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Colorado Court of Appeals to hear arguments in Pagosa on Oct. 13

Colorado Judicial Branch

A division of the Colorado Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in Pagosa Springs on Thursday, Oct. 13, before audiences of high school students. The public is also invited to attend.

Proceedings at Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th St., will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13.

In addition to the events with high school students, the three-judge panel also will meet with elementary school students and conduct meetings with members of local Access to Justice committees, local bar associations and other groups during the week of Oct. 10.

The events with high school students are part of the Colorado Judicial Department's Courts in the Community, the outreach program the Colorado Supreme Court and Court of Appeals initiated on Law Day (May 1) in 1986. The Courts in the Community program was developed to give high school students firsthand experience in how

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A snow-covered Pagosa Peak peeks out from the clouds on Sunday morning. The first snow of the season was complemented by the colors of fall.

Photo courtesy Shawn Prochazka

TABOR Notice set to be mailed Questions surface about pro and con statements

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Archuleta County voters will soon receive the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) Notice for the local measures on the ballot for the Nov. 8 election, though some have expressed concerns about the notice.

The TABOR Notice lays out the pros and cons and additional information regarding local ballot measures, including Archuleta County Ballot Issue 1A and Upper Pine River Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7A.

Ballot Issue 1A asks voters if Archuleta County taxes should be increased \$6.525 million (in the first year) annually beginning Jan. 1, 2023, by increasing the sales tax rate

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Members of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Office of Emergency Management and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue held a cleanup day and ropes training at the overlook on Wolf Creek Pass Saturday. More than a dozen individuals helped to remove debris from trucks and trailers that have gone off the edge, as well as downed trees, from the cliff face, and removed trash from the parking area.



Dispatch board discusses next steps following director's resignation

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Board held a special meeting on Sept. 28 to discuss the resignation of Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr and determine next steps for the process of hiring a replacement.

In Harr's resignation letter, dated Sept. 12, she states that her resignation will be effective Nov. 3 and highlights, "It has been an absolute

honor to work for the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center over the past three years. There have been multiple highlights of my career here, chief among them the authentic and collaborative working relationships I have had the pleasure to build with those in the organization, as well as the center's user agencies."

The letter also expresses optimism for the center's continued

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Town shifts focus to intersection improvements from Town-to-Lakes Trail

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council decided at its Sept. 6 meeting to use grant funding for intersection improvements at U.S. 160 and Piedra Road instead of extending the Town-to-Lakes Trail at this time.

The improvement will add four pedestrian crossings at U.S. 160 and Piedra Road as the next phase to complete for the Town-to-Lakes

Trail. Discussions have taken place about the next phase of the trail since August, when Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis first brought the topic to an Aug. 4 Pagosa Springs Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Lewis stressed the urgency of making a new decision because of up to \$968,948 in funding from the

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Newspaper reporting and content have never been more relevant

We all have stories of readers desperately seeking reliable information about COVID-19 during the pandemic and turning to newspapers to deliver accurate national and state health departments' evolving assessments as well as local reporting on treatment options in our communities.

We at the National Newspaper Association (NNA) see it in our daily government affairs work with members of Congress, who almost uniformly admire their local community papers regardless of how they might feel about the national press.

We see it in the example of the civic leaders in Mineral Wells, Texas, who were so distraught over the closing of their newspaper that they reached out to Jeremy Gulban and his CherryRoad group to open one. That he did, as he has in other communities.

And these examples of relevance are borne out by the hard numbers. In March, the NNA and NNA Foundation commissioned a survey of readers from across the country, conducted by the highly regarded Susquehanna Polling and Research team. The results confirmed our daily experiences.

The study found local newspapers as the most trusted source when it comes to learning about candidates for public office. On a 10-point scale (with 10 being the "highest"), local newspapers are rated a 7.38, higher than TV stations (6.45), radio (5.58), political mailings (4.63) or social media platforms (2.65).

And our trustworthiness is growing. Compare this year's results to our 2019 study, when on the issue of trustworthiness, community newspapers represent-

ed a more trusted news source (5.77 on a 10-point scale) than other news sources, rating higher than national network TV news (5.13), cable TV news shows (4.60) and all others. Social media sources like Twitter or Facebook were rated lowest, at 2.92.

The study confirms there is a strong correlation between those who read community newspapers and those who cast ballots in elections. A combined 96 percent of readers of local newspapers say they plan to vote this November — either "very" or "somewhat" likely.

"It seems to us," Jim Lee, president, Susquehanna Polling and Research Inc., said, "that voters are increasingly hungry for a higher level of professional integrity when it comes to journalism (both local and national) in today's age of constant cable TV news and partisan leaning news media outlets."

TV stations (70 percent) and local newspapers (68 percent) are most often relied on as news sources to make decisions about elections compared to much lower scores for direct mailings from candidates or political parties (44 percent), radio stations (40 percent) or social media platforms (19 percent).

A combined 77 percent of respondents say they read a newspaper that covers their local community (a nice increase from a 65 percent average, 2017-2019), consumed via printed edition and online edition, as well as these additional online options that were not in previous surveys: Facebook, YouTube, TikTok or other social media platform.

Local newspapers also continue to receive high metrics on things like "[it] informs me" (93 percent agree), "[it] provides valuable local shopping and

advertising information (81 percent agree), and "my household relies on [it] for local news (83 percent).

The trust quotient is easy to understand. While some readers may think they get news from social media, who knows the source of that news? But readers know where their local newspaper is and how to ask questions or challenge the editor's news judgment when they disagree.

The difficulty, as most in the industry realize, is not in the relevance of our content, but in our revenue models.

Most local newspapers are experimenting with technology to enhance our readers' experience and provide new ways for our advertisers to reach our still-strong audience, including newsletters, video, e-editions and social media publishing, both for our own publications as well as our advertisers. But the reliance upon the revenue from the print newspaper remains the backbone of the newsroom. Too many have written the obituary of the print newspaper when, instead, they should be supporting its mission.

Readers can help with their subscriptions and contribution. More critically, Congress can help by creating a level playing field for newspapers through the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act. It also can ensure that the valuable federal advertising dollar reaches America's smaller communities through local newspapers.

Americans believe in and rely upon community newspapers. Are we in a crisis of revenue? Yes, most certainly. But relevance? We have that hands down.

Brett Wesner, chair
National Newspaper Association

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 6, 1922

The I.O.O.F. will move into their new hall October 27th. October 28th will be Odd Fellows' Day, when the Odd Fellows and their families will spend the evening at I.O.O.F. hall. Supper, program and good fellowship will be enjoyed by all. Let every Odd Fellow in Archuleta county be there. Do not forget the dates, October 27th and 28th.

Chimney Rock mound and cliff dweller ruins in Archuleta county, which Prof. J.A. Jeancon, curator of the state museum, predicts some day will be the greatest scenic attraction in America, will be the subject discussed at an open meeting of the Daughters of Colorado in the public library building tonight. Professor Jeancon will tell of the results of the summer's work in the field and show pictures of the new ruins opened and some of the pottery and other handicraft of prehistoric people which was discovered. "The investigation work in Archuleta county must not cease," Professor Jeancon said yesterday. — Denver News.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 17, 1947

Along with this week's rains come the usual stock shipping troubles and some loss of animal weight can be expected.

County roads, in several parts of the county, are in bad condition and a program of road improvements would seem in order for the next few years. Not much improvement could be expected during war years and many roads have lost their sub-grade. It is reported, but not certain as yet, that the Forest Service will do some construction work on the O'Neal Park road this year.

The total enrollment of Pagosa Springs Public school as of this date is 316. Of this number 117 are in high school and 199 in elementary. This is the largest enrollment since the war started in 1941.

Mrs. Seavy and her science classes are experimenting with a tropical aquarium. She arranged for the fish and plants while in Oregon. She also has a terrarium which fascinates students entering her room.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 5, 1972

The San Juan Historical Society has completed preparations for the moving of the new museum to its site at the town water plant. The project will get underway very soon.

In the meantime help is needed in preparing the area, in making arrangements for moving, and other similar tasks. This is an important community project with practically no funds.

The Historical Society would appreciate very much any assistance. Anyone able to help should contact Mrs. Fred Plumb or Mrs. Paul Decker.

Work has started on the installation of a replacement town water main. This main extends from Moorehead Garage to the Plateau Service Station. The line being replaced is one of the oldest in town and is constantly in need of repairs. The replacement is being made now because the Highway Department plans to resurface that stretch of Highway 160 and the cuts made in the pavement can be resurfaced smoothly.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 9, 1997

This fall's big game hunting season is going fairly well, but hunters are seeing little game, according to Mike Reid, a Colorado Wildlife Conservation Officer in this area.

"I talked to some hunters at one of the game processing plants," Reid said. "They had two elk and two deer being processed. That's pretty good because they only saw six animals."

Another hunter who has been hunting since the first season opened last Saturday filled his elk tag four days earlier. It was the only elk he had seen.

"We haven't had enough snow in the high country to bring them down," Reid said. "I've seen a few deer moving, but the elk are undisturbed. That means the animals are high, low, and in-between."

"Because they aren't seeing any animals doesn't mean there aren't any," Reid added. "It just means they haven't bunched and started moving down. Hunters should not be discouraged."

Rutting season for the elk is just about over, and the herds are probably breaking up and spreading out, Reid said.

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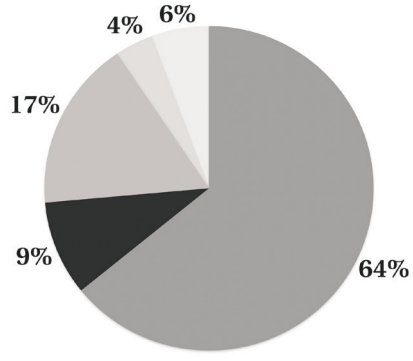
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Finger-pointing

Dear Editor:
Under the Biden regime, the attempt to demonize and marginalize the Christian right has picked up both steam and vitriole. Now we are called "semi-fascists" (or just fascists). We have been labeled as "Christian Nationalists," or "White Nationalists", potential "Domestic Extremists or Terrorists" just for showing up at our own school board meetings insisting to know what is being taught to our own children. We have been called "homophobes", told we have "Christian Privilege" along with our "White Privilege", we are "Transphobes", or "Islamophobes", and if any one of us should wear a Make American Great Again (MAGA) hat, it serves as a sure sign that we are an enemy of the state. We are to be

Letters

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marginalized, muzzled, banned from social media sites, with the logical extension that it might be wise if we were simply hunted down and exterminated.

Perhaps it should be remembered that it was Lee Harvey Oswald (an avowed Communist) who assassinated President John F. Kennedy. It was the leftist unions that spawned the 1906-1911 Union Movement Dynamite Terror Campaign that carried out the 1910 bombing of the Los Angeles Times building that killed 21 and injured 100 others. In 1919 it was the leftist anarchist and socialist groups that were responsible for 36 bombings in eight American cities resulting in much property damage, the maiming of a U.S. Senator and several deaths to coincide with the Communist Party's celebration of May Day. Then there was the September 19, 1920 anarchist bombing of the New York financial district in which took 30 lives and injured 143 others.

It was President William McKinley who was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz, a self-professed anarchist. Idaho Governor Frank Steunnenberg who was murdered by leftist union workers. Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak was shot by an anarchist in 1933 (even though the intended target was likely F.D. Roosevelt.) Long Beach, New York Mayor Lewis F. Edwards was assassinated by the police unions. It was environmental extremist Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme that attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford.

It was the Black Nationalist, anti-semitic, anti-police group the Black Panthers that ended up becoming nothing but a gang of thugs that carried out a number of murders and conducted drug dealing operations. Between 1966 and 1977 it was the leftist Weather Underground that fomented revolution (insurrection?) in our nation with a series of bombings giving birth to the Students for a Democratic Society. Then there was the Symbionese Liberation Army that carried out multiple bank robberies and got into shoot-outs with police and murdered Oakland school superintendent Marcus Foster. The list could also include Ted Kaczynski (The Unabomber), the FALN Puerto Rican terrorist group, The Animal Liberation Front (ALF), the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), the Antifa thugs, along with the other insurrectionists of the summer of 2020.

Just perhaps, we should point the finger where it belongs?

Richard Bolland

Meaningful retreat

Dear Editor:
Women's Retreat- A perfect weekend. This year's theme: You

are god's masterpiece.

Did you know that there are group of Christian ladies whose sole purpose in meeting once a month from January to September is to put on an annual retreat for like minded women here in the Pagosa Area? Well I had not idea...and it's been going on for over 20 years, hosted at Sonlight Camp right here in our backyard. The "theme" of the retreat is determined after much prayer and these ladies are inspired to select speakers, worship teams, and create a weekend of focusing on the Lord and ministering to the women of Pagosa. There is no particular church you need attend, you just need an open heart if you hear Jesus' call on your life.

I'd like to thank these lovely women who catered to over 45 women. I went alone, as I know few women in Pagosa, and was blessed beyond measure with the women I interacted with, aging from 30-90. Sonlight provided delicious food and a comfortable place to stay amid a gorgeous setting in the mountains. PCW provided food for the soul, fellowship, prayer, crafts, and personal gifts that spoiled us rotten. (Every time we went to our room or to the conference hall there was a new small gift waiting for us to remind us we are special and loved by God.) There were at least 5 sets of mother/daughter attendees who shared this wonderful weekend together. For those of you who "considered" going but didn't, I entreat you to go next year- you will be blessed and have a fantastic weekend. There was nothing I would have changed about the retreat and I can't wait for the last weekend of next September (mark your calendars) to go back and be refreshed/nourished again.

Thank you and wishing God's blessings on those who worked so hard to make a meaningful weekend for the women of Pagosa.

Julie Boyd

'Stinks to high heaven'

Dear Editor:
Where do I send the cigars?
Archuleta County Manager Derek Woodman is taking local government back to the smoke

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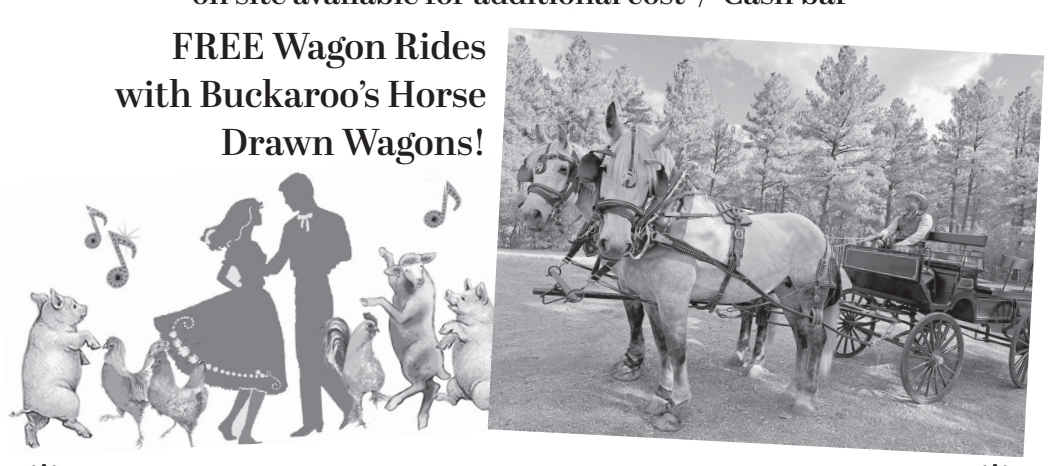
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filled, closed door backroom deal-making days of secret government cronyism and complete absence of transparency with his authoritarian style dictated "STR Task Force".

(Full disclosure - I volunteered for this "task force" twice and was denied participation despite being a property owner and taxpayer in this county for 8 years, due to my lack of year round residency.)

According to an article published in the Pagosa Springs Sun (9/29/22), Mr. Woodman is keeping the names of committee members "secret". The meetings will be "closed" to the public and get this, members of the task force are required to sign a nondisclosure agreement barring them from discussing the work product coming out of the committee, including the contents of the meeting and the topics discussed.

When asked if he sees the task force as an advisory committee to the county commissioners (which would require it to have public meetings) Woodman stated, "I don't see it being an advisory committee to the commissioners and they're not public. It's my committee. It wasn't appointed by them; it wasn't created by them. It was created by me. I picked them, I selected them. They're not appointed by the commissioners; I can remove them."

Wow, just wow. Perhaps Mr. Woodman should start by removing Bill Hudson, local anti-STR activist, who since the initial meeting has apparently already violated the nondisclosure agreement by posting in his online publication the Pagosa Daily Post that he was appointed the representative of PAWS (9/26/22) while editorializing two articles already on STR's and the action/inaction of the BOCC on this issue since the first meeting of the "STR Task Force" (9/27/22). Mr. Hudson was actively involved in the petition and election that forced the City of Pagosa Springs charter election regarding STR fees that is currently being litigated.

I would hope that the legitimate local media would request a Colorado Attorney General opinion on the legality of these meetings under the Open Meetings Law. Democracy dies in darkness. The Colorado Sunshine Law & Open Records Act needs to be respected and applied to ensure the transparency of local government and open access to government records and meetings. Even if the County Attorney has somehow determined Mr. Woodman's approach meets some technical "loophole" in the law, it is as plain as day that these covert actions do not meet the "smell test". This type of backroom dealing stinks to high heaven. The credibility of this "task force" is already compromised. This is not how the people's government is supposed to work... in darkness, secrecy and absence of transparency.

The BOCC clearly instructed Mr. Woodman to create this task force on their behalf, for the purpose of advising them on this specific issue and with the charge to bring back a recommendation to them for future BOCC action. This is an Advisory Board by definition, and as such should comply with the spirit of Colorado law.

Jim Browne

Abortion

Dear Editor:
Today's America, abortion is

front and center. Many are speaking loudly that it's a "woman's right".

As Obstetrical Labor - Delivery Dept. nurse for about 20years, several thousand babies; Florida, Tennessee, Washington, Colorado. Amazingly, always the same beautiful miracles of life. God blessed Tom and me with three beautiful babies (that became beautiful adults), face-to-face with my babies and others, it could only be compared to the beauty of God's holiness. Psalm 139:13-16 -- "For You formed my inward parts, You knit me together in my Mother's womb. I praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

L&D nurse, complete commitment... do no harm " , protect, comfort, support. There are 2 patients. Hearing that baby's beautiful heartbeat, support Mama & Baby, God's very presence, purpose--"a loan of a life".

Developing embryo begins drawing nourishment. Grows so fast. 5weeks, baby's heart, brain, spinal cord developing. 6weeks heart is audibly beating, regular rhythm seen on ultrasound. 8-9weeks, has nervous system, sucks its thumb, feels pain. 10weeks, fingernails and unique fingerprints, baby's own DNA are forming. These are 2 distinct human beings. 20weeks, baby recognizes Mama's voice. 9thmonth, 41 of the 45 generations of cell replication completed.

Have women and men ever reviewed abortion methods? Continuation of this letter is extremely difficult for me to write.

Abortion Methods: 1. Suction Vacuum Aspiration--most common 6-16weeks gestation. Sharp tip inserted into uterus, aspirator attaches, tears baby's body apart, suction pieces through tube. 2. Dilatation - Curettage--1st trimester. Sharp looped knife-curette inserted into uterus, scrapes walls, dismembers baby and placenta. 3. Intracardiac Injection--needle guided into baby's heart & potassium chloride or digoxin poison is injected into the heart causing heart attack, death. 10-12weeks and late-term healthy baby, helps abortionists avoid laws requiring a surviving baby's medical care. 4. Dilatation - Evacuation--13-24weeks, forceps inserted into uterus, forcibly dismembering baby, removing pieces. Then crushing skull so pieces pass through cervix.

5. Partial-Birth--late-term. Cervix, forceps inserted into uterus, grasp baby's legs, delivers breech; head still in birth canal, blunt-tipped surgical scissors pierce base of skull, suction catheter inserted, sucks the brain from skull. Even full-term.

6. Instillation of Saline-- 2nd-3rd trimester. Removes amniotic fluids from uterus & replaces with saline, baby swallows, dies from salt-poisoning, with dehydration, brain hemorrhage & convulsions.

7. Prostaglandin Abortion--prostaglandin hormones injected into uterine wall, induces violent contractions, kills baby. Many babies survive & are denied medical care, laid aside to die.

8. Self-Managed--performed outside medical context by mother or non-medical person. These drugs & administration are very dangerous, usually illegal. Any abortion causes high risk to mother, too.

America's inalienable Constitutional rights are "Life, Liberty, and

Pursuit of Happiness". That's everybody. About 63% of Americans, 210million, profess Christianity. The Holy Bible commands, "Thou shall not kill". Women have a right to become pregnant. Babies have a right to live. Take a stand. Pray. Vote Conservative Right, the House, Senate, Colorado Governor.

Jan Carnley

'Inept and irresponsible'

Dear Editor:

We are voting NO on ballot issue 1A, a 37.5% increase in the local sales tax. In our opinion, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners has been inept and irresponsible when it comes to managing the county's funds.

The members of the BoCC have pursued their pet projects, using questionable financing, while ignoring other needs in Archuleta County.

Why would we, the local taxpayers, want to give these politicians more of our hard-earned money to fritter away?

Bob and Jan Clinkenbeard

Wetlands

Dear Editor:

Shocked, surprised and in disbelief. Yes, that's how I reacted. Having a conversation with a fellow-Floridian about fresh water where she had no awareness of wetlands. Yet, her husband is a fisherman, and they live in Ft. Meyers, inland near I 75. Our communication occurred a little more than a week before Hurricane "Ian" nailed Florida. Now, there is an overabundance of water, but it's toxic. Boil Water Orders prevail. So, why is an awareness of "wetlands" important?

Wetlands advance a message. They tell us that the land is porous, water is present, oxygen is prevalent, wildlife gathers and breeds, and the area is prone to flooding. Wetlands show us their location through their plants, greenery, or flora. Cattails abound.

Downtown Pagosa on the river, the San Juan River Walkway is a beautiful example. In heavy rains, water runs from wetlands over the concrete walkway into the San Juan River. Tropical birds like Great Blue Herons can live here. Lots of data available. See "Weminuche Audubon Society".

Back to the subject matter. Why do we care about the message brought to us by wetlands? If we want our drinking water to be non-toxic, we don't want to destroy areas that support fresh, clean, potable water.

Now a Colorado resident, I came from Florida where I lived since 1977; and practice law as a Florida attorney since 1983. Having represented developers, home owners, small businesses, and municipalities I sport a birds-eye view of the effect of development. Bottom-line: if you put structures in the path of ravaging or ruination such as flooding...you lose.

Right now, as saturated September has caressed our geothermal substrate, filled our waterways and exaggerated the wetlands' cattails...we have an opportunity.

While the wetlands plants (cattails) are thriving, as green reedlike marsh plants with brown velvety cylindrical heads of numerous tiny flowers, or yellow reeds turned to their fall colors, look them up... take a gander. Notice where they

live. They're alongside the roads, commercial and residential developments, housing areas, Wolf Creek, the lakes, reservoirs and San Juan Riverwalk.

We can use this knowledge. Know where to build, what to build, and where not to build. We want to keep our clean, fresh water. We've had some issues regarding toxicity problems, but we've made good progress. Let's stay aware.

On Monday, October 3 the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on whether wetlands are protected by the Environmental Protection Act (Sackett v. EPA) Important.

Now, the rest of the story. My fellow-Floridian, Polly and her husband, Stan are tourists, visiting Pagosa. When the hurricane landed in Florida, their home in Ft. Meyers flooded. They lost power and drinkable water. They left their house and evacuated to Tampa. Flooding lightened but mold forming. Electric returned. Toxic drinking water. They found out wetlands near their home had been filled in. I'm sorry for them. But, what a message.

Constance d'Angelis

'Won't follow the law'

Dear Editor:

A Sheriff that won't follow the law?

I was shown a social media video this week of Sheriff candidate Wayne Bryant bemoaning our county and town land use regulation codes and permitting laws for political signs. In the video he explains how he had been contacted by the Archuleta County Development Director because he hadn't made applications for many of his larger signs, and he hadn't paid the required permitting fees for signs. He was also placing signs wherever he felt 'was his right', littering our roads and rights-of-way with his and Rachel Suh's signs. He says, and I quote, "If I have to go to jail, yes sir ladies and gentlemen I will wear one of those little jumpsuits and go to jail for this", "because someone has to stand up for our First Amendment rights."

Well Wayne, you're going to have to get used to following our local laws and ordinances if you want to be Sheriff, because heads up - an 'elected' Sheriff doesn't make the laws, but he does enforce them. This isn't the OK Corral and Archuleta County most definitely doesn't need a 'constitutional' Sheriff.

Fortunately, the Sheriff campaign isn't won or lost on yard signs, because the good people of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County are responsible citizens who understand the importance of electing the right man for the job. I know they will do their homework and research the candidates well. In that regard I urge you to look at Bryant's website and the terrifying blogpost on his plans for our new courthouse.

Then stand with me and vote the only obvious choice for Sheriff: Mike Le Roux.

Kenny Daniels

'Advantage Frisch'

Dear Editor:

Ah, what to do when two of your

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friends write letters to the editor with opposing viewpoints? Friend One's letter lists a number of instances in which Representative Lauren Boebert has secured money for projects in our district. I guess I'd have to agree she has done pretty well at that. But as Friend Two points out in his letter, there's a catch. Representative Boebert voted against many of the bills that provided the funding she secured for the district. So, if it were not for the fact that the majority of Congress outvoted Representative Boebert, there would not have been any money for her to secure for the district. As I myself pointed out in a letter to the editor a number of months ago, Representative Boebert even voted against a bill containing funding for broadband Internet in our area. Fortunately, the bill passed despite her no vote, and faster Internet is on the way. But it would not have happened if her position had prevailed.

Friend One says that Boebert favors improving infrastructure without raising taxes or increasing federal spending. But as a person who taught statistics for years, I can tell you that is a mathematical impossibility. Roads, sewers, and broadband Internet cost money. You simply can't get more of them without spending more money. As a long-time businessman and former city council member, Boebert's opponent, Adam Frisch, also knows a thing or two about securing funding for local projects and needs, and also has a track record of securing such funding. But unlike Boebert, he will actually vote for that funding, to ensure that is available to be secured for our district. Advantage Frisch.

In my mind, though, the most important reason for preferring Frisch over Boebert is that American democracy is currently threatened as never before. Across the country, many extremist politicians have tried to overturn the results of the 2020 election, and to put in place election officials who will overturn future elections when they don't like the result. Boebert voted in Congress to overturn the

results of the 2020 election, and on the day when violent insurrectionists assaulted the US Capitol to try to stop the Electoral Vote count, she tweeted "Today is 1776." When political officials refuse to abide by the results of free and fair elections, they are taking a course toward ending democracy and establishing a dictatorship. And yes, nearly sixty court rulings, mostly by Republican judges, have found that the 2020 election was free and fair. So for many reasons, but especially to save American democracy from those who would undo it, I will be voting for Adam Frisch.

John Farley

'Ensure that our Democracy survives'

Dear Editor:

I have been thinking about women's rights in the light of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v Wade. After a fitful night's sleep, I was determined to take some positive action. Here's the first thing I researched. In 1840 London hosted a World Anti-Slavery Convention. Delegates were largely British, but about 50 were from the US. One was Henry Stanton, husband of Elizabeth Cady Stanton of suffragette fame; Lucretia Mott's husband James, was also a delegate. When the Convention started, heated questions arose concerning women's role in the proceedings. The credentials committee decided that women were "constitutionally incapable of coping with meetings." So, the women were seated to the rear of the room and separated from the men by a curtain. They could listen but not talk. By this time in my reading, I was imagining how these two well educated, activist women felt with being so easily dismissed by the attending delegates. I should mention that several men disagreed with the blatant rudeness and sat together with the women and, in support of them, remained quiet. I imagined the thoughts flying about behind that curtain; I felt the anger more and more. I even imagined Elizabeth

and Lucretia talking quietly and deciding to put together their own convention. It did take several years but in 1848 Elizabeth and Lucretia organized their own convention in Seneca Falls, NY (the Stantons' hometown) More than 300 people (men and women) attended. It was a two-day affair, Aug 19 and 20. The purpose of the convention was to "discuss the "social, civil, and religious conditions and the rights of woman" and publish the results. Many people thought that voting rights for women would never be passed. The outcome appeared dim. But Frederick Douglas rose to speak; since men had failed in governing, he said, it would not hurt to let women and men collaborate.

And that was that – the Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments passed, this was the beginning of the fight for women's rights in this country.

Now fast forward, consider that it took 72 years before the 19th amendment was passed. Suffragettes had been persistent and steady, never falling away from the end goal. But 72 years. I salute every one of them.

Unfortunately, we are still fighting this fight. But let's take a very close look at what was accomplished by these incredibly brave women. And let's take heart that we too can make things better; it's just that our tools are different: canvassing, making calls, talking to neighbors, writing checks, electing candidates whose ideas match our own. But never, ever lose sight of what you are trying to accomplish. This is the key to ensure that our Democracy survives the current onslaught of attacks.

Becky Herman

Confused

Dear Editor:

We moved to Pagosa Springs in 1995. Since that time, I have served on many boards, committees, task forces, and been involved in multiple volunteer, unpaid ventures to give back to the town I love. I tried to count back the number of government, community and school committees and boards I have served on; the number eludes

me but I did get a list of at least 15. I actually own a coffee cup at work that says, "Stop Me Before I Volunteer Again." I currently serve on the Pagosa Springs Tourism Board as well as a leadership role on the Colorado Real Estate Network (aka CREN,) which is the regional Multiple Listing Service that services a large part of western Colorado. I have never served in any capacity that I was instructed to be "secretive" about the work we were involved with, nor have I ever been a "secret agent" on a board. I have always approached my volunteer service as a representative of a greater population of like-minded people. I represent one facet of thinkers and my responsibility is to gather information from that group and bring it to the table. I am completely confused by the "Short-term Rental Task Force" that has prohibited the public from knowing who they are because of concerns about "harassment of the members?" Isn't the objective to work towards a "Win-Win?" Is the Task Force made up of the most informed and representative members of our community? I found this definition in a Google search What does it mean to serve others? It means you are doing something primarily for the benefit and goodwill of another person or group of people. When we serve, we look outside of ourself, beyond our own problems, and seek to bring value to others. How are we to trust the decisions of the task force when we are not given the opportunity to have a discussion with members and to hear their ideas? Perhaps offer perspective of our own in hopes of some representation at the table? I am in favor of the closed-door meetings in an effort to get things accomplished, although not sure a Task Force run by a county employee meets the criteria to allow that. All this "secrecy" begs the questions.... What if it's just mostly government employees meeting to create rules and regulations in an attempt to circumvent the legal processes of their obligations? Is this truly "representation?" In 27 years, I have never seen a Task

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Force that the members are a "secret." This is a scary approach when led by a county employee. I hope it does not set a precedence as we move forward solving community challenges.

Lauri Heraty

'They're dropping like flies'

Dear Editor:
A couple of weeks ago, I got a phone call from an old Shipmate's wife. She told me he had passed away in his sleep. I was lucky in that I had called him a couple months ago when I found his phone number while cleaning my desk. She said Roy had talked about that call for days, telling her stories of our time in the Navy together. The thing I remember most about Roy was his interest in the Navy Times. Our Rating was in Aviation Electronics. There were X number of Billets for that job. Roy was a First Class Petty Officer (E-6) and checked the Sea Service Obituary every month to see if an AT Chief (E-7) died so he would have a chance to advance. You can pass the advancement tests all day long, but if there isn't an opening, you can't advance.

There were a couple of us in the Shop that kept in touch over the years. I tried and tried to contact another friend who lived in Pagosa Springs. He married my Doctor's Nurse. He was a no nonsense, opinionated kind of guy. He had a good sense of humor, but work came first. When I saw him at our first Dress Blues inspection, I couldn't believe the number of medals on his chest. His name was James J. Sawicki. He got a lot of the medals as a crewman on one of the sketchiest aircraft I had ever seen. It was an early Electronic Warfare aircraft, and he was flying Combat Missions in Viet Nam as part of the Jamming Crew. When I met him, we were working on the Navy's newest (then) Electronic Warfare aircraft, the EA-6B Prowler. I learned a lot from him, both technically and personally, so, when I got the call from Roy's wife I tried to get hold of JJ. His phone was disconnected and I had lost his email address in a computer crash. My last hope was the Editor of the local paper as I had seen several of his Letters to the Editor. The Editor was kind enough to call me in person to let me know JJ had passed. She could have ignored the note or just sent another one back, but she was kind enough to call.

I knew there were a couple people in my local VFW that had served with JJ, so I put a note on our white board to let his friends know. I was also looking for the third member of the trio of First Class PO's I knew from that time period. Good old Billy Burkhart. We've shared a few beers together at the VFW bar. I was informed he was in the local hospital and not expected to come back. That's three.

So, a single call to let me know a friend had passed, led to learning that two more friends were dying or dead. All three of them were in their mid 80's and I'm mid 70's. To top it off, I had to put one of my dogs down too.

They just seem to be dropping like flies all around me. And I'm not ready to go yet.

Skip Johnson

Oak Harbor, Wash.

'Raise the bar on political speech'

Dear Editor:
When I was a kid, someone cursing in earshot of my Dad triggered his admonition: "profanity is the sign of a small mind expressing itself." Dad wasn't the first to make that observation, and I've since

heard variations on the theme.

When my Dad said "small mind," he didn't mean unintelligent or lacking an elite, Ivy League education. He meant narrow-minded and lacking intellectual curiosity.

The profanity laced political signs I see in Archuleta County remind me of Dad's rebuke. The signs mimic demeaning, derogatory chants that count as political commentary for certain political camps. They are not clever uses of swearing. They make no meaningful contribution to political discourse. They're simply vulgarity masquerading as speech.

Small minds are not going to serve our communities well in addressing complex public issues. Profane chants may provoke and offend, but they are not a useful opening for a meaningful conversation.

To strengthen community, we should aim for policies garnering broad-based support. Raise the bar on political speech, and we raise the prospects for respectful, productive interactions with our neighbors.

In a similar vein, our politicians should show some respect for their constituents by describing their votes honestly. Last week, I listened to local staff for Lauren Boebert report to the La Plata County Commissioners about constituent problems with U.S. mailboxes. The mail issue derailed an otherwise glowing self-assessment of legislative accomplishments.

Boebert's staff did not disclose that Boebert voted against the Postal Service Reform Act this year. That law implemented a number of changes requested by the Trump-appointed Postmaster General, and it passed with bipartisan support, including a majority of House Republicans. But not Boebert, who kept to her place on the alt-right fringe. She said nothing in the Congressional Record or on her website to explain her vote about the Postal Service. She put her obstinance-at-any-cost approach to legislation above the interests of rural Coloradans and local small businesses who rely on the U.S. mail.

Boebert also misleads her constituents when she claims credit for the benefits of laws she voted against. Thank Senator Michael Bennet for bringing funds to improve roads and bridges and build out other infrastructure, like broadband. Sen. Bennet voted for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Boebert voted against.

Bluster and vitriol delivered in shouts and rants is not the path to policies that work for Southwest Colorado. Enough is enough. We need reasonable, open-minded, hard-working representatives in Congress. That's Michael Bennet in the Senate and Adam Frisch in the House.

Candace Jones

'Fix our roads'

Dear Editor:
Ah, another beautiful Fall Day to drive my horse out into Our Beautiful Mountains to...

Screech'hhhhh.
Swerve & brake & dodge the deep & destructive pot holes on the Piedra rd pavement portion. Frustrating.

I'm thankful I'm familiar enough to hope to miss them cause I brake & swerve often.

Yesterday...\$1,500 Bill for SUV & horse trailer alignment & problems from bad roads.

So off I go today to avoid huge pot holes on my way to our beautiful mountains, rivers & lakes. We all love our nature drives, during all seasons.

Now come on, make our roads smooth & safe again please. (God help winter drivers if you don't...our roads are dangerous & expensive

from the damage.

Enough is enough. Fix our roads.
Robyn Love

Hold the venom

Dear Editor:
Sixteen of Putin's domestic critics have suffered violent or mysterious deaths recently. This is what happens in Russia when Putin is challenged.

We're seeing some of the same malevolence here - reckless rhetoric that threatens death or retribution for the audacity of disagreeing. We seem to be brewing up an unholy stew of indigestible ingredients for our upcoming elections. It stinks.

Now is the time to stop and reassess. Not one of our domestic arguments should jeopardize our freedom to speak our minds, to vote our consciences, and to have the results of our elections accepted by all sides. We can stick to our guns without threatening to turn them on another. This hatred of the "other" is merely fear-mongering hysterically substituted for honest debate.

Let's insist that our candidates practice civility. If they're incapable of referring to the other side as "opponents" rather than as "extremists," then they're unlikely to be problem-solvers. Dump them. We don't need to send drama queens (of any persuasion) to DC. We don't need to spice up our national discourse with more venom. The best leader isn't someone who can throw a tantrum. An effective leader uses reason, tact, and persistence to achieve consensus.

Americans - all of us - stand to lose a lot more than an election by tolerating the current culture of threats, intimidation, and denialism. That's what Putin does. Today, tens of thousands of Russian citizens are fleeing their country in an attempt to save their own lives and preserve their few freedoms. We'll be there soon if we don't wake up.

Please vote wisely in November.
K. Muth

'Facts are facts'

Dear Editor:
Nice story by Scott Beckstead, but a lot of facts were misrepresented and/or twisted to present his own narrative. Actually, the BLM has done a remarkable job of managing a decimated population of only 12,000 to 17,000 burros and horses back in 1971 to over 82,000 today at a cost of many millions of taxpayer \$\$\$ annually. The 2022 budget alone is in excess of \$110M. Wow, that built-in bias against wild horses is expensive. The comparison to cattle and sheep was interesting, but I noticed Scott didn't mention the \$30M to \$40M in revenue the cattle/sheep grazing permits and fees generate while the burros and horses program loses money year-end and year-out.

The BLM program for burros and horses isn't much different

than the Colorado Dept of Wildlife managing their resources (deer, elk, moose, bear, etc.). The difference is most people can't picture themselves riding a bear or a moose across the plains.

We love horses too, but facts are facts. It doesn't take long to do the research.

Paul D. Ratliff

Strayed

Dear Editor:
I read with sad amusement Mr. MacLaurin's uninformed opinions on the GOP, theocracy and the First Amendment. Not his fault as the left has been pushing and teaching these deliberate mischaracterizations for decades.

First, what kind of theocracy is the GOP trying to impose? A Jewish Theocracy? 7th Day Adventist? Mormon? Scientology maybe? If Christian, which of the dozens of denominations will this theocracy be? The competition is bound to be fierce.

The theocracy claim is ludicrous on its face.

Next, simply put, the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment was written to prevent the new central government from establishing a new, official, taxpayer funded federal religion, as the Church of England was at the time in "the old country." It was a "join or else," situation, kind of like "The Church of Covid" today. (Vaxx or else)

The Founders did not want the new central government to override the official state funded religions, as existed in Virginia and Massachusetts at the time. There was never the intention to ban religion from influencing government.

President John Adams said it best: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

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Utilizing available business resources

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

As we have spoken about time and again, many business owners work in their business, not on their business. We understand finding employees may be difficult; we understand more of your time may be needed right now just to meet staffing levels; perhaps you aren't familiar with what resources are available to you. How can the Chamber help? While we can't get all the employees hired for you, there may be some avenues that you haven't looked at before. Perhaps you need someone bilingual in your industry. Or perhaps you need to have some of your documents translated for you. The Chamber can help with resources. Have you talked to the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library staff to see if you can reach out to those residents that might be taking the ESL classes? We have resources that can help you get application forms, work notices, etc. translated into Spanish to better engage that sector of our community.

If you have a concern about a component of your business model, have you reached out to the Chamber or the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to get some free assistance? Whether it be understanding your financials better, learning how to set up an improved inventory or ordering system, or working with marketing, the SBDC has a cadre of consultants that can assist you. Perhaps you are even looking to sell your business. The SBDC can assign someone to you to help value your business and create an exit strategy. We are working to have the SBDC here in Pagosa one day a month for consultations. If you know the area of your business that you need assistance with, you can contact them directly for a consultation at www.coloradosbdc.org or call their offices at (970) 247-7009. Or, contact the Chamber and we will help arrange a meeting here in Pagosa Springs.

Are you trying to expand your business or increase your inventory? Have you reached out to the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado? They can help you with financial growth plans and loan opportunities. If you are looking to start up a company, there may be many ways that you can apply for Enterprise Zone Tax Credits. Do you

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37.5% COUNTY SALES TAX INCREASE ? FIVE REASONS TO VOTE 'NO' ON BALLOT ISSUE 1A

ONE: Sales Tax Increases Hurt Retirees and Working Families

Sales tax is the most 'regressive' form of tax— hitting retirees and working families especially hard. Ballot Measure 1A would do the exact opposite of what most of us believe is fair. Archuleta County, unlike most counties, charges sales tax on basic food items. Meanwhile, **rents, mortgage rates, and gasoline prices have doubled and inflation has tripled since 2016.**

An independent study based on County sales tax data concluded that local households **pay more than 80%** of the local sales tax. **Tourists pay less than 20%** of the County sales tax...

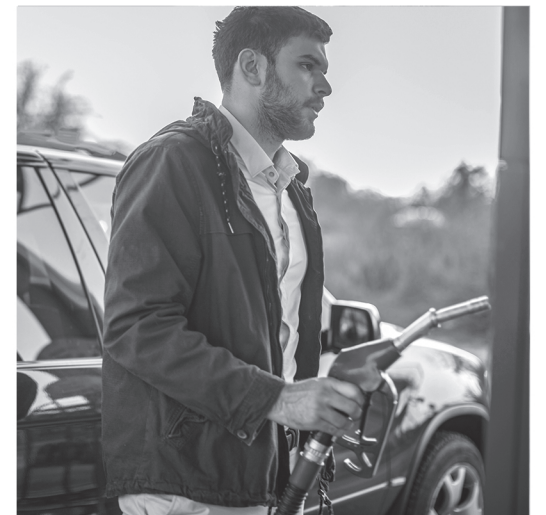


TWO: County Sales Tax Collections Have DOUBLED Since 2016

Since 2016, Archuleta County sales tax revenue has already increased from **\$9 million** to an estimated **\$17.6 million in 2022**. Ballot Issue 1A would raise the County sales tax rate from **4% to 5.5%** — that's a **37.5%** increase for government.

THREE: Tax Increase Averages \$1,000 Per Household in 2023

There are 6,500 households in Archuleta County. Ballot Issue 1A asks for an increase of \$6.5 million in 2023. That equals **an average of \$1,000 per household**. Even if tourists pay 20% of the tax, it still averages \$800 in new taxes per Archuleta household for 2023. Over the next ten years, the increase would total an estimated \$85 million — based on **half the rate** of recent revenue increases, and 2% population growth. **That's an \$11,000 per household increase...**



FOUR: Proposed 37.5% Tax Increase Would Last Forever

The County **could have included a 'sunset' provision** — like the 'seven-year sunset' the Archuleta School District included in their \$1.7 million tax increase, approved by the voters in 2018. A sunset allows the voters to renew the tax at a future date, if the voters believe the extra taxes were spent wisely. **But the County refused to include any sunset provision for Ballot Issue 1A.**

FIVE: The Taxpayers Don't Trust Archuleta County Government

The County's own consultant for this tax, Magellan Strategies, asked 1,000 likely voters if they trust the County government. The result? **Only 4% 'strongly agreed' that the County can be trusted to spend our money wisely...** and only 23% 'somewhat agreed'. Why the lack of trust?



A few years ago, the County asked the taxpayers to fund a new, oversized, 54-bed jail. The voters rejected that plan, **TWICE**. But the Commissioners refused to listen to the voters, borrowed money against future sales taxes, and built a more expensive new Jail, plus a new Courthouse, a new Sheriff's Office, a new DHS office... and are **now planning a new Administration Building for themselves.**

The County needs to **regain our trust**, before they ask us for a 37.5% sales tax increase.

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Planning commission approves sketch major design application for Archuleta County's transit facility

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

At its Sept. 27 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, acting as the Design Review Board, approved the sketch major design application for the Archuleta County Transit Facility.

The facility, proposed at 85 Harman Park Drive, would be located on a portion of the 5.46-acre parcel that is currently home to the current Archuleta County Sheriff's Office.

The proposal is to construct a new 5,907-square-foot, single-story facility on the site as part of the overall Archuleta County campus, Planning Manager Cindy Schultz explained.

The facility will serve the local Mountain Express Transit (MET), paratransit services and the regional Bustang (Outrider) bus service. The parking area will provide spaces to accommodate the park and ride function, according to the application.

The property will also house the Archuleta County Transportation Department, Schultz noted.

The buses that the facility will serve will be shorter-style buses, unlike "Greyhound-style" buses, Community Planning Director James Dickhoff noted.

A representative of the project, Lauren Davis of Reynolds Ash + Associates, stated that the facility is designed to house up to five buses, and currently the county has "two to three."

The approval comes after the board moved to continue the discussion of the sketch major design application for the Archuleta County Transit Facility after concerns emerged about the site plan at its Sept. 13 meeting.

At that meeting, Schultz noted that the applicants submitted a revised site plan the morning of the review, which town staff did not have time to review before the meeting.

Therefore, the application was being reviewed with the caveat that "staff has to approve it," she explained.

At that meeting, some planning commission members took issue with the seemingly hasty process of the application and the discrepancies between the original site plan and revised site plan that was submitted that morning.

"The current commissioners really want to allow for a future office building, and that is really the main driver for this revised site plan," Davis said. "In order to do that future office building, we need to preserve that area in the northwest portion ... There's a lot of moving parts, and this is the direction the county had given us as of a week and a half ago."

Others were wary about the full scope of the project and the little room it left for its short-term and long-term goals.

Davis initially acknowledged that the project was small scale and that "there was not a lot of room for potential growth with this facility."

Davis explained that the project has evolved since its inception, but expressed that, due to grant funding, the county has to spend the

funding soon, which was why the board was seeing the plan at the time of the meeting.

There were also concerns about the limited amount of parking available at the facility.

Board member Chris Pitcher acknowledged that the proposal complied with the Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) with its parking space amount, but asked if the minimal spaces are "really appropriate for a transit center."

Ultimately, the board decided to continue the discussion to the Sept. 27 meeting, given that staff had the opportunity to review all items prior to the meeting and there is a better conceptual site plan provided, but clarified that the building design was OK with the board.

Upon the application's return, Davis clarified that the county plans on having multiple parking-and-ride locations around town, and therefore the facility's limited spaces should be OK for its projected demand.

"We went back to the county and verified that they have accounted for all the growth at this facility," Davis said, adding verification that the facility can meet the needs of current and future buses, that the county does not anticipate acquiring larger buses and that the parking spots would meet the needs of the facility's employees and guests.

The new site plan also triggers improvements to the availability of parking at the next-door sheriff's office, Davis explained.

The applicants also provided the

board with a long-term buildout conceptual site plan, which shows the potential future use of the parcel of land, including future road alignments, which Dickhoff noted that staff is comfortable with at this time.

Dickhoff explained that the project foresees the relocation of the existing Harman Park Drive roundabout and accommodates the future local road network alignment for connecting Harman Park Drive with the Cornerstone Drive, which he called "really important for the community."

The planning commission members asked minor clarifying questions about accessibility to other amenities from the facility and the building's materials.

Particularly, Dickhoff noted that the LUDC requires that buildings use less than 35 percent metal siding in parcels zoned Mixed-Use Corridor (MU-C), unless the board decides that the metal is needed for the architectural style.

Since the proposed building uses about 38-39 percent metal siding (according to Davis), the commission members decided to add a stipulation in their approval that requires the building to comply with the code in its siding.

The motion to approve the application passed unanimously, and the application will now head to the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

To view the application, visit <https://mypagosa.org/85-harman-park-drive-transport-facility-major-design-review>.

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I am committed to meeting all the needs of this dynamic community to ensure a safe and thriving home for us all to enjoy. I would be honored to serve as your Sheriff.

Resources

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know what credits are even out there? The Chamber and Region 9 can help you identify what some potential credits might be and how you would go about applying for credits.

There will be some changes in the law regarding employee benefits such as the Colorado Secure Saving Program and Family Leave. The Chamber is working to host some virtual training in the upcoming months. Make sure that you take time out of your busy schedule to attend these sessions. We are making them virtual to better engage you and accommodate your schedules. Stay tuned for the schedules as they come out and don't be caught unaware of the changes. If your company offers another program, now is the time to ask questions of the state facilitators to see where your company fits in and what you can or cannot do or what changes you may or may not have to make. Utilizing these resources is easy, available and important for the increased success of your business.

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Obituaries

Robert William (Bob) Howard

Robert William (Bob) Howard died unexpectedly but peacefully on Oct. 3 of congestive heart failure a little more than two weeks after his 80th birthday.



He was born on Sept. 17, 1942, in Vancouver, Canada, to parents Robert Henry and Alice McIntosh Howard. When Bob was almost 6, his family moved to the nearby suburb of New Westminster, where he attended school, made the honor roll, served on the student council and excelled in sports.

He graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1965 with a B.S. in math and physics. On May 15, 1965, he married Carole Munroe Howard. They were best friends and soulmates for their 57-year marriage. The young couple moved to the U.S., later becoming dual citizens, where both attended the University of California at Berkeley and Bob received an MS in aeronautical engineering. After graduation, they moved to Seattle, where he was an aeronautical engineer at Boeing, working on the SST. Under a technology transfer agreement between the U.S. and French governments, Bob's co-invention of the chines that improved the landing abilities of the SST became a visible component on the outside front of the Concorde. His reward for this remarkable invention was a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond.

In 1969, Bob returned to college to earn a second master's degree, an MBA at the University of Washington. As a class project, he and two fellow students started a gourmet food business, which they later sold to a large Seattle company. In 1975, he joined Weyerhaeuser as a business analyst at their headquarters near Seattle, later transferring to New Jersey. In 1981 he was recruited to be CEO of Reisen Lumber Industries, a specialty wood company in New Jersey, where he worked until his retirement and move to Pagosa Springs in 1995. Previously a family-owned firm, Reisen became the state's largest employee-owned (ESOP) business under Bob's leadership. Having worked seven summers in union jobs in sawmills to pay his way through college, Bob's on-the-ground experience became invaluable in his later senior management roles in the lumber industry. He continued as Reisen's chairman and ESOP trustee for many

years after his move to Pagosa.

From the time he was a youngster, Bob's passions included aviation, sports, music and theater.

His lifelong love of aviation began early because his father served in the Canadian Air Force during World War II. Bob got his private pilot's license at age 20. Over the following 50 years, he owned 13 airplanes ranging from a single-engine, four-seat Cessna 172 to an eight-seat turboprop King Air. He also had a glider rating and owned a Blanik sailplane. He and Carole greatly enjoyed flying in his planes for travel and to return to Vancouver for visits with family and childhood friends when they lived in Berkeley, Seattle, New York and Pagosa Springs.

Growing up, Bob played on baseball, football and rugby teams. He and Carole also loved skiing, golfing and hiking, which made the move to Pagosa Springs a natural when they retired from corporate life in the New York/New Jersey area.

In high school, Bob played the clarinet in his hometown band that won several national awards in Canada. In later years, he played the guitar for sing-alongs with family and friends, with Carole on the piano. Classical music was another keen interest. He and Carole had season tickets for 20 years to the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and later, in Pagosa Springs, to Music in the Mountains.

Early in life, Bob was introduced to theater with summer Theatre Under the Stars musicals in Vancouver. In grade school, he played the title role in "The Butterfly That Stamped" and the cowardly lion in "The Wizard of Oz." He and Carole regularly attended Broadway productions during their two decades living in the New York City area, and became early patrons of Thingamajig Theatre Company at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts from its founding in 2010.

Bob was a precocious little boy with a curiosity about life, a high intelligence and a prodigious memory. Family lore says that as a 2-year-old, he walked several blocks to his favorite park and back home again by himself. At age 3, he stood up on the family piano bench and sang "Don't Fence Me In." At age 6, he put together a crystal set that received radio signals. A believer in lifelong learning, Bob was so well known for his ability to answer questions on a wide variety of topics that his niece Jenn called him "www. askbob" when she needed his help with her homework. He had a skill for making something very complex understandable. He loved watching "Jeopardy!" on TV, usually answering correctly before the contestants

did. For all his intellect, he was a gentle, caring man who loved animals, especially the family cats.

Bob and his wife Carole married very young and built a life that they grew into together, first as married students at the University of California in Berkeley, then in Seattle and the New York area before their retirement in Pagosa Springs. They greatly enjoyed their new life in this rural mountain community. Quoting Proust, who was speaking of Venice, they liked to say, "Our dream became our address." Or, as Ronald Reagan put it, "If this is not Heaven then at least it must have the same zip code."

They also enjoyed traveling, especially ski trips to Europe and to their former home in Aspen, golf excursions with the Senior Golfers of America, reunions and family ski trips in Canada, and scuba diving vacations in the Caribbean, where they had a home in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Bob always learned the language of whatever countries they visited, notably the difficult Russian, Finnish, Mandarin and Gaelic languages, and the dialect of native Eskimos when they traveled to the Canadian Arctic to view polar bears.

In Pagosa Springs, Bob was an active member of the local aviation community, serving for a time as chairman of the Airport Advisory Committee. He was a member of the Gray Wolf Ski Club and Pagosa Springs Golf Club, and he and Carole enjoyed dancing to Tim Sullivan and his country music band. Even with their world travels, the Howards loved being homebodies, entertaining friends and visitors (especially Thingamajig Theatre actors and directors), and relaxing with books and their cats, first Mac and Molly and now Lucy and Marmalade, all adopted from the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs.

An avid pilot has departed the pattern for his last great flight. 515BC over and out.

Bob is survived by his wife, Carole; sister Patti and husband Don; brothers-in-law Don and wife Wendy, and Ian and wife Joanne; nephews and nieces Craig and Maureen and family; Odessa and family; Grant and Natalie; Melissa and Olivia; and Jenn; his Aunt Heather and Vilvang cousins — Jim and Margot, Randi, Nancy and Howie, Maggie and Richard and their families; his Howard cousins; and a multitude of dear friends. In honor of Bob, please consider making a contribution to one of his most-admired Pagosa Springs nonprofits — Thingamajig Theatre Company, Pagosa Springs Medical Center, the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs or the Ruby Sisson Library.

Jose Frederico Jaramillo

Jose Frederico Jaramillo, 84, passed away peacefully at his home in New Braunfels, Texas, to be with our Lord on Sept. 22.



He was born Sept. 26, 1937, to Jose and Elvira Jaramillo in Edith, Colo., where he grew up on their family ranch. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. After his time in the Navy, he worked on ranches as a foreman, and worked for the U.S. Forest Service and Archuleta County Road and Bridge supervisor before retiring. After returning home from the Navy, he met the love of his life, Mary, and they were married on May 29, 1960. They grew their family by having their two sons and a daughter. His family was his life and they traveled to places for work such as Utah, New Mexico and Colorado, where he was a long-time resident from 1961 until 2018.

Fred is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Jaramillo; sons Michael Jaramillo (Darbi) and Steven Jaramillo (Dana); daughter Jeanene Weidman (David Williams); grandson Christopher; four granddaughters, Michaela (Darrell), Breanna, Nicole (Dee) and Stephanie (Hans); five great-grandsons; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother; father; brothers, Mike, Ralph, Horace, Jake and Joe; and sister Becky.

Fred was an amazing, hardworking, gentle and loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He enjoyed working at his ranch, playing the guitar in the church choir, gardening, fishing, camping and spending time with his family. He touched many lives with his kind heart and his fun sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by all his friends and family.

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Carrie Keating

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SJBPH accepts audit, approves executive director contract

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Sept. 29 regular meeting, the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health (BoH) accepted the organization's audit for 2021 and approved a contract for Executive Director Liane Jollon.

Michelle Sainio and Douglass Field of FredrickZinc and Associates, the auditing firm hired by SJBPH, delivered the audit report to the board. Sainio explained that the firm was issuing an unmodified opinion for the audit, which she noted is the best possible opinion.

The audit report indicates that SJBPH held \$4,993,395 in assets and \$1,522,238 in capital assets at the end of 2021 for total assets of \$6,515,633.

This is balanced by a total liability of \$1,140,268, for a total net position of \$5,375,365.

The report also explains that SJBPH had total expenses in 2021 of \$7,694,540, balanced by \$1,118,848 in charges for services and total general revenues of \$6,829,223.

This led to a change in net position of \$1,080,253, with the net position increasing from \$4,295,112 at the beginning of 2021 to \$5,375,365 at the end of the year, the report indicates.

Sainio also discussed SJBPH's internal controls, where the audit found a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, including incorrect reporting and segregation of financial statements and grant information, and inadequate performance of year-end-close processes.

Sainio commented that this was "expected" given the losses of staff and unexpected death of a key member of SJBPH's Finance Department, both of which are noted in the audit report.

The report states that this deficiency led to incorrect financial information being reported and additional auditing procedures being required, and recommends that SJBPH continue to hire effective staff for the Finance Department and improve financial reporting frameworks.

Sainio highlighted that the audit found no deficiencies or material weaknesses in terms of SJBPH's compliance for its major federally funded programs, meaning that the deficiencies were limited to the Finance Department.

She added that SJBPH qualified as a low-risk auditee for this audit period.

Fields noted that the Finance

Department's internal control would have to be assessed in next year's audit and would likely remain a problem in next year's audit given it was already September and there would thus be limited time to rectify the issues.

In response to a question from La Plata County Commissioner and BoH member Marsha Porter-Norton, BoH vice president Shere Byrd indicated that she thought, given the difficulties of the past year, that the audit report was "very good ... given those conditions."

Porter-Norton stated that she agreed with Byrd about the report. Later in the meeting, the board unanimously voted to accept the audit report.

"It was an excellent report, but it was a painful, painful process," Byrd commented.

At the end of the meeting, following an executive session, the board approved a contract for Jollon with an increased base salary of \$176,000 and a retention bonus of \$10,000 at six months from Aug. 1, 2023, and a second bonus one year later.

Following the approval, Byrd directed staff to move forward with finalizing the contract and distributing it out to the BoH members to review.

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Education

Pagosa Peak Open School discusses enrollment concerns

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Concerns over lower-than-expected enrollment at Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) were voiced at the Sept. 21 meeting of the school's board of directors.

The concern surfaced during Business Manager Chenni Hammon's report, ahead of this week's formal student count that will determine how many students the school receives funding for.

"I am a little concerned with our current enrollment," Hammon told the board, pointing out the decrease in yearly growth in the school's enrollment from before the COVID-19 pandemic to this year.

The school opened its doors in the fall of 2017 serving kindergarten through fourth grade and added a grade level each year until it served kindergarten through eighth grade.

In her written report to the board, Hammon outlines that the average enrollment growth from October 2017 to October 2019 was 17.5 students per year, while the average enrollment growth from October 2020 through Aug. 27 of this year was 2.33 students per year.

Hammon also provided a retention report showing the beginning and end-of-year enrollment, the numbers of students who did not return, and where students who left the school went, such as to Archuleta School District schools, home school or moving/other.

Hammon posed the question of how PPOS can get back to the pre-pandemic growth numbers.

The business manager also discussed the student-to-teacher ratio at the school and that the staffing plan is based on the school's expansion plan.

Essay contest open to local students

By Lynn Frederick
Archuleta County Democratic Party

The Archuleta County Democratic Party wants to remind all middle and high school students that they are eligible to win up to \$100 in the essay contest "Freedom and Responsibility in America: What They Mean to Me."

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

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

Students may enter in either the poster or writing categories. Middle school (grades 5-8) and high school (grades 9-12) entries will be judged separately. Cash prizes will be awarded in each submission category at each school tier: \$100 to each winning entry, \$50 to each first runner-up and \$25 to each second runner-up.

The deadline for entries is Friday, Oct. 14. Winners will be recognized at a ceremony on Nov. 12. For a complete list of rules and directions on how to submit entries, go to archuletaadems.org.

That plan allows PPOS to have up to 135 students for the current school year through increases in kindergarten through third grade and, over a period of five years, increase to 225 students.

PPOS expanded kindergarten and third grade this year.

Hammon noted that, with all staff included, the student-to-teacher ratio is currently 9-to-1.

PPOS School Director Angela Reali-Crossland noted that, figuring the ratio the same way as it was figured in PPOS's expansion plan, using lead teachers and assistants only, means the ratio is 15-to-1 or 16-to-1, with the school's goal being 16-to-1.

She added that PPOS's ratio is better than the average school, which is something PPOS strives for.

She later noted that the expansion plan includes additional staff positions that haven't been hired since the school didn't expand by as many students as it could have.

She also noted later in the discussion that the school district also has a smaller bubble of students in first and second grade, which makes her feel better about not expanding as much as was hoped for, and told the board the school pulls about 10 percent of the students in the district

on average.

During discussion on the matter, board member Bill Hudson suggested that now that the school is offering through eighth grade, the same growth can't be expected, though Hammon indicated that, with the approved expansion of the school, the same growth could be expected.

In later discussion, Reali-Crossland discussed the drop-off in enrollment at the middle school level and suggested that in the next three years (after the school's original students move through all eight grades at the school) the school will need to look at the enrollment of the middle school grades and determine if the school should keep those grades.

Per Reali-Crossland's written report to the board, the school currently has nine fifth-graders, five sixth-graders, eight seventh-graders and seven eighth-graders, with the target being 15 per grade.

Other discussion on the topic included increased salaries at the school and an increase in the per-pupil funding rate from the state.

Reali-Crossland reported via email that, as of Oct. 3 — the state's official count day — the school had 126 students enrolled.

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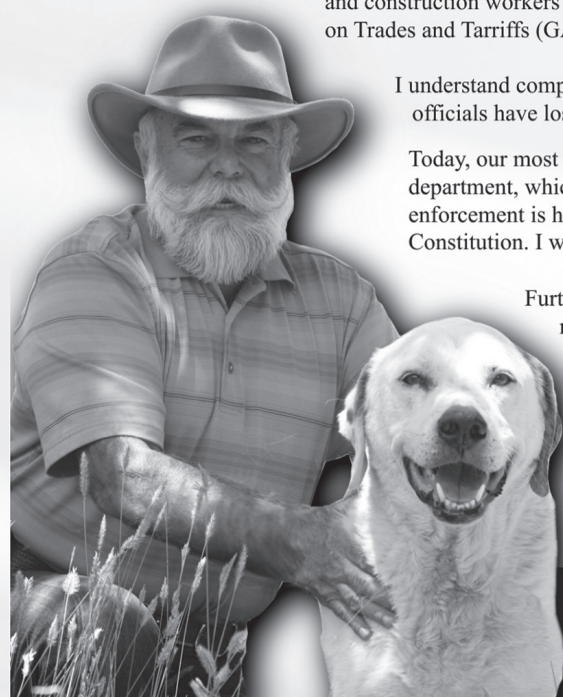
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Sports

SOCCER

Pirates defeat Mean Moose, Spartans

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates boys' soccer team won another two games over the last week, including an 8-1 victory over the Alamosa Mean Moose on Friday, Sept. 30, and a 4-2 victory over the Salida Spartans on Tuesday, Oct. 4, bringing the team to a 9-3 record so far this season.

The league game against the Mean Moose was played in Pagosa.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason noted that Alamosa is a "young team," adding "when we play a young team, we sometimes lose perspective when we don't play our game ... our short-passing game and talking."

Shortly into the first half, Kurt-Mason explained, "we had a direct kick and there was a handball in the box and we got a [penalty kick] right away, so it was one to nothing.

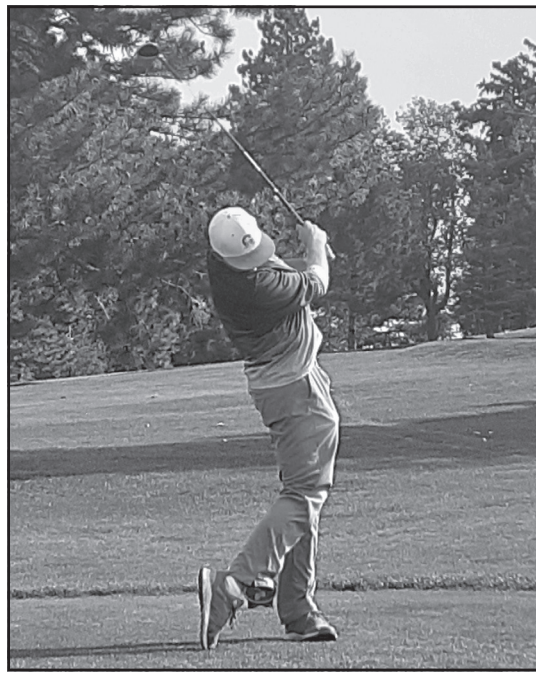
"And then we had some really good short passing, I'm not going to take that away from them, and there was good communication."

Kurt-Mason explained that, to-
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Pirate Clayton Hubbs goes up against the goalie for the Alamosa Mean Moose during the teams' Sept. 30 match. The Pirates won the game 8-1, placing their league record at 5-0 for the season so far. SUN photo/Randi Pierce

GOLF



Photos courtesy Billy Cotts

From left to right, Braylon Cotts, Johnathon Smith and Kaison Clifford swing at the 3A state tournament in Denver Monday — the first day of the two-day tournament.

Pirates take 11th at state to end 'successful' season

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team finished 11th out of 12 teams at the 3A state tournament Monday and Tuesday in Denver to put an end to its 2022 season.

Coach Mark Faber called it "a really great year."

The Pirates logged a team score of 518 over the two-day tournament to finish 11th.

The Vail Mountain Gore Rangers took first in the team competition

with a 445. The Montezuma-Cortez Panthers took seventh at the event with a 466, with Panther Thayer Plewe claiming the individual title. The Monte Vista Pirates finished 10th with a 499.

"Congratulations to Thayer," Faber said, noting he's pleased to have someone from the Pirates' conference win state.

For the Pirates, freshman Johnathon Smith finished the tournament tied for 50th with a two-day score of 165.

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FOOTBALL

Pirates' game 'encouraging' despite loss

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team traveled to Delta last week to take on the newest team in the Pirates' league — and one of the top teams in Colorado 2A football — and returned home with a 28-0 loss, dropping the team to an 0-5 record.

In addition to battling the Delta Panthers, the Pirates were also dealing with food poisoning following an informal team dinner, coach Nathan Morales explained, and were without some of their starters who were unable to travel due to illness.

"It was a lot closer" than the final score indicated, with the Pirates within a touchdown for much of the game, according coach Nathan Morales. "They actually ran out of gas, I think, because [they] all had food poisoning."

Delta's first touchdown came with 2 minutes, 45 seconds left in the first quarter.

"Their first drive, we stopped them on the fourth and 1 on the goal line," Morales said, adding, "So, that was the first time that's probably happened to them all year."

The Panthers' second touchdown came late in the third, with 1:05 left in the quarter.

Their final two touchdowns came in the fourth, with the first being a 65-yard touchdown run with 11:31 left on the clock.

"It was just a couple missed tackles," Morales described. "We had the guy in the backfield ... it was actually ... a kid that was hurt trying to make the tackle and he missed the tackle, and he just got outside and outran us for 65 yards."

The Panthers' final touchdown came on a 32-yard run with 8:29 left.

"We just ran out of gas," the

coach said.

In the game, Aaron Aucoin completed 14 of 32 pass attempts to log 223 passing yards. He threw one interception.

Aucoin also picked up 14 rushing yards on six carries.

Gavin Lindahl led the team in rushing yards with 27 yards on nine carries. Colton Lucero picked up 14 yards on five carries.

Colt Lewis had five receptions for the Pirates and picked up 43 receiving yards.

Blake Laner had four receptions for 48 yards. Jacob Griego and Harley Armijo each had two receptions, with Griego picking up 20 yards and Armijo logging 12.

The Pirates had 88 total tackles on the day, with Lindahl and Lucero picking up 10 each. Lindahl picked up six solo tackles and four assists. Lucero notched seven solo tackles and three assists. Aucoin and Armijo each tallied nine tackles, with Aucoin logging eight solo tackles and one assist, and Armijo picking up seven solo tackles and two assists.

Chandler Mazur intercepted the ball once in the game, and Heath Fulbright had one fumble recovery.

Kameron Winkler had one kickoff for 50 yards, and Aucoin punted the ball 10 times for 323 yards.

Lewis had two kickoff returns for a total of 18 yards, and Lucero had three kickoff returns for a total of 40 yards.

The coach acknowledged the team had a couple of missed tackles that led to touchdowns late in the game, but noted the Pirates put in a good effort.

"They weren't able to drive the ball for three quarters," he said of Delta. "We made them punt or turn it over on downs. We stopped them on fourth multiple times. It was really, really encouraging. It's



Photo courtesy Rebecca Aucoin

Aaron Aucoin and Gavin Lindahl work to take down Delta's Brett Lahoe during Pagosa league affair with the Panthers on Saturday. The Pirates lost 28-0 in the game.

just so unfortunate for these kids, you know, they've played a really tough schedule to start and we've been close in every game. We just kinda run out of gas. We're still fairly young, but I think we're moving in the right direction, and I'm excited for our last four games."

He added the team is still in the hunt for a league title.

"I think if we play the way we've played the first five games and we're improving every week," Morales said. "I know it's hard to see on the scoreboard, but we're actually gettin' a lot better and I like where we're at. League is still a thing for us. Delta's got to win out to win league. ... We're still looking to win out."

This week, the Pirates will hit the road for Kirtland, N.M., to take on the Kirtland Central Broncos at 7

p.m. Friday.

The Broncos are 3-2 on the season.

Ahead of that game, Morales indicated the team will be looking to improve on "just taking care of the ball and wrapping up on tackles."

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Golf

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Smith shot an 82 on the par-70 course Monday, shooting par on nine holes. On Tuesday, he logged an 83 and shot par on nine holes.

Senior Kaison Clifford finished as part of a five-way tie for 56th with a score of 170.

Clifford notched an 83 on the first day, logging one birdie and shooting par on seven holes. On Tuesday, he shot an 87, shooting par on seven holes.

Senior Braylon Cotts finished in 71st with a score of 183.

Cotts shot an 86 Monday, which included a birdie and par on four holes. On Tuesday, he scored a 97 and shot par on two holes.

"It was a struggle," Faber said. "The first day they played OK, they all three played all right, and actually on parts of it played well. It just wasn't as consistent as we would like."

The second day, he reported, Smith played about the same, while Clifford and Cotts started the day playing OK, then struggled.

Faber characterized the historic Maxwell Course at Pinehurst Country Club in Denver, the site of the tournament, as being a really nice, beautiful course with tougher greens than the Pirates are used to.

"The greens, ... they were tougher than most we play on. They were bigger and had more undulation in them than a lot of them," he said, adding, "It was a really good course. We just didn't play as well ... as we can."

The coach indicated that, despite

not playing as well as they could have, the Pirates were one of 12 teams to qualify for the state tournament, which is an achievement.

"The two seniors really stepped up and played well and both ... made it to the state tournament, which is an accomplishment," Faber said. "Braylon, this is his second time, which is ... that's really an accomplishment to get to where we got to."

Overall, Faber noted the Pirates had a successful season.

"The season as a whole I would ... say it was very successful," he said. "We competed in a lot of tournaments this year and were able to go to state as a team. ... That's pretty good when you look at all the schools in 3A. ... I'm very proud of them. I think it was a good season."

Looking ahead, in addition to Clifford and Cotts, the team will also lose one more senior, Gunner Dozier, from this year's squad.

This year was Dozier's first with the team.

"It was a joy to have Gunner," Faber said, stating that he wished Dozier had played all four years. He added, "He's a really nice young man and works hard at it."

Faber also highlighted how far Cotts and Clifford came during their time in high school.

"Braylon and Kaison started out not knowing much about golf four years ago and ended up at a state tournament. That's pretty darn amazing," he said, adding, "And they both stayed after it and worked hard

and I ... couldn't ask for better ... guys. I really enjoyed them. I wish I had them coming back, but I don't."

Faber also expressed optimism for the team's future.

Smith, he noted, has a ton of ability, and Keaton Robel is also anticipated to return and looks to be the team's only senior next year.

He noted Robel just missed qualifying for state this year, which will make next year "exciting for him."

Joining them, Faber indicated, will be several younger players who are coming up.



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Left to right, Lady Pirates Hailey Sams, Sienna Rose, Johanna Beaird and Abigail Packer take off at the Salida Cross Country Classic Saturday. The Lady Pirates finished 10th at the meet.



Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Pirate Jesse Beck runs amidst harriers at the Salida Cross Country Classic Saturday. Beck finished 71st out of 169 runners at the meet.

Pirates face tough competition during Salida race

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School cross-country teams saw stiff competition and a fast course during the Salida Cross Country Classic last Saturday.

"This was a big race and we saw competition from 2A to 5A," coach Rachael Christiansen wrote in an email. "The course was mostly flat and open, but had a killer hill during mile 2. However, even with the hill we saw a few personal records for the team!"

On the boys' side, Andrew Bowles finished 10th out of 169 runners, crossing the finish line in 18 minutes, 17 seconds — only seven seconds off his personal record, according to Christiansen.

Levi Hinger came in next for the Pirates, finishing 69th in a time of 20:40, which the coach notes was a solid race and Hinger "seems to be

back in shape from missing due to illness and other things."

Right behind Hinger was Jesse Beck in 71st, who raced the course in 20:41.

Elias Sanchez finished the race in 22:39, earning him 124th. The coach wrote that Sanchez is "so much fun to watch," and "seems to get stronger with each mile he runs."

In 128th was Kyle Marotta, who finished in a time of 23:05.

"He ran a hard race, putting in the work from the very start," Christiansen wrote.

Last for the Pirates was James Burk, who finished in 140th, running a time of 24:09 — a new personal record for Burk.

As a team, the boys finished 10th out of 14 teams.

"They were only 30 points off Gunnison, which is the team we will be trying to beat come Regionals," the coach wrote.

On the girls' side, Sienna Rose

earned herself a new personal record with a time of 23:31, finishing 31st out of 118 runners.

Behind Rose was Hailey Sams, who finished 56th in a time of 25:19.

Christiansen notes that Sams looks strong coming off an injury, adding that she is "excited to see what she can do with some added fitness over the next few weeks."

Reece Peterson ran a 26:16, a three-minute improvement from her race last week, which landed her in 73rd.

Closely behind her was Jo Beaird, who crossed the finish in 77th with a time of 26:38, a two-minute improvement from last week.

Abigail Parker wrapped it up for the Lady Pirates, running a 27:48 and finishing in 91st place.

The Lady Pirates finished 10th out of 11 teams.

The coach notes that neither Marie Smith nor Kyla Coiner raced in Salida, and the ladies were up

against some of the best teams in the state.

"Overall it was a great weekend to race," the coach wrote. "The weather was beautiful, the competition was stiff, and our runners pushed themselves to their limits."

The Pirates are now preparing to head to Durango this Friday for the 4-Corners Cross Country Classic, where the boys will race first at 3 p.m., followed by the girls at 3:30 p.m.

"This should be a fun race," Christiansen wrote. "We will be running against some tough teams on a golf course on Friday afternoon. This is the same course as regionals from 2 years ago where we saw lots of PRs! So, we are hoping for some solid performances from everyone. Plus, we will have teams like Durango, Alamosa, Monticello, and Centauri to push us even further."

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Soccer

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ward the later portion of first half, he began substituting in the junior varsity team since the Pirates had a significant lead.

"You see a different team when you sub that in," he commented.

He added that alternated the varsity and junior varsity squads across the rest of the game, thus allowing the entire team to gain experience playing.

The Pirates scored five times in the first half and three in the second. The second half also included a goal off a penalty kick by the Mean Moose.

This goal was Alamosa's first this season, with the Mean Moose holding an 0-11 record.

The game included three goals by Kaylor Christians, two goals by Joah Dunn de Pulido, and single goals by Gavin Carter, Jacob Castenda and Kelton Christians.

Victory in this match placed the Pirates' league record at 5-0 so far this season.

The game against Salida was heated, with multiple fouls and Kel-

ton Christians receiving two yellow cards, barring him the remainder of the match and the Pirates' next game.

Kurt-Mason contextualized the match, saying, "They played a really tough team and they were a little bit overconfident coming into it. ... What happened was the level of play dropped, we didn't play our game, and we got frustrated with that. And a few calls didn't go our way, and, you know, you got upset. We just have to change that, that mindset, it's gotta be gone."

The Pirates' first goal occurred six minutes into the game and was scored by Jordan Pham, assisted by Jordan Heaton.

"There was an assist from Jordan Heaton. He was a playmaker, he's a midfielder and he played really well," Kurt-Mason explained. "He came from the middle and went to the outside because Pham was playing defender on the left side. He came all the way up and Jordan passed it out and he finished ... it was a pretty long shot."

Near the end of the first half,

Salida scored, leaving the game 1-1 going into the second half.

Early in the second half, Pham scored again on another long shot, bringing the Pirates back into the lead before the Spartans evened the score once again.

The Pirates' next goal was scored by Carson Young-Martinez with an assist from Pham and was followed by a goal by Heaton assisted by Young-Martinez.

Toward the end of the second half, Kelton Christians received his second yellow card and had to leave the game.

"It got pretty sloppy in there," Kurt-Mason commented on the end of the game. "We just got angry and we should rise above that because ... that's a quick exit from the game if you get angry like that."

The Pirates' defense remained strong throughout the game, with goalie Christopher Young-Martinez making nine saves.

According to the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Ratings Percentage Index,

the Pirates are currently ranked 12th in the state for 3A boys' soccer.

The team also ranked 10th in the Oct. 3 coaches' poll conducted by CHSAA.

The Pirates will next play a rematch against league rivals the Bayfield Wolverines in Pagosa Springs on Oct. 14.

In the previous match, the Pirates beat the Wolverines 7-0. Bayfield currently has 6-2-1 record this season and a 1-1 league record.

This league game will occur at Golden Peaks Stadium at 4 p.m. "They have a good team," Kurt-Mason commented on the upcoming match. "But, if we're playing top-notch soccer like we can ... we'll pretty much, I think, come out on top. We just have to keep our mindset positive."

The Pirates will then play Manitou Springs in an away game on Oct. 15.

Kurt-Mason explained that he is trying to schedule another game since the Pirates' game against Taos was canceled earlier in the season. josh@pagosahun.com

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VOLLEYBALL

Pirates play tough matches against Alamosa and Durango

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team picked up two losses over the last week against the Alamosa Mean Moose and the 4A Durango Demons.

The Pirates are now in fourth in the Intermountain League (IML), a slight loss in status from the previous week, with a current league record of 2-3 and a season record of 8-4.

Last Saturday, the Pirates lost against the Mean Moose 3-0 in Alamosa. The Mean Moose are ranked first in the IML with a 5-1 league record and a 9-5 season record.

"Alamosa is a very good team, and they have been for awhile" coach Katie Lorenzen said. "They run a fast offense, so we knew that it would be hard to keep balls alive, but we really did a good job of that and had some great plays; we just didn't always get the points."

The Pirates lost the first set 25-13 and lost the second set 25-14. They had a good showing in the last set, but ultimately lost 25-21.

Junior Lauren Monterroso stepped into the game as a setter after a rolled ankle left an opening in the lineup.

Lorenzen highlighted Monterroso's effort and the effort of the rest of the girls' support and energy for Monterroso.

In total, the team had 20 kills, hitting .082.

Lorenzen noted that a hitting percentage under .100 makes a game nearly impossible to win.

She pointed out the work of Lynelle Bartz, who had seven kills and hit .282.

Lorenzen noted that the team is improving on its blocking skills, a major goal of the season.

The team had a total of 6.5 blocks, and Lorenzen noted that there were some great touches, a stat that isn't officially recorded but does a lot for the team's ability to slow down the ball.

Leading in digs was Grace Walker, who had 12 throughout the match.

Lorenzen highlighted the teams' 36 total digs, which she noted is a lot "against a really good team."

On Tuesday, the Pirates faced another loss against the Demons in a 3-0 match in Pagosa.

The Demons are ranked first in the 4A/5A Southwestern division with a 5-1 league record and an 11-3 season record.

Lorenzen noted the great energy among the Pirates throughout the game, and stated that the team had



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Lynell Bartz soars up for a hit, playing in a home game against the 4A Durango Demons on Tuesday night. The Pirates lost to the Demons and hold an 8-4 record on the season.

solid plays against the Demons, especially given their current season standings.

The Pirates lost the first set 25-20, lost the second 25-15 and lost the third 25-21.

Lorenzen noted that the players had to make several switches throughout the game in their lineup, a reality that seemed to both bring new energy and adrenaline to the game.

Notably, Lorenzen highlighted Chantelle Caldwell's "fantastic job" as a setter — a position she'd never played before.

"The energy on the team was so high and it was so fun, we were giving the crowd so much to cheer about, and we had all kinds of hustle plays," Lorenzen said. "There was just a little bit of chaos because people were in different positions because our lineup looked completely different."

Lorenzen noted that, despite the positive energy, the team's real down-

fall of the game was its serving errors, totaling 15 throughout the match.

"The point differential would have been completely different, or no point differential, had we not missed all of those serves," the coach said, adding, "That just kind of deflates them when we're doing so many good things, and then we miss a serve, and then we miss another serve."

The team passed 1.9, which Lorenzen noted is a decently good average, and she commended her setters for their consistent game-play: Caldwell, Aspen Pitcher, Monterroso and Annie O'Donnell.

She also highlighted Jordan Lind-

strom, who played the entire match and hit .143, leading the Pirates in hitting percentage.

As a team, the Pirates hit into the negatives, with a -.081 percentage, which Lorenzen stated was a weak spot during the match and leaves no room for a win.

The team had five blocks, led by Caldwell and Pitcher, who each had two blocking assists.

Looking forward to the rest of the season, Lorenzen stated that the primary area of focus is to work on fine-tuning their side of the court, working on blocking and on taking big swings and smart shots when hitting.

The team is now preparing to play the Buena Vista Demons in an away game on Saturday, who are currently ranked second in the 2A Southern Peaks division with a league record of 4-1 and a season record of 13-3.

"Based off their record, it looks like they're probably pretty good and we need to bring our A-game," Lorenzen said.

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Handgun safety presentation set for Oct. 15

By Chris Boyd

Wolf Creek Gun And Bow Association

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The class, scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m., will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, located at 230 Port Ave. The class is open to the public, and minors 12-17 years old may attend if accompanied by a parent.

This will be a two-hour presentation to review firearms safety as it applies to handguns for those new or unfamiliar with handling handguns. Students will learn fundamental firearms safety rules, handgun nomenclature, types of handgun actions, and how to load and unload handguns to make them

safe. Students will learn the components that make ammunition and how to safely store ammunition and handguns. Students will also understand the proper mindset and responsibility that is required to own and operate firearms.

The presenter, Greg Dykstra, is a retired 30-year veteran of law enforcement in Phoenix, Ariz. He has trained both civilians and members of law enforcement, and is a certified firearms instructor.

There will be a \$10 fee for non-members. The course will be free for youth 12-17 (minor must be accompanied by a parent).

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County approves resolution supporting sales tax increase

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Oct. 4 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 2022-113 in support of Archuleta County Ballot Issue 1A, which would increase sales tax in the county by 1.5 percent.

The resolution highlights the county's need for additional funds to support roads and other infrastructure projects as well as for additional county offices.

At the meeting, County Attorney Todd Weaver highlighted that under the Colorado Fair Campaign Finance Act, the BoCC is allowed to pass resolutions in support of a proposed ballot measure and distribute them to the public or press the same way as any other resolution.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Ronnie Maez inquired whether the BoCC is in correct accordance with the law in approving the resolution.

Weaver affirmed that the county is following the law concerning this resolution.

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Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - SALE ON CR5 338-38-103 FORECLOSURE NO. 2022-105

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Debt of Trust: On July 6, 2022, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Debt of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records. Original Grantor(s) LINDSAY NICOLE TIPPIN AND MATTHEW GRAY TIPPIN Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR SIRVA MORTGAGE, INC. Current Holder of Evidence of Debt CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Date of Debt of Trust May 23, 2019 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Debt of Trust May 23, 2019 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book Page No.) 21902922 Re-Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book Page No.) 21903737 Re-Recording Date of Debt of Trust July 08, 2019 Original Principal Amount \$240,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$237,485.50 Pursuant to CR5 338-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Anna Johnston, Esq. #15178
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**RESOLUTION 2022 - 98
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE A BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE NOVEMBER 2022 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN INCREASE OF 1.5% TO THE EXISTING COUNTYWIDE SALES TAX RATE TO ADDRESS CRITICAL AND URGENT NEEDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, THE SHARING OF REVENUES WITH THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, AND A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE**

WHEREAS, Archuleta County (the "County") is a duly organized county, political subdivision of the State of Colorado under the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado pursuant to C.R.S. §30-1-112; and
WHEREAS, Article 2, Title 29 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended, authorizes the County to levy an increase in the countywide sales tax rate upon approval of the majority of qualified registered electors of the County voting on such proposal at an election conducted and held according to Colorado law; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 1988, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") adopted Resolution 1988-34 authorizing a ballot question to impose a countywide sales tax rate of four percent (4%), which rate was approved by a majority of the qualified registered electors voting on such proposal at a special election conducted and held according to Colorado law on May 10, 1988; and

WHEREAS, there has been no increase in the countywide sales tax rate since the election in May 1988, more than thirty years ago; and
WHEREAS, during that same time frame, the population of the County has grown from around 5,000 in 1988 to just under 14,000 in 2022, which equates to a 180% increase; and

WHEREAS, also during that same time frame, the cost of maintaining the roads in the County, which includes 327 miles of road, of which 40 miles are paved or chip-sealed, has increased significantly; and
WHEREAS, in addition, the growth in tourism visiting to the County has increased significantly from 1988 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the cost of providing services to the citizens of the County has increased significantly over the same period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the maintenance, repair and safety of roads, bridges and culverts in the County are priorities for the residents of the County, and that it is in the public interest to provide for the maintenance, repair and safety of those roads, bridges and other infrastructure; and
WHEREAS, the growth of population in and tourism to Archuleta County has significantly impacted County roads, bridges and other infrastructure, to a point where the County no longer has the financial resources to maintain such roads, bridges and other infrastructure at an acceptable level; and

WHEREAS, the County is in need of maintaining current capital projects and improvements and constructing future capital projects and improvements, including but not limited to County facilities and the County landfill, all to meet the growing population of Archuleta County; and
WHEREAS, the County is in need of additional resources to provide current services to the growing population of Archuleta County in an extremely tight labor market so as to retain its current employees as well as to attract new talent, and to provide for additional services required by state law; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is important to find a sustainable funding source to address the safety, functionality and longevity of County roads, bridges and other infrastructure, to maintain and construct current and future County capital projects and improvements, and to sustain and expand services to the citizens of Archuleta County; and
WHEREAS, the Board finds that the imposition of a sales tax increase of one and a half percent (1.5%) of taxable transactions (which represents a 1 and 1/2 cent increase on each one dollar purchase) will ensure that Archuleta County has the funding it needs to provide suitable roads, bridges and other infrastructure, as well as address other significant needs of the County and its citizens as stated herein; and

WHEREAS, upon an extremely tight labor market so as to retain its current employees as well as to attract new talent, and to provide for additional services required by state law; and
WHEREAS, the Board desires to refer to the registered electors of the County a proposal for an increase to the countywide sales tax for the purposes set forth herein at the next election on November 8, 2022, and such election date is not less than 30 and is within the next succeeding 120 days after the adoption of this Resolution; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §1-5-203(3), the Board must certify ballot contents to the Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder for said November 8, 2022, election no later than September 9, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO THAT:
GENERAL PROVISIONS
1. Purpose of this Resolution. The purpose of this Resolution is to authorize the submission of a ballot question and, upon the approval of a majority of the eligible electors voting on such proposal at the November 2022 general election, to enact, and, therefore, levy and impose an increase in the countywide sales tax rate of one and a half percent (1.5%) upon the sale at retail of tangible personal property and the furnishing of certain services in the County (the "sales tax"), all of the foregoing being in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of Title 29, C.R.S., which provisions are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Effective Date and Duration of Sales Tax Increase. If approved by a majority of the eligible electors voting on the ballot on November 2022 General Election, the countywide sales tax rate increase proposed in this Resolution and in the ballot initiative shall become effective January 1, 2023, and shall be in effect throughout the incorporated and unincorporated portions of Archuleta County in perpetuity and shall not expire, unless and until repealed or otherwise revised by a vote of the citizens of the County.
a. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2 hereof, so long as there are outstanding financial obligations of the County which are secured in whole or in part by all or any portion of said sales tax, said taxes shall not be repealed, nor shall the application of the proceeds from said taxes be changed, if such repeal or change would adversely affect the security for said financial obligations.
3. Statutory Definitions Incorporated/Specific Definition of Countywide. The definitions of the words contained herein shall be as set forth in C.R.S. §§ 39-26-102, 39-26-104(1)(C) on a mobile telecommunications service by reference into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein. The term "countywide", as used in this Resolution includes all incorporated areas (i.e., municipalities, including, but not limited to, all statutory cities and towns and all home rule cities and towns) and unincorporated areas within the County.

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SALES TAX
4. Personal Property and Services Taxed. Upon the approval of a majority of the eligible electors in the November 2022 General Election, there shall be enacted and, therefore, levied and imposed, and there shall be collected and paid, an increase in the existing countywide sales tax rate of one and a half percent (1.5%) on the gross receipts upon the sale of tangible personal property at retail and the furnishing of certain services as provided in C.R.S. § 39-26-105(1)(j), as amended, and in C.R.S. § 39-26-104(1)(C) on a mobile telecommunications service taxable pursuant to this Resolution shall be the same as the sale of tangible personal property and services taxable pursuant to C.R.S. § 39-26-104, except as otherwise provided in C.R.S. § 29-2-105(1)(d). For purposes of this Resolution, which is being enacted in accordance with Title 29, Article 2 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, all retail sales are sourced as specified in C.R.S. § 39-26-104(g).
5. Add-on or State-Targeted Rules and Regulations. The imposition of this increase in the tax on the sale at retail of tangible personal property and the furnishing of certain services subject to this tax shall be in accordance with the schedule set forth in the rules and regulations of the Colorado Department of Revenue, and in accordance with any regulations which may be enacted by separate written resolution.
6. Mobile Telecommunications Services. Imposition of a sales tax pursuant to C.R.S. § 39-26-104(1)(C) on a mobile telecommunications service shall be imposed in accordance with the provisions of the Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5 (b) 1 to 126 as amended, and pursuant to Section 117(b) of the Act, mobile telecommunications service taxable by the County on or after August 1, 2002, may be subject to any sales tax or other charge imposed

by the County on the service only if the customer's place of primary use is within the geographical boundaries of the County.
7. Exempt Transactions. The incidents subject to sales tax shall not include the following:

a. The amount of any sales or use tax imposed by Part 7 of Article 26 of Title 39 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.
b. The sale of construction and building materials, as the term is used in C.R.S. § 29-2-109, if such materials are picked up by the purchaser and if the purchaser of such materials presents to the retailer a building permit or other documentation acceptable to such local government evidencing that a local use tax has been paid or is not required to be paid.
c. The sale of tangible personal property at retail or the furnishing of services if the transaction was previously subjected to a sales or use tax lawfully imposed on the purchaser or user by another statutory or home rule city and county, city, or town equal to or in excess of that sought to be imposed by the subsequent statutory or home rule city and county, city, or town. A credit shall be granted against the sales tax imposed by the subsequent statutory or home rule city and county, city, or town with respect to such transaction equal in amount to the lawfully imposed local sales or use tax previously paid by the purchaser or user to the previous statutory or home rule city and county, city, or town. The amount of the credit shall not exceed the sales tax to be imposed. The following provision shall apply in defining the applicability of its higher rate to the sales tax ordinance or resolution of any statutory or home rule city, town, city and county, or county which provides a higher rate of taxation on prepared food or food for immediate consumption than its general rate of taxation: Prepared food or food for immediate consumption shall exclude any food for domestic home consumption.
d. The sale of food purchased with food stamps. For purposes of this provision, the term "food" shall have the same meaning as provided in 7 U.S.C. §2012(g), as such section existed on October 1, 1987, or as thereafter amended.
e. The sale of food purchased with funds provided by the special supplemental food program for women, infants and children, 42 U.S.C. § 1786. For the purposes of this provision, "food" shall have the same meaning as provided in 42 U.S.C. § 1786, as such section existed on October 1, 1987, or as thereafter amended.
f. "Food" as used herein is defined as set forth in C.R.S. § 39-26-102(4,5), as amended.
g. The sale of cigarettes pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-2-105(9).
h. None of the sale tax exemptions allowed for in C.R.S. § 29-2-501(1)(d) are adopted by this Resolution.

8. Nonresident Exemptions. All sales of personal property on which a specific ownership tax has been paid or is payable shall be exempt from the subject sales tax increase when such sales meet both of the following conditions:
a. The purchaser is a nonresident of or has his or her principal place of business outside the County; and
b. Such tangible personal property is registered or required to be registered outside the limits of the County under the laws of Colorado.
9. Place of Sale. For purposes of this Resolution, all retail sales shall be considered consummated at the place of business of the retailer, unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent or a designee to collect and distribute the sales tax increase to a carrier for delivery to a destination outside the limits of the County. The gross proceeds from such sales shall include delivery charges, which such charges are subject to the sales and use tax of the State of Colorado imposed by Article 26 of Title 39, C.R.S., regardless of the place to which delivery is made. If a retailer has no permanent place of business in the County, or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are shall be determined by the provisions of Article 26 of Title 39, C.R.S. and by the rules and regulations promulgated by the Colorado Department of Revenue.
10. Sales Tax License. No separate County sales tax license shall be required. Any person engaging in the business of selling tangible personal property at retail or furnishing certain services as herein specified shall annually obtain and hold a State license as required by C.R.S. § 39-26-103.

11. Collection, Administration and Enforcement. The collection, administration and enforcement of the sales tax increase imposed by this Resolution shall be performed by the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Revenue in the same manner as the collection, administration and enforcement of the Colorado State sales tax. The provisions of Article 26 of Title 39, C.R.S. and all rules and regulations promulgated by the Executive Director of the Department of Revenue thereunder are incorporated herein by this reference and shall govern the collection, administration and enforcement of the sales tax increase imposed by this Resolution.
12. Distribution of Proceeds of Sales Tax Increase. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-2-104(2), the County shall receive 50% of the net revenues generated by this sales tax increase and the Town of Pagosa Springs shall also receive 50% of the net revenues generated.
13. Use by Archuleta County. The Board shall direct the utilization of the revenues of the sales tax increase proposed by this Resolution solely as described in the ballot question and to the eligible voters of the County by this Resolution.
a. Revenue generated from this sales tax increase shall be used for the following purposes:
i. At least 50% of the revenues generated to the design, engineering, maintenance, improvement, construction and/or reconstruction of the roads, bridges and other infrastructure that has been accepted into the County road system by the Board, along with such equipment, materials and labor, along with such design, engineering, maintenance, improvement, construction and/or reconstruction.
ii. The remainder of the revenues generated will be divided between the following categories:
1) To the design, engineering, maintenance, improvement, remodeling, construction and/or reconstruction of current and future County capital projects and improvements including but not limited to County facilities and materials needed for such design, engineering, maintenance, improvement, remodeling, construction and/or reconstruction.
2) To the growing cost of providing current services to the citizens of the County, including but not limited to County employees' salaries and benefits, and the expansion of new services, which are or could be required by state law.
b. Interest generated from the revenues of the sales tax increase shall be used for the purposes set forth in this Resolution.
14. Use by Town of Pagosa Springs. The Town of Pagosa Springs Town Council shall direct the utilization of the revenues of the sales tax increase proposed by this Resolution solely as described in the ballot measure referred to the eligible voters of the County by this Resolution.
a. Revenue generated from this sales tax increase shall be used for the following purposes:
i. At least 50% of the revenues generated to the design, engineering, maintenance, improvement, construction and/or reconstruction of the roads, bridges and other infrastructure that are the responsibility of the Town of the Pagosa Springs along with such equipment, land and materials needed to perform such design, engineering, maintenance, improvement, construction and/or reconstruction.
ii. The remainder of the revenues generated will be divided between the following categories:
1) To the design, engineering, maintenance, improvement, remodeling, construction and/or reconstruction of current and future Town capital projects and improvements including, but not limited to, Town facilities along with such land, equipment and materials needed for such design, engineering, maintenance, improvement, remodeling, construction and/or reconstruction.
2) To the growing cost of providing current services to the citizens of the Town and expanding new services, which are or could be required by state law.
b. Interest generated from the revenues of the sales tax increase shall be used for the purposes set forth in this Resolution.

15. Voter-Approved Revenue Change. For purposes of Colo. Const., Art. X Section 20, the receipt and expenditure of revenues of the sales tax increase together with earnings on the investment of the proceeds of the sales tax increase shall constitute a voter-approved revenue change.
ELECTION REQUIREMENTS
16. Submission to Electors. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-2-104(3), this sales tax increase proposal as set forth in this Resolution shall be referred to the eligible electors of the County at the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022, and being referred to herein as the November 2022 General Election. The ballot issue to be submitted to the eligible electors shall be substantially as

set forth on the attached Exhibit A, which is incorporated by reference into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein. The cost of putting the ballot measure adopted by this Resolution to the eligible voters of the County shall be paid from the general fund of Archuleta County.
17. Publication of Resolution. The Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder is hereby authorized and directed to publish the text of this proposal for a sales tax increase four separate times, a week apart, in The Pagosa Sun, a newspaper circulated in the County.
18. Conduct of Election. The election shall be held and conducted, and the results thereof shall be determined so far as practicable, in conformity with the provisions of the Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992 as set forth in Articles 1 through 13, inclusive, of Title 1, C.R.S., 19. Ballot Title. For purposes of C.R.S. § 1-11-203.5, the ballot title for the ballot issue contained in Exhibit A attached to this Resolution is hereby determined to be the text of the ballot issue itself as set forth in Exhibit A.
20. Authority to Effect Resolution. The officers, employees and agents of the County are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution in accordance with Colorado law.
21. Effective Date - Applicability. Upon approval at the November 2022 General Election, this proposal shall become effective and in force on January 1, 2023, subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in this Resolution, and shall remain effective unless otherwise repealed according to Colorado law; provided, however, that the provisions of this Resolution calling for an election on the ballot measure set forth in Exhibit A, which is incorporated herein by this reference, shall take effect immediately upon the passage of this Resolution by the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS

22. Statutory References. Unless otherwise referenced, all statutory citations in this Resolution shall be construed to refer to the Colorado Revised Statutes, referred to as C.R.S., and as the same may be from time to time amended.
23. Amendments. Unless otherwise required by Colorado law, the provisions of this Resolution may be amended by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.
24. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, clauses or provisions of this Resolution. It is the intention of the Board that the various parts of this Resolution are severable.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of September 2022.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Alvin Schaaf, Chairman
ATTEST
Kristy Archuleta, County Clerk and Recorder

EXHIBIT A

BALLOT ISSUE TITLE

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 - ?
YES _____
NO _____
Published September 15, 22, 29 and October 6, 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:
CANADIAN CRAFTS INC
% GEORGE GRANBY
33175 TEMECULA PKWY, STE A130
TEMECULA, CA 92592-7310
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: 142 BONITA DR
Legal: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 196-197
PT Sec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W
Account Number: R004284
Schedule Number: 569525102004
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00525
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 CANADIAN CRAFTS INC for said year 2007.
That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 2nd day of September 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 1st day of February 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 7th day of September 2022
/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
Published September 22, 29 and October 6, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.**

Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
**Situs Address: 124 BONITA DR
Legal: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 198-199
PT Sec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W
Account Number: R004284
Schedule Number: 569525102004
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00524
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 CANADIAN CRAFTS INC for said year 2007.
That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 2nd day of September 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 1st day of February 2023, unless the same has been redeemed.
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Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
**Situs Address: 61 BONITA DR
Legal: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 208-209
PT Sec: 19 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W
Account Number: R010032
Schedule Number: 569919340002
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00347
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 CANADIAN CRAFTS INC for said year 2008.
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That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to ARCHULETA COUNTY
On the 1st day of February 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 22nd day of September 2022
/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
**Situs Address: 64 BONITA DR
Legal: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 202-203
PT Sec: 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W
Account Number: R004268
Schedule Number: 569524408030
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00524
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 CANADIAN CRAFTS INC for said year 2007.
That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 1st day of February 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.
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**Situs Address: 109 BONITA DR
Legal: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 226-227
PT Sec: 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W
Account Number: R004265
Schedule Number: 569524408024
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00518
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 CANADIAN CRAFTS INC for said year 2007.
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On the 1st day of February 2023, unless the same has been redeemed.
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Account Number: R004265
Schedule Number: 569524408024
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00518
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That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CANADIAN CRAFTS INC for said year 2007.
That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 1st day of September 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 1st day of February 2023, unless the same has been redeemed.
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LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED
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Legal: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 202-203
PT Sec: 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W
Account Number: R004274
Schedule Number: 569524409005
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00521
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 CANADIAN CRAFTS INC for said year 2007.
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On the 1st day of February 2023, unless the same has been redeemed.
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at**

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ARTS & LIFE

Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance

Pagosa Springs Rotary Club • Saturday, Oct. 15. • Doors open at 6:30 p.m. • Archuleta County Extension building



Photo courtesy Joanne Irons

October 6, 2022

It's time for a hoedown, and you're invited

By Meg Wempe
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

You have your ticket, right?

In a little over a week, the seventh annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15. With doors opening at 6:30 p.m., and the event running from 7 to 10 p.m., you're going to want to be sure you get your tickets if you haven't already.

This annual event is a fundraiser for Pagosa Springs Rotary Club. You get to dance the night away at the Archuleta County Extension building while helping the community. What a wonderful way to spend an evening.

This year's event has a new addition, and that is the free horse-drawn rides that will be offered. Whether you've never been on a horse-drawn ride, or you're a seasoned pro, we think you'll enjoy this new feature of the Barn Dance. Who doesn't want to meet a draft horse and be pulled around during a western-themed night?

If the answer to that question is "me," don't worry. The night will have other things for you. Inside, there

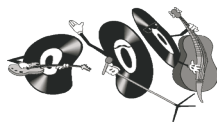
will be live music from Tim Sullivan and Band, so be sure to wear your most comfortable boots. There will be a silent auction with a lot of great things, like ski passes, gift certificates to Voormi, Lantern Dancer, Footprints, suede and sheepskin coats, a western purse from Happy Trails, as well as gift certificates to lots of great restaurants. There's more, but we don't want to give away all the items. You'll want to come and see what else you can bid on.

Pagosa Springs Rotary supports a variety of community projects, including teacher mini-grants, scholarships for high school seniors, and distributing backpacks with food for the weekend to elementary students, to name just a few.

If you don't have your ticket yet, now's the time. Stop by The Choke Cherry Tree or ask any of your friendly local Rotarians. Tickets are \$20 each and will be \$25 at the door. We hope to see you there.

Rotary is an international group of problem-solvers who unite to take action for lasting change. If you're interested in learning more, we hope you'll ask about joining. If you like helping others, this club could be for you. We practice the Rotary motto, "service above self."

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- Saturday**
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- Tuesday**
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Stargazers to hold 10th anniversary dinner, celebration

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers' 10th anniversary dinner, celebration and star party is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m.

There is no charge for members, but a reservation is needed.

Please be there for a great celebration of 10 years, our first election and the most comfortable star party possible.

Please call (720) 626-9304 and leave a message with your name, number attending and request a call back if you need directions. Our celebration and star party will be at the regular location for winter star parties and we will have the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association telescopes to set up for viewing.

Ten years with the activities and growth we have experienced is worth celebrating, but we will be focusing on changes and improvements for the future. With the Webb Space Telescope the future of astronomy is unbelievable, and our club needs to keep up.

New program will be held Oct. 13

On Thursday, Oct. 13, at 6 p.m., we will hold our new program that is open to the public to view the latest James Webb Space Telescope photos and discuss the significance of each one. Some of the photos are spectacular, but the important thing is how it contributes to astronomy and the scientific study of our universe.

This program is geared toward students and the general public, so be encouraged to come and learn something, but not be overwhelmed. If you have been studying yourself, you will be able to contribute to the group.

October meeting date set

Our meeting in October will be on the regular day, Oct. 27, starting with a social time of coffee and tea at 6 p.m. and the program running from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Join the Stargazers

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, 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.

The San Juan Stargazers Club is part of the Astronomical League — celebrating its 75th year of service — which includes over 300 clubs

from all over the U.S. including over 20,000 members. 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.

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Change someone's life: Rise Above Violence seeking safe homes

By Kristen Bair
Rise Above Violence

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and here at Rise Above Violence, we believe that all people have the right to live free from violence.

Studies have shown that housing is the first defense against not only domestic violence, but also homelessness. Survivors of domestic violence often must flee their homes to escape life-threatening violence from an abuser. Securing safe, affordable housing is a crucial step on a survivor's long-term security, and often means the difference between being able to leave and having no choice but to stay. In 50-70 percent of violent families, the children are also abused, and 80 percent of our survivors have children. These children are our future. By removing children from an abusive environment, you can help break the cycle of violence.

Currently in Pagosa, as well as all of Colorado, we are in the midst of a major housing crisis. This crisis is proving to be the hardest on one of our most vulnerable populations: domestic violence survivors. Their need for a safe home doesn't stop amidst this crazy housing dilemma. They still need a safe place to stay. What we are in the most need of is transitional housing; somewhere for survivors to stay for an interim of one to three months. Here, they can begin their recovery and also work to find longer-term housing solutions.

Rise can pay rent for qualifying candidates. We have the funds to help. We are on the lookout for anyone who has mother-in-law suites, second homes that are sitting vacant for long or short periods of time, small apartments, campers on land or without land. They need to be available to rent or by tax-deductible donation.

Please reach out. You can be an everyday hero in our community and make the first step in changing

someone's life for the better. Please contact Kristen Bair, Rise housing advocate, at kristen@riseaboveviolence.org or (970) 264-1129, ext 7.

Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

1) Purple ribbons on light posts downtown: Purple is the color of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the ribbon serves as a visual reminder of the prevalence of domestic violence in our community. Rise serves more than 400 victims of domestic violence and sexual assault every year and we know there are many more that do not call for help.

2) Proclamations were read at both the Pagosa Springs Town Council's and Archuleta County commissioners' meetings on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

3) Clothesline project: T-shirts designed by survivors and students emphasizing the issue of domestic violence in our community will be hung at Town Hall until Oct. 14 and will be hung at other locations in our community throughout the month.

4) Oct. 20: Wear-purple day, and our last coffee talk of the year will be held at 9 a.m. at the Tennyson Building Event Center. We will share ideas and information as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month as well have coffee and treats for a time to come together for change.

5) iRISE Adventure Challenge: 30 miles in 30 days for the month of October raising funds and awareness for domestic violence. You can still register for the challenge and learn more about how to win our amazing grand prize valued at more than \$2,000.

You can join with us this Domestic Violence Awareness Month by participating in one of our activities and choosing to be part of the solution. You can provide one night of safety for a survivor

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Tickets on sale now for Tim Sullivan family scholarships concert

By Carole Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Tickets are now available for the cabaret-style benefit concert featuring country singer-songwriter Tim Sullivan and his hugely talented musical family on the evening of Nov. 5 in Durango in the ballroom of the DoubleTree Hotel at 7:30 p.m.

The event will be headlined by Tim's sister, famed performance star and recording artist KT Sullivan, and also will showcase the musical skills of his singer-songwriter mother plus two other special guests. Theme of the evening is Broadway in the Rockies.

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

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

Local scholarship winners

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

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

Concert performers

Tim's sister, KT, will return to Durango from New York City to perform as the headliner for the concert. She is the star of numerous Broadway productions and an

internationally acclaimed singer and recording artist.

KT has sung in several venues in the U.S., including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Spoleto Festival and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., as well as in London, China and Australia. Her theater credits include Broadway, where

she starred in Marilyn Monroe's role of Lorelei in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." She also performed and danced the tango with Sting in "Threepenny Opera."

Tim is well-known in Pagosa Springs for his many local performances when the dance floor

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Photo courtesy Carole Howard

Singer-songwriter Tim Sullivan and his family will perform on Nov. 5 in a cabaret-style benefit concert in Durango, showcasing the impressive musical skills of three members of the family, plus two other special guests. Tim's sister, KT Sullivan, star of numerous Broadway productions and an internationally acclaimed singer and recording artist, will headline the event. Jazz pianist and composer Jon Weber, former host of Piano Jazz on NPR, will accompany her. All concert proceeds go to the Jim and Elizabeth Sullivan Foundation for the Arts to provide scholarships for deserving local youth.

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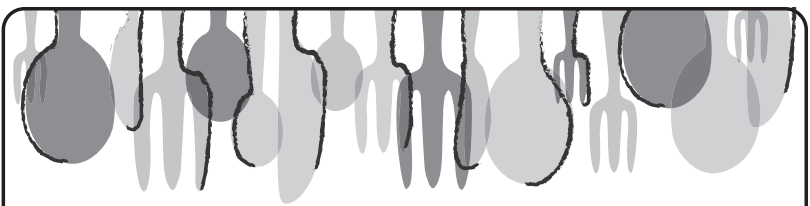
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Concert

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

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

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

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

Four quirks common to cats

Special to The PREVIEW

Cat owners tend to be deeply devoted to their feline friends. Many factors inspire such devotion, not the least of which is the many quirky character traits cats possess.

Individuals considering adopting a kitten for the first time or even seasoned cat lovers may not know what to expect when bringing a feline home for the first time. That's because no two cats are the same. However, quiriness comes with the territory when welcoming a cat into a home, and prospective cat owners can expect to encounter these four common quirks as they prepare to welcome a cat into the family.

1. Kneading: Sometimes referred to as "making biscuits," kneading may concern first-time cat owners, even though it shouldn't. Kneading occurs when cats push out and pull in their front paws against a particular surface, such as a piece of furniture. The action resembles kneading dough and is a good sign that a cat is comfortable in its surroundings.

2. Walking in circles: Cats may walk in circles for various reasons. The online cats resource Faqcats.

Tickets and sponsorships

Tickets for the concert are \$100 each. All seats are reserved. They are available through the Sullivan Foundation at j.e.sullivanfoundation@gmail.com or by contacting Claudine McAnelly at (505) 259-5079 or cc-mcanelly@gmail.com.

As well, table sponsorships with premium seating are available by calling Tim at (970) 749-5531.

Seating is cabaret style and a cash bar will be available.

Nov. 5 marks the ninth Sullivan family scholarship concert.

Master classes available

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

The sessions will take place at Stillwater Music's new performance space at 1316 Main Ave., Suite C, in Durango on Nov. 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. and Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost is \$25 and scholarships are available through the Sullivan Foundation at j.e.sullivanfoundation@gmail.com.

One of the master class participants will be chosen to receive

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



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com notes that some cats circle their owners in excitement when their human companions return home from work or other errands. However, cats may walk in circles to show dominance or because they're in pain or suffering from an illness such as vestibular disease. Vestibular disease affects the inner ear of cats, particularly older ones. Cats also may walk in circles while suffering from ear infections, hypertension or head injuries. So, cat owners who suspect their cat isn't walking in circles out of excitement to see them should bring those concerns to the attention of their veterinarians.

3. Hunting: Cats can be fascinating creatures to observe, and that includes their fondness for hunting, even if they've already eaten or know where their food is. The online cat resource Catster.com indicates that cats' eyes are designed to detect movement, so it shouldn't be a surprise or a cause for concern if they're suddenly stimulated by something that moves and go into hunting mode.

4. Staring at blank walls: One of the more curious and common quirks cats exhibit is the tendency to stare at walls for lengthy periods

■ See Cats on next page



Photo courtesy Gregg Heid

Looking north from Lower Plumtaw Road. The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hear about and discuss ambient light at its Oct. 12 meeting.

Photography Club meeting to focus on ambient light

By Gregg Heid

Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its next meeting at 6 p.m. on Oct. 12 at the Methodist Church on Lewis Street.

This month's program will be about ambient light, including a discussion of exposure and how to make the most of different types of light.

This will be a hybrid meeting, also available on Zoom. We will watch and discuss a video by National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore about ambient — or found — light and how to identify various types of light to use in different photographic situations. The

video covers how to see and identify great light, which is one of the keys to making great photographs.

Club members are encouraged to submit up to five images by Oct. 10 to share and discuss following the program.

The Photography Club sponsors monthly programs on photographic topics and field trips to various areas of photographic interest. Longtime photographers and those just starting out are welcome in the Club. Nonmembers are invited to attend a meeting, and may receive the Zoom link by email to abutler@mac.com. For information on joining the club, visit our website at <https://pagosaprintphotoclub.org/about/>.

Cats

■ continued from previous page of time. Cats naturally have a wider peripheral vision than humans, so it's possible that a cat staring at a seemingly blank wall is actually seeing something on its periphery that its owner can't see. Cats also can hear better than their human companions, so they might be staring at a wall because they can hear something their owner can't. Cats also might stare at a wall where they had seen something earlier, such as a shadow, and are now awaiting its return. Some older cats may stare at walls out of confusion,

which is a potential warning sign of cat dementia. However, in most instances there's nothing abnormal about a cat staring at a wall for a lengthy period of time.

Cats are quirky, and many of those quirks are part of what makes cats such enjoyable pets.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month kicked off with Rise Above Violence's annual Art Above Violence event at the Tennyson Building Event Center on Oct. 1. The evening celebrated the stories of strength and honored the healing of survivors in our community in a music-filled evening.

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Curtains Up Pagosa

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The Addamses have lived by their unique values for hundreds of years, and Gomez and Morticia, the patriarch and matriarch

of the clan, would be only too happy to continue living that way. Their dark, macabre, beloved daughter, Wednesday, however, is now an 18-year-old young woman who is ready for a life of her own. She has fallen in love with Lucas Beineke, a sweet, smart boy from a normal, respectable Ohio family — the most un-Addams sounding person one could be. And to make matters worse, she has invited the Beinekes to their home for dinner.

In one fateful, hilarious night, secrets are disclosed, relationships are tested and the Addams family must face up to the one horrible thing they’ve managed to avoid for generations: change.

This Halloween weekend, come

celebrate the spooky season with CUP as we present “The Addams Family Musical.” With costuming by Nanette Cheffers, choreography by Pat Doocy and direction by Dale Scrivener, this show is sure to be a visual spectacular. This production is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide.

Tickets are available online in advance. Adult tickets are \$20, and students (age 18 and under) are \$10. Tickets will be \$5 more at the door. To purchase tickets, please visit www.curtainsup-pagosa.org or go directly to our ticketing site at <https://our.show/cupaddams>.

Pagosa Springs Community Band seeking musicians for Fall Concert

By Susy Mekeal

Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

There is still time to join the Pagosa Springs Community Band for the Fall Concert.

We welcome wind, brass, percussion and string players. The concert this fall includes Disney theme songs, patriotic and concert band classics. They will challenge your mind and get those fingers flinging over the keys, strings, valves and sticks.

The Community Band is a diverse group. The age of musicians ranges from high school students to those who have been retired for

decades. They spend their days pursuing retirement joys, professional careers and the three Rs. Their spare time finds them practicing their instrument, including scales, rehearsing rhythms and working to perfect note combinations.

If this sounds like your kind of challenge, then come join us. We will be rehearsing weekly in the Pagosa Springs High School band room. The rehearsals will be Saturday, Oct. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.; Oct. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m.; Oct. 30 from 5 to 7 p.m.; Nov. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m.; and a dress rehearsal on Nov. 11 from

6 to 8 p.m.

The concert will be Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

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FIVE REASONS TO VOTE 'NO' ON BALLOT ISSUE 1A

ONE: Sales Tax Increases Hurt Retirees and Working Families

Sales tax is the most 'regressive' form of tax— hitting retirees and working families especially hard. Ballot Measure 1A would do the exact opposite of what most of us believe is fair. Archuleta County, unlike most counties, charges sales tax on basic food items. Meanwhile, **rents, mortgage rates, and gasoline prices have doubled and inflation has tripled since 2016.**

An independent study based on County sales tax data concluded that local households **pay more than 80%** of the local sales tax. **Tourists pay less than 20%** of the County sales tax...

TWO: County Sales Tax Collections Have DOUBLED Since 2016

Since 2016, Archuleta County sales tax revenue has already increased from **\$9 million** to an estimated **\$17.6 million in 2022**. Ballot Issue 1A would raise the County sales tax rate from **4% to 5.5%** — that's a **37.5%** increase for government.

THREE: Tax Increase Averages \$1,000 Per Household in 2023

There are 6,500 households in Archuleta County. Ballot Issue 1A asks for an increase of \$6.5 million in 2023. That equals **an average of \$1,000 per household**. Even if tourists pay 20% of the tax, it still averages \$800 in new taxes per Archuleta household for 2023. Over the next ten years, the increase would total an estimated \$85 million — based on **half the rate** of recent revenue increases, and 2% population growth. **That's an \$11,000 per household increase...**

FOUR: Proposed 37.5% Tax Increase Would Last Forever

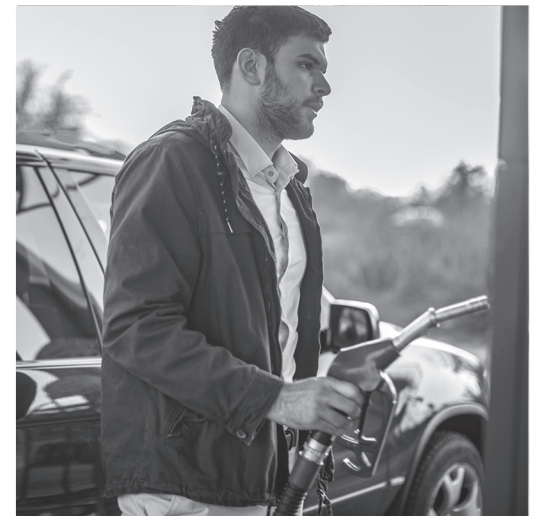
The County **could have included a 'sunset' provision** — like the 'seven-year sunset' the Archuleta School District included in their \$1.7 million tax increase, approved by the voters in 2018. A sunset allows the voters to renew the tax at a future date, if the voters believe the extra taxes were spent wisely. **But the County refused to include any sunset provision for Ballot Issue 1A.**

FIVE: The Taxpayers Don't Trust Archuleta County Government

The County's own consultant for this tax, Magellan Strategies, asked 1,000 likely voters if they trust the County government. The result? **Only 4% 'strongly agreed' that the County can be trusted to spend our money wisely...** and only 23% 'somewhat agreed'. Why the lack of trust?

A few years ago, the County asked the taxpayers to fund a new, oversized, 54-bed jail. The voters rejected that plan, **TWICE**. But the Commissioners refused to listen to the voters, borrowed money against future sales taxes, and built a more expensive new Jail, plus a new Courthouse, a new Sheriff's Office, a new DHS office... and are **now planning a new Administration Building for themselves.**

The County needs to **regain our trust**, before they ask us for a 37.5% sales tax increase.



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Santa Claus seen in Pagosa

We identify September with changing colors, football games at Golden Peaks Stadium and ColorFest. In our family, there is one who starts his journey in September and ends with his midnight ride on Christmas Eve.

When I saw my son-in-law's grizzled face and a full head of white hair, I chuckled, "It looks like you're getting ready for Christmas."

He nodded and grinned. My daughter rolled her eyes, shook her head and formed a scowl. "He promised me he'd shave and get a haircut the day after Christmas."

Al Wylie, my son-in-law, joined our family in 1986 when he married our daughter Allison. I have said many times, "He's the best thing that's happened to our family. He's the family peacemaker. He's good to our daughter and all of us."

Some of you know him as Al, the propane man. He visits your home and hundreds of other homes during the year. He keeps you warm, turns on the pilot lights for helpless widows and older people. He stays to visit for a few minutes, makes sure they're OK, then he's off to another home. He is called out in the night hours when someone runs out of propane. He leaves his warm home to take care of someone else's home.

You might know him as the treasurer of the Pagosa Springs Athletic Booster Club. For 11 years, he has budgeted funds that provide uniforms and sports equipment for the junior high and high schools. Our daughter makes sure your banner is seen in the gym and on the football field so you will get recognition for your support. They give a team effort and always have.

He served our country for 26 years and retired as LCDR (retired). Every prayer he utters from his lips is for the men and women overseas who put their lives in danger for our freedom. He prays for their families at home. He is truly a man of God who loves his family, country and community.

When he retired from the military, Al and our daughter wanted a better

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



life for their children — the place where Allison grew up. They made the long trip from Virginia to Colorado, where his North Pole Workshop awaited him. It's fitting they would end up in Pagosa.

In September, he throws away his razor and puts up the scissors. Not in a telephone booth, not immediately, but as an ordinary Clark Kent, aka Al Wylie, the propane man, starts his transformation into Santa Claus, aka Super Claus.

After Thanksgiving, he can be seen in a red velvet hat. Soon he brings out his red velvet suit with the white trim. For years, he stuffed a big pillow in his trousers. The pillow is no longer necessary. His Santa Claus suit fits just fine. He no longer needs a fake beard and hair. He's become the real thing.

Each Christmas since I've known him, our family, and military and community children, get a visit from Santa Claus. The day after Christmas, his suit is sent to the dry cleaners and stored away for another year. But, his good deeds continue throughout the year.

One lady proudly showed her child's picture on her phone screen. "Look at my son with Santa Claus." My daughter gulped "Oh my gosh, that's Al with your son." The lady

didn't recognize him.

It is strange I'm writing about Santa Claus in September when you won't see him until December. Maybe I should save this article for a Christmas deadline. Why do we think of Jesus at Christmas time when he's in our hearts all year long?

And yes, during the year, we see the spirit of Jesus in every baby's smile, a kind man filling your propane tank to keep your home warm or a store clerk standing on her feet all day to make sure you have food on your table.

I read today in the first chapter of John. "Now out of Jesus' fullness, we are fulfilled, and from him we receive grace heaped upon more grace ... Now he has unfolded to us the full explanation of who God truly is" (TPT). Our son-in-law demonstrates the fullness of Jesus. He continues to give grace to anyone he meets and every house he visits.

Final brushstroke: I've blown his cover. I've spilled the beans. I'm a proud mother-in-law, maybe a little too much in-your-face. It's my way of saying thank you for sticking with this family all these years. If Santa Claus wants to remain incognito, he's going to have to be twice as cautious.

When you arrive at your home, your lawn is cut and a hot meal is waiting for you, you might wonder if Santa Claus showed up early. He has a habit of doing that.

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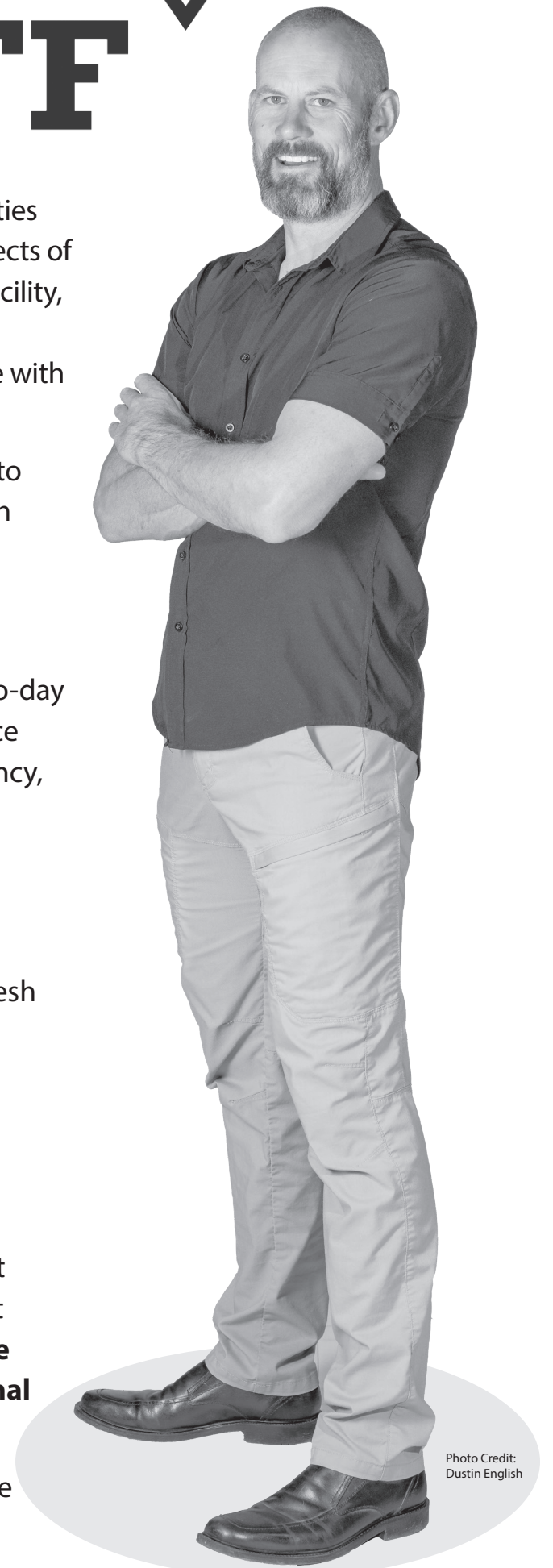


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The Sheriff is a **LEADERSHIP** position responsible for establishing the vision and priorities for the Sheriff's Office to effectively maintain **law and order**, and other important aspects of **public safety** (wildland fire, emergency operations, all hazard mitigation, detention facility, search & rescue and more). To understand the specific needs of our county, the Sheriff needs to be a clear, effective **communicator** who can capably engage and collaborate with other elected officials, community leaders, and county residents at all levels.

The Sheriff is responsible for overseeing all **administration** of the office; and needs to identify, develop, train, motivate and lead the required staff. The Sheriff takes an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Colorado, and the laws of the State of Colorado, with the utmost **integrity, accountability and conduct**.

I have all the necessary qualifications and experience to enforce the law in day-to-day calls for service. However, far more valuable are my capabilities and career experience that qualify me to be the **Executive Leader** of a large, multifaceted and diverse agency, in a rapidly growing county.

In a career spanning over 25 years, I have a **professional background** in corporate business in the private sector, as a high level project manager. Here I was involved in leading teams, administration, extensive financial and budget management and large-scale program development and delivery. I bring a global perspective and a fresh approach.

I have also **passionately served Archuleta County for 10 years**, and I have always put this community first. I was honored to serve as your Commander of Emergency Management, and I am honored to serve you now as your Undersheriff.

Over this time I have **developed important working relationships** with all the key Federal, Tribal, State and Local agencies, stakeholders, and regional law enforcement entities, which will be of great benefit to this county. As Undersheriff I am in the best position to identify the strengths and shortcomings of the Sheriff's Office, and **I have the energy and passion** this role requires to **build a positive, ethical organizational culture**.

I am committed to meeting all the needs of this dynamic community to ensure a safe and thriving home for us all to enjoy. I would be honored to serve as your Sheriff.

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The perfect honeymoon

By **Daris Howard**
Special to The PREVIEW

Larry was getting married. While his future wife was busy getting the right dress and planning her ideal reception, he was planning the perfect honeymoon.

“What are you going to do?” David, the best man, asked.

Larry laughed. “Come on, David. Do you really expect me to tell you? But I will tell you this much. I plan for us to go to a resort town and have a wonderful week together.”

David didn't ask any more, and Larry set about making all the preparations. He first chose the perfect resort town. It was one in the mountains of Idaho, and the pictures he could find about it showed magnificent scenery.

Larry didn't have a lot of money, so he knew he would have to budget well to make it last a whole week. The biggest expense would be the hotel rooms. This was before the Internet, so he went to a library and got hold of a phone book for the area. He looked in the yellow pages for hotels and wrote down all their phone numbers. He called every one of them to get the best price.

It happened that the first one on the list was the cheapest. It was less than half the price of the others. Larry thought it was probably because it was run by immigrants. He was sure they had to be because in their ad they spelled 'hotel' wrong. But Larry didn't really care who ran it. The price was such that he could afford the entire week and still have some money left over.

The wedding day came, and then Larry and his new bride were off on their honeymoon. The next week, after they had returned, David ran into Larry and asked him how it went.

“Have you ever heard of a thing called a hostel?” Larry asked.

David nodded. “When I traveled through Europe, I stayed in a lot of them. They are kind of like a dorm for travelers.” Suddenly, David realized what Larry was saying.

“You didn't stay in a hostel for your honeymoon, did you?”

“I had never heard of such a thing before!” Larry said, the frustration rising in his voice. “I thought it was just a misspelling of 'hotel'.”

David tried not to grin so he wouldn't irritate his already-agitated friend. “How was it?”

“Well, how do you think it was?” Larry said. “We got there and were checking in when the lady started explaining where the bathrooms were. When I asked, ‘You mean there's not one in every room?’ she looked at me like I had dropped from Mars or something. But the bathrooms weren't even the worst part.”

“She continued to tell us who would share the room with us. When I explained we were just married and thought we would have a room of our own, she didn't even try not to laugh. But since the hotel wasn't full, she was able to get us a room of our own the first night. The walls were paper thin, and we could hear every sound everyone else made, and they could hear us. But that still wasn't the worst part.”

“What was?” David asked.

“The stupid rooms only had bunk beds!” Larry said. “When I found that out, I tried to get a refund so we could go to a real hotel, but there were no refunds. I would hardly have enough money for another place, even with the refund, so we were stuck.”

“And to top it off, the place was full three of the nights, and we had to share a room with others.”

By this point, Larry's attitude was really frosted. “Somebody should spell hostel differently so it doesn't appear at the front of the list of hotels!”

With that, Larry stormed off, leaving David grinning at what he had just heard. Maybe with Larry's feelings about his experience, 'hostile' would be the proper spelling.

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This campaign is 100% grassroots efforts, with individuals supporting me because I have proven I understand the law, that I will listen to your concerns, and that I will address them in the future vision of Archuleta County.



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- Seeking Grant Funding Opportunities for Rural Communities for education in managing tourism, sanitation, housing concerns, health initiatives, and other projects.

- Working towards healing the community through properly addressing Health District concerns and strategizing towards a real solution for the future health of Archuleta County.
- Working with governments and engineers to properly prioritize and assess asphalt quality and heavy use for roads and bridges for the entire county.
- Realistically understanding growth and working together to provide solutions for our infrastructure needs.
- Protecting Individual Rights through de-escalation training of our law enforcement agencies.
- Identifying Short Term Rental issues by hearing all concerned perspectives and working together to determine the best solution for all residents of Archuleta County by reforming Land Use Regulations.
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My mission as your Sheriff is to uphold my Oath and exercise the duties and responsibilities of this Office, to ensure public safety and to protect you, your property and your God-given rights.

If you had told me on our first trip to Pagosa Springs in 1978, that 44 years later I would be on the ballot for Sheriff of Archuleta County, I would have thought you were 'off your rocker'. However, the trust in the current Sheriff's department has evaporated and Archuleta county is in desperate need of ethical leadership. I have been asked by many in the community to run due to my broad life experiences, Conservative Constitutionalist values, and faith in God.

I believe that sound Principles of Ethics, Integrity and Dedication still matter. My sister and I were raised in Nogales, Arizona on my grandparents' ranch. It was from them that I gained strong Hispanic and traditional values, especially of hard work and the importance of God, Family and Country. It is my sworn duty and oath to protect and defend our Rights and Freedoms, just as our Founding Fathers intended. It is my duty to "Protect and Serve"; by treating every individual with respect and dignity we will achieve a safer and stronger Archuleta County community.

Having support by sheriffs, police and labor unions, and individuals in Oro Valley, Arizona, I was elected to town council and have run for other elected positions. My experience has proven that solutions to problems are best accomplished locally, working for and on behalf of We the People. I have the skills to finalize real solutions for many issues and problems, having worked with county and state agencies, ranchers, farmers, and construction workers as the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Organizer in Southern Arizona for over 10 years. During this period, I interfaced with NAFTA and General Agreement on Trades and Tarriffs (GATT) treaties along with INS and local law enforcement agencies. .

I understand complex issues are not resolved with delay and pass the puck maneuvers, play mentality, or the 'old' Politics as usual game. I have come to believe that our elected officials have lost our trust because they have forgotten who they represent. They should be representing We the People, not their own agendas and vested interests.

Today, our most pressing law-enforcement issues are loss of public trust, illegal drug use, excessive spending and debt. I will build trust with you beginning with an audit of the department, which is way over budget, and reorganize and restructure the department to best serve ALL of Archuleta County. I want to restore your trust that local law enforcement is here to protect your rights, not target you. I will listen to my constituents, respect their vote, and will protect our freedoms and rights within the confines of the Constitution. I will have Constitutionally trained Deputies to become true Peace Keepers through deescalation.

Further, I will re-focus on the manufacturing and sale of illegal drugs in Archuleta County, rebuild our communications and emergency management, improve our response time and become more interactive in our schools and community at large to reduce instances of domestic violence, fatal car accidents, fire and crime in progress.

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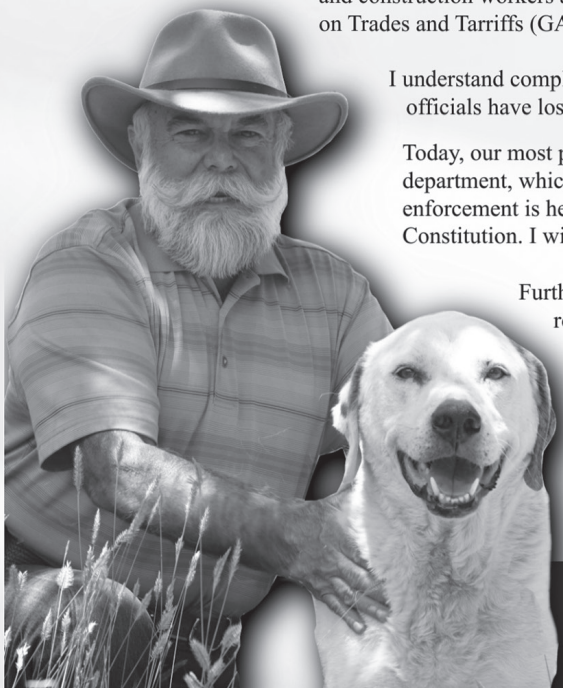


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Library to benefit from unique restaurant promotion next week

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Oct. 11-16 is Restaurant Week in Pagosa Springs — a unique opportunity created to benefit your library when many of our community's finest restaurants will feature menu items dedicated to this event.

You can explore new restaurants or revisit old favorites, dine in or take out — all while contributing to your library foundation's campaign to raise funds to expand and renovate your library.

The idea came from local restaurant owners Shelly Cox and Audrey Bliss. Both are big fans and regular patrons of the library, and Cox serves on the foundation's campaign committee.

You can find a full list of participating restaurants at <https://pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/pagosa-restaurant-week/>.

Each restaurant is choosing their own way to participate and give to the library. For example, one restaurant will donate \$1 for every bowl of Cajun classic sold.

You do not need to sign up in advance or bring a coupon. Just go to the restaurant of your choice and ask them what on their menu is part of the Restaurant Week event for the library. And please thank them for helping us all support this important fundraising effort to expand and renovate your library.

Fall Lifelong Learning lectures

An all-new free Lifelong Learning lecture series begins Oct. 13 and runs every Thursday through Nov. 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. — our first in-person Lifelong Learning lecture series since the fall of 2019, before COVID.

You'll hear from Scott Graham, the Durango author of a popular national park mystery series, on Oct. 13. Dr. Jean Strahlendorf will discuss the pros and cons of Initiative 58 that would legalize the uses of psychedelics in clinical settings for treating some medical issues on Oct. 20. Paula Woerner, head of the Wolfwood Refuge for rescued wolves in La Plata County, will speak on Oct. 27. C. Neal Johnson will offer information on Business with a Mission, or BAM, on Nov. 3. April Holthaus and Dan Senjem will speak on the Archuleta County Genealogical Society on Nov. 10. Mott Hoover from the Colorado Avalanche Center will present on Nov. 17.

Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> or pick up a brochure at your library for more details on all these presentations.

Homework help

Free homework assistance and

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elementary tutoring are available for kids in kindergarten through fourth grade on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. this month.

There is a registration packet for parents and guardians to fill out to enroll your child that you can get by emailing the library or coming in.

We are hopeful that the program will be able to continue, but it may depend on the availability of volunteers and the needs of the school.

New format for activities calendar

To be sure you don't miss any of the free library activities available to you and your family, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. Its new, streamlined format combines all the activities and events for children, teens and adults on one handy, two-sided page.

No PALS/GED adult education in October

There will be no PALS sessions in October as Mark, the instructor, will be out of state working one of his other jobs.

Online author talks continue

There will be three more events this month in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought-leaders 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.

Next Thursday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. we'll hear from Dr. Aziz Gazipura, author of "Not Nice: Stop People Pleasing, Staying Silent and Feeling Guilty." On Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 5 p.m., we'll meet with Zain Asher, author of "Where the Children Take Us." On Tuesday, Oct. 25, we'll gather with Kate Quinn, author of "The Diamond Eye."

Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> to learn more.

Dungeons and Dragons today

Today, Thursday, Oct. 6, from 4 to 6 p.m., join our virtual Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults on Discord. Next Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. is an in-person game. Space is

limited and registration is required. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to join.

Children's Spanish class tomorrow

Join us Friday, Oct. 7, from 2 to 3 p.m. for a Spanish class for kids aged 6 to 11 to help youngsters learn and improve their Spanish.

Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 7, 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, Oct. 8, 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.

Ruby's Book Club next Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club meets in person. **See Library on next page**

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son from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, to discuss “The Lost Apothecary” by Sarah Penner. 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, Oct. 11, 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/>.

Virtual teen advisory board

Next Wednesday, Oct. 12, the teen advisory board will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. on your library’s Discord server. Fourth- through 12th-graders are invited to bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs.

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 Oct. 10 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.

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“Eddie Murphy” is a collection of 14 movies starring the comedian. “1883: A Yellowstone Origin Story” is a prequel to the popular “Yellowstone” TV series. “Minions: The Rise of Gru” contains two mini-movies. “Happening” features a bright young student in France

Spanish-language books about the sea

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Down home country cooking, hand cut steaks, smoked ribs and chicken, yummy appetizers, affordable drinks, family-friendly atmosphere, ability to seat large parties, and hard working servers and bartenders have made it a local favorite, as well as returning visitors year after year.

With Pagosa Springs having so much to offer such as hiking, mountain biking, fishing, floating, soaking in the hot springs, skiing/snowboarding, and so much more, tourism is always flowing and this town is always in need of a fun restaurant like this one!

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New Thought to hold anniversary celebration, potluck

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service at 11 a.m. will be a “Happy Anniversary” celebration and potluck with Shayla White Eagle McClure. Bring a dish to share.

The dedication of our Aspin Inspirational Memorial Library will also be held.

We will share stories of personal growth and success that the New Thought Center has brought into our lives.

“I live in the faith that there is a presence and power greater than I am that nurtures and supports me in ways I could not even imagine.”

— Dr. Ernest Holmes.

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.

Oct. 9, 11 am.: Anniversary celebration and gratitude potluck at Sunday service with White Eagle.

Oct. 20, 5-6:30 p.m.: Reception for Shari Silvey, from Sedona, and author of “The Power to Transform and Breaking Free” card decks.

Oct. 22-23: Spirits of the Land Gathering at Xanadu with Silvey and White Eagle. Contact (970) 309-6067 for more information.

Oct. 27, 6 p.m.: Reception for Harmony Fire Eagle and White Eagle — “Ways of the Medicine Path.”

Oct 29: “Sacred Medicine Walk Workshop” with Fire Eagle and White Eagle at Xanadu.

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The Aspin Inspiration Memorial

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Large print

“Gunman’s Pass” by Ralph Cotton is a Will Summers western. “The Last to Vanish” by Megan Miranda is a mystery set in an inn in a North Carolina town. “The Big Dark Sky” by Dean Koontz is a murder mystery that takes place on a ranch in Montana. “Fairy Tale” by Stephen King is a story with a lot of heart and some of the author’s signature horror. “Reckoning” by Catherine Coulter is an FBI thriller. “The Return of the Pharaoh” by Nicholas Meyer is a Sherlock Holmes-Dr. Watson adventure in Egypt.

Donations

We are grateful to Sherry and Keith Spears for their generous monetary donation in memory of Jimmy Neumann, of Texas, and to our anonymous donors for their materials donations.

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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

“For the great storms of our past will challenge us; they will shape us or break us. We can succumb to the fear and bury ourselves in the wreckage they leave behind. Or we can dig up the courage from within us and fight for our future. Because having courage doesn’t mean you aren’t afraid; it means you persist despite your fear.” — Celia Bell, American photographer who describes herself as “a dreamer, adventurer and destination photographer.”

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“And God said, ‘Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.’” *Genesis 1:29*

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13. Antioxidants present in grape juice can help in preventing aging related problems like Alzheimer’s disease.
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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.

A public service from your Adventist friends & neighbors at Pagosa Springs Seventh Day Adventist Church.

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Guess Who?

I am an athlete born in Mississippi on October 10, 1969. A car accident in 1990 nearly claimed by life, but I had a comeback that jump-started my football career. I am the first quarterback to throw for more than 70,000 yards.

Answer: Bret Favre



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Countywide Women's Bible Study beginning look at miracles of Jesus

By Stan Counsell
Countywide Women's Bible Study

The Countywide Women's Bible Study is fun, informational, and inspirational rolled into one. Feedback and laughter are common with this inquisitive group of believers. It is amazing how a few verses from God's Word can become "gold-glowing" buried treasure. Said treasure is not always seen, but it's very much there. You just might not see it due to your busy lives, kind of like one can't see the forest for the trees.

The women's study has finished Matthew 24 and is now undertaking a very interesting and in-depth study on the miracles of Jesus. The first topic presented was the healing of a leper in Matthew 8:1-4. It covered all the different, but crucial, angles of the true story: Jesus, the leper, the law, biblical culture, medical knowledge and the crowd's viewpoint. When it was seen with additional help from the Greek, much was learned, thereby making the miracle much more than black ink on white paper. The story bloomed forth like a spring flower

by being clearly informative and exciting. With those four verses, less is more with God.

The following Tuesday's study was taken from Luke 5:17-26, the healing of the paralytic. Profound truths were revealed; the ladies saw how this miracle could be clearly applied to them. When one tries to serve God by helping others, some people can get in our way or even oppose us. But, by being proactive, one can find a way to reach Jesus and see others saved and healed.

The miracles of Jesus are profound, but, tragically, skeptics try to cast doubts. Their motto is, "Doubt the miracles, doubt Jesus." Everyone knows that doubt is a common human weakness. Even John the Baptist, demoralized by his Roman imprisonment, developed doubts. Jesus sent a message back to John to comfort him, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news preached to them" (Luke 7:20-22).

This women's study has been

thriving for 50-plus years here in Pagosa Springs. The facilitator, 'Bert (Roberta) Counsell, is a fully ordained women's pastor from an international Christian organization that spans 116 nations with more than 4,400 churches. Her passion is clear, easy and balanced theology that helps guide others into finding the excitement of knowing God's Word. 'Bert and her husband have been a ministering/chaplain team for 37 years. Although retired, their ordinations remain in active status helping churches and Bible ministries.

The Countywide Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning at the new Grace in Pagosa offices and fellowship hall (formerly CrossRoad Christian Fellowship) at 1044 Park Ave., across from the Recreation Center. Each study is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and all ladies are welcome regardless of their backgrounds. Remember to bring your personality and favorite Bible. For any additional information, call (970) 264-9931. Have a great day with Jesus.

Celebration

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higher power. We are the "Good Vibe Tribe" that practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or YouTube (Pagosa New Thought Center for Inspirational Living).

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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 crow.

They are large, vocal, hang out in groups and have learned to live with people. All of these traits make the American crow recognized by even people unfamiliar with other birds. This bird consistently outnumbers all other birds counted in our local Christmas Bird Count by a large margin.

Despite the crow's familiarity, a common challenge is crow or raven? Both are large, black birds and the larger size of the raven might not be apparent unless the two are in close proximity. Ravens tend to soar more than crows, who fly with a methodical flapping of wings. In flight, the crow's tail appears square and flat and the raven's more triangular. Crows are often seen in flocks and ravens alone or in pairs.

The American crow's scientific name means "short beak," but this is really only true in comparison to the bill of the raven, which is longer and stouter and more hooked at the end. The familiar "caw-caw" call of the crow is higher pitched than that of the raven.

Highly social and intelligent, American crows live in family groups which may number as high as 15. Displaying cooperative breeding behavior, young may stay in the home territory of their parents for five years or longer, assisting with feeding of the incubating female, nestlings and fledglings during breeding season. During other seasons, members of the family group may wander in search of food and return to the home territory from time to time.

In fall and winter, American crows roost at night in large numbers in communal sleeping areas. Increasingly, these roost sites are in urban areas where crows find safety from being shot, which often have higher temperatures than nearby rural areas, and have fewer great-horned owls plus the illumination to see the approach of these predators.

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This past Sunday was exceptional at Pagosa Springs Golf Club as we launched our 1st Annual Aspen House Golf Tournament with an outstanding turnout of 23 teams and over 50 golf sponsors. Bob Hemenger donated his time playing live music with his saxophone as the golf course lit up with good music and fun. Teams from Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Albuquerque all joined in to support the adults with developmental disabilities in our community. All smiles on the course as we raised funds for an amazing cause. The "UNTHINKABLE" sponsorship was led by Tim Brown Custom Homes donating \$25,000 dollars and they offered to provide major support in the construction of Aspen House's project. Tim Brown Custom Homes wants to make it happen and is looking to partner with the community to get this dream home built.



Thank you to our board of directors, volunteers, players, and donors. Big thanks to our impressive \$1,000 dollar sponsors starting with Rocky Mountain Timberworks, Roy Tinguely, Red Tail Property Care LLC, and Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. Thanks to our \$500 dollar sponsors Rudd Realty and Rudd Fotos, Walmart, and La Plata Electric Association. Grateful to our sponsors Callaway, TopGolf, Skye Ute Resort, Bogey Bros, All About You Day Spa, Holiday Inn, Voormi, Kraken Golf, RESPORT, Two Old Crows, Seven Rivers Steaks and Food, The Studio, Kip's Grill and Cantina, Hair by Kandi, Zuberfizz, Coyote Hill Lodge, Walmart, Overlook Hot Springs, The Springs Resort and Spa, A Custom Tree, Last Resort on the River, Design a Sign, Monograms Plus, Rio Grande Golf Club, SoCo Mountain Lifestyles, San Juan VIP Marketing, Pagosa Drone Productions, Pagosa Adventure, Hollydot Golf Course, Mountain Landing RV and Suites, The Tile and Carpet Store, Riff Raff on the Rio, PMAB Movement, P.A.L.S A.C.F, Duke City Property Investments, Leading Edge Financial Planning, Colorado Clean Cuts, and supported by Special Olympics. We look forward to seeing you for our 2nd Annual next June!



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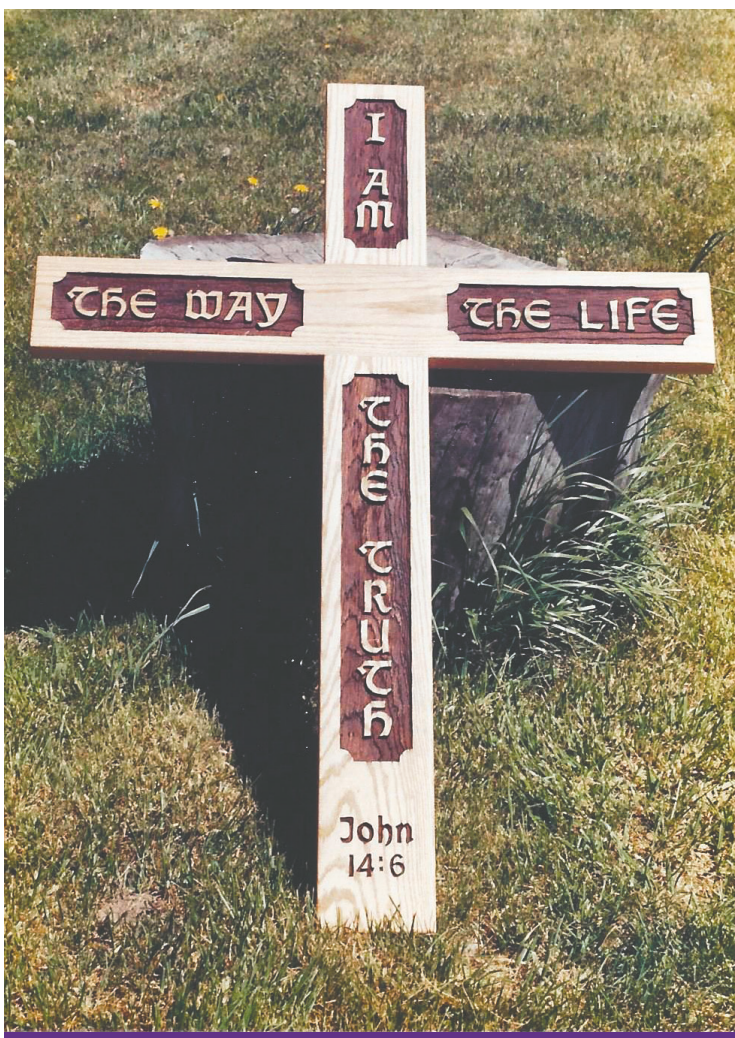
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Butternut Squash Casserole: A Colorado fall favorite

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Butternut squash is a fall favorite, so if you haven't had a chance to try this yummy and diverse gourd, don't wait any longer. Butternut Squash is a winter squash that grows on a vine with a sweet, nutty taste similar to that of a pumpkin.

Squashes are a versatile food that offer a variety of health benefits and can be served savory or sweet. Many winter squash are a good source of vitamin A, which helps protect eyes and skin. The squash, which is actually a fruit, contains potassium just like a banana, an important mineral for keeping bones healthy (Produce Market Guide). A single cup of squash contains more vitamin A than the daily recommended amount.

One of the "three sisters" crops of Indigenous American agriculture, the squash has a long and

venerable history as a product native to North America, so serve it all autumn long.

Each month the Colorado Department of Agriculture features a different ag commodity to highlight the variety and quality of products grown and raised in the state. For October, Chef Jason Morse brings us a savory squash casserole.

"I think side dishes are just as important as the meal and today's recipe proves it," Morse said. "We take some locally grown butternut squash, add a nice assortment of ingredients and the result is, well, simply perfect. Happy cooking!"

Butternut Squash Casserole

Chef Jason K. Morse, C.E.C.
Yield: Serves 6-8 people
Prep time: 15 minutes

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Casserole

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Freeze time: 1 to 1 1/4 hours
 Ingredients:
 4 ounces pancetta, diced small
 2 medium shallots, diced small
 2 1/2 pounds butternut squash, washed and peeled, diced large
 Kosher salt to taste
 Fresh ground black to taste
 1/2 teaspoon Italian herbs, dried

2 tablespoons salted butter
 2-3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1/2 cup heavy cream
 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, shredded

1/2 cup Gruyere cheese, shredded

1 cup fried onions, chopped
 Chopped fresh Italian parsley for garnish

Directions:
 Preheat the oven to 400 degrees

Heat a large, oven-safe saute pan or cast iron skillet over medium high heat.

Add the pancetta and cook until lightly browned.

Add the onion and saute until lightly browned.

Add butternut squash, salt, pepper, Italian herbs and butter. Stir and cook for 5 minutes.

Sprinkle flour over the mixture and cook for 1-2 minutes.

Add the cream and both shredded cheeses. Cook and stir until combined and thickened. Remove from the heat.

Add the butternut squash mix to the pan.

Cover the pan with lid or foil and cook in the preheated oven for 60-75 minutes or until squash is tender. Check for doneness at approximately 45 minutes.

Once squash is tender, uncover and add fried onions to the top. Cook for 5 additional minutes to crisp onions.

Carefully remove the pan from the oven (using heat-proof gloves), place onto a heat-proof surface and allow to cool for 5 minutes before serving.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Heavy reading
- 5 Pageant wear
- 9 Rosie, on "The Jetsons"
- 14 Enthusiasm
- 15 A while ago
- 16 Day or thing starter
- 17 Message in a cell
- 19 Arctic bear
- 20 Snub, in a way
- 21 Texas town in a George Strait song title
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- 24 Sharp blow
- 26 Tupperware top
- 27 Joint woe
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- 33 French cheese
- 35 Part of the foot
- 36 Type of campus bldg.
- 38 Semicircular window
- 40 Backslide
- 42 More than plump
- 43 Do laps, perhaps
- 45 APR part
- 46 River bottom
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- 50 Luxurious resort
- 51 Meeting, slangily
- 52 Test for teens
- 55 Apt to topple
- 59 Schumer's group
- 61 Kind of panel
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- 64 Calendar entry
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- 67 Sugar ____
- 68 Swirling current
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- 32 Spoon-playing site
- 33 Amorphous mass
- 34 Bumpkin
- 37 Pub projectile
- 39 Alice's affair
- 41 Go-between
- 44 Saw the light, with "up"
- 48 NYC sight
- 49 Herding dog name
- 50 Blackjack option
- 53 Trip planner's aid
- 54 Overflows (with)
- 55 Like hand-me-downs
- 56 Old Chevy model
- 57 Downhill racer
- 58 Mikey's cereal
- 60 Don Johnson series, "____ Bridges"
- 63 Scoundrel

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to physical therapy.
 Each number corresponds to a letter.
 (Hint: 17 = E)

A. 16 17 9 6 1 17 16 12
 Clue: Get well after injury/illness

B. 21 22 18 20 16 12
 Clue: Ailment

C. 3 6 1 17 3 17 22 11
 Clue: Changing of position

D. 2 6 19 12
 Clue: Physical structure of an organism

Answers: A. recovery B. injury C. movement D. body

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Archuleta Seniors Inc. reflects on accomplishments this year

By **Rose Chavez**
PREVIEW Columnist

It's autumn. Across Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) and our network, we are adjusting ourselves to the cooler mornings and shorter days. We know that many of you share the sentiment that this is one of the best times of the year. In many respects, it is also the calm before the storm of winter and holidays. May we all relish these weeks and take some time to enjoy the fall colors and the crisp weather.

Looking forward, we see only three months left of 2022 stretching before us. We're considering the goals we laid out at the beginning of the year, big and small, and how far along we've come to bringing them to fruition. ASI is ready to throw a harvest party with all we've done this year.

Here are the details we're sharing:

- We are now open four days a week, dine-in lunch services are offered Monday through Thursday with pickup and delivery available everyday including Friday.

- We are open for educational programming and entertainment and will be expanding our offerings in the near future.

- We are grateful to our community for supporting us during our recent fundraiser and for all our tireless staff, volunteers and board members who are critical to providing our essential services on a daily basis.

COVID-19 booster vaccine clinic Nov. 4

Please join us for a drop-in clinic performed by San Juan Basin Public Health on Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. noon at the Pagosa Senior Center located in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Please call us at (970) 264-2167 to sign up for the booster so we know how many to plan on for the day of the event.

Mobile food pantry service available for seniors

The Senior Center would like to remind the community about our mobile food pantry services we provide in partnership with Archuleta County MET to seniors age 60 and older throughout most areas of Archuleta County.

In order to participate in this program, community members must visit with Barbara Noriega at the Senior Center, located in the Community Center, to fill out an application to qualify for hot meal delivery service and/or the mobile pantry service. The application, called the dining assessment form, is also available on our website at the bottom of the Community Cafe page: <http://www.psseniors.org/community-cafeacute.html>. For



more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

Text reservations

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-N-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

Mahjong

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

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, 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.

Future programming volunteers needed

We are looking to implement new programming in the future and want to rely on the insight and expertise of the community to expand our offerings. We are looking for volunteers to help us coordinate new games, crafts, wellness and intergenerational opportunities. If you are interested, please contact us at (970) 264-2167.

Volunteers needed

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

ASI board vacancies

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

for adult and aging services.

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Oct. 6 — Corn and potato chowder, wilted spinach, buttermilk biscuit, garden salad, milk and fruit.

Friday, Oct. 7 — English cottage pie with mushroom gravy, roasted cauliflower, garden salad, milk, orange and Jello.

Monday, Oct. 10 — Closed for the federal holiday.

Tuesday, Oct. 11 — Vegetable-stuffed portabello mushroom with couscous, naan bread, garden salad, eclairs and milk.

Wednesday, October 12 — Cajun shrimp and corn grits, Swiss chard, buttermilk biscuit, garden salad, milk and fruit.

Thursday, Oct. 13 — Pork ribs, coleslaw, sweet corn, garden salad, milk and cherry crisp.

Friday, Oct. 14 — Chicken and mushroom crepes, asparagus, garden salad, fruit, milk and chai pudding.

Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meals reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the

morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$5 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

Requesting donations

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.

You may mail your donation to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs CO 81147 or please visit our website, <http://www.psseniors.org/>. Donation checks can be written to Archuleta Seniors Inc. We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information about ASI, please visit <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

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Hiking public lands shouldn't require a ladder

By Ben Long
PREVIEW Columnist

Imagine you were part owner of a nice piece of rural land, maybe with a trout stream running through it. But, your neighbors won't let you in. You don't have to imagine, because access to far too much public land is legally blocked by private property owners, causing headaches throughout the West.

If you look at a map of the region, big tracts of land run in a "checkerboard" pattern of mixed public and private land ownership. The West is literally diced up into alternating square-mile sections of federally managed land and private ground, which is generally owned by a timber company or ranch.

This is not a small problem. Researchers have found that 8 million acres of public land are "landlocked" in 11 states. That's roughly equal to the area of four Yellowstone National Parks.

This land ownership pattern has been causing headaches since it was rolled across the West in the 1860s. It dates back to the days of Abraham Lincoln, when the federal government granted land to railroads as incentives to span the continent with tracks, thus opening up the West for development.

Unintended consequences continue to fill up courthouses. This year, in Wyoming, the absentee owner of a 22,000-acre ranch wasn't happy when four hunters crossed from one section of public land to another, thanks to a makeshift ladder they raised at the corner of his private land.

Once the hunters from Missouri accomplished their "corner crossing," the ranch owner convinced a local prosecutor to file trespassing charges. After a jury failed to convict, the ranch owner was not satisfied.

He filed a civil case, claiming that by merely crossing his land at the corner, the hunters had decreased the value of his property. To be clear, the hunters never set foot on his land. But the landowner claimed they violated the "airspace" over the corner where properties met. The suit charged that the loss of exclusive access to his land caused millions of dollars in damages.

The case is being watched closely around the country. Access advocates have raised tens of thousands of dollars in donations via GoFundMe accounts to help pay legal costs for the hunters involved. They hope that a victory in Wyoming will have beneficial consequences elsewhere.

But a victory for public land access is far from automatic, even if a Wyoming judge or jury agrees with the hunters in civil court. The

Writers on the Range

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question remains: Where do public rights stop and private property rights begin?

Legislatures across the West will be under political pressure to resolve the issue, and conservative legislatures could pass a law giving private landowners authority to block "corner crossing."

Under that scenario, the public would lose. Yet, there are proven tools to protect access in checkerboarded landscapes.

All that's required are private landowners who don't hanker for a showdown.

Where I live in northwestern Montana, checkerboard landscapes were the norm and when I went hunting, I often had no idea whose land I was on. Public or private, though, didn't matter, because visitors were welcomed by both.

That changed when timber companies shifted their focus from sawing lumber to selling real estate. Thousands of acres suddenly fell behind "No Trespassing" signs or fences put up around trophy ranches.

Luckily for me, groups like the Trust for Public Land and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks worked with willing landowners and elected officials to secure public access. Today, every major timber company in Montana has a conservation easement allowing the public to enter at least part of their domain. This has helped secure access around fast-growing resort towns like Whitefish and

Columbia Falls.

Meanwhile, then-Sen. Max Baucus brokered a huge deal where the federal government bought thousands of acres in the Swan River Valley, making the land state forest or national forest. Thankfully, there are sources of money through the Land and Water Conservation Fund that can pay for such solutions. Land trades are another way to settle the issue.

David-versus-Goliath fights between hunting parties and wealthy absentee landlords generate a lot of passion, and perhaps the disputes will conclude by securing more rights for everyday folks to enjoy public land.

But, larger solutions will require more people willing to work together and a lot more money on the table. Not everything needs to be settled in court.

Ben Long is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent non-profit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is senior program director for Resource Media in Kalispell, Mont.. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.



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Thursday, Oct. 6

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Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Community United Methodist Church. Note: Until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving basil garlic drumsticks, Italian pasta 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.

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

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

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

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

Friday, Oct. 7

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.

Children's Spanish Class. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Join us to learn and improve your Spanish.

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

Saturday, Oct. 8

Winter Outdoor Learning Fund (WOLF) Wilderness First Aid/CPR Course. 8 a.m.-5p.m., Emergency Operations Center, 777 County Road 600. This course, conducted by Desert Mountain Medicine, will provide students with the tools needed in the event of an emergency while hiking, biking, hunting, or rafting in the great outdoors. Cost is \$250. Twelve scholarships are also available through WOLF. Anyone interested in registering for the course or applying for a scholarship can email Darcy DeGuise at ddeguise77@gmail.com for more information or a scholarship application. The deadline to sign up is Friday, Oct. 7, at 5 p.m.

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

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Through Dec. 3, no meeting Nov. 26. A grief support group for those grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent or other family member or friend. A caring and safe place. We know it hurts and we want to help. There is no charge.

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.

Oktoberfest. 2-5 p.m., Town Park. An afternoon of fun in the athletic field with food, live music and a beer garden. This is a family-friendly event with games, a kid's corner, contests and much more. You can purchase tickets online at www.pagosafun.com for \$15 in advance and \$5 for children. Tickets at the gate will be \$20 for adults. This event will be in partnership with Rugby's Rescue House.

Peace and Harmony Chapter No. 158 Order of the Eastern Star Annual October Feast Fundraiser. Social hour 3-4 p.m., dinner from 4-6 p.m., Masonic Lodge Building, 227 Lewis St. Brats, sauerkraut and potato salad. A donation of \$20 per person is appreciated. Free beer. Proceeds will be used to support two local food banks and the WHIPS scholarship fund. Bring your friends and family. For more information or tickets, call (505) 927-9182.

Sunday, Oct. 9

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

Experience HU, the Sound of Soul. 1-2:30 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. You are warmly invited to experience HU, a divine sound that courses through all of life and through every atom of your body. HU is an ancient name for God, a sacred sound, and a carrier of love between soul and god. It has been sung for thousands of years, and in many places, for spiritual unfoldment. It can uplift people of any religion, culture or walk of life. The event will include singing HU for 15 to 20 minutes, a few minutes of quiet contemplation and a discussion group where you can participate in spiritual conversation with others of like heart. This event is sponsored by Eckankar and is free of charge. Contact (970) 903-5516 for more details.

Monday, Oct. 10

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. Tuesday, Oct. 4

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

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

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.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experi-

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Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are now members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL sanctioned games with computer dealt hands for maximum review options. 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.

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

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 "The Lost Apothecary" by Sarah Penner. 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.

Spanish Conversation. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. 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/>.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 12

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.

Kids Kare Club. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. For ages 3-5 years old. The program includes songs, games, crafts and an exciting Bible story with lots of interaction with the kids. To register your child, go to coloradocef.org/southwest and click on "Register for a Club."

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.

Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Homework assistance for kids in K-4th grade. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Virtual Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Discord. 4th-12th graders are invited to bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

Thursday, Oct. 13

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 hot meals 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.

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

Library Speakers Consortium: Dr. Aziz Gazipura. 2 p.m. Live author discussion via computer link. The speaker will be Dr. Aziz Gazipura, author of "Not Nice: Stop People Pleasing, Staying Silent and Feeling Guilty." 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.

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Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 6-7:30 p.m., Sisson Library. You'll hear from Scott Graham, the Durango author of a popular national park mystery series. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> or pick up a brochure at your library for more details on all these presentations.

Pagosa Springs High School Girls' Varsity Volleyball. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

Friday, Oct. 14

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

Pickleball. 8:30-11 a.m., South

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Pagosa Springs High School Boys' Varsity Soccer. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield.

Saturday, Oct. 15

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

Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association Handgun Safety Presentation. 9-11 a.m., PLPOA, 230 Port Ave. The class is open to the public and minors 12-17 years old may attend if accompanied by a parent. This will be a two-hour presentation to review firearms safety as it applies to handguns for those new or unfamiliar with handling handguns. The presenter, Greg Dykstra, is a retired 30-year veteran of law enforcement in Phoenix, Ariz. He has trained both civilians and members of law enforcement, and is a certified firearms instructor. There will be a \$10 fee for non-members. The course will be free for youth 12-17 (minor must be accompanied by a parent). Please do not bring firearms to this class. Please RSVP to contact@wolfcreekgunandbow.org if you plan to attend.

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Through Dec. 3, no meeting Nov. 26. A grief support group for those grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent or other family member or friend. A caring and safe place. We know it hurts and we want to help. There is no charge.

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Sunday, Oct. 16

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

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, Oct. 17

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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. Tuesday, Oct. 4

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

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

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.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. 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 Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are now members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL sanctioned games with computer dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of playing pair to pagosaduplicate@gmail.com or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

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

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

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.

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Prepare your garden for winter

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Individuals who don't live near the equator or in another warm climate know that winter will rear its chilly head this year. Cold temperatures and snowy conditions may be excellent for skiing and sledding, but gardeners recognize these conditions are not ideal for their plants.

The inevitable slowing of activity in the garden during fall marks a time to shift attention from constant plant care to preparing the landscape for next season. It may be tempting to simply let Mother Nature take over, but a little pre-winter TLC can ensure gardens make it through winter unscathed.

Remove spent plants

Decomposing organic material is the basis for compost and other fertilizers. However, vegetable plants that are left to sit can lead to decay in the garden. Decaying plants can serve as hosts for pest populations and diseases. Rotting vegetables also can drop unwanted seeds into the soil, which eventually can strip nutrients that normally would go to next year's crops.

Ornamental plants and perennials can be cut back in fall. Cut down stalks and remove leaves.

Plant a cover crop

The gardening resource This Is My Garden recommends planting a cover crop to set the stage for a successful spring. A cover crop protects the soil and can return nutrients to it. When the soil is bare during winter, weed seeds can

easily blow in and lie in wait, ultimately becoming a problem during the ensuing year. Cover crops can include clover or field peas, which will increase the levels of available nitrogen.

Amend the soil

Fall is a perfect time to add soil amendments, such as manure and compost. These fertilizers will add nutrients and break down gradually, enriching the soil over the winter.

Replenish mulch

Gardeners may have added mulch around shrubs and other areas of the landscape early in the season because it is attractive. But mulch also does much to reduce water loss and protect the soil from erosion. It may inhibit weed growth as well. Replacing mulch when the mercury drops can insulate the soil, which helps to regulate soil temperature. A thick layer of mulch around root vegetables left in the garden can offer protection against hard frosts.

Divide bulbs

Divide plant bulbs and plant them where you want flowers like daffodils and tulips to grow in the spring.

Prune dormant plants

Wait until plants are dormant to prune them and adjust their shape. Most shrubs and trees should be pruned in late winter, right before new growth.

Move potted plants

Bring delicate plants into a shel-

tered area, such as a greenhouse or indoor garage, so they can continue to thrive during the winter.

Fall and winter still provide opportunities to spend time in the garden. At this point in the year, gardeners can prepare landscapes for the next season.

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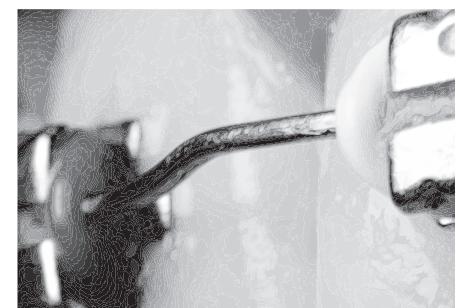
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A magical dessert for Halloween gatherings

Special to The PREVIEW

Sweet treats are on display come Halloween. People hosting Halloween parties or bringing items over to others' homes for the holiday may need to scare up some new ideas for dessert.

Chocolate never goes out of style and is right at home on Halloween. This recipe for "Black Magic Cake," courtesy of The Food Network, is decadently rich. Don't let all that chocolate frighten you. Drizzle as much melted marshmallow as necessary to brighten up the flavor. Turn into a mummy face or transform the top of the cake into a spiderweb instead.

Black Magic Cake

8 to 10 servings

2/3 cup vegetable oil, plus more for greasing the baking pans

1 cup Dutch-process cocoa powder (or any cocoa powder if on hand)

1 cup boiling water

2 cups granulated sugar

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour (see cook's note)

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon fine salt

1 cup whole milk

2 large eggs

1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

Filling and frosting:

1 1/2 cups heavy cream

3/4 cup Dutch-process cocoa powder, sifted

8 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped

1 teaspoon espresso powder

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Pinch fine salt

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1/3 cup confectioners' sugar, sifted

Decoration:

2 cups mini marshmallows (about 4 ounces)

Cooking spray

One or more candy spiders or two candy eyes for decorating

For the cake: Position an oven rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees F. Line the bottom of two 9-inch round cake pans with parchment and crease the parchment and the sides of the pans with oil.

Stir together the cocoa powder and boiling water in a small bowl and let sit to bloom for 5 minutes (this step intensifies the chocolate flavor in the cake).

Whisk together the granulated sugar, flour, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Whisk together the bloomed cocoa, oil, milk, eggs and vanilla in a medium bowl. Pour the cocoa mixture into the sugar mixture and stir until smooth (the batter will be thin). Divide the bat-



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ter evenly between the prepared cake pans. Bake until the cakes bounce back when pressed in the middle and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 30 to 40 minutes. Let cool completely in the pans on a rack.

For the filling and frosting: Heat the cream in a double boiler over low heat, whisking occasionally, until it begins to steam. Whisk in the cocoa powder, chocolate, espresso powder, vanilla, and salt until the mixture is smooth, about 2 minutes. Whisk in the butter until melted. Whisk in the confectioners' sugar until incorporated. Let the frosting cool completely.

To assemble: Put one cake, bottom-side up, on a serving plate or cake stand. Spread about 1 cup of the frosting over the top, but not all the way down the side. Top with the other cake, bottom-side up, and frost the top and sides with the remaining frosting.

For the spider web or mummy decoration: Microwave the marshmallows in a microwave-safe medium bowl until they swell and are soft enough to stir, about 1 minute. Let sit a few minutes until cool enough to touch. Spray your hands with cooking spray. For a spider web, pick up a tablespoon-sized blob of the melted marshmallow and stretch it over and around the cake; repeat so that the strings of marshmallow crisscross one another in many directions. Continue until you have what looks like a spiderweb. For a mummy, stretch the marshmallow so that all the strings on the top of the cake run in the same direction, leaving a small gap between strings for the mummy's eyes to peak out. Garnish with a candy spider or several candy spiders for the web cake or candy eyes for the mummy cake.

Cook's note: The candy decorations are a nice touch, but the cake will be fun and delicious without them as well. When measuring flour, spoon it into a dry measuring cup and level off the excess.

Semi-homemade tip: Purchase a premade chocolate cake and use the decoration to make the mummy or spiderweb only.



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