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# New Mexico woman dies following tubing accident

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

A New Mexico woman died Saturday, Aug. 27, after her tube flipped and she was swept down the San Juan River.

According to a press release from Pagosa Springs Police Chief William Rockensock, at approximately 2:43 p.m. on Aug. 27, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch initiated a call

for a "water rescue/drowning" in the San Juan River near 439 San Juan St.

"Initial information advised an approximately 40-year-old female was in the water unconscious," the press release reads. "The female was removed from the water and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was in progress. Multiple people were on scene attempting to resuscitate

■ See Death A8

# ASD administrators voice highlights, goals for new school year

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) students from four of its schools are slated to head back to the classrooms next Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Pagosa Peak Open School, the district-authorized charter school, began Aug. 17-22 with staggered opening days.

Heading into the new school

year, ASD's principals are highlighting a return to in-person learning, new curriculum and building relationships with students, among other things.

The school year will be the first under the helm of ASD's new superintendent, Rick Holt.

Pagosa Springs Elementary School is also under the helm of

■ See School A8

# Health district hears update on dissolution

## ■ Town to issue letter to La Plata County commissioners

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Aug. 25 meeting, the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health (BoH) discussed its draft 2023 budget and heard updates

from La Plata County Commissioner Marsha Porter-Norton and Archuleta County Commissioner Alvin Schaaf concerning the potential dissolution of the district.

SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon began the budget presentation by highlighting that SJBPH is required to provide to the counties it serves estimates of the cost to provide public health in the next calendar year by Sept. 1.

She added that the board would hear drafts of the budget starting in August and approve the budget in

■ See Dissolution A8

# Water district holds hearing on plant expansion

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Aug. 18 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors held a public hearing regarding the planned Snowball water treatment plant expansion.

Board chairman Jim Smith, treasurer Glenn Walsh and board member Bill Hudson were in attendance for the meeting, with board

member Drew Mackey absent and former vice president Blake Brueckner also absent and having submitted his resignation from the board effective Aug. 18.

The hearing began with Chad Hill of SGM, one of the primary engineers for the project, explaining that the current Snowball plant is highly inefficient and failed to meet state requirements for disin-

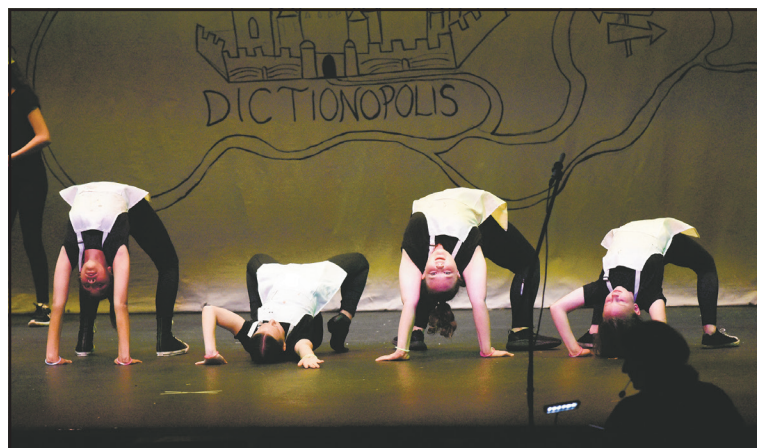
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# 'The Phantom Tollbooth JR.'

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Pagosa Springs Middle School students who took part in the school district's Jumpstart program performed "The Phantom Tollbooth JR." for audiences on Aug. 25 and 26. School officially starts for the students on Tuesday, Sept. 6.



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## OUR VIEW

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

Summer vacation is coming to an end. It's back-to-school time Tuesday for Archuleta School District.

And with that comes a wake-up call for area drivers: Pay attention. Be alert. Slow down.

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

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

- If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind, or from either direction if you're on an undivided road, if it is stopped to load or unload.

- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.

- The area around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.

- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

If you have school-aged children, we encourage you to also take the time to remind them about safety while waiting for the bus, crossing the street or walking to school. They are excited to be returning to school and we need to watch out for them on sidewalks and on the nu-

merous streets around the community that don't have the safety of sidewalks.

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

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

- Stay five steps away from the curb.
- Always wait for the bus driver to tell you when to board.
- Exit the bus when it stops, look left-right-left and take five steps away from the bus toward the curb.

Walking to school is great exercise and gets students ready to face their studies. Children under 10 years old should be accompanied by an adult or someone who will make sure they walk safely. Teach your child to always:

- Use the sidewalk whenever possible, and if there isn't a sidewalk, walk on the edge of the street facing traffic.
- Use crosswalks whenever they are available to cross the street.
- Look left-right-left before crossing any street.

Kids love riding their bikes, and it can be a fun, quick way to get to school. Be sure to do these things to keep your bike ride safe:

- Always wear a properly fitted helmet and securely fasten the chin strap.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic and follow traffic signs and signals.

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

We want everyone to get where they are going safely.

The school district is introducing a wonderful new program this year that is intended to help you track your children while on their school bus. "Ride 360" is a mobile application which gives you the ability to access bus routes, stops, pick-ups and drop-offs in real time using GPS technology securely from your cellphone. If this program does what it is touted to do, it will give parents less to stress about.

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

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

Enjoy these last days of summer and make it a fantastic school year.  
Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
September 1, 1922

Miss Hortense Lowenstein, Mrs. B.D. Ellsworth and Mrs. S.C. Curdy on Tuesday accompanied Louie Goodman as far as Alamosa, where he entrained for his home at St. Louis after a pleasant vacation spent in this city and vicinity with friends. The ladies returned home Wednesday.

Most people refer to the road between Monte Vista and Durango simply as the State Highway. As this is one of the most beautiful roads in the world, surpassing in scenic grandeur even those of Switzerland, it is worthy of a distinctive name. L.B. Sylvester and others have suggested that "the Spanish Trail" would be the most appropriate and we believe by this distinguishing it from the thousands of miles of State Highways in Colorado, it will soon become famous all over the United States and tourists from every section of the east will, if at all possible, include "The Spanish Trail" in the itinerary of their tour of the West. — Monte Vista Journal.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
September 5, 1947

Equipment is being brought onto Wolf Creek Pass this week by the Burnett Construction Co. to whom the State Highway Department recently awarded the contract to complete the oiling job. Living quarters and camp site are being set up this week and work will probably start in the immediate future.

Blanco Basin School opened Sept. 2 with two pupils. Benny Stephens in the ninth grade and Nathan Richards in the first. Mrs. H.W. Sisson is teacher.

As members of the Town Board labored over the problems of water and sanitation, the County Commissioners took a step toward setting up their part of the district health program by naming the representative for Archuleta County. Ben K. Lynch, member of the Town Board and well-known Pagosa Springs businessman, will be the member from this county. The board will consist of seven members, two of whom will be from La Plata and two from Montezuma counties.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
August 31, 1972

Home building is at an all time high in town and in the rural areas at the present time. There are several new homes and duplexes going up at Eaton International's Pagosa, new homes are under construction on Mesa Heights, in the Garvin Addition, and at other points in town. Several homes are being built at Aspen Springs, in the Lower and Upper Blanco, in the Blanco Basin, and at other areas in the county. Estimates place the number of new homes this year at near 60. There is still a housing shortage with several new residents searching for places in which to live.

The arrest of 12 persons on drug charges followed raids on various places in the town and county this week. Several of the arrests were made at the time of the raids. All were in connection with drug activities of one kind or another.

Arrests here this week have been numerous enough that the local jail has been crowded to capacity. Several prisoners have been transferred to the Ignacio jail because of the crowding here and in Durango. The drug arrests account for a majority of the prisoners.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
September 4, 1997

Town and county officials will dine with the officials of the State Transportation Commission on Sept. 17 with an eye toward "getting lucky." What that luck could bring is movement on several highway projects in the county that members of the town board and county commission have deemed important and have prioritized for state officials. The highest priority project, say the local officials, is the reconstruction of the U.S. 160-Lewis Street-5th Street intersection in downtown Pagosa Springs. The three-way intersection currently brings an increasingly heavy flow of traffic together on three awkwardly oriented roadways.

The second priority project that will no doubt be discussed at dinner is installation of traffic signals at the intersection of U.S. 160 and Pagosa boulevards.

"The third thing we and the county want to talk about is what can be done at the intersection of U.S. 160 and Piedra Road" said Town Administrator Jay Harrington.



## LOOKING BACK

Taken from  
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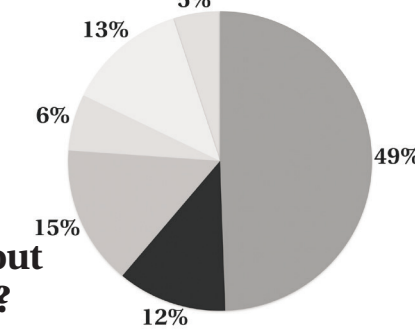
School's in, kids out —  
Construction at the high school -  
middle school complex has complicated  
many things, including loading and  
unloading students into and from the  
proper buses. Jerry Driesens, upper  
right, and high school principal Ron  
Shaw said the new system is working  
smoothly now.

## WHADDYA THINK?

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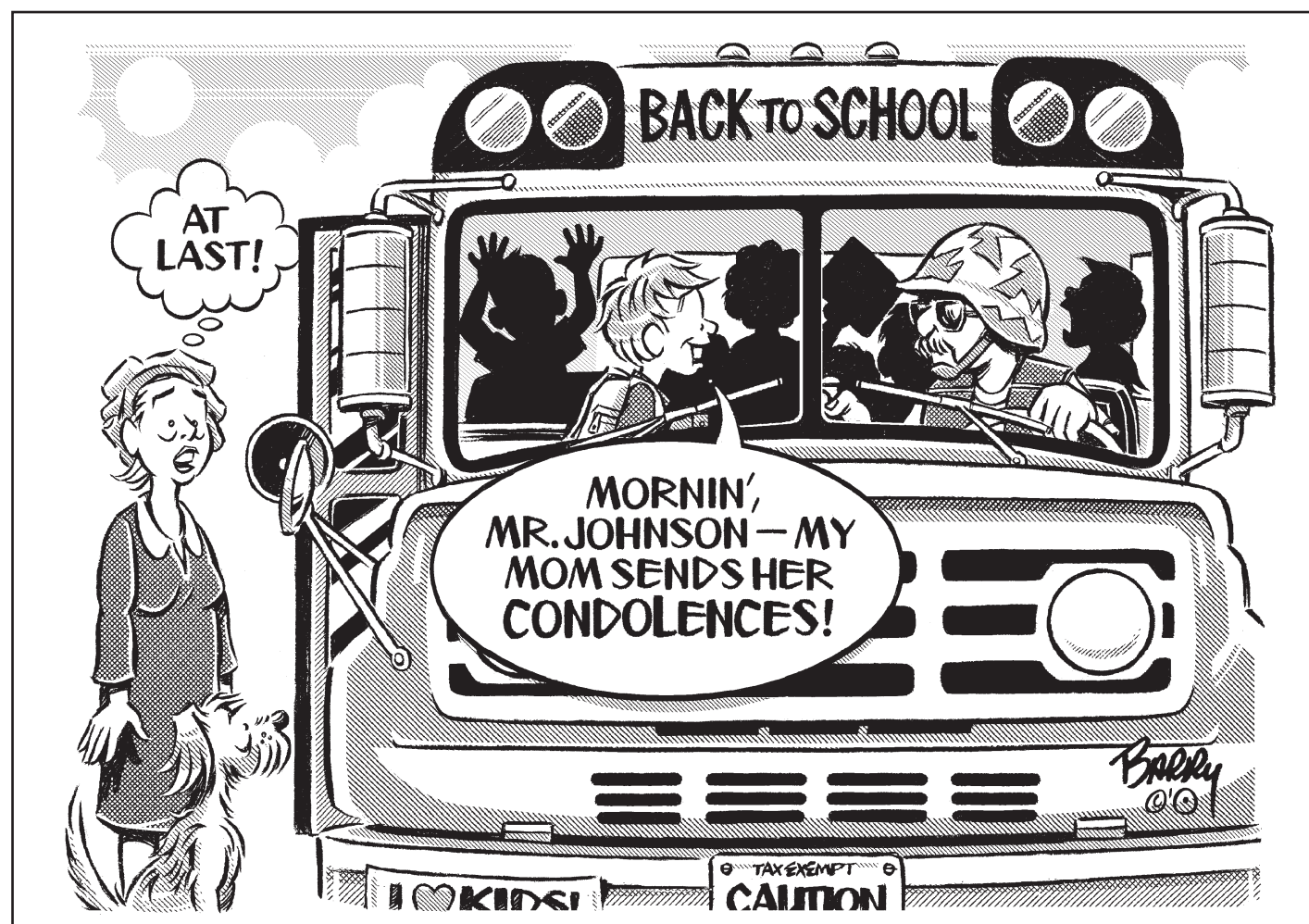
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8/26	70	53	R	-	.16"
8/27	74	50	R	-	.05"
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8/29	82	44	R	-	.18"

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## Classified documents

Dear Editor:  
Response to "Classified Documents" of 8/18/22  
In the past, it would not be proper to make arrests, and then search for criminal evidence of those arrested. That's third world "justice", not American. Does the

progressive left want to lead America to this end? Evidence points to that conclusion.

Let's look at a list of those targeted for nothing more than their political beliefs: General Michael Flynn, Steve Bannon, and Peter Navarro. Also, attorneys Jeffrey Clark, John Eastman, Michael Cohen, Rudy Giuliani, Victoria Toensing, Joseph diGenova, Jenna Ellis, and Sydney Powell. Others include Allen Weisselberg, Congressman Scott Perry, Tom Barrack, Paul Manafort, Roger Stone, and a whole group of Jan. 6th arrestees who decided to take a stroll through the National Capital Building after the police stepped aside and virtually opened the doors for a mob 20 minutes before the Trump speech had ended. Many are still being held in custody. What ever happened to due process, speedy trials or innocence before guilt?

The raid on Mar-a-Lago was ridiculous on its face. Case law from the past concludes that the DOJ once knew that presidential documents were the President's alone, by his sole authority and discretion. Since Trump's security detail was ordered to put a better lock on the vault securing any classified documents back in June tells us that Trump was not only allowed to have classified documents, but that they were secured in such a way that complies with laws relating to such information. If Top Secret documents were held at his residence, then it would have been set up as a SCIF (Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility).

Precedence was set in 2012 in a case when Bill Clinton had some of his presidential records stashed away in his sock drawer. According to Judge Amy Berman Jackson, forcibly seizing such material would be unreasonable, a response echoed by the DOJ. Go to the following for the complete ruling:

<https://justthenews.com/politics-policy/all-things-trump/old-case-over-audio-tapes-bill-clinton-sock-drawer-could-impact>

That defendant was the same Justice Department that authorized the raid on Trump's estate. That raid may have been a political hit job to put RussiaGate evidence that would exonerate Trump under lock and key so more of the same antics can be used in future elections.

Biden was briefed on this earlier this year.

There is a push by this administration to buy as many votes as possible with open borders, college loan debt forgiveness, Tabor refunds (Colorado), speech suppression, illegal search and seizure, weaponizing the IRS, and classifying Christians and parents as terrorists. If they can't buy enough votes with handouts, then replaying the 2020 election games is next. Your vote does count. Don't be complacent to the point of complete collapse.

Initially, Adam and Eve had the choice of spiritual life or spiritual death. They got deceived.

Democrats of old, don't be deceived by the radical left. Their deception is death for this country: spiritually, physically, and politically.

E. Fisk

## PLPOA

Dear Editor:  
About 12 days ago I came to Pagosa to look for a new home and am staying with my Aunt who has lived here for many years. A few years ago she sold her ranch and moved into a townhouse which is within the realm of the PLPOA. This beautiful area was just what I was looking for until I learned about the dictators who serve on the board of directors of the PLPOA.

In the short time here I have learned of the unhappiness many residents' have with the PLPOA, their ridiculous rules and restrictions and the overpriced dues they raise nearly every year with few benefits. One new edict in their recent update of the rules and regulations is a ban on wood burning fires. Charcoal or propane are allowed in outdoor grills but your metal fire pit or very safe Solo stove is verboten. No more weenie roasts on your patio or deck unless you want to risk a \$200.00 fine. Who are these board members who dictate what the residents' of PLPOA can or cannot do, mostly cannot do. How did they become board members, are they elected by the residents' via written ballot? Are they paid for their service, if so, what is the pay scale. My research has not yet found their pay scale or much of anything else about these people.

It's obvious the PLPOA board

members lean toward the socialist way of "governing" much like Nancy Pelosi and her near-communist House of Representatives. Like the democrats, they do not trust you to be responsible or competent, in short you are all looked at by these board members as being stupid.

I have asked many people who live in this area if they were aware of these new rules and none of them had been notified of the changes, they'll find out when the fines come.

Obviously, when I choose to leave Oregon (very socialist state) and move to this area, it will not be within the PLPOA.

Millie Grant

## 'Too little too late'

Dear Editor:  
Warren Brown has the audacity to state publicly that "Unfortunately, it sounds like La Plata County is at least leaning towards going down a different path than Archuleta County . . . and I can tell you, from my point of view, at least from a financial standpoint, I don't believe that Archuleta County is prepared financially to stand up a health department."

Who proposed and then installed Archuleta County's investigative committee to supposedly study options for Archuleta County to establish its own health district? Warren Brown. Who appointed members to this investigative committee who had unequivocally demonstrated a hatred of San Juan Basin Health Department, including science-deniers who picketed outside the home of SJBHD's Executive Director? Warren Brown. Who did not hold the investigative committee accountable to research the financial and other implications of Archuleta County forming its own health district? Warren Brown. Of course, Brown was not alone; his whiny cohorts Alvin Schaaf and especially Ronnie Maez abetted his efforts.

After repeated attempts by the Board of Health to work with Archuleta County commissioners, providing hundreds of pages of documents and reaching out to Archuleta County commissioners repeatedly to resolve fabricated (by

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Archuleta County) lack of communication issues, the Board of Health has finally decided what most of us observing for the past two years have seen: it is a waste of their time and professional staff resources to continue efforts to work with Archuleta County. Oh, I forgot: who insulted SJBHD Executive Director Liane Jollon last year by asking her if she had ever been to Archuleta County before? That would also be Warren Brown.

Now, Brown has suddenly had an epiphany? Now, he realizes that Archuleta County does not have the financial or professional capacity to run a health district? Not only too little too late. Why would anyone trust Brown or any of our current county commissioners to move forward in good faith? Alvin Schaaf lost the primary election. The only way the Board of Health and La Plata County commissioners might possibly think there is any hope in moving forward with Archuleta County would be if the remaining two commissioners immediately resign and we put people in office who support the existing Health District, who know how to value services and read documents.

Lisa Jensen

## Gravel pit

Dear Editor:  
Piedra Road Gravel Pit.  
No way... please no trucks w/ heavy gravel.  
R.Vs, trucks & campers, horse trailers of all shapes & sizes are the normal, including everyday Sunday drivers in cars & those lucky residents.

Opposing gravel pit letters from Larry & Hank 2 wks ago pointed out many great reasons to not approve the gravel pit just before Piedra River crossing approx. 9 miles out the dirt.

Safety & the integrity of the road quality are mine, concerns are many.

I drove it 3 times this week to the lake/ rezavore Its the most beautiful drive I know & i go early & slow to take in the beauty that Piedra area offers.

I stopped & complemented the Archuleta road crew with a "Thank

you & thumbs up last week. Beautiful job again but...unless they're planning on a full time road crew.???

Believe me.. driving it 20 years now, it never last more then a few days esp. after the afternoon rains.

I do appreciate all the road crews work, just one of those roads I guess.. but I love it out there & go often..its my peace of mind drive & riding area & pkz note the wash-board shake, rattle & roll & the pot holes, there are many on piedra pavement from airport north to Hinsdale County line.

Who will keep it maintained, 16 miles from 160 of Archuleta rds..

Gravel pit location is like 1/ 2 mile past Archuleta Road into Hinsdale County. its too fast often & there's wildlife on that road often ..some are hit..We live around nature folks & act it plz

I've waded many vehicles past me & my pony when they're driving way too fast, unfortunately on the pavement & esp. The miles of dirt, as I've noticed, it seems to be the new normal to drive fast & be reckless & scary fast.. a speed trap @ coyote parking lot location for revenue i've suggested to sheriff's

Slow down people... take it in & enjoy this beautiful area we call home & to share w/ visitors. Please, for all the right reasons.

We are so lucky to have such beautiful & peaceful & off the beaten path surroundings. I call it God's country out there...many of us do... we are the lucky ones. Enjoy it neighbors & visitors.

I hope Hinsdale this week says no to the gravel pit..

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Robyn Love

## Health district dissolution

Dear Editor:

To: Mayor Shari Pierce  
Commissioner Warren Brown  
Commissioner Ronny Maez  
Commissioner Alvin Schaaf  
[Note: Mayor Pierce was contacted under separate cover]

Dear Madam Mayor and County Commissioners,

We write to insist that you all visit La Plata County together and, with a posture of genuine contrition, implore their county commissioners and their board of health not to withdraw from San Juan Basin Public Health [SJBPH].

While there have been alleged problems with the present joint-venture SJBPH, we have never been convinced that said problems justify dissolution of the organization.

Moreover, we feel that while the present services provided by SJBPH may not be optimal for Archuleta County, overall the services are a bargain compared with the differential cost to create our own public-health board. Has anyone estimated what costs would be incurred? A building? Employees? A governing board? And of course a director. How might we cover these costs? More taxes? Borrowing?? It seems to us that we are beset with far more pressing financial issues.

We feel it imperative that you all visit our neighbors in La Plata County immediately and do whatever is necessary to prevent the dissolution of SJBPH. To do otherwise would not be in the best interests of the citizens you represent.

Joanne and Vic Lucariello

## 'Wrong direction'

Dear Editor:

Not too long ago Joe Biden was saying "we will eliminate fossil fuels in the future". Not long after he was asking oil companies to refine more oil even asking the Arab countries to provide more. Kind of ironic isn't it? He also states that the oil companies have 9,000 permits to drill for oil. How many of these sites will produce any oil?

The raid on Donald Trumps house; was it political persecution or legitimate cause? Why has Hunter Bidens house not been raided?

Could it be that they belong to two different political parties? Is the Justice Department non-political?

The democrats "reduce inflation act" is a joke. They are going to raise taxes on corporations and they think those will not be passed on through higher prices. Give me a break. The democrats don't seem to understand that business don't pay taxes- the consumer does and you know the same day tax credits were announced for electric cars GM and Ford raised their prices by the same amount.

Now the student loan debt needs to be forgiven. If the student loan debt is forgiven the colleges will raise their tuition and we would be teaching our youngsters to be irresponsible. Just imagine; a construction worker takes out a loan to buy a pickup and tools to make a living. Now he must pay back his loan plus the loans forgiven for the deadbeats. A recent poll shows 71% of the population think the country is headed in the wrong direction. It's time the other 29% woke up!

John Meyer

## 'Tug of war'

Dear Editor:  
The Republican Party is Working to Destroy Our Democracy

I am registered as an Unaffiliated voter. For most of my life, I have observed the tug of war between the two parties. Each side took a different approach, but the parties used to work together on problems such as growing our economy and fighting authoritarianism.

This is no longer true. Those who say, "Both parties are the same" are just not paying attention. The current Republican Party is no longer a party with ideas, it's a personality cult. In order to preserve their power, the Republican Party is intent on destroying our democracy.

Republicans have mastered intentional hypocrisy, accusing others of exactly what they themselves are doing. Using the lie that the last election was stolen, they are busy setting up a system to steal the 2024 election. 54 Republican election deniers have won primaries for positions that have a role in the election certification process (governor, attorney general, secretary of state, senate and house members). They plan to replace their state's electors legitimately chosen by the voters with a set of electors of their choosing.

If they succeed, our democracy will be destroyed.  
See Letters A5

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## Obituary

### Jeanne N. Vaala (Olson)

Jeanne N. Vaala (Olson), 86, of Pagosa Springs, peacefully passed away on Aug. 23.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that you consider making a donation to the Pagosa Springs Humane Society in honor of her life. The donation link is: InMemoryPagosa.com.



Jeanne was born to Nathan and Cora (Michaelson) Olson on June 19, 1936, in Madison, Minn. She was raised there and graduated from Madison High School. She attended Mankato State College and graduated with an education degree. Her first teaching job was in Rialto, Calif., teaching kindergartners. Later in life, she continued her education and received a master's degree in special education. She continued her teaching career after the family moved to Georgia in 1974.

After college, Jeanne married her high school sweetheart, Rudolph (Rudy) Vaala. They grew up together and were acquainted since kindergarten. She played the French horn

in the band and worked at the local newspaper while in high school. She loved ice skating and singing, among other activities. Her two children are Daniel W. Vaala and Julie V. Noland. Camping trips with the family and visits to the relatives were always enjoyed as the kids were growing up. Attending church was an important part of her life. Jeanne joined Pagosa Bible Church soon after moving to Pagosa Springs in 2015.

Jeanne had three siblings who passed away prior to her: Connie, Nadine and Clair. She was preceded in death by her husband in 2010 while living in Madison, Ga.

A celebration of life will be held at Pagosa Bible Church on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 10 a.m. The service will also be streamed live on the church's website: www.pagosabiblechurch.org/live.

For the recording, the church will upload the video of the service on a private YouTube. Please email, call or text Julie Noland after Sept. 10 to get this private link.

The family would like to thank the many compassionate and loving people who have been a part of Jeanne's life. We are especially in gratitude to the Bee Hive Homes, Mercy Hospice staff and June Maltsberger.



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# Commissioners hear tourism budget, transit center update

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its Aug. 23 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed vacancies on the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and the tourism board's draft 2023 budget, and heard an update on the design of the new county transit facility.

Tourism board Executive Director Jennie Green explained that the board had an open at-large seat, which the board had recommended be filled by Shane Lucero, who previously served on the board.

She added that Lucero runs an event business and is the general manager of a restaurant — positions that would add "good insight" into both industries and that the Pagosa Springs Town Council had already approved Lucero's appointment, which she hoped the BoCC would do at a future meeting.

She also discussed the possibility of adding two seats to the tourism board, which would require a change to the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the town and county. This possibility had been previously discussed at a joint town/county work session on Aug. 16 and Green added that, since the MOU is written as an annual contract, the change could be implemented at the beginning of next year.

Green then moved on to the subject of the 2023 budget, a discussion which she opened by

highlighting the conversations that had occurred last year concerning a desire by town and county officials to more clearly understand what their portions of lodging tax revenue are spent on and an interest on the part of the town to have its lodging tax revenue spent more on infrastructure, including housing and trails.

Green then explained that 50 percent of the town's lodging tax revenue is spent on infrastructure and all other elements of the tourism board's budget are split 50-50 between town and county lodging tax revenue contributions.

She added that the county contributions also include approximately \$29,000 in lodging tax revenue above the funding it splits with the town to fund the tourism board, which Green suggested could potentially be steered toward additional infrastructure projects.

She commented that it might be optimal to hold a work session between the town, county and tourism board to discuss the allocations of those funds.

The budget presentation also indicated that the town would be short approximately \$32,000 of its expected contributions to the tourism board.

Green indicated that she expects lodging tax revenues to be down somewhat in 2023 from this year, which were projected to be down from last year, although she added that year-to-date county lodging tax collections are slightly up over

last year and that the overall lodging tax collections are down 2.3 percent.

County Commissioner Ronnie Maez highlighted the importance of the marketing, travel and training funding in the budget, which he explained he feels is critical to sustaining local businesses and prompting tourism.

Green explained that the board's advertising efforts are focused on "shoulder seasons" (spring, fall and non-holiday periods of the winter) instead of on summer and the holidays.

She also noted that a portion of the prior marketing budget had been devoted to economic development, although she noted she felt this might be "premature" and need to be removed from next year's budget given the area's struggles with housing and broadband.

She also suggested that the portion of advertising funding dedicated to recovery advertising in case of emergencies could be reduced, as the board could likely secure additional funding from the town and county if needed in an emergency.

Green also mentioned that the board is considering restarting its international marketing efforts.

## Transit facility update

The BoCC then heard an update from Director of Transportation Laura Vanoni on the schematic design and funding for the new transit center in Harman Park.

Vanoni explained that her department has been working with Reynolds Ash + Associates on developing the schematic design.

She stated that the building will contain a bus storage bay with charging infrastructure, a wash bay, a lobby, restrooms for both public and staff, two offices, a conference room, a ticketing booth, and other mechanical and electrical rooms.

She explained that the building will be placed in a location with the potential to connect to Cor-

nerstone Drive and would include 25 parking spaces for both transit parking and a potential park-and-ride program, and a shelter for transit users.

Vanoni continued to explain that the project is on schedule and is currently in the schematic phase, although it is about to move into the design phase.

She added that she received the preliminary estimate for the cost of the project, which had placed the cost at \$3.4 million compared to the \$2.56 million in grants the county has acquired to fund the project.

Vanoni explained that the increase in cost was driven by general increases in prices and that she would begin working on finding additional funding for the project, and eliminating costs and elements of the project.

She highlighted the possibility that she could secure additional funding through the Colorado Department of Transportation, as there are large amounts of infrastructure funding potentially available.

She also mentioned that the increase in cost is likely to delay the project's movement into the design phase as the cost and funding would have to be aligned before design could begin.

Maez agreed that cuts might be necessary given the need to not lose the grant money collected for the project and inquired what the projected groundbreaking time for the project is.

Vanoni responded that groundbreaking is expected to occur in the beginning of 2023 and the department would have to be "creative" in adjusting the project and finding additional funding as \$800,000 of the grant funding would be unavailable after May 2023.

She concluded her presentation by stating, "This is where we are right now, and I'll keep you posted." [josh@pagosahun.com](mailto:josh@pagosahun.com)

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## Letters

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What can we do? Volunteer for a Democratic candidate. Donate. At the very least, register and vote.  
Philip Riffe  
Hesperus

## Gas prices

Dear Editor:

I'm having a hard time understanding how Western Refinery and the local gas stations can justify charging fifty cents or more a gallon higher than our neighbors in Bayfield and Durango. Gas this past Friday was \$4.39 a gallon in Pagosa....I paid \$3.79 a gallon in Durango...If anyone can give me a logical explanation for this I would appreciate it.

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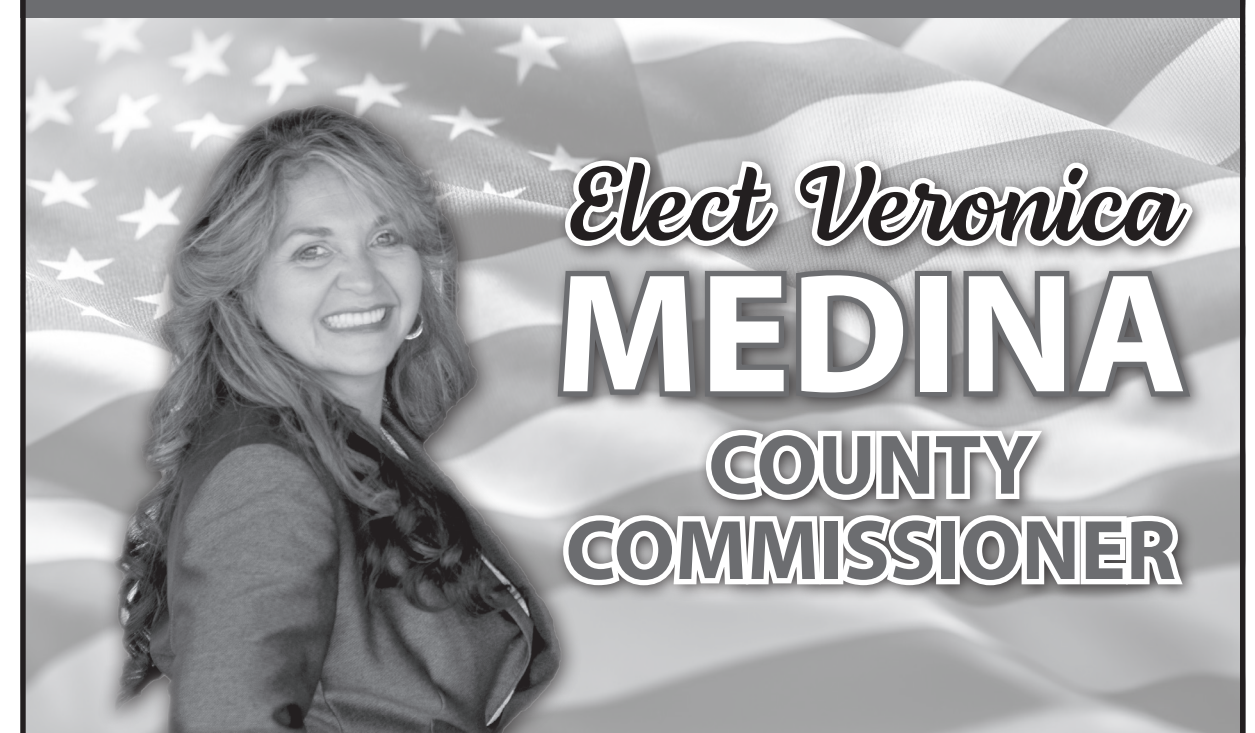
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# Business

## Unemployment drops slightly in July

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

According to an Aug. 19 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate for the month of July dropped slightly to 3.0 percent from 3.1 percent for the month of June.

This slight drop in unemployment is a reversal of a rise in unemployment that occurred between May and June, where unemployment rose from 2.9 percent to 3.1 percent.

From June to July, Archuleta County's labor force grew from 7,582 to 7,636.

For the month of July, there were 7,405 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is up from June's report of 7,345 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 July is Huerfano County at 6.0 percent, followed by Pueblo County at 5.2 percent.

Next is Las Animas County at 4.9 percent, Fremont County at 4.7 percent, then Rio Grande County at 4.6 percent.

The state's unemployment rate dropped from 3.4 percent in June to 3.3 percent for July.

The state's labor force grew from 3,248,800 in June to 3,250,500 in July.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell one-tenth of a percentage point in July to 3.3 percent. This marks the lowest rate since February 2020, when it was 2.8 percent. The national unemployment rate also declined by one-tenth of a percentage point and reached the pre-pandemic rate of 3.5 percent."

Employers in Colorado added 2,220 nonfarm payroll jobs from June to July, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to 2,862,900.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector added 2,000 nonfarm payroll jobs and the government sector added 200 jobs.

The press release notes that, over the past 27 months, Colorado has recovered 417,800 jobs compared to the 374,500 nonfarm payroll jobs lost between February and April of 2020.

"That translates to a job recovery rate of 111.6 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 100.1 percent," it reads.

The press release also states that, "Since May 2020, Colorado's private sector has grown by 417,800 jobs, compared to declines of 358,800 in early 2020. That translates to a job recovery rate of 116.4

percent and outpaces the U.S. rate of 103.0 percent."

The private-industry sectors with significant job gains in July were professional and business services at about 3,300.

Private-industry sectors with significant job losses in July included:

- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 2,300.

- Manufacturing at about 1,300.

"Since July 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 100,300, with the private sector growing by 100,700 and government shedding 400 jobs," the press release notes.

Since July 2021, the largest private-sector job gains include:

- Leisure and hospitality at about 30,900.

- Professional and business services at about 29,700.

- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 13,300.

"No industry experienced job loss during that same period," the press release notes.

The press release notes that Colorado's rate of job growth over the past year is 3.6 percent, which lags the U.S. rate of 4.2 percent.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.9 to 33.0 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$31.92 to \$34.60, two dollars and twenty-three cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$32.37"

josh@pagosasun.com



SUN photo/Dorothy Elder

Participants in a Class A CDL permitting class gathered Tuesday in the Visitor Center conference room. Additional classes are expected in the near future. If you are interested in participating, contact Mary Jo Coulehan at (970) 264-2360 or Emily Lashbrooke at (970) 403-4033. These classes are made available through the efforts of the Region 9 Economic Development of Southwest Colorado, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, the Chamber of Commerce and private business.

## Professional development workshops offered to nonprofit staff

By Tracy Pope  
Community Foundation  
serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is hosting three capacity-building workshops for local nonprofits this fall: Planned Giving 101, Resilient Board Development and Fundraising Bootcamp. All trainings will take place in person in Durango.

The Community Foundation coordinates professional devel-

opment for nonprofit leaders to increase the success and efficiency of local organizations, ensuring the best possible outcomes for the communities they serve.

Planned Giving 101 will be offered Sept. 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., by Brandy Bertram, founder and principle of Great Big Good. Attendees will learn how to build a planned giving program, including lessons in gift vehicles, prospecting plans and marketing.

■ See Workshops A7

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# LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock named as finalist for prestigious national Utility Transformation Award

By Hillary Knox  
La Plata Electric Association

The Smart Electric Power Alliance (SEPA) has announced its finalists for the 2022 SEPA Utility Transformation Awards, which recognize the nation's top projects, programs, partners and individuals driving the utility industry's transformation to a modern, reliable and low carbon energy future.

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) CEO Jessica Matlock was named as one of three finalists for the Utility Transformation Leader of the Year award. Other finalists include Alexander G. Núñez, SVP of Governmental, Regulatory and External Affairs at Baltimore Gas and Electric; and Nadia El Malakh, VP of Clean Transportation

and Strategic Partnerships at Xcel Energy.

"I am honored to be nominated to represent LPEA for this award and to be standing side by side with inspiring innovators across the utility industry," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "I am especially proud to represent the only cooperative utility nominated in any category. Rural electric cooperatives like LPEA supply power to 56 percent of the nation's landmass and have a major role to play in the energy transition by achieving local con-



Matlock

trol, flexibility, cost savings and emission reductions in our rural communities."

Since arriving at LPEA in 2019, Matlock has led the utility in its groundbreaking future power supply partnership with Tri-State Generation and Transmission — finding a win-win solution after years of debate — and co-created a national network of women in the cooperative utility industry. Under her leadership, LPEA also installed the first electric vehicle-to-grid school bus in Colorado, implemented the first Code of Excellence program between the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and a cooperative in the United States, and built local partnerships to support the development of broadband in LPEA's service territory.

SEPA will announce the winners from all categories shortly before its RE+ event on Sept. 19 and will recognize them at the event.

## Workshops

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Creating a Resilient Board/Staff Team, including a bonus networking happy hour, will be held Oct. 24, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. This peer-sharing discussion of best practices in board development will be facilitated by Illene Roggensack, Third Sector Innovations, and Stacy Beaugh, Strategic By Nature. This workshop is for nonprofit staff and

will share tools and techniques for reengaging a proper board/staff balance after the residual challenges of the pandemic.

Fundraising Bootcamp will take place all day Oct. 25 and 26, with a follow-up session the morning of Nov. 15. Roggensack and Beaugh will engage attendees to assess their organization's fundraising mix, discuss resource development, learn to

think like a funder, dive into individual and corporate giving, explore donor loyalty, and develop tools and systems for building a successful fundraising program.

For more details on these workshops, including cost and registration links, visit the Community Foundation's website at [swcommunityfoundation.org](http://swcommunityfoundation.org) or <https://bit.ly/2SMfFCp>.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Sept. 1

**Pagosa Springs Town Council special meeting.** Noon, Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, Sept. 6

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

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Thursday, Sept. 8

**Pagosa Springs Town Council joint meeting with Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. PAWSD regular board meeting to follow.

Monday, Sept. 12

**Archuleta County CSU Extension Advisory meeting.** 11:30 a.m.,

CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

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

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners/elected official quarterly work session.** Noon, Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosapagosa.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Archuleta School District Board of Education meeting.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation meeting.** 5:30-7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Archuleta County Fair Board meeting.** 6 p.m., CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84.

Monday, Sept. 19

**San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting.** 1 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

Tuesday, Sept. 20

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

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## Expansion

■ **Continued from front** fection, as well as wasting up to 50 percent of the water it produces as backwash.

PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey added that the plant is being expanded to meet future

growth needs and to ensure that PAWSD can use all the water rights it possesses on the West Fork of the San Juan River.

Justin Kattnig of SGM, the other primary engineer for the project, explained that the plant would use

dissolved air flotation as a pretreatment process for incoming water and membrane filtration for final filtration.

He added that the environmental and historical preservation assessments had been completed

for the project, with no significant impacts found for either, although the assessments had found a likely small increase in traffic on Snowball Road during construction.

Kattnig then discussed the estimated costs of the facility, explaining that the costs were partially determined through a construction manager at risk (CMAR) arrangement where SGM worked with a construction company, PCL Construction, which provides input and constructability feedback on the project throughout the design process and provides cost estimates at certain completion milestones in the process.

In a CMAR arrangement, the construction company will then build the plant without a bidding process occurring, Kattnig explained.

Kattnig then discussed the costs associated with the project, including an estimated \$36,984,000 of construction costs, design engineering costs of \$1,799,000, and construction engineering costs of \$1,800,000, among other costs, for a total cost of \$41,089,000. This cost is supplemented by a contingency of \$3,016,000 for a total project cost of \$44,105,000.

Walsh then inquired what types of contingencies are included in the CMAR approach.

Ryan Welu of PCL Construction explained that the contingencies are intended to address potential risks that could impact the overall cost of the plant, eliminating the need for change orders and increases in the overall price of the project.

Ramsey added that the CMAR process includes a guaranteed maximum price the contractor cannot exceed, although the cost

can be lower than this, and that this pricing system creates the need for contingencies to ensure that potential additional costs can be paid.

Welu added that the contingencies in the budget would likely be reduced as the project moves forward and certain areas that require contingencies are completed.

The board also discussed that the construction cost contained approximately \$2.5 million in contingencies in addition to the \$3,016,000, which is intended primarily as a contingency in the loan acquisition process to ensure that the Colorado State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans that PAWSD intends to partially use to fund the project would be appropriately sized if the cost of the project increases.

Walsh commented that he was “in sticker shock” concerning the price and its increase over time and questioned whether PAWSD could find a loan with a longer term or interest rate forgiveness, to which Aaron Burns of PAWSD explained they could not.

Smith commented that, at present, the project would likely cost rate payers an additional \$8 per equivalent unit (EU).

Walsh proposed that there could be a discount for users with multiple EUs, such as hotels.

The board discussed that the SRF loan would be approved in October and executed in December, with the project construction beginning in early 2023 and completion likely by the end of summer 2025.

The board then discussed the possibilities of building the project through a traditional bid build process instead of through a CMAR, with the SGM representatives suggesting that the bidding process

would cause delays in the project and a potential increase in costs through bidding since bid prices could be higher than the construction costs indicated by a CMAR or could be increased by change orders from the construction contractor.

The board also discussed the \$1.5 million of the cost that would be spent on rent and per diem for the construction crews and the possibilities of reducing this by acquiring some type of housing to house the crews.

In response to a question from Walsh, Ramsey explained that the treatment processes at the Snowball plant will be similar to those at the Hatcher plant, although they will likely be somewhat less expensive to run since the water at the Snowball plant did not directly originate from a lake and thus requires a lower degree of organics processing.

He added that the operational costs would also be lowered by the higher efficiency of the new plant compared to the current one.

Ramsey also commented that the major downside of the project would be, “Your water bill is going up.”

The public comments at the hearing highlighted concerns about the road conditions near the plant and the need to upgrade pipe infrastructure near the plant to prevent breakages.

Later in the meeting, Ramsey explained that PAWSD will hold a barbecue at the Snowball plant at 1 p.m. on Oct. 1 to discuss the plant's construction with its neighbors in the area, with the Archuleta County commissioners and Pagosa Springs Town Council invited to attend.

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## School

■ **Continued from front** new leaders this year, with Kelly Vining, formerly the school's vice principal, being named principal and Nicolle Looper being named the dean of students.

“I am very excited for our school year this year,” Vining wrote in a statement to The SUN. “Personally I am looking forward to the new beginnings of the principal position and looking for new opportunities to serve and connect with our community. This school year feels like a fresh start and the goal is for the district's schools to return to normal. We have had a difficult past few years and the hope of normalcy and routine is a welcome sight.”

Vining also indicates that, even though school officially begins next week, the school year is already off to a good start for both students and staff.

“Our Jumpstart program the past two weeks was a huge success, with around 120 students participating,” she wrote. “Students had hands-on learning opportunities and it provided the perfect environment for our youngest students to get acclimated to what school looks and feels like. This week our staff has engaged in professional development on our new math curriculum, Illustrative Math. Our teachers and staff are looking forward to getting this 2022-2023 school year started with our students, families, and the community!”

Like Vining, Pagosa Springs Middle School Principal Chris Hinger also highlights new curriculum at the middle school, as well as a return to in-person learning.

“As middle school staff returned this week to prepare for the upcoming school year, there is strong positive energy throughout the buildings,” Hinger wrote in a statement. “Our staff is excited to continue our work investing in students and developing the potential in every child. We have leaned into reconnecting with colleagues, orientation, various training, open house nights, and worked hard preparing classrooms and engaging lessons to kick off the school year. This is especially true for our math and social studies teachers who are implementing new curriculums. Our mission is to empower students to navigate the future through learning and problem-solving. Of course, we do this with an emphasis on providing a well-rounded education that focuses on the academic, physical, and social-emotional development of our students.”

Hinger notes the school is “em-

phasizing to parents and students that we are fully returning to high-quality, in-person learning and no longer providing online classes. We've returned all Chromebooks to classroom sets and will no longer be using Schoology to provide online learning. We will continue to use Google Education Accounts and enhance digital learning in the classroom. In addition, we are emphasizing organizational skills and high rates of attendance. Our highly-trained, professional teaching staff is focused on growing students and supporting them in their development through the middle years. We look forward to a great year partnering closely with parents and our community to provide the best educational experience for our kids. Go Pirates!”

“We are looking forward to getting back to a more predictable and consistent school year,” Pagosa Springs High School Principal Sean O'Donnell said, adding, “We're excited about having everybody back, and we want a consistent and predictable environment for kids and where kids feel safe to learn.”

O'Donnell noted the high school has some big goals for the upcoming school year, among them a re-birth of its advisory program to get back to the “roots and foundations” of the advisory program following the last two years.

Among the main pillars of advisory, he explained, are building relationships and making sure every student has a relationship with at least one adult in the building, building school culture and spirit, character development, creating a service mindset and academic success.

Other goals of the school are a “focus on pedagogy and best instructional practices that will help increase student learning outcomes,” he said, and quality feedback for both students and faculty.

O'Donnell noted the school has also expanded its career and technical education program a little bit by adding back an automotive program, though he noted supply chain issues have limited what the school can get.

“We're going to do the best we can with what we have,” he said, adding, “That's definitely a place of excitement because we feel like there's many needs in our community, but that was one place we were lacking, and we're excited to be able to offer that to students.”

Nearby, San Juan Mountain School is kicking off its third year. “The staff at San Juan Mountain School hit the ground running this

year and it feels like we never left! We've planned a great return to school, with two weeks dedicated to helping students design the school and create a positive culture where they can be successful,” Principal Stewart Bellina wrote in a statement to The SUN. “We will begin the year with projects and activities designed to get students thinking about their goals for the year, character skills they would like to develop, and the importance of becoming a part of a close-knit community environment. We will wrap up our introduction to school with a fall campout near Moab. Students will complete lessons in various subjects and receive credit for their time both designing the school and participating in the campout with their peers. Every member of our staff is thrilled to welcome the students back next week.”

Beginning a bit later in September, Pagosa Family School will be in its eighth year.

Pagosa Family School offers enrichment courses to public, private and home-school families.

“In anticipation of our Pagosa Family School students' returning to Family School's enrichment classes, the Pagosa Family School staff spent the day planning and discussing the high leverage instructional strategies and core values that contribute to making Pagosa Family School an exceptional educational option for all homeschool and private school students,” Pagosa Family School Principal Jane Parker wrote. “Pagosa Family School is looking forward to a great year back in the classroom providing high-quality learning for students that places a focus on learning that is: fun, collaborative, problem solving and growth minded. PFS classes truly feel like students are learning with family. PFS places a strong emphasis on providing enrichment courses in a safe and positive school environment; all built on finding connections while learning together and creating an atmosphere of kindness.

“Everyone at PFS is excited to return to the classroom for a great 2022-23 school year. We look forward to partnering with our families as we start another great year of Learning Together at Pagosa Family School.”

Parker noted Pagosa Family School will be hold an open house from 4-5 p.m. on Sept. 8, at the middle school for anyone interested in more information.

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## Dissolution

■ **Continued from front** November or December.

Jollon explained that the costs to the counties are divided based on population data from the state demographer and added that the budget was constructed around the foundational public health services SJBPH provides.

Jollon then outlined the 2023 priorities for SJBPH, which included recruiting and retaining staff, identifying current and emerging gaps in public health needs, scaling the district's communicable disease effort, maintaining the district's foundational capabilities, and preparing SJBPH and the community for a successful transition from the district to separate county health departments.

She explained that this preparation would involve further developing an understanding of the needs and services for both separate counties, as current reporting requirements focus on district-wide reporting.

Jollon added that the budget would also include a 4 percent cost-of-living adjustment to wages, although she stated she is not certain whether this would be sufficient to retain or recruit “excellent” staff.

She also commented that, although insurance costs are presently flat in the budget, they would likely have to be adjusted up, and that SJBPH is not expecting or budgeting for additional revenues from COVID or monkeypox for 2023.

Jollon explained that the 2023 budget currently includes \$5,862,556 in revenues — although she expects this to rise as staff secures additional grants and funding — and \$7,026,192 in expenses.

Jollon explained that SJBPH would close the gap between expenses and revenue before the budget is adopted and adjust the expenses if needed.

Approximately 81 percent of the budgeted expenses are for salaries and benefits, with the rest being used for operating expenses, travel, debt service and other expenses, according to Jollon.

Jollon also explained that the Archuleta County allocation will be approximately \$283,000, while La Plata County will pay about \$1.1 million, both at a projected rate of

\$21.22 per capita.

Jollon concluded by providing an estimate of the fund balance for SJBPH in 2023, which she suggested would likely begin the year at \$3.9 million and end it at \$2.7 million, with both fund balance totals reduced by \$700,000 by funds dedicated to fleet, contingencies and other items.

Jollon indicated that this fund balance would potentially be important in easing the transition to separate public health departments and could potentially be used for the purpose of helping transition programs to the new arrangement.

Porter-Norton then provided a brief update on La Plata County's progress toward a dissolution of the district.

She highlighted that the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) had directed staff to continue moving forward with investigating the consequences of dissolving SJBPH and forming a county health district at its Aug. 23 meeting.

She added that this investigation is ongoing, although the BoCC is getting “closer and closer” to making a decision on leaving the district.

Porter-Norton also commented that it is important to her to prevent interruptions in programs and that

La Plata County would likely have to make an expenditure of money early in the process, although it is likely the costs will stabilize as the county health department accumulates additional revenue.

She also indicated that the BoCC would “soon” move on a resolution to withdraw from and dissolve the district, although she highlighted the possibility that Archuleta and La Plata counties could pass an inter-governmental agreement dissolving the district, which would give a more flexible timeline for the dissolution and the potential for a more orderly transition.

She commented that La Plata County will be forming an interim BoH as part of this process and that La Plata County would welcome the current members of the SJBPH BoH to serve on it.

Porter-Norton concluded by stating that, although La Plata County has not made a formal decision to withdraw and dissolve the district, the BoCC is “leaning” toward that outcome.

Schaaf commented that he “didn't have a lot to add” to Porter-Norton's comments, but agreed that a joint resolution to dissolve the district would be ideal as it would give a more flexible timeline.

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## Town council makes plans to issue letter to La Plata County commissioners

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council signaled plans to issue a letter to the La Plata County commissioners at its work session with the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on Aug. 30.

The letter would urge La Plata County commissioners to work with Archuleta County commissioners to keep the San Juan Basin Public Health District intact.

Mayor Shari Pierce stated that the town's involvement is important because the district provides a lot of

services to the town residents.

“I think it's vital to our citizens,” Pierce said.

Commissioners and county staff stated that, while they are unsure if a letter would impact the decision, they are not opposed to the idea.

“We don't want to step on your toes, this is your thing, but if we can help in any way, I think we would be willing to do that,” Pierce said.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips stated she will bring more information to the council members on the issue and they will discuss a potential letter at the council's regular meeting on Sept. 6.

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## Death

■ **Continued from front** the female.”

The press release explains Sweeney “was tubing on the San Juan River with family members. Her tube flipped near the Hot Springs Boulevard bridge, and she was subsequently swept down the river by the water current.”

It later notes that bystanders re-

moved the woman, identified as Shanda Sweeney, of New Mexico, from the water and began CPR.

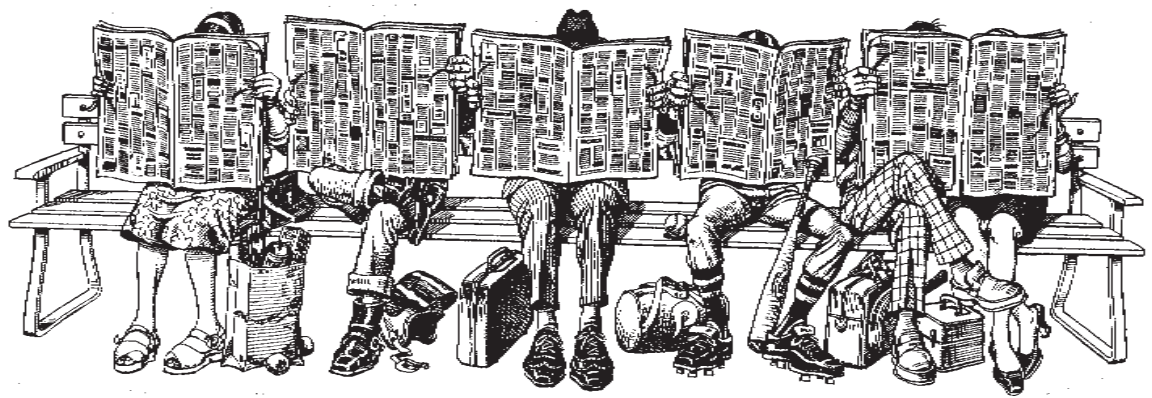
“An employee with the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center retrieved an AED and responded to assist. The AED was attached to Sweeney however, no shock was advised, and CPR continued. Emergency medical services arrived on scene

and continued life-saving measures with no success,” the release explains.

The release indicates the Pagosa Fire Protection District, Pagosa Springs Medical Center Emergency Medical Services and Pagosa Springs Police Department were dispatched to the location.

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## Snake incident snowballs into active threat allegation

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

A trio of local law enforcement agencies responded to a reported threat of violence on Wednesday, Aug. 24, with an investigation into the incident determining that no threat ever existed and the incident stemmed from a snake in a parking lot.

According to a press release from Pagosa Springs Police Chief William Rockensock, at approximately 11:43 a.m. on Aug. 24, Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) officers and other area law enforcement were dispatched to alleged active threat at the City Market store located at 165 Country Center Drive.

A press release from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) notes the call for service involved a potential threat in the City Market parking area. Upon arrival, the PSPD's press release explains, no person was located, but within minutes the Colorado State Patrol located a vehicle associated with a person of interest in the Walmart parking lot at 211 Aspen Village Drive.

The press releases explain that ACSO deputies entered the store, detained the person of interest, escorted him out of the building and turned him over to the PSPD for further investigation.

"Upon completion of the investigation by the Pagosa Springs Po-

lice Department, there is no cause for the safety of concern of the public related to this incident," the PSPD press release states, adding, "No active threat to any person or business ever existed."

The subject was released without charges, it states.

In a later interview, Rockensock explained that the male subject pulled into the City Market parking lot to park in a handicap spot, but there was snake in the parking spot.

Some women present didn't want him to run over the snake, according to Rockensock, which upset the male subject.

The subject, Rockensock explained, then threatened to kill the snake, which reportedly upset one

of the women present.

From there, Rockensock explained, the situation "snowballed" into an allegation that the man was threatening to shoot people.

He noted it was reported by a third or fourth party from inside the store who was not in contact with anyone who directly witnessed the incident.

Rockensock called the incident a classic game of telephone, where what was reported to dispatch was not what actually occurred and was "blown out of proportion."

He noted that, after parking, the man went inside the store, made a purchase, then left to go to the pharmacy at Walmart.

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## Town and county discuss ballot language for sales tax increase, special meeting to take place Sept. 1

By **Dorothy Elder**  
Staff Writer

After minor disagreements and technicalities emerged during a discussion about putting a sales tax increase on the ballot this November during the Pagosa Springs Town Council and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) joint work session on Aug. 30, the town council will meet today for a special meeting about the issue.

The special meeting, which will take place today at noon, will give the town council more time to discuss what exactly the collections from the potential tax increase would go toward within the town.

The potential ballot question, which is still in its draft form, proposes a 1.5 percent sales tax increase, which would generate approximately \$3.263 million of new revenue for the town and county each, or about \$6.5 million in total each year.

At Tuesday evening's work session, County Manager Derek Woodman presented the ballot's draft language, which lays out that the county would take its share of the revenue and dedicate 50 percent to road infrastructure, 25 percent to capital infrastructure and 25 percent to other services.

For the town's side of collections, the draft language stated that it would use revenue for road infrastructure and some percentage dedicated to the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) and workforce housing.

Given the ambiguity of the town's planned use for the tax compared to the county's, Mayor Shari Pierce reasoned the council needs a special meeting to determine exact numbers and uses for the tax before the draft language has to be submitted.

Questions also arose by town council members about if they

wanted to fund some of the items they'd previously proposed for the tax's use.

Council member Jeff Posey asked if the town council really wants to fund workforce housing in perpetuity.

He, for one, doesn't, he stated.

He also pointed out that it is reasonable that the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District may eventually agree to take over the PSSGID if improvements to the system continue, which might put the town in an odd position if it has agreed to perpetually dedicate money to it.

"If we're not sure about sanitation, then let's not allocate funds specifically for that, because there is some question as to if an ongoing sales tax revenue source that would go to sanitation would impact our enterprise fund status," Town Manager Andrea Phillips advised.

Pierce reasoned that the draft language gets trickier if the town chooses to assign percentages to uses, effectively locking the town into its commitment to fund items that may not keep their priority status as time goes on.

In response, Posey brought up the general distrust expressed in the town's and county's recent survey, which revealed that 50 percent of respondents when asked about the town and 63 percent of respondents when asked about the county do not think that the entities are fiscally responsible and spend taxpayer money wisely.

Given this, the ballot question might be more likely to pass if "wiggle room" is kept at a minimum and, therefore, it is best to include percentages, he reasoned.

There was also some confusion about if the town council even wants to support the sales tax increase.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez stated that if the town does not, he probably would not either, as he thinks it would be best as a joint effort.

For all of these reasons, the town council decided the special meeting was needed, and soon.

The very last day that the draft language can be changed is Sept.

9, when the proposal needs to be sent to the county clerk, according to County Attorney Todd Weaver, although more practically it's Sept. 6, when the BoCC will vote on the language of the ballot question.

Therefore, Weaver asked for the town council's decision on the draft language by Thursday afternoon, Sept. 1.

Also at the meeting, Emily Lashbrooke, executive director of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC), announced the PSCDC's intention to run the campaign for the sales tax increase.

She stated that the board of directors at the PSCDC unanimously agreed to fund the campaign with \$10,000 of the organization's unrestricted funds, with Commissioner Warren Brown and Posey, who both sit on the PSCDC board, abstaining from the vote because of their involvement with the tax.

In a later interview, Lashbrooke clarified that that decision was made in a meeting that was closed to the public, which had been closed for two other private matters unrelated to financing the tax's campaign.

"That topic actually came up in a closed meeting by one of our board members and we just openly discussed it and then the motion was made by another board member," Lashbrooke said of the campaign. "... That sales tax discussion didn't need to happen at that time but I didn't know that a board member was going to bring it up, either."

During the meeting, she urged the commissioners and the town council members that, even with the election quickly approaching, now is the time to put the question on the ballot.

She reasoned that, even though the entities are looking at an eight-week timeline, "this is your best chance of getting this passed."

She suggested that other tax initiatives might be on future ballots and advised the entities to not put the question on the ballot during a major election year.

Right now, she stated, the tax has no competition in terms of other local tax initiatives.

## Emergency blood shortage: September blood drive planned

By **Diane Levison**  
Vitalant

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# Outdoors

## September programs planned at Chimney Rock National Monument

By Jeanette Hill  
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

As autumn approaches, the mornings at Chimney Rock National Monument can be a little bit nippy, the afternoons are pleasantly warm instead of pretty darn hot and the evenings cool down deliciously.

This final month of the summer season brings opportunities to experience this unique monument in many ways:

- Our 10 a.m. Great House Tour is scheduled for all but seven days in September. Please call the Chimney Rock National Monument Gift Shop at (970) 883-2455 to see if there is a tour on your chosen day. This guided tour is walk-in only, \$10 for adults.

- Chimney Rock Interpretive Association's (CRIA) signature Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour is offered on Monday afternoons (Sept. 5 and Sept. 12 with 5 p.m. check-in) and Thursday mornings (Sept. 1, Sept. 8 and Sept. 15 with check-in at 7 a.m.).

- The final Night Sky program for the season (Our Solar System) will be Sept. 2 with check-in at 6:30 p.m.

- There will be three Geology Tours (Sept. 7, Sept. 14 and Sept. 21); check-in time is 7 a.m.

- CRIA volunteers and knowledgeable Audubon Society members will team up for "Birding at Chimney Rock" on Sept. 17, with check-in at 7:15 a.m.

- Our monthly Full Moon program will be held on Sept. 10.



Photo courtesy Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

As the summer season winds down, there are still opportunities to experience Chimney Rock National Monument in a variety of ways.

Check in for the pre-program early tour package at 5:15 p.m. or at 6 p.m. for the Full Moon program alone.

- And don't miss the last Moonlight Melody program of the year on Sept. 11. This new program has been very well received all season. Check-in time is 6:45 p.m.

- The Autumn Equinox tour will be the morning of Sept. 22; check in at 5:15 a.m. for a very special

Chimney Rock experience.

All programs except the Great House Tour must be reserved through our website, [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or by calling (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for these programs.

This Ancestral Puebloan cultural

site is located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 3 miles south on Colo. 151.

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

## Flows in San Juan River remain above median

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

Flows in the San Juan River have dropped since earlier in the summer, but still remain above median levels for late August.

Stream flow for the San Juan River on Aug. 31 at approximately 9 a.m. was 162 cubic feet per second (cfs), according to the U.S. Geological Service (USGS) National Water Dashboard.

This is down from a nighttime peak of 195 cfs at 7:45 p.m. on Aug. 30.

These numbers are up from last week's reading of 150 cfs at 9 a.m. on Aug. 24 and above the median flow of 95 cfs for Aug. 31.

July 2022 was the fifth wettest July in the past 128 years, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) with 3.05 inches more precipitation than average.

2022 to date is the 55th wettest year in the past 128 years according to the NIDIS, with 0.1 inches more precipitation than average.

The NIDIS also indicates that the levels of drought in the county have declined significantly from July and early August, with only 36.2 percent of the county being affected by drought, down 64 percent from last month, although there has been no change since last week.

The NIDIS also reports that 4,379 persons in the county are currently affected by drought, down 63.8 percent from last month and with no change from last week.

The NIDIS indicates the entire county is experiencing abnormally dry conditions, which the website notes may cause decreases in hay production, dry rangelands and irrigation to begin sooner.

The NIDIS also places 36.2 percent of the county in a moderate drought, which the website notes may cause rangeland growth to be stunted, little hay to be available, dryland crops to suffer and wildfires to increase.

The NIDIS provides an evaporative demand forecast, an experimental tool for predicting drought conditions through measuring atmospheric evaporative demand

or the "thirst of the atmosphere." The forecast for the area indicates that in the next two weeks, most of Archuleta County will be experiencing a mix of severe wet and extreme wet conditions, while the four-week forecast shows the majority of the county will be experiencing a mix of severe wet and moderate wet conditions.

### Weather

According to the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network website, sites in Archuleta County received between 1.02 and 2.97 inches of rain between Aug. 17 and Aug. 31.

Higher precipitation totals were concentrated in the northern portion of the county, with the highest reported precipitation amount located near North Pagosa Boulevard in Pagosa Springs.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), sunny skies and a chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon are expected in Archuleta County on Thursday, Sept. 1, with a high of 75 and 5-10 mph winds.

Mostly clear skies with 5 mph winds are expected Thursday night with a low of 53.

For Friday, Sept. 2, the forecasted high is 78 degrees with sunny skies, a chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon and 5 mph winds throughout the day. The forecasted low is 53 degrees with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight.

For Saturday, Sept. 3, mostly

sunny skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon are likely, along with a high of 75 degrees. The forecasted low is 52 degrees with mostly clear skies and a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight.

For Sunday, Sept. 4, the forecasted high is 77 degrees with mostly sunny skies and a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. The forecasted low is 51 degrees with mostly clear skies and a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight.

### Water report

According to an Aug. 29 press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey, Village Lake and Lake Pagosa are both full.

Lake Forest is 1 inch from full. Stevens Lake is 27 inches from full.

Lake Hatcher is currently full. Total diversion flows for the district are listed at 8.0 cubic cfs.

The West Fork diversion flow is listed at 3.0 cfs, the San Juan diversion flow is listed at 3.0 cfs and the Four Mile diversion flow is listed at 2.0 cfs.

Water production from Aug. 18

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# Sports

## SOCCER

### Pirates log 7-0 win in home opener

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team triumphed over the Lamar Thunder in a 7-0 match on Saturday, Aug. 27, moving the team to 2-1 on the season.

"It turned out OK for us," coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason commented on the game. "The first half was just, we were trying to figure out where the chink in the armor was. The guys passed really well and they kept ... not exactly passing forward all the time, but they dropped the ball and they would swing it around the other side and change the point of attack. And we've been working on that quite a bit for a number of years, but that day they were doing it with a purpose, they were just trying to find that one second where they ... could shoot from distance. And that previous week we were focusing on that because the second game we had against Gunnison, we just ... didn't take those shots; we just tried to bring it closer and closer and eventually ... we'd lose the ball or miss. ... So, we needed to add that to our attack, to shoot from distance, so we did that and it worked pretty darn well."

Kurt-Mason explained that the first goal was scored by Kelton Christians, who scored on a "beau-



SUN photo/Randi Pierce  
Pirate Jordan Pham crosses the ball to Kelton Christians, who then scored on a header, during the Pirates' game against Lamar on Aug. 27. The Pirates won 7-0.

tiful" header during the first half off an assist from Kameron Winkler. "That kind of got the ball rolling," Kurt-Mason stated. "The team

was movin' up and back together. There weren't any big gaps in between the midfield and the defensive lines. ... So, we waited until we got an advantage then we kind of went forward from there. It was just a real methodical approach to the game."

The next goal, in the second half, was also scored by Christians, from a cross from the back of the field from Alex Pham, according to

Kurt-Mason.

The third goal, which Kurt-Mason described as "pretty cool," was scored by Winkler with a shot from 30 yards out.

On the next goal, by Joah Dunn De Pulido, Kurt-Mason commented, "He has great feet and he kind of likes to keep the ball and try to beat players and a lot of times it doesn't work out, but this time it did. He ■ See Soccer A12

## VOLLEYBALL

### Lady Pirates start season with a win, heading to tournament this weekend

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team won its game against Dolores with a final score of 3-0, starting its season off strong.

"There was great energy," coach Katie Lorenzen said of the game against the Dolores Bears, who have a 1-2 record after Monday night.

Lorenzen highlighted the team's serve-serve passing, which the Lady Pirates averaged a 2.3 score for.

Given that a perfect score is a 3.0, Lorenzen called this average "really solid."

Contributing to that score was senior Lynell Bartz, who scored nine service aces throughout the game, and sophomore Aspen Pitcher, who had five.

Lorenzen described the entire game as fairly consistent, although the team had a couple of long runs in the first set.

In the first set, the Pirates beat the Bears 25-22.

The coach stated that she called a timeout in the first set and, from there, saw a lot of progress amongst the girls.

"They needed a reset," she said. Lorenzen explained that, because of a few absences in the week leading up to the game due to a variety of factors, some junior varsity players got to compete in the first set.

It was a great opportunity to see a different mix of girls, she stated. In the second set, the Pirates improved with a 25-11 score against Dolores, and eventually finished with a 25-16 score in the final set.

The Lady Pirates ended the game with a total of 23 kills, according to Lorenzen.

Junior Kynslie Limebrook led the Pirates in kills, achieving five throughout the game. Pitcher and Bartz had four, and senior Bea Carpenter and junior Jordan Lindstrom both had three in one set.

In total, the Pirates had 19 assists, with junior Grace Betts leading with nine and seven from junior Annie O'Donnell.

"The standout performances for the night would have to be our main passers: Ava [Pargin], Grace Walker, and Aspen," Lorenzen wrote in an email. "They were so solid all night and it allowed our setters to set all of our hitters."

Lorenzen cautioned that some of the stats from the game may be

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## GOLF

# Pirates tie for first at home tournament, Smith wins

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team tied for first at the Pagosa Springs Invitational on Aug. 24, with the coach noting the Pirate golfers “stepped up.”

The Pirates tied with the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers at the event, with each team scoring 245. Coach Mark Faber explained the teams didn't have enough time to play a tie-breaker because the Panthers left for another tournament, leaving the tournament officially a tie.

Six teams took part in the invitational, with the Pirates and Panthers coming in 12 strokes ahead of 4A Durango.

“It was fun,” Faber said. “It was good to watch them. We have, in years past, struggled at our own tournament, but they didn't. They played pretty well.”

Pagosa's finish was helped by Pirate Johnathon Smith taking first after shooting a 72 on the par-71 course.

Smith birdied on four holes and shot par on nine holes.

Braylon Cotts tied for fourth with an 83, with that effort including Cotts shooting par on 10 holes.

Keaton Robel finished 13th with a 90, which included shooting par on five holes.

Kaison Clifford finished tied for 14th with a 92, which also included shooting par on five holes.

Gunner Dozier finished the day with a 95 to tie for 19th. Dozier logged a birdie on one hole and shot par on three holes.

“I think they, all of them stepped up a bit for that tournament,” Faber said.

On Monday, Aug. 29, the Pirates

went to Durango for the Durango Hillcrest Open.

Faber noted most of the Pirate golfers struggled on the course, showing there's more work to be done.

“They all kind of struggled yesterday in Durango,” he said Tuesday.

Pagosa finished sixth out of eight teams present with a score of 246.

The 4A Montrose Red Hawks took first at the event with a score of 221, followed by the 5A Piedra Vista Panthers from New Mexico with a 222. Montezuma-Cortez finished third with a 230.

Smith finished tied for fifth out of 74 golfers with a score of 73 on the par-71 course.

Smith logged four birdies on the day and shot par on nine holes.

Cotts ended as part of a four-way tie for 24th at the event with an 86. That effort included shooting par on six holes.

Clifford tied for 28th with an 87, shooting par on six holes.

Robel tied for 40th with a 90, shooting par on five holes.

Cedar Liverett finished the day as part of a three-way tie for 44th with a 92. He shot par on four holes.

Dozier finished tied for 60th with a 101, with that effort including shooting par on two holes.

Lady Pirate Isabel Galloway took part in the Durango Hillcrest Girls Open — her first time ever playing against girls, according to Faber.

She finished tied for seventh with a 127 and shot par on three holes.

“It was really nice for her. For a young lady that's just learning the game, it's good to see. It's good to judge yourself against somebody like that, so that was a real



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Pirate Johnathon Smith watches a putt during the Pagosa Springs Invitational on Aug. 24. Smith finished the day one over par, taking first at the tournament.

positive,” the coach said, adding later she “played some girls that can really play,” including three from Kirtland Central (from New Mexico) who played in last year's state tournament.

Faber noted that, even though the day was a struggle, he saw good things from the team.

“For pretty much everybody other than Cedar — Cedar really played well yesterday, it was really a boost — but the rest of them, it just was a struggle,” he said. “Nothin' came easy, but the real key is they all stayed after it. Nobody ... gave up, they just kept workin' at it. ... I think that's a big turning point for these kids at this age, that when things are hard, ... the easy thing to do is just walk away and not stay after it. And they, as far as I could tell, they all stayed in it and stayed with it and gave it their best. You know, you just can't ask any more than that.”

Faber also noted it was good for the teams to see the level of competition present at Hillcrest, espe-

cially because they play the same teams a lot throughout the season.

“There's still more work to do and we're going to continue to do it. Hopefully, having some practices would be nice,” Faber said, noting the team continues to get hit with weather that forces them to cancel practices.

He pointed out the team was “lucky” to get in the Pagosa Springs Invitational, with practice canceled the days before and after it due to weather.

On Friday, Sept. 2, the team will head for a meet in Gunnison, with the competition set to tee off at 9 a.m.

“Gunnison's ... it's an interesting golf course. It's a little more technical,” he said. “It'll be interesting to see.”

He noted none of the team's golfers have played on that course to his knowledge, which he said will “make an interesting scenario” for them.

“It'll be good exposure for them. It helps to play different places,” he added.

He also indicated the team has an eye on regionals, which is set for Sept. 20 in Cortez.

“We're just trying to peak at the right time,” he said, adding, “We're not that far now ... from regionals. ... We're just hoping to get some time to practice and put it all in perspective and be ready for that.”  
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Pirate Braylon Cotts sends the ball toward the hole during the team's home tournament on Aug. 24. Cotts tied for fourth at the Pagosa Springs Invitational after shooting an 83.

## Soccer

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had a couple of guys on him and he had ... just a little crease from about 15 yards out. He hit it on the ground and it just went beyond the keeper's hands. The keeper got a touch, but he couldn't stop it.”

The next goal was scored by Jordan Heaton at a 28-yard distance with eight minutes left in the game, according to Kurt-Mason.

The final two goals were scored by Kaylor Christians, Kurt-Mason explained.

“The defense was really good,” Kurt-Mason stated. “We were defending as a team and attacking as a team. We were moving up and back together. It was just a great day and we ended up with 25 shots on the goal. They ended up with 14 shots on the goal and [Pirate goalie Christopher Young-Martinez], you gotta give him credit ... he had 10 good saves.”

Kurt-Mason summarized his thoughts on the Lamar team by stating they had a “good team,” although “they just got back on their heels. We were passing really well and they were chasing ... and it just tucked them out.”

Kurt-Mason also commented that the Lamar goalie became frustrated due to faults in the Lamar

defense, which had “left out to dry a couple times,” which he added was “tough.”

Kurt-Mason summarized his thoughts on the game, saying, “It was a real beautiful game. Pele said that once, ‘Soccer, football, is a beautiful game.’ I was just so pleased with the guys. Everything was clicking ... they were in the zone and you didn't want to interrupt. Didn't want to sub in and out, you just kind of wanted to let it go and that was just awesome.”

The Pirates' next game is on Saturday, Sept. 3, at 11 a.m. at

Golden Peaks Stadium. They will be hosting Mead.

Kurt-Mason explained that the Pirates were beaten “pretty well” by Mead last year, although he was not sure how changes in the compositions of both teams might impact the game.

However, he commented, “We know it's going to be a hard game because they're a big team.”

The coach added that the Pirates are continuing to work on developing fitness in preparation for the upcoming game.

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## FOOTBALL

# Pirates fall to Falcons, will host La Junta Friday

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team opened the season with a loss to the Centauri Falcons in La Jara on Friday, Aug. 26, though the coach highlighted the Pirates were physical — something he noted can't be coached.

The Pirates lost to the Centauri Falcons 33-0 in the affair.

"I thought we played well," coach Nathan Morales said. "We were physical up front, and physicality stuff you can't coach, it just happens, and I'm glad we're physical and we have that aggressive mindset. And that's a positive."

He added he feels the Pirates played well in the game, but had "unforced errors that affected us, and we weren't able to capitalize on those turnovers we got."

The Pirates also tallied many turnovers, which is something the team will fix, Morales noted.

"I've gotta do a better job of getting us prepared to win a football game," he said.

The coach added the team also did well on defense against Centauri.

"That's something we look to carry into this week, and I'll make sure they're better prepared this week," he said.

Friday, the Pirates will host the



A trio of Pirates work together to contain and tackle a Centauri Falcon during the Pirates' first game of the season on Aug. 26. The Pirates will host the La Junta Tigers at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2.

Photo courtesy Rebecca Aucoin

La Junta Tigers for their home opener at Golden Peaks Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

The Tigers are 1-0 on the season. "We've just gotta stay aggressive, be physical, ... capitalize on their

mistakes, make them ... work down the field. No big plays, we want to make them earn everything they get," Morales said, adding he wants the team to be physical on offense and take advantage of scoring op-

portunities. "And I think we'll do that this week."

Stats and additional information on Centauri game were not available by press time Wednesday. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

# DUST2 Pagosa competes in first race of the season at Leadville

By Todd Bergdolt  
DUST2

The first race of the season for DUST2 Pagosa Springs mountain bike team was held on Saturday in Leadville, Colo. This was the first of four regular season races for the team, which has grown to 15 high school racers this year.

Chilly and wet conditions greeted the riders for pre-ride on Friday, where they got lucky with a break in the weather just long enough to check out the muddy course before the race on Saturday.

The course at Leadville is well liked by the riders and is quite challenging, being at an elevation of 10,152 feet. Each lap is 6.2 miles and has 620 feet of elevation. The varsity class, which is the premier, invite-only class of the league, had a slightly longer lap of 7.4 miles and 630 feet of elevation. Varsity riders race for three laps and all other classes race for two laps.

Pagosa's team has grown significantly this year, with 13 racers at this event, placing them in the larger Division 2 classification. The team has riders in every category except for varsity girls, making for a very busy race day.

Saturday morning, all racers were thankful for sunny skies and perfect temperatures for race day. Freshman boys kicked off the event, with Braden Terry competing against 71 other racers. Terry finished in 17th place with a time of 1:10.55.

Varsity boys were up next, with senior rider Ethan Bergdolt and junior Bradley Lamoreaux competing in the extremely competitive class of 22 riders. Bergdolt finished in seventh place and Lamoreaux in 14th. Lamoreaux also won first place in the Skills Zone competi-

tion. This is a short, extremely technical course where riders put their bike-handling skills to the test against the clock.

JV boys, with the biggest class of the event at 102 racers, started next. Tucker Mashue placed 39th. Tucker Haines, in his first-ever race, came in 46th. Haines started in 97th place, showing some amazing determination to pass 51 riders. Jack Hittle placed 51st and Kaeden Thomas 83rd. Thomas had a rough race with three crashes, but finished strong even with a broken front wheel.

JV and sophomore girls started mid-day with JV rider Natalie Mashue finishing in 13th. Sophomore Rylie Carr had a tough race due to a mechanical issue with her bike. She struggled the first lap with multiple chain issues, ultimately being forced to switch bikes at the end of the first lap. League rules state that if you get outside assistance there is a five-minute penalty to your time. Even with the delay, Carr still finished 14th. We look to see Carr on the podium at future races.

Freshman boys and girls were the last race of the day. Since this was their first race with the league, they competed in a time trial. This has rows of four riders starting every one minute, instead of the traditional mass start from the other classes. They will be ranked by their time, which determines their starting position for the next race. We have a great freshman class this year with four new riders. The boys took off first, with Weston Phillips finishing seventh, Connor Thomas 57th and Brady Ziminsky 61st. Freshman girl Kaylee Hensle came in 14th.

At the end of the day, Pagosa came in eighth place in Division 2.

Coach Todd Bergdolt said, "I am



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Sophomore Rylie Carr charging the Leadville course.

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great grit and determination. I can't wait to see what we do at the next event."

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This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered June 7, 2022, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):  
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Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Ptarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it

secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.  
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# ComFest

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RPM and Tones From Home entertained concert goers during ComFest on Aug. 19. The free, outdoor concert returns to Town Park for the final event of the season this evening, Sept. 1, with Brooks I and Ragwater from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.



## The Face of GOAL High School in Pagosa Springs!

The largest high school in Colorado recently kicked off their 2022-23 school year with their annual "GOAL Forum". Which School you might ask? GOAL High School of course. GOAL is a charter high school birthed in Pueblo in 2007 and now authorized under District 49. GOAL serves the needs of nearly 5000 students yearly. The school is free, public, fully accredited, and in great standing with the Colorado Department of Education as a "performance" rated school. Part of the reason for GOAL's success is because of the great staff they have, led by Ms. Ryan Mathews, Assistant Principal of GOAL High School's Pagosa Springs student drop-in center.

Ryan struggled as a high schooler, explaining, "I did not think I was smart enough to graduate or smart enough to go into college... I really believed that I was just not capable of learning... I struggled to graduate... I learn a different way than the traditional

student and until I graduated, I didn't know that. I just assumed 'eh I'm not smart enough, whatever'."

After discovering a love for art, she attended art school, but quickly learned she loved teaching just as much. Through learning how to teach others, Ms. Mathews was able to discover that she wasn't taught very well in high school. That's because she was a square peg rammed into a circle hole. She was not taught in a way that was conducive to her learning.

Eventually, she found a place that was more adaptable, that had the methods and facilities to tailor to student's needs -- GOAL High School. GOAL shares her vision of teaching students in a way that suits them the most. Something she said would have benefited her a lot as a student.

While being with GOAL, Ms. Mathews has discovered a great community. She currently

resides in Pagosa, a town she says has a "... family type of feeling... we are there for you no matter what..." She continued, "that's what I want to give to the community as well; we are in town to serve and help the students in our community. That's what we want to do."

But the reason why Ryan is so effective in her methods is because of the model she and GOAL have set up. "I love the model that we have set up... [we] focus first and foremost on building a relationship." Attendance and academics are secondary to learning more about the student. What's happening in their life? How do they learn? What are their goals and aspirations? "Until that coach has had a chance to sit down with that student" and develop a relationship, everything else can wait. With this mindset, she has been able to help several hundred students to graduate, which helps GOAL in its mission of developing productive members of society.



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# Navigating the World with Stories

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September 1, 2022

# Navigating the World with Stories set for Sept. 10

By Cindi Galabota

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation

If you haven't purchased your tickets for Navigating the World with Stories, scheduled to take place on Sept. 10 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave., don't wait. You do not want to miss this unique event and the opportunity to enjoy an evening with friends while supporting our Mountains of Opportunity campaign to expand and renovate your Ruby Sisson Library.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and may be purchased both online and at the library (cash or check only).

Professional storyteller Kathy Santopietro will unpack a bundle of stories as she takes us on a journey around the world. Pagosa's very own pianist Sally Neel will accompany the stories with familiar and global tunes. The doors open at 6 p.m. with a cash bar and entertainment. Stories begin at 7 p.m. Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will follow.

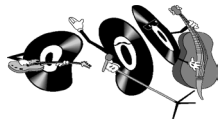
Navigating the World with Stories is for ages 16 and older. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased online at <https://pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/navigating-the-world-with-stories/> with a credit card. You may also purchase tickets at the library using cash or check. Tickets at the door on the night of the event will be \$45.

Though this event is for adults, Ms. Josie has planned two separate free storytelling programs at the Ruby Sisson Library, running concurrently, on Sept. 10 from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Santopietro will offer a program for older kids, fourth grade and older, while Ms. Josie will run a program for younger children. Enjoy these programs with your children, then enjoy the evening storytelling event starting at 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the evening event will support our Mountains of Opportunity campaign to expand and renovate your Ruby Sisson Library. Your public library is the hub of our community and offers free programs, services and resource to people of all ages and backgrounds. The current building opened its doors in 1989 and underwent its first major expansion in 2005.

As the needs and services of our ever-growing community evolve, the library now is preparing to expand its current building by 50 percent, to 11,300 square feet. The addition will offer community meeting space, dedicated room for children's literacy programs, a room exclusively for teens and tweens, private study rooms, an intergenerational hands-on learning space, easy access to self-checkout and drop off, and a beautiful outdoor reading garden. To learn more about Navigating the World with Stories or about our campaign, please contact Cindi Galabota at (970) 264-2209 or [cindi@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:cindi@pagosalibrary.org). We hope to see you on Sept. 10.

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### Thursday

**Comfest at Town Park:** Brooks-i and Ragwater, 5:30 p.m.

### Friday

**East Side Market:** Open mic, 9 a.m.

**Meltdown on Main:** The Status Crowes, 5 p.m.

**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Steve Blechschmidt, 5 p.m.

### Saturday

**East Side Market:** Open mic, 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**Meltdown on Main:** Michael Dae Hanlon, 5 p.m.

**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Terry Rickard, 5 p.m.

### Sunday

**East Side Market:** Open mic, 9 a.m.

### Tuesday

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

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# Cooking demo planned for Saturday at Pagosa Farmers Market

By De Anna Hoyle  
Pagosa Farmers Market

During this harvest season and the final month of the outdoor Pagosa Farmers Market, we again invite everyone out this Saturday for a cooking demonstration utilizing locally grown produce.

You will see more variety and quantity as the growing season slows down, but the harvesting is plentiful. Fresh flower bouquets have been especially beautiful this year, as you can probably imagine with all the wildflowers in the area. Come for a delightful array of products that make perfect gifts as well, such as herbal products and hand-crafted sewn items of all kinds.

Chef Derek Dietz is currently creating delicious dishes at a local retreat center (Tara Mandala) and will offer an hour of demonstration beginning around 9:30 a.m. On the menu will be gazpacho soup, a cool summer delight. Made with tomatoes, cucumber and bell pepper as the main ingredients, then blended with onion, garlic and spices, we are in for a treat.

Dietz, originally from Philadelphia, Pa., graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in 2009 and has been cooking professionally since, owning a farm-to-table restaurant in the Denver area. More recently, Dietz was giving back to poverty-stricken areas in South America and cooking in soup kitchens for kids. We are thrilled to host Dietz and appreciate his time and expertise to offer this cooking demo to the community.

Arrangements are being made for a couple more cooking and food demonstrations during the month of September, so make sure you visit the Pagosa Farmers Market every Saturday, which runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In visiting the farmers market you may hear live music from the adjacent vending area on the east side of town. The market row runs near the mountainside and there is plenty of parking toward the back.

It is a perfect time to visit vendors who are part of the Pagosa Online Market year-round as it enters its second year at at PagosaFarmersMarket.net. Our hope is to continue to add cottage industry vendors who can provide us with baked goods, candies and toffee, bread, honey and holiday fair.

For those who use SNAP benefits and seniors who qualify for

market vouchers, we welcome you and hope you will take advantage of these last weeks for fresh produce from our local growers. From cabbage to zucchini, peaches to potatoes, it is an especially great time to eat locally and with more variety. SNAP customers get Double Up Bucks for the first \$20 SNAP purchase. The Area Agency on Ag-

ing offers seniors who qualify a \$25 voucher, and Debbie can assist you if you call her at (970) 403-2164.

We are grateful for all of you who continue to support growers, producers and makers here in our own little slice of heaven, and look forward to seeing you this Saturday morning for our cooking demonstration with Dietz.



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# Sixth annual Community Fall Festival to feature live music by Retrocats

By Shanna Robb  
Special to The PREVIEW

The sixth annual Community Fall Festival and Raffle will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, at Town Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a free event and everyone in the community is welcome. There will be free food, provided by the Knights of Columbus, and a cash bar. Rounding up the festivities from noon until 3 p.m. is live entertainment provided by two local favorites.

Taking the stage at noon will be the Retrocats band, which will again donate its time and musical talents. A Pagosa Springs rock band, Retrocats has performed at numerous local events and has a large fan following.

The members of the Retrocats,

as the name implies, cut their musical teeth during the '60s and '70s, and happily serve up a mix of classic rock, blues and country for your dancing and listening pleasure. Having taken a sabbatical during the COVID outbreaks, the band is looking forward to rocking Pagosa Springs during the Sept. 11 festival.

The Pagosa Springs Line Dancers, headed by Beverly Chester, will entertain the crowd while the band takes a break at 12:30 p.m. The dancers include an ever-growing group of men and women dancers. Many of the line dancers have been dancing for the past 15 years and may be seen around town kicking up their feet, including in parades and past Community Fall Festivals.

One cannot talk about the festival without mentioning the popu-

lar brown bag raffle that includes donations from many local businesses. Most brown bag combinations are valued at over \$200. Tickets available that day for \$1 each or \$5 for six. With the brown bag raffle, you must be present to win, and winning tickets will be pulled starting at 2:30 p.m.

Rounding out the festivities is a separate all-cash raffle. Grand prize is \$1,500 followed by \$750 second prize, \$450 third prize, \$200 fourth prize and \$100 for fifth prize. Tickets are \$10 each and winners do not need to be present to win. Tickets for this raffle may be purchased in advance at Pope John Paul II Church at 353 S. Pagosa St. from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday or at the Sept. 11 event. Winning cash raffle tickets will be pulled at 3 p.m.

# Enrollment open for 14th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic

By Jacque Aragon  
Mountain Chile Cha Cha

Notice to all green chile aficionados: Enrollment is open for the 14th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic.

The annual green chile cook-off heats up Pagosa Springs and is where chefs of all abilities and backgrounds compete for cash, trophies and bragging rights.

The cost for home cooks to enter is \$15. Winners in the meat, vegetarian and overall people's choice categories will receive \$200 each and trophies, while second and third place winners receive medals and bragging rights. Registration is first-come, first-served and space is limited. Don't miss your chance to participate in this event.

Commercial entrants pay \$35 and first place will land them a special award. Commercial entries are also eligible for the people's choice award of \$200 for first place and medals for second and third place.

The Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic is part of the 16th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha. The Cha-Cha will be held rain or shine on Sept. 24 at Town Park.

This event is free and also features a music concert by New Mexico's Str8 Shot, a Mexican beer garden, a margarita contest, green chile roasted and for sale and a kids' corner.

For more information or to enter the cook-off, please call Jacque at (970) 946-7636 or register online at [ilovegreenchile.com](http://ilovegreenchile.com).



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Enrollment is now open for the 14th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic. The cook-off is part of the Mountain Chile Cha Cha, which is set for Sept. 24.

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# Breakfast with Balloons returning to ColorFest

By Sally High  
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) is reviving Breakfast with Balloons, a popular Pagosa Springs ColorFest celebration last seen in 2019. Breakfast with Balloons has always sold out, so get your tickets early.

Breakfast with Balloons on Sept. 17 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the GGP's amphitheater on the San Juan Riverwalk is the best seat in town to view the mass ascension of hot air balloons during Pagosa Springs' annual ColorFest weekend.

Guests of Breakfast with Balloons expect an extra special breakfast and 2022's menu will not disappoint. The menu is being planned among outstanding local chefs and the GGP's heritage cooking advocates. This year's menu just might be the best ever. Of course, coffee and mimosas are offered and GGP's mimosas always include a choke cherry option.

Cuatro Kruse and Future Folk will provide the perfect musical background for balloon watchers' enjoyment. Cuatro's inspiration produced GGP's Open Mic nights this summer, so locals are familiar with the ingenious gifts of his Future Folk.

Balloonists often show off with stunts that amaze breakfast guests in the amphitheater. They might perform a splash and dash or two, or a near-miss tease low over the heads of guests. Cameras will be busy capturing the colors of so many balloons in



Photo courtesy Darryl Saffer

Early spring brought bluebird skies to Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) and the San Juan Riverwalk. Early fall will be a different story. The GGP's Breakfast with Balloons will bring a festive crowd to the amphitheater and the skies will be filled with hot air balloons on Saturday morning, Sept. 17. See you on the Riverwalk.

the sky at one time, an unusual sight in Pagosa Springs.

Proceeds from Breakfast with Balloons benefit the continuing operations of the GGP, an educational 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The service organization is volunteer- and donation-driven, and Breakfast with Balloons is GGP's biggest fundraiser.

The GGP operates three dome greenhouses in Centennial Park on the downtown San Juan Riverwalk. All three greenhouses are operational and producing fresh, naturally grown vegetables for the Pagosa Springs community. The GGP demonstrates year-round agriculture using renewable geothermal and solar energy. The dynamic nonprofit teaches wise water use and environmental awareness with our valuable educational partners.

The GGP is a Colorado Gives affiliate, with a continuing good standing status as a Colorado charitable organization. Tax-deductible donations can be made through <https://www.coloradogives.org/geothermalgreenhousepartnership>. However, event tickets must be purchased through the GGP's website, <https://www.pagosagreen.org>.

Tickets to the GGP's Breakfast with Balloons fundraiser are \$60 for adults and \$30 for children 12 years old and younger. Get your tickets early at <https://www.pagosagreen.org/breakfast-with-balloons-2022/>. Online ticket buyers receive a wristband from volunteers at the entry gate. Paper tickets can be purchased downtown at the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce office and uptown at the Choke Cherry Tree. See you on the Riverwalk.



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# St. Patrick's Episcopal Church sponsoring pipe and drum lessons

By Michelle Chapman  
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Does your heart swell with the piping drones of "Amazing Grace" and "Scotland the Brave"? Does the thunder of a well-choreographed drum line leave you feeling weak in the knees? Have you dreamed of one day marching with the pipes and drums in a parade? Well, you can.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church has a small but powerful pipe and drum corps happy and willing to teach you, too, to make the hills sing with song and thunder with the beat of your own drum.

St. Patrick's pipe and drum band plans to play for parades and Scottish-flavored celebrations again this year after a couple of sad years off for the pandemic. It's time to celebrate life and music again. What better way than with bagpipes and drums?

Playing bagpipes is different than other wind instruments in that one keeps the bag full of breath and the bag provides the power for projecting the sound. There are three drones, a chanter and mouthpiece attached to the bag. The drones and chanter have a reed inside that produces the sound as air flows. Yes, that does require quite a bit of air. It takes practice and development of good muscle tone in the diaphragm and mouth muscles to keep the bag sufficiently full.

While developing good muscle tone, new students learn the music on a practice chanter, which is like



Photo courtesy St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is sponsoring pipe and drum lessons. Chanter lessons are held Wednesdays in the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Parish Hall.**

a wooden recorder except there is a reed inside the top of the mouthpiece. There are only nine notes. Simple tunes are ornamented with grace notes and trills. If you can read music or learn tunes by ear, you can learn to play these fun Scottish tunes on the practice chanter. We can also teach you to read music.

Jim Dorian and Paul Elliot, both experienced Scottish pipers, are happy to teach the art of piping free of charge. We meet for chanter lessons every Wednesday from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Parish Hall at 225 South Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dorian at

(970) 749-2129 for more information and a pep talk.

You may be wondering, "Why the kilts?" The kilt is the traditional form of dress for the people of Scotland. When the British came and took over, they banned the wearing of kilts, which really made the Scots mad, as you can imagine. What if someone took over the U.S. and banned blue jeans? We'd get pretty upset, too. Now the Scots wear their kilts with pride. If you have an inkling to play bagpipes or drum with bagpipers, then you are a bit Scottish, whether you know it or not. So yes, we wear our kilts with pride. Come join us.

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# Back-to-school resources for all ages

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

With youngsters heading back to school, we wanted to remind you that your library has a multitude of resources for students — and they're useful for students of all ages.

You can find nonfiction books, periodicals and DVDs on a variety of topics from archaeology to zoology. In addition to the collection of physical items in the library, you also can find online resources 24/7 at [www.pagosalibrary.org](http://www.pagosalibrary.org). Select the tab "Online Resources" at the top of the home page. The resources are listed in alphabetical order.

Britannica School is an online resource where you can discover encyclopedia articles, multimedia, primary sources, e-books and other learning resources that support student research and reinforce curriculum standards. Another online resource is Middle Search Plus where you can access biographies, historical essays, encyclopedias and popular middle-school magazines. Your library card number is needed to access this resource.

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## Library closure

Your library will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, for the Labor Day holiday.

## Library fundraiser next weekend

We hope you will attend a special fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m. for your library at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse at 230 Port Ave. that will feature professional storytelling and music. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation's campaign to expand and renovate your library.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. They can be pur-

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chased by credit card at [pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/navigating-the-world-with-stories/](http://pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/navigating-the-world-with-stories/). You also may purchase tickets with cash or a check in person at the library.

Featured in this unique program will be two talented performers. Kathy Santopietro is an award-winning adult educator who has shared her storytelling skills with adult audiences for almost 30 years. With the theme of "Navigating the World With Stories," she will unpack a bundle of stories as she takes us on a journey around the world. Sharing the stage will be Pagosa's own Sally Neel, a gifted musician well-known to local audiences for her piano, organ and conducting skills at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and with Curtains Up Pagosa.

The doors open at 6 p.m. with a cash bar. Stories begin at 7 p.m. After the entertainment, the cash bar will reopen, accompanied by light hors d'oeuvres.

This is an adult fundraiser is aimed at ages 16 and up. Earlier in the day, on Sept. 10 from 1:30 to 2 p.m., Santopietro will offer a free storytelling program at the library for youngsters in grades four and up while Josie will host a program for younger children.

## Library Speakers Consortium continues

There will be three events this month in our free Library Speakers Consortium virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling fiction and nonfiction authors giving live, professionally moderated book discussions you can view on your computer, tablet or smartphone with Internet access. You also will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Next Thursday, Sept. 8, at noon we will hear from Dr. Michele Borba, author of "Raising Thrivers: Parenting Tips and Tools." She is an internationally renowned educator, award-winning author and parenting child expert recognized for her solution-based strategies

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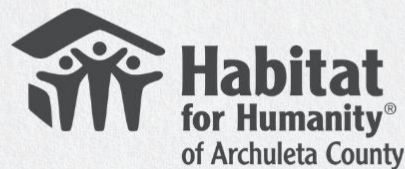
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On Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. we'll hear from Pulitzer Prize finalist Hernan Diaz. He has written two novels which have been published in more than 20 languages, plus many essays and short stories. He also is the associate director of the Hispanic Institute for Latin American and Iberian Cultures at Columbia University. He is known as a dynamic speaker who captivates audiences with witty conversations about foreignness, his theory of genre, literary history and what it means to do research for a novel.

### Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 2, from 3-4 p.m.

### Makerspace on Saturday

Kids, tweens and teens are invited to a free Makerspace session on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 11 a.m. to noon, when we'll provide the materials so you can build, design and create.

### ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners and 5 to 7 p.m. for both intermediate and 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.

### Books on CD

"Run Time" by Catherine Ryan Howard is a mystery about a horror movie being filmed in remote Ireland. "The Last Housewife" by Ashley Winstead features a woman investigating a friend's death. "The Challenge" by Danielle Steel focuses on children who go missing while exploring on a Montana mountain. "Dawnshard" by Brandon Sanderson is a novella in the Stormlight Archive fantasy series.

### Mysteries and thrillers

"The Deal Goes Down" by Larry Beinhart features a man who kills husbands for rich abused women.

### Other novels

"Blood, Flesh, Flame" by Lynn Moffett is book one of a new Woodridge paranormal romance series set at the time of the Salem witchcraft trials.

### Nonfiction

"Political Prisoner" by Paul Manafort is a memoir by this lobbyist and Republican political strategist. "A Life in Light" by Mary Pipher contains essays by this psychologist who specializes in the

effect of our culture on women's mental health. "If We Break" by Kathleen Buhle is a memoir by Hunter Biden's wife. "James Patterson" by James Patterson is a memoir by this bestselling American author.

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"Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down." — Oprah Winfrey, talk show host, TV producer, actress, author and philanthropist.

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## Congratulations to our Homemakers of the Year



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Youth (13-19) winner

*Homemaker of the Year detail: A monetary award and title is presented to the exhibitor of each age group with the highest points in at least 4 of the 12 selected Open Class categories.*

**Thank you Dr. Pat Love for your sponsorship of the Homemaker of the Year.**



# Senior Center announces volunteer training

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

Where did the summer go? We look forward to summer every year and it always seems to go faster than we would like.

As we head into September, we would like to thank all our volunteers who joined us for our recent training in August. We have a second training scheduled for anyone interested in volunteering with Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) happening Thursday, Sept. 8. If you would like to be included in this training, please RSVP by noon on Friday, Sept. 2, by contacting Barbara Noriega at (970) 264-2167.

## Community Cafe open

The Community Cafe continues to be open to the public every Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If dining in, please be prepared to show your vaccination cards. If you have COVID-19, have been exposed or are exhibiting any symptoms, please stay home.

We offer Grab-n-Go meals Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at our convenient drive-thru. Our meals are available to all ages by reservation; call or text us at (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m.

## Three tips for using nutrition facts label to make healthy choices

Check the servings. The nutrition information on the label is usually based on one serving of the food. When comparing calories and nutrients in different foods, check the serving size to make a

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correct comparison. And remember, it is common for a food package or beverage to have more than one serving.

Know your calorie needs. Two thousand calories a day is used as a general guide for nutrition advice. However, your calorie needs may be higher or lower and depend on your age, sex, height, weight and the amount of physical activity you get each day. Talk to your health care provider about your calorie and nutrition needs as you age. Visit [www.ChooseMyPlate.gov/MyPlatePlan](http://www.ChooseMyPlate.gov/MyPlatePlan) and talk to your health care provider to see what calorie range is right for you.

Use percent Daily Value (DV) as a guide. The percent DV can help you look for foods to decide which is the better choice for you. Older adults should more often look for foods with a high percent DV of dietary fiber, vitamin D, calcium and potassium. Older adults should also more often look for foods with a lower percent DV of saturated fat, sodium and added sugars. Talk to your health care provider about which nutrients you should track closely for your overall health. To learn more about the Nutrition Facts label, go to [www.fda.gov/nutritioneducation](http://www.fda.gov/nutritioneducation).

## Save the date for benefit dance

There will be a big band benefit

dance on Sept. 23 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for an evening of bebop and boogie-woogie big band-era music featuring Bob Hemenger and Debbie Tucker along with other talented musicians.

Proceeds will benefit ASI and the Pagosa Senior Center. Tickets for the event are available at [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org).

## Farmers Market vouchers

Farmers Market vouchers for seniors (age 60 and older) are now available.

If you love to shop at the Farmers Market, are 60 or older or if you are 200 percent of poverty, please call Debbie at (970) 403-2164 at the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to put your name on the list for \$25 in vouchers to redeem for local foods. Then, visit the Pagosa Farmers Market any Saturday during the growing season (June through September) to pick up your \$25 voucher to support the local food artisans and growers in southwest Colorado and northern New Mexico.

The Pagosa Farmers Market  
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is located on the third row of the East Side Market and is open only on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through September.

### Text us

Text us at (970) 264-2167. The Community Cafe is now accepting text messaging for meal reservations, cancellations and/or communication of any kind. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal.

If you are calling to cancel a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel. Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

### Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair. Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. Proof of vaccination is required.

### Medicare call by appointment

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### Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner. Proof of vaccinations is required.

### Volunteers needed

The Community Cafe at the Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with greeting customers. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

### ASI board vacancy

The ASI Board of Directors has one vacant position open for financial oversight and policy implementation for the organization and Senior Center staff. Terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term. Potential candidates should be at least 55 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

### Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Sept. 1 — Vegetable lasagna with garlic bread, green salad, fruit and vanilla cake.

Friday, Sept. 2 — Beef chili with cornbread, Swiss chard with onions, garden salad and fresh fruit.

Monday, Sept. 5 — Closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 6 — Pork tenderloin with chokecherry sauce, mashed potatoes, garden salad and apple pie.

Wednesday, Sept. 7 — Monterey chicken spaghetti casserole, delicata squash, dinner roll with butter, garden salad and fruit.

Thursday, Sept. 8 — Beef French dip sandwich with yucca fries, garden salad, fruit and Key lime pie.

Friday, Sept. 9 — Spanakopita greens with polenta, potato leek soup, garden salad, fruit and cookie.

### Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meals 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 \$5 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

### Meals on Wheels

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### Requesting donations

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## Local Democratic Party sponsoring poster, writing contest

By Lynn Frederick  
Archuleta County Democratic Party

To celebrate the freedoms we enjoy and to encourage young people to discuss this topic with the adults in their lives, the Archuleta County Democratic Party is sponsoring a writing and poster contest for all Archuleta County middle schoolers and high schoolers. The topic of the contest is, "Freedom and Responsibility in America: What They Mean to Me."

Entries will be judged on how well the students express their thoughts about what it means to be free, to feel free and the responsibilities that come with freedom. Cash prizes will be awarded.

While this contest is sponsored by the Archuleta County Democratic Party, the contest is open to all Archuleta County students in grades 5-12 without regard to the party affiliation of their parents or guardians.

Students may enter in either the poster or writing categories. Mid-

dle school (grades 5-8) and high school (grades 9-12) entries will be judged separately. Cash prizes will be awarded in each submission category at each school tier: \$100 to each winning entry, \$50 to each first runner-up and \$25 to each second runner-up.

The deadline for entries is Oct. 14. Winners will be recognized at a ceremony on Nov. 12. For a complete list of rules and directions on how to submit entries, go to [archuletadems.org](http://archuletadems.org).

## New Thought to host service, picnic brunch lawn concert

By Shayla McClure  
New Thought Center for  
Inspirational Living

The Sunday service and picnic brunch lawn concert at 11 a.m. at Xanadu with Shayla White Eagle McClure will be "Love Is Our True Nature."

### Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join SpiritHeart band. Please text McClure at (970) 510-0309 for band information.

Saturday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Flower essence class with White Eagle at Xanadu. Text/call (970) 309-6067.

Thursday, Sept. 8, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: Good Vibe Tribe Concert Benefit for WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). Chocolate strawberry dip and wine pairing with the Retrocats at the Pagosa Lodge. Rain or shine. Tickets are \$10. Call (970) 510-0309.

Thursday, Sept. 15, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: Good Vibe Tribe Aspen House Concert Benefit with the Retrocats rock 'n' roll band at the Pagosa Lodge. Tickets are \$10. Call (970) 510-0309.

Sept. 22, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: Good Vibe Tribe Pagosa Springs Instrumental Society Concert Benefit Concert with the Retrocats rock and country band at the Pagosa Lodge. Tickets are \$10. Call

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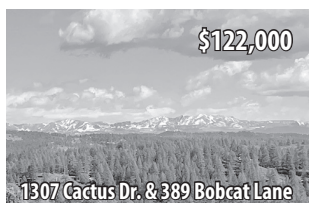
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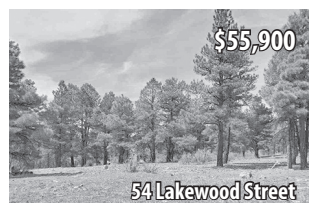
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# Hometown kids and the Hub

These hometown kids are not kids any more, but for one evening they live their teenage years by telling their stories about their first job at the Hub in Pagosa Springs. They are now 50- to 60-year-old parents and grandparents, and are thinking about their retirement.

Every couple of years, I receive a call. "Jane Stewart is in town and we are getting together." The date is set, everyone is contacted and the hometown kids come out of the woodwork. They come because they are one of 500 teenagers who put on a Hub T-shirt and collected their first paycheck from their first job, from Jane, their first boss.

This week, my Sweet Al and I sat and listened to these grownup kids and their stories. If you ask them who the one person who had the most influence in their career was, they would probably say Jane. She was the engine that pulled the cars. They all loved Bob, Bob loved them, but it was the respect and fear of Jane that set them on the right track.

The Hub was the fast-food place of Pagosa in the middle of town and where everyone convened. Pagosa rolled up its sidewalks at 6 p.m., but the Hub stayed open until nine.

I wish I could write as elegantly as Norman Maclean. In 1976, at 70 years old, he wrote his first novella about the importance of the river running through the Maclean family. Their river was the place they met after school, where they learned life lessons and resolved conflict. Growing up in their small town of Missoula, Mont., life was all about the river.

In our small town of Pagosa Springs, life was all about the Hub. Three of our four children worked there. They would go after school and work into the evening. When they came home, they plopped down on our king-size bed and I'd ask, "Who came in tonight and what happened at the Hub?"

They would tell Al and me about people, conflicts and what they learned. Senior citizens' tour buses

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Betty Slade



would stop. Forty old people limped off the bus and filed into the bathrooms. They ordered a snack and talked about how onions gassed their stomach and seeds would get in their false teeth. The teenagers gasped when they heard about bodily functions.

But when the cutest boys in Pagosa came in, the girls gushed. One boy ordered a scoop of ice cream for his dog and the girls behind the counter watched the dog lick the ice cream out of the bowl. They swooned over the sweet Boot Hill boy. Johnny and Paul came by, roared the engine in their hopped-up car and the girls screamed for a ride. Chuck and Tom, in their muscle shirts, came after football and wrestling practices and the girls giggled and blushed. Ronny and Billy stopped by after softball practice for a coke and the girls gave them a free refill. Clifford came by with his girlfriend and they knew he was off limits.

At the Hub reunion that evening, they began their stories with, "Do you remember" and they told one tale after another for three hours. The green ice cream cone was always mentioned; be sure to tap the bottom of the cone first. One of the girls had a crazy crush on a guy. When he'd come in, she'd hide under the counter until he left.

There were always stories about Jane. Remember when Jane took a dollar bill out of the register and put it in the trash? She said, "If you give the customer more than four ounces of ice cream, you just threw our profit in the trash."

Jane, with a military background, never had children of her own, but she can claim each one of these kids

as hers. Heidi talked about the day she needed to get her driver's license, but didn't have a car for the test. Mrs. Stewart gave her the keys to her car and said, "Use mine."

Jane told about the young girl who was to start work the next day at eight. She showed up at eight, fiddled with her hair and makeup in the bathroom and didn't come to the counter until 8:15. Jane told her she was late, if she wanted the job, to go home and try again tomorrow. Jane expected her to be on the job at eight o'clock. The girl came ready to work the next morning. I have a feeling she hasn't forgotten that life lesson.

One of my favorite stories they tell every year is when Jane insisted Pagosa have fireworks and bought the first fireworks for the Fourth of July. When Judge Hyde held court and the jurors parked in the Hub's parking lot, Jane didn't bother to take off her apron. She marched into his court room and told the jurors they had to park somewhere else. The court was adjourned until they moved their cars.

With her straight posture, she still carries herself with confidence. I asked her, after 45 years, why do you think these kids still have such respect for you?

She said, "I don't know. I'm baffled by their loyalty."

I think she gave them a sense of pride. Also, Jane knew how to run a business and taught them to have respect for themselves. She never

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## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to dogs.

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Answer: Collar

# San Luis Valley Potato Festival to return Sept. 10

By Jessica Crowther  
San Luis Valley Potato Festival

The San Luis Valley Potato Festival is set to return for its 14th edition on Sept. 10. There will be plenty of opportunities for a day filled with fun at Chapman Park.

The day will begin with the fourth annual Tater Trot 5K. Proceeds from the race will support pediatric diabetes patients throughout the whole valley. The

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waffled at things that mattered. She is a principled person.

In the 12th Psalm, David asks, “Where are the dependable, principled ones? They’re a vanishing breed” (TPT).

Today, we see so much waffling in morals and principles; maybe that’s why these grownup hometown kids love Jane. There was someone in their lives they looked up to who had strong work values and taught them how to work.

“Eventually, all things merge into one and a river runs through it,” Norman Maclean wrote. “To him, all good things — trout as well as eternal salvation — came by grace; and grace comes by art; and art does not come easy.”

Final brushstroke: Jane had a certain art of making good kids great. Look around today; you see these same kids running businesses, building houses, working for the county, serving at the grocery stores and other places. Some have moved out of town, but when they come home, they still talk about the days they worked at the Hub.

Send your comment to [betty-lade@centurytel.net](mailto:betty-lade@centurytel.net).

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cost to participate is \$25, early registrants get a free T-shirt.

There will also be an opportunity to join CPAC Executive Director Jim Ehrlich on a free agricultural tour. Those who would like to attend can sign up to ride a bus from the festival site to visit the SLV-Research Center and see a field being harvested. The tour is free and provides the chance to learn about the breeding, seeding, growing and harvesting of Colorado’s finest potatoes in the San Luis Valley.

Festivities will continue throughout the day and will include free kids’ games, the famous mashed potato dunk tank, a professional chef demo by Chef

Jason Morse, bouncy houses and a trampoline quad jumper. There will also be food and craft vendors, live animals and much more.

The day will conclude with a live performance in Chapman Park by the Circus Foundry. This exciting entertainment for all ages will showcase high-flying aerialists, daring acrobats, incredible jugglers full of amazing tricks and silly storytelling. This free, fun, family-friendly show is not to be missed.

There is something for everyone at the 2022 edition of the San Luis Valley Potato Festival.

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## Native versus introduced plant species

By Ethan Proud  
PREVIEW Columnist

When it comes down to plants and invasion biology, there are really two categories: native and introduced.

Native can be divided into beneficial, nuisances and undesirable depending on land type, while introduced can be divided into beneficial, invasive and noxious.

Beneficial is the easiest category to describe and it covers plants that do not reproduce or compete aggressively, do not escape ornamentation (or have a limited spread), or plants that are useful for humans and livestock. Next time you go to the grocery store, look up how much of your produce is produced locally or imported and then look up the native range of the local produce.

Invasive and noxious plants versus weeds is where the classification gets interesting both environmentally and legally. Both invasive and noxious weeds have similar traits that make them weedy. Weeds, beyond the definition of a plant out of place, readily invade disturbed or degraded plant communities, have multiple modes of reproduction, high seed production, aggressive spread and seed longevity. This can also pertain to native plants that are undesirable or nuisances, but invasive and noxious weeds cannot be native. Climate shift in Colorado is not going to result in a native Colorado plant species being declared noxious if its range expands due to changing conditions.

An example of an invasive weed in Colorado that is not designated noxious is yellow sweetclover. Yellow sweetclover in certain years can be seen lining the highways and roads, yet in other years it is hardly noticeable. In can invade areas and can cause bloating or anticoagulation in livestock. It is also a popular plant for honey producers. Yellow clover also used to be prevalent in many revegetation mixes as it readily establishes and can help prevent soil erosion.

## Extension Viewpoints

So, what prevents all invasive species from being declared noxious? The Colorado Department of Agriculture maintains the Colorado Noxious Weed List, while individual counties have the right to elevate certain species through their integrated vegetation management plans. Noxious species cause economic, agricultural and ecological harm and are judged based on scientific metrics and listing assessments. Another criteria on which to base listing decisions is the feasibility of management goals.

The state list divides species into A, B and C lists. A-list species are rarer and pose a major threat if unmanaged and the goal is total eradication. B species are widespread and their containment and eradication of satellite populations is the current goal. C-list species are so widespread that management is determined on the local level with priorities being suppression and education.

A widespread species in Archuleta County like musk thistle is not likely to be eradicated on a countywide basis, but it is possible on individual properties or sites. Species that are uncommon like myrtle spurge, black henbane and perennial pepperweed are possible to eradicate with the proper amount of cooperation between agencies and private landowners.

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

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ANSWER:

# Business as usual for the Colorado River

By Dave Marston  
PREVIEW Columnist

It seemed inevitable that the dwindling Colorado River would be divided up by the federal Bureau of Reclamation (BuRec). On June 14, BuRec gave the seven states in the Colorado River compact just 60 days to find a way to cut their total water usage by up to 4 million acre-feet. No plans emerged.

But, surprisingly, BuRec's Aug. 16 press release imposed no new cuts on states, instead affirming cuts mandated under 2007 and 2019 agreements. Nevada and Mexico took minor losses and Arizona emerged as the first big loser.

BuRec said Arizona must cut 592,000 acre-feet "because of the concession it made back in 1968 to California to get the Central Arizona Project online," said University of Wyoming law professor Jason Robison. That concession meant the 1.4 million acre-feet capacity of the Central Arizona Project has junior water rights. In a shortage — like now — the Central Arizona Project, except for tribal water rights, could be cut to zero, a blow to cities and agriculture.

Here's a question the Upper Basin states seem inclined to ask: If the 1922 Colorado River Compact parceling out the river's water is the law, shouldn't California face major cuts? After all, California's huge allotment of 4.4 million acre-feet lately equals the entire consumption of the four Upper Basin states, and its allotment is also junior to almost 1 million acre-feet of tribal water.

Thanks to a 1931 seven-party agreement, California established a pecking order of priority for each of its water users. Massive districts such as Palo Verde and the Imperial Valley Irrigation District have priority over the Metropolitan Water District, which brings drinking water to 19 million people in Los Angeles and Southern California. The state has a structure, but no plan for serious savings.

For the Upper Basin states, said Robison, "It's more nuanced. But there's significant federal authority to run those (BuRec) Upper Basin reservoirs," though none are very large.

Where might other water cuts

## Writers on the Range

be found? Colorado's 1876 constitution ranked municipal water over agriculture, making it tough to dry up cities like Colorado Springs or Aurora, even though their water rights are junior. But residents might see incentives for tearing out lawns, along with programs for water reuse and much higher water rates.

In rural Colorado, there isn't much water available to conserve. The largest irrigation district in the Upper Basin, the 500,000 acre-feet Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association, already took a 150,000 acre-feet cut this year because of a light snowpack.

"The runoff just isn't there," said General Manager Steve Pope.

Pope, as well as many others in agriculture, views a desert city like Phoenix — which grew on the false promises of reliable water — as an existential threat to farming communities.

"Are we going to water a field that produces some sort of a crop, or do we water a golf course or a median?" asked Pope. "What's the benefit of a lawn?"

What the federal government can't touch for now is any Upper Basin irrigation project created before the signing of the Colorado River Compact in 1922. In Colorado, a spreadsheet compiled by the state's Division of Water Resources tells what projects, by date, risk losing water. Some Western Slope irrigators are vulnerable because the water rights they're using were bought by municipalities only recently, intending them for future growth.

Many Colorado irrigators on private ditches are lucky to have so-called "perfected" rights dating from the late 1800s. To snag water from these irrigators, it's likely to be all carrot and no stick. But rather than taking payments for not irrigating, said Pope, "we would be more concerned with system efficiency and improvements."

The Inflation Reduction Act

provides \$4 billion to Colorado River water users for just this kind of conservation. Meanwhile, Colorado is the only Upper Basin state that seriously tested paying irrigators to fallow their land or reduce irrigation by half. But, ceasing to irrigate farms involves risks. After a couple of dry years hay fields can bounce back, land-owners report, but anything more than that leaves bare dirt and dust in the air.

For now, BuRec seems to be following its plans and hoping for the best, which means emergency cuts might be drastic. As John Weisheit of Utah-based Living Rivers sees it, BuRec made a mistake when it told the seven basin states of the Colorado River to find 2 million to 4 million acre-feet to do without.

"The cuts," he said, "should go even deeper, up to 6 million acre-feet. The need is to that point."

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

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Scene ... having fun and raising funds for Aspire Medical Services and Education at the organization's sold-out Barn Bash. The bash included live music, food, a raffle and more. All proceeds from the event benefit Aspire's prenatal care program and parenting classes.







Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Community Choir

Rehearsals for the Pagosa Springs Community Choir's annual Christmas concerts will begin Sept. 13. The choir is open to anyone who enjoys singing.

## Rehearsals starting Sept. 13 for Pagosa Springs Community Choir's annual Christmas concerts

By Heidi Tanner

Pagosa Springs Community Choir

The Pagosa Springs Community Choir is excited to announce that rehearsals for this year's Christmas concerts will start on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

The Community Choir's Christmas concerts are a Pagosa Springs tradition with a mission is to bring joy to the Pagosa Springs community.

If you like to sing, participating in the choir will bring joy to your life, too. There is no audition required to participate, and do not let the fact that you might not read music prevent you from joining as learning tools are provided. If you enjoy singing, please come and sing with us.

Our director, Dan Burch, has

lined up some wonderful Christmas music for this year's concerts including "Sleigh Ride," "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Sing We Now of Christmas." His wife, Venita Burch, will be our accompanist as in years past.

The concerts will be held in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium on Dec. 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. and on Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.

Rehearsals are held in the music room at Pagosa Springs High School. On Tuesday, Sept. 13, registration will begin at 6 p.m. We do collect a registration fee of \$20, which can be paid with cash or check, to help us offset expenses for music and other operating expenses. The rehearsal will begin at 7 p.m., running until 8:30 p.m. After the first rehearsal, rehearsals

will be weekly on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please arrive between 6 and 6:30 p.m. for registration as this process does take some time and Dan and Venita will be itching to get started promptly at 7 p.m.

We look forward to all of you Pagosa Springs singers joining the choir and likewise we look forward to seeing our old friends who have sung with us in the past.

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## Thursday, Sept. 1

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Community United Methodist Church. Note: Until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving spaghetti, salad and dessert to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

**Seasonal Food Demonstration.** 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Food Pantry, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. We will work with our six food pantries in Archuleta County to experience a new recipe with fresh, locally grown produce.

**Bridge.** 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner. Proof of vaccinations required.

**Pickleball.** 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Tech Time.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 3-5 p.m., Discord. Ongoing game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord. Go on an adventure from the comfort of your couch. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) to learn how to join.

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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.

**ComFest.** 5:30-8:30 p.m., Town Park. Featuring Brooks I and Ragwater.

**San Juan Outdoor Club.** 6-8 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The presentation for our monthly meeting will be an update about the Jackson Mountain proposed trail development and resource improvement project by Brandy Richardson, U.S. Forest Service.

Social time starts at 6 p.m. with light refreshments. The public is welcome. For more information, please email us at [sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com).

## Friday, Sept. 2

**26th annual Four Corners Folk Festival.** Reservoir Hill. For more information and tickets, visit [ksutpresents.org](http://ksutpresents.org).

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

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Labyrinth Guided Walk.** 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A docent is available for a guided walk of the Chartres-designed labyrinth. The labyrinth is available dawn to dusk behind the parking lot at the wooden cross.

**Gaming.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming in the Xbox 360 Kinect. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Springs Boys' Varsity Football.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. La Junta.

## Saturday, Sept. 3

**26th annual Four Corners Folk Festival.** Reservoir Hill. For more information

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Riverwalk Naturalist Tours.** 9 a.m. Native Plants Garden on the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Join naturalist guides on a tour of discovery through the Riverwalk wetlands conservation area. The area is rich in natural history and ecological treasures. Tours are free and last approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars optional. Pets should be left at home. No reservations are needed. This program is sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners and the Springs Resort. For more information, email [pagosawetlands@gmail.com](mailto:pagosawetlands@gmail.com).

**Pagosa Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. A wide variety of locally grown produce and food products.

**Pagosa Farmers Market Cooking Demo.** 9:30 a.m., East Side Market. Chef Derek Dietz will offer an hour of demonstration beginning around 9:30 a.m. On the menu will be gazpacho soup, a cool summer delight. Made with tomatoes, cucumber and bell pepper as the main ingredients, then blended with onion, garlic and spices, you are in for a treat.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Through Dec. 3, no meet-

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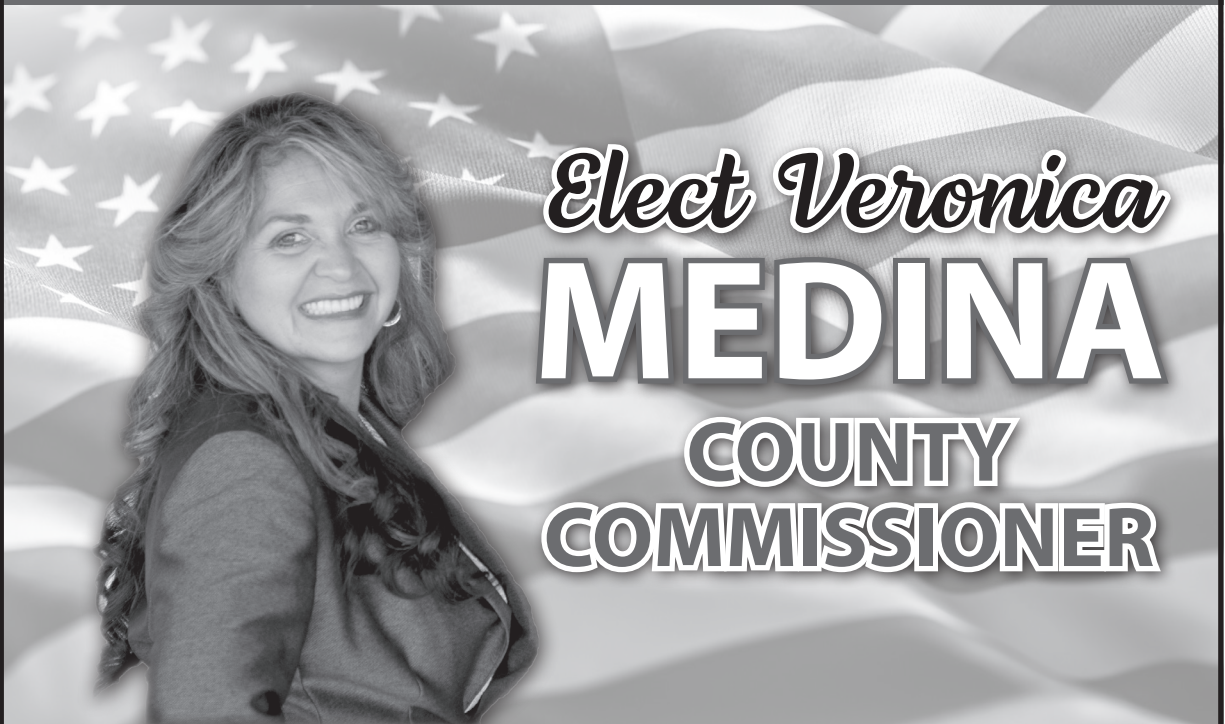
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**Pagosa Springs Boys' Varsity Soccer.** 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Mead.

**Sunday, Sept. 4**

**26th annual Four Corners Folk Festival.** Reservoir Hill. For more information and tickets, visit ksut-presents.org.

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Monday, Sept. 5**

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

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

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**Bridge.** 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner. Proof of vaccinations required.

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Four Mile Ranch Volunteer Training.** 9 a.m.-noon, Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Help us inspire the next generation of conservationists. Our southwest Colorado community naturalist is recruiting volunteers to help support our long-standing environmental education programs at Four Mile Ranch in Pagosa Springs. Join him for a three-day training event to get all of the information you need to become a volunteer environmental educator. You'll practice the activities and lessons we lead

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**Pagosa Springs Stitchers.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. Open to all.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Duplicate Bridge.** 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. This group will soon have a sanctioned game and director; at this time we will just gather and enjoy the game. Please email names of playing pair to pagosaduplicate@gmail.com

or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

**Bridge.** 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner. Proof of vaccinations required.

**Mahjong.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. Proof of vaccination is required.

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# Bird of the Week



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

Two pieces of legislation have played a part in the protection of the ancient ruins found at Chimney Rock National Monument, and one of these was the Endangered Species Act passed by Congress in 1973. By that time, population numbers of peregrine falcons had plummeted worldwide. When a pair were found to be nesting on the spires of Chimney Rock in 1975, to protect these endangered birds, all plans to develop the area were put on hold.

A ban on the use of the pesticide DDT, which weakened their egg shells, and a captive breeding program which reintroduced thousands of peregrines into the wild were successful in saving this species from extinction. The peregrine was removed from the United States' endangered species list in 1999.

Today, peregrine falcons can be found in almost any open habitat type as long as nesting sites are available. High, remote cliff ledges, bridges and nest boxes are all used. Large cities, with an abundance of pigeons and doves to hunt and tall buildings to nest on, are attractive breeding sites for peregrines.

An adult peregrine falcon has blue-gray upper parts and barring on the sides, belly and leg feathers. It has a black hood and dark sideburns. In flight, the wings appear pointed and long.

Peregrine falcons mostly eat other birds, from sandhill cranes to hummingbirds and all sizes in between. They glide in heights up to 1,000 feet above the ground and locate prey with their remarkable eyesight. Using a steep dive, they can achieve speeds in excess of 200 mph to catch their prey with outstretched talons. A pair acting together will also pursue prey in aerial chases.

This September marks the 10th anniversary of a second piece of legislation, this one granting Chimney Rock permanent protection as a national monument. Peregrine falcons continue to nest there.

For information on events, visit [www.weminucheadubon.org](http://www.weminucheadubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/).

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

**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 de-

velop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Game Night.** 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. We currently have cornhole and backgammon players. Bring your favorite game. For more information, contact Barbara at (602) 622-9053

**Riverwalk Naturalist Tours.** 6 p.m. Native Plants Garden on the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Join naturalist guides on a tour of discovery through the Riverwalk wetlands conservation area. The area is rich in natural history and ecological treasures. Tours are free and last

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# EARLY DEADLINES

for the issue of

## Thursday, September 8

**Display Advertising**

Noon, Friday, Sept. 2

**Classified Advertising**

10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 6

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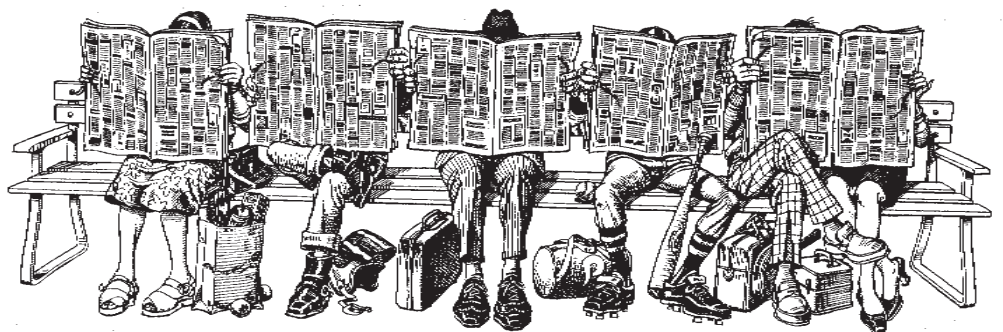
Noon, Thursday, Sept. 1

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## Wednesday, Sept. 7

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Loaner paddles are available.

**Four Mile Ranch Volunteer Training.** 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Four Mile Ranch. Help us inspire the next generation of conservationists. Our southwest Colorado community naturalist is recruiting volunteers to help support our long-standing environmental education programs at Four Mile Ranch in Pagosa Springs. Join him for a three-day training event to get all of the information you need to become a volunteer environmental educator. You'll practice the activities and lessons we lead for local K-4 students and also get

familiarized with the hiking trails we frequent during our programs at the ranch. Once confident with the lessons and trails, volunteers will be prepared to lead tours for small groups of students (an average of eight students per group) from mid-September through mid-October 2022.

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Pipe and Drum Lessons.** 5:15-5:45, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Jim Dorian and Paul Elliot, both experienced Scottish bagpipers, are happy to teach the art of piping free of charge. Contact Jim Dorian at (970) 749-2129 for more information.

## Thursday, Sept. 8

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**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Community United Methodist Church. Note: Until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving hot meal to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals,

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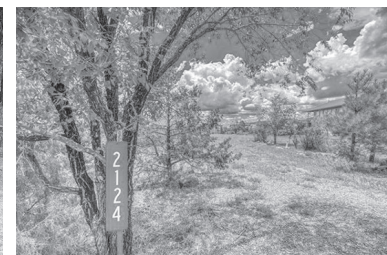
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**Library Speakers Consortium: Dr. Michele Borba.** Noon. Live author discussion via computer link. The speaker will be Dr. Michele Borba, author of "Raising Thrivers: Parenting Tips and Tools." The Library Speakers Consortium is a partnership of public libraries working together to expand access to best-selling author talks. A live, one-hour interview with a bestselling author and a professional moderator. Event recordings will be available after each event if you are unable to view the live presentation. To register for the consortium, click on the link on your library's home page at <https://pagosalibrary.org>. If you cannot view the presentations live, the recorded events will be available afterward at our website under the "Adult" tab. The full schedule is also posted there.

**Bridge.** 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner. Proof of vaccinations required.

**Pickleball.** 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Tech Time.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

## Friday, Sept. 9

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

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Labyrinth Guided Walk.** 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A docent is available for a guided walk of the Chartres-designed labyrinth. The labyrinth is available dawn to dusk behind the parking lot at the wooden cross.

**Children's Spanish Class.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Want to learn Spanish? Join Miss Josie and Miss Ruby for a chance to learn and improve your Spanish. This class is designed for children ages 6-11.

**Free Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Privately meet with a volunteer attorney via Zoom at the library or by phone to ask questions about all areas of civil law. Visit <https://checkerboard.co/> anytime

to access many legal forms and other useful legal information. To schedule an appointment with the volunteer attorney, please contact the library at (970) 264-2209 or send an email at the beginning of the month to [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org). The clinic takes place on the second Friday of every month, but available appointments are limited, so please contact the library early in the month to reserve your spot.

**Gaming.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy video gaming in the Xbox 360 Kinect. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Springs Boys' Varsity Soccer.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

**Pagosa Springs Girls' Varsity Volleyball.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Alamosa.

## Saturday, Sept. 10

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Pagosa Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. A wide variety of locally grown produce and food products.

**Riverwalk Naturalist Tours.** 9 a.m. Native Plants Garden on the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Join naturalist guides on a tour of discovery through the Riverwalk wetlands conservation area. The area is rich in natural history and ecological treasures. Tours are free and last approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars optional. Pets should be left at home. No reservations are needed. This program is sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners and the Springs Resort. For more information, email [pagosawetlands@gmail.com](mailto:pagosawetlands@gmail.com).

**Veterans for Veterans 9/11 Fly-in.** 9 a.m., Archuleta County airport. At 9 a.m., there will be a complimentary pancake breakfast. Donations accepted. At noon there will be a patriotic flyover. Complimentary "eagle flights" will be available for youth 8-18, donations accepted.

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

**Around the World with Story.** 1:30-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Travel the world through folk tales. Meet the storyteller at 1:20 p.m. Stories start promptly at 1:30 p.m.

**Navigating the World with Stories.** PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. 6 p.m., cash bar and entertainment. 7 p.m., stories with Kathy Santopietro begin. Lite hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will follow. Tickets are \$40

per person and can be purchased online at <https://pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/navigating-the-world-with-stories/> with a credit card. You may also purchase tickets at the library using cash or check. Tickets at the door on the night of the event will be \$45. This event is for ages 16 and older.

## Sunday, Sept. 11

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Veterans for Veterans 9/11 Fly-in.** 9 a.m., Archuleta County airport. At 9 a.m., there will be a complimentary pancake breakfast. Donations accepted. At 9:59 there will be a patriotic flyover. Complimentary "eagle flights" will be available for youth 8-18, donations accepted.

**Pagosa Catholic Community Fall Festival.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Live music at 11 a.m. Pagosa Springs Line Dancers, Sno Cones, kids' games, cash bar, brown bag raffle. Cash raffle prizes: Grand prize \$1,500, second \$750, third \$450, fourth \$200, fifth \$100. You do not need to be present to win; drawing at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Pope John Paul II Catholic Church office, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Free admission and free lunch by the Knights of Columbus. For more information, go to [www.popejohnpauliichurch.org](http://www.popejohnpauliichurch.org) or call (970) 731-5744.

**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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# Countywide Women's Bible Study's look at Matthew 24 continues

By Stan Counsell  
Special to The PREVIEW

Ladies, have you ever had the opportunity to take a locomotive ride in Durango or Chama? Locals and visitors alike make this a "must do." Both rides are so full of fun, hearing the roar of the chugging engine and taking in the stunning scenery.

But, how do those mighty engines of yore get started pulling numerous rail cars loaded with excited passengers? With vehicles on paved roads, such starts are nearly effortless — just tap the accelerator pedal.

But, when it comes to an old train engine, the start is not so fast. The tracks are smooth and the overall weight of the train is ginormous. What needs to happen?

The old locomotive can be likened to the word of God. It is thousands of years old, but still can move an enquiring mind in the right direction. To gain traction, the engine drops some sand on the rails, and the wheels slowly start utilizing that small amount of sand to gain traction. Off you go with the sound of that whistle and the ringing of that bell; the fun begins.

That's likened to the non-denominational Countywide Women's Bible Study. All the ladies bring their favorite Bible and eagerly look forward to a ride into places they never trod or wish to see again.

The study of Matthew 24 is so attention-grabbing, a wild ride

full of chugging engine sounds, bells, whistles and marvelous scenery coming off the pages of the Bible. Already, the ladies have learned about the abomination of desolation that's surrounding Jerusalem, the horrific destruction of that glorious city in A.D. 70, and the devastation done to the Great Temple and the Jewish people.

At the next study, all will learn from verses 36-51. Just why did Jesus immediately demand that all those listening be "watchful" as deception would be coming? What did Jesus mean that, "one will be taken and the other one left"? It will be brought to a clearer light of understanding.

'Bert (Roberta) Counsell, who joyfully facilitates these studies, is an ordained women's pastor and teacher living here in Pagosa. She has faithfully co-pastored with her husband for 37 years with churches in California and Colorado. She loves an openly funny and interested group of ladies that love to learn but are not gullible.

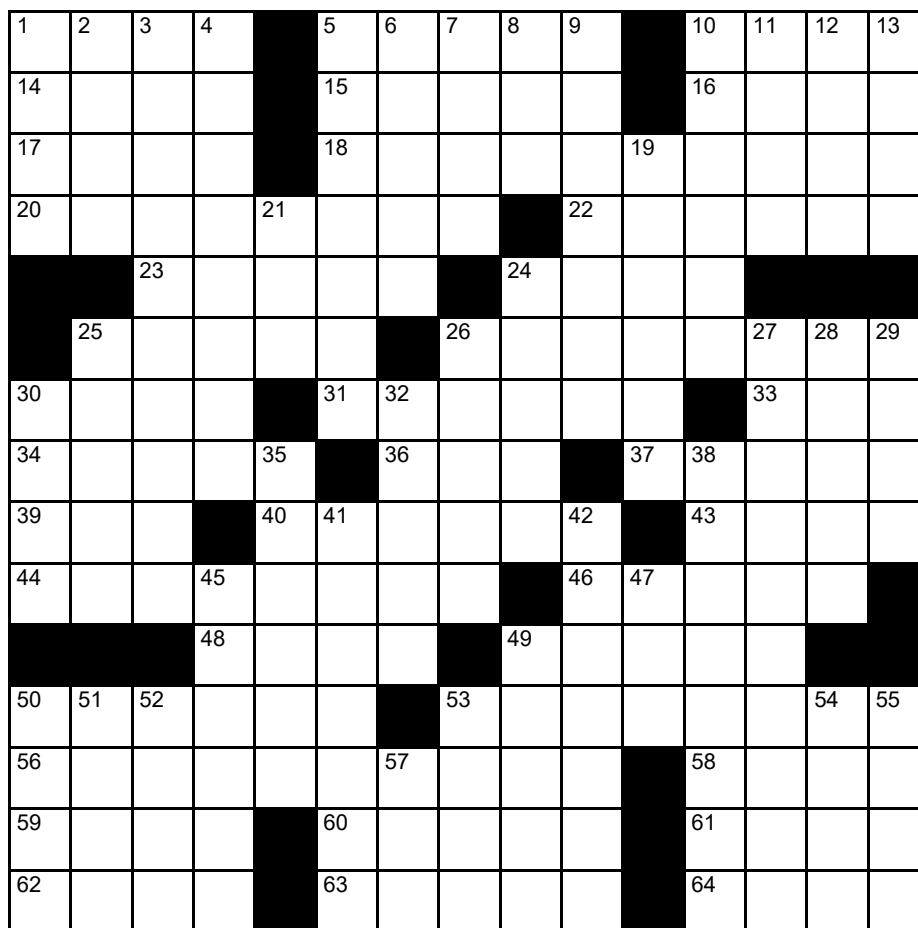
The study meets at the office building of Grace in Pagosa (formerly CrossRoad Church) in the spacious fellowship hall. The location is 1044 Park Ave., across from the Recreation Center. They meet every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Bring your favorite Bible and thinking cap; she'd love to meet you. If you have questions, call her at (970) 264-9931. Let's have some fun while learning His word.

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Treat for Fido
- 5 "M\*A\*S\*H" role
- 10 Con game
- 14 Baseball stats
- 15 Whittle away
- 16 Caesar's garb
- 17 Cleopatra's love \_\_\_ Antony
- 18 Given to lying
- 20 Infamous bootlegger
- 22 Floor covering
- 23 Eye-popping prints
- 24 Drive-\_\_\_
- 25 Shuts noisily
- 26 Like some grins
- 30 Acted like
- 31 Walks onstage
- 33 Cary's "I'm No Angel" co-star
- 34 Crime outing
- 36 Absorb, as a cost
- 37 Brazilian dance
- 39 @@@
- 40 Met productions
- 43 Go soft, in a way
- 44 "Deadpool" star
- 46 Kind of song or park
- 48 Difficult duty
- 49 Bat droppings
- 50 Miss Muffet's visitor
- 53 French lawman
- 56 "Mighty Aphrodite" director
- 58 Jessica of "The Sinner"
- 59 Mrs. Shakespeare
- 60 Spoil, with "up"
- 61 Holy man
- 62 Prepared to drive, with "up"
- 63 Knight's ride
- 64 Musk of Tesla



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- 2 Kind of thermometer
- 3 Sleep disorder
- 4 Bit of mischief
- 5 Pangs of conscience
- 6 "\_\_\_ you clever!"
- 7 Ready, in the kitchen
- 8 Toss in
- 9 Tom Cruise film, "Jack \_\_\_"
- 10 Work into a frenzy
- 11 Hen's home
- 12 Tropical fever
- 13 Nautical pole
- 19 Gentle stroke
- 21 One of the Ewings, on "Dallas"
- 24 Iota preceder
- 25 Onrush
- 26 Paparazzi prey
- 27 Time \_\_\_ (long ago)
- 28 Fine fur
- 29 Kind of wave
- 30 Rent-\_\_\_
- 32 Requires
- 35 Garland's "Babes on Broadway" co-star
- 38 Willing
- 41 Mice and men, e.g.
- 42 Blown away
- 45 Agreed silently
- 47 "We've been \_\_\_!"
- 49 "Silly" birds
- 50 Smack hard
- 51 Cornmeal cake
- 52 Skye of "Say Anything"
- 53 Sticky substance
- 54 Office note
- 55 Enthusiasm
- 57 Place to park

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to dog ownership.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 15 = E)

Answers: A. canine B. bark C. care D. owner

A. 21 8 17 25 17 15

Clue: Companion animal

B. 7 8 23 24

Clue: Dog sound

C. 21 8 23 15

Clue: Provide for health

D. 22 14 17 15 23

Clue: One who has a pet

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# Bishop visits Pagosa to invest new rector at St. Patrick's

By **Anthony Aldwell**  
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

On Sunday, Aug. 28, the Rev. Wren Blessing was formally invested as the rector of Pagosa Springs' Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church by the Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas, bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Colorado.

During her visitation, Lucas also confirmed three St. Patrick congregants and received five more into the Episcopal Church.

The bishop commended the people of St. Patrick's for selecting Blessing as their rector, and in response to the query of if the congregation was ready to continue in the ministry with Blessing as their priest, they responded with a resounding "We are!"

Before the liturgy, Lucas led a lively discussion with church members which touched on the current status of the Episcopal Church in Colorado, challenges of attracting diverse members to the church, and the need to adapt to a world in which worship opportunities are available online and worship resources are accessible digitally. Above all, Lucas emphasized that a faithful church is one that is "huge in heart," incorporating the essential elements of love and community as it turns prayers into action.

Blessing was raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, and worked as a social worker prior to attending Duke University Divinity School. After her ordination as an Episcopal priest, Wren served at churches in North Carolina and Washington State, including work with a Spanish-speaking congregation. She has also served as Canon for



Photo courtesy St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

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Christian Formation for the Diocese of Montana. Blessing's love of the outdoors is evident through her five years as the director of the Episcopal summer camp on Montana's Flathead Lake. As a new Pagosa Springs resident, she loves hiking, skate skiing, as well gravel and mountain biking, which she enjoys with her two middle school-aged children.

Lucas expressed her admiration for St. Patrick's substantial service work, citing superb efforts by the food bank and clothing ministries, and its proactive outreach to St. Christopher's Mission in The Episcopal Diocese of Navajoland. To further extend outreach opportunities, Blessing plans to establish a youth service group which will gather once a month to enjoy lunch together and undertake meaningful service projects.

The first youth project will be

conducted on Sunday, Sept. 4, when participants will assist with St. Patrick's Food Pantry ministry. All Archuleta County youth from the fifth grade and up, from any background, are welcome to join this new service and fellowship group. To get involved, contact Blessing (wren@stpatrickspagosa.org) or check out St. Patrick's website, stpatrickspagosa.org/youth-serve.

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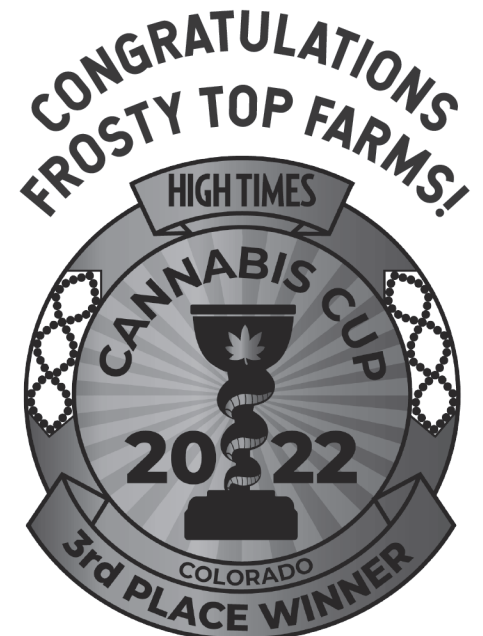
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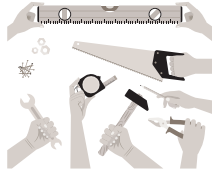
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**HELP WANTED: REGIONAL CONVENER.** Hiring for a Sector Partnership Convener to cover Economic Development Region 9. Position will be responsible for developing, organizing, and implementing a NexGen Sector Partnership program from hire date 2022 until December 31, 2025 and setting up a sustainable Sector Partnership program for future years. Sector Partnerships are partnerships of business leaders from the same industry and in a shared labor market region who work with education, workforce development, economic development and community organizations to address the workforce and other competitive needs of their industry. Job is a 1099 contract position at a salary of \$60,000 annually. Please send your resume and letter of intent by COB Sept. 6 to Mary Jo Coulehan at director@pagosachamber.com. For the full job description, please see www.pagosachamber.com/employment-opportunities.

**LIKE GUNS? COME SELL** them for us. The San Juan Trading Post is looking for a gun sales person. Computer literacy and ability to lift 45 lbs. is required. Starting at \$15/ hour, part time or full time. Stop by in person at 635 San Juan St.

## HELP WANTED

**NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON** is hiring a full-time cashier and a full-time deli cook. Deli hours are Monday thru Friday, 5a.m.-1p.m. Please come apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**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.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is hiring a janitor to clean the school for the 2022/2023 school year. If interested, please call Leah at (816)585-2892.

**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE.** We need host folks. \$16/ hour. Nights 3p.m.-9p.m. Must be available weekends and holidays. Pay increase after 90 days. See Jeffers Wednesday- Sunday after 2:30p.m. or send interest to Contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

**UNLICENSED REAL ESTATE ASSISTANT.** Excellent paid learning opportunity! Part Time. Skills: Microsoft Office, computer, social media, phone skills, sign runner, open houses. Email Resume through September 9. Wen Saunders. Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates (Pagosa). pagosaconnection@gmail.com.

**CONFECTIONERY TECHNICIAN.** No experience necessary. Will gladly train energetic, fun person looking for independent work as part of an upbeat team. Using double boilers, antique wrapping machine, and chocolate temperers. Flexible schedule. Full or Part time. office@thechokecherytree.com or (970)731-4951.

**3R RANCH HIRING.** \$19/ hour. (970)264-5160, leave message for interview.

**DEPUTY COURT CLERK.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Deputy Court Clerk in the Municipal Court. The individual selected for this position will be performing a variety of complex clerical duties designed to expedite the functions, actions, judgments, processes, and procedures associated with the Municipal Court. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Employment.

**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. **Primary responsibilities:** Greeting and checking in customers. Advising customers on the best product for their needs and preferences. Processing payments through a point-of-sale system and cash handling. Ensuring product security and compliance. Maintaining store appearance and organization. **Required qualifications:** Outstanding customer service and communication skills; strong organizational skills and attention to detail; reliable and professional; full-time availability and ability to work nights and weekends. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Previous retail, food service, and/or cannabis industry experience is preferred but not required. We provide an extensive training program on product knowledge and compliance requirements, with opportunities for continuing education. Benefits include paid sick leave, sales bonuses, and employee discounts. We are growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please e-mail your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

## HELP WANTED

**ASSISTANT BREWER.** Opportunity of a lifetime! Will train. Must be 21+ years old. Applications on Facebook, email: info@pagosabrewing.com, or at Pagosa Brewing. No phone calls. Cheers!

**PIEDRA AUTOMOTIVE IS ACCEPTING** applications for entry-level and certified technicians. Five day work week, paid holidays. Submit resume to Piedracar@centurytel.net for a private interview.

**SAN JUAN LIFESTYLE,** retail sales associate. 20-30 hour a week, starting pay dependent on experience. Apply in person at 452 Pagosa Street.

**WOLF CREEK SKI AREA** is accepting applications for all departments: accounting (assistant), lifts, ski school, food and beverage, base operations, rental, retail, ticket office, ski patrol, vehicle maintenance, snow removal, snow reporting and a freelance photographer. To download an application and see job descriptions, please visit the employment page of WolfCreekSki.com. Send resumes and applications to wolfcreekski@wolfcreekski.com or P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. All jobs are winter seasonal (November- April) with competitive wages.

**CNA CLASS STARTING SOON.** Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

**CALLING COOKS!** Earn more \$\$\$ here (!) with up to \$24/ hour in shared tips. If you enjoy preparing high-quality food, join us at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. Apply on Facebook, email: info@pagosabrewing.com, or in-person at Pagosa Brewing. No phone calls. Cheers!

**LANDSCAPE LABORERS WANTED.** Must have own transportation. Call for an application. Good pay for good help. (970)946-2277.

**LOCAL LANDSCAPING COMPANY** is offering top pay to experienced landscape techs. Non-experienced are encouraged to apply. Perks and bonuses. Call Buck Frisbee Landscaping, ask for Buck (970)946-0996, new number.

**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE** needs experienced Bartenders. Great pay, 3-4 nights a week. Must be able to work weekends and holidays. \$13/ hour to train. \$15/ hour out of training. Send resumes to Contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT- PARKS & REC.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire an Administrative Assistant in Parks & Rec. The individual selected for this position will be performing a variety of routine and complex clerical, record keeping and administrative functions to support the operation of the Parks & Recreation Department. Assists the public as to available facilities, services, and programs offered at the Community Center. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Employment.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS GOLF CLUB** is accepting applications for Retail Pro Shop, Bar/Grill and Outside Cart Services. We seek energetic, dependable applicants with excellent customer service skills. Full- and part-time positions available. Training for all positions. Apply in person.

**CROSSFIRE AGGREGATE SERVICES LLC** is seeking Concrete Mixer Drivers. Must currently hold CDL with medical card. Must pass a pre-employment drug test. Please pick up an application at the batch plant located at 5739 E. Highway 160. Any questions please call (970)264-9006.

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**VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION IS LOOKING** for equipment operators and CDL drivers. Pay is based on experience. Please leave a message at (970)507-0078.

**PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH-** Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy has an opening for a full-time Physical Therapy Tech. We are looking for a dependable, energetic multitasker who will enjoy helping people recover from surgeries, injuries, accidents and other health issues to join our team. No prior experience necessary. We offer competitive pay and benefits including paid holidays, paid sick leave, 401k plan, and a profit-sharing program. Please submit resume to RMPT, 35 Mary Fisher Circle or email to [rockymountainpt@yahoo.com](mailto:rockymountainpt@yahoo.com).

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, Part time- Police Department.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. The successful candidate will perform a variety of working level surveillance and enforcement duties related to the enforcement of local nuisance laws and ordinances. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov) and select Employment.

**HELP WANTED PART-TIME OR** full-time, at Pagosa Bar and Silver Dollar Liquor Store. Must be able to work weekends and nights. Apply at Silver Dollar Liquor Store.

**OFFICE MANAGER.** Accounting firm has an immediate need for an Office Manager with QuickBooks experience to work Monday- Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m. Responsibilities include directing and overseeing the bookkeeping department, ensuring sales tax reports are timely filed and other office duties. Some bookkeeping and sales tax reporting may be required as well. Competitive hourly rate dependent on experience. Submit resume to [jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com](mailto:jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com), by fax to (970)264-4451 or drop off at our offices by calling (970)264-5330 to get directions.

**HELP WANTED**

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**Tour Guides • Drivers** for touring/transportation company  
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**Part-time positions** \$15/hour + tips + bonus

**1 full-time positions** Salary + IRA match + vacation + bonus

**Apply in person at**

**WJ/P/PRO** in the lobby of the Pagosa Lodge 3505 W. Hwy. 160





**CUSTOMER SERVICE/SALES**

Ponderosa Lumber is seeking a customer service oriented individual for telephone and counter sales. Knowledge of building materials is a plus. Responsibilities include:

- Answering inbound phone calls
- Customer service
- Stocking
- Data Entry

This is a full time position, which offers Profit Sharing, 401(k), medical/dental, vision and immediate Paid Time Off.

For more information, please call: (970) 731-4111 or apply in person at 2435 Eagle Dr.

**NEW OPENING: ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER?** If you are a self starter, with the ability to multi-task, The Pagosa Springs SUN has an opportunity for you with our multimedia organization. Successful applicant will have computer experience, creativity, organizational skills and demonstrate proficiency with spelling and grammar, ability to use Adobe InDesign is a plus. We are currently taking applications for a part-time advertising position up to 30 hours per week. Position offers salary, plus commission. Reliable transportation is a must. If you like getting out in the community, meeting new business owners and developing relationships, this is the perfect job for you. We offer a fun and challenging, team-oriented work environment. This position requires that you work in our office. \$14 per hour plus commission. Email your resume to [helpwanted@pagosasun.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosasun.com). Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

**IN NEED OF FACILITIES AND LAND** Manager, Retreat Manager and Maintenance. Room and board plus hourly pay. Apply at [taramandala.org/connect/employment-opportunities/](http://taramandala.org/connect/employment-opportunities/).

**KIP'S GRILL AND CANTINA** is looking for hard working, dependable people to join our kitchen staff. Competitive pay, great benefits and an awesome team to work with. Housing stipend offered to full-time employees after 60 days of employment. Swing by the restaurant to drop off an application.

**FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION** at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

**HELP WANTED**



**Rosie's is hiring!**

Come join one of the best crews in Pagosa!

**Looking for Kitchen Help. Cooks & Dishwashers.**

Great pay and tips! Full time hours. 5 day work week. Great work life balance.

Apply in person at 100 Country Center Dr. Suite C.

Or email your resume to [Rosiespagosa@gmail.com](mailto:Rosiespagosa@gmail.com)

**KITCHEN HELP, MORNING AND** afternoon shifts. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. Apply in person, Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs. EOE.

**DEDICATED CLEANERS, UP TO \$17/** hour. Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

**MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED** for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. \$20 per hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to [mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com](mailto:mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com).

**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING** a customer oriented person for a full-time cashier position. Knowledge of hardware and building materials is a plus. We offer competitive wages with Holiday pay. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

**BWD CONSTRUCTION-** Positions open for skilled construction and remodel laborers. Competitive pay, great benefits (including health insurance, PTO and 401K) and a positive work environment. Come join our growing team! Apply today at: [www.bwdconstruction.com/apply](http://www.bwdconstruction.com/apply).

**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.

**HUMANE SOCIETY THRIFT STORE,** Sorter/ Stocker, full time and part time available. Help process incoming donations, price, tag and display inventory; help with pickups, deliveries and moving furniture. Must be able to lift 40 lbs. plus repeatedly. Customer service experience preferred. Pick up application and apply in person at the Humane Society Thrift Store, 279 Pagosa Street/ Hwy. 160 E. between 9a.m. and 5p.m. Monday through Saturday.

**HELP WANTED**



**NOW HIRING:**

**Terry's Colorado Home Supply & Ace Hardware** is currently making additions to our team in

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Must be able to work weekends and holidays.

Please apply in person; applications available on [www.terrystate.com](http://www.terrystate.com).

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**SALES POSITION WITH AREA** solar company. Residential and commercial. Excellent opportunity, best training in the industry. Email your resume to [mark@skyviewsolarllc.com](mailto:mark@skyviewsolarllc.com) or call (970)398-5212.

**PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING** a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE SUPERVISOR-** Pagosa Springs. RG BANK is community bank that serves southern Colorado. If you are looking for an employer who: is committed to serving the communities in which we live and work; is customer focused; is growing and evolving to better meet the needs of our customers and the communities we serve. We have an opportunity for you! RG BANK currently has a full-time **Customer Service Representative Supervisor** opening in our Pagosa Springs Office location. Please visit: <https://www.rgbank.bank/contact-us/#employment> for an application and additional description.

**SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY HELP WANTED ADS —** [tinyurl.com/d64dele9](http://tinyurl.com/d64dele9). The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**DENTAL ASSISTANT. QUALIFIES FOR** A \$500 ONE TIME SIGN ON BONUS. Axis Health System is seeking a Dental Assistant to support the growth of our Oral Health Clinic. The Dental Assistant will work as a member of the multi-disciplinary oral health care team with responsibility for patient exam and procedure preparation and assisting. Education and experience requirements: HS or GED, Completion of Dental Assistant training program and Previous work experience as a dental assistant in a public or community health setting preferred. Pay Range: \$16-\$18.96 which includes a \$.50 locale differential at our Pagosa Springs worksite and considers preferred experience and preferred education. Benefits: All Paid Leave, Public Health Emergency Leave, Health, Dental, Vision, Life, Short Term Disability and 401k. Apply online or see detailed job description at <https://axishealthsystem.bamboohr.com/jobs/>. Axis Health System is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law.

**SAWMILL HELP. GENERAL LABORER** needed for local sawmill. Please call (970)264-5000 for more information.

**NEED HELP ON SUNDAYS 12-5p.m.** and other days as needed. Pay depending on experience. Stop by for an application: The Emerald Fox Boutique, 729 San Juan St., Unit E, next to Natural Grocers.

**LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME DISHWASHER,** Servers and Line Cook. Apply within, City Hall Cafe or call (970)398-0355.

**HELP WANTED**

**ABBA EYE CARE** is looking for a friendly Optician to join our growing team! Experience in the optical industry is a plus, but not necessary. We will provide on-the-job training for the candidate willing to learn! As an Optician, you will be providing extraordinary customer service to our patients, including: Helping patients select eyeglass and lens treatments including tints and coatings; dispenses glasses by inspecting the product and checking for proper fit; repairing broken frames; educating patients on proper eyeglass and contact lens care; work with other staff members to maintain clean and safe office environment. If you are a fast learner with excellent interpersonal skills, come join us! You will love our fun work environment and people-first culture! Pay range and benefits: \$13-\$18, depending on experience. Medical, vision, dental, life, STD, LTD, basic life, voluntary 401K, PTO and holidays. Please contact our Practice Manager, Miquela Strait at (970)731-4300 or [mstrait@abbaeyecare.com](mailto:mstrait@abbaeyecare.com).

**1ST SOUTHWEST BANK,** a locally owned CDFI community bank, is seeking a RELATIONSHIP MANAGER, MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST, 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 [fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers](http://fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers). EOE.

**WOLF CREEK SKI AREA** is in need of an Accounting Assistant/ Accounting Clerk. Duties include clerical tasks, processing reports, recording transactions and typical Accounts Payable and Payroll duties. Experience with Microsoft Office products is required. Attention to detail and organizational skills are important. Those with bookkeeping, human resources, or administrative assistance experience are encouraged to apply. Compensation is hourly and negotiable based on skill set. Reliable transportation and ability to commute to/from Wolf Creek Ski Area throughout the Winter is required. Year round position with longer hours during the ski season, and a shorter workweek in the off-season. Would report to Accounting Supervisor as well as CEO/ President. Please email resume to [AP@WOLFCREEKSKI.COM](mailto:AP@WOLFCREEKSKI.COM) or call (970)264-5487.

**AGAPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY** is hiring 2-4 teachers or teacher aides, PT or FT Certification not required. Work hours 9a.m.-3p.m. Jessica (970)444-2111.

**DENTAL FRONT DESK OR ASSISTANT** wanted. Willing to train. Do you enjoy hospitality and meeting new people? Pagosa Smiles exists to help people with their oral health and provide excellent customer service. Join a great team where everyone works hard! Professional environment, weekends and holidays off, great pay, 401K, and bonuses all in a beautiful facility. Email resume to [PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com](mailto:PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com).



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**COLORADO DREAM PROPERTY.** Full log home, 3 bedroom 2-1/2 bath, horse property, 3,000 sq. ft. heated detached garage, beautiful mountain views, minutes from airport. \$1,950,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties LLC a call (970)903-2817.

**INCREDIBLE VIEWS FROM YOUR DECK.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath, office with 1,200 sq. ft. metal barn/ workshop on 2.2 acres with well. Newly graveled drive. \$425K. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

**AFFORDABLE PAGOSA HOMES.** Off-grid cabin: (2) bedrooms, (1) bath, barn, 2.17 acres, solar system, engineered septic, tribal land views, \$329,900. Tiny home and RV: (2) bedrooms, 2 baths, engineered septic, metal storage, 1.30 acres, \$225,000. Wen Saunders (970)903-0038. Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates.

**MOTIVATED SELLER!!** Huge 4 bedroom, 3 bath, close to national forest. Price reduced, \$785,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

**HOME FOR SALE.** River Forest Drive. 3.1 acres, 3 bedroom, 2-1/4 bath, 3,200 sq. ft., unfinished basement. MLS #166847, asking \$760K. (970)585-9181.

**LIVE AND WORK** at this 3 bedroom. 4 bath, 2-car garage; commercial shop, 2.26 acres multi use property. \$795,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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**HUGE GARAGE AND GARDENS.** Perfect location, 10 minutes from airport. 4 bedroom, 6-car garage, many extras. Must see! \$1,950,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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OPEN HOUSES

**OPEN 1-4P.M. SEPTEMBER 10.** Condo, 217 Pinon (#3005). SEPTEMBER 11 and 15, model home, 1223 Trails. SEPTEMBER 13, Office (2,714 SF), 2800 Cornerstone Drive (#211). Wen Saunders (970)903-0038. Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates.

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**GREAT HORSE PROPERTY.** 35.81 acres, views, has electric, water and phone nearby. Close to NF accesses. House plans included. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties LLC a call (970)903-2817.

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**PURCHASE WITH LAND EXPERT.** Wen Saunders (970)903-0038! Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates. Call- Over 300 land parcels for sale! NO HOA/ Seasonal RV/ Off-Grid: (Farview) 2 acres, \$55,400. (Crooked) 1.17 acres, \$31,700. (Doc Adams) 1.21 acres, \$32,750. (Farview) 1 acre, \$20s. NO HOA/ Seasonal RV/ Electric Near: (Evergreen) 1.8 acres, \$30s. (Piedra) 1.66 acres, near river, \$50s. (Shady) 1.27 acres, \$18,450.

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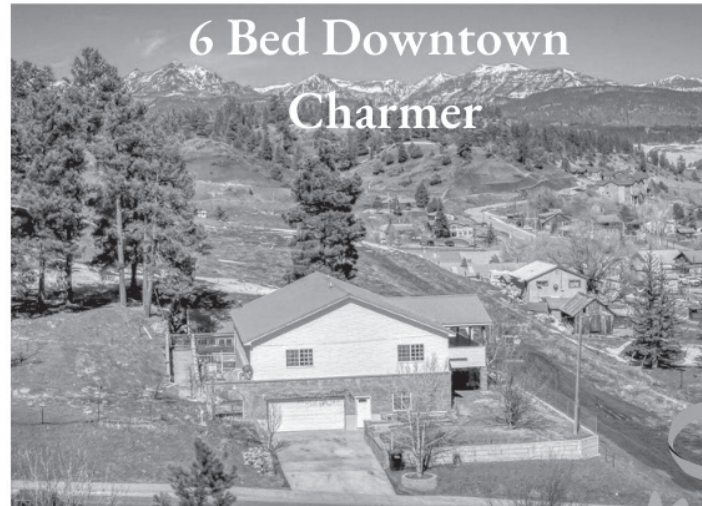
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