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Voters to decide on sales tax increase

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a resolution containing ballot language for a proposed joint town/county sales tax increase ballot measure.

At its Sept. 6 work session, the BoCC discussed the potential addition of a sunset clause to the proposed ballot measure, then at a meeting later in the day unanimously approved Resolution 2022-98, which contains ballot language

for the measure.

The work session discussion began with County Manager Derek Woodman explaining that at least one county commissioner had proposed the addition of a sunset clause to the ballot measure, with a potential end date for the increase of 15 years in the future.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez opened the discussion, stating, "I'm not sure if I'm even gonna support this. I got a lot of thinkin' to do between now and this after-

■ See Tax A8

Pagosa Views moves closer to approval

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

At its Sept. 6 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council unanimously approved the first reading of Ordinance 989, "Approving The Pagosa Views Planned Development Agreement, Base Zoning and Overlay District," moving the near-80-acre proposed development closer to fruition.

The development would be located at 500 and 600 West U.S. 160, next to Pagosa Springs Elementary School, and is being proposed by Village Care Partners LLC.

In its latest iteration, the application proposes 675 residential units, which includes 252 apartment units, 133 condominium units, 60 single-family homes, 98 cabin homes and

■ See Development A8

State, regional and local agencies seize hundreds of suspected marijuana plants

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

In a joint operation on Thursday, Sept. 1, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Homeland Security Investigations, the Southwest Drug Task Force and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) seized approximately 600 suspected marijuana plants between two separate residential properties within Archuleta County.

According to a press release from Undersheriff Mike Le Roux, the

operation was a culmination of an effort that started on July 11.

In an interview, Le Roux explained the ACSO received information earlier in the year and obtained enough evidence to turn it over to the CBI, which then led the investigation.

"For sure, 600 is a big hit over two properties managed by the same person, effectively," Le Roux said, adding that multiple people suspected to be involved have been

■ See Seize A8

Commissioners address health district dissolution

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the Sept. 6 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session, the board discussed the potential dissolution of San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and its impact on the county.

The discussion began with Commissioner Warren Brown commenting that he did "not believe there is any discussion left" with the La Plata County BoCC in terms of convincing La Plata County to remain in SJBPH.

"A decision hasn't been made, but it has been obvious to me for some time that this is not going to change," Brown continued, "as you know, even to the point of going to their board meeting and stating our case because of expense to our community."

Brown stated the county now has to consider whether it will "stand by, say nothing" and wait for La Plata County to pass a motion withdrawing from SJBPH, giving Archuleta

■ See Dissolution A8



Back to School

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Archuleta School District students, including those at Pagosa Springs Elementary School, hit the classrooms on Tuesday, Sept. 6 to kick off the 2022-2023 school year.



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OUR VIEW

Honoring Chief Warren Grams

On Tuesday, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners approved a proclamation which declared Sept. 6 as Warren Grams Day.

For those of us at The SUN, every Thursday used to be the chief's day at our office.

Chief Grams would stop by the office and make sure the staff was working hard while he filled us in on the happenings at the Pagosa Fire Protection District.

Retirement, golf and life events have changed our weekly visits, but our respect and admiration for the Chief still remain.

It is clear by the large turnout on Tuesday for the reading of the proclamation that the respect and admiration of his team still remains as well.

The following is the text of the proclamation as provided by the county:

"PROCLAMATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
"WHEREAS, Warren Grams moved to Pagosa Springs in May of 1980 and, after working at different service stations as a mechanic, opened his own

shop a few years later; and
"WHEREAS, Mr. Grams also was a volunteer firefighter which was very new to him but he enjoyed it and found it to be his calling; and,

"WHEREAS, Mr. Grams served as the Chief of the Volunteers and then became Fire Chief of the Pagosa Springs Fire Department, serving in that position for approximately thirty years; and

"WHEREAS, Mr. Grams was instrumental in moving the Pagosa Springs Fire Department on [Lewis] Street to the current Pagosa Fire District on North Pagosa Blvd.; and

"WHEREAS, Mr. Grams was a key factor in getting a bond issue passed by the taxpayers to allow for adequate fire protection for all citizens of Archuleta County; and

"WHEREAS, during Mr. Grams' tenure as Fire Chief, not one firefighter was injured, except the time he was driving with a firefighter named Ronnie Maez and a big bear crossed the road in front of the fire truck. The truck won, but the bear lived on as a great story to be shared at the fire house for

many years; and,
"WHEREAS, Mr. Grams retired from the Pagosa Fire District in June of 2007, yet not a day goes by that he doesn't run into someone who calls him 'Chief'.

"THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING:

"1) We congratulate Mr. Grams on his many years of service to the citizens of Archuleta County and extend our best wishes in his continued retirement.

"2) We declare September 6, 2022 as Warren Grams Day in Archuleta County, Colorado and urge all the citizens of the county to learn from Mr. Grams example of community involvement and volunteerism."

Not only was Grams a firefighter, but he spent many years serving the community and world as a dedicated Rotarian.

We salute you, Chief, and thank you for your service.
Terri Lynn Oldham House

Constitution Week

On Tuesday evening, the Town of Pagosa Springs approved a proclamation in support of Constitution Week.

Prior to their action, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Posey introduced the subject while telling his personal story of reading the Constitution on an annual basis every January since he learned to read.

Proclaiming himself a "Constitution nut," he shared that he loves the Constitution. He had even read the founding document of this nation that same afternoon.

Before reading the proclamation, Posey recited the preamble to the Constitution of the United States: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

The following is the text of that proclamation as provided by the town:

"WHEREAS, it is the privilege and

duty of the American people to commemorate our nation's founding document on this the two hundred thirty fifth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and,

"WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17th to 23rd as Constitution Week. Citizens, leaders and officials are encouraged to conduct ceremonies and programs that bring together community members to reflect on the importance of active citizenship, recognize the enduring strength of our Constitution, and reaffirm our commitment to the rights and obligations of citizenship in this great Nation.

"WHEREAS, the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution hereby celebrate, honor and reflect on the fundamental document of the United States of America and the patriots who sacrificed so much to create this

Nation.
"NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we the town council of the Town of Pagosa Springs, proclaim the week of SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2022 as CONSTITUTION WEEK in Pagosa Springs, Colorado and urge all citizens to study the Constitution, and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves."

Also in recognition of Constitution Week, the Archuleta County Republican Women will hold a constitutional study at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

There is a charge of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 18 years old. Each attendee will receive a pocket Constitution. Please RSVP to acrwunites@gmail.com.

We encourage our readers to take up Posey's practice of reading over this most important document on an annual basis.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

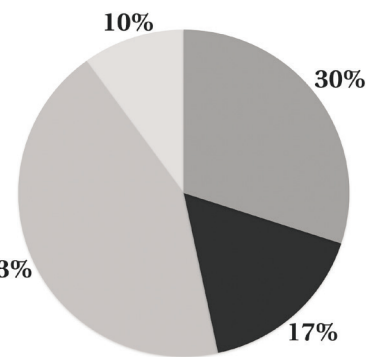
WHADDYA THINK?

What is your favorite thing about school being back in session?

Poll results (60 votes)

Getting the kids out of the house — 30 percent
School sporting events — 43 percent
Hitting the books — 17 percent
Seeing friends again — 10 percent

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 8, 1922

The Pagosa Springs high and grade schools opened auspiciously Tuesday morning with every teacher present and a total enrollment of close to 200, 54 of which are in the high school. Books for all classes in all grades were on hand with the result that for the first time in its history, the school was enabled to commence Wednesday morning with full-time recitations in all classes. We congratulate Mr. Allan T. Flint, the superintendent, for this initial stroke of efficiency. He will teach mathematics and science.

Harry Putnam on Monday moved his family from Arboles to his residence in this city so that his children may enter school. They narrowly escaped serious injury en route when a bridge on the lower Piedra road gave away, the team, wagon and Harry taking a fall of about 18 feet, the remainder of the family having jumped from the wagon. No injuries or damage was sustained, other than the team becoming somewhat bruised, and with the aid of another team they continued their journey to Pagosa Springs.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 5, 1947

Construction on Pargin's Reservoir, located on the Charles Pargin Ranch at the Piedra, is underway. Mr. Pargin announced this week. Ray Atchison, of Aztec, N.M., working two cats, dozers and carryall, started work Aug. 29 and expects to complete the job in 40 days. Pargin, who is a member of the board of county commissioners, said the reservoir will cover 52 acres when completed and will hold 480 acre-feet of irrigation water. The dam is located about a hundred yards from the Pargin house. While the lake will be primarily for irrigation purposes, Pargin plans to stock it with trout next year. It will be about 28 feet deep at the deepest point.

Tentative agreement has been reached for the sale of the Alley Hardware store here, it was learned from George Alley this week. Mr. Alley explained that the transaction is still in progress. Those with whom Mr. Alley has been negotiating are Farris Breedlove and FT. Howe of Ft. Sumner, N.M. Mr. Breedlove is expected to arrive in Pagosa again this weekend. Mr. Alley said should the transaction be completed, he and Mrs. Alley will continue to remain in Pagosa for some time.

50 years ago

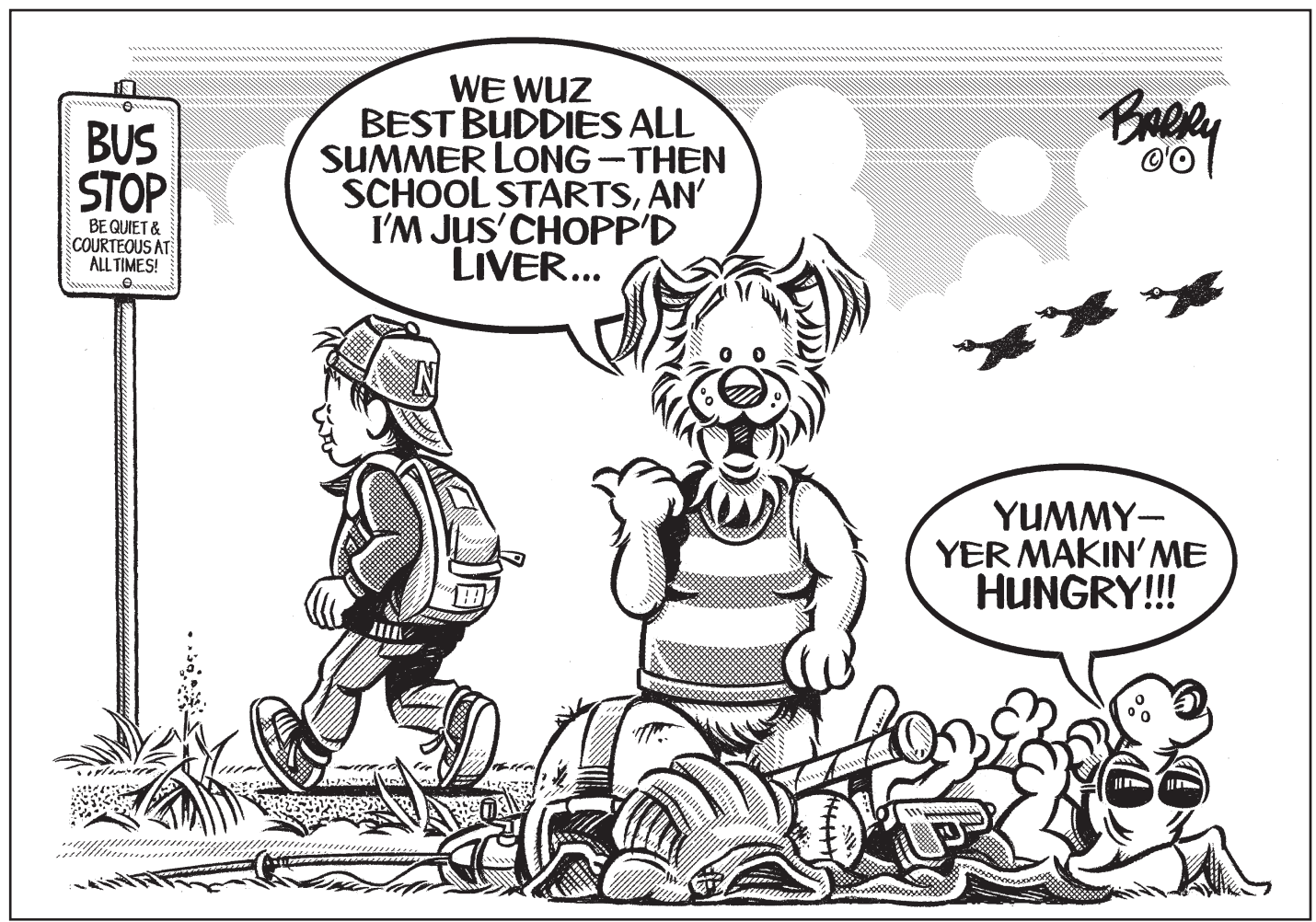
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September 7, 1972

Pagosa's football coach, Ron Shaw, was chosen as "Coach of the year," at a recent meeting of San Juan Basin coaches. This is an honor that local residents feel well deserved. Coach Shaw came here on his first job as a football coach in 1967. Since that time he has been head coach in football, taught driver education, physical education and special education classes in high school. Pagosa's football prospects have been steadily improving under his coaching. Last year the Pirates went all the way to the state semi-finals in play-offs. They are expected to go at least that far, and farther this year. Coach Shaw's defense has been a puzzle to many teams. Last year the team was scored on very few times and then only in the very toughest games. He is well liked, accepted, and respected by faculty, local residents, and by his football players. The well deserved honor is certainly one that meets the approval of the entire community as well as the rest of the coaches in the San Juan Basin.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 11, 1997

A public meeting of the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association is scheduled Monday at 7:15 p.m. in the Trails clubhouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a PLPOA proposal to perform maintenance and snow removal on certain Pagosa Lakes area roads through a contract with Archuleta County. Representatives from the PLPOA met with county officials during a workshop Monday afternoon to discuss the idea. "We are concerned about maintenance on the roads the county has refused to maintain," said Vega. "If we maintain roads the county doesn't want to maintain it will leave the county more money for the main arterials (roads)." Included are 25 miles of roads already in existence and 30 miles of roads to be constructed under the Fairfield Communities Inc. bankruptcy settlement agreement, all which the county has said it will not maintain.



Letters

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'American dictatorship'

Dear Editor:
The three great forces of ultra-Conservatism today are China, Russia and "Our Trumpers."

China appears to be on a take-over-the-world through economic bend, Russia is a mix of Putin's adoption of "Eurasianism" (Orthodox Religion and old Empire) via military conquest and controlling others w/oil/gas supplies, and, lastly, "Our Trumpers" ignore evidence about anything they choose and seem to feel that controlling elections thru money and Gerrymandering is acceptable in a democratic Republic.

So which of the three forces are succeeding? The world is moving away from democracies and toward authoritarian regimes, and China and Russia are the two that matter the most in the world at large. China has had a bit of an economic setback, but it looks like Xi will get his third term for life so, at this point, excluding Covid lock downs,

however China's relatively on path. Russia on the other hand is failing badly at their current attempt in the Ukraine to quickly rebuild an empire militarily. Not to mention, the serious international risk they take if they now damage the largest nuclear plant in Europe. Putin's last card appears to be a tortuous policy of intervening in oil/gas supply. So, one has to say Putin isn't on path. But what about "Our Trumpers"? Well it's kind'a a mixed bag for them, too, with material percentages of negative public reaction to several major events including Jan. 6th insurrection, reversing 'Roe' on abortion, slogans to defund the FBI and kill agents, honest Republican election officials, now known as the party of treason etc, etc, etc. You'd have to give'm a D- for strategy and tactics...BUT, this group seems to have an endless amount of both political money and no political platform)BUT an abiding belief that anything Trump does/says is good.

Speaking of which, we all remember January 23, 2016 when then-candidate Trump said, "I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose any voters, OK? It's, like, incredible." Incredible it is. But how did he know? How did he know that "Our Trumpers" were so totally prostrated/accepting? It's both this political money and the pseudo-religious belief in Trump's behavior and non-factual claims that is astounding to all of the other rational, moral, patriotic fellow citizens.

Putin and Xi think individualism/choice/freedom is the ultimate decadence, while "Our Trumpers" basic rally points are the flag, freedom and individuality. What's even more worrisome about "Our Trumpers" is that they do..make that do see the 'hair-line' between their perceptions and facism & use of perceived conspiracies to aid their evolution toward an American dictatorship for all citizens.

Dave Blake

'What if'

Dear Editor:
Let me see if I get this right. Spending trillions of dollars we don't have and partly must borrow does not impact inflation, but we are currently experiencing a 40 year high rate of inflation and the products on the shelves of our grocery stores are shrinking in size but not price every day?

Illegal immigrants by the millions are welcome to come into our country without a Covid vaccination, but one pro-tennis player isn't permitted entry because he's not vaccinated?

More than 107,000 young Americans have died (about 300/day) because of Fentanyl that is coming across our porous southern border, but we are far more terrified of an occasional crazed school shooter. The press will spend endless hours covering the death of 20 people,

but almost no time at all about the mass killings of the Mexican drug cartels by Fentanyl. And the White House claims that because we've seized so much Fentanyl that this is proof that the situation is under control?

All electric vehicles are the cars of the future, but the State of California is asking EV owners not to charge them because there isn't enough electricity?

New York City, Washington, D.C., and now Chicago are complaining about illegal immigrants coming to their self-declared "Sanctuary Cities?" They say that they are being overwhelmed by a few thousand illegals. What do they think its like for the much smaller communities along our southern border?

In many of our deep blue cities, there have been attempts to defund the police or to restrain police during violent incidents, but now the citizens of those cities are complaining that they are living with crime-ridden cities with inadequate protection? I'm guessing they're having difficulty getting the connection?

In the same deep blue cities its nearly impossible to obtain a license/permit to own or conceal a weapon and this is happening in the same areas with the highest crime rates? Perhaps the thugs and gangs have all the firearms, while the law-abiding people are the ones with no ability to defend themselves in some of the most dangerous communities in the world?

People on the political right have been termed by President Biden as "Semi-fascist" and "threats" to democracy. Aren't these conservatives the same people who want freedom, liberty, less government intrusion into our lives, the securing of our rights under the Constitution, and want to ensure valid and reliable elections in our country?

What if there actually are only two human genders (male and female)? And what if convincing a small child to take puberty blockers or undergo hormone therapy or perhaps undergo surgery actually is gross child abuse?

What if all humans of every ethnic group are all God's children? And what if calling an entire ethnic

group "racist" because of the color of the skin actually is real racism? What if all semblance of human reason and rational thought no longer exists inside the Washington beltway?

Richard A. Bolland

Frisch support

Dear Editor:
Voters in U.S. Congressional District 3 have a respectful and thoughtful alternative to the current Boebert sideshow, Adam Frisch. Adam is a workhorse who will represent everyone in CD3, not just those who agree with him. Unlike his opponent, he is not a partisan ideologue whose main interests seem to be personal promotion and contempt for perceived opponents. He will be willing to work across the aisle to get legislation passed that benefits CD 3 and all rural Colorado. He has visited Pagosa Springs three times already and Arboles once.

Adam has a long record of public service and fiscal responsibility. He chaired Pitkin County's financial review committee and was then elected to Aspen City Council, where he served for 8 years. As a city councilman, Adam played a vital role on several important issues:

- Worked to develop moderately priced housing opportunities that serve workers and their families,
- Helped lead efforts to pass a sales tax to support schools,
- Expanded and secured long-term water rights for the community, and
- Increased childcare subsidies and the total number of openings available for infants and toddlers.

Adam was born in North Dakota and spent the first five years of his life on a Native American reservation in Montana, where his father worked in public health. This has given him an understanding of the challenges faced by our Native American communities. He attended the University of Colorado Boulder, where he graduated with a degree in economics and political science. Adam's wife, Katy, is the president of their family's successful manufacturing business and the current president of the Aspen School Board.

When elected, Adam's priorities

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will be to:

- Rebuild the middle class by fighting for high-paying jobs for all workers and lowering out-of-control costs. The economy needs to be the top priority of your representative.

- Protect the good-paying jobs we have now, while creating new high wage jobs in all industries by encouraging locally produced energy, especially oil and natural gas, as well as renewable energy.

- Protect our natural resources with a focus on water and forest health. He will be a champion for Colorado's forests and water. He will work to provide funding for conservation and water resiliency projects, as well as new supply options for downstream states. He will fight to protect Colorado's water and keep it in its home basins.

- Support our veterans by making sure they can see the best doctors and get world-class physical and mental health care. He will support veteran-owned small businesses. He will fight to make it easier for our greatest patriots to return to civilian life.

Adam has been endorsed by the AFL-CIO. He has also received the endorsements of his primary opponents, Representative Donald Valdez of La Jara, activist Sol Sandoval of Pueblo, Dr. Debby Burnett of Gunnison and attorney Colin Wilhelm of Glenwood Springs, all of whom are actively working on his campaign. So, if you want to bring sanity and respect back to CD 3, vote for Adam Frisch.

Becky Herman

'Dump Trump'

Dear Editor:

How times have changed. In 2016, we saw MAGA Republicans rally for the FBI and Justice Department to lock up Hillary for setting up her email so she could work at home. They cheered Republican-led Congressional investigations into the email server.

Now MAGA Republicans denounce the Justice Department and the FBI for moving to recover sensitive government documents Donald Trump took from the White House at the end of his term. We know from the inventory released last Friday that he took hundreds of classified documents and thousands of others that belong in the National Archives, the public's custodian of presidential records. He has admitted taking the documents.

All this drama could have been avoided if Trump had cooperated with the National Archives back in January 2021. The law makes clear that presidential records are to be delivered to the Archives.

And Trump's careless handling of classified material is appalling. How can anyone seriously concerned about border security be so lax with national security information?

If federal law alone is not persuasive, consider that Trump's actions are also counter to basic notions of records management. Anyone who has served at any level of government or worked for any organization they don't own knows the files they create at work are not their personal property.

In fact, private sector organizations go to great lengths to protect their trade secrets, including lawsuits and criminal complaints against former employees and officials who take records in violation of company policy. Trump famously bound his staff with non-disclosure agreements he litigated aggressively.

Trump's selfish shenanigans are a constant distraction that accomplish nothing for the vast majority of Americans. Anyone who wants to see serious policy matters addressed should dump Trump and

his wannabes. Trump should answer for his illegal conduct while the rest of the country moves on from his stale sideshow.

Candace Jones

'Independent voters'

Dear Editor:

In Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, Independent voters make up 43 percent of registered voters and hold the key to the election. Independents register that way for a reason — they make up their own minds on the issues facing Colorado and the nation. I hope Independents will consider carefully their choice in the November election.

Lauren Boebert wants "the church" to tell the government what to do; she denies that climate change exists; she's against health care for veterans affected by the toxic burning pits in Iraq; she voted against infrastructure improvement for Colorado and the nation; she's against women's rights; she voted against allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices for seniors. She's a Trump puppet and a puppet of Majorie Taylor Greene. And these are just a few reasons why she's unfit to represent the people of Western Colorado in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Adam Frisch is a no-nonsense, common-sense leader who understands the real issues facing Colorado and the nation. Getting things done for the citizens of Colorado is the reason he's running for Congress. And he knows that getting things done requires thoughtful analysis and reaching across the political aisle.

Independents, please look at the facts in this election.

Joe Lewandowski

Durango

Defend our freedoms

Dear Editor:

I care about my family, our precious kids, and our natural world, so I feel threats to them sharply. I think we all do. We care about our freedoms too. I like to live peacefully, but I cannot ignore what MAGA Republicans are doing. They plan to take away Social Security and Medicare, robbing our elder generations of what they earned paycheck by paycheck — the freedom to retire without hardship.

They're set on depriving us of our freedom to decide when and how to grow our families, by banning and criminalizing reproductive rights. Contraception too? Unbelievable. The GOP proposes to outlaw our freedom to choose who we love, who we marry — unacceptable. They attack people of color and non-conforming identity, then silence their cries for freedom from violent persecution. They're robbing us of our freedom to educate our children about the facts of our history and diverse society by banning books and outlawing speech. This is Third Reich stuff. MAGA really means "return to Jim Crow."

We're inoculated against this extreme agenda — we rose to the call in 2020 and beat Trump, 81 million strong. The gang is getting back together to defeat Trumpism — to tell these extremists that their divisive hatred is no good here.

Let's create an America where people of all ages, colors, faiths, classes, orientations, and genders are free to live openly and joyfully. Only one party can beat autocratic MAGA Republicans. This is our one chance - vote Democratic on November 8th.

Kirby MacLaurin

Durango

Response to PLPOA letter

Dear Editor:

The following is in response to Millie Grant's letter in the September 1, 2022 issue of the Pagosa Sun regarding the PLPOA. I do hope this will be helpful to her.

Dear Ms. Grant:

1) The Declaration of Restrictions for the PLPOA was established in the 1970s. The fire restrictions are not new but have been in existence for about 50 years.

2) The dues are yearly — not monthly and were \$275 per annum last year. And while the dues did go up \$10 (\$0.83 per month) from the previous year, it is certainly much less than current inflation rate.

3) The Board of Directors are property owners in the PLPOA. They are elected via ballot by PLPOA property owners and subject to term limits.

4) The Board of Directors and members of other Committees are not paid. They are volunteers who donate their time & expertise to benefit our community.

5) As to your political comments, the Directors do not run nor are they elected on a political party basis.

6) The PLPOA has a website that lists many items of interest to owners & potential owner including the Declaration of Restrictions. The staff at the PLPOA is also happy to answer your questions.

7) Lastly, don't want to follow the rules & restrictions? There are plenty of other properties in and around Pagosa. I would suggest you concentrate your search in those areas.

Ms Grant, I hope this addresses some of your issues. Good luck with your search.

Linn Moore

PLPOA

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to the letter last week criticizing the PLPOA. I live in PLPOA development and for one appreciate the rules and regulations. I have lived here for 13 years. It keeps the area clean and neat and neighbors cannot accumulate junk around their houses. The individuals on the Boards are not Socialists but volunteers who give of their time to serve on the Boards with no pay. Our dues provide many services that the writer was ignorant of. We have a beautiful Clubhouse for the members at no cost. We have outdoor pickleball courts and basketball courts. We have a big Recreation Center with a swimming pool, jacuzzi, many exercise classes are also offered including yoga, water aerobics, weight lifting, and strength classes. We have a bike path and walking path that is cleared of snow in the winter-time. Our hiking trails are cleared of fallen trees and branches in the Springtime. If people don't like the rules and regulations there are plenty of places to live in Pagosa country. With this ladies attitude I don't think she will be happy anywhere. Stay in Oregon.

Lassie Olin

Dogs and horses

Dear Editor:

What I'm fixing to say not only affects the equine community but also anyone on foot, bike, whatever...unless you are able to somehow levitate.

For those of you who are not really familiar with horses, first and foremost, horses are prey animals, and they are powerful when they get spooked or attacked, you'd best be loose in the saddle to do your best to hang on, soooooo....

On Friday, my friend and I were riding in the forest, we were having a great ride, right up until we weren't. Around a narrow rocky part of the trail 3 dogs came barking and rushing at our horses, I was in the lead. I tried my best to yell and get them to go away but they were persistent, no "owner" in sight at

this point. They kept coming until my friend's horse, for obvious reasons, spun and spun until she was thrown.....right on the rocks and under the horse at one point. The dogs continued after the horses. Her horse ran off as she lay there lifeless. (she is a tiny petite gal)

Finally the owner makes the scene and just stares and does nothing to control the dogs, because he has no leashes and can't! I won't go into all of the details but it was horrible and I had to call 911, she was taken off trail by emergency personnel by stretcher and taken to hospital.

Bottom line, she could have literally died that day due to these dogs who were out of control.

It's not right, I realize you can have dogs off leash per code (or whatever) but you have to be able to have control by voice command, shock collar and how about this novel idea, a leash.

My friend is going to be ok, but she is badly bruised and beat up and can barely move due to the pain of this ordeal.....that should have never happened.

I will close by saying, my rides from this point on will be a little different.....unruly dogs beware.... things like this have a lasting psychological impact, I for one will be more prepared to fend off these situations. Be safe out there everyone.

Annie Pack

Concerned about Shaw

Dear Editor:

Shelli Shaw Predicting Civil War? According to a May 11, 2022 Colorado Times Recorder article by Logan Davis titled "We Are Headed For a Civil War," CO GOP Statehouse Candidate Warns,"

Shelli Shaw, candidate for HD59, deleted posts from her Facebook account that cause concern among many prospective voters.

Davis reports, "Shaw published a since-deleted post about the Capitol insurrection, in which she expressed her belief that 'Antifa, BLM activists, and anarchists' were behind the deadly riot and claimed that 'an anarchist' had already been arrested for participation. The following week, Shaw doubled down on the claim, sharing an image that characterized the insurrection as having been staged by 'the left' in an attempt to seize control of the government."

Davis quotes another deleted post, threatening violence like

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Letters

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Lindsey Graham: "We are headed for a civil war... Enslaving a group of people doesn't work. If you think for a minute the Conservative voice will just go away, think again." Davis says Shaw "seems to compare conservatives to the slaves who were emancipated as a result of the actual Civil War, hits many of the talking points of what has become known as the Big Lie." Davis adds, "when reached by phone, Shaw didn't shy away from the positions she took online: not only does she still believe in the Big Lie, it's why she's running for office in the first place."

Shaw, tell voters your views on the validity of the 2020 election, and who you think is responsible for the January 6th 2021 insurrection.

Karen Pontius
Durango

McLachlan support

Dear Editor:

The voters of State House District 59 have an opportunity to reelect one of the most effective, hard-working legislators in the State House, our Representative, Barbara McLachlan. Barbara is a practical politician, not a partisan ideologue like her opponent. She has always been willing to work across the aisle to pass legislation that benefits HD 59 and Southwest Colorado, often working with our Republican Senator Don Coram. She is a fourth-generation Coloradoan and has lived in LaPlata County for over two decades, graduating from Fort Lewis College.

As a teacher for 20 years, her passion is education. She is chair of the House Education Committee and also serves on the House Agriculture, Livestock, & Water Committee, both essential to our

local interests. But education is not her only issue. She has also sponsored legislation addressing health care, the environment, and the economy. Just a few of Barbara's successful bills from her four years in the House:

- Funded our public schools, increasing per pupil funding to \$7,478.

- Formed a team to train eligible employers to create high-quality, work-based learning opportunities for youth and adults.

- Changed teacher evaluation practices by creating new rules, providing evaluator training, and changing the importance of evaluations on a teacher's performance score.

- Extended a successful program where experienced principals mentor new principals across the state.

- Provided full tuition, education costs, and mentoring coverage for foster youth

- Helped qualified students with the "last mile" of teacher preparation, paying for living expenses while finishing their student teaching.

- Allocated \$5 million to our Ute tribes for the renovation or construction of a behavioral health facility.

- Investigated which state programs benefit tribal entities, then assured they are invited to participate in upcoming legislation.

- Delayed the increase in gas fees by nine months to give people a financial break

- Created a Feeding Colorado fund in the state treasury as a check-off on the state income tax form. The agency buys locally produced food for food banks around the state.

- Extended the successful Main Street Business Recovery Loan Program which provides small business recovery loans to Colorado businesses, funded in part by the

sale of premium tax credits.

- Increased the amount of sales tax revenue a small business may keep to cover expenses and taxes.

- Permitted peace officers to live out of their district. Many cannot afford to live where they work, and this allows them more flexibility with their housing situations.

- Required appropriate training for providers caring for patients with dementia in nursing homes and adult day care facilities.

- Insured that a patient admitted to a hospital or nursing home for inpatient care may have at least one visitor of the resident's choosing during the stay.

- Created a dental therapist option for the industry, which will be particularly helpful in rural areas.

So, there you have it. You can elect a proven, sensible legislator who is intimately familiar with her District and knows our concerns, having lived here for many years. Vote for Barbara McLachlan as soon as you get your ballot.

John Porco

Welcome hunters

Dear Editor:

Yes, it is time to welcome our hunters. With bows and arrows and rifles, they arrive to experience some of the life-style of the early days of our country, providing food for their families. Now, our "locals" know that our deer are very intelligent and even use their binoculars to "spy" on us. Hee-hee. I will share a little something that, hopefully, will make you laugh.

Years ago, when I was an active member of our ambulance crews, we had no hospital here, so all patients needing hospitalization had to be transported to Mercy Hospital in Durango. The following happened every hunting season. Enjoy.

About half-way to Durango, there was a place beside the highway where folks could pull off, park

and take a little rest. Well, our deer kept an eye on that spot — they watched the hunters unload their ATVs and take off for the wilderness. Hmmm. So, the deer were watching and once the hunters were "off," they surrounded the truck and trailer. They knew they were safe down by the highway as it was illegal to fire a gun that near to traffic.

Yes, our deer have a sense of humor and the joke was on those hunters. That happened every year and of course, we cheered for the deer. They were so beautiful and, I might add, quiet intelligent, don't you think?

Yes, they're watching you.

Patty Tillerson

Guys and Dolls

Dear Editor:

I saw the production of Guys and Dolls a few weeks ago at the Thingajig Theater. It was so well done. Very colorful costumes. Dazzling dancing. Great voices. Great production.

Now, for the content. Incessant gaslighting of women by men. Admiration in men (gambling) leading to lies and huge, impactful broken agreements. Manipulative conversations. Irrational attachment feelings of women in the face of bad and dishonorable treatment by men. Men repeatedly promising to do better, followed by love bombing. Women presenting false information to family members about the state of their relationship. Women being emotionally wounded by lies, reacting by being mad when they are sad, rejecting their men, then turning on a dime and professing love anyway in the face of the lies and manipulation. Women's fantasies about marriage and fixing men later. Illusory happy ending with marriages. All presented as if it's normal and acceptable.

Amazing to watch this, and so well packaged in a terrific and light-hearted production. Despite what I just wrote, I enjoyed the production very much and so did my six-year-old granddaughter who was dazzled.

Peter Tregillus
Durango

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

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. PAWSO 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/9160904>

8375?pwd=dIFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, 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.

Pagosa Peak Open School mission/vision committee meeting. 1:30-3:15 p.m., Pagosa Peak Open School, 3133 Cornerstone Drive.

Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosapun.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.

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September to be a month of event activity, debates

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

Although the heat of the summer is waning and children are going back to school and schedules are being adjusted, Pagosa Springs is rife with events every weekend in September. There are several events where you should register in advance or get more information, thus this advance warning of a very busy month.

We start off with this upcoming weekend with the new Art!Pagosa event in the athletic field at Town Park on Sept. 10 and 11. Juried works of art in a variety of mediums including sculpture, woodworking, metal, jewelry, pottery, fine art and so much more will be available. There will also be food trucks, live music and a beer and wine garden. Don't miss the Sunday brunch and art auction.

The Veterans for Veterans will also have an event at Stevens Field on Saturday and Sunday. Even if you don't go over to Stevens Field, the community will be treated to flyovers each day — just like the Fourth of July. Enjoy pancake breakfasts, vendors and free airplane rides for those ages 8-18 having a parent present. Festivities will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

One more event happening on Sept. 10 is the Ruby M. Sisson Library Foundation's Navigating the World with Stories event for those 16 and up at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Clubhouse. This unique experience hosts professional storyteller Kathy Santopietro taking you on a literary journey around the world

with accompanist Sally Neel playing familiar tunes. This evening event begins at 6 p.m. with a reception and entertainment followed by the stories and ending with light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. All proceeds benefit the Mountains of Opportunity campaign.

One more event occurs on Sunday, Sept. 11. The Catholic Community will host its Fall Festival in Town Park from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Live music, games, a free lunch beginning at 12:30 p.m. and a raffle for a grand prize of \$1,500 will wrap up the event at 3 p.m. — not a bad way to spend your Sunday afternoon. You can attend two events downtown that Sunday.

The weekend of Sept. 16-18 is ColorFest weekend. At this time, the Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival is sold out for Friday night. However, the Bands and Brews Festival is wide open. Enjoy the live music of the Jackson Mountain Ramblers and Felix y Los Gatos as well as specialty quaffs from over 12 brewers. Food trucks, a bounce house and other entertainment will be on site. The event begins at 4 p.m.

Weather permitting, we hope to have a balloon glow in the field starting at about 7 p.m. Also that weekend, enjoy Breakfast with Balloons at the Geothermal Greenhouse site. Get a great seat to the balloon launch on Saturday, Sept. 17, while enjoying breakfast and mimosas. Tickets may be purchased at www.pagosagreeen.org. If you would like to be a little more active on Saturday morning, participate in Aspen House's ColorRun/Walk. This event begins at 8 a.m. in Town Park. You can

register in advance for the race at www.runsignup.com/Race/CO/Pagosaspringscolorfestcolorrun5k. This is a family-friendly event, and participants are encouraged to wear their ColorRun colored T-shirt as a badge of honor all day. The balloons will launch from the Hot Springs Boulevard area on Saturday morning and from the west side of town on Sunday morning. All launches will kick off between 7:30 and 8 a.m.

The last full weekend of September also hosts multiple events, beginning on Friday evening, Sept. 23, with an event benefiting Archuleta Seniors Inc./Senior Center. The Big Band event will be held at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts with the festivities kicking off at 5:30 p.m. Musicians extraordinaire Bob Hemenger and Debbie Tucker will wow the crowd along with the Pagosa Springs Bass band and pianist Venita Burch. There will be appetizers, a cash bar and auction times at the event. Tickets may be purchased at www.pagosacenter.org for \$40 per person. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, two daytime events will take place. First, Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County will host the Hats Off to Habitat ladies luncheon at the PLPOA Clubhouse from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Music by Tim Sullivan and a delicious lunch and a beverage are included in the \$50 ticket price or \$350 for a table of eight. To purchase tickets, contact Debbie at (970) 264-6960 or office@habitatarchuleta.org.

Also on Saturday, Sept. 24, will be the annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha. The 5k or 10k race begins in

the morning at 8:30 a.m. with registration in Town Park. Registration for the race can be found at www.pagosafun.com/mountain-chile-cha-cha-trail-races-copy. The Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic opens up around 10 a.m., with the actual chile tasting and margarita tasting starting at 12:30 p.m. and the live music by St8 Shot starting at 1:30 p.m. There will be chile roasting on site as well as a kids' corner. This is a Pagosa tradition celebrating our culture and regional food flavors. For more information or to register to enter the green chile classic either as an individual or a business, visit www.ilovegreenchile.com.

Get your calendars out now and mark down some of these events on your "to do" fun list.

Club 20 to host candidate debates

On Sept. 10, Club 20 will host regional, state and federal political candidate debates in Grand Junction, Colo.

These debates will take place all day beginning at 8 a.m. with a break from 11:45 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. for lunch and ending at 3:15 p.m. The evening debates with second and third congressional districts and governor candidates will take place beginning at 5:45 p.m.

You can livestream any portion of the debates that might interest you at www.facebook.com/events/s/western-colorado-candidate-deb/2131807467027432/. This debate process is a way to better inform yourself of issues and candidates who are running for office in November. For more information, you can also go to www.club20.org.

Rotary welcomes exchange student from Argentina

By Lisa Scott
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is currently hosting Agustin Perez Leal, a high school junior from Las Grutas, Argentina, who arrived in Pagosa Springs Aug. 28.

Being from a small town on the Atlantic Ocean, Leal's enjoying the similarity of a small community and the contrast of the elevation and the mountain scenery. His parents are both business professionals and he has a younger brother. Leal is smart, athletic and loves all sports and trying new things. He is an avid soccer player and is excited to snow ski.

At Pagosa Springs High School, he is enrolled in typical American classes including math and English in addition to unique electives like wilderness skills and metal fabrication. He has started playing on the boys' high school soccer team and participated in the annual team run up Wolf Creek Pass. Leal's first host family is Jean Garcia and her son, Trey, high school junior.

The international Rotary Youth Exchange program has been suspended since March 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic began. With the restart of the international exchange program, 19 students are being hosted by Rotary clubs in the mountains and plains district, covering western and southern

Colorado. Additionally, 19 Colorado students from this district are spending their year abroad as outbound exchange students.

The Rotary exchange program is always interested in talking with students that are interested in the outbound program and families that are interested in hosting a student. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this opportunity should contact Rotarians Lisa Scott, (970) 749-4268 or sranch@centurytel.net; Marianne DeVooght, (970) 731-2009; Ronnie Doctor, (920) 946-6367; or Granton Bartz, (970) 946-2827.

The Rotary clubs in Pagosa Springs have participated in the International Youth Exchange Program for decades. Students apply for this opportunity through the local Rotary Club and are interviewed and selected to participate in the program. Once a student is placed, they spend 10 months in an exchange country and live with two or three different families during their time abroad. This way, they experience different family environments and meet a wider variety of people.

Pagosa Springs has two Rotary clubs, and Rotary is always accepting new members and invites anyone who would like to explore the opportunity to contact any community Rotarian or the names listed above.

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The Rotary Youth Exchange Committee welcomed and introduced the exchange student, Agustin Perez Leal, from Argentina, to the Rotary Club this week. Pictured from left to right: Granton Bartz; Leal; Ronnie Doctor; Trey Garcia, host brother; Marianne DeVooght; Lisa Scott; Warren Brown, Rotary Club president; and Jean Garcia, host mother.

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Hinsdale County commissioners deny gravel pit permit

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At an Aug. 31 meeting, the Hinsdale County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously voted to deny a special use permit for a proposed gravel pit at 101 Kleckner Lane in south Hinsdale County near the Piedra River to be operated by South Hinsdale Sand and Gravel LLC.

This decision follows two public hearings on the issue, one held at the Sportsman's Campground at 2095 Taylor Lane in south Hinsdale County on Aug. 24 and one held at the Hinsdale County offices in Lake City on Aug. 31 prior to the vote.

Both hearings opened with Nathan Barton of Wasteline Inc., the primary engineer for the project, discussing the benefits it would provide, including increasing the availability of gravel in the area at a lower cost than current sources, and highlighting that the pit acquired approval from the relevant state agencies, including the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Barton mentioned that many of the comments about the pit that the applications had received came from people who brought "no significant benefit" to the area, including those who visit the area to enjoy the trails but who do not spend significant amounts of

money in the local economy. He also commented that the project would be a "win-win-win" for the residents of the south end of the county given its economic benefits.

Michael and Travis Texer, the owners of the pit, also spoke at both meetings, highlighting their dedication to the area, their interest in using the profits from the pit to build and expand their homes on the property, and the potential to improve the aesthetics of the site.

At the Aug. 31 meeting, they also referenced false information they suggested had been circulated about the pit and the lack of understanding of the specifics of the pit displayed by many opponents to the project.

Also at the Aug. 31 meeting, the BoCC heard from Hinsdale County Planning Commission chairman Ray Ball, who explained that the planning commission had voted to not recommend approval of the pit primarily based on the project not being aligned with the land use plans for the area.

He also mentioned that "a lot" of the information contained in the application when it was considered by the commission was "questionable," although many of the errors in the application had been corrected prior to the BoCC meeting.

The BoCC heard public comment on the topic at both meetings,

where the majority spoke against the project, citing potential negative impacts to the neighborhood quality of life and local tourist attractions.

Commenters also highlighted the potential damage to area roadways by traffic created by the pit, the risks that that traffic would cause to other users of the road, and its perceived misalignment with the goals expressed for the area in the land use plan for south Hinsdale County.

Those who expressed support for the pit primarily cited the need for gravel as the reason for their support of the pit, as well as support for the owners' property rights and desire to live in the community.

Following hearing comments at the Aug. 31 meeting, the BoCC indicated that it was ready to move forward and make a decision on the pit, which it made later in the same meeting.

Prior to the unanimous vote to deny the permit, Commissioner Greg Levine mentioned that the vote was "not an easy decision."

He added, "I have no doubt in weighing the facts in this particular issue, I am making the right decision and voting correctly to deny this application. I do not think it fits in actually with ... the Upper Piedra plan. I know it can be done as a special use permit and of course we could approve it if so be it, but

I don't think that a gravel pit will be approved by this board of county commissioners. I do not believe we will ever approve a gravel pit in the Upper Piedra. This is the second one we have found to not fit in with the plan and I believe that if one is presented to us tomorrow, ... it will be the same. It's not gonna happen, I believe, given the facts and given the plan as it exists."

Levine added that he felt the inconsistencies in the application were "irrelevant," with the relevant element being the way the pit fit into the overall community plan.

Commissioner Robert Hurd then spoke, stating that, even though he understands the need for gravel in the southern part of the county, he felt that the BoCC must respect the wishes expressed in the land use plan and deny the pit application.

BoCC Chair Kristine Borchers then spoke, stating that she would be voting to deny the application, partially based on the project's inability to provide increased agricultural use, which is stated as a goal in the land use plan.

She added that she was "concerned" about the inconsistencies in the application, the project's adjacency to the Piedra River and the nearby wetland areas, and the potential impacts of noise and diminished views created by the pit.
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Pump replacement for town's sanitation district remains a success, staff 'cautiously optimistic'

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

At its Sept. 6 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) Board of Directors heard an update about the district's major pump replacement project that relayed that the pumps are, so far, a success.

The project, which began during the last week of June, was meant to address a history of broken parts and inefficiencies within the system.

At this point, the new pumps are

achieving flows "near to what is desired," the agenda brief explains.

However, the project has come with costs, with a total cost to date of \$780,000, according to the brief.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the project "may be slightly over budget" due to having to order some additional parts and retrofits.

However, the town will seek reimbursement from a \$400,000 grant from the state, Phillips explained.

"Staff is cautiously optimistic about the new pumps, however,

just keep in mind that there are some additional recommended improvements that we need to consider down the road," Phillips said.

Some of these improvements include additional pretreatment that "may be needed in order to ensure that the longevity of the pumps continue," such as a grit removal system or moving to an automated bar screen, Phillips explained.

Town staff is also still working on pumping water out of what is being called the south lagoon so that it can be equipped with an emergency liner, which is an emergency effort in the case of total pump failure, Phillips stated.

Town staff also continues on its "Don't Flush That" campaign, an educational effort to inform the public about what can and cannot be flushed. Phillips explained that, still, the system's staff is seeing a lot of wipes and inorganic matter being flushed.

The board of directors also selected its agenda items for their upcoming joint meeting with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

The entities are set to discuss the PSSGID's pump replacement project, the 2016 intergovernmental agreement and regulatory requirements between the groups and the possibility of a joint wastewater treatment facility.

The work session between the PSSGID and PAWSD is set to take place today at 5 p.m. at Town Hall.
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Fundraiser slated to benefit Women Helping in Pagosa Springs

By Nancy Ford
WHIPS

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) is having a fundraiser on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Pagosa Lodge Courtyard. (The event will be held inside if there is bad weather.)

Proceeds are for the WHIPS

scholarship fund: two Pagosa Springs High School female graduates yearly of \$1,200 each. Entry donation of \$10 requested.

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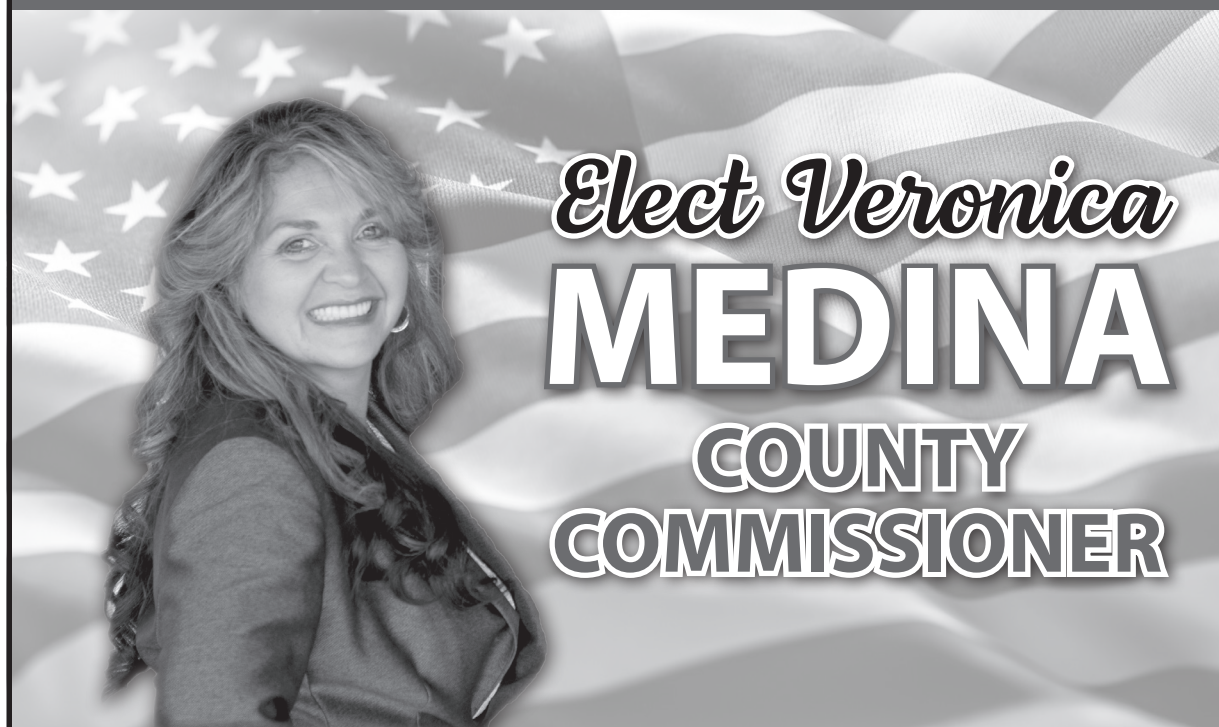
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noon. ... If I could get a guarantee that the needs of Archuleta County are gonna stop in 15 years, then let's put a sunset on it. But, I don't think that's gonna happen. I think as we grow in population our needs are gonna grow. The future commissioners and the future leaders are gonna need this, if they wanna keep moving with progress."

Commissioner Warren Brown stated that he was the one who presented the idea and suggested the increase would be more appealing to the voters if it is not in perpetuity and would instead grant the voters an opportunity to express their opinions on the measure.

He added, "The whole topic of trust and how the county and the town are spending the money — that would give the voters a chance to evaluate, 'How have they spent it? Have they spent it as they said they were going to spend it?'"

Brown commented that, if the county had not been able to address the problems with the county roads with 15 years of excess funding, there would be a "problem," although he hoped that the county could be successful enough with the money that voters would reapprove the increase in 15 years.

Maez commented, "If we don't do our job in our next term or even next couple years, then the next set of commissioners could potentially not do their job either, and you can't guarantee that just by putting a sunset clause on it."

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf commented that he agrees with Maez that the county's needs will not diminish over time and highlighted that the county's services have "greatly improved" over the last several years.

Brown agreed with Schaaf, stating that while he is "not a fan of growing government," the county needs to have the funding to provide the basic services that residents demand, which the county currently lacks.

Maez added that he had attended the Sept. 1 Pagosa Springs Town Council special meeting where the council had voted 4-2 to move forward with the sales tax increase and he was "hoping for 100 percent. My thing of not supporting this is ... gauged on that. Two of the council members didn't support it and one is for one of the various reasons that we need to convince the taxpayers about this. And I see your point on that part, but my thing is principle alone and I just ... If we don't have 100 percent, maybe the best suggestion might be to set this back, go to a special ballot next year."

Maez then commented that such a special ballot would be expensive before highlighting that, although the county's recent survey indicated the ballot measure would pass, the low level of participation in the survey compared to the last election gave him reason to be skeptical of the measure's prospects.

Maez concluded, "And it just goes back to that one thing, and I ex-

pressed it at the town when we had our joint meeting, I said, 'This has gotta be 100 percent. We all gotta be in this together.' And they didn't support it 100 percent."

Brown suggested that the town is not in the same position in terms of the number of citizens it needs to serve and that, while the county had solicited public input through the survey and held public meetings, the ultimate public input on the increase would be at the ballot box.

Maez stated that the previous two ballot measures for tax increases submitted by the BoCC had not had the board's full support and both had failed by a narrow margin.

Brown commented that no one on the BoCC or town council was actively campaigning against the measure in this case.

Maez reiterated his belief in the principle that the measure needs 100 percent support and Brown highlighted that the county had been providing services for "many years" with inadequate funding and that many programs in the community are only possible due to grants.

Those who criticize the county's allocation of funds should run for county commissioner and "show us how it's done," Maez commented.

He added, "Quit just talking about it and start participating in it."

Schaaf stated that he feels the BoCC is united and that a majority of the town council supports the measure and that this, along with a lack of competition on this year's ballot, are reasons for supporting the measure.

Maez suggested that if the measure is placed on a special ballot, the town should support funding the ballot since it would receive a portion of the proceeds from the ballot measure.

He added that, whether he did or did not support the measure, he would assist in campaigning for it and that he, in contrast to members of the town council, feels that there is time to educate the voters on the need for the measure.

Brown commented that the need to repair the roads was a key motivator in his run for office and was a reason why one constituent he had spoken to was supportive of the measure.

Maez stated that, although in previous years improvements on the roads had not occurred, the last "set of commissioners" had accomplished significant improvements to the roads and that, this year, the county has also accomplished significant road improvements.

Brown added that the road conditions also negatively impact the tourist appeal of the area.

At the meeting later that day, County Attorney Todd Weaver presented the resolution containing the language to be submitted for the November ballot, which reads as follows: "Shall Archuleta County taxes be increased \$6,525,000.00 annually (first full fiscal year dollar increase) beginning January 1, 2023, and by such amounts as are raised

annually thereafter by increasing the county sales tax rate by one and a half percent (1.5%), (which represents a 1 and 1/2 cent increase on each one dollar purchase), with proceeds from such sales tax increase being divided fifty percent (50%) to Archuleta County and fifty percent (50%) to the Town of Pagosa Springs; and to be used by Archuleta County to improve the safety of roads, bridges and infrastructure in Archuleta County, to construct and maintain needed Archuleta County capital projects and improvements, and to cover the growing costs of providing existing and new services to the citizens of Archuleta County; and to be used by the Town of Pagosa Springs to improve the safety of roads, bridges and infrastructure within the town of Pagosa Springs, to construct and maintain needed Town of Pagosa Springs capital projects and improvements, and to cover the growing costs of providing existing and new services to the citizens of Pagosa Springs; and shall the revenues from such tax increase and any investment income earned from such revenue be collected and spent as a voter-approved revenue change under Section 20 of Article X of the Colorado Constitution; all in accordance with the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' Resolution 2022-98?"

Weaver highlighted that the resolution also includes additional language stating how the funds would be spent by the county and town, with 50 or more percent of the funds for each going to roads and the rest being spent on capital improvements and funding growing needs for services.

He added that the resolution also contains a substantial amount of language required by the Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, making it longer than most BoCC resolutions.

Maez commented that he would encourage the BoCC to put more than 50 percent of the funding toward roads and reiterated that he was "disappointed to see" that the ballot measure had garnered less than 100 percent support from the town council.

He continued, "This continued growth, like I said, I've been here all my life ... I've seen all the roads and now we've got triple the population ... from when I was in high school. And the impact on these roads from the short-term rental units that are ... out there and short-term rental owners don't just go to town and home once a day, they're in and out all day long, traveling these roads, causing the impact on them. And yet, the person who lives here year round is stuck with it ... stuck with what's left."

"I know if I go against this I'll be outvoted ... I'm smart enough to know that. But, I'm also smart enough to know that when one other commissioner did not show 100 percent for a ballot increase, it failed. I probably will move in favor of this resolution ... My principle was I wanted 100 percent, but unfortunately my principle doesn't matter

in this case. What matters in this case to me is the people of Archuleta County. We've got a good solution for their roads and other capital facility needs as our government grows, as our community grows. And at this point, my principle doesn't matter, what matters is the people of Archuleta County. We need to protect them and think of the best solution for the roads, for the infrastructure, for future capital facility needs. And

I think right now, it's theirs to turn down."

Maez then moved to adopt Resolution 2022-98.

Brown seconded the motion, then commented that while he is "not a fan of growing government," he is a "fan of providing services we have to provide."

He emphasized that the tax would be partially paid by tourists and that, while it was not an "easy deci-

Development

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132 Euro mini cabins. It also includes lodging units and several amenities, some of which will be open to the public.

According to the application and Carl Bommarito, representative of the development, the project will be in three phases that will cumulatively span about 10 years.

The first phase includes road and trail work, condominiums, lodging units, a park, the clubhouse and model homes, and cabins and Euro mini cabins.

The goal of the developers is to build, rent or sell 80 to 110 dwelling units per year, the project narrative, which was presented to the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission at its Aug. 23 meeting, states.

At that meeting, the planning commission unanimously approved the development's final planned development overlay zoning application.

The approval by the town council means that the applicant is close to achieving its desired planned development overlay zoning with a mixed-use corridor (MU-C) base zoning designation, pending approval of the second reading of the ordinance.

MU-C allows for 16 dwelling units per acre, according to the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

The property is currently zoned Rural Transition (R-T) and the 2018 Comprehensive Plan identified the area to be rezoned to R-22 (high-density residential), with a Put Hill Overlay District to help preserve the open space appearance and preserve existing trees, according to the brief for the application.

The developer is requesting MU-C base zoning rather than R-22 because they believe that designation more appropriately fits their

needs while at the same time not allowing as many housing units, which Bommarito explained at the Aug. 23 planning commission meeting.

In addition, the council approved a planned development overlay district, which requires the agreement also approved by council during Tuesday night's meeting.

The agreement between the town and the applicant lays out various benefits to both parties, most notably site development standards that include a tree preservation plan, a wetlands delineation report and a wetlands and waterway preservation and mitigation plan, and an open space dedication agreement.

It also includes a vehicular road improvements clause and an agreement to add extensions to the Town-to-Lakes Trail on the property and provide workforce housing units.

Council members asked several technical questions about the agreement throughout the night.

Council member Brooks Lindner asked if dark sky ordinance compliance is part of the development, which Community Development Director James Dickhoff confirmed.

Dickhoff also confirmed that the Colorado Department of Transportation traffic study, a step that the developers will have to take in the next segment of the development's application process, will include local road network studies.

The development will include local road network and highway intersection improvements in compliance with the town's Access Control Plan. Mayor Shari Pierce received confirmation from Dickhoff that the town will take over the maintenance of the roads, including snow removal, after the developers build them.

Council member Jeff Posey asked if the for-sale workforce housing units will appreciate in value if an owner chooses to eventually sell, and

supporting the tax increase is necessary to improve services and infrastructure in the county, particularly roads.

Schaaf expressed agreement with Maez and Brown, highlighting the poor conditions of county roads, which he suggested would be improved by the tax increase.

The board then unanimously voted to approve the resolution.

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if so, how that would work.

"We are going to lean on some of our other communities in Colorado that have successful programs, and typically those — I mean, there's no template — but, I think most successful does provide the owner some ability to capture some of the appreciation but not all of it, so what they don't capture is really a savings for the next eligible owner that that unit gets sold to," Dickhoff explained, adding that the town staff and developers don't have all the details worked out.

Council member Gary Williams expressed some concern about noise levels of construction by the elementary school while it is in session.

Dickhoff replied that, while there are no noise mitigation plans currently in place, he is hoping that it is limited due to the absence of construction activities in the winter and the majority falling in the summer.

Overall, council members were supportive of the development, approving the base zoning change, overlay district and planned development agreement unanimously.

"I want to thank you for your preparation on this," Lindner said to Dickhoff. "This is great, and the thought that you all have put into this, the effort that's gone behind this, it makes me think I wish more of the public were here to see all of the thoughtfulness that has gone into this."

Following the second reading of the ordinance, which will likely take place at the town council's Sept. 22 regular meeting, the development will enter its major subdivision review phase, according to Dickhoff.

To view the whole project and planned development agreement, visit <https://mypagosa.org/600-w-us-hwy-160>.

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Seize

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intended. He noted the CBI collected evidence that is now in the testing process.

Le Roux explained that 30 or more marijuana plants is considered a felony.

The undersheriff noted one of the properties is located in unincorporated Archuleta County near Walmart, while the other is located near Chimney Rock and the Piedra River, also in unincorporated Archuleta County.

The press release notes the information it contains is based on preliminary information available at the time of its drafting, and notes the ACSO's "understanding of this operation may change as additional evidence is collected, analyzed and

reviewed."

Le Roux emphasized that the ACSO is not interested in grows that are in compliance with state law, but rather in large-scale illegal grows.

"Archuleta County Sheriff's Office is in full support of our local Marijuana Business Establishments, including members of our community who wish to cultivate marijuana recreationally or medically within the parameters of the Colorado Revised Statute," the press release states. "Our goal is to ensure that we have a safe and thriving community for everyone to enjoy."

It adds, "We will pursue all black and gray market marijuana operations in an effort to protect our community from an increase in general and violent crime rates, exposure of marijuana to our teens

and young adults, and the negative environmental impacts to our natural resources."

The press release further notes the ACSO is "also committed to working with our community by conducting compliance checks and assisting with information on how to operate within the Colorado Revised Statute."

Le Roux indicated other recent marijuana busts in the state have been linked to cartel operations in other states.

"We do not want ... anybody here cartel-related growing marijuana," he said.

If you have any information relating to black- and gray-market marijuana operations, please contact Archuleta County Combined Dispatch at (970) 731-2160.

Dissolution

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County one year to create a health district, or if it will attempt to create a joint resolution with La Plata County to dissolve the district, which would potentially extend the timeline and give Archuleta County more time to create a health district.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez inquired if La Plata County has any interest in a joint resolution, to which Brown responded that he had heard a potential timeline of 18 months from La Plata County for the dissolution from La Plata County.

Brown added that the timeline could be negotiated, potentially out to two years, which he felt would be good as it would take "a big amount of work" to form a county health department and he, and likely the other commissioners, believes that it is important this process is "done right."

He commented that he feels the longer timeline would make it more likely that the county could "stand it up the way it should be, from day one."

Maez agreed that a longer timeline would be ideal, particularly given the slow speed of government.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf commented that he agrees the longer

timeline would be ideal and that, from "taking the temperature" of La Plata County, he feels that it would likely support a joint resolution.

Maez added that he is open to conversations about the district staying together as well, although it "doesn't look that way."

County Attorney Todd Weaver commented that he feels that La Plata County likely wants an approximately 18-month window so the dissolution will be finalized at the beginning of the county budget year, which begins in January.

He also added that the La Plata BoCC was holding an executive session that day to discuss the purchase of SJBPH property and to appoint negotiators for the dissolution of the district, which indicated to him that La Plata County is planning to move forward with the dissolution.

Maez commented that he was currently doing research on how to build the health department, to which Brown added that it would be imperative to get county staff involved immediately in planning for the new department.

Brown also commented that staff could potentially meet with La Plata County and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

(CDPHE) staff to receive guidance and ideas on the process.

Maez responded that he felt that meeting with the CDPHE would be more suitable, to which Brown emphasized that there is no need to "reduplicate" work already done by La Plata County.

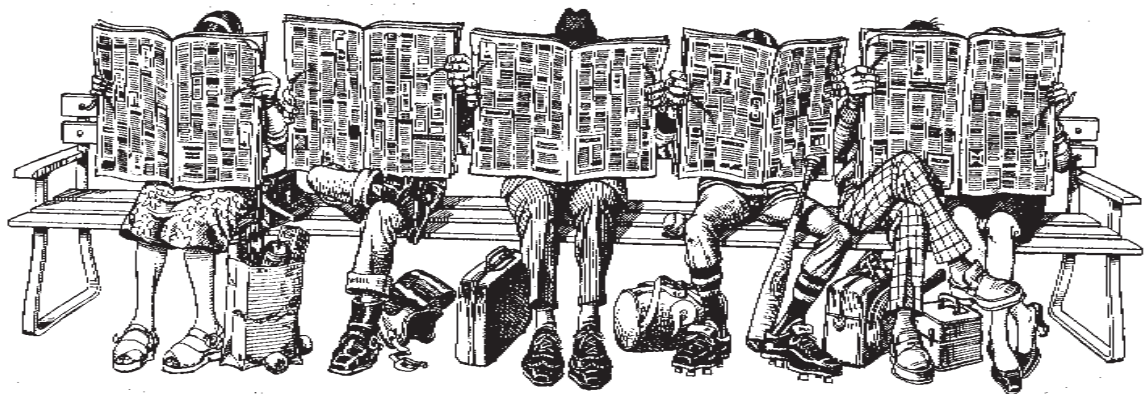
County Manager Derek Woodman added that he and Weaver were meeting with CDPHE representatives this week to begin "initial discussions" on the department and that last week he had met with SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon and asked her to duplicate the document requests SJBPH received from La Plata County and send them out to Archuleta County at the same time.

Maez and Weaver discussed that the SJBPH building in Archuleta County is owned by the county and would revert to the county during the dissolution, although the distribution of cars, computers and other assets would have to be negotiated in the dissolution plan.

Woodman commented that it would be critical to secure a head for the new health department since a substantial portion of the responsibility for growing out the department would fall to that individual.

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Town council agrees to support sales tax ballot

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

In a 4-2 vote at a Sept. 1 special meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved supporting Archuleta County in the ballot measure to raise the sales tax on the November ballot.

The potential ballot question, which was still in its draft form at the time of the special meeting (see related article for final wording), 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.

Thursday's meeting was scheduled after noticeable disunity arose among the town council members at the Aug. 30 town and county joint work session about the initiative.

Particularly, there was no consensus on if the town council wanted to support the initiative, and, if so, what priorities it wanted to fund with the potential new revenue.

At the special meeting, potential priorities were discussed prior to discussing the members' support for the initiative in an effort to make the latter decision more informed, Mayor Shari Pierce reasoned at the meeting.

Council member Gary Williams advocated for a substantial amount of the revenue to go to road infrastructure because a previously administered community survey about the initiative indicated roads were the biggest need in the town.

He also advocated against limiting money to workforce housing — which was in the original ballot language — and instead wording it as supporting workforce households, which would allow money to go to early childhood development assistance, as well.

Council member Matt DeGuise reasoned that road infrastructure

should be explicitly expanded in the language to include pedestrian and bike infrastructure like sidewalks and trails, namely because the county is also devoting a lot of its share of revenue to roads.

He also reasoned that putting workforce housing in the language could be a bad move because town-funded workforce housing is a contentious topic, and it might limit the chances of the measure passing.

Therefore, council members discussed the idea of using the revenue solely for road and multi-modal infrastructure.

Council member Jeff Posey asked if there would be any room for regret in this decision, asking if it would be possible that the town would be overbuilt eventually.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips reasoned that, probably, no, that would not happen due to the large list of demands and upcoming needs of road infrastructure.

Town Attorney Clay Buchner went on to explain that, in the worst-case scenario, there are means to legally revise where the money is dedicated, and the council members should not worry too much about "pigeonholing" themselves.

With a basic understanding of how the council wanted to use the tax — for road and pedestrian infrastructure, and possibly putting language in that would allow for some use of the money to go to other services — the council members moved on to the big question of whether or not they'd support it.

"I don't think this has a chance of passing," council member Brooks Lindner said. "Period."

He went on to explain that he feels the effort is too rushed and disorganized to garner enough support in a "tax-adverse community" like Archuleta County.

While noting he recognizes a need for the money, Lindner ex-

pressed concern for the sociopolitical impacts the initiative could have if it doesn't pass.

Namely, once it doesn't pass, the town and county will have to wait for an unknown, but potentially long, time before it can go on the ballot again.

"It's obvious we need more money," Lindner said. "I just think we have a better chance of getting it by not doing this now, and doing it right in the future."

Posey also expressed wariness about the increase, reasoning that the revenue gain to the town would be very large, and he's unsure if the town truly needs the money, although he knows that it could use it.

However, Posey reasoned that by not supporting the initiative, the town council is potentially voting no for everyone, whereas supporting it only means that it will go to the voters to decide.

Williams challenged the idea that the town doesn't need the money, which Phillips echoed.

"We are trying to do what we can with the money that we have," Phillips said. "... but we have so much that we have not been able to do and we get complaints about it all the time."

Williams added that there is also a growing population to think about.

"You have to look at not just meeting yesterday's needs, but meeting future expectations that will come with that new population," he said.

DeGuise also reasoned that it is best to leave it to the voters.

He suggested that the town choosing not to support the tax increase doesn't definitively mean that it won't be on the ballot.

Council member Madeline Bergen challenged the idea, saying that, "perceptually, people think that we are leading the charge on this," even if it is true that the coun-

ty is championing the initiative.

She reasoned that there could be other means to address the issues identified in the survey. For example, council members could narrow their future strategic plans to move money around and meet road infrastructure demands.

She also cited the growing cost of living in Pagosa Springs — which is now the most expensive town in Southwest Colorado — as a reason for her hesitation to increase the sales tax.

Several council members raised concerns about how the increase could impact lower- and middle-class community members.

"I think this started way too late, and everything feels very rushed and disorganized right now, and so I struggle with: If we do this, will it help our county neighbors tackle the road issue, which is so huge to the community, and what detriment would it bring to the county if we don't do this?" Pierce said. "And, that's weighing in my mind, because this isn't just about the town, it's about the county, too."

Williams revisited the initial purpose of the survey as his reason for support: that if there was an indication of support from the survey's results, the town would support it.

And there was, he reasoned. That led to a motion to support the increase on the November ballot, which passed with Bergen and Lindner voting no.

Town council then revisited its official ballot language.

The final decision was that at least 50 percent of the town's revenue from the tax is to be used by the Town of Pagosa Springs to improve the safety of roads, bridges and other infrastructure within the Town of Pagosa Springs, with the remainder going to cover "the growing cost of providing existing and new services."

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Updated COVID-19 booster now available locally

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Last week, updated COVID-19 booster doses — designed to offer protection against both the original COVID-19 virus and the Omicron variant — were approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The final approval for both Pfizer's and Moderna's updated boosters came on Sept. 1.

Doses of the updated vaccine began arriving in the area on Tuesday, Sept. 6, according to Megan Graham, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) communications director and COVID-19 public information officer.

"We're very excited that the Omicron booster is available in our communities and really urge people to go out and get that shot to give themselves as much protection as possible heading into the colder season," Graham said.

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), anyone 12 years of age and older who has completed a primary series of COVID-19 vaccines should receive an

Omicron dose.

"A primary series usually means two doses of Pfizer, Moderna, or Novavax, or one dose of Johnson & Johnson," a CDPHE press release explains. "People who are immunocompromised may receive up to three doses in their primary series."

The CDPHE also explains in the press release that anyone who has previously received a third, fourth, or fifth dose — also known as booster doses — should receive an Omicron dose.

People should get their Omicron dose at least two months after their most recent dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and can wait three months after a recent COVID-19 infection, it explains.

"All viruses mutate over time, including the COVID-19 virus," said Dr. Eric France, chief medical officer for the CDPHE, via the press release. "It is common practice to adapt vaccines to target new strains of a virus, as we do every year with the flu vaccine. These omicron doses have been formulated to protect against the BA.4 and BA.5 omicron subvariants dominant in the United States and Colorado right now."

Pfizer's and Moderna's Omicron

doses use the same mRNA-based technology as the original versions of the COVID-19 vaccines, the press release notes, adding, "In clinical studies, the new omicron doses successfully stimulated the immune system to produce antibodies. Antibodies are proteins in the blood that fight specific invaders in the body, like viruses."

The release further explains that, as of Aug. 31, Pfizer's and Moderna's original COVID-19 vaccines are only authorized as primary series vaccines for people aged 12 years and older. People too young to receive an Omicron dose can still receive a third dose of the original COVID-19 vaccine.

Graham encouraged people to talk to their medical provider, pharmacy or vaccine bus about availability of the doses and noted that SJBPH has doses at its offices in Pagosa Springs in Durango and more providers are receiving doses.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, eligibility and local providers, visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>. More information about COVID-19 vaccines, as well as assistance scheduling an appointment, is available at covid19.colorado.gov/

vaccine. The public can also call SJBPH at (970) 247-5702 or Colorado's Vaccine Hotline at (877) 268-2926 to get help finding a vaccine.

Local numbers

Graham noted COVID-19 is forecast to continue to level or decline for the next six weeks or so, but noted that with school starting, health officials are seeing a little bit of an uptick in cases of school-age children and young adults.

As of Aug. 1, Archuleta County was listed as being at a medium risk level on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Community Levels.

The CDC's Community Levels are updated each Thursday, with the CDC website explaining the agency looks at the combination of three metrics — new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past seven days, the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by

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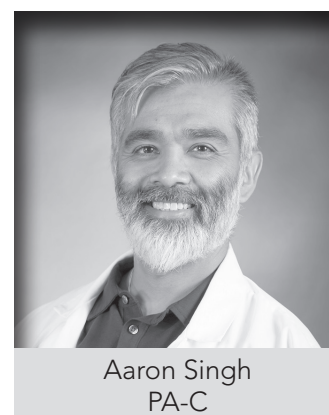
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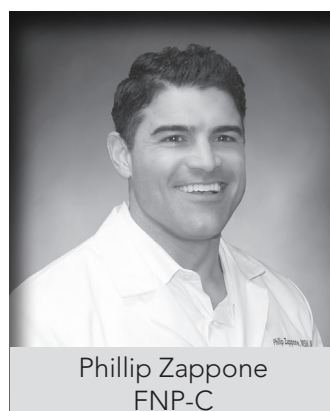
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McCabe Creek project finish delayed due to weather

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The estimated completion date for the McCabe Creek project on U.S. 160 has been moved back due to excessive rain in the area, according to the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Weather permitting, crews are planning for the project to be completed by December, a Sept. 1 press release explains. The original project completion date was the end of September.

"Summer work has progressed at a slower than expected rate due to excessive amounts of rainfall in the 20-square-mile drainage basin located in the mountains north of Pagosa Springs," it states, noting the project is currently 60 percent complete.

The press release notes the project area received just over 8 inches of rainfall over a 30-day period June and July, with the average amount for that period being 1.95 inches.

"This rainfall has filled the surrounding project area leaving crews unable to remove the existing 84" culverts and retaining wall that originally supported the old shopping center, previously at this

location," the press release notes.

The project, which began in August 2021, will replace aged metal culverts with new pre-cast concrete box culverts, according to the project Web page. Additionally, riprap-lined drainage improvements will establish a new downstream channel, allowing for better drainage along the road. Other work will include updating the guardrail and bridge rail, erosion control, sidewalk work and fencing along the corridor.

It is being completed by Four Corners Materials and, according to the Web page, costs \$5 million.

Traffic impacts will continue

Daytime work hours on the project will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, the press release notes.

"Vehicles should expect some travel impacts throughout the construction of this project and be aware of lane closures and potential lane shifts that may occur," the press release explains. "The speed limit is reduced to 40 mph through the work zone."

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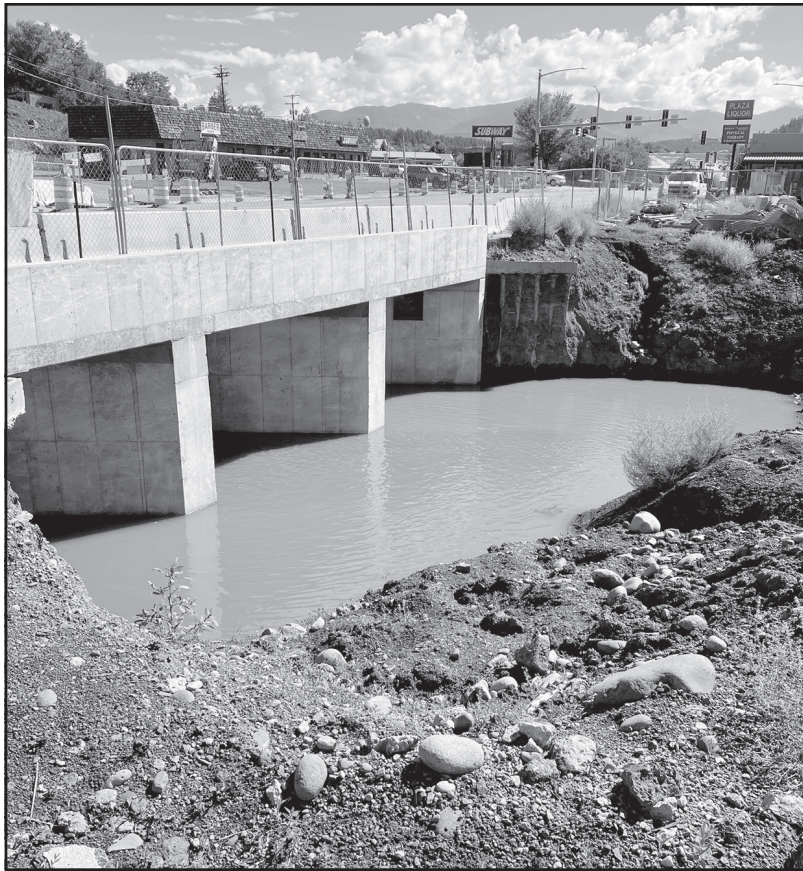


Photo courtesy Andrea Phillips

Flooding in the McCabe Creek construction area has delayed the finish of the Colorado Department of Transportation's culvert replacement project from September to December.

Monkeypox vaccine eligibility expands, available locally

By Megan Graham
San Juan Basin Public Health

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has expanded eligibility for monkeypox vaccine, and San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has doses of the vaccine available at its Pagosa Springs office.

SJBPH urges individuals who are at risk and eligible to seek vaccination for maximum protection against monkeypox. Getting vaccinated lowers your chance of getting monkeypox if you may have been exposed. The sooner an exposed person gets the vaccine, the better. The vaccine can also reduce the severity of symptoms.

Those who qualify for the vaccination are:

Anyone who has had close physical contact with someone who has had monkeypox in the last 14 days, and anyone who:

- has had multiple sexual part-

ners in the last 14 days, or

- has had sexual partners that they did not previously know in the last 14 days, or

- has had close physical contact with other people in a venue where anonymous or group sex may occur in the last 14 days, or

- was diagnosed with gonorrhea or syphilis in the past three months, or

- who already uses or is eligible for HIV prevention medication, or

- who engages in commercial and/or transactional sex

- Anyone identified by public health as a known high-risk contact of someone who has monkeypox.

SJBPH has Jynneos vaccine available and can administer doses to eligible individuals at its Pagosa Springs office. Call (970) 247-5702 to find out if you are eligible and to schedule an appointment. Sign up via this link to receive notifications about vaccine availability and eligibility.

Monkeypox has been spreading in several non-endemic countries, including the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. As of Aug. 31, there were 222 cases reported in Colorado. It is spread through close contact with an infected person's sores, bumps or lesions or through prolonged face-to-face contact with someone who is sick. Close contact includes sex. It can also spread through contact with the bed linens or clothing of someone who is sick.

At this time, data suggest that gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men make up the majority of cases in the current monkeypox outbreak. However, anyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, who has been in close, personal contact with someone who has monkeypox is at risk. However, anyone can contract monkeypox regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation or other factors.

State epidemiologists are coor-

dinating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to monitor the progression of the virus and learn more about transmission. Early symptoms of monkeypox can include fever, headache, muscle aches, swollen lymph nodes and exhaustion. Most people get a rash or skin bumps one to three days after they first start feeling sick. This rash usually starts on the face and then spreads to the arms and legs. Sometimes, the rash may start in the genital area. Some people don't feel any symptoms before they get a rash. Some people experience a rash that does not appear externally but can be very painful. Monkeypox can look like syphilis, herpes, blisters or acne.

Monkeypox is rarely fatal, but can make a person very sick. Most people recover fully within two to four weeks. In most cases, monkeypox will resolve on its own, though there is effective treatment available. Contact your health care provider to learn about testing and treatment options.

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Sports

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Pirates sweep four-game tournament in Glenwood Springs

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates conquered in the four games they played in Glenwood Springs last week, landing them a second-place ranking in the Colorado 3A division.

The first game was played on Friday, Sept. 2, against the Roaring Fork Rams, of Carbondale, which coach Katie Lorenzen described as a game with a rough start.

"It was a little hard getting started; we'd been on the bus for six hours and we weren't able to check into our hotel early, so we didn't get a chance to settle down before our first game," Lorenzen said. "So, our first set of our first game was pretty scary, but we pulled it together."

In the first set of that game, the Pirates lost to the Rams 25-15. However, the Pirates came back with a 25-17 win over the Rams in the second set and finished the game with a 15-8 win in the third set.

"It was good to see that even if we started rough, we were able to shake the cobwebs and come back and win," Lorenzen said.

The team finished the game with a total of 23 kills, with Jordan Stern leading the team with six, and Lynell Bartz and Kynslee Limebrook closely following with five.

The Pirates also logged 79 attack attempts with 11 errors. Bartz led the team with her 16 attacks and zero errors.

In total, the team averaged 2.3 aces per set, 1.3 blocks per set, 14.3 digs per set, 13.7 receptions per set and 6.3 assists per set.

Bartz was awarded player of the game.

The next game was played Friday against the Weld Central Rebels, of Keenesburg, where the Pirates won 2-0.

In the first set, the Pirates took the set in a 25-15 win, and followed by a 25-15 win in the second set.

The Pirates ended the game with a team total of 14 kills, with Chantelle Caldwell leading with five and Limebrook following with four. The team also totaled 50 attack attempts with 12 errors.

On the serving side, the Pirates averaged a total of four aces per set.

Blocking was slightly weaker this match, with a team total of .5 blocks per set, which Lorenzen explained continues to be a focus for the team as they progress in their season.

Limebrook was awarded player of the match.

On Saturday, the Pirates faced the Steamboat Springs Sailors, with the Lady Pirates winning 2-1.

The Lady Pirates won the first set 26-24, the Sailors won the second set 25-11 and the Pirates came back to win the third set 15-11.

Lorenzen credited the scouting capabilities at a tournament for one of the major reasons for the Pirates' success.

She explained that the team was able to watch the Sailors — a team that, after last weekend's tournament, is 5-1 on the season — prior to playing them to strategize effectively.

In total, the team averaged 9.3 kills per set, two aces per set, one block per set, 15.3 digs per set, 17.7 receptions per set and nine assists per set.

Limebrook led the team in kills with nine, closely followed by Aspen Pitcher, who had eight.

Leading in digs was Grace Walker with 14 and leading in serving aces was Pitcher with three.

The final game of the tournament was played against the Coal Ridge Titans, of New Castle, which ended in a 2-0 win for the Pirates.

The Pirates led the game in the



Photo courtesy Gerry Lindstrom

Lady Pirate Annie O'Donnell sets the ball during last week's tournament in Glenwood Springs. The Lady Pirates will host their first home game on Friday, with the scheduled start time set for 6 p.m.

first set 25-16, and finished the game with a 25-22 second set.

In total, the team averaged 7.5 kills per set, three aces per set, 17.5 digs per set, 17 receptions per set and seven assists per set.

The Lady Pirates are now preparing for their first home game of the season, where they'll compete against Alamosa on Friday at 6 p.m.

"Alamosa always runs a fast offense. They're quick and also really scrappy, so our biggest focus will be, first, to serve hard and pass well, because if we don't do that, we can't do anything," Lorenzen said. "Next, will be our blocking, which will really be a huge factor as to our success for the game."

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GOLF

Pirates, Smith take first in Gunnison

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team took first out of 15 3A and 4A teams at the Gunnison High School Invitational on Sept. 2.

"Winning a tournament's never bad," coach Mark Faber said.

The Pirates led the invitational with a 242. The 4A Summit Tiers finished second with a 243.

Johnathon Smith also notched a first place at the invitational after shooting a 68 on the par-71 course.

Smith tallied birdies on four holes and shot par on 13 to place him atop the field of 71 golfers.

"Johnathon played really well, especially for the first time he's ever seen ... that golf course. That's pretty good," Faber said with a chuckle, noting it was the first time any of the Pirate golfers had seen that golf course.

Braylon Cotts and Kaison Clifford ended the day in a four-way tie for 18th with scores of 87.

Cotts birdied on one hole and shot par on five holes, while Clifford shot par on five.

Keaton Robel tied for 23rd with a 91, which included shooting par on three holes.

Cedar Liverett tied for 57th with a 114. He shot par on one hole.

"I think all except Johnathon felt like they left some strokes out there, but to end up winning is why you go play," Faber said.

Faber noted the Pirates struggled a little bit and still have stuff to work on, but added, "It's one of those courses you have to pay attention to and they did a pretty good job of it."

The coach indicated the golfers continue to work hard on things and, while they're not as consistent as they and the coaches would like, "it's getting there."

This week, the team will round out its regular season ahead of the regional meet on Sept. 20.

On Friday, the Pirates will head to Monte Vista for their penultimate regular-season meet, which is slated to begin at 9 a.m.

Faber noted that Monte Vista's tournament is a nine-hole course that's played twice.

"It's kind of a different test in a different way," he said.

Then, on Tuesday, Sept. 13, the golfers will head to Durango for the Durango Dalton Ranch Invitational, which will also tee off at 9 a.m.

Dalton Ranch, he indicated, is a more technical course.

"It's one that can really work on you if you can't control the golf ball," he said.

Faber noted he is looking for each golfer to cut three or four strokes a round in preparation for regionals.

"We're getting right down to it and we're gonna stay after it and see if we can't make it happen," Faber said.

Youth football to host first home game Saturday

By Renea Smith
Pagosa Springs Youth Football Association

The Pagosa Springs Youth Football Association will host its first game of the season this weekend, Saturday, Sept. 10, at Golden Peaks Stadium.

The JV team, which consists of mostly third- and fourth-graders, will start the weekend opener at 11 a.m. The varsity team, with

a 20-person roster of fifth- and sixth-graders will play at 1 p.m. Admission to the games is free and concessions will be open.

We are excited for another fun and successful season. We would like to invite the community to attend our home games on Saturdays, Sept. 10, Sept. 17 and Oct. 15. The JV games will begin at 11 a.m., followed by the varsity at 1 p.m.

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SOCCER

Pirates fall to Mead Mavericks, will host Montezuma-Cortez Friday

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates boys' soccer team lost 7-0 to the Mead Mavericks in a Sept. 3 home game, leaving the Pirates with a 2-2 record on the season.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason commented on the game, "Mead had a deep bench and really strong players and really fast players. Pagosa had really fast players and really strong players. But the difference was, while Mead stayed to their game plan, our guys kind of got behind in the first few minutes."

The Mead team scored its first goal in the opening minutes of the game.

Kurt-Mason continued, "They got behind after the goal was scored and they lost their mental focus and it took them out of the game. And, you know, when you lose your focus, you're not thinking, you're just kind of reacting. So, we didn't keep our team shape. We never really got into an offensive shape much of the game. And, you need to be able to have a three-dimensional passing game and we were just passing in a two dimension, just straight forward."

Kurt-Mason explained that the team failed to change the point of attack or gain an advantage

through passing during the game.

He added that a defensive shape is one where the team is clustered together, while an offensive shape is more widely spread out.

"We just responded with an amygdala response, Kurt-Mason said, "Just fight or flight ... Not taking anything away from Mead, but we just lost our ... mental focus and ... it doesn't work. It didn't work for us that day."

Kurt-Mason explained the Pirates went down three goals in the first half and Mead scored an additional four goals in the second half.

The coach elaborated that Mead's strategy focused on attacking down the outside of the field and then scoring by crossing the ball to the opposite side of the field.

According to Kurt-Mason, the Mavericks repeated this strategy throughout the game, with the Pirates unable to maintain their defensive shape sufficiently to counter it.

Kurt-Mason added that the Pirates had done well during warm-ups and related, "And I was talking to the [Mead coach] afterward, he's a friend, and he said, 'Yeah, I thought ... that we were in for it ... watching you guys before the game started.' ... He said [to the Mead team], 'OK guys, we got a team, we

gotta play this. We gotta play hard,' And they did."

Kurt-Mason also commented on the low team morale among the Pirates during the game, saying, "They were mad and they were talking to each other, blaming each other. They were frustrated. And that wasn't at the end of the game, that was right away ... and that's just not the kind of play we do. And I had a talk to them at halftime and, you know, that's just not what we do. They lost their focus and they never really regained it. ... When you get in-house fighting, it's just not good."

The coach added that a high number of fouls had occurred during the game and there had been a high level of physicality during the competition.

The coach also discussed an injury that Pirate goalie Christopher Young-Martinez suffered toward the end of the game when his hand was stepped on during a save.

Kurt-Mason noted that he does not expect the injury to prevent Young-Martinez from playing in the Pirates' next game and that he had played successfully in a recent junior varsity game following the injury.

Kurt-Mason also commended Young-Martinez's performance during the game, where he had



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirates defender Johnathan Nasralla works to fend off an attack by the Mead Mavericks during the Pirates' Sept. 3 home game. The Pirates were defeated 7-0 in the game and hold an overall 2-2 record so far this season.

made 11 saves, four in the first half and seven in the second.

The Pirates' next game will be a home game against the Monte-

zuma-Cortez Panthers at Golden Peaks Stadium at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9. The game against the Panthers will be the first league game for the Pirates this season.

The Panthers are 0-2 on the season.

Following that, the team will compete in an away game against Aztec Tigers in Aztec, N.M., on

Saturday, Sept. 10.

The Tigers are 0-7 on the season.

Kurt-Mason explained that the team will continue developing fitness and work on its mental game, particularly in terms of recovering from mistakes and maintaining focus, to prepare for the upcoming games.

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FOOTBALL

After early lead, Pirates fall to La Junta Tigers

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Despite leading for about half of the game, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team fell to the La Junta Tigers 32-6 on Sept. 2.

The Pirates scored early in the first quarter and maintained their 6-0 lead into the third quarter.

"I thought we played really well," coach Nathan Morales said, pointing out that the Pirates were still in the game at the end of the third quarter and adding, "They got two touchdowns really late in the fourth quarter that kind of made it look worse than it was."

He indicated the Tigers were able to pick up a pair of touchdowns in the last minute and 35 seconds of the game and pointed toward a second-half Pirate turnover that changed momentum as a turning point in the game.

"You've gotta find a way to get it back," he said. "We had a turnover — that's really what changed ... the turnover. It changes momentum, gives them a short field, stuff like that."

The Tigers, he pointed out, scored 25 points in the fourth quarter.

In the game, Morales reported, Gavin Lindahl rushed 20 times for 50 yards, Aaron Aucoin rushed eight times for 57 yards and Colton Lucero logged four rushes for 9 yards.

Aucoin threw 13 pass attempts, none of which were successful, and threw one interception.

Conner Kelly recorded eight tackles, three assists and one fumble recovery. Heath Fulbright had five tackles on the night, including



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

A pack of Pirates work to bring down a La Junta Tiger during Pagosa's home opener on Sept. 2. The Pirates fell prey to the Tigers in the game.

two for a loss. Quintin Blankenship had six tackles and five assists. Aucoin tallied five tackles and four assists. Fabian Quezada notched four tackles, one assist and an interception.

Morales highlighted the team's physicality and gang tackling while acknowledging it needs to be more sound on the offensive side of the ball.

"When we have opportunities, we need to capitalize on them," he said, adding, "But, we had a lot of opportunities to score, so that's really encouraging."

He also indicated the Pirates have improved over the season.

"I just think we're super close," Morales said. "We played really good for two quarters the first game. We played really good for

three quarters this game. Now ... we plan on playing really good for four quarters."

This week, the Pirates will head to Florence to take on the Huskies at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9.

The Huskies are 1-1 on the season. Florence lost to Limon 20-3 to open the season, then defeated the Centauri Falcons 29-7 on Sept. 2.

The Pirates lost to the Falcons 33-0 to open the season. randi@pagosasun.com

CROSS-COUNTRY

Pirates lace up for race in Alamosa Saturday

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School cross-country teams are preparing for the Joe Vigil meet in Alamosa this Saturday.

"This race is one of our favorites to race," the cross-country weekly newsletter reads. "The competition is high, the course is flat, and the early morning race usually provides us with nice weather."

It's the first big race of the season for the Pirates. While they raced in Dolores on Aug. 20, many athletes were missing due to regulations or summer vacations.

Since that race in Dolores, the teams have been training hard, running at higher elevations and doing tough workouts to prepare them for the race, according to the newsletter.

"Our focus going into this race is to test out our fitness and see where we are at as we head into the bulk of racing for the season," coach Rachael Christiansen wrote in an email to The SUN. "We have about half the team who hasn't raced due to missing the first meet and our second meet being canceled, so we are looking to take a few calculated risks, push our limits, and see where we currently

stand."

For the boys' team, the Pirates will be racing Andrew Bowles, Jesse Beck, Levi Hinger, Kyle Marotta and Elias Sanchez, according to Christiansen.

Christiansen explains that Hinger is coming back from being sick, so "for him we are looking to see where his fitness is and are hoping for about 75%."

Saturday will be Sanchez's first race with the team, and Christiansen indicates she is excited to see what he brings to the table.

"He has improved tremendously over the past couple of weeks," she ■ See Cross-country A13

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Nelson wins women's golf league championship

By Lynne McCrudden
Women's Golf Association

The Women's Golf Association (WGA) played its end-of-the-year club championship on two days, Aug. 23 and 25. There was a great turnout this year for the championship play, with 18 women participating and three flights.

This year's club champion was Julie Nelson, a newcomer to the group. Nelson shot a 87 on the first day and a 93 on the second. The first low net in the championship flight was Carrie Weisz. In the first flight the first low net was Debbie O'Keefe, also a newcomer, and second low net was Kathy Rayl. In the second flight first low net was Erica Sanders and second low net was Kellie

Gonzales, both returning players.

Terry McGaughey was our play day chairperson and she did an excellent job of recruiting new players and creating a competitive but friendly atmosphere each Tuesday morning. There were approximately 27 players who played 18 holes and 10 who formed a new nine-hole group.

This season, the lady golfers also participated in the Four Corners team play and will be hosting 64 players from the Four Corners on Thursday, Sept. 8, for competitive play. The regular WGA season has concluded, but the ladies are still gathering to play every Tuesday until the course closes. If you are interested in finding out more about WGA, call the golf course.



Photo courtesy Women's Golf Association

Jim Banks, Julie Nelson and Derek Pepin celebrate Nelson's club championship. Banks and Pepin are golf pros at the club.

RECREATION NEWS

Register now for basketball ages 7-8

By Breezy Bryant and Trevor Gian
Town of Pagosa Springs
Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department is now accepting basketball registrations for ages 7-8 years.

The registration fee will be \$40 for the first child and \$20 for a second child. The deadline to register will be Sept. 23.

Online registration will be available through the town website at pagosasprings.co.gov/recreation-

division, or stop by the Ross Aragon Community Center to fill out a form.

Play will begin in late October and end in mid-November.

Please call the Recreation Department with any questions, (970) 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233.

Gymnastics

The Recreation Department is also looking for a gymnastics instructor. For more information, call the office at (970) 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233.

Cross-country

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For the rest of the boys, Christian wrote she thinks that, based on practices and longer training runs, each of them are capable of earning a new personal record at this meet.

On the girls' side, the Pirates will race Reece Peterson, Sienna Rose, Abby Packer, Kyla Coiner, Marie Smith, Jo Beard, Hailey Sams and Lucy Taylor.

"We have a couple girls dealing with some minor health issues/injuries ..., so for them we are just

looking to have the best race possible," Christiansen wrote. "However, for the rest of the girls, we are also expecting some big growth and new personal bests!"

Packer and Rose are coming into this race looking "stronger than ever," Christiansen notes, adding, "Marie, Reece, and Jo are improving every single day, and honestly, we are excited to see what they are all capable of."

The race will begin at 10 a.m., according to the official schedule. Milesplit lists 33 high school teams that have registered for the meet.

PPOS students begin Digging Up the Past project with camping in Creede

By Emily Murphy
Pagosa Peak Open School

The classroom vibrated with energy. Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) students in grades four and five were sitting amongst piles of camping gear while Rue Graham ran through the checklist. "Show me your socks. Show me your flashlight. Show me your extra batteries."

The students in this mixed-age classroom were preparing for their first field work experience of the year: a new one for many. They were off to camp on Aug. 30 along the Rio Grande outside of Creede for the night, with scheduled experts and hands-on learning to guide them through their first project: Digging Up the Past.

"The purpose of this trip was two-fold," Graham, fourth- and fifth-grade lead advisor, said. "First is to launch our Colorado history and civics project. The second was to cultivate a strong sense of community within the class. By immersing ourselves in the place we will ultimately study, we are creating a drive to learn within our students."

PPOS is a project-based learning

model and students address their content standards through interdisciplinary project work. These projects address the science and social studies standards through field work, expert interviews, community outreach and hands-on learning.

Within this project, students will identify how historic decisions shaped Colorado, use geographic tools to build greater understandings of our state, and learn the responsibilities of government. In addition, students will connect and collaborate with each other; upholding school values of lifelong learning and community. During this first field work, students visited the mining museum in Creede, where a retired miner reviewed the history of mining in the area with students.

The trip also included the standards of camping: hot dogs, smores, a campfire and tent setup. Groups of students played in the river, hiked and painted. The experience overall allowed students to connect with the history of Colorado and each other in an authentic environment — without the support of classroom walls or textbooks.

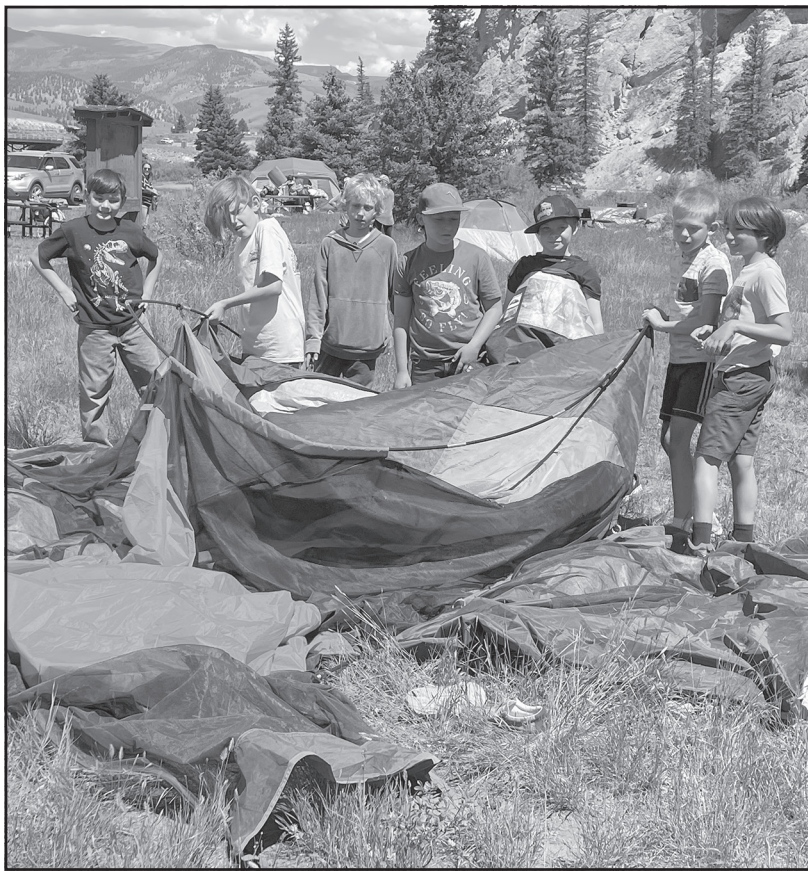


Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School fourth- and fifth-graders set up camp during their first field work of the year on Aug. 30 along the Rio Grande in Creede.

Booster

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COVID-19 patients and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past seven days — to determine the COVID-19 community level.

As of Sept. 1, the CDC reports 10 new COVID admissions per 100,000 people and 3.9 percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients.

Hospital data is determined regionally.

The CDC lists Archuleta County as having 64.15 new cases per 100,000 population over the past seven days.

As of Wednesday, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) listed Archuleta County as having a one-week rate of 112.2 new cases per 100,000 population and a one-week positivity rate of 16 percent.

Archuleta County is listed as having 17 deaths among COVID cases.

At-home tests and masks available

At-home tests and KN95 masks are available for free at the SJBPH offices in both Durango and Pagosa Springs.

More information on testing can be found at <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing/>.

Treatments available for high-risk individuals

COVID-19 treatments for people who currently have mild to moderate symptoms and are not in the hospital for COVID-19, but who are at high risk of getting very sick, continue to be available.

For more information on those treatment options or the state's telehealth program, visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-treatments/> or covid19.colorado.gov/treatments.

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County discusses gas prices, requests investigation

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Sept. 6 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the high gas prices in the area and the possibility that price gouging is occurring in the county.

Commissioner Warren Brown initiated the discussion by suggesting that gas prices in the county are 70 cents higher per gallon than in Durango and roughly equivalent to Del Norte, a situation which, to him, suggests that price gouging was occurring in the county.

"I'm all about being a business and staying in business," Brown said. "I'm not all about taking advantage of folks and I'm just telling you, I'm going to give the [Colorado attorney general's] office a call and I'm going to see if there is some kind of a remedy that why we are paying at least 70 cents more a gal-

lon in Pagosa Springs." Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that he was "not opposed" to the course of action Brown suggested.

County Attorney Todd Weaver mentioned that the attorney general had indicated that he would investigate potential instances of price gouging and that it would potentially be valuable to submit a letter to the attorney general's office stating the county's concerns.

Brown commented, "You talk about things that affect people every day, this is it, and why this isn't being published locally and this being called out and us addressing this is beyond me."

Maez and Commissioner Alvin Schaaf agreed that, if the county could do something about the situation, it should.

Brown also related that, when he travels to La Plata County on per-

sonal business, he takes gas cans and fills them there to pay lower prices, to which Maez responded, "and that's highway user tax that we don't get."

Weaver indicated that he could submit a letter to the attorney general's office requesting that it investigate the issue.

He added that informing the public that the county was sending a letter requesting an investigation could also cause prices to drop.

"It's surprising how that can happen," Weaver said.

The BoCC also discussed that gas stations make money on their convenience stores, not on fuel, and that the higher prices could be due to the gas company instead.

However, the commissioners expressed they doubted this, as they believed the same company, which delivers from Farmington, N.M., delivered fuel to the entire region, including areas with lower

prices. Commissioner Alvin Schaaf commented, "And they always tell you it's the trucking. Well, the trucking doesn't cost an extra 70 cents from here to here. It just doesn't." Weaver then stated that he would send a letter to the attorney general's office, which he did on Sept. 7.

The letter requests an investigation into the elevated gas prices and potential price gouging in the county, highlighting that the county's average gas prices, according to the American Automobile Association, are \$4.39 per gallon, at least 30 cents higher than all neighboring counties, excepting Hinsdale County, "without explanation or reason."

That the county requested an investigation was circulated by the county through a Sept. 7 press release.

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The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Calls for service for two weeks: 562.
Aug. 18 — All other thefts, fraud by check-other method, issuance of bad check, Handicap Avenue.

Aug. 21 — Dog at large (first offense), County Road 302.

Aug. 22 — Violation of restraining order, Glenwood Court.

Aug. 22 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, Canyon Circle.

Aug. 22 — Disorderly conduct-petty, Driftwood Drive.

Aug. 23 — Information only, Lake Street.

Aug. 23 — Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by minor, third-degree criminal trespass, Prospect Boulevard.

Aug. 23 — Contributing to the delinquency of a minor, obstructing governmental operations, Bonanza Avenue/Fireside Street.

Aug. 23 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), information only, Simmons Drive.

Aug. 24 — Agency assist, Country Center Drive.

Aug. 24 — County warrant, Harman Park Drive.

Aug. 24 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, Harman Park Drive.

Aug. 26 — Information only, Navajo Trail Drive.

Aug. 26 — Second-degree criminal tampering, crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-theft no force, County Road 700.

Aug. 27 — Failure to appear (bench warrants), state warrant, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Aug. 27 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, West U.S. 160.

Aug. 27 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, used more than four lights when prohibited, marijuananopen container prohibited in vehicle, County Road 600/Handicap Avenue.

Aug. 27 — Drove vehicle without valid driver's license, improper registration, failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle without insurance, West U.S. 160/Harman Park Drive.

Aug. 27 — Violation of restraining order, Jack Rabbit Road.

Aug. 28 — Vicious dog without injury (first offense), dog at large (first offense), Caddy Circle.

Aug. 28 — Possession of contraband in the first degree, disorderly conduct-petty, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, criminal mischief, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Caleta Place.

Aug. 29 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Aug. 29 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, harassment-public place obscene language or gesture, harassment-public place obscene language or gesture, Henry's Lake Drive.

Aug. 29 — Information only, Pines Club Place.

Aug. 30 — Criminal mischief, Cat Creek Overlook.

Aug. 31 — All other thefts, McClain Court.

Aug. 31 — Failure to register as a sex offender, sexual assault, harassment-public place obscene language or gesture, soliciting for prostitution, Dyke Boulevard.

Aug. 31 — Criminal mischief, Pinon Causeway.

Aug. 31 — Dog at large (third+ offense, summons), Tonto Court.

Sept. 1 — Information only, Harman Park Drive.

Sept. 1 — Violation of restraining order public conveyances, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

Sept. 2 — Dog at large (first offense), Eight Mile Mesa Road.

Sept. 2 — No insurance in possession, County Road 600/Back Swing Drive.

Sept. 3 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Beucler Lane.

Sept. 3 — All other thefts, first-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, County Road 146 and U.S. Forest Service Road 628.

Sept. 3 — Animals running at large, West U.S. 160.

Sept. 4 — Information only, Eagle Drive/Trinity Drive.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for two weeks: 73.

Aug. 22 — Animal at large, South 5th Street.

Aug. 22 — Criminal mischief, South 6th Street.

Aug. 23 — Theft, San Juan Street.

Aug. 23 — Theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Aug. 23 — Throwing missiles at vehicles, South 10th Street.

Aug. 24 — Violation of restraining order, South 10th Street.

Aug. 24 — Criminal mischief, North 7th Street.

Aug. 25 — Identity theft, criminal trespass, criminal possession of a financial device, all other thefts, Yamaguchi Drive.

Aug. 25 — Criminal mischief, San Juan Street.

Aug. 26 — DUI, reckless driving, failure to signal, expired license plates, North 5th Street.

Aug. 26 — Computer crime, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Aug. 26 — Criminal mischief, Lewis Street.

Aug. 26 — Shoplifting, East Pagosa Street.

Aug. 26 — Violation of restraining order, North 5th Street.

Aug. 27 — Warrant arrest, Pagosa Street.

Aug. 28 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

Aug. 29 — Shoplifting, Eagle Drive.

Aug. 30 — Warrant arrest, East Pagosa Street.

Aug. 31 — Suspended driver's license, speeding, San Juan Street.

Sept. 1 — Violation of restraining order, South 8th Street.

Sept. 1 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Sept. 3 — DUI, failed to drive in single lane, County Road 600.

Sept. 3 — Drove vehicle without driver's license, drove vehicle without insurance, operated vehicle with defective head lamps, North 5th Street.

Sept. 3 — Disorderly conduct, Pagosa Street.

Sept. 3 — Theft, North 5th Street.

Sept. 3 — Animal running at large, Navajo Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Aug. 22 — Kirsten Skeeahan, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, costs and fees — \$72.

Aug. 23 — Juvenile, marijuana prohibited, possession of drug paraphernalia, six months supervised probation, 20 hours community service, fines, fee and costs — \$320.

Aug. 23 — Juvenile, marijuana prohibited, six months supervised probation, fine — \$100.

Aug. 23 — Juvenile, careless driving, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$202.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Aug. 24 — Wojciech Kuros, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

Aug. 24 — Karen E. White-Pargin, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$133.50.

Aug. 24 — Marcus D. Uhrich, U-turn unsafely-disobey "U-turn" sign, fines and costs — \$142.50.

Aug. 24 — Jerron Ochoa, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$177.50.

Aug. 24 — Matthew R. Lee, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.

Aug. 24 — Carlos F. Cardenas, seat belt not used, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$205.50.

Aug. 24 — Carol E. Ashmore, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$162.50.

Aug. 24 — Gina R. Blair, fail to yield right of way/stop sign, fines and costs — \$142.50.

Aug. 24 — Benjamin M. Watts, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.

Aug. 24 — Christian N. Archuleta, seat belt not used, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$214.50.

Aug. 26 — Stephen Westwood, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.

Aug. 26 — Dominic E. Granados Abeyta, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.

Aug. 26 — Jeffrey M. Bentley, seat belt not used, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$214.50.

Aug. 29 — Zachary D. Kujath, driving under restraint, improper pass-sign/markers, fines and costs — \$253.50.

Aug. 31 — Charlene Carrillo, child safety belt/seat, fines and costs — \$135.

Aug. 31 — Jenny L. Hall, fail obey traffic control device, fail obey traffic control device, driver's license-not in possession, fines and costs — \$305.50.

Aug. 31 — Akira Roshan Mitchell, weaving from traffic lane, fines and costs — \$135.

Aug. 31 — Richard E. Montoya, off-highway vehicle-crossing prohibited, fines and costs — \$85.

Aug. 31 — Justin Ray Muns, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

Aug. 31 — Tyson Jay Reich, driver's license-driving without, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$201.50.

Aug. 31 — Robert T. Rosendahl, off-highway vehicle-crossing prohibited, fines and costs — \$85.

Aug. 31 — Zachary R. Talamante, lane usage violation, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$288.50.

Aug. 31 — Nicholas C. Ayers, license plates-expired, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$271.50.

Aug. 31 — Edwin Jonathon Quintana, alcohol-under 21-possess/consumption, fines and costs — \$121.

Aug. 31 — Richard Leonard Salas, obstructing government operations, 15 days jail, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$864.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
No report.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
No report.

limitation the real property described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): Annetra Hebert Eric Cerwonka Brittany L Border Jared D Border 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.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Ptarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc. Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act. THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION. The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on October 5, 2022, Sale Number 2022-03 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: August 11, 2022
Last Publication: September 8, 2022
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed 8 day of July 2022. Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager

EXHIBIT "A"
Ptarmigan Townhouses
Matter Amount ANNETRA HEBERT and ERIC CERWONKA (C#178819082) Unit Weeks Numbers 49, Unit Number 7218, Building Number 9, Phase III Unpaid Assessments: \$6,208.27 Interest: \$2,829.82 Late Fees: \$175.00 Costs: \$684.79 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$10,897.88

BRITTANY L BORDER and JARRED D BORDER (C#178824108) Unit Weeks Numbers 10, Unit Number 7218, Building Number 9, Phase III Unpaid Assessments: \$1,924.46 Interest: \$276.00 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$684.79 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Judgment Amount: \$3,935.25

In Ptarmigan Townhouses, All as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Ptarmigan Townhouses as depicted on the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 153256, 156199, 136303, 159241, 179510, subject to the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 0153260, as amended, supplemented, and, or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400
Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff
Betty Mathison Thomas, et al. Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30005
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
SHERIFF SALE 2022-02

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, 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): BETTY MATHISON THOMAS CHAD ARTHUR CLARK GEORGE LELAND BURNINGHAM EMILY M BURNINGHAM

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, 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: Village Pointe 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.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc. Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION. The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on October 5, 2022, Sale Number 2022-02 in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147

sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: August 11, 2022
Last Publication: September 8, 2022
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
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This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed 8 day of July 2022. Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager

EXHIBIT "A"
Village Pointe Condominiums
Matter Amount BETTY MATHISON THOMAS (C#179002134) Unit Weeks Numbers 5, Unit Number 7517, Building Number 5, Phase III Unpaid Assessments: \$5,260.97 Interest: \$2,367.95 Late Fees: \$250.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Costs: \$408.83 Judgment Amount: \$4,004.76

GEORGE LELAND BURNINGHAM and EMILY M BURNINGHAM (C#179013834) Unit Weeks Numbers 35, Unit Number 7521, Building Number 6, Phase III Unpaid Assessments: \$2,439.21 Interest: \$339.71 Late Fees: \$50.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Costs: \$408.83 Judgment Amount: \$4,237.55

IF Village Pointe Condominiums, all as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums as depicted on the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 0168713, 171189 and 176324 according to the Condominium Map as recorded, subject to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded as Reception Number 1309304 and amendments and supplements thereto, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
Plaintiff: LIVE OAKES LAND LLC v. **Defendants:** NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC; N.R.L.L. EAST, LLC; PAGOSA HOMES AND LAND, LLC AKA PAGOSA HOME AND LAND, LLC; JANELLE WARD, MONICA S. ARCHULETA; BETTY D. BUCK; BETTY RENFER AND FRANK A. BUCK; BIG MISTAKE CHRIS MOUNTAIN, LLC; DEBORAH C. RINE; ANNE L. DOUBEK; OATHA B. STEPHENS AND VONDERAU RUTH STEPHENS; TETRON FINANCIAL CORPORATION; PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT; ELSA WHITE in her official capacity as Public Trustee for Archuleta County, Colorado and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

Submitting Attorney: Duke Eggleston, #24965 Eggleston Kosnik LLC 160 E. 12th St., Ste 7 Durango, CO 81301 Phone Number: (970) 403-1580 E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com Case Number: 2022CV30005

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF LIVE OAKES LAND LLC TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS: NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC, N.R.L.L. EAST, LLC, PAGOSA HOMES AND LAND, LLC AKA PAGOSA HOME AND LAND, LLC, FRANK A. BUCK, DEBORAH C. RINE, OATHA B. STEPHENS AND VONDERAU RUTH STEPHENS, MONICA S. ARCHULETA, JANELLE WARD AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows: Lots 10

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PLAINTIFFS JEFFREY C. RAINS and ARTIS A. HARRISON-RAINS

TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS: MEADPROP UNITS, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, MORGAN W. THOMPSON AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:

Lots 80 and 81 in Lakewood Village, according to the plat thereof recorded April 30, 1979 as Reception No. 94867. Lot 521 in Pagosa Vista, according to the plat thereof recorded September 13, 1971 as Reception No. 74884. Respectfully Submitted this 7th day of August, 2022. Published in The Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: August 25, 2022 Last Publication: September 22, 2022

Eggleston Kosnik LLC
/s/ Duke Eggleston
Duke Eggleston, #24965
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
(970) 403-1590
Published August 25, September 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs CO 81147
(970) 264-8160

Plaintiff(s):
OCK LLC, a Colorado limited liability company

Defendant(s):
DELDEV INC., to all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action.

Attorney for Plaintiff:
THE KLUG LAW FIRM, LLC
Noah Klug, Atty. Reg. #391163
PO Box 6683
Breckenridge CO 80424-6683
Phone: (970) 468-9904

Case Number: 2022CV030041
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.

If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within the 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action involving real property located in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, described as follows:
LOTS 472, 473, 474, 475, 476 and 477 in PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885.

Also known as: Schedule Number: 569524404040 and Account Number R004227, together with all its appurtenances.

Date: August 15, 2022
Published in The Pagosa Springs Sun
First Publication: August 25, 2022
Last Publication: September 22, 2022
Original Signature on file
THE KLUG LAW FIRM LLC
Noah Klug
Attorney for Plaintiff
Published August 25, September 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court -Denver Probate Court
Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address:
109 Harmon Park Dr.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
970-264-8160

In the interest of:
IDRIS CHASTAIN

Minor
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):
CHRISTOPHER T. TRIMBLE #38647
1099 Main Ave. Ste. 310B
Durango, CO 81301
Phone: (970) 903-1052
Fax: 855-933-2672
E-Mail: Trimblelawdurango@gmail.com
Case Number: 2022PR030037
Division MG Courtroom 2

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 15-10-401, C.R.S.

To: Father of Idris Chastain, former partner of Alexandra Chastain.

Last Known Address, if any: unknown

A hearing on Petition for Permanent Guardianship requesting that Ashlee Cole be appointed Permanent Guardian of the minor child listed above, will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:

Date: September 16, 2022 Time: 11:00am Courtroom or Division: MG1

Address: 109 Harmon Park Dr. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

The hearing will take approximately 1 hour.

Published August 25, September 1 and 8, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Request for Proposal: The Town of Pagosa Springs is soliciting proposals from qualified firms and individuals to evaluate and stabilize the audio and video systems in the Pagosa Springs Town Hall Council Chambers/ Municipal Courtroom. Please visit the town website at <https://www.pagosaprings.co.gov> for details on the request for proposal. All responses to this request are due by 5:00 pm on September 9, 2022.

Published September 1 and 8, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

DELDEV INC
1133 NORTH 18TH STREET
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2008, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Situs Address: 43 ROOSEVELT DR
Legal: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 141-142
PT Sec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W
Account Number: R004280
Schedule Number: 569525101010
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 200700523

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2007

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEV INC for said year 2007.

That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 1st day of August 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to ARCHULETA COUNTY

On the 11th day of January 2023, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 5th day of August 2022

/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
Published September 1, 8 and 15, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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

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DELDEV INC
1133 NORTH 18TH STREET
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501

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Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Situs Address: 21 RANGER PARK DR
Legal: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 113-114
PT Sec: 19 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W
Account Number: 569919343005

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2007

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEV INC for said year 2007.

That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 1st day of August 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to ARCHULETA COUNTY

On the 11th day of January 2023, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 5th day of August 2022

/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
Published September 1, 8 and 15, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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DELDEV INC
1133 NORTH 18TH STREET
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Situs Address: 166 RANGER PARK DR
Legal: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 103 PT

Account Number: R012445
Schedule Number: 569930203019

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00989
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2008

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of ECURM LLC for said year 2008.

That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 1st day of August 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to ARCHULETA COUNTY

On the 11th day of January 2023, unless the same has been redeemed.

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/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400

Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

Case No.: 2022CV30009
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2022-05

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, 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 27, 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):

DAVID J OHLENDORF, et al
Defendants

Case No.: 2022CV30009
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2022-05

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See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):

DAVID J OHLENDORF
GUADELUPE GARCIA
MARY ANN GARCIA
MARGARET CURTIS

Case No.: 2022CV30009
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2022-05

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GUADELUPE GARCIA
MARY ANN GARCIA
MARGARET CURTIS

Case No.: 2022CV30009
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AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2022-05

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Outdoors

CPW reminds hunters to properly identify their target, know the difference between elk and moose

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

The most common misidentification Colorado hunters make is confusing elk and moose. With more moose, particularly young bull moose, on the landscape in southwest Colorado, it is increasingly more important for hunters to be aware of the difference in these animals.

As this year's big-game hunting season begins, Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) Durango office would like to remind hunters to follow one of the key principles of hunter education and that is to properly identify their target before shooting.

It wasn't long ago that it was incredibly rare to see a moose in Colorado, especially in the southwest portion of the state. But since reintroduction of roughly 100 Shiras moose to the Creede area along the upper Rio Grande drainage in 1991 and 1992, the population has grown and spread throughout the region.

In recent years, CPW has seen more young bull moose on the landscape, and that has led to some elk hunters mistakenly shooting a moose.

"There is really good potential for seeing moose in our area," said

CPW Area Wildlife Manager Adrian Archuleta, who oversees the Durango office. "From Pagosa Springs and west to the Mancos area, we are seeing more moose, specifically younger bulls. While it may be more common to see them at higher-elevation areas around Creede and Silverton, they are sometimes found at lower elevations."

Moose and elk often share the same habitats, which can lead to confusion. Still, there are several key differences that hunters can see to identify between the two.

Moose are the largest animal in Colorado and grow significantly larger than elk. A bull moose can grow to be 6 to 7 feet tall at the shoulders and weigh more than 1,000 pounds. A bull elk, meanwhile, is typically 4 to 5 feet tall and around 600 pounds.

Differences in antlers will also be apparent when hunting bulls. Moose antlers will grow out of the sides of the head, while elk antlers grow backward over their bodies. Elk antlers have one main beam with long points that grow off of it, whereas moose antlers have a paddle-like shape with many points growing off the thick, paddle-shaped portion.

Elk have a reddish or lighter brown coat, while a moose coat



A bull moose, left, and a bull elk, right. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is reminding hunters to properly identify their target this hunting season. Note the difference in the darker moose versus the lighter elk, as well as differences in their antlers and overall size.



Photos courtesy Wayne D. Lewis/CPW

is significantly darker and will not have the lighter coloring on the rump like an elk.

Moose also have a long, round nose compared to the narrow, pointed nose of an elk. Under the jaw, moose also grow a flapping piece of skin known as a dewlap or bell. This trait is unique to moose and isn't present in elk.

The differentiating characteristics for cow moose and elk are the same as with bulls, except for the

antlers. CPW understands that mistakes sometimes happen. If a hunter mistakenly shoots an animal other than what they have a license to hunt, they should quickly contact the closest CPW office.

"We want to remind folks to please properly identify their target before shooting any animal," Archuleta said. "If a mistake is made, it is important for it to be reported honestly to our office im-

mediately."

For questions about hunting in the southwest corner of Colorado, call the Durango area office at (970)

247-0855. For more information on moose in Colorado, go to <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingWithWildlifeMoose.aspx>.

Pagosa Springs' Nathan Lewis makes a splash in conservation education

By John Stafford
Water Rocks!

Nathan Lewis, from Pagosa Springs, spent his summer as a water resources intern with the Conservation Learning Group (CLG) based at Iowa State University (ISU) in Ames, Iowa. This month, he commenced his junior year at ISU majoring in biological systems engineering under the bioenvironmental option, and this opportunity to get his feet wet in public outreach and field research offered some amazing experiences.

"I approached this internship as a way to push myself out of my comfort zone, become a better communicator through working with the public and share my love for the environment," Lewis said. "Conservation is a passion of mine and I want to leave the world in a place that is better than I found it and better than it currently is, so that future generations can enjoy the beauty of the earth and utilize the natural resources in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way."

Water resources interns bolster the outreach capacity of CLG's Iowa Learning Farms program, which provides conservation and water quality education to farmers, landowners and interested Iowans, and its Water Rocks! youth education program that brings science- and research-based lessons into schools.

Lewis joined Water Rocks! visits to schools, camps and libraries, assisted with Iowa Learning Farms field days, and helped take the Conservation Station trailers on the road to county fairs, farmers markets and city celebrations.

"County fairs in Iowa are far larger and more involved than anything I had experienced at home in Colorado," said Lewis. "This summer, I've seen more pigs and cows than I thought possible and met countless people who care about and want to learn more about water quality and conservation. A favorite conversation about conservation tillage was with a farmer at the Jefferson County Fair. He shared his experiences while I provided information on no-till. Even though I was the 'educator,' I think I learned as much as he did."

Through his experiences this summer, Lewis reported that he has become a better teacher and communicator.

"Recognizing the need to teach and explain in language that fits each person or audience has helped me pay close attention to how I deliver information," he said. "And sometimes this realization has helped me gain stronger understanding of the material myself."

And when not on the road, he joined his colleagues in cleaning up College Creek in Ames.

"It was sad and surprising to find the things people throw on the ground ending up in the creeks," said Lewis. "This is just one example of why getting out and talking

with people about conservation and helping kids become more conservation focused is such an important mission."

Performing field observation and data collection provided Lewis with some new and fun experiences to get out in nature as well. "Walking through the creeks to locate beaver dams and taking sediment samples was a fun adventure that I hope will contribute to our understanding of how beavers contribute to improved water quality by slowing flow and allowing sediment to settle," he said.

"Nathan was a strong contributor to our programming this summer, and it was great to watch him grow and expand his skills and knowledge through his internship experience," said Liz Ripley, CLG conservation and cover crop outreach specialist and water resources internship coordinator. "His experiences are further validation that the water resources internship program is a win-win for all involved."

To learn about the water resources internship program at ISU, please visit www.waterrocks.org.

Water Rocks! is Iowa's unique, award-winning statewide youth water education program. Through a combination of STEM and the arts, especially music, Water Rocks! educates, challenges and inspires young people toward a greater appreciation of Iowa state's water, soil and other natural resources.



Photo courtesy Water Rocks!

Nathan Lewis exploring for beaver dams.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Middle School

Pagosa Springs Middle School staff members climbed Blackhead Peak and Nipple Mountain on Sunday, Sept. 4, for the annual before-school adventure.

CPW lifts voluntary afternoon fishing closures across southwest region

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Voluntary afternoon fishing closures in place across the southwest region of Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) were lifted Sept. 1.

Voluntary afternoon closures had previously been in place on the San Juan River through Pagosa Springs, Animas River through Durango, Dolores River below McPhee Reservoir and on Tomichi Creek through the Tomichi Creek State Wildlife Area near Gunnison.

Cooler temperatures and the benefit of monsoon rains have improved conditions for fish in these streams. When flows are low and temperatures are high, fish are more stressed and anglers will find it difficult to safely release them after a catch.

"We would like to thank anglers across the region for respecting the

voluntary closures during the hottest days of the summer when water temperatures surpassed 71 degrees and flows were low," said CPW Senior Aquatic Biologist John Alves. "Our aquatics team has reviewed the trend in flows and temperatures over the last couple of weeks. With the recent rains and cooler air temperatures observed, we have seen increased flows and temperatures declining below 71 degrees."

CPW thanks the public as well as commercial anglers for supporting the voluntary closures in the best interest of conserving fish and protecting the resource for future generations.

Anglers are reminded to check fishing conditions and find more information about closures on the CPW website: <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/State-wideFishingConditions.aspx>.



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Pagosa Springs Arts Council's juried fine art festival • Sept. 10 and 11 • Town Park



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September 8, 2022

Juried fine art festival slated for Sept. 10 and 11

By **Teresa Turner**
Pagosa Springs Arts Council

The Pagosa Springs Arts Council is proud to announce its first annual juried fine art festival on Sept. 10 and 11. This will be held at Town Park and the athletic field across Hermosa Street. We're calling it ART! Pagosa in order to start the process of making this a weekend filled with art that will happen across the town.

There will be more than 50 award-winning artists in varied mediums from more than 10 different states. A good number of Pagosa's local artists will also be in

attendance. We will have live music, an art auction and food trucks.

Sunday will start off with a catered mimosa and bloody mary brunch.

This is Pagosa Springs Arts Council's largest fundraiser to date.

All proceeds generated from this event will go toward the Arts Council's mission to stimulate and promote the arts, including art classes, high school art scholarships, public art, supporting the Pagosa Springs Medical Center's art wall and all cultural activities that bring awareness to showcase Pagosa Springs' support of the arts.

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The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Bob Hemenger, 5 p.m.

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

Tuesday
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Austin and Sage, 5 p.m.

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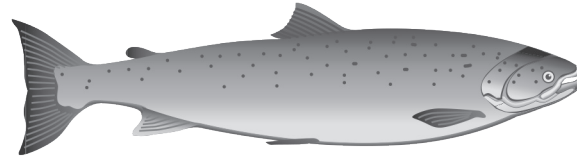
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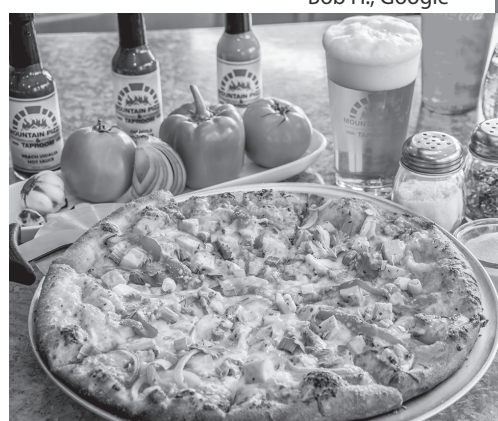
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All area singers are invited to join the Pagosa Springs Community Choir for its upcoming Christmas concerts. Rehearsals will begin Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Rehearsals starting Sept. 13 for the 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 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." Dan's wife, Venita Burch, will be our accompanist as in years past.

The concerts will be held at 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 of Pagosa Springs High School. On Tuesday, Sept. 13, registration will begin at 6 p.m. We 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 takes 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. Start the Christmas season of joy and giving early and come sing with the Pagosa Springs Community Choir.

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Sept. 9 last chance to purchase advanced tickets to Navigating the World with Stories



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Professional storyteller Kathy Santopietro will unpack a bundle of stories as she takes attendees on a journey around the world during Navigating the World with Stories on Saturday, Sept. 10.

By Cindi Galabota
 Ruby M. Sisson Memorial
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Tomorrow is your last day to purchase advanced 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.

Advanced 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.

Join your friends and family for this unique event for adults, ages 16 and older. Professional storyteller Kathy Santopietro will take participants on a journey around the world, sharing stories from different cultures while teaching us about various kinds of stories. Pagosa's very own pianist Sally Neel will accompany the stories with familiar and global tunes. The doors will 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.

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. The addition and renovations 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. We hope to see you on Sept. 10.

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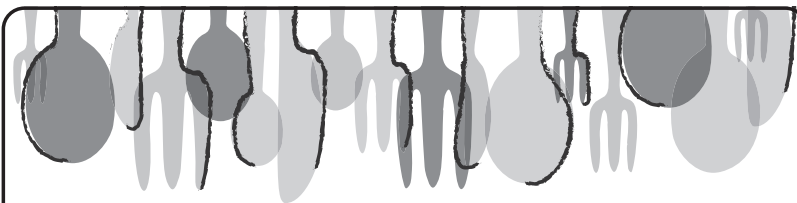
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Following the judging of the Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic on Sept. 24, the entries will be available as part of the public tasting and voting. The cook-off is part of the Mountain Chile Cha Cha.

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Save the date to celebrate green chile

By **Jacque Aragon**
 Mountain Chile Cha Cha

Pagosa Springs may not be famous for growing large quantities of green chiles, but we sure do consume mass quantities of the spicy, capsaicin-filled peppers each year. From green chile stew to chiles rellenos, the verde vegetable is an integral ingredient in the regional cuisine of southwest Colorado. Our small town of Pagosa Springs hosts a spectacular annual green chile cook-off where chefs compete for cash, trophies and bragging rights.

The Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic celebrates the green chile harvest and a local green chile enthusiast who satiated green chile palettes for years with her tasty homemade recipe.

Patty Aragon and her husband, former mayor Ross Aragon, owned and operated Al's West and East from the '70s until 1992. They

served traditional American and southwestern cuisine and were most famous for their green chile, which they served atop burgers, fries and almost everything.

"My mother was an expert green chile chef," explained Jacque Aragon, who has organized the cook-off for the last 14 years. "I'm proud to carry on the family tradition and love seeing other people get excited about making and tasting green chile."

The proceeds from the cook-off go to the Patty Aragon Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to Pagosa Springs High School seniors. The Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic's mission is to build community in Pagosa Springs and the southwest while celebrating our cultural heritage through local cuisine and music.

Roughly 50 entrants, both amateur and professional, compete in

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The Education Dome of the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership is a jungle of vegetables this summer. Your purchase of Breakfast with Balloons tickets helps continue the nonprofit's work. To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.pagosagreen.org/breakfast-with-balloons-2022/>.

Breakfast with Balloons to offer amazing cuisine choices

By Sally High
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

Breakfast with Balloons on Saturday morning, Sept. 17, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's (GGP) 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.

Breakfast with Balloons always sells out, so get your tickets early.

Breakfast with Balloons guests enjoy a private seating, an extra special breakfast, live music and two beverage tickets. Guests bring their own camp chairs or picnic blankets to get comfortable for the hot air balloons rising just across the San Juan River.

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

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Chile

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the cook-off each year. Some cooks get creative; others go classic. Without their generous contribution of time, effort and ingredients, this event would not be possible. To enter your chile into the cook-off, visit ilovegreenchile.com.

Three judges volunteer for the difficult and filling job of choosing favorite chiles. Each judge tastes all chiles present and rates them on a scale from 1-10, plus takes notes in case the scores are close. Then the scores are added up and monies and medals are awarded to first, second and third places in meat, vegetarian and commercial categories. Once the judges are finished, the tasting is opened up to the public at 12:30 p.m. Each person who participates in the tasting pays \$15 and is entitled to 10 tastes and a vote for the People's Choice Awards for first, second and third places. Commercial entries

will also be eligible for these prestigious awards.

The Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic is part of the Mountain Chile Cha Cha, co-hosted by the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, and will occur in Town Park, rain or shine. There are 5K and 10K trail races for runners of all ages and abilities. There will also be a Mexican beer garden and the very popular margarita contest and tasting, where local restaurants and bars compete for the very best marg.

Prepare to have your senses tantalized with the smell of freshly roasted Hatch green chiles that will be for sale and roasted on-site.

Cha Cha goers will also enjoy a Spanish music concert featuring Str8 Shot, a popular band from New Mexico.

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Joan Scott and Heidi Tanner from St. Patrick's Episcopal Church look over material for walking a labyrinth in preparation for "An Evening of Quietness at the Labyrinth" on Sept. 21 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This will feature a walk, prayer, meditation and music at twilight. All are welcome; the community of Pagosa is invited and the event is free. St. Patrick's is located next to the hospital.

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San Juan Stargazers announce anniversary shirts, James Webb Telescope presentation

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers are very happy to offer everyone in Pagosa the opportunity to buy our 10th anniversary San Juan Stargazers T-shirts, long and short sleeve, and sweatshirt hoodies. All these shirts will have fantastic newly released photos from the James Webb Space Telescope on the back with a picture of the telescope on the front.

Four different photos are available, including the Phantom galaxy, M74 in the Pisces constellation, Stephan's Quintet (which is a very popular galaxy group seen with a good telescope around 4 a.m.), a section of the famous Deep Field and the very latest photo released of Exoplanet HIP65426, which is the first photographed planet outside of our solar system. They will be unique to wear and a timely, special gift.

The shirts come in several colors and are in sizes small, medium, large and extra-large. The prices are: short-sleeve T-shirt, \$22; long-sleeve T-shirt, \$25; and sweatshirt hoodies, \$31. We are asking people who want to order to call (303) 995-2888 and leave a message with your name, phone number and possible order. Someone will get back to you later to discuss and confirm your order and set up payment.

The deadline for the order is Sept. 19, and the shirts will be passed out at our 10th anniversary dinner and star party on Oct. 7 and can be picked up by everyone not

attending the following week.

New program changes dates

Our newest program on the James Webb Space Telescope photos that started on Aug. 11 was wonderful and we are highly encouraged to continue doing it. But, we realize that our lives on planet Earth rightly take precedence over "fabulous discoveries in the universe." Since the second week in September is the start of the new school year, we will not have the program this month, but will continue with it on the second Thursday in the future and will be a regular event of the Stargazers. The James Webb is already changing astronomy and it will be amazing to learn detailed information about future discoveries. Dates and times will follow.

Chimney Rock National Monument celebration

On September 22-24, there will be a huge celebration of the 10th anniversary of Chimney Rock becoming a national monument. There will be a free all-day celebration at the site on Sept. 24 starting at 10 a.m. Of course, the San Juan Stargazers will be taking part since astronomy was an important part of life for the ancient people. Our special contribution will include making two comets, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We can't launch them, but you will be able to watch as the ingredients

come together and there will be a tail. This will be in honor of Haley's Comet that covered one-quarter of the night sky over Chimney Rock in 1066. I hope that you will enjoy this free event put on by the U.S. Forest Service, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association the San Juan Stargazers, and there will be many native Americans who trace their ancestry back to Chimney Rock who will be selling their special artwork and jewelry and possibly dancing (which may or may not be viewed by the public). Native Americans will have special time when the monument is closed to the public so they have an opportunity to honor their ancestors.

Club meeting to feature presentation by Bob Mitchell

Because of the Chimney Rock celebration, the regular club meeting for the San Juan Stargazers will be postponed one week and held on Sept. 29 in the Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall located at 434 Lewis St. Please use the parking lot door so the front doors may remain locked. At 6 p.m., there will be a social time with coffee, tea, etc.

This month's program beginning at 7 p.m. sharp is Bob Mitchell, who worked on the James Webb Space Telescope. He did his first presentation to us on the James Webb in 2013. He will be speaking

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ficult choice. Chef Cynthia Sperry and local heritage foods advocate Rose Chavez plan for three hot breakfasts. The first is a butternut squash, poblano pepper and chorizo hash. The second is hearty biscuits with sausage gravy. The third choice is a vegetarian offering, a robust burrito with green chili, egg, potatoes and cheese. Each savory box includes a blue corn and pinon muffin.

Beverage choices are coffee, orange juice, champagne mimosas or GGP's rather famous choke cherry champagne mimosas. Each guest receives two drink tickets. After that, it's a cash bar tended by smiling GGP directors and friends.

Cuatro Kruse and Future Folk are the perfect musical background for balloon watchers' enjoyment. In the interest of full disclosure, Cuatro's Future Folk is all Cuatro, an ingenious blend of sounds by this creative local musician and inspirational farmer.

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 the GGP's biggest fundraiser.

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

Breakfast with Balloons tickets can be purchased through the GGP's website, <https://www.pagosagreen.org>. 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/geothermal-greenhousepartnership>. See you on the Riverwalk.



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Stargazers

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COVID is not over and we are encouraging people to wear masks for our meeting. Let’s be safe, not sorry.

More about the Stargazers

On July 1, we started a Stargazer Rewards Program where members will receive coupons for attendance, speaking, special preparation, etc. at club meetings and activities. The more you participate, the more coupons

you will receive. Then, at our 10th anniversary dinner and party on Oct. 7, a coupon will be drawn for a fabulous 10th anniversary T-shirt with a photo from the James Webb Space Telescope.

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, our new membership year began July 1. You will also receive Reflector Magazine, which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25/family. This year there is a fabulous special gift for new and renewing

members. It will help you become the astronomer you have always dreamed of being. You will love it. You can join the club at any of our events or on our website, www.sanjuanstargazers.org.

The San Juan Stargazers Club is part of the Astronomical League — celebrating its 75th year of service — which includes more than 250 clubs from all over the U.S. Our local group also has a website, www.sanjuanstargazers.org. Check it out for more information and beautiful Hubble and Webb photos. We welcome everyone to learn more about our amazing universe. We hope to see you soon.

San Luis Valley Potato Festival will include circus

By Helen Smith
San Luis Valley Potato Festival

The circus is coming to the San Luis Valley. The Colorado Potato Administrative Committee is pleased to present a live performance by Circus Foundry at the San Luis Valley Potato Festival on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Entertainment for all ages will be showcased at this exciting new addition to the 2022 festival. There

will be high flying aerialists, daring acrobats, incredible jugglers full of amazing tricks and silly storytelling. During the day, there will be three acts, at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and the grand finale at 5:30 p.m. After each show, there will be an opportunity for photos with the performers.

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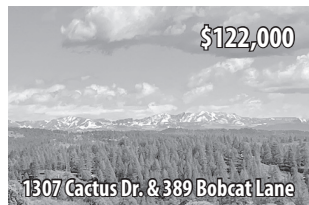
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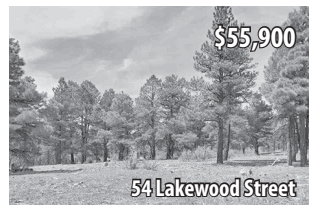
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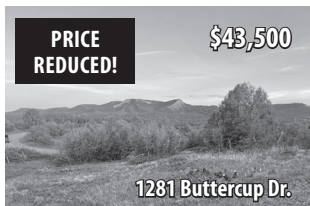
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Library fundraiser Saturday to feature stories and music

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We hope you will attend a special fundraiser this 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 purchased by credit card at 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 and Josie will host a program for younger children.

Library Speakers Consortium today

There are three events this month in our free online 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 have an opportunity to ask questions.

Today, 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 to strengthen children's empathy,



social-emotional intelligence and character, and her efforts to reduce peer cruelty.

Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. features prolific New York Times bestselling British-American author and journalist Simon Winchester. In his career at The Guardian newspaper, Winchester covered numerous significant events, including Bloody Sunday and the Watergate scandal. He also has written or contributed to more than a dozen nonfiction books, written one novel, contributed to multiple travel magazines and taken his readers on amazing adventures around the world.

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.

Legal clinic tomorrow

The free legal clinic this month is happening by appointment tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 9, from 2 to 3 p.m. Come in to the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer attorney, who will answer your questions, show you legal documents and help you fill out the necessary forms. To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month, send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic" with your first name and phone number to ruby@pagosalibrary.org, or phone (970) 264-2209 or stop by the library. The volunteer attorney's time is limited, so it's first-come, first-served. This clinic takes place on the second Friday of every month.

Children's Spanish class tomorrow

Join us Friday, Sept. 9, from 2 to 3 p.m. for a Spanish class for kids aged 6 to 11. Miss Josie and Miss Ruby will help you learn and improve your Spanish.

Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow,

Friday, Sept. 9, from 3 to 4 p.m.

LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club. LEGO challenges also are posted on Facebook if you can't make it to the library.

Book club for adults next Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club meets in person from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, to discuss "Furious Hours" by Casey Cap. Copies are available at your library. This book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Spanish conversation

Next Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., we will gather at the library to practice speaking and listening skills together at this free session. No minimum skill level is required to attend. You also can learn Spanish and many other languages using the Transparent Language Learning database available at <https://pagosalibrary.org/online-resources/>.

Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the sixth through

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12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

PALS/GED adult education

In response to popular demand, Mark has doubled the number of his free PALS sessions to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. No registration is required. This service is in great demand and is used by many people, so we are very happy to make it more available. Note there will be no PALS today, Sept. 8, or Sept. 13, 20 and 22.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy will help you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provide assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources. You do not need an appointment for these drop-in sessions.

Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted Sept. 12 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free activity.

Family storytime

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

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.

Library hours

Most of our programs happen in person and curbside service continues. Also, our hours are back to pre-COVID levels — and even more on weekdays:

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- Tuesdays and Thursdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Other novels

"Dark Secret, Silent Promise" and "An Honorable Anger" are books two and three in the Woodbridge trilogy.

Donations

We are grateful to Christine Bemish and our anonymous donors for their materials donations. Material donations are accepted for the Friends of the Library at the front desk (not through the outside returns slot at the library or the drop box at City Market, please) when we are open. The Friends take fiction published in 2012 or newer and nonfiction that is 2017 or newer. Limited workroom space means we can only accept one or two small boxes at a time.

Quotable quote

"... celebrity book clubs still have the power to move books en masse. In 2021, 10 of the 15 debut novels on The New York Times's bestseller list were book club selections by Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon, Jenna Bush Hager or Good Morning America." — "How to Get Published," an article in The

New York Times, Aug. 25, 2022.

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Five things you thought you knew about Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

By Leah Ballard

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Habitat for Humanity builds homes internationally.

True, but Archuleta has its very own affiliate right next door to the grocery store downtown. We have built 28 affordable homes in 28 years, right here in Pagosa Springs. We have grown from an all-volunteer operation; today we employ two full-time employees, three part-time employees and we are fortunate to have nine dedicated board members.

Habitat Archuleta builds houses.

True, but we don't just build houses; our job goes way beyond the framing and roofing. We assist applicants in obtaining a mortgage, repairing credit history and maintaining a home.

We ensure that applicants have reliable income to afford homeownership and assign deed restrictions to the home these families help build. Habitat future homeowners complete homebuyer education and "good neighbor" classes.

As a team, our future homeowners, local contractors and volunteers are adding houses to the affordable inventory by the sweat of their brow, as well as their financial commitment.

Habitat Archuleta gives houses away.

False. Habitat homeowners purchase their home with an affordable mortgage. Homeowners must meet credit and income requirements and put in 250 hours of sweat equity, physically building the home alongside volunteers.

Once in the home, Habitat homeowners cannot rent their home and if future circumstances result in them needing to move, Habitat Archuleta has first right to purchase the home so we can resell it to another workforce family. Additional deed restrictions help



Photo courtesy Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Workers put siding on a Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County house.

keep the home in the affordable inventory.

Habitat Archuleta builds affordable housing.

Yes and no: Our focus is workforce homeownership, not simply affordability.

That means our board considers not just their financial need, but that homeownership makes a family more vested in our community. Our focus is to support our

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Senior Center to add more days of in-person dining

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Friends and visitors, we are ready to open more frequently to provide you with more options to join us in person for lunch during the week.

Starting the week of Monday, Sept. 12, we will be open for in-house dining Monday through Thursday. You will have the option still to dine in or do a grab-n-go service.

With more dine-in days as options, we could also use a few more volunteers to help, so please give us a call if you are interested in helping out. Consider the social benefits of gathering in person while

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we still take preventative measures and request proof of vaccination to participate in any of our activities.

Evidence-based Boost Your Brain and Memory program

Until recently, many doctors believed Alzheimer's disease, the most common type of dementia, was a genetic condition. But more

doctors and scientists have begun to think of dementia as a preventable disease, similar to the way doctors now understand heart disease, cancer and Type 2 diabetes. In fact, researchers believe up to two-thirds of one's risk for developing dementia is determined by other factors, many of which can be controlled.

Mather Lifeways Institute on Aging, a leader in applied research in the field of aging, has created an evidence-based program that focuses on a variety of lifestyle factors that impact brain health.

The six-week program, called Boost Your Brain and Memory, is being offered to community **See Senior on page 15**

Habitat

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community workforce and those who contribute to making this town such a great place. Habitat homeowners fill important jobs that keep our community working:

- Servers.
- Teachers and paraprofessionals.
- Public health and safety employees.
- Custodians and housekeepers.
- Property managers.
- Hospital workers.
- Retail managers and workers.
- Raft guides and other tourism employees.

Habitat just got a bunch of money from a billionaire.

True and false. Habitat for Humanity International received a generous donation from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott, who directed the funds to certain affiliates in larger cities and specific funds. Habitat Archuleta homes are funded by grants and donations from our community, as well as the homeowners sweat equity and an affordable mortgage.

We receive cash, time and product donations from local donors and volunteers. Local contractors and businesses provide products and services, and land has been donated by public and private supporters.

Swing by the office or give us a call if you're curious about donating, volunteering or applying to be a Habitat homeowner. These hours and efforts will be appreciated for generations by our workforce homeowners, the businesses who employ them and the children who rely upon them. Contact us to see how you can get involved.

Starting Sept. 27, we'll be on the job site Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in an effort to get it done before the snow flies. Please call (970) 264-6960 or email office@HabitatArchuleta.org before you arrive so we can plan for how many hands will be on deck.

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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 American kestrel.

The smallest falcon in North America is one of the most vibrantly colored of all raptors. The northern race male wears slate blue on his head and wings, rufous feathers with black spots over his back, and a rufous-colored tail ending in a black band. The larger female is more subtly shaded with rusty-colored barred feathers. Both sexes have two black malar stripes on the face and the slender, pointed wings, long tail and slender body typical of falcons.

American kestrels are birds of open country, preferring grasslands and shrublands with a high perch available from which to see their entire territory. They are one of the few birds whose numbers have benefited from forest clearing in South and Central America.

They are often seen perched on electric wires, scanning the ground below. False "eye spots" on the back of the head wards off predators who might otherwise attack from the rear.

Using excellent vision to spot prey on the ground, they primarily feed on medium to large insects, but will also catch lizards, snakes, mice and small birds, which they consume at the perch. Surplus kills are hidden for later consumption. The capability to see ultraviolet light reflected in rodent urine trails can lead them to a meal.

American kestrels are secondary cavity nesters and a lack of suitable cavities will limit reproduction. In the right habitat, they have adapted well to nesting in human-made nest boxes.

Data from a number of sources has shown a sharp population decline in these birds since the 1960s, nearly a 50 percent drop in North America. The reason is unclear. In 2012, the Peregrine Fund launched the American Kestrel Partnership to enlist the help of citizen scientists in monitoring nest success at constructed nest boxes. Information on these birds and the project, including how you can participate, can be found at kestrel.peregrinefund.org/home.

For information on events, visit www.weminuchaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/.

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9	1	7	5	2	3	6	4	8
2	3	6	4	8	7	5	1	9

ANSWER:

Senior

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members in partnership with the Evanston Long Term Care Commission virtually. The program incorporates video segments and instructor-led activities to guide older adults through a comprehensive overview of the findings and to offer specific activities and lifestyle changes that have been shown to decrease the risk of dementia.

We're bringing back a popular brain health series as a virtual course and wanted to invite you to be among the first to take advantage of this free program. Developed by Mather Institute, Boost Your Brain and Memory is designed to help you learn and practice the most promising strategies for keeping your brain healthy as you age.

This six-part program uses a unique, whole-person approach to brain fitness, providing you with healthy practices that can help you remember things better, be more organized, pay closer attention and reduce your stress — as well as reduce your risk of dementia. Each course will meet weekly on Zoom for an hour to discuss one element of brain fitness, as well as set measurable and realistic goals, and learn memory techniques.

Choose from four different schedules — Tuesdays or Wednesdays, mornings or afternoons. Classes start the second week of September. To register or to learn details on the course, contact Mather at (888) 600-2560 or contact@mather.com. We're excited to bring you this free program.

Save the date for Big Band Benefit

The Big Band Benefit will be 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 Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) and the Pagosa Senior Center. Tickets for the event are available at www.pagosacenter.org.

Farmers market vouchers available

Farmers market vouchers for seniors continue to be available. If you love to shop at the Pagosa

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 to put your name on the list for \$50 in vouchers to redeem for local foods. Then visit the Pagosa Farmers Market any Saturday during the growing season (June-September) to pick up your \$50 voucher to support the local food artisans and growers in southwest Colorado and northern New Mexico. The Pagosa Farmers Market 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 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 dining-in meal reservations, Grab-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

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, we help with parts A, B and D. We can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

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.

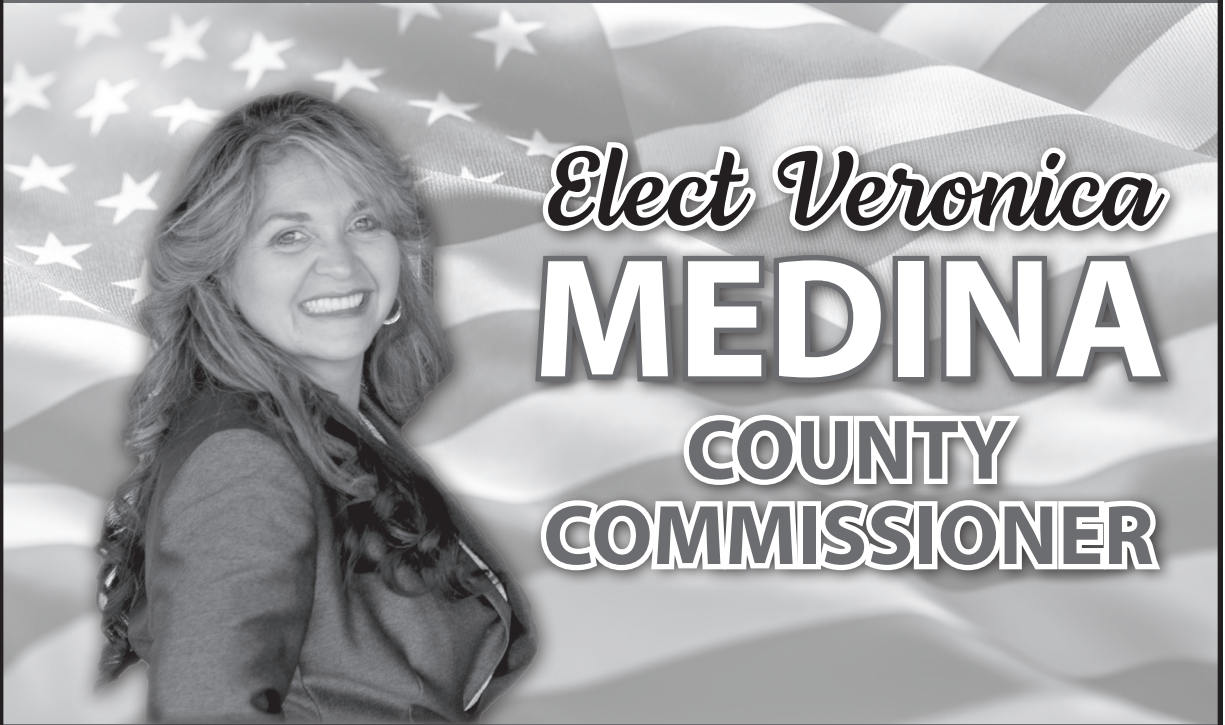
Volunteers needed

The Community Cafe at the Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with greeting custom-

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Community Cafe menu

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.

Monday, Sept. 12 — Curry chicken with jasmine rice, roasted cauliflower, chai pudding, garden salad and fresh fruit.

Tuesday, Sept. 13 — Roasted vegetable crepes with asiago cream sauce, roasted squash, roll and butter, garden salad and fruit.

Wednesday, Sept. 14 — Pork posole with tortilla, cabbage, radishes, onion, broccoli, fruit and carrot cake.

Thursday, Sept. 15 — Teriyaki salmon with fried rice, sauteed zucchini, dinner roll with butter, garden salad and fruit.

Friday, Sept. 16 — Yankee pot roast with vegetables, wilted spinach, garden salad, fruit and Mississippi mud pie.

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.

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ASI has an immediate monetary need to support ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County. Please consider donating to ASI.

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San Luis Valley Potato Festival to feature agricultural tour

By Helen Smith

San Luis Valley Potato Festival

The Colorado Potato Administrative Committee (CPAC) is set to bring the world of potato growers to the public once again in 2022.

Join CPAC Director Jim Ehrlich on Saturday, Sept. 10, for an Agricultural Tour during the 2022 San Luis Valley Potato Festival. Attendees will have the opportunity to travel by bus from Chapman Park to the SLV-Research Center and see a field being harvested.

At the SLV Research Center, participants will the opportunity to hear from numerous researchers about current projects taking place there.

This event is an excellent opportunity to learn about the breeding, seeding, growing and harvesting of Colorado's finest potatoes, right in the San Luis Valley.

To reserve a seat on the tour, visit coloradopotato.org/potato-festival and fill out the online form or contact office at (719) 852-3322 or info@coloradopotato.org.



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Inflammation:

Black cherries can help reduce arthritic inflammation, according to a study published by the USDA Agricultural Research Service in 2004. Participants were asked to abstain from cherries, fruit, strawberries and red wine two days before the start of the study. During the study, participants were fed a bowl of 45 cherries for breakfast, blood inflammatory markers, including C-reactive protein and nitric oxide, were then tracked. C-reactive protein levels increased with arthritic inflammation and nitric oxide was thought to damage arthritic joints. Three hours after cherry intake, levels of both C-reactive and nitric oxide within the bloodstream decreased, indicating lower levels of inflammation in the participants.

Benefits: Reduces Arthritic Inflammation as well as Other Inflammatory Conditions

USAGE: Eat a medium size bowl of cherries (about 20 cherries) daily for a month.

Drinking one glass of 100% cherry Juice, (not from concentrate) each morning decreases gout pain and in many cases gets rid of it. Lifestyle changes are necessary: Eliminate all flesh foods, exercise daily and drink plenty of water.

For Gout:

6 cherries a day

In the study conducted by the USDA Agricultural Research Service, the effect of black cherries on gout was analyzed. Since uric acid levels are strongly associated with gout, the urate levels of the participants were tracked. Plasma urate levels dropped significantly within five hours after cherry consumption, and urate levels within the urine increased. Cherry intake may help reduce of developing gout by stimulating the excretion of excess uric acid.

Caution: Diabetics should consult their physician before trying this remedy.

1. Begin each day with prayer or read something that inspires you.
2. Organize your home, office and monthly routines to avoid last-minute emergencies and lost items.
3. Drink plenty of water to keep you hydrated throughout the day.
4. Manage daily stress by taking occasional fresh air breaks by walking 10 minutes outdoors.
5. Take in at least 15 minutes of sunshine each day to store up serotonin.
6. Exercise 4 times a week for an hour: 30 minutes cardio and 30 minutes resistance training.
7. Eat meals in a peaceful environment with calm music, avoiding negative conversations or any kind of mental work.
8. Take a short walk outdoors after a meal.
9. Read while relaxing each day for at least 30 minutes.
10. Get a full 7 to 8 hours of sleep each night to avoid the release of unnecessary adrenaline.

If you missed any of the 10 Health Secrets printed over the last several weeks, please go to pagosasda.org and select the "ministries" link. All 10 Health Secrets can be found there.

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I am an actress born in Washington, D.C. on September 11, 1970. I attended Howard University. While I've starred in many notable movies, and was nominated for an Academy Award in 2008, I'm best known for leading an empire in a dramatic TV show.

Answer: Taraji P. Henson

‘Is There More to Life than This?’: Pagosa Bible Church to host Alpha course

By Amy Stene
Pagosa Bible Church

I had many questions of faith that I never thought I needed to explore, such as:

“How can a book written thousands of years ago have any relevance to my life?”

“What compels an educated priest or pastor to devote his entire life to blind faith instead of making good money in the ‘real’ world?”

“If Jesus is the way to God, and I already believe in God, why do I even need Jesus?”

“How can God allow for such suffering in the world?”

Single life in Manhattan, with all the pleasure-seeking stimuli New York City had to offer, along with a career on Wall Street, where God never appeared on the “ticker tape” so to speak, kept me happily, albeit ignorantly, racing on the hamster wheel of life. After many years of a rather self-centered life, however, along with the many boyfriends that came and went, I started to feel an emptiness inside and began not liking the woman in the mirror.

I thought that maybe by occasionally volunteering at night at nearby New York hospital might add a more noble dimension to my life. One of those nights, inside the horrific pediatric burn unit of the hospital, challenged me to change gears. I found a recovering toddler in a darkened private room all alone. No words could be spoken between us, but I tried my best to communicate, when suddenly over her sullen face came a smile. I know it may not seem profound, but that moment convicted me to leave career, studio and NYC behind and move into my little weekend cottage in Connecticut, thinking it would afford me a less ignoble job and life. Just as that conviction was being worked out in my heart and mind, “Mr. Right” came into my life one weekend and, unlike anyone else, swept me off my feet wholeheartedly, completely. I left behind career, friends, family, my roots, my cottage and the northeast, and within a mere four months was married, pregnant and living in the Bible-Belt South. Love caused a major transition, yet I knew that it was the best of my life and the rest of my life. My husband’s career moved us eventually with our two young girls to breathtaking Colorado, where we ended up raising them.

On Wall Street, I always strove for excellence in my job. It was expected of me. I put that same expectation on myself as an at-home mom and dutiful wife. Still, life was wonderful and fulfilling until three consecutive bad events happened which shook my faith in my fellow man and had me question what

kind of world I was bringing our innocent girls up into. The Columbine High School massacre a few miles down the road from us was the third shaking that finally brought me into total despair. I knew it was time to get off the fence and investigate my faith.

I was brought up in a traditional church where we went to church each Sunday. Believing in God and going to church whenever possible defined my faith as I grew up. I never read the Bible. I didn’t know how to pray, other than rote prayers. I believed in God, but as I got older, I doubted Jesus and thought the Bible mostly myth. My husband’s Bible knowledge, albeit head knowledge, and his belief was much deeper than mine. The church we were attending each week as a family was offering Alpha at the time and, as boring as it sounded to me, he strongly suggested we both sign up. The first night was compelling. It was the first time I had heard the logic of the truth of Christianity. By the third talk, the evidence for Jesus and the resurrection blew me away and I remember sitting back in my chair and saying to myself that I am a believer. It was head knowledge at least. I couldn’t wait each week for Alpha night. I was all in.

In the middle of Alpha is a Saturday when three short films are shared about the Holy Spirit. That was when the head knowledge flowed down into both our hearts. I was transformed by the experiential touch of love from the living God. After Alpha was over, I opened the Bible to John, as Alpha suggests for first-time readers, and it was like the Holy Spirit had suddenly unlocked it for me. I read the entire New Testament in days, and it was wisdom and it was revelation and it was practical and it was healing and it was Truth and it was power and it was so exciting. Abounding joy in Christ and a “honeymoon period” with God followed. Christianity was to me so exciting at this point that I wanted to tell the world that I have for them the answer. Love once again caused a major transition. I found the best and rest of my life. So here I am 20+ years later. Try Alpha.

A night of Alpha is simply a meal, a short film and discussion of the film in small groups. You can express your doubts. No one

will judge you. Alpha is run in all denominations, all over the world and is now translated into 112 languages to date. There is Alpha for Catholics, Alpha for youth. Alpha is run in homes, in schools, in universities, in coffee shops, in churches, in prisons and in the military. It has been repackaged over the past two decades and is now an engaging film series.

Alpha is coming to Pagosa starting Sept. 21. All are invited — atheist, agnostic, seeker, dry Christian, mature Christian. Come and see the first talk, “Is There More to Life than This?” with dinner, hosted by Pagosa Bible Church. It is free. It just may lead you to the best of your life and the rest of your life.

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A teachable heart

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

My Sweet Al and I were invited out for a nice dinner. I told him, “Be sure to put in your hearing aids.”

He told me, “My hearing aids come off when I take off my glasses. I’m not wearing them.”

“You need to decide if you want to hear or see. Wear your glasses or your hearing aids? All I know, I don’t want you to sit there all evening grinning like a possum when someone asks you a question.

“I don’t do that. Do I?”

“No, but you disappear. You aren’t present. You don’t engage with the conversation. Afterwards, you ask me what was said. You need to wear your hearing aids and learn to practice being present.”

I might add, this conversation fell on deaf ears. A conversation with a friend produced no change, either. There was no problem with her hearing, just what she heard. When I joined some friends for lunch, I decided to be honest. Of course, they encouraged me to feel free to speak my mind. They gave me the floor. I took it.

I said to one of my friends, “You are my naysayer.” My words didn’t register; I said it again. “You know, that person who criticizes, objects to and opposes everything that I do. The one who puts her heels in the dirt when there is a new idea. The one who complains about everything.”

I looked at my three friends at the table. They couldn’t believe I had the gall to say this, but they did encourage me to be honest. Now I was on a roll, there was no stopping me. This subject was six years in the making, so I let my words come forth through a veil of laughter, a hug and a pat. I was determined to speak my mind.

My friend didn’t hear; she wanted to explain why she did what she did. I gave her another example. She said she was misunderstood. I said I was unappreciated. Honesty fell on deaf ears on both sides.

I’ve developed new insight since these two recent events. It’s not about the ears or hearing, there is something else going on. The truth is they don’t want to hear.

I read how Jesus explained to his disciples about the condition of the four grounds in Matthew 13. Seeds fell by the wayside and birds devoured them, other seeds were thrown on stony places and the seeds didn’t have roots and withered. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns choked them out. But some seeds fell on good ground and produced a crop.

After Jesus told them about the ground, the disciples didn’t want to hear the message, they wanted to know why he talked in parables. They weren’t listening.

He continued. There was noth-

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



ing wrong with the seed, which was God’s word planted into the ground. It was all about the ground, which represented the condition of the heart. Only one ground was prepared to receive, to be able to nurture and grow the seed. It wasn’t about their hearing; it was about their heart.

Jesus explained to them they had been given intimate insight into the hidden truths and mysteries of heaven’s kingdom. They should have been able to understand the parable. He said everyone who listens with an open heart will receive progressively more revelation.

I told my Sweet Al he has a beautiful heart. A much nicer heart than mine.

I am becoming aware of older people who seem to check out while they still have a lot of living in them. Life becomes a chore to them. They’ve lived their life and they don’t want to deal with change, things or people.

Jesus quoted Isaiah. God called Isaiah to spread the message, but he also said, the people are not going to hear you. “They look and pretend to see, but the eyes of their hearts are closed. Their minds are dull and slow to perceive, their ears are plugged and hard of hearing and they have deliberately shut their eyes to the truth.” — Matthew 13 (TPT).

I understand. When we get older, it’s hard to hang in there and continue to change and grow in what life is dishing out. It’s easier not to be present. Also, it’s easier to have an excuse for what you don’t want to hear.

Final brushstroke: Are my Sweet Al and I still talking? Yes. Did my friend and I hug, laugh and promise to get together again? Yes. Why? Come to think of it, they did hear, but maybe they chalked up my honest words with knowing how I am and knowing they weren’t going to change.

Readers’ comments

Thank you for my readers. Thank you for encouraging me to write.

Send your comment to betty-slade@centurytel.net.

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Disaster preparedness tips for families dealing with dementia

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer’s Association

September is National Preparedness Month and a peak time for natural disasters, such as fires that have ravaged the American West.

While there is little anyone can do to prevent these disasters, there are important steps everyone can take to prepare for them, which is particularly crucial for families caring for someone with Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia.

Having preparation plans in place is particularly crucial to help those living with Alzheimer’s or another dementia. Taking important measures to plan ahead can prevent injuries and help the person with the disease feel more relaxed and less overwhelmed if an emergency situation occurs.

To help families facing Alzheimer’s and other dementias prepare for natural disasters, the Alzheimer’s Association offers important guidance that can be lifesaving during a crisis, including:

- Plan ahead. Being prepared in case of an emergency is crucial. If the person lives in a residential facility, learn about its disaster/evacuation plans and who is responsible for evacuating the person

in the event of an emergency. Be sure plans accommodate specific needs, such as personal protective equipment, a walker or portable oxygen.

- Prepare an emergency kit or “go kit.” As part of an emergency plan, put together an emergency kit in a watertight container and store it in an easily accessible location with important legal and medical documents, extra clothing, face masks, cleaning supplies, necessary medications and identification items. Make sure medical and health records are accessible and attainable by people other than the primary caregiver.

- Help people living with dementia during an evacuation. If the need to evacuate is likely, do not delay. Leave as early as possible to minimize long delays in traffic. Even in the early stage of Alzheimer’s, changes in routine, traveling and new environments may increase the risk for wandering and agitation. Stay alert for unexpected reactions that may result from these changes.

Today, there are more than 6.5 million Americans living with Alzheimer’s disease, including 76,000 in Colorado. To learn more, go to www.alz.org or call the free Alzheimer’s Association Helpline at (800) 272-3900.



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I proclaim that the Holy Spirit is my guide, teacher, friend and comforter. When He instructs me to do something, say something or write something, I shall not hesitate or ask anyone for a second opinion. I shall not allow fear to stop me from turning over the money-changers' tables or from challenging the status quo. When Jesus tells me to be a whistle blower and expose iniquity, I shall not hesitate to do so. I proclaim that the Blood of the Lamb and my testimony shall be my weapon of warfare.

I proclaim that the prophesied “illumination of conscience” shall expose every hidden and unconfessed sin in the world. Greed, lust and the motives of every heart shall be laid bare and judged. The age of grace shall abruptly come to an end. All who have squandered their talents, mocked God's grace and not repented will have no advocate to plead their case. Life as we know it today will be but a vague memory. Foolish virgins shall be left out in the dark.

Those who take these words to heart and trumpet them into the four corners of the world shall have a place of honor in my Father's House.

Trumpet blasts from far and wide: From Pagosa: Billie and B.T., Pam, Peter and Paul; from Colorado Springs: Bettie; from New Mexico: Greg, Elizabeth, Mary Viola; from Minnesota: Daniel; from Arizona: Peter and Anna; from Oklahoma and Pagosa: Jo; from Florida and Pagosa: Beverly; from North Carolina: Ramona Barbara; from: To Hell and Back several times: John.



Preview Calendar

All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, Sept. 8

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.

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 sweet and sour pork, 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.

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 de-

vices. 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. 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

Pagosa Springs Arts Council: ART! Pagosa. Town Park and Town Park athletic field. This is the arts council's first annual juried fine art festival. A weekend filled with art that will happen across the town. There will be more than 50 award-winning artists in varied mediums from more than 10 different states. A good number of Pagosa's local artists will also be in attendance.

There will be live music, an art auction and food trucks. All proceeds generated from this event will go toward the arts council's mission to stimulate and promote the arts including art classes, high school art scholarships, public art, supporting the Pagosa Springs Medical Center's art wall and all cultural activities that bring awareness to showcase Pagosa Springs' support of the arts.

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.

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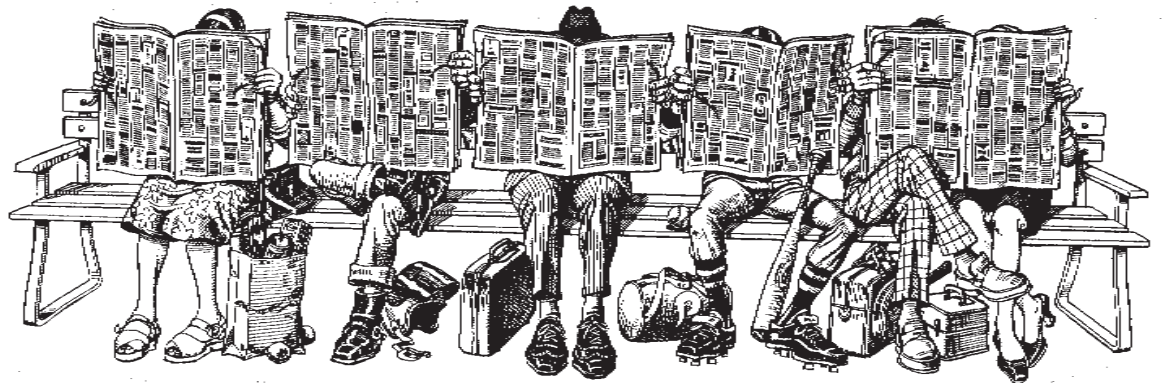
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accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars optional. Pets should be left at home. No reservations are needed. This program is sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners and the Springs Resort. For more information, email pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

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

Pagosa Springs Arts Council: ART! Pagosa. Town Park and Town Park athletic field. This is the arts council's first annual juried fine art festival. A weekend filled with art that will happen across the town. There will be more than 50 award-winning artists in varied mediums from more than 10 different states. A good number of Pagosa's local artists will also be in attendance. There will be live music, an art auction and food trucks. All proceeds generated from this event will go toward the arts council's mission to stimulate and promote the arts including art classes, high school art scholarships, public art, supporting the Pagosa Springs Medical Center's art wall and all cultural activities that bring awareness to showcase Pagosa Springs' support of the arts. Sunday will start off with a catered mimosa and bloody mary brunch.

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 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.

Monday, Sept. 12

Medicare Mondays. For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line

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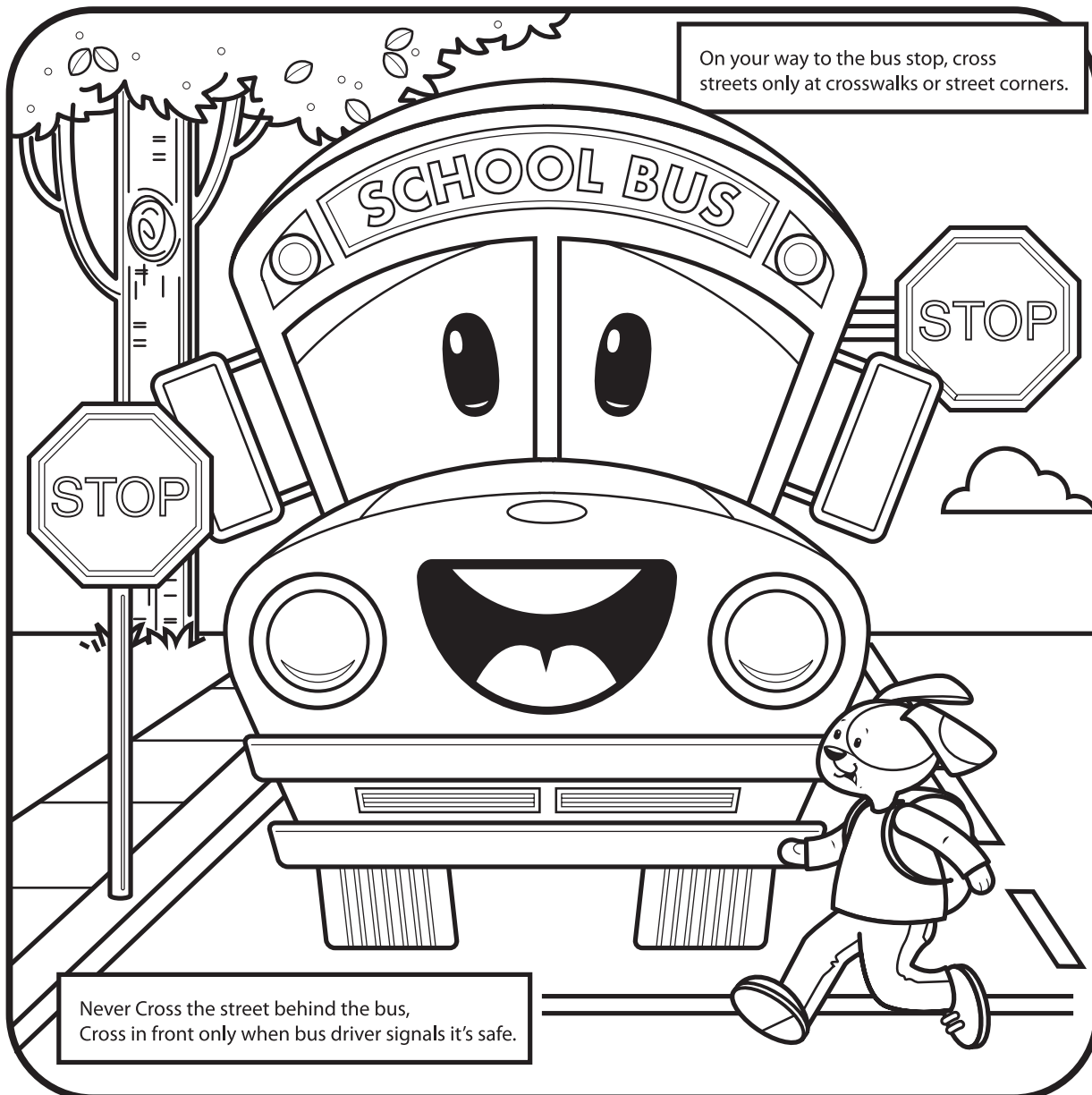
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Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

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

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Proof of COVID vaccination required. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 13

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

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive.

Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community 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

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accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Seasonal Food Demonstration. 10 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. We will work with our six food pantries in Archuleta County to experience a new recipe with fresh, locally grown produce.

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.

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

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. We will discuss "Furious Hours" by Casey Cap. Copies are available at your library.

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.

Conversational Spanish. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. There

is no minimum skill level needed to attend. Everyone is welcome to participate. Learn Spanish and many other languages anytime on your own using the Transparent Language Learning database available at: <https://pagosalibrary.org/online-resources/>. 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 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.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Tuesday Night Prayer. 6:30-7:15 p.m., 80 S. 5th St. Join us in a meditative service of prayer, song and story for all ages at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership amphitheater by the Riverwalk. We will sing, pray and wonder together about a journey that took Abram and Sarai to a new place a very

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Unappetizing fare
- 5 Intersection sign
- 9 Baseball's Hersher
- 13 Back of the neck
- 14 Kind of code
- 15 Newspaper, sometimes
- 16 "Get ___ it!"
- 17 Pleased look
- 18 Flower oil
- 19 Legendary wailer
- 21 Apropos
- 23 Pay-stub figure
- 24 Sheltered, nautically
- 25 Usurer's offerings
- 27 Course
- 29 Arsenal stash
- 33 Richly decorated
- 35 "So long!"
- 37 Bunch of bills
- 38 Not at sea
- 40 Corn's core
- 41 Calvin Klein fragrance
- 43 Audience demand
- 45 Give a facelift to
- 46 Neuter a horse
- 48 Xbox enthusiast
- 49 "___ here"
- 51 Take over
- 53 Motorcycle add-on
- 56 Vote in again
- 59 Go gaga over
- 60 Dry-as-dust
- 62 Nothing but
- 63 Well-known
- 64 Talent show prop
- 65 "On the double!"
- 66 Husky burden
- 67 Internet browser
- 68 Floor model

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- 2 Soft rock?
- 3 Like a slap
- 4 ___ non grata
- 5 Make a bet
- 6 Rap sheet listing
- 7 "Fantasy Island" prop
- 8 Qantas logo critter
- 9 Quaker product
- 10 Singer Coolidge
- 11 Sparkle
- 12 Harp-like instrument
- 15 Truth alternative
- 20 "Prizzi's Honor" Oscar winner
- 22 "Get Shorty" novelist Leonard
- 25 Decrease
- 26 Provide an address
- 28 Gas additive
- 30 Payback
- 31 Demi or Dudley
- 32 On the wagon
- 34 Mystery
- 36 Tropical fever
- 39 Cheap ship accommodations
- 42 Sister of Snow White
- 44 Full vehicle
- 47 Between before and after
- 50 Got 100 on
- 52 Wetlands plant
- 53 Minus
- 54 Revered one (on)
- 55 Lavish affection
- 57 Happy as a ___
- 58 Keyboard goof
- 61 Serling of Sci-fi TV

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to backpacks.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 7 = O)

A. 3 7 25 20 1 21

Clue: Small pouch to carry stuff

B. 22 21 13 23 3 22

Clue: Strips to help carry something

C. 19 7 7 20 22

Clue: Reading material

D. 22 25 8 7 7 26

Clue: Place for learning

Answers: A. pocket B. straps C. books D. school

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long time ago. For more information, call (970) 731-5801 or email st.patricks.pagosa@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

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

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.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 6th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further 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.

Constitutional Study. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The cost \$10 adults and children under 18 years old \$5. Each attendee will receive a pocket constitution. Please RSVP to acrwunites@gmail.com.

Thursday, Sept. 15

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 Philly steak wraps, chips 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.

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.

Geothermal Greenhouse Partner-

ship Open Mic. 4:30-7:30 p.m., GGP amphitheater, Centennial Park. For additional information, please contact ggp@pagosagreen.org.

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

Friday, Sept. 16

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.

Paws to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For kids in K-5th grade. Come and share your favorite book with Muppet, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

ColorFest: Passport to Pagosa. 6-9 p.m., Town Park. This is a 21+ event that features wine and food tasting and live music. For more information or tickets, visit www.pagosachamber.com.

Pagosa Springs Boys' Varsity Football. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Alamosa.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Breakfast with Balloons. 7:30-9:30 a.m. Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership amphitheater, San Juan Riverwalk. Guests can expect an extra special breakfast which 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 the GGP's mimosas always include a choke cherry option. Tickets 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/>.

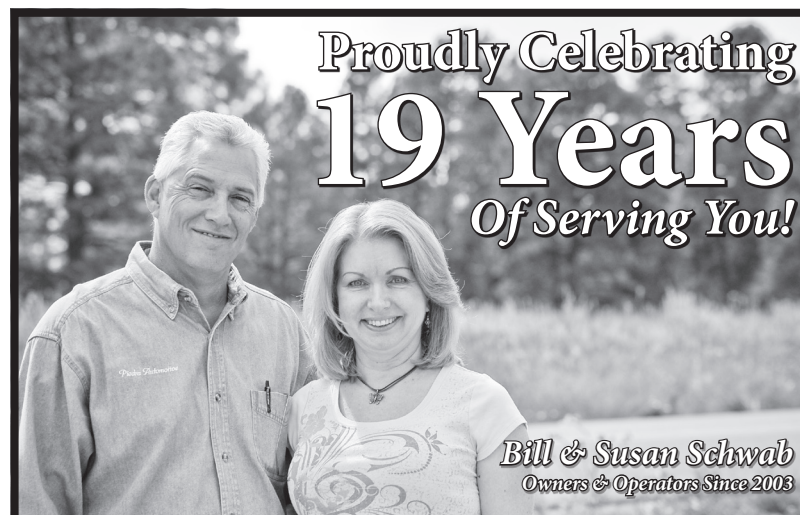
Online ticket buyers receive a wristband from volunteers at the entry gate. Paper tickets can be purchased downtown at the Chamber of Commerce office and uptown at Choke Cherry Tree.

ColorFest 5k Color Run/Walk. 8-11 a.m., Town Park. This fundraiser is to benefit the construction of Aspen House, housing for adults with developmental disabilities. The 5k course starts and finishes in Town Park. Color stations are at 1k, 2k, 3k, 4k, 5k and the finish line. Adults 18 and up are \$30, youth 7-17 are \$20 and children 6 and under are free. Call Becky Thompson at (970) 507-0101 or see aspenservices@aspenshousepagosa.org.

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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

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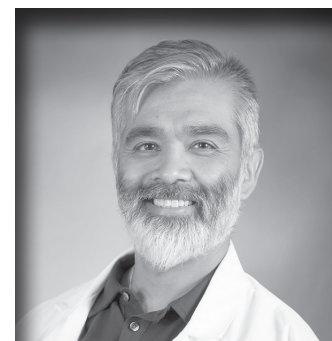
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Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. A wide variety of locally grown produce and food products.

Makerspace. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For all ages. Come build, design and create at the library. We provide the material, you provide the vision.

Pagosa Springs Girls' Varsity Volleyball. 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Centauri.

ColorFest: Passport to Pagosa. 4 p.m., Town Park. This is an all-ages event that will feature live music and, weather dependent, a hot air balloon glow at dusk. For more information or tickets, visit www.pagosachamber.com.

Sunday, Sept. 18

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

Monday, Sept. 19

Medicare Mondays. For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. Someone will return phone messages within 24 hours.

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.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Proof of COVID vaccination required. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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

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

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

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Vitalant Blood Drive. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Centerpoint Church sanctuary, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. To schedule your donor appointment, please go to www.Vitalant.org or contact Diane Levison at dianeunheard@gmail.com or via text at (602) 770-6565 to have one scheduled for you. As always, walk-ins will be welcome, but the donation time might take a bit longer as appointments are given priority.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community 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.

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

Library Speakers Consortium: Simon Winchester. 2 p.m. Live author discussion via computer link. The speaker will be Simon Winchester, prolific New York Times bestselling British-American author and journalist. In his career at The Guardian newspaper, Winchester covered numerous significant events including Bloody Sunday and the Watergate Scandal. He also has written or contributed to more than a dozen nonfiction books, has written one novel and has contributed to multiple travel magazines. 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.

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.

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 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.



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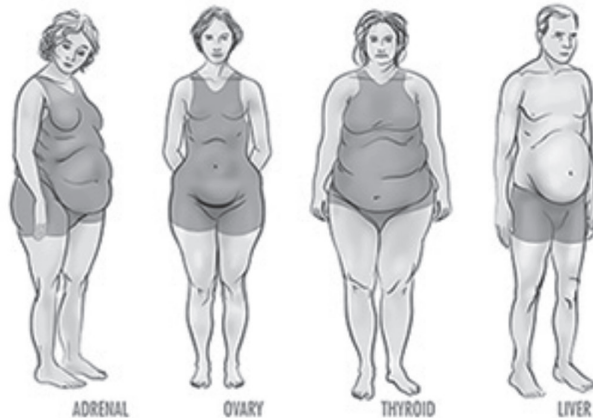
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Can we live with electric mountain bikes on trails?

By Molly Absolon
PREVIEW Columnist

The first time I saw an electric bike — better known as an ebike — I was struggling up a hill. Suddenly, a silver-haired man came whizzing by in regular city clothes. I felt a wave of envy as he left me in the dust.

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That was probably five years ago and, since then, ebike use has exploded. In 2020, ebike sales in the United States for just the month of June totaled roughly \$90 million, up 190 percent from the previous June.

It's hard to remember, but regular mountain bikes didn't become commercially available until the 1980s, and when the early adopters hit trails previously used only by hikers and horseback riders, conflicts happened fast.

People claimed the bikes increased erosion. They worried about collisions and scaring horses. They theorized that mountain bikes would frighten wildlife. Today, those same arguments are being used against electric mountain bikes.

Once again, the controversy seems to stem from the fear of change, perhaps some arrogance and maybe a little jealousy. After all, since I suffered to get to the top of the climb on my own power, shouldn't you?

In 2017, the International Mountain Bike Association, which had said that ebikes should be considered motorized vehicles, softened its stance. Instead, it proposed that local land managers and user groups should determine — on a case-by-case basis — whether to allow ebikes on naturally surfaced trails. Many members canceled their memberships. Some comments were harsh.

One wrote, "If you're too old to still ride the trails you love, do as many beforehand, reminisce about the good old days and encourage the young. Don't throw them and our public land under the bus."

That kind of attitude does not bode well for land managers to find an easy compromise.

So, what are the impacts of electric mountain bikes? Do they harm trails or cause more accidents?

In 2015, the International Mountain Bike Association studied the environmental impacts of mountain bikes, both electric and self-propelled, and found no appreciable differences between the two in terms of soil displacement on trails. Overall, bike im-



Photo courtesy Molly Absolon

Mountain biker Celeste Young takes a break along the Big Hole Crest Trail in Idaho.

pacts were similar to the impacts of hikers.

Horses, motorcycles and off-road vehicles do much more damage to trails.

As for problems caused by speed, traffic studies show that accidents and their severity escalate as differences in speed increase. But do electrified bikes go that much faster than traditional bikes?

To find out, Tahoe National Forest measured the top speeds reached by intermediate and advanced riders using both kinds of bikes. Differences on the downhill were small. On uphill, traditional bikers averaged 5-8 mph, while electric mountain bikes traveled 8-13 mph. This was a difference, but not enough of a difference to cause more accidents, especially if bikers alert others to their presence and ride in control.

Rachel Fussell, program manager of the nonprofit PeopleForBikes, said that, more than a battery boost, speed on trails reflects rider skill as well as trail design. She believes that all users observing proper trail etiquette would avert most potential conflicts.

Celeste Young has been a biker all her life and now coaches mountain biking. Her fleet of bicycles has recently grown to include an electric mountain bike.

"The most negative thing I've heard is, 'Oh, you're cheating,'" she said. "But it's just another way to be out there. You get an extra boost

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Veterans for Veterans to host 9/11 fly-in

By Frank Wiley
Veterans for Veterans

Your Veterans for Veterans Pagosa Springs/Archuleta County Chapter is hosting a 9/11 weekend fly-in on Sept. 10 and 11 to honor all those who served in the military in the war on terror and the victims of 9/11 at the Archuleta County airport.

There will be a patriotic flyover each day, Saturday at noon and Sunday at 9:59 by our own San Juan Squadron (the unit we see at the Independence Day parade) led by Craig Taylor, who I call “the Red Baron.”

We will have complimentary “eagle flights” each day, which are flights for youth ages 8-18 on a first-come, first-served basis. The youth must be accompanied by their parents, and parents must

sign a release form. While the flights are free, donations to vets for vets are encouraged.

We will have a complimentary pancake breakfast each morning starting at 9 a.m. until the pancakes run out. And while it’s complimentary, donations to Vets for Vets are encouraged.

We love animals, but for safety reasons there will be no dogs, or other animals, allowed, not even service animals, because of Federal Aviation Administration restrictions.

We will have bottled water available at a cost, but you can bring your own drinks. No alcohol, please.

There will be vendor and booth space available. If you are a vendor and would like to be there, contact Andy Byra at pilotpe@gmail.com.

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We need lodging for the incoming pilots. We are expecting about 60 planes. Some will have guests with them. We are hoping for complimentary housing because we are a charitable organization, but we could pay something.

Veterans for veterans is a 501(c)(3) organization and while we are not tax advisors, your donation is tax deductible and we will give you a receipt for you donation. If you can help us help others, please contact Byra at pilotpe@gmail.com.

Tentative schedule of events

Saturday:

• 9 a.m.: pancake breakfast (donations encouraged).

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• Noon: flyover.

Sunday:

• 8:30 a.m.: booths and vendors open.

• 9 a.m.: pancake breakfast (donations encouraged).

• 9:59 a.m.: flyover

Thank you, and we’re looking forward to seeing you.

New Thought topic: ‘Mountain Moving’

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for
Inspirational Living

The Sunday service at 10 a.m. will be “Mountain Moving” with Janie Garms.

“The basis for prosperity is to know that God is good — and only good — and that the goodness of God responds to your deepest level of thinking whatever that level may be.” — the Rev. Stretton Smith.

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.

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.

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■ continued from previous page going up these really hard trails, so it makes a challenging trail fun, rather than demoralizing.”

It’s a puzzling notion that someone accused her of cheating. It would be one thing if you secretly put a motor in your bike during a race, but when it’s an amateur rider going out for fun and exercise, how is having an electronic boost cheating?

The whole thing reminds me — a skier — of the controversy that erupted after snowboards appeared at ski resorts. They were new and fast, and their rhythm on the slope was different than the rhythm of people on skis.

We didn’t like them, and I doubt they liked us. But we’ve worked it

out. Now, public land managers face the knotty problem of how much access to allow ebikes, and where, or whether to segregate them to their own trails. Welcome to the crowded West.

Molly Absolon is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writer-sontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring discussion about Western issues. She lives in Victor, Idaho, and has worked as a wilderness educator, waiter, farmer and freelance journalist to support her outdoor recreation habit. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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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@jaccountingsvc.com, by fax to (970)264-4451 or drop off at our offices by calling (970)264-5330 to get directions.

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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. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

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OFFICE MANAGER- CHIMNEY ROCK Interpretive Association. Be the hub of communication and support for the best volunteers anywhere! Chimney Rock Interpretive Association seeks dedicated Office Manager for day-to-day administrative needs of CRIA's work for Chimney Rock National Monument. Must multi-task; work independently and as team. Hours fluctuate throughout year; average 15-20/ week. \$18,000 to start. To see full job description, please email admdir@chimneyrockco.org. To apply, send resume and letter of interest to admdir@chimneyrockco.org.

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 or call (970)264-5487.

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.

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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.

FRONT OFFICE RECEPTIONIST needed at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Must type a minimum of 40 words per minute, be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods of time. Good work ethic, accuracy and ability to meet deadlines important. Excellent customer service skills necessary. Knowledge of Mac computers and Adobe InDesign is helpful. Newspaper experience not required. 30-34 hours per week. \$16-\$17 to start. Email resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com. Successful applicants will be contacted for interview. No phone calls please.

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.

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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.

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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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YARD SALES

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE 9/10/22 7:30a.m.-2p.m. Outdoor gear, tools, furniture, women's, men's and kids clothes. 433 Meadows Dr.

HUGE ESTATE SALE. Halloween costumes, stained glass, antiques, building supplies, tools, home appliances, etc. Saturday 9/10, 9a.m.-3p.m. 141 Hermosa St.

SEPTEMBER 10 MULTI FAMILY yard sale. 8a.m.-noon. 559 S. 8th St.

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE and FOR SALE AD UPDATES — tinyurl.com/d64deei9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

MULTIFAMILY SALE, one day only, Saturday 9/10, 7:30a.m.-1p.m. Tools, log bunkbed, furniture, books, rugs, propane oven, household items, new on-demand HW heater and much more. 368 Crestone Place, off Bross and Harvard.

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

BIG YARD SALE. September 8 and 9, 8a.m.-3p.m. 29 Overlook Ct., Hatcher Lake. Craftsman blower/ mulcher, fishing, household items, lamps, decor, bikes, large doghouse. Treasures and more.

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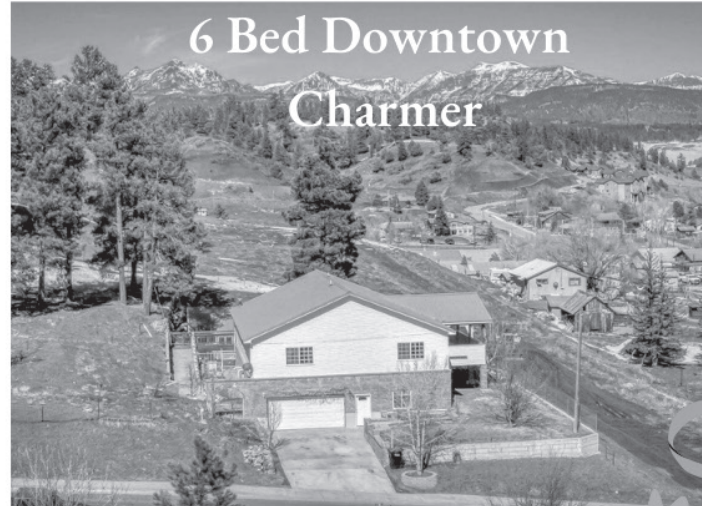
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