blip or emergency, all of the maintenance stops and we gotta take care of the emergency."

He added, "Whichever direction the town wants to go. I mean, for me, I'm an employee, but I'm also a citizen."

"Ultimately, I think, as a greater community, consolidation and finding a way to work with PAWSD, however that works out... is probably the better way to go."

"To strap 1,600 residents of Pagosa Springs with \$20 million for a treatment plant, that decision shoulda been made when you got drug down the road for the [uphill] conveyance system. You shoulda stayed on the path of your own plant at that point."

He added that "unless it's a joint plant downtown, I'm not sure I would go that route."

At the end of the work session, Interim Town Manager Greg Schulte stated that he thought he had gathered enough information "to reach out" to PAWSD to "coordinate how we can move forward together."

He added that what he gathered at the session was that the PSSGID wants to "explore consolidation and what that looks like."

He noted that this could be accomplished on a "staff level" and then brought back before the board at a public meeting.

The still-pending second half of Roaring Fork's analysis will focus on a rate study, which will include a financial and policy analysis of the financial condition of the district to review options for long-term fiscal health, according to the brief.

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# Results

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groups), FRL status, disability and English language proficiency, with score gaps ranging from about 20 percentage points to as high as 46 percentage points for English language learners on the fifth-grade CMAS English language arts test.

Overall, according to the press release, students' growth is looking more like it did in 2019.

"At the state level, we are beginning to see small increases in performance, which gives me optimism. It's a reflection of how hard people are working as well as how difficult it will be to regain momentum given the impact of the pandemic and the disruptions to learning it created," said Susana Córdova, Colorado education commissioner.

Assessment results for all Colorado schools and districts can be found on the CDE's website, <https://www.cde.state.co.us/>.

The press release notes that, to protect the privacy of students, results are not included for tests in which a school or district had fewer than 16 students who tested. In some cases, performance data were also suppressed within specific levels to protect student privacy. For growth, results are not reported with fewer than 20 students.

The Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors is anticipated to discuss its assessment results at the board's October meeting.

## Performance framework

The ASD board also discussed the district's accreditation rating, known as the performance framework, at its September meeting.

Holt described the framework as a state accountability measure.

According to a press release from

the CDE, the accountability framework is "calculated using statewide data, including academic growth, academic achievement and postsecondary and workforce readiness data (e.g. graduation, dropout, matriculation rates)."

ASD earned an Accredited with Improvement rating as a district.

Last year, Holt told the board, the district was accredited with an improvement plan after scoring 52 out of 100 possible points.

School districts earn points for "each key indicator, and then points are combined to determine the overall percentage of points earned," according to the CDE website.

ASD earned 55 points in 2023, the results indicate, landing the district in the Accredited with Improvement bracket.

The website explains the Accredited with Improvement Plan rating means "These districts are identified as lower performing. They may be meeting expectations on some performance metrics, but they are not meeting or are only approaching expectations on many."

The increase from 2022 to 2023, according to Holt, is largely due to improvements at the middle school, which improved from a priority improvement plan rating to an improvement plan rating.

Holt called the improvement "significant and largely due to the growth that they achieved," which he noted was a focus of the school's staff.

Pagosa Springs Elementary School and Pagosa Springs High School again received performance plan ratings, while Pagosa Peak Open School and Pagosa Springs Middle School received improvement plan ratings. San Juan Mountain School

received a priority improvement plan rating.

According to the CDE, a greater percentage of schools and districts earned higher marks on the preliminary accountability frameworks than in 2022, showing a gradual improvement occurring across the state since the pandemic.

"I am pleased that we continue to see some improvement in our schools and districts after a tough three years," Córdova said via a press release. "These preliminary frameworks will give families and communities more insight into how their schools are doing. We know that students and staff have been working incredibly hard these past years and the improvements shown on these preliminary results are a reflection of those efforts. Additionally, this information can help us determine where we need to focus our efforts to help schools that are still struggling."

After presenting the results, Holt noted that strategic planning is strategic thinking and execution planning and asked, "What does it take to develop a system that beats the odds?"

He noted it is doable, but not easily attained, and he is working with staff to change the system to get new and better results.

He presented data from looking at how other schools have "beat the odds" and what those schools are doing, noting he sees those things "falling into place" locally such as education coaching structures and instructional practices, before delving into the measurable outcomes for the current school year in the areas of retaining and recruiting staff, increasing student outcomes, and staff and student well-being.

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# Landfill

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not have any holes or areas where water could breach its non-porous cover. Prior to being deemed a functional and safe cell, this liner must be replaced.

"Leachate is the collection of water and its particulates which have seeped through piled trash. Leachate has toxic elements, which if not maintained properly, can leak

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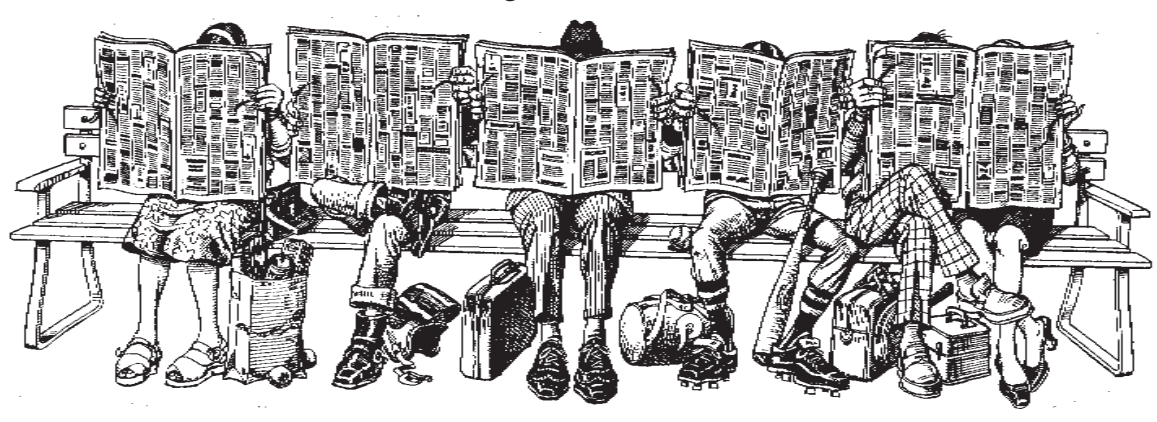
The press release also urges

residents to be "patient during this closure and refrain from depositing trash on roadsides."

It adds that dumping of trash on roadsides should be reported to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office by calling (970) 264-8430 and that reports should include a detailed vehicle description and license plate information, if possible.

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# Manager

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expressing that they were pleased with both candidates and that the town would be in good hands either way.

Council member Gary Williams said noted he thought Collins' experience in the state of Colorado made her slightly more favorable in his eyes.

Council member Madeline Bergon said that "both candidates were awesome," but that she also slightly favored Collins because of her experience as a small business owner and the way she conducted herself during the council's questioning.

She added that she had more of a "connection" with Collins.

But the longer the council deliberated, the more Harris' candidacy rose to the top. Several of the council members cited his extensive experience in municipal administration in the greater San Antonio, Texas, area as their chief reason for leaning toward him.

To a question about what he thought was "the most important role of town manager," Harris suggested that it's "the role of the council to set policy, and my job as [town] manager is to help y'all shape that, not for me to drive it."

He added, "However, once you have determined what that policy is, or what that goal is, it's the manager's job ... to execute and make sure it's completed in a timely manner."

Williams asked Harris if he had any ideas about how to solve the town's ongoing problem of attracting and retaining employees.

Harris replied that some towns provide a bus service to surrounding communities to bring in workers from the outside and others provide housing or housing assistance to their employees.

But he noted the most important thing is to "make sure that we are paying a fair wage and to make sure that we are providing a very fair retirement program."

"What I have seen so far is that there are some areas I would certainly look to strengthen, retirement being one, quite frankly."

Council member Leonard Martinez asked Harris, being from Texas, why he wants to be in the Pagosa Springs community, to which Harris replied that he has family in the area "and it's nice to know that relatives are half an hour away."

He also noted that he has "a lot of good friends" in the area, "one of whom is the city manager of Durango [Jose Madrigal], who I know from Texas."

Harris added that he already comes to visit Madrigal, who was appointed Durango's city manager in 2020, about "three or four times a year. So, there's an affinity there."

Later in the meeting, Martinez noted that one thing that really caught his attention was that Harris "has a built-in network that is relevant ... the fact that he has a relationship with their town manager, that could be an asset to us as well."

After the interviews, council members Matt DeGuisse, Brooks Lindner, Martinez and Mayor Shari Pierce expressed that they were leaning toward Harris.

Pierce stated that one thing that really stood out about Harris' re-

sume was the "successful redevelopment of blighted areas."

She also liked that he had shown that he was "well researched" on the community, town council and the issues facing the area.

"He talks a lot about partnering with other organizations, which is something that, we as a council, like to do," she said.

She added, "He acknowledges that it's up to the council to set the policy and staff can help shape that, and I like that ... and he did acknowledge that attracting and retaining employees is a community-wide issue, not just a town issue. I really liked that part," she said.

She pointed out his interest in historical preservation and leaving a place better than how you found it also stood out to her.

She added she was "leaning towards Mr. Harris."

Council member Mat deGraaf said that, by his count, "Mr. Harris has four votes, and Mrs. Collins has three." He then expressed his concerns about appointing Harris to the position.

"In the past, as you may remember, we had one of these managers come in that had all of the experience in the world, had the breadth and the depth, and that turned out to not be great for our community," he said.

Being a "career" municipal administrator could be "very helpful, but that could also jade a person, or maybe not allow them to see our community for what our community is, but try to bring experience from a place that is very different from us and then try to implement those things here. That's a concern," he said.

But when a motion was made by Martinez to select Harris "as our next town manager," it was seconded by DeGuisse and the roll-call vote showed that Harris earned the unanimous support of the council, including those who had expressed reservation.

The selection of Harris comes after a months-long search for a new town manager. In total, 24 applications were received for the position, with the closing date for receiving applications passing on Aug. 18, according to an agenda brief on the matter.

A screening committee sifted

through the applications, and the committee narrowed the candidates down to five, according to the brief.

The remaining five candidates were interviewed by four different interview panels — consisting of four people per panel — and this interview process narrowed the field further to two candidates who remained as the finalists for the position, according to the brief.

The finalists appeared before the council on Oct. 3 for interviews and a final selection.

After the meeting, Schulte explained that Harris' start date has not yet been determined, but that an employment contract would be finalized at the Oct. 19 council meeting and a start date should be known by then.

The town's charter states, "The Town Manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the Town. The Council, by a two-thirds vote of all Members in office at the time, shall appoint a Town Manager who shall serve at the pleasure of the Council and at a salary fixed by the Council. Such appointment shall be within a reasonable time after a vacancy exists in the position and shall be made on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications with particular emphasis on actual experience and knowledge of the duties of the office."

"The Town Manager shall, within a reasonable time after appointment as determined by the Council, reside within the corporate boundaries of Archuleta County."

"The job performance of the Town Manager shall be evaluated annually by the Council, and the Council shall review such evaluation with the Town Manager."

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# Outdoors

## 1 million Coloradans live in areas with elevated risk of wildfire

Colorado State Forest Service

A new analysis from the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) shows that just under half of Colorado's population, about 2.5 million people, lives in the wildland-urban interface (WUI).

Of these residents, more than 1 million live in areas with moderate to very high risk of wildfire.

"The Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment is a nation-leading analysis that gives us important information as Colorado and other Western states face the reality of a year-long wildfire season," said Gov. Jared Polis. "This update is a reminder for everyone to keep up with wildfire mitigation efforts to help keep your homes and communities safe."

This analysis considers the WUI as the area where human development (roads, buildings and neighborhoods) is built close to, or within, natural terrain and flammable vegetation and is at risk of wildfire.

New data reveal that the WUI in Colorado consists of about 4.5 million acres, or about 45 times the size of the city of Denver, and contains more than 1 million buildings.

"This new analysis demonstrates that wildfire continues to pose a serious risk to large numbers of Coloradans who live or own businesses in the wildland-urban interface. Empowering these residents to reduce this risk is crucial with a warming

climate and periods of drought raising the potential for a large, destructive wildfire at any time," said Matt McCombs, CSFS director and state forester. "Understanding wildfire risk is an important first step to taking action, and we encourage communities, planners and people who live in the WUI to use this best-in-class model to help them prepare for wildfire."

This summer, the CSFS released an update to the Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment, which provides critical data and analysis about potential impacts of wildfire specific to Colorado.

"Wildfire has had a devastating impact on Coloradans and our communities and we all know that we are one lightning strike or one unattended campfire away from our next megafire in Colorado. Our only choice is to be prepared for this inevitability through fuels reduction, education and outreach, and planning," said Dan Gibbs, Colorado Department of Natural Resources executive director. "I applaud the work of the Colorado State Forest Service in developing the Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment. It is an important tool for wildfire prevention professionals and homeowners to determine community and personal wildfire risk and encourage Coloradans to take known effective measures to reduce that risk in the face of future wildfires."

Using data collected at the end of 2022, the updated version of the Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment, first released in 2012, helps community leaders, planners and interested residents understand their risk of wildfire. This is the first major update since 2018; moving forward, the data will be updated every three years. The online mapping tool is part of the Colorado Forest Atlas, and it demonstrates where forest management actions can achieve the greatest impact to reduce wildfire risk.

"The Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment is a detailed, data-driven model that depicts available vegetative fuels, potential fire behavior and risk throughout Colorado, in grasslands and forestlands, as well as both urban and rural areas," said Amanda West Fordham, Ph.D., CSFS associate director, Science and Data Division. "This robust tool can inform community wildfire protection plans to better prepare Coloradans for the dangers of an uncharacteristic wildfire."

The Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment analysis focuses on the neighborhood to community level, and it does not include data about individual building materials or fires spread from structure to structure.

Staff in the Science and Data Division of the CSFS worked with contractor Technosylva to add innovative data analysis to gain as clear and accurate a picture as

possible of the conditions across Colorado specific to the state.

"The 2022 [Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment] update represents an important step forward in terms of characterizing fire behavior and risk across the state to improve mitigating the negative consequences of wildfires. Technosylva has improved the resolution of outputs (20 meters) and used the latest technological and science advances to assess fire risk. It's worthy to highlight that all the LiDAR available in Colorado was processed to derive continuous surface and crown fuel types. Also, custom fuels were used to better characterize the fire behavior in both WUI and timber areas after proving the low performance of other fuel families in the aforementioned fuel types. Finally, this project provides unprecedented insights and characterization of the building's defensible space and probability of building loss in case a fire reaches it," said Adrián Cardil Forradellas, Ph.D., senior researcher for Technosylva.

Learn more about the Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment and explore the latest data with easy-to-use, interactive maps at coloradoforestatlas.org.

Colorado residents can check their own wildfire risk and learn low-cost, practical ways to protect people, pets and property at LiveWildfireReady.org.

## Chimney Rock National Monument to close for season Oct. 15

San Juan National Forest

Chimney Rock National Monument's visitor center and visitor services will close for the season after Sunday, Oct. 15.

All facilities will be closed including the visitor center, restrooms and gift shop.

There will be no trash service

available at the site, and no vehicles are permitted past the gate off Colo. 151. Limited parking is available prior to the gate, which is just beyond the roundabout. Visitors are reminded to not block the gate to allow for emergency access to the area.

Foot traffic and nonmotorized bikes are permitted into the site, although we ask visitors to stay on

the roads and the trails. E-bikes are prohibited when the monument is closed. Additionally, no dogs are allowed on the archaeological trails on the mesa at any time.

Chimney Rock National Monument is scheduled to reopen mid-May of 2024, as weather conditions allow. Information on the official opening date will be posted on the

San Juan National Forest website and Facebook page in the spring.

For more information, please contact the Pagosa Ranger District at (970) 264-2268.

For information on current conditions and recreation opportunities on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874 or visit the forest website.

## Natural gas prices projected to decrease

By Hailey Sams  
SUN Intern

Natural gas bills were projected to go down 26.25 percent in Archuleta County starting Oct. 1, according to a press release from Black Hills Energy.

According to the company, the average monthly bill is projected to go from \$117.09 to \$86.35, for a monthly change of \$30.74.

Black Hills is reducing prices all across Colorado, with Archuleta County having the second highest

cost reduction percentage throughout the region, according to the release.

Natural energy costs were high this past winter, and the reduction is to keep customers more in line with current natural gas costs, Black Hills Energy Community Relations Manager Jason Auslander explained.

"We just wanted to let people know that this winter so far is looking, you know, different," Auslander relayed. "We have gone to a quarterly gas cost adjustment, the GCA, so

that we can more accurately reflect the current price of natural gas."

The release explains the lower rate was approved Sept. 27 by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and will be reflected on customers' natural gas bills in the "Energy Charge" section of the bill, the release explains.

The GCA will be in place the next three months, according to the release.

"The price of natural gas itself is known as a 'pass through cost,' meaning customers are charged the

actual costs of natural gas and nothing more," according to the release. "Black Hills Energy does not make any money on natural gas costs."

"We don't love it when the price of natural gas goes up," Auslander expanded.

Regional rates vary based on "upstream provider costs, delivery costs, taxes and other associated charges or adjustments," the release comments.

For more information, visit <https://www.blackhillsenergy.com/> or call 888-890-5554.

## Celebration

### Paul Carpino

Each homecoming, the University of Montana Alumni Association (UMAA) honors outstanding alumni with Distinguished Alumni Awards. University alumni and friends are invited to nominate, on an individual basis, a graduate or former student for this award.

Recipients of the award are individuals who have distinguished themselves in a particular field and who have brought honor to the University, the state or the nation. The UMMA Board of Directors Awards Committee focuses on career achievement, professional honors, professional membership/directorship, community service and University of Montana or UMMA recognition or service in selecting recipients.

Among the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients is Paul Carpino, class of 1954.

Carpino is a social work gradu-

ate, but describes himself as "more a social justice and peace activist than a traditional social worker." He worked for decades on behalf of underrepresented and underserved populations in Montana, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and across the country. He preferred systemic changes that addressed the root causes of hunger and homelessness and viewed direct service programs as ineffective. He taught low-income people how to speak

up for themselves and press their issues with those in power at the local and statewide levels. He was instrumental in organizing the Montana State Low Income Organization, which became a force in changing laws so that programs to assist the poor became more accommodating to them. He and two other runners founded the Run for Peace, a relay from New York City to Seattle. Their mission was to promote nuclear disarmament.

Carpino believed the nuclear weapons industry unfairly affected low-income residents of the manufacturing and testing sites.

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# Sports

## GOLF

### Smith ties for 10th at state championship

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School Pirate sophomore Johnathon Smith tied for 10th at this week's 3A state golf championships, making him an all-state golfer.

The two-day championship was held in Windsor and included the classification's top 84 golfers.

"He stayed in it; he stayed after it," coach Mark Faber said of Smith. "He worked really, really hard the whole tournament."

Smith tied for 10th with four other golfers, with all five finishing with a total of 162.

The top golfer, Peak to Peak's Om Mathur, shot a 147.

"It's a hard golf course," Faber

said, noting it was one of the hardest the team has ever played.

He added the course is long and tough, with the greens probably the toughest part of it.

That difficulty was compounded by wind on Monday, he noted.

But, he pointed out, Smith "worked his tail off."

At the end of the day Monday, Smith was part of a five-way tie for eighth with a 79 on the par-72 course. That effort included shooting birdie on two holes and par on 11 holes.

On Tuesday, Smith shot an 83, which included shooting birdies on two holes and par on seven.

"He made a phenomenal five on the last hole," Faber said.

Faber called playing the course

a great experience.

Cedar Liverett, who was the first alternate for the state championships, did not end up competing.

Smith is only the second all-state golfer in Pagosa Springs High School history, according to Faber, with the first being Smith's older brother, who also tied for 10th at state.

"It was a good year," Faber said. He added of the team as a whole, "They're great kids and I thoroughly enjoyed it."

All of the team's golfers worked hard, played hard and improved over the season, he added.

"We had a small number of kids participate, but the ones that did worked really hard," he said.

Liverett, a junior, he noted, has

come a long way for someone who hasn't played much golf, and Isabel Galloway competed against guys all year.

He also highlighted the sole senior who was with the team all season and who has spent four years on the team: Keaton Robel.

Robel, he indicated, kept after it all four years and narrowly missed qualifying for state this year, but added that wasn't for lack of effort.

"It's been a pleasure to have him," Faber said, calling him a good guy and a good teammate.

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## SOCCER



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**Pirate Axel Chavez pursues the ball during a Pagosa's Sept. 30 match against the Mead Mavericks. The Pirates were ultimately defeated 6-0 by Mead.**

### Pirates maroon Mean Moose, fall to Mavericks, Spartans

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team scored one win and two losses over the week, defeating Alamosa and falling to Mead and Salida to bring its record to 6-6-2.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason stated that the team played "pretty well" in its 2-0 victory over the Alamosa Mean Moose.

He indicated that "a couple" of Alamosa players were not present at the Pirates' previous match against the Mean Moose — on Sept. 12, when Pagosa won 2-0 — were at

the Sept. 29 game.

He stated that these players were "really quick," creating opportunities for Alamosa break-aways and some "good shots" on the Pagosa goal, though the Pirates were superior in terms of possession.

He added that Pagosa created a significant number of opportunities to score but had difficulty finishing them — something he added would be a focus in the team's upcoming practices.

The coach stated that the first goal of the game happened 34 minutes into the match when Pi- ■ See Soccer A12

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## CROSS-COUNTRY

# Pirates take sixth, eighth at Salida Classic

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams raced at the Salida Cross Country Classic on Sept. 30, with the boys' team taking eighth place and the girls' team taking sixth place.

Coach Rachael Christiansen comments in a communication to The SUN, "We had beautiful weather, great competition, and saw some strong performances from our runners."

The boys' team placed eighth out of 13 teams.

Pirate Miles Baker finished the race in 19 minutes, 39 seconds to take 16th place out of 120 runners, in what Christiansen describes as a "strong race."

She adds, "His goal was top 20 and he rocked it! He was also only 1 second off of 14th place."

Jesse Beck finished 24th with a time of 20:02 — which the coach notes is 40 seconds quicker than his time for last year's race — and

Connor Thomas finished 49th with a time of 21:16.

Peyton Jackson took 51st with a time of 21:20 while Dylan Dempster took 80th with a time of 22:49.

Christiansen states that Jackson ran a "strong race coming off of some minor injuries" and that Dempster "looked strong all race" and finished with his second-best time of the season.

Isaac Hanto took 96th with a time of 24:01, Asher Burk took 98th with a time of 24:10 and JC Allen took 106th with a time of 26:49.

Christiansen comments, "Isaac, Asher Burk, and JC all pushed themselves incredibly hard, even resulting in some puking at the top of the hill by a couple! You know you worked hard when that happens mid race!"

"They are working hard at trying to fill the hole left by losing [Levi Hinger] and we are proud of their effort this race. Each day we will try to get better and better!" Christiansen concludes on the boys' ■ See Cross-country A13



Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

Sienna Rose descends an incline while racing at the Sept. 30 Salida Cross Country Classic. Rose placed 15th in the race, leading the girls' team to a sixth-place finish.

## Soccer

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rate Gavin Carter took a shot at the Alamosa goal off a pass from Jacob Castaneda.

He explained that the shot deflected off the foot of the Alamosa goalkeeper and went into the goal, resulting in an own goal for Alamosa with an assist by Carter.

The Pirates scored again in the second half with a goal by Ryder King assisted by Jose Garcia.

"Ryder scored on a great pass from Jose," Kurt-Mason stated. "He held the ball for just the right amount of time. When the goalie started to step out he took a shot. It was really a headsy play by Ryder and he was pretty happy, and everybody was pretty happy that Ryder finally got a goal on his own like that and it was pretty cool."

"He was glowing about that when he came off and he said, 'Coach, I just held it until the right time and I could see it happening before it happened.' ... And so, that kind of clenched it for us."

The coach added that King previously scored on a penalty kick during a match against Montezuma-Cortez on Sept. 23.

The next day, the 3A Pirates faced the 4A Mead Mavericks and were defeated 6-0.

Kurt-Mason noted that Mead is a "strong team" in 4A and that they were "tough," "fast," and "even-keeled."

He explained that Pirate goalkeeper Christopher Young-Martinez had to withdraw from play during the first half of the match due to concerns about a potential concussion.

He was replaced for the rest of the game by Caden Plake, who

made five saves during his 46 minutes in goal.

The Mavericks scored three times in the first half of the game and three times in the second half.

"There's never an easy game, and that was not an easy game," Kurt-Mason said. "And we did not keep our shape on offense and that kind of hurt us a bit. We were disorganized a few times out there and it came back to bite us."

He concluded by emphasizing the importance of Pagosa keeping its shape on offense.

On Oct. 3, the Pirates were beaten 5-0 in Salida by the "really good" Salida Spartans, according to Kurt-Mason.

The coach stated that the Spartans had a large number of seniors and were "well organized," although he indicated that the first five minutes of the game were relatively even.

The Spartans scored their first goal in the fifth minute of the game.

"It was a great shot and we knew the guys we needed to mark, but they seemed to get away from our marks pretty well," Kurt-Mason said. "We gave them too much space."

Kurt-Mason explained that the Pirates rebounded and King evened the score with a "beautiful play" approximately five minutes later, although his goal was subsequently withdrawn due to another Pagosa player being offside.

Salida scored an additional two goals in the first half and two more in the second half, the coach stated, adding, "It wasn't a thrashing, but they just overpowered us."

He noted that Plake, substituting for Young-Martinez who was absent due to concussion protocols, did "real well" and made four saves in the first half and three in the second.

Kurt-Mason explained that the team tightened its defense and improved its passing in the second half.

He highlighted the contributions of Jerry Dean, Chase Harper and Trey Garcia, all newer players to the team.

"And all those guys, those new guys, just came out," Kurt-Mason said. "They've just matured really fast and understand the game, and Jerry Dean just played an incredible defensive role in the midfield and was just a dog on a bone marking [the two leading Salida players]."

And that was his job and he did it and it was just pretty cool to see that. And he's fast and he's strong and he's very coachable.

"And Chase Harper did the same. He's an incredible athlete and he can play anywhere and we had him in the midfield ... and then he wanted to move back. He felt he could do better back there and help more and he did."

"And Trey Garcia, he's just gotten better in his game." Kurt-Mason concluded that the game was a "great effort by the Pirates."

"It was a team effort and ... we lost as a team and ... they weren't devastated, they just understood they were beaten by a pretty sharp team," he added.

The Pirates will take a two-week break before their final game of the regular season against Bayfield in Bayfield at 6 p.m. on Oct. 20. [josh@pagosasun.com](mailto:josh@pagosasun.com)

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Photo courtesy Josh Kurz  
 Peyton Jackson passes a competitor during the Salida Cross Country Classic on Sept. 30. Jackson took 51st place in the race with a time of 21 minutes and 20 seconds as one of the boys' team's five scoring runners.

## Cross-country

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team overall, adding that Hinger is "on the right track" but needs to be "careful" over the next six weeks as he prepares for upcoming medical procedures.

The girls' team placed sixth out of nine teams.

Pirate Sienna Rose finished 16th out of 103 runners with a time of 22:54, which Christiansen states is approximately 40 seconds faster than her time at last year's race.

Charlotte Duranton finished in 23:51 to take 23rd, which the coach noted is within the team's goal for her of placing in the top 20 to top 25.

Kaiya Lyons took 28th with a time of 24:16 and Madisen Stretton finished 36th with a time of 25:15.

"Those top 4 girls keep closing the gap between them, which is great to see," the coach states.

Hailey Sams finished 46th with a time of 25:53 as the Pirates' final scoring runner, and Marie Smith finished in 26:09 to take 49th place.

Johanna Beard finished 96th with a time of 33:52.

Christiansen comments on Beard, "Jo ran a good race, with a strong finish, taking over 4 minutes off of last week at home, earning the spot as our Monster of the Week."

She added on the girls' race as a whole, "As a team, the girls finished 6th overall and were only 12 points off of 5th and 25 off of 4th. We're seeing improvements every week

with these girls."

The teams' next race will be the Centauri Invitational in Alamosa on Oct. 7, which Christiansen notes is also the 3A Intermountain League meet.

She states, "This will be a larger meet with lots of great competition. We'll be racing against Centauri, Alamosa, Rocky Ford, Bayfield, Monte Vista, and others on a brand new course at Cole Park. This should be a very flat, very fast course so hopefully we can see

some times that show what our team is capable of!

"Since it is our League Meet, All Conference awards will be given to the Top 5 from our league (Intermountain League). Miles and Sienna will be working hard to try and earn a top 5 spot, especially with the talent of Alamosa and Centauri."

According to Christiansen, the girls' race is at 10 a.m. and the boys' race is at 10:45 a.m.

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## VOLLEYBALL

### Lady Pirates move to 6-8 with losses to Alamosa, Farmington

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team fell to 6-8 on the season over the last week after four-set losses to the Alamosa Mean Moose and Farmington Scorpions.

The Lady Pirates welcomed the Mean Moose on Saturday, Sept. 30, and lost 3-1.

"I was really proud of our girls for how much grit they showed and how much improvement we've made since the last time we played Alamosa," coach Katie Lorenzen said. "We were a completely different team and I knew that how much work we've put into blocking was really gonna show, and it did."

Alamosa won the first set 29-27 and the second 25-15. Pagosa then took the third set 25-18 before Alamosa sealed the victory with a 25-14 win in the third set.

"We pushed Alamosa to four sets. In the first set it was back and forth at the very end. We were so close to winning that one, so that was huge, and it was just an entirely different game than when we were in Alamosa a few weeks ago," the coach said.

Lorenzen noted the Lady Pirates struggled offensively because Alamosa is a very good team, but were keeping a lot of balls in play, which meant hitters were taking a lot of swings even though kill numbers were low.

"So, our numbers were low, but it just shows that some of the intangibles of the grit that we had on the court — never say die, the hustle plays, the getting touches on blocks — that was really making a difference," she said.

The coach noted the team barely hit above zero, but was hanging in there with one of the state's top 10 teams and made drastic improvements.

Kynslie Limebrook led the team in kills with eight.

She also tied for aces with Annie O'Donnell, with each logging two, and led in overall points, according to Lorenzen.

Lorenzen stated the team struggled with passing in the game.

"Alamosa is a very, very good team and our passers, depending on where they were on the court, would have a hard time seeing the server right behind their own

block," Lorenzen said. "So, that made a difference for our passers." She added the passers have carried the load a lot of the season and have been consistent.

Aspen Pitcher led the team in digs with 11 and had six kills.

Lexi Campbell followed with nine digs in one of her first games playing defense this season, according to the coach.

"She did a great job," Lorenzen said, adding she's really proud of Campbell for "never flinching when she's playing in the back row and in a new position in the back row."

The team had two blocks: one each by Campbell and O'Donnell.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, the Lady Pirates traveled to Farmington, N.M., to face the Scorpions.

The team also went four sets with Farmington, dropping the first set 25-20 and the second 25-23 before winning the third 29-27. The Pirates fell 25-15 in the fourth set.

"We executed our defensive plan pretty well against a very good Farmington team," Lorenzen said, noting the team put up solid blocks, communicated about what Farmington's hitters were doing and followed the Scorpions' serve/receive patterns well.

She noted Pagosa had too many unforced errors to win, but as a team hit well with a 0.157.

"Aspen really shined tonight," she said following the game. "When she was given decent balls, she was crushing it. I've never seen the balls ricochet off the other blockers' heads so many times. They were bouncing between their arms and hitting their heads. ... She was crushing it, she was finding the seam, she was finding the outside of their arms ... she really was doing a great job."

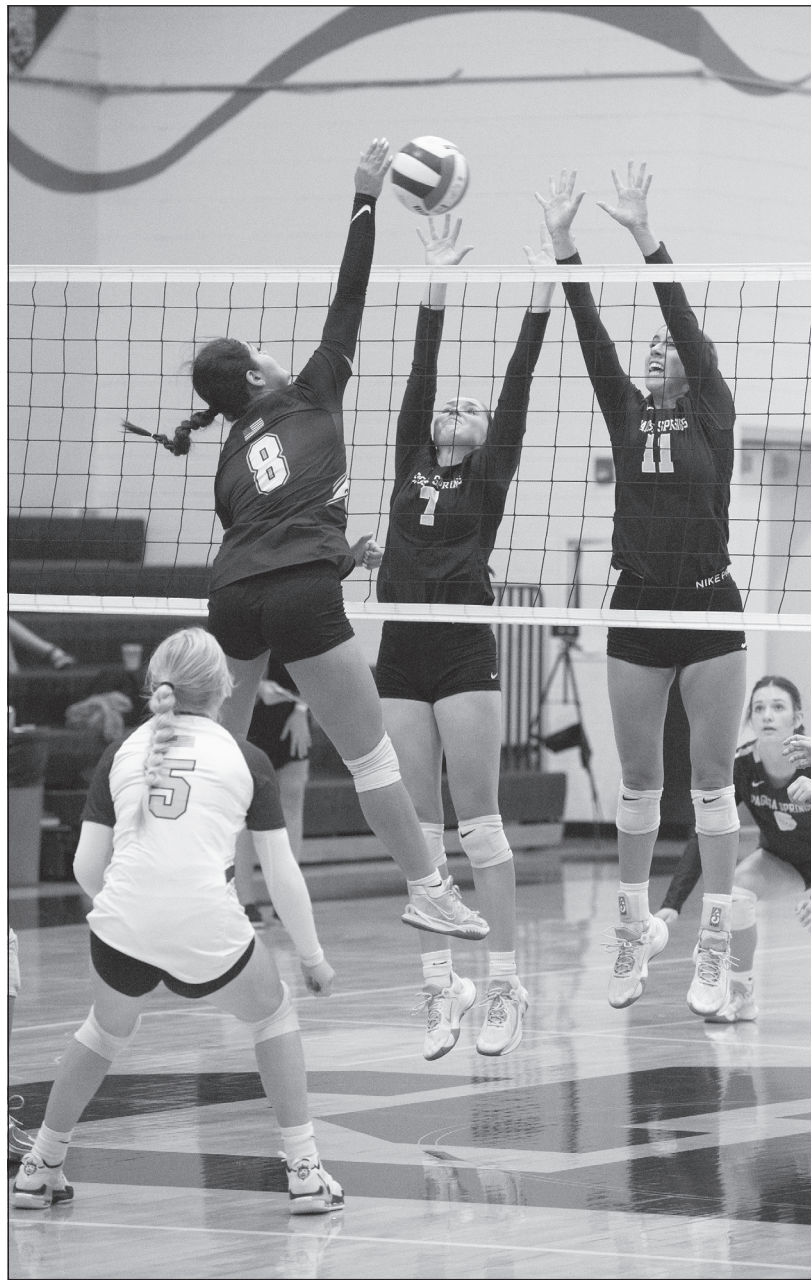
Pitcher hit 0.257 in the game and "played incredibly," according to Lorenzen.

Pitcher logged a double-double with 15 kills and 14 digs and led the team in overall points, the coach noted.

She also had two aces with no service errors.

Campbell tied for second on the team with seven kills and hit 0.182, Lorenzen noted.

Limebrook also had seven kills and hit above 0.200, according to Lorenzen. She contributed six digs. O'Donnell led the team in digs



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Annie O'Donnell and Kynslie Limebrook go up for a block against the Alamosa Mean Moose on Saturday, Sept. 30. The team picked up seven blocks in the affair, with O'Donnell having three and Limebrook having two.

with 16, while Lauren Monterroso, Grace Walker and Pitcher had 14 each.

Lorenzen also highlighted the work swing player Dawson Iverson in her first varsity match, as well as the play of Sophia Sottek.

The coach pointed out the team had several nice saves and hustle plays on the night, but also had deflating plays and collisions at the net that are dangerous.

She noted the team is working on peripheral vision on the court and communication.

"Overall, we played a good

team," she said, adding Farmington is ranked pretty high in New Mexico and is a big school. "We showed up and we did well."

Following the action over the last week, the Lady Pirates currently sit third in the Intermountain League with a league mark of 3-3, behind Alamosa (6-1 in league play) and Centauri (4-1 in league play).

Tuesday, the Pirates will head to Bayfield to again face the Wolverines.

The Lady Pirates defeated the ■ See Volleyball A15

## FOOTBALL

### No. 13 Pirates fall to No. 2 Delta

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The No. 13 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team fell to the No. 2 Delta Panthers on Friday, Sept. 29, at home.

The Panthers outscored the Pirates 14-7 in the affair.

"I felt we put ourselves in position to have a chance to win the game," coach Nathan Morales said. "And that's what we ask for every week ... so, play tough and get better each week and have a chance to win the game by the end of the fourth quarter or be in the lead."

The Panthers scored in each of the first two quarters.

In the first, Delta scored on a 3-yard run, and in the second the team scored on a 70-yard pass.

Pagosa scored early in the third quarter on a fumble recovery that Harley Armijo ran 31 yards.

The Pirates narrowly missed tying the game in the final minutes of the fourth when a touchdown was negated by a penalty call, leaving the team with a 14-7 loss.

The Panthers are now 6-0 on the season and remain as the No. 2 team in the 2A football Selection ■ See Football A15



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Creede Dozier passes the ball during the Pirates' Sept. 29 game against the Delta Panthers. Dozier completed 12 of 14 pass attempts for a total of 64 yards in the game.

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# County deems waste tire event a success

By Ashley Springer  
Archuleta County

On Friday, Sept. 29, Errol Lord, code enforcement officer for the Development Services Department of Archuleta County, held a waste tire collection event which was a huge success.

By 9 a.m., Lord and his team had already collected close to 200 tires despite collection hours scheduled not to begin until 9 a.m. The team continued collecting through 1 p.m., at which time they had met the collection event's max capacity of 1,000 tires.

In association with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division, the county was able to obtain a \$5,000 grant which assisted in disposal of the collected tires.

Repurposed tires can be used for various purposes, including tire-derived fuel, molded products, crumb rubber for roads and engineering projects. Properly disposing of tires also keeps Archuleta County clean and healthy as tires can act as breeding grounds for mosquitoes, become fire hazards and devalue property when stockpiled at private residences.

Lord and Development Director Pam Flowers are discussing more free clean-up events in the future.

"It's a collective effort to clean up the area," Lord commented. "I want to thank everyone that was involved and participated in



Photo courtesy Archuleta County

Archuleta County staff collect tires during the county's waste tire collection event on Sept. 29.

making this event a success. It was teamwork at its best!"

Lord and Flowers will continue to work on grants and state-funded programs which could benefit the

community and hope to announce them in early 2024.

Though the grant obtained through the CDPHE is only available to the county every 30 months,

residents can contact the state Waste Tire Division any time of year by calling (303) 692-2097 or visiting [www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wastetires](http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wastetires) for more information.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, Oct. 5

**Main Street group work session.** 4 p.m., Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprices.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**San Juan Water Conservancy District: Josh Kurz water presentation.** 6 p.m., Sisson Library.

### Tuesday, Oct. 10

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at:

<https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVka1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 91609048375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Archuleta School District Board of Education meeting.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St. For more information, visit: [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com).

**Pagosa Springs Planning Commission.** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprices.civicweb.net/portal/>.

### Wednesday, Oct. 11

**Archuleta County Fair Board meeting.** 6 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84. For more information, visit: <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

### Thursday, Oct. 12

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

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

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## Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

# Eighth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance set for Saturday

By Lisa Scott  
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

Back in the day, when ranchers and cowboys wrapped up haying and moving cattle to market or warmer climates, the hard work was behind them and they wanted to kick up their heels, socialize and party hardy with their neighbors. The barn dance was born.

The Pagosa Rotary Club is hosting the eighth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance the evening of Saturday, Oct. 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at the Archuleta County Colorado State University Extension building.

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$35 at the door and can be purchased at Choke Cherry Tree, Happy Trails or from any noon Rotarian.

A chuckwagon dinner is being prepared by Rotarian and chef Greg Langford and includes grilled orange chipotle chicken, homemade potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and cookies. The meal ticket can be purchased at the event for \$15. A cash saloon with a variety of libations will be available and arranged by Rotarians Ronnie Doctor and Granton Bartz.

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

Along with the music, there will be a silent auction. Rotarians Lassie Olin and Jo Bridges will display the 59 items generously donated by local businesses. Items include Wolf Creek Ski tickets, beauty baskets, home décor, jewelry, massages, restaurant certificates and

much, much more.

Dig out your finest western wear as there will be a contest for sexiest cowboy and cowgirl. You can take a break from the fabulous western décor — orchestrated by Rotarians Pat Love, Art Benzel, Ken and Jeanette Beesley, and Shellie Peterson — and take a horse-drawn wagon ride outside of the building.

Many Rotarians make light work and that is the case for planning and executing this beloved annual event. Under the leadership of Kim Moore, many Rotarians have assumed committee leadership positions and will be lending a hand throughout the evening to ensure a good time is had by all.

Rotary, being Pagosa's largest service-oriented non-profit club, is dedicated to bettering our community, our nation and our world. Locally, Rotarians direct the Feed the Children backpack program, annually gift color dictionaries to all third-grade students, host foreign exchange students from all over the world plus send our local students to other countries, and help the town manage the largest attended event in Pagosa, the Fourth of July Parade.

The local club also provides funds and time to support international projects in developing nations for cleaner water, medical facilities and education, and are part of the worldwide Rotarian endeavor to eradicate polio. Rotarians are volunteers whose motto is "Service Above Self."

So, Pagosa, here is a chance to dance a little, socialize a lot and give to our youth, knowing that you will be a part in making a difference in someone's life. To

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**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.

### Wednesday

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

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# iRise Adventure Challenge returning for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Amanda Briggs  
Rise Above Violence

Domestic violence is a heart-breaking reality for too many people. It wreaks havoc on the lives of those who experience it, creates dangerous and traumatic situations for children who grow up around it, and causes tremendous grief for everyone who loses a loved one to violence.

One in four women and one in seven men become victims of some form of domestic violence in their lifetime.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and we pause to educate ourselves about this issue, grieve with those who are experiencing or have survived domestic violence, and take action to prevent harm from occurring to our fellow human beings.

We are grateful to the officials of Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs for recognizing the importance of this month and declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month at their meetings on Oct. 3.

In the past year, 358 victims of domestic violence in Archuleta County came to Rise Above Violence for support, safety planning, emergency housing, emotional support, legal advocacy and education, or support for children who were exposed to violence.

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Rise Above Violence is holding its second iRise Adventure Challenge. Participants can choose a 30-miles-in-30-days challenge, or an extreme challenge for running or cycling.

The challenge began Sunday, Oct. 1. If you would like to participate and compete for the grand prize, please ensure you sign up by Saturday, Oct. 7, at the latest. You can register at [www.riseaboveviolence.org](http://www.riseaboveviolence.org). Click the "Events" tab and look for "iRise Adventure Challenge."

We are grateful for the support and generosity of those who sponsor and participate in our awareness events each year. If you would like more information, please visit our website, [www.riseaboveviolence.org](http://www.riseaboveviolence.org), or email [amanda@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:amanda@riseaboveviolence.org).

## Dance

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learn more about the Pagosa Rotary Club or if you're interested in becoming a member, visit <https://pagosaspringsrotary.org>.

If you love country music, the two-step and line dancing, then you won't want to miss Pagosa Springs Rotary's eighth annual Jeans and Jewels Barn Dance.

boveviolence. Stay up to date on all our Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities by following Rise Above Violence on Facebook or Instagram.

Rise is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving around 400 victims each

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# Donations being accepted for St. Patrick's annual clothing giveaway

By Michelle Chapman  
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

It's time to clean out your closets and drawers. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church's annual clothing giveaway offers the perfect opportunity to share your lightly used, too-big/too-small/out-of-date winter clothing with the wider community.

Past clothing drives have reaped truckloads of good winter clothing such that we wonder if there is a full closet left in Pagosa Spring. Yet every year we are pleasantly surprised by the largess that finds its way out of dark closet shelves, back of the drawer, under the bed, to welcome the light of day at our clothing roundup.

This year's roundup will kick off at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 225 S Pagosa Blvd., on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon, with further donations accepted Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 16-18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Patrick's sorting staff will appreciate clean winter clothing sorted by size. The giveaway event is Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are welcome to come shop for free that day.

While you may not appreciate that slightly small pant suit or blazer gathering dust in your closet, others may love to have it for a job interview.

On Oct. 21 we will have everything shaken out, folded or hung for easy shopping. Come find that



Photo courtesy St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Church volunteers will be accepting gently used winter clothing on Oct. 14, 16, 17 and 18 in advance of the annual clothing giveaway on Oct. 21.**

perfect outfit, new hiking pants, a warm winter coat or a stunning Halloween costume.

Clothing for all ages will be available as well as some kitchen items from St. Patrick's soon-to-be-re-modeled kitchen and excess quilting supplies from our quilting group.

## Stargazers to host 'All About Eclipses' program on Oct. 11

San Juan Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers will be presenting a special program, "All About Eclipses," at the Ruby Sisson Library for the general public to prepare everyone for the Saturday, Oct. 14, annular eclipse.

The program will be on Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Parts of the program will be geared toward elementary students, but people of all ages will benefit from attending. Come learn when, where and how to observe the eclipse.

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# Southern Ute Indian Tribe receives grant to address legacy pollution

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

The Department of the Interior has announced an initial allocation of nearly \$40 million as part of President Joe Biden's "Investing in America" initiative.

This funding represents the first phase of a comprehensive effort to support tribal communities in addressing abandoned oil and gas wells across Indian Country.

The primary goals of this investment include advocating for tribal land rights, promoting economic opportunities, addressing legacy pollution and mitigating environmental hazards.

The Southern Ute Department of Energy (DOE), in collaboration with the tribe's Contracts and Grants Department, applied for a grant under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Section 40601 Orphaned Well Program from the Department of Interior.

The grant application was specifically tailored to secure funds for conducting technical and field investigations into legacy plugged and abandoned wells, ensuring their integrity and long-term environmental protection.

Andy Wetherell, Energy Manager at the Southern Ute Department of Energy, said, "The team is appreciative of Tribal Council's support and the collaboration with the Tribe's Contracts and Grants Department to proactively manage the Tribe's resources and ensure legacy issues related to energy development are managed appropriately."

Chairman Melvin J. Baker expressed, "The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is honored to have been awarded this funding, which will serve as a valuable resource in fur-

thering our commitment to a clean and sustainable future."

In recognition of their dedication and proactive efforts, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been granted \$497,850.

This financial support will enable the tribe to play a pivotal role in the broader mission of addressing legacy pollution and enhancing the well-being of tribal communities.



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# Tickets selling fast for Tim Sullivan family scholarships concert

By Carole Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

Fans of country singer-songwriter Tim Sullivan and his hugely talented family will want to move fast to buy tickets if they are planning to attend the cabaret-style benefit concert in Durango showcasing the musical skills of three members of the family, plus two other special guests, on Saturday evening, Oct. 14.

Theme of the event is Broadway in the Rockies.

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

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

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

## Local scholarship winners

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

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

## Concert performers

Tim Sullivan's sister KT Sullivan is returning to Durango from New



Photo courtesy Carole Howard

KT Sullivan, sister of popular singer-songwriter Tim Sullivan, will come from New York City to headline the Sullivan family cabaret-style benefit concert Saturday, Oct. 14, in the ballroom of the DoubleTree Hotel at 7:30 p.m. in Durango. The concert also will showcase the impressive musical skills of Tim Sullivan and his mother Elizabeth, plus singer Natalie Douglas and jazz pianist Jon Weber. Tickets are \$100. All proceeds go to the Jim and Elizabeth Sullivan Foundation for the Arts to provide scholarships for deserving local youth with a talent for music, dance or visual arts. Multiple Pagosa Springs youth have won these prestigious scholarships over the years.

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# Sullivan

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 York City to perform as the headliner for the concert. She is the star of numerous Broadway productions and an internationally acclaimed singer and recording artist.

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

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

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

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

Also on stage will be award-winning singer and recording artist Natalie Douglas, as well as jazz pianist and composer Jon Weber, former host of "Piano Jazz" on NPR. Both Douglas and Weber have impressive U.S. and international performing credits and have wowed fans in Durango at previous Sullivan family benefit concerts.

### Tickets and sponsorships

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

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

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

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

### Master classes available

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

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

The cost is \$25 and scholarships are available through the Sullivan Foundation at [j.e.sullivanfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:j.e.sullivanfoundation@gmail.com).

One of the master class participants will be chosen to receive a scholarship from the Sullivan Foundation to perform next year in

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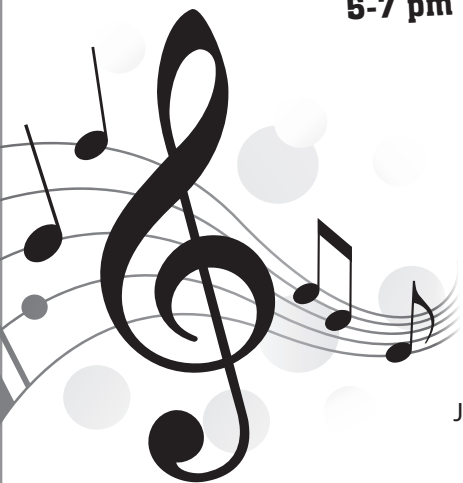


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The ensemble of local musicians at 2022's Pagosa Peak Open School gala, "The Golden Age of Hollywood." Tickets are available for this year's gala, "Viva La Pagosa."

## Tickets on sale for 'Viva La Pagosa' casino night gala

By Abbie Karas  
Pagosa Peak Open School

Get Ready to roll the dice at Pagosa Peak Open School's casino night gala, "Viva La Pagosa."

On Oct. 21 at 6 p.m., the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts will transform into a lively casino hall, inviting guests to immerse themselves in poker, blackjack, craps and roulette tables. Whether you're drawn to the tables, or the rhythm of local blues and jazz with Bob Hemenger, the evening promises captivating entertainment.

The event goes beyond gaming and features signature cocktails, small plates crafted by a local favorite and desserts.

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surprises. Capture memories at Vegas-themed photo booths, including A Little White Chapel, where a surprise guest may appear. As the night unfolds, exchange your chips for a chance to win top jackpot prizes.

Join us for this unforgettable event where every bet supports our children's future.

At last year's "Golden Age of Hollywood" gala, attendees reveled in an evening of live music and dancing. The night showcased a community-driven band composed of talented musicians from various backgrounds that brought jazz, blues, and early rock 'n' roll to life.

All proceeds from this event will go toward operations and programming at Pagosa Peak Open School — Pagosa's first district-authorized, public, tuition-free, K-8 charter school. Pagosa Peak Open School is an intentionally small school with a hands-on, project-based learning environment.

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New York City. Two talented Pagosa youngsters have previously won this prestigious honor — Palma and Allora Leonard. Both sang at the International Cabaret Conven-

tion at Lincoln Center and also performed at Birdland Jazz Club in New York City.

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

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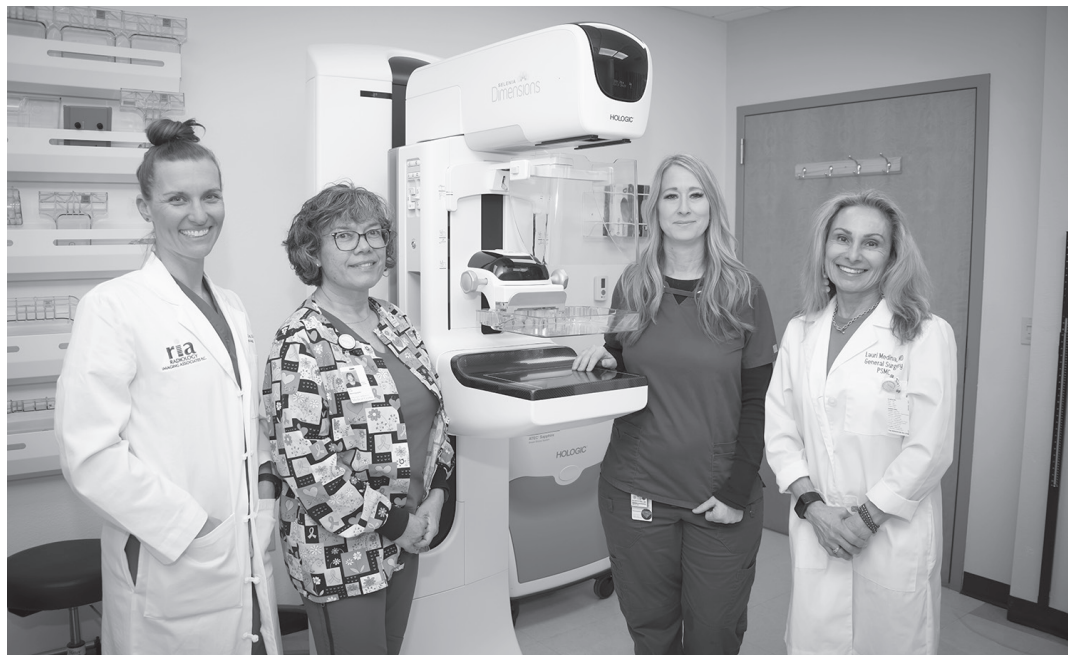
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# Pagosa Springs to host fly-fishing film festival

Trout Unlimited

The 2023 International Fly Fishing Film Festival is coming to Pagosa Springs on Oct. 10 featuring 10 short and feature-length films.

The screening, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive, will showcase fly-fishing films from all corners of the globe. The films begin at 7 p.m. with the venue doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

The event is hosted by the Five Rivers Chapter of Trout Unlimited, a conservation organization. General admission seats are \$20 or \$45 with a subscription to Fly Fusion Magazine.

Proceeds from this event will be used by the Five Rivers Chapter to support restoration efforts for the unique lineage of San Juan

cutthroat trout, as well as other trout species in our area. Tickets can be obtained at <https://www.showclix.com/event/if42023pagosapraspringsco>.

For information about this screening, contact the host at [bskil-len759@gmail.com](mailto:bskil-len759@gmail.com).

Among the films in the festival are “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Damsel,” with oversized tiger trout, a prolific damsel fly hatch and an obscure mountain lake; “Of the Sea,” where brothers explore the elusive Banco Chinchorro off the coast of Xcalak; “Jacks,” giant trevally attacking from deep ocean water; “Father Nature,” a guided trip on the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park; “A Slam that Saves,” four species of bass found only in the Appalachians; and “Dollar Dog,” Atlantic salmon in

Cape Breton’s Margaree River.

Others include “The Focus,” a story of three anglers who revisit a remote mountain stream; “Chesapeake,” a love letter to a watershed, the landscapes and environments of a special place; and “Gold Fever,” about undiscovered water in the middle of the Amazon jungle.



# Save the date for Archuleta Health Fair and Expo

Healthy Archuleta

A date to highlight in your calendar right now is Oct. 21. On that date, our community will experience a unique event — the Archuleta Health Fair and Expo.

This is the first ever event of this nature sponsored 100 percent by our local community — Healthy Archuleta, the Archuleta County Public Health Department, the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, our local health care provider community, Labcorp and more.

The event will begin early, at 7 a.m., with low-cost labs and connections with local health care providers with the primary objective of reaching community members who experience barriers to primary

preventive health care.

It will continue through until 1 p.m. with presentations, workshops and activities all in support of physical, mental and nutritional health as well as food demos from local chefs, visits with on-site wellness vendors, a farmers market, and a farm-to-table luncheon.

The organizers extend an invitation to all who are interested in joining this remarkable demonstration of community spirit and effort as a sponsor or as a volunteer at the event to visit the Healthy Archuleta website, <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-health-fair-and-expo.html>, for more information, or send an email to [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com) or call (401) 206-4579.

# Gala

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Reaching our mission to develop brave and experienced lifelong learners requires extensive funding, and the school’s operational budget relies heavily on grants and fundraising events. The school receives less funding than other public schools in Archuleta County, and furthermore bears the weight of operational costs such as mortgage, maintenance,

utilities and transportation. These school funds could otherwise be applied to competitive teacher salaries, class supplies, fieldwork options and growth opportunities for students.

To learn more about the school, please visit [pagosapeakopenschool.org](http://pagosapeakopenschool.org). Follow the event on Facebook for more details.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased at [PagosaCenter.org](http://PagosaCenter.org).

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# Call for artists issued for Kids Choose Art event

By Mary Kurt-Mason  
Aspen House

Imagine yourself as a child, entering a magical space filled with beautiful art. Imagine being allowed to select a piece of art for your very own, all by yourself. This is what will happen at the Kids Choose Art booth at the Holiday Maker's Fair on Nov. 11 at Pagosa Springs High School.

Artists' support is needed for Kids Choose Art, a unique and fun fundraiser for Aspen House that will give children ages 5-12 the opportunity to personally engage with many forms of art.

Artists are being asked for donations to fill the Kids Choose Art booth with pieces of their beautiful work. The booth will be set up as a magical place that only children ages 5-12 can enter. With a donation to Aspen House, a child can go into the Magical Kingdom of Art to select a piece of art of their very own, on their very own.

Art donations can be any medium, from paintings to ceramics, sculpture to prints, textiles to glass, or more. Art donations can be dropped off at PS Froyo, 459 Lewis St., or can be picked up on request. Call (970) 903-8203 to arrange a pickup. The earlier donations are received, the easier it will be to organize this wonderful event.

Aspen House will be the first home in the Pagosa Springs area that provides supervised housing and support services for adults with developmental disabilities. It will allow adults with special needs to grow in independence without having to leave their home community.

Artists, please consider donating some of your artwork to support Aspen House, and to give



Photo courtesy Mary Kurt-Mason

**Aspen House is seeking artists to donate works for its Kids Choose Art booth at the Holiday Maker's Fair.**

the children of Archuleta County a unique opportunity to become appreciators and owners of art.

For any questions, or to arrange pickup, contact Mary Kurt-Mason at [mesacanyonart@gmail.com](mailto:mesacanyonart@gmail.com) or by calling (970) 903-8203. We need your support.

## Pagosa Springs mother in top 10 for horror charity photoshoot

Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Springs resident and mother Angel Salter Weaver has placed in the top 10 in the Face of Horror Contest.

The winner gets a photo shoot with Kane Hodder (the actor who played Jason Voorhees) at the iconic Woodbury House, a movie shoot location best known for the movie "American Horror Story." The photoshoot will be featured in Rue Morgue Magazine.

Best of all, she'd win the \$13,000 first prize. Salter (Weaver) came back to Pagosa Springs two years ago from Georgia as a medical refugee in order to help her disabled

son benefit from the use of medical cannabis oil to stop his seizures.

She said her hope is to win the money to help pay for his medicines and cover his special medical needs. Her husband is also a disabled U.S. Marine Corps combat veteran and she plans to help him with the \$13,000 if she wins also.

Your vote not only helps Salter and her family, but also the B+ Foundation in its mission to help families with pediatric cancers.

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# Free fall Lifelong Learning lecture series to start Thursday evening

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Starting this evening, Thursday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. and happening every Thursday through Nov. 9, our free fall Lifelong Learning series will offer you talented speakers talking about a wide variety of interesting topics:

- Today's topic is "Water Fluency 101: Developing a water-fluent community" with Josh Kurz, who has a B.S. in watershed science and an M.S. in science education.

- Oct. 12 will feature Connie Cook, deputy chief of the Pagosa Springs Medical Center's EMS (Emergency Medical Services) unit, explaining the many EMS services to our community.

- Oct. 19 will focus on communicating with sexual abuse survivors using trauma-informed responses. It will be led by Kathleen Davis, BSN-RN, and is offered to both the public and professionals.

- On Oct. 26, Dr. Janice McIntyre and Santos Ocanas will talk about Ruby's Writers Guild, the writers' support group that meets every Thursday morning at your library.

- On Nov. 2, Donna Wynn will discuss Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, which trains and organizes volunteers in search, rescue and

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other emergency services.

- Nov. 9 will showcase the Project Healing Waters fly-fishing program for disabled veterans and wounded warriors with Paul Wilson, the program lead, a retired wildlife biologist.

Pick up a brochure with more details at your library or go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult> services. Note no registration is required.

### Early library closure

Your library will close early on Monday, Oct. 9, for a staff meeting at 5 p.m. This is our regular new staff meeting schedule — on the second Monday of the month.

### Activities calendars

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

### Upgrades to library website

When you access the library's website these days, you will notice several changes.

On the content side, our website will now be 100 percent compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Examples of improvement for people with sight issues include better color contrast in artwork. As well, if a patron is using a special software to "read" the website, that reader will now pick up words embedded in the pictures. In addition, for the hearing impaired we now will have captions on any videos posted on the site.

We've taken this opportunity to redesign multiple visual elements throughout the site, making it more open, less crowded and easier to navigate.

The wide blue borders on the left and right will be gone, opening up the layout to bigger elements for easier reading. The banner and tabs at the top remain, but there are some changes to the sections underneath. For example, AspenCat stays, but the other two boxes are now Calendar and Programs with links that take you to the current monthly calendar and to adult, teen and children's activities as

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## Virtual author talks

Our highly popular virtual author talks continue this month with three opportunities for you to interact with New York Times best-selling authors with an opportunity to ask questions. For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m. will feature guidebook author and tour guide Rick Steves discussing European travel tips and tools.

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, at noon we'll interact with Ruth Ware, British author of psychological thrillers like "The It Girl" and "The Woman in Cabin 10."

On Thursday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m., we'll meet with John Irving, Academy Award-winning author of multiple bestsellers including "A Prayer for Owen Meany" and "The Cider House Rules," five of which have become movies.

## Rhythm and rhymes tomorrow

Youngsters aged 1-5 are invited to a free music-based storytime with lots of movement and singing tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 6, from 10 to 11 a.m.

## Super Mario tomorrow

If you love playing Mario Kart, play in real life at this drop-in program Friday, Oct. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Special teen hangout tomorrow

We are setting aside the large meeting room for teens and tweens to use and spend time with friends tomorrow, Friday, Oct., 6 from 4 to 6 p.m.

## Family crafts event Saturday

Join us Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon for Craftapalooza, a fun, free family crafts event for families with children aged 3 and up. Create a variety of crafts at more than 10 different craft stations. Stop by anytime during those two hours and stay as long as you want.

## Tween/teen art camp

Monday art classes from 4 to 6 p.m. for teens and tweens will explore a different style or medium. This month it is fiber arts with Linda Lutomski teaching basic weaving and string art. Registration is required.

## Shakespeare Read Aloud Club

Monday, Oct. 9, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., the new free all-ages Shakespeare Read Aloud Club will meet for "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Adults, teens and children are

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

This new club is being organized by Jenny, a Pagosa resident with a lifelong interest in Shakespeare and the theater. Drop in for one meeting, several or all gatherings. Costumes are optional. For more information, contact Jenny at (240) 426-7887.

## Ruby's Book Club Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club will meet from 2 to 3 p.m. next Tuesday, Oct. 10, to discuss "Win" by Harlan Coban. Copies are available at your library. This free book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend and snacks are provided.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

## Therapy dog visit

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

## Solar eclipses

Join the San Juan Stargazers Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for a presentation on the upcoming solar eclipses assisted by our local Girl Scouts.

## Elementary tutoring sessions

Children ages 6-11 are welcome at these free sessions every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. where they will build essential skills in core subjects. Preregistration is required.

## 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.

## Home-school enrichment

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a.m. to noon as you build your own eclipse viewer.

## Writers' support group

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

## ESL class times

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and there is a change in the way the time is divided: 4 to 5 p.m. is reserved for beginners, 5 to 6 p.m. for intermediate and 6 to 7 p.m. for advanced students.

Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

## Tech Time

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

## PALS/GED adult education

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Note there will be no PALS/GED Oct. 10.

## Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books

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

## Local authors

"Decoying Big Game" by local author Judd Cooney describes successful tactics for luring deer, elk, bears and other animals into gun or bow range. He is a long-time guide for both hunters and photographers, and his book is a resource for both beginning and experienced hunters.

"Hungry Shoes" by Sue Boggio and Mare Peart is a novel about two adolescent psychiatric unit patients who navigate the surreal world of their fellow patients thanks to support from staff, especially veteran psychiatrist Mary Swenson. The authors grew up together in Iowa and are retired after long careers in health care at the University of New Mexico.

## Essay collection

"The Deadline" by Jill Lepore is a collection of 46 essays offering a view of American life and letters, politics and technology, law and society.

## Nonfiction

"From Deedle to Dr. Judy" by Judith Oppenheimer, a retired pediatrician, is a memoir of the daughter of J. Robert Oppenheimer. "Chronic Pain Reset" by Dr. Afton L. Hassett is a guide to simple actions that help you solve your pain issues. "No Meat Required" by Alicia Kennedy is a history of plant-based eating in the U.S. "Sure, I'll Join Your Cult" by comedian Maria Bamford is a memoir about show

business, mental health and the comfort of belief systems. "Football Done Right" by three-time Super Bowl winner Michael Lombardi uses history and personal experience to explore the best of the NFL.

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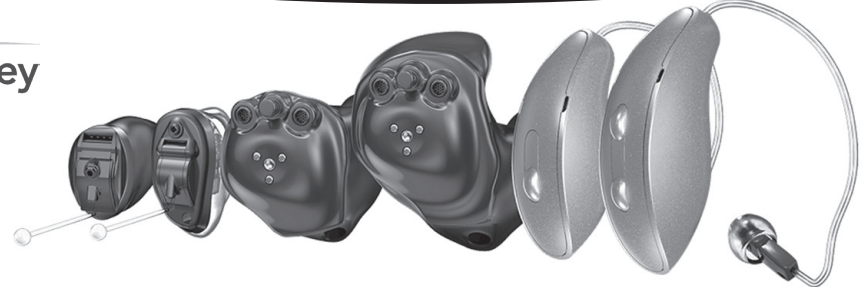
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# Rotary members support Habitat For Humanity

By JoAnn Laird  
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The day was the first official day of fall. The weather was beautiful, and it was a perfect day to be outside, going to the myriad opportunities this little mountain town presents or getting the yard ready for winter. For Pagosa Springs Rotary, it was a perfect day to help Habitat For Humanity build the three homes they are building in Pagosa Springs this year.

It goes without saying that the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club and Habitat For Humanity are all about helping those in need. Recently when these two nonprofit organizations came together with a generous, giving spirit, much was accomplished. Beams were raised,

flooring was installed and general cleaning took place. In short, saws were buzzing and hammers were banging.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club chooses a monthly, local purpose to better our community. It could be holding a barn dance to raise funds for their scholarship program, supporting other nonprofits like Rise Above Violence or assisting the town with the Fourth of July Parade. September was chosen to assist the worthy cause of the local Habitat For Humanity's mission to place a needy and worthy family in a home of their own.

Habitat is in the process of building their 31st, 32nd and 33rd homes in Pagosa. It takes a village to pull this off. Or, a small Colorado town of mighty volunteers. For the

Rotarians that September Saturday, at the end of the day, they experienced a deep satisfaction and commitment to the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self".

In this ever-changing world, the one constant is that it feels darn good to be of help to those that need it. Not monetarily, but by simply the giving of one's time. If you have the inclination to be of help and feel good about yourself as a bonus, visit either the Rotary Club, [www.pagosaprotary.org](http://www.pagosaprotary.org), or Habitat, [www.habitatarchuleta.org](http://www.habitatarchuleta.org), to explore how you can be of help to your community.

So, whether it's building houses, picking up highway trash or stuffing backpacks for the Feed the Children Program, there is always something one can contribute.

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# The confidence of a man

By Betty J. Slade  
PREVIEW Columnist

A setback in Saturday's game between CU Bolder and Oregon (6-42) didn't discourage the confidence of this champion. Neither will he quit. The loss didn't take away from who Deion Sanders is.

After a marathon weekend of watching interviews with Sanders, I'm ready to run to the top of Wolf Creek Pass or onto the Golden Peaks Stadium football field and shout, "Thank you, Lord, for a man of conviction."

My Sweet Al asked, "How many more interviews are you going to watch?"

"All of them. Deion makes me want to win. He makes me want to keep pushing writers to write their hearts out."

I'm amazed at the confidence this 56-year-old man has with a net worth of \$45 million and two Super Bowl rings. I've come to the conclusion his confidence lies not with his fame or fortune, but with knowing the truth, loving the boys and building confidence in them.

Sanders is an American football coach and former professional football and baseball player. He's the only athlete to compete in both the Super Bowl and World Series and now is dedicating his time to coaching the next generation of players.

Sanders was at the center of religious controversy for months before Colorado started its 2023 season. The parents argued they needed a coach, not a preacher.

With old-school teachings, he told the boys that nothing would be given to them and they had to work to get on the team. More than 70 boys quit before the season started.

In one of his interviews, he was asked why he would come to the University of Colorado Boulder, known for being a "party school" and very liberal.

He answered matter-of-factly, "God told me to come to CU and that's why I'm here."

He was asked, "Why did you quit Jackson State?"

"I didn't quit; I finished the job. I'm at CU for the next chapter in my life. I've never been in Colorado, never skied, snowboarded, or any other thing, but I am obeying God. I'm here and ready to do business." And yes, he means business. I love that dedication when he said, "I love these young men and I'm here to build character in them to be successful in life. It's more than football."

Ryan Gaydos, from Fox News, wrote, "The Freedom from Religion Foundation sent the University of Colorado a letter on Jan. 24 about Sanders' references to Christianity and claimed they were contacted by residents who were concerned

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players were potentially being pressured to pray during their team meetings."

The letter also pointed to one prayer in question, which read "Lord, we thank You for this day, Father, for this opportunity as a group. Father, we thank You for the movement that God has put us in place to be in charge of. We thank You for each player here, each coach, each family. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

In 1 John 3:18,19, The Passion Translation, John writes, "Beloved Children, our love can't be an abstract theory we only talk about, but a way of life demonstrated through our loving deeds. We know that the truth lives within us because we demonstrate love in action, which will reassure our hearts in his presence."

In the Aramaic, the same verses can be translated, "By this we recognize that we are of the truth and it makes our hearts confident to deliver our hearts before he comes."

I believe Sanders' life says the same thing. He is not loving in abstract theory, but demonstrating his love in action, giving him reassurance that he is in the right place. He is delivering his heart to the young men of Colorado. He is not only teaching them how to win on the football field, but helping raise successful men of character.

Sanders is putting a new face on the college football program. He is bigger than college football. He's generating more money for the athletic program and for the boys. Even the food in the cafeteria is better.

When asked about giving his own boys an opportunity and a quarterback position, he said, "I'm not giving them anything, they're going to have to earn it."

He knows 95 out of 100 won't make it to the pros, but he's giving them an opportunity to win in real life. He named several "old school" coaches who gave to him and now he's giving back. I am reminded of Coach Garrison who coached our grandsons. After every game, he made the boys thank their parents for being there. He instilled "old school" teachings in them.

My own two kids, Al and Allison Wylie, are still members of the athletic Boosters' Club, even 10 years after their boys graduated. Why? Because they love the boys. They are still giving back.

When the team went out on the

road, Al and Allison would get up at four in the morning and make 100 burritos, heat them, wrap them in foil, store them in a big thermal cooler. At 6 a.m., with 100 burritos, they met the bus and sent their boys off with the rest of the team for an out-of-town game.

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# Goats can be a forest's best friend

By **Dave Marston**  
PREVIEW Columnist

Goats are particularly good at one thing: Eating. Unlike a horse or cow that leaves noxious weeds behind, goats eat the whole menu of pesky weeds, bushes and small trees. That means goats can be one of the answers to the growing

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problem of tinder-dry, highly flammable forests.

In Durango, Colo., former firefighter Jonathan Bartley runs a business called DuranGoats, along with partner Adrian Lacasse, and it's so popular they're booked daily. Their herd usually works along the wildland-urban interface of the San Juan National Forest, clearing undergrowth around private houses in heavily wooded, steep areas at the town's periphery.

Thanks to his work, Bartley has come to a conclusion about newcomers to the West: "When people move here thinking 'I'd love to live in the woods,' they're probably making a big mistake."

If they do choose to live surrounded by trees or next to a forest, though, he has advice.

Because utilities cut off electricity during fires, he suggests buying a generator to keep sprinklers for irrigation running. He also advises homeowners to install a metal roof to repel wind-driven sparks.

Always, he adds, have a go-bag ready with your most important stuff if flight becomes necessary. Most of all, he wants homeowners to create flame breaks around their house with gravel while also cutting back trees and shrubs within 30 feet of the house.

That last bit of advice is key. Firefighters triage neighborhoods, he said, picking winners and losers. When they scan neighborhoods quickly, they tend to give defensible homes extra resources while deciding that the brushy,



Photo courtesy DuranGoats

**Jonathan Bartley and Adrian Lacasse of DuranGoats, who use goats to clear undergrowth around private houses to lessen fire danger.**

overgrown properties are going to be lost causes.

Bartley knows fire well. He worked for a private company as part of a hand crew of 20 based in Eugene, Ore. There, the Holiday Farm Fire started within a half mile of his house. From that experience, he learned that our approach to wildfire is backward: "We react, rather than manage landscapes ahead of time. Spending a few million dollars on fire mitigation would have saved hundreds of millions of dollars."

These days, he said, "I'm still fighting fires — just with goats."

Bartley is quick to point out that fire itself is beneficial to forests. Even Cal-Fire, the firefighting arm of the state of California, says on its website, "Fire removes low-growing underbrush, cleans the forest floor of debris, opens it up to sunlight and nourishes the soil."

The problem across the West, Bartley said, is so many unmanaged dense forests full of deadfall and brush — "ladder fuels" — that allow fire to climb into tree canopies. "By the time wildfire gets into the treetops to become crown fires," Bartley said, "firefighters have evacuated and are miles away."

Everyone knows that western

wildfires are becoming worse. Half of the 10 biggest fires in the United States this century all burned in this region. When wildfires grow massive and super hot, they destroy forest ecosystems, leaving nearly sterilized bare ground that's perfect for flammable cheatgrass to invade. That sets up burned areas to burn again, often quickly.

Bartley has big ambitions for his goat herd, which can clear a quarter acre in a day. DuranGoats charges \$400 daily, he said, much less than the cost of a crew of landscapers armed with weed whackers and loppers on hilly, broken

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When my daughter was asked why they did this, she answered, "I wasn't going to make two burritos for my boys when I knew the other 30 boys were hungry."

Final brushstroke: It's refreshing to see what Sanders is giving back to the next generation. He's giving them "old school" training and he's not apologizing for it.

Sanders, a man of conviction and confidence, has just gotten started and I'll be watching every Saturday. My Sweet Al is going to have to wait for dinner; I've got another hour on the last interview. The season has just begun.

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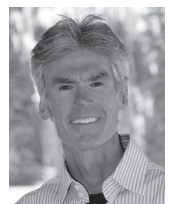
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# New Thought Center to hear two-part series on compassion

By Shayla McClure  
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday services on Oct. 8 and 15 at 10:30 a.m. will be a two-part series on compassion with Larry and Evelyn Malone, marriage and family counselors.

The Malones will address compassion with a heartfelt message on Oct. 8, "Mindful Self Compassion."

"Embracing mindful self compassion is a process of accepting our humanity and acknowledging our hurts and wounds, and sometimes our errors in judgment. It involves forgiving ourselves for not being all-knowing and all-powerful.

"The work embeds self-compassion into the body so that we actually shift the feelings and sensations

that we hold in a given situation." — Larry and Evelyn Malone.

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Oct. 8 and 15: Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. with Drs. Larry and Evelyn Malone, who will be hosting the services. They will present a two-part series on compassion.

Oct. 22: Sunday service with White Eagle on "Winds of Change."

Oct. 29: Sunday service with Stephanie Morrow.

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

Nov. 5: Sunday service with Dr. Elaine Harding, Ignite Your Life group meeting after the service.

Nov. 12, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Julie Loar, "A Presentation on Spiritual Egypt."

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terrain. Moreover, the goats' sharp hooves churn the dirt and fertilize it with poop and pee, setting up a regenerative cycle that improves the soil.

In northwestern Montana, former journalist David Reese has a similar business.

His herd moves daily, and once the animals strip leaves off small trees and gobble up the cheatgrass and knapweed, he said, it's quick work to chain saw small trees and dead branches.

Like Bartley, Reese has found he has almost more business than he can handle. He plans to scale his herd to 400 goats, while Bartley aims to build up to 100 goats. Both are angling for bigger contracts from homeowners and also government agencies.

Finding four-legged workers

is easy. "A male dairy goat has a life expectancy of a week," said Bartley. "They're not plump like meat goats, have no dairy value and often are dispatched at birth."

Extra income for DurangoGoats comes from outdoor weddings. Festooned with wildflowers and bells, goats roam the grounds and are a favorite with all the guests, even pitching in as ring-bearers or, in a pinch, groomsmen. But like any single man at a wedding, they have a wandering eye, which means that flower arrangements can be gobbled up quickly.

*Dave Marston is the publisher of Writers on the Range, writer-sontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He lives in Durango, Colo. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.*

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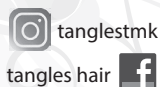
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# 'You are invited to my celebration of life; I plan to be there'

By Richard Gammill  
PREVIEW Columnist

My friend Bob Pike has always been an innovator, blazing trails in new directions and changing lives with new approaches in teaching and learning techniques.

Thus, I was intrigued but not at all surprised with the announcement that Pike's long-term battle with cancer had come to a point that he was putting himself under hospice care and his celebration of life would be held while he was able to attend rather than after he passed.

He said, "It does feel a little strange celebrating it while I'm still alive, but this is probably the best stuff about me that I'll ever hear, so I'd like to hear it."

Following his wishes, the National Speakers' Association arranged the event, held in his home in the Phoenix, Ariz., area for those who could be present in person and also on Zoom so his friends and followers around the world could attend and participate virtually. Whether we were in Japan or somewhere in Europe or North America, we were together in his living room meeting or hearing from people whose lives and careers have been affected by this remarkable man.

Pike is known as the "Trainer's Trainer." He has written more than 35 books on training and performance and designed more than 600 training programs of a day or longer. His work has gone to more than 25 countries, where more than 150,000 trainers on five continents have graduated from his multiple-day "train the trainer" programs. The list of his achievements goes on.

During the celebration, several well-known authors, like Ken Blanchard ("The One Minute Manager") and Mark Sanborn ("The Fred Factor"), either appeared live or their letters were read attesting to the influence of Pike on their own writing and speaking careers. They described him as a pioneer in the art of teaching and as a classic servant leader. The Bob Pike Group founded a class, "Adventures in Attitudes," which gave birth to "Creative Training Techniques."

One speaker said, "I want Bob to know what a gift he is to so many as he has impacted thousands who train and speak. I first met Bob when I was relatively new to the training field and his creative training influenced my own training and I still refer to his training ideas even today. But his friendship and shared faith is what I am most grateful for."

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Rich Hendrix, Pike's pastor over a period of 20 years, said, "Bob came to believe that the things Jesus said about life and death and eternal life were true. He came to embrace them with his whole life, heart, mind and soul. ... Bob gave a lot of time and energy to helping people lead like Jesus. But he also knew that before you can lead like Jesus you must learn to follow Jesus, and following Jesus is the safest, sanest choice you'll ever make in this life and the next."

I have only known Pike since I moved to Mesa in April 2020. As I listened to these testimonials, I learned how he advanced the idea that when teachers and trainers engage their listeners, they will become more involved. If you are a speaker, get your audience involved, get them speaking, writing, doing. They will take more ownership and they leave with some ideas that can make a difference in their life. And today, it is no exaggeration to say that hundreds of thousands of trainers around the world are using these methods.

After more than an hour, Pike held the microphone for a last few words. "I challenge you to take a good look at Jesus. Because I would rather have five people here say I am in heaven because of Bob than have 5,000 say I'm a better trainer because of Bob."

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Come to pass
- 6 Poor, as excuses go
- 10 Clothing closure
- 14 Yours, in old days
- 15 Last year's senior
- 16 Fast feline
- 17 Buttermilk, to Dale Evans
- 18 Now and then
- 20 Step up, as a conflict
- 22 Gerbil or gopher
- 23 Library patrons
- 24 Flamingo, for one
- 25 Caesar's 700
- 26 Garden of the Gods state
- 29 Nuts and berries, e.g.

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- 33 File folder feature
- 34 Wheel shaft
- 35 Mathis song "Chances \_\_\_"
- 36 Extinct flightless bird
- 37 Seven, on some clocks
- 38 Stick here and there
- 42 1953 film, "From Here to \_\_\_"
- 44 Sculler's need
- 45 Janet Jackson hit of 1986
- 46 Plymouth colonist, e.g.
- 50 "Boston Legal" actor James
- 52 Lip affliction
- 53 Fit to live in
- 55 Dressed to the \_\_\_
- 56 Civil rights org.
- 57 Herbal brews
- 58 Pole vault, e.g.
- 59 Regard
- 60 Whirling water

### 61 Staff symbols

### DOWN

- 1 Catchall category
- 2 Selected
- 3 Roughly, date-wise
- 4 Strip a horse?
- 5 Keep in office
- 6 Wears well
- 7 Succulent plant
- 8 It's the word, sometimes
- 9 Oz's \_\_\_ City
- 10 Itsy-bitsy thing
- 11 Part of a fraction
- 12 Mane anagram
- 13 Yesteryear
- 19 Big deals
- 21 Rainbow shape
- 24 Serenader, maybe
- 26 Feldman of "Stand by Me"
- 27 Belonging to father
- 28 Orchestral reed

29 "\_\_\_ you heard?"

30 Way out

31 Able to be transferred

32 Like some acids

36 Contemptuous

38 Atlas feature

39 Fertilizer

40 Motown music

41 Cowboy's pal

43 Curies' find

46 Verse in olden days

47 Vocal qualities

48 "\_\_\_ we all?"

49 High homes

50 Caviar fish

51 Set the \_\_\_

52 Outfitted

54 Garden plot

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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# Habitat for Humanity volunteers make a difference

By **Monica Nigon**

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Imelda Mulholland, a semiretired immigration attorney from Grand Junction, took a break from running the band saw at the Habitat for Humanity site on Sam Houston Avenue to sit on the trailer and sip from a water bottle.

“One of the greatest moments of my life was getting a house,” she said. “The first house felt so important. In my retirement, I decided that’s what I’d do, I’d help build houses around the country and around the world for Habitat International and Habitat nationwide.”

Mulholland found her way to Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County through our advertising on Habitat International’s Care-a-Vanner website.

Mulholland explained having a home was especially important to her as an Irish immigrant who came to the U.S. with \$2 in her pocket and a suitcase when she was 19.

Mulholland said her first home was a cheap, rundown house. She was able to renovate it to sell it and upgrade from home to home throughout her life.

She said it was a “sense of security” for her and her kids.

“It’s your foot into being a homeowner, lifelong,” she said.

The homes on Sam Houston are just her second build. Her first

was in Bellingham, Wash. She is one of several Care-a-Vanners on-site, traveling from build to build throughout the world.

“The best thing about Habitat is the people,” she said, adding, “They’re just the neatest people from around the world. All of these volunteers have come every single day. It’s just amazing.”

Larry Parks has been a part-time volunteer in Archuleta County for 25 years. He spends the rest of his time volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in Austin, Texas. Parks said he’s been a part of the construction of approximately 50 houses.

He explained that the reason he keeps coming back to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County is “the people I work with, and the people I work for.”

“This is for the family, but it’s really for the kids,” he said. “It’s a way of providing stability and generational wealth.”

Habitat for Humanity is working on three houses this summer and plans to continue that pace until 2028. Parks said this is the most productive build he’s been a part of in Archuleta County. Last summer, they built two homes for the first time, and have historically built just one per year.

“Building three makes a difference,” Parks said. “We’re having an impact, and I like that.”

Habitat Archuleta’s current mis-

sion is to build 15 homes in five years in Archuleta County. This will require hordes of volunteers. We rely heavily on the Care-a-Vanners, especially for things like painting, sanding and flooring.

Mulholland is one of 37 visitors to work on Habitat Archuleta’s jobsite this summer, thanks in part to funding from the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board. Eight more visitors from the Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative (CEC) are scheduled to visit the site on Oct. 17. Executive Director Jess

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Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County staff and volunteers from around the country are working to ready three homes for families to move into by Thanksgiving.

## Habitat

**n continued from previous page** Morrison and other partners of the CEC have asked Habitat Archuleta staff for a tour of the jobsite in preparation for a larger project the CEC hopes to break ground on in the coming years.

Jobsite staff and volunteers are entering their annual “crunch time.” We are aiming to have construction completed by Halloween, and families in their homes for Thanksgiving. Two homes have several interior touch up items to

complete, the third still requires a fully stick-built garage and porches on the front and back of the house.

Give us a call if you’d like to join us on the jobsite this last month of the build season — even lending a hand for just two hours can make an impact in this phase of construction.

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projects are a combination of volunteer labor, subcontractors, in-kind donation of products and services, and homeowner sweat equity. Habitat families work alongside volunteers to build their home and pay a mortgage they can afford.

We’ll be on the jobsite Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please call (970) 264-6960 or email office@HabitatArchuleta.org before you arrive so we can plan for how many hands will be on deck.



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## Thursday, Oct. 5

**Ruby's Writers Guild.** 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers 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](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Archuleta County Republican Central Committee Meeting.** 5:30-7 p.m., Grace in Pagosa.

**San Juan Stargazers Meeting.** 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

**Fall Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.** 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. "Water Fluency 101: Developing a Water-fluent Community" with Josh Kurz. Pick up a brochure with more details at your library or go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services>.

## Friday, Oct. 6

**The Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour.** 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This two-hour talk will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. Guests must arrive 15 minutes before the program starts. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free. For more information or tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

**Rhythm and Rhymes.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. A music-based storytime with movement and singing.

**Pickleball.** 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Com-

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**Tween/Teen Hangout.** 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. We are setting aside the large meeting room for tweens/teens to use and spend time with friends.

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Football.** 7 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Kirtland Central.

## Saturday, Oct. 7

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

**Craftapalooza.** 10 a.m.-noon., Sisson Library. Create a variety of crafts for all ages. More than 10 different craft stations will be set up. Stop by anytime during the program.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. This 13-week program provides support and encouragement

after the death of a family member or loved one and offers biblical concepts for healing from grief. Contact Marie Rascoe at [marierascoe67@gmail.com](mailto:marierascoe67@gmail.com) for more information.

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

**Eighth Annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance.** 7-10 p.m., Archuleta County Extension building. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the Pagosa Rotary Club's eighth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance. Tim Sullivan Band will be the live band playing. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$35 at the door and can be purchased at Choke Cherry Tree, Happy Trails or from any noon Rotarian. A chuck wagon dinner is available for those who have purchased an advance ticket for \$15. The evening is full of activities including a cash saloon with local brews and a full bar, contest for sexiest cowboy and cowgirl, and wagon rides.

## Sunday, Oct. 8 Saint Francis of Assisi Annual

**Mass and Fiesta.** 11:30 a.m., St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church. Arboles. A silent auction will run from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. with all proceeds going towards paying the annual insurance for the church.

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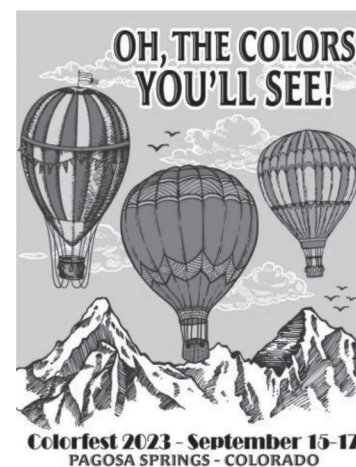
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Mass will be at 1 p.m. followed by a potluck. For more information, call (970)883-2556.

## Monday, Oct. 9

**The Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour.** 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This two-hour talk will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. Guests must arrive 15 minutes before the program starts. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free. For more information or tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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

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

**Shakespeare Read Aloud Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Adults, teens and children are invited to gather to read "A Midsummer Night's Dream" aloud together, with different roles chosen and discussed at each session. Participants can play one character or mix it up and be many. Bring your own copy of the play or borrow one of the library's copies. The club will use the "No Fear Shakespeare" version with the original text on one page and the modern English translation on the other. Drop in for one meeting, several or all gatherings. Costumes are optional. For more information, contact Jenny at (240) 426-7887.

**Teen/Tween Art Camp.** 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Art classes for teens and tweens. Each month we will explore a different style or medium. Registration is required.

**Biblical Citizenship in Modern America.** 6-8 p.m., Grace in Pagosa, 1044 Park Ave. Throughout our history, American churches have played a vital role in the preservation of liberty. Join us for us an eight-week study on what the Bible says about being a biblical citizen. The course runs until Oct. 30. For more info and to register for free, go to [GracelnPagosa.org/register](http://GracelnPagosa.org/register).

## Tuesday, Oct. 10

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

**Guided Great House Tour.** 10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument.

Meet at 10 a.m., tour at 10:30 a.m. See ancient Puebloan structures built more than 1,000 years ago and hear the archaeological details that connect this civilization to the Chaco culture located 90 miles southwest of this spot. The tour is available by reservation for up to 10 people and walk-ins are allowed if room allows. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Tickets are \$12 (ages 13 and up) and \$5 (ages 5-12) plus a booking fee. The USFS daily use fee must be paid (or applicable federal pass used) since this program occurs during the monument's regular daily open hours. For more information or tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

**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.

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

**Pagosa 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.

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

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

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

**Ruby's Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Discuss "Win" by Harlan Coban. Copies are available at your library. This free book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend and snacks are provided.

**Author Talk: Rick Steves.** 2 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. European travel tips and tools with guidebook author Rick Steves. For details, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

**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 Tues-

day 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](http://coloradocef.org/southwest) and click on "Register for a Club." For more information, email Frank and Connie Porter at [ceflittlekids@gmail.com](mailto: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.** 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.

**Art at the Pinnacles.** 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This class is part art, part reflection, part nature study, and a little visit to

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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 help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**International Fly Fishing Film Festival.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Hosted by the Five Rivers Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Proceeds will help the chapter support restoration efforts for the San Juan cutthroat trout and other trout species in the area. Tickets are available at [www.showclix.com/event/42023pagosaspringsco](http://www.showclix.com/event/42023pagosaspringsco).

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

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

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

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

**Archuleta County Republican Women.** Noon, 1st Southwest Bank. Monthly meeting of the Archuleta County Republican Women.

**Elementary Tutoring.** 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Build essential skills in core subjects. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**All About Eclipses.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. The San Juan Stargazers and Girl Scouts will present about eclipses ahead of the Oct. 14 eclipse. This is geared toward el-

ementary school kids, but everyone is welcome to attend. Come learn when and where you can observe the annular solar eclipse.

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**Thursday, Oct. 12**

**Ruby’s Writers Guild.** 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby’s Writers 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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**Home-school Enrichment.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For those in grades 2-5. Learn about solar eclipses as you build your own eclipse viewer.

**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.

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**Fall Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.** 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Features Connie Cook, deputy chief of the Pagosa Springs Medical Center's EMS (Emergency Medical Services) unit, explaining the many EMS services to our community. Pick up a brochure with more details at your library or go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adultservices>.

**Friday, Oct. 13**

**The Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour.** 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This two-hour talk will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. Guests must arrive 15 minutes before the program starts. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free. For more information or tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

**Little Explorers.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. Let's explore the outdoors in this nature program.

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

**Solar System Mobiles.** 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to build your own solar system mobile. All supplies provided.

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

**Werewolf Party.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Eclipse and Halloween in the same month? Sounds like a perfect time for werewolves. Enjoy werewolf crafts, games, stories and snacks.

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Football.** 7 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

**Saturday, Oct. 14**

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

**Great House Eclipse Experience.** 8:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Come join a select few for a guided tour up to the Great House Pueblo for a magnificent viewing spot of the annular solar eclipse. The gate will open at 8:30 a.m., with check-in from 8:30 to 9 a.m. The fee is \$25 per person. This will cover the Forest Service's entry fee and NASA-approved protective glasses for each participant. Tickets are limited to 35 people. For more information or tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

**Winter Clothing Dropoff.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 225 S. Pagosa Springs Blvd. St. Patrick's is gathering gently used winter clothing for free distribution to those who feel the need for new winter clothing. Bring your too small/too big clean winter clothing — sorted by approximate size.

**Solar Eclipse Watch Party.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us to watch the solar eclipse from the library garden courtyard. Pick up glasses starting Oct. 3 for the 90 percent viewing.

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

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

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

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball.** 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Centauri.

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

**Sunday, Oct. 15**

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



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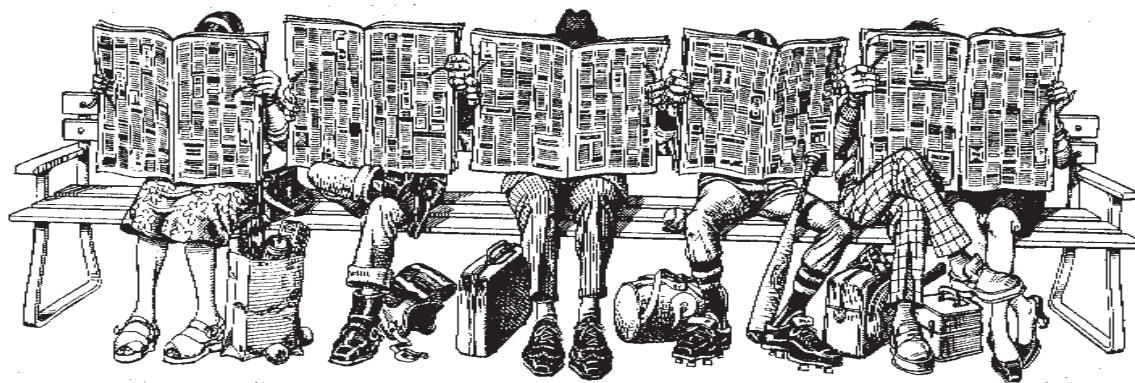
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By Caryn Hill  
San Juan Area Agency on Aging

It's time to review your Medicare coverage. Medicare Open Enrollment is Oct. 15-Dec. 7.

During this period, Medicare beneficiaries can make the following changes to their Medicare coverage:

- Join, drop or switch to another Medicare Advantage plan or add/drop drug coverage.
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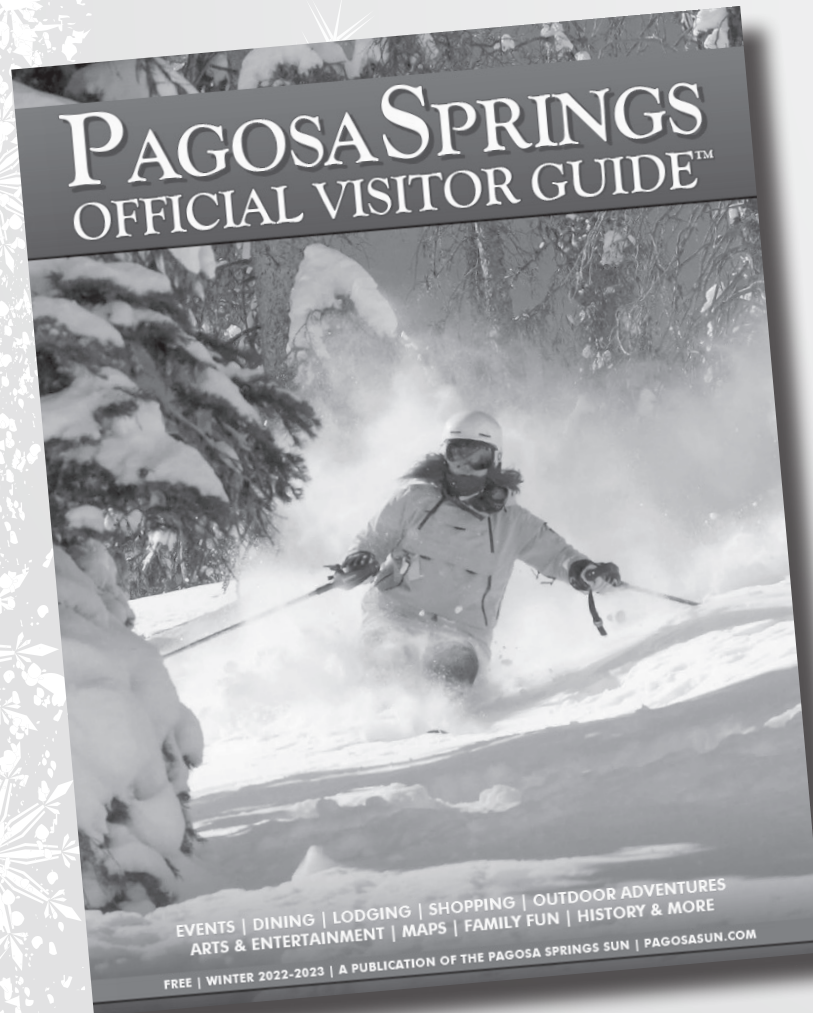
Medicare Open Enrollment happens only once a year, therefore it is important that beneficiaries act during this period if they want to make a change to how their health care is provided.

A SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) Medicare counselor can meet with beneficiaries and offer assistance during open enrollment. All beneficiaries are encouraged to review their current drug and advantage plans to ensure they have the best plan possible for their needs. Beneficiaries can compare health and drug plans on medicare.gov.

SHIP counselors are available by appointment only; walk-ins are not available. Open enrollment appointments are available Monday through Friday. Starting Nov. 13, in-person appointments will be available only on Mondays and Wednesdays. All other appointments will be conducted by phone or virtually.

To make an appointment, please call (970) 264-0501, ext. 2. For in-person appointments, we are located in the Pagosa Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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# Dolores Gallegos retiring after 18 years at Pagosa Senior Center

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

Dolores Gallegos has been serving the seniors here in Pagosa Springs for 18 years. She has been making exceptional salads and working hard with our team at Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) to cut vegetables, clean lettuce, serve desserts and all of the rigorous cleaning duties that our kitchen requires.

On Thursday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., please join us in our dining hall as we bid this lovely, hardworking woman a happy retirement from a very long career in food service here at the Pagosa Senior Center.

We will be making Gallegos' favorite meal, pork posole with all the fixings, and we will have a special cake and present her with a retirement gift basket.

If you are interested in joining us for lunch, please don't forget to contact us (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. to reserve your meal.

## Spanish Fiesta Committee to meet Oct. 18

Members of the Spanish Fiesta committee and the general community interested in supporting the 22nd Annual Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta are invited to an Oct. 18 meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Pagosa Senior Center dining hall in the Ross Aragon Community Center (451 Hot Springs Blvd.).

The meeting will discuss headlines for 2024, royalty program development and the 2024 Hispanic and BIPOC scholarship fund, among other details.

We look forward to hearing ideas and input from the greater community and will form subcommittees to engage in our planning process for 2024. The heart of the Spanish Fiesta is the people of Pagosa, and the rich heritage and ancestry from our history, our families and our ancestors. We welcome absolutely everyone to join in on the organizing of this special community event. Please bring your positive energy and motivation to make the 2024 fiesta the best yet.

The meeting will also have a Zoom component so more community members can join and participate virtually. For more information and to get the Zoom link for this meeting, contact Rose Chavez at rosa@psseniors.org.

## 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 discus-

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sion 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 always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand-prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans)

or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

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

## Community Cafe menu

Monday, Oct. 9 — Closed for Indigenous People's Day.

Tuesday, Oct. 10 — Penne pasta primavera, garlic breadstick, garden salad, fruit, cottage cheese and milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 11 — Honey garlic chicken, vegetable fried rice, sauteed snow peas, garden salad, fruit, Key lime pie and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 12 — Pork posole, cabbage, lime, radish, tortilla, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Oct. 13 — Tuna sandwich on wheat bread, potato salad, garden salad, fruit, chocolate pudding and milk.

## Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

## Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

## Mobile food pantry service discontinued

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

## Text reservations

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

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

## COVID-19 test kits available

■ See Senior on next page



Photo courtesy Cynthia Sperry

Dolores Gallegos is retiring after 18 years at the Pagosa Senior Center. On Thursday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Senior Center will host a retirement lunch.



# WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

## WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS!

We're running special photo pages in our November 9 edition for Veteran's Day to honor those who are serving, and have served, in our nation's military.

Please send your service picture along with your name, branch of service, rank and hometown to:

shari@pagosasun.com or our office at P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

If you were in last year's veteran's pages, we will use the same information unless you email to update before October 31.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31**

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**My name is Meow Meow!** I'm a fantastic mouser, snuggler and love bug. I can be indoor/outdoor and Tom is my brother, we get along very well together and with other cats. Come see me at the shelter! (970) 731-4771.

**FREE 1985 RV** Chevy Sun Vista, low miles, good tires, you restore and remove. (970)507-0132.

**GARAGE SALE.** Saturday, October 7, 10a.m.-2p.m., 2841 Meadows Drive. Household items, craft items, books, and miscellaneous items.

**LEAF AND PINE NEEDLE** removal. \$6.00 per 100 square feet. (970)764-5757.

## Country Home Trade for Help

Awesome opportunity to live on a ranch in the Blanco Basin! Looking for person(s) to live on the ranch in exchange for part-time maintenance and security. Newly renovated 2BR 1BA home with utilities paid. Experience in trades required. This position is long term. No Smokers. If interested, apply to WR at nosmartphonejr@gmail.com. Rare opportunity to trade work for a home in the country!

**GREAT MASSAGE PRICES**  
All Massages include a Soak!

**OVERLOOK HOT SPRINGS SPA**  
Downtown Pagosa 264-4040

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

**THINK HAIR  
THINK ELIZABETH**  
970-903-5152

**REACH TOURISTS COMING TO PAGOSA SPRINGS** and local residents with the Pagosa Springs Official Visitor Guide, winter edition. Promote your business to your customers in 14,000 copies of the guide. These will be distributed locally at The Springs Resort, Walmart, Wyndham, the visitor center and other area establishments, at welcome centers throughout Colorado and mailed to SUN subscribers. View the guide on pagosasun.com, explorepagosa.com and visitpagosasprings.com. Deadline for advertising is October 12, 2023. Call The Pagosa Springs SUN today for rates and information at (970)264-2100 or email shari@pagosasun.com.

**PERSONALS**

**FREE. CONFIDENTIAL. HELP.** 24-hour domestic violence and sexual assault helpline. (970) 264-9075.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONCERNED ABOUT ANOTHER'S DRINKING?** Pagosa Springs Al-Anon Family Group, Tuesdays 6-7p.m., Pagosa Bible Church. Questions? Call/text (303)815-8569. www.al-anon.org.

**30% OFF SALE**

Pre-Retirement Inventory Reduction

- Framed Art
- Unframed Art
- Photo Frames
- Accessories
- Jewelry
- Ready-made Frames

**ART & FRAMING CENTER**  
next to City Market  
Mon-Fri 10-4, Sat 10-2

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FREE ISRAELI FOLK DANCE CLASS** at Ross Aragon Community Center every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. Ages 13 and up. Come in comfortable clothes. No experience necessary. Call Kim at (970)946-7285 or Jasmine at (276)730-4408.

**HEY PAGOSANS!** Come join us at the Durango Flea Market at the LaPlata County Fairgrounds on Sundays 7 a.m.-3 p.m. thru November 5th. Find that special gift for the holidays! Vendors Welcome.

**PAGOSA AA:** M-W-F 5:30P.M.; Sunday 10a.m, Tuesday and Thursday at noon, Saturday at 10a.m.. Zoom Sunday 10a.m., ID 858 319 763, password 754 234, 315 N. 2nd St., County Road 200 (.2 miles off 160). Information, call Kathi (970)946-1482, or Central Office (888)333-9649.

**THE ARCHULETA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** is seeking volunteers to serve on the Board of Health Committee. Applicants must be County Residents with duties to include: upholding state statute regarding the local public health department. Other duties include overseeing decision-making processes and financial responsibilities of the public health department. Regular Meetings will be held quarterly. Please call (970)264-8309 or email awilson@archuletacounty.org to inquire and request an application.

**THERE IS A SOLUTION GROUP** of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30p.m. at the Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive. Questions? Contact Richard at (970)903-1456 or Diamond at (970)264-1073. More resources at www.aa.org, www.aa-westerncolorado.com, (970)245-9649, or (888)333-9649 (24 hours).

**FOR SALE**

**2 MOUNTAIN TOURING BIKES.** 1-24", 1-26" both 21 gear. Excellent condition, includes helmets. \$225/each. Also Harvard sports folding, ping-pong table on wheels. Good condition \$100. (970)264-0734.

**35 MOVING BOXES,** 2 TVs, wardrobe, bubble wrap and paper, HD Queen mattress bag, 7 quilted furniture pads, 30 blankets. \$175.00, OBO. (435)513-0466.

**4X8 SINGLE AXLE BIG TEX** trailer with bear proof cover. Asking \$1500.00 OBO. Call (970)946-4684.

**6 PRIVATE LAND ONLY** buck vouchers for 3rd season. Dates, Nov. 11-17. gmu 77.78.771.2500 or best offer. For more details, call (970)749-0479 or email chaunceyewing@hotmail.com.

**BOFLEX MAX TRAINER M-7,** like new. \$400 or OBO. (505)310-1949

**FOR SALE**

**LUCY'S TAMALES** Starting October 14th, we'll be selling tamales, breakfast burritos, sometimes, menudo. Every Saturday, 9a.m.-3:30p.m. Taking orders for weekdays with 24 hr. advanced notice. (970)317-9409. 335 Rob Snow Road.

**BOFLEX ELIPITICAL STEPPER** Model M-7, programmable, electronic, like new. \$200.00, OBO. (505)310-1949.

**DRY FIREWOOD- PINE.** Pick up \$240 a cord. Delivery available. Call for prices. Bayfield. Gabe (970)403-2784.

**DRY, SEASONED FIREWOOD** For Sale, split and delivered. \$500. (970)317-4933.

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE.** Pine and aspen. Cut about 16" long, split. Delivered by longbed truckload (about 1 cord). Call (970)946-4450.

**NEED FIREWOOD?** Pine mix available. \$325 a cord or \$600 for a HUGE dump truck load! Guaranteed to be full cords. Split and delivered. Contact Dan with FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

**NEW 20' CONTAINERS FOR SALE** or rent. We deliver to homes or businesses. Pagosa Springs Storage (970)731-0007.

**NEW RUDD FORCED AIR** heater up-draft. Propane or natural gas. 100,000 BTU, 110 volt, location Pagosa Springs, \$1200. (505)804-2814.

**OUTDOOR VEHICLE STORAGE SPACES** available. 16', 20', 25', plus indoor 12'x20'. Winter specials starting at \$60. Pagosa Springs Storage. Gated with security cameras. (970) 749-1500.

**PUJA'S BOUTIQUE.** Lots of beautiful and classy winter coats and jackets. New, brand name, based layers. Flannel bedding and shams. Saturday, October 7, 9a.m.-2p.m. at Mountain View Storage, Unit #101. 437 Hwy 84.

**QUALITY GRASS HAY,** 260 bales, \$12/bale. Corral panels 57 units \$3000. 18' horse trailer \$3000. 5 Troughs \$150. 25 "T" posts \$3.50 each. (720)212-8767.

**SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS.** We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. (970)731-PAWN (7296).

**SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE** and FOR SALE AD UPDATES — tinyurl.com/d64deei9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**SNOW THROWER 10.5 HORSE-POWER** Snow King. Very good condition. \$900. 30" clearing path. (970)264-0734.

**FOR SALE**

**SUNCAST STORAGE SHEDS,** 70 cu. ft. \$150, 34 cu. ft. \$130, 36x20x20 tool box \$30. \$200 for all 3. Can text pictures. (435)513-0466.

**GARAGE SALES**

**BARN ESTATE SALE** Furniture, misc. equipment, trophy heads, and much more. 2889 Trophy Lake Place, Pagosa Springs, CO - On Alpine Lakes Ranch.

**BE SURE TO CHECK** for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

**ESTATE SALE** for Lenore Bright. Fri & Sat, October 6 & 7 8am sharp. Years worth of treasures for your shopping fun. Furniture, bedroom sets, clothes, music instruments, Christmas villages, riding lawn mower, patio furniture, tools, household items, kitchen items, decorative and so much more. Hwy 84 S left on Pine View Rd, right on Jerry Robinson Rd #523. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

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**YARD SALE 10/6 & 10/7 9-1** (both days). 155 W McCabe Street. Dyson vacuum, pressed white milk glass, clothing, Precious Moments figurines, books.

**HEALTH SERVICES**

**Massage**

Sound Healing • Reiki II Practitioner  
Raindrop Therapy

*Stacie Marie's*  
**Massage Therapy**  
(970) 317-4742

at Serenity Salt Cave & Spa  
136 E. Pagosa Street, Unit 7  
*Certified, Licensed, Insured*

**Halotherapy**  
Aromatherapy Oxygen Lounge  
Massage Therapy  
Holistic Gift Shop

**SERENITY**  
*Salt Cave & Spa*  
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**HELP WANTED**

**1ST SOUTHWEST BANK**, a locally owned CDFI community bank, is seeking a **Loan Assistant, Portfolio Manager, Personal Banker, & Teller**. FSWB offers competitive compensation, generous benefits, & career development. Join FSWB's award-winning team dedicated to supporting rural Colorado's agricultural, nonprofit and small businesses. For details and to apply, visit [www.fswb.bank/about/careers](http://www.fswb.bank/about/careers) EOE.

**3R RANCH HIRING ONE** full- or part-time position. Ranch and landscape maintenance. Must have own reliable transportation and valid driver's license. 40 hours a week available. \$18 per hour. (970)264-5160.

**3R RANCH- WORKING** in the beautiful south San Juans. Hiring one summer position, ranch and landscape maintenance. No experience, we will train. (970)264-5160. Please leave a message.

**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE** seeks support staff. Food runners, host and bussers. Nights and weekends. Join our team. Great job for the summer and during the school year. Come by and see Chris, Tuesday- Friday, 3p.m.

**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE**. Hiring Bussers and Food Runners. Great pay and compensation. Nights only. Please email [Contact@alleyhousegrille.com](mailto:Contact@alleyhousegrille.com).

**HELP WANTED**

**WINTER WORK!**

Full & Part-Time/Holiday Positions:  
*Winter Seasonal: November - April*

- Lift Department
- Food & Beverage \*Baker
- Ski School
- Base Operations
- Retail
- Ticket Office
- Snow Removal \* Grooming
- Custodial Building Maintenance
- Ski Patrol
- Onsite Call Center/ Customer Service

ALL POSITIONS OFFER SKIING PRIVILEGES STARTING WAGE OF \$18/HOUR  
Merit increases based on performance & experience

Applications at  
[WolfCreekSki.com/employment](http://WolfCreekSki.com/employment)

Send applications and resumes to:  
[WolfCreekSki@WolfCreekSki.com](mailto:WolfCreekSki@WolfCreekSki.com)  
P.O. Box 2800 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147



**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE**. Looking for a Dishwasher 4 nights a week. \$16 per hour to start. See Chef Anthony Wednesday- Sunday, 1p.m.-4p.m.

**BOOKKEEPER**. Accounting firm has an opening for a bookkeeper with QuickBooks online experience to work Monday- Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m. Submit resume to [jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com](mailto:jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com) or by fax to (970)264-4451.


**CARPENTER(S) - TWO CARPENTRY POSITIONS**. Background with finish carpentry, light framing, drywall and painting. Email resume to [frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com), (970)264-5000.

**COLORADO DREAM HOMES** is looking for full- time (40-hour week) year-round work. General construction laborers \$20-\$25 an hour, based on experience. Framers and interior/exterior painters \$25-\$30 an hour, based on experience. Payroll position benefits - paid time off, bonuses. Please call (970)731-3071 or email [coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com](mailto:coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com) to submit a resume or questions.

**DENTAL ASSISTANT WANTED** -willing to train, Join a team of hard working professionals! Weekends and holidays off, beautiful facility, modern equipment, excellent pay, Get the satisfaction of helping people! e-mail resume to [PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com](mailto:PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com)

**DO YOU WANT TO** help others in our community lead healthy and fulfilling lives? We are seeking compassionate individuals with exceptional organizational and communication skills to join our team of case managers. Full-time position with excellent benefits, FLEXIBLE schedule and work from home options. Starting rate of \$24.60 per hour. Review qualifications and submit application, resume and cover letter at [www.communityconnectionsco.org](http://www.communityconnectionsco.org) Employment tab. Hiring for multiple positions and locations. Open until filled. EOE.

**HELP WANTED**



## Archuleta School District is Now Hiring!

We're looking for Outstanding Employees to join our team!

Currently accepting applications for the following positions:

**Middle School Bridges Case Manager/ Instructional Aide**  
Full-time position with a starting salary of \$31,570-\$34,678 for 175 days paid over a 12-month period.

**Lead Cook**  
Full-time position with a starting salary of \$28,871 up to \$31,721 for 175 days

Benefits for all FULL-TIME positions include (but are not limited to) PERA State Retirement, Life Insurance, optional Health and Dental Insurance and paid Discretionary Days.

**Archuleta School District** strives to achieve "Success for Every Student — Every Class — Every Day."

For more details and to apply for these positions, click on "Job Postings" at [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com)  
EOE

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**Evening Custodian**  
Full-time position with a starting salary of \$40,077-\$43,959 for a 250-day work schedule.

**Bus Drivers/Transportation**  
Hourly position with starting hourly pay of \$25.08 up to \$29.16 for 169 days



**HELP WANTED**

**EXPERIENCED EQUIPMENT OPERATOR** needed and a CDL is a plus. We offer paid holidays, vacation time and retirement plan. Please call Tim Brown Construction LLC at (970)731-7071.

**GENERAL LABORER**, general labor, full time. Please contact office - email: [frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com) or call (970)264-5000.

**HELP WANTED: CUSTOMER SERVICE** and Register Starting pay \$15/hr (full time) For more info. come in or call (970)264-5825. Rainbow Gift Shop, 611 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

**HIRING EXPERIENCED EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**. Flexible work schedule. Pay DOE. Call (970)946-3966.

**SMALL MOTEL AND RV PARK** hiring part-time maintenance person. 20 hours per week. Pool and spa knowledge helpful but not required. Pay depending on experience. Call (970)731-5345 for more information.

**HOUSEKEEPERS/FRONT DESK/ SERVERS**: Full- and part-time positions available at Motel SOCO. Competitive wages, bonuses, tips and employee perks. Basic computer skills, customer service experience and ability to work weekends and holidays as needed. Team players apply at 651 W. US Hwy 160, call (970)264-1492 or email [info@motelsoco.com](mailto:info@motelsoco.com).

**HYGIENIST WANTED**: Ask about \$10,000 full time first year bonus. Part time also available. The team at Pagosa Smiles is blessed to have family oriented hours with weekends and holidays off, great pay, 401K & bonuses in a beautiful facility. Colorado dental hygiene license required E-mail resume to [PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com](mailto:PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com)

**IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR CDL DRIVER** with a minimum 2 years experience- Experience in forestry equipment helpful. Must pass drug test. Local driving only. Please send your resume to [frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com).

**INCOME TAX PREPARER**. Accounting firm is seeking a tax preparer to work Monday- Friday, 8a.m. to 5p.m. Submit resume to [jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com](mailto:jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com) or by fax to (970)264-4451.

**INTERESTED IN A 4-DAY WORK-WEEK?** Piedra Automotive is now hiring Technicians. Entry-level and experienced positions available. Will train right person. Full-time 7 to 6 M-Th. Paid time off and Holidays. Apply in person at 505 County Road 600 oremail resume to [PiedraAuto@gmail.com](mailto:PiedraAuto@gmail.com).

**JONES MECHANICAL. EXPERIENCE PREFERRED** but will train right person. Excellent opportunity to learn the HVAC trade. (970)731-3046.

**WANTED**  
**One full-time employee**

Salary based on experience.  
Bi monthly and Quarterly bonuses.  
Paid time off/401k match.  
Plus cash tips possible.

Please apply within.

**WJP/PRO**  
3505 W. Hwy. 160  
in the lobby  
of the Pagosa Lodge





**CONTRACTOR SALES**

**Ponderosa Lumber** is seeking a customer service oriented individual to assist contractors with purchasing building materials. Knowledge of building materials is necessary.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing excellent customer service
- Completing required paperwork
- Providing product information
- Data Entry

Please apply in person at  
**Ponderosa Lumber**  
2435 Eagle Drive or call (970) 731-4111

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## HELP WANTED

**MOUNTAIN SPIRITS IS SEEKING** customer service associates. Must be available nights and weekends. We offer \$16 p/h to start, accrued vacation/ personal time, performance-based bonuses twice a year, and employee discounts. Please apply in person.

**NEEDED EMPLOYEES TIL** Nov. 15th. \$30 an hour plus \$1000.00 signing bonus after six weeks. Must finish out season. Text (970)946-5206.

**NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON** is hiring a full-time cashier nights and weekends. Competitive wages. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**NOW HIRING FULL-TIME** Kitchen Line Cooks and full-time Front Counter Clerk. Work in a fast paced and clean kitchen. Pay negotiable. Apply within at The Buck Stops Here Market and Eatery.

**NOW HIRING SEASONAL POSITIONS** for the upcoming hunting season. Meat cutters, meat room assistant and meat wrappers. Must be reliable and ready to work. Great pay. Please apply in person at The Buck Stops Here, 19 Navajo Trail Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO.

**PIANIST AT ST. PATRICK'S.** St. Patrick's Episcopal Church seeks a pianist and/or organist to accompany vocal and choral arrangements for Sunday morning services and Wednesday afternoon rehearsals. The position may be expanded to include leadership of the music program if the applicant has interest, skills, and experience relevant to a broader position. The accompanist position requires 8 to 10 hours per week (including practice time), with presence required on Sunday mornings, 9 a.m. to 11:30a.m. Compensation starts at \$200 per week and is negotiable. Email jenna@stpatrickspagosa.org with a cover letter and resume soonest but not later than October 20.

**PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE** are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Come join a growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please email your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING** a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

## HELP WANTED

**OFFICE MANAGER.** The Pagosa Springs SUN, now part of O'Rourke Media Group, is recruiting for a dynamic, versatile office manager to assist the GM and team with managing day-to-day business activity. This position is required to work at our office at 457 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Typical hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm. Job Responsibilities: Account Management: Support the Advertising Dept with account management activity that's associated with customers running ads in the SUN, PREVIEW, special publications and on our digital platforms. Administrative: Handle postal paperwork, insertion order processing and payment processing for advertising and subscriptions. Service: Provide personable, friendly customer service answering phones and interacting in person with customers that visit the office. Communication: Serve as a point of contact for internal and external communications. Answer phones, respond to emails and direct inquiries to the appropriate team members. Production Operation: Assist as needed with the production of newspapers each week. Project assistance: Assist with special projects and initiatives as requested by the Company. Requirements: This position requires a college degree. 3-5 years of experience working in an office. Excellent attention to detail and accuracy in data entry. Strong organizational and time management skills to meet payroll deadlines. Excellent communication skills on the phone and through all communication channels. High level of proficiency in MS Excel and other Microsoft Office applications. Compensation Range/Benefits: \$16-\$22/hour depending on experience level. Eligible for medical, dental and vision benefits on the 1st of the month after 30 days of employment. Eligible to enroll in the company's 401 (k) retirement savings on the 1st of the month after 90 days. The company matches 50% of your contribution up to 2.5% of total compensation. 16 days of PTO plus 4-5 paid holidays. Opportunity for advancement and career growth within the company. About the Company. O'Rourke Media Group is a fast-growing company that owns and operates hyper-local, community newspapers, websites, niche publications and a full-service digital agency. We are family-owned and mission-driven to save newspapers and local media companies by investing in the people, resources and technology needed to thrive for many years to come. We believe that every community can benefit from a well-run, properly resourced, local newspaper and website. Our News teams produce hyper-local, high interest local news and accurate and trustworthy reporting. Our Sales and Digital Fulfillment teams bring omnichannel advertising solutions to local businesses in the communities we serve. O'Rourke Media Group now operates in eight states and 28 markets with 41 publications and hyper-local websites. We started from ground zero in December 2018, totally bootstrapped, confident and with an entrepreneurial mindset. Send along your email or letter of interest directly to CEO Jim O'Rourke at jorourke@ourourkemediagroup.com.

## HELP WANTED

**OPENING FOR PART-TIME** in House Bookkeeper/ Admin for busy property management company. Must be experienced in reconciliations and QB online. (970)731-5515.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRE-SCHOOL** is looking for a Part Time aide for Preschool, Monday-Friday, from 2:30-5:30p.m. Please contact Emily Martinez for job details and application at (970)903-2803.

**OWNERS, THERE IS A LONG TERM RENTAL SHORTAGE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS.** We have a waiting list for approved tenants. Need all types of rentals. Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! Rocky Mountain Realty & Rentals (970)507-1192.

**PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING** a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**TIM BROWN CUSTOM HOMES** is looking for a few high quality, detail oriented craftsmen to help in the framing, interior finishing and painting of our custom homes. We have been building homes in Pagosa Springs for 23 years. Work year around with us and enjoy top pay, paid holidays, paid vacation and a retirement plan. Please call (970)731-7071 or stop by the office at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B16.

**REACH TOURISTS COMING TO PAGOSA SPRINGS** and local residents with the Pagosa Springs Official Visitor Guide, winter edition. Promote your business to your customers in 14,000 copies of the guide. These will be distributed locally at The Springs Resort, Walmart, Wyndham, the visitor center and other area establishments, at welcome centers throughout Colorado and mailed to SUN subscribers. View the guide on pagosasun.com, explorepagosa.com and visitpagosasprings.com. Deadline for advertising is October 12, 2023. Call The Pagosa Springs SUN today for rates and information at (970)264-2100 or email shari@pagosasun.com.

**ROOF LABORER NEEDED** with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

## Country Home Trade for Help

Awesome opportunity to live on a ranch in the Blanco Basin! Looking for person(s) to live on the ranch in exchange for part-time maintenance and security. Newly renovated 2BR 1BA home with utilities paid. Experience in trades required. This position is long term. No Smokers. If interested, apply to WR at nosmartphonejr@gmail.com. Rare opportunity to trade work for a home in the country!

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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the ruby-crowned kinglet.

At only 4 inches long and weighing only as much as a nickel, this tiny songbird is smaller than some hummingbirds. Yet this bubbly bird lives life on a scale out of proportion to its small size.

Take its song, described as loud and jumbled, that is one of the constants of our summer forests. The three-part melody, which starts with a series of very high-pitched notes and drops to a mix of repeated two- and three-syllable phrases, would have you looking for a larger bird. During breeding season, the male barely stops for a breath before belting out another round.

Both sexes are olive-green colored and have a prominent white eye-ring that gives them a startled look. A white wing-bar has a black bar below. Only the male displays the ruby-crown of red feathers and then only when he is excited, in courtship or defense.

These kinglets prefer old, dense stands of tall spruce and fir for breeding. During our spring bird surveys on Jackson Mountain, the woods were alive with them in the spruce/fir forests and they were largely absent in the Ponderosa pine.

For her size, the female lays a very large clutch of eggs, numbering as many as 12. The weight of the egg clutch itself may equal that of the female. Large brood sizes compensate for the high winter mortality rates that these birds experience in cold years.

Ruby-crowned kinglets forage in a frantic manner for insects, spiders and their eggs, taking them from the foliage, limbs and trunks of trees and shrubs and in mid-air. Even in the rare instances when they take a break, they constantly flick their wings. Although they are not considered feeder birds, they are attracted to suet feeders and some fruits and berries.

Most ruby-crowned kinglets migrate south in fall, but some move to lower elevation shrubby areas and stay in our area during winter.

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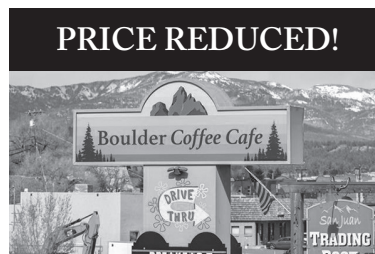
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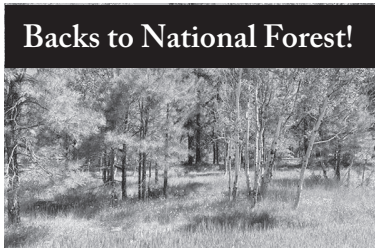
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