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PAWSD withdraws from groups over open meetings concerns

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Oct. 20 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors voted to not appoint a representative to the Archuleta County short-term rental (STR) task force and to withdraw its representative to the Pagosa Springs Commu-

■ See PAWSD A8

On to State!



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Sienna Rose and Andrew Bowles will represent Pagosa Springs High School at this weekend's state cross-country meet after qualifying for the state meet at last week's regional competition. For more information on the harriers, see related article.

San Juan Water Conservancy District indicates support to pursue Dry Gulch Reservoir

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors discussed, at length, potential future actions for pursuing the creation of the Dry Gulch reservoir at its Oct. 24 meeting.

The discussion stemmed from the board's continued efforts to reevaluate its strategic objectives, especially in light of the results of the

recently commissioned Wilson Water Group supply and demand study.

While these new objectives have not been formalized, the board did make a motion assigning the task to board members Candace Jones and Rachel Suh, who each presented objectives that they'll now be working to combine.

These objectives include topics such as building out partnerships

■ See Reservoir A8

Hudson, county discuss TABOR Notice case with district judge

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Monday, Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson held a status conference with plaintiff Bill Hudson and Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver regarding Hudson's filing with the court over the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) Notice for Ballot Issue 1A given the timing of the upcoming election.

On Oct. 5 Hudson filed a verified petition with the Sixth Judicial District Court alleging the county violated Colorado election law in creating pro and con statements for the

TABOR Notice for Ballot Issue 1A that was mailed to registered voters.

That ballot issue asks county voters if the sales tax should be increased 1.5 percent to provide additional funding for the county and town.

In his filing, Hudson alleges the county and its designated election official inappropriately used anonymous survey responses and eliminated a large portion of the argument against the ballot issue that was legally submitted in creating its pro and con statements for the

■ See Case A8

Federal judge sets aside road access decision in Village at Wolf Creek case

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Late last week, a U.S. District Court judge issued a ruling setting aside the U.S. Forest Service's decision to provide road access to the site of the proposed Village at Wolf Creek.

That decision was issued by Senior U.S. District Judge Christine M. Arguello on Oct. 20 as part of a 29-page order.

The order is the newest hurdle in the decades-long effort to build the proposed development near Wolf Creek Ski Area on Wolf Creek Pass.

That effort was acknowledged by Arguello in her order.

"This case involves Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture's ('Intervenor' or 'LMJV') plans to develop resort facilities on its parcel of land, formerly part of the Rio Grande National Forest, in Wolf Creek,

Colorado. Intervenor's plans have been frustrated for thirty-five years by the fact that its parcel is fully surrounded by federal land, which limits Intervenor's ability to access and develop its property," the order states, adding that, for the last 20 years, Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture (LMJV) has been involved in litigation in state and federal trial and appellate courts over its plans to develop its property.

The order also notes the case is LMJV's third attempt to obtain access to its inholding, which was created with a 1986 land exchange.

The case involves a 2019 record of decision by the U.S. Forest Service granting LMJV a right of way of approximately 3.7 acres of national forest land in the Rio Grande National Forest for a year-round road, along with a 530-foot extension of Tranquility Road to allow for emer-

■ See Village A14



Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

Trying to lift a pumpkin takes teamwork. Students from Seeds of Learning enjoyed a day filled with fall activities at Jack-a-lope Acres last week.

Planning commission approves final major design application for The Springs Resort expansion

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

At its Oct. 25 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, acting as the Design Review Board, approved the final major design application for The Springs Resort's hotel expansion project.

The project proposes an expansion of the existing establishment on the 19.34-acre vacant site that sits west of the existing resort and the Bank of the San Juans, on the west side of Hot Springs Boulevard. The new property will use about 8 acres of that site, according to the application.

On the site, a new 78-room hotel of approximately 79,300 square feet is proposed, along with a 15,000-square-foot spa with 12 treatment rooms and a 1,700-square-foot restaurant, including indoor seating

■ See Springs A8

Town, county awarded small community of the year in economic development

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County were awarded the small community of the year for accomplishments in economic development at the Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC) annual conference in Pueblo on Oct. 20.

The Pagosa Springs community was one of two finalists for the EDCC's Excellence in Economic Development award, which is meant to recognize "outstanding economic development achievements by our members, organization volunteers, communities, companies and legislators," according to the EDCC website.

■ See Award A8



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation

Jeff Posey, Emily Lashbrooke and Todd Weaver accept the award recognizing the Pagosa Springs community as the Small Community of the Year at the Economic Development Council of Colorado's annual conference on Oct. 20 in Pueblo.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Seniors Hannah Rockensock and Jacob Miller pose for a photo after being named this year's homecoming king and queen at halftime of the Oct. 21 football game.

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EDITORIAL

An erosion of trust

If there was such a thing as a Colorado Open Meetings Law (COML) award of the month, we would give it to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors.

COML, which is part of the Colorado Sunshine Law, requires a governmental body to discuss public business or to take formal action in meetings that are open to the public.

At its meeting last week, the board decided to have District Manager Justin Ramsey withdraw from the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC). They also decided to have board member Bill Hudson withdraw as their representative to County Manager Derek Woodman's short-term rental task force.

Simply put, the PSCDC and the county's task force are not following COML and, until they do, PAWSD is not going to be involved.

Kudos to this board for demonstrating the importance of transparency and conducting business in the light of day.

Short-term rental task force

Woodman closed his task-force meetings to the public. The hand-selected members were required to sign nondisclosure agreements barring them from discussing the topics and contents of the meetings.

Woodman also declined to provide the names of the task force's members. He cited concerns about members being harassed due to the nature of their work.

This secret county group has a professional facilitator, who is most likely paid for with taxpayer dollars.

In response to a question about whether Woodman 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."

Woodman plans to present a recommendation that is garnered from a consensus of the task force to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) following its final meeting.

It is worth repeating: A recommendation will be garnered from a consensus of the task force and presented to the BoCC.

No matter how you twist it, the committee is being used as an advisory group to the BoCC. And when you follow the law, advisory groups must hold public meetings.

When it comes to an issue steeped in controversy such as short-term rentals, the public deserves to know just how the sau-

sage was made when arriving at decisions. Doing business in public helps to instill trust in your organization.

Paying commissioners' mileage to drive to work

Public meetings have not been our only concern this week.

A Colorado Open Records Act request revealed that two of our three county commissioners started cashing in on mileage reimbursements for driving from their residences to work. They took this action approximately two months prior to a crucial election. Perhaps this new expense could be one reason they are pushing so hard for the sales tax increase.

Our three commissioners are being paid salaries between \$70,000 and \$80,000 annually.

Just because other counties chose to pay for their elected officials for mileage to drive back and forth from home to work does not mean that Archuleta County should lower its standards and adopt the same practice. Just because a loophole exists that allows this poor practice does not mean it is the right thing to do.

When a commissioner is driving somewhere for business on behalf of the county, it makes total sense to reimburse them for mileage. When they are driving to and from work, it is just wrong to have the taxpayers pay for their personal mileage.

This erodes trust in our elected officials, especially when there was no public discussion or awareness when it first occurred.

We commend Commissioner Ronnie Maez for refusing to participate in charging taxpayers for his drive to work.

Protecting low-income residents

Speaking of sales tax increases, the Committee for Safe Roads 1A is claiming that "tourists and residents will incur an extra \$1.50 on every \$100 spent on certain purchases."

They also state: "Low-income residents, community organizations and fuel purchases are protected."

No one has explained just exactly how they plan to protect our low-income residents. Those residents buy shoes, clothes, gifts and tires just like the rest of us. They are not exempt to paying sales taxes.

It is truly disappointing to read such blatant misinformation distributed in an effort to pass a sales tax increase from a group that is funded by the PSCDC, which is, in turn, receiving funding from both the town and county.

Pros and cons

It is also unfortunate that the pro and con statements prepared by Woodman as

Archuleta County's designated election official in regard to Ballot Issue 1A did not follow Colorado Revised Statutes.

No ballot issue existed when the survey was conducted. The survey statements were not made by the respondents in response to an adopted ballot issue. They were not submitted with signatures, names and addresses as required. Only one statement was provided and it was a statement against the issue.

We would expect that the pro and con statement would be prepared in accordance with statute. Not doing so has only planted additional seeds of distrust.

Resolution language

Distrust for our county leaders has many concerned that the ballot language doesn't actually state that the county and town intend to spend at least 50 percent of the potential sales tax increase on roads.

That 50 percent is included in the resolution pertaining to the ballot issue, which also reads, in part: "Unless otherwise required by Colorado law, the provisions of this Resolution may be amended by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners."

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained the following in an email to The SUN Wednesday: "There is case law that states a local government/municipality cannot 'materially depart' from the approved uses of voter-approved revenue. Resolution 2022-98, which is specifically referenced in Ballot Issue 1A, requires that at least 50% of the revenue generated from the sales tax increase, if approved by the voters, must go to road and bridge improvements... a future Board of County Commissioners could NOT pass a resolution allocating 0% of the revenue generated from the sales tax increase for road and bridge improvements, because that would be a material departure from what was approved by the voters. In order to do that, a future BoCC would have to go back to the voters for approval."

Most people don't know case law, and we understand their concerns.

Budget work sessions

On Tuesday, SUN staff discovered that the county was holding a departmental budget work session that had not been posted according to COML.

We notified them of the error and they still moved forward with the session after conferring with the county attorney, who stated that the sessions were appropriately noticed. We beg to differ.

A simple clerical error could have easily been rectified to help rebuild trust of the county's citizens.

It is clear why there is tremendous mistrust for our county government.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 27, 1922

Chas. and Frank Parcell killed one of the largest bear ever slain in this vicinity Monday morning. The brute was black in color and weighed about 450 pounds and was killed on Snowball creek.

Shields & Kyle have finished the road contract work between Stinking Springs canon and the Bayles school house, and Sunday the crew and equipment moved to Durango, where they will engage in work on the road to Trimble Springs.

The work being done on the Arboles road will be completed in a few days.

The low bid for the new steel bridge at Pagosa Springs has been announced by the highway department as \$30,260.

Owing to a lack of water in Mill creek and the lateness of the season, Shields' mill will probably remain closed until spring.

Do your Christmas shopping early by patronizing the bazaar which will be held in the Hatcher hardware building on Election day, Nov. 7th. — Methodist Aid Society.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 31, 1947

Long-expected by Archuleta County rural residents, the first line for county electric consumers will be started to the Four Mile region Monday, George Granger REA manager announced this week.

Approximately 11 consumers will be served on the line, first of two such expansions planned for completion within the next month. The second, a line to serve consumers along the Highway 160 line, will be next to be constructed. Surveys have been completed on the line up Putnam Hill west of town and posts will be erected immediately.

Construction is expected to start this week on the recently awarded contracts for improvement of the key artery road south from Pagosa through Chromo.

Normally construction starts within 10 days after the award of a contract. The award for the \$480,000 job was made October 23.

Bridge construction and graveling is included in the job which will give Pagosa a main road south.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 26, 1972

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of six more persons involved in the attack upon a local police officer. Arraignment hearings are being held today. Five of those involved in the arrests are charged with five counts of misdemeanors, one with a felony. One participant has been arrested, arraigned, and he has pled guilty.

Rainstorms here this past week were real record breakers with more than two inches of rainfall in one 24 hour period. Sections of town were flooded, and snow fell at the higher altitudes. All peaks in this area are white and beautiful. High water damage was not great and there were no extremes in temperature.

Despite almost 20 inches of new snow at the top of Wolf Creek Ski Area, the area will not be open until additional snow has been received. Snowfall at the base terminals of the lifts is not enough to withstand warm days, or large crowds of skiers.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 30, 1997

Mountain Gravel and Construction of Cortez may face a long, bumpy road before it collects full payment for repaving 4.3 miles of Piedra Road.

The Archuleta County Commissioners, while meeting in regular session Tuesday night in Arboles, expressed dissatisfaction with the \$950,000 project and directed the county manager and project engineer to study the problem and recommend a solution.

"As the road is right now, I have to advise the commissioners not to accept it," said Dennis Hunt, county manager.

"The road as it stands is technically sound and complete as far as the contractor is concerned," said Jerry Gamba, the project engineer hired by the county.

Commissioner complaints centered around a washboard effect on the portion of the road between U.S. 160 and the Green House Restaurant, the unsightliness of portions of the road where sand is obvious instead of the expected black appearance, and concern that the road shoulders may already be breaking off.

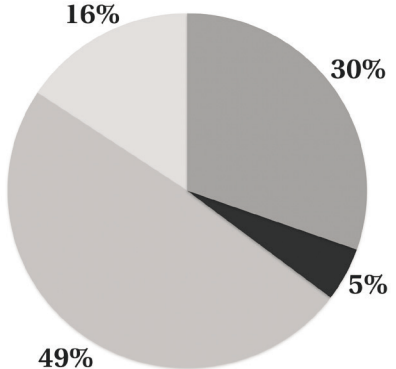
The consensus at the meeting seemed to be, "Let's wait until the spring thaw, then evaluate the quality of the work. We'll know then if it is properly done."

WHADDYA THINK?

What are you most concerned about on the November ballot?

Poll results (102 votes)

Local political races. — 30 percent
The sales tax increase. — 49 percent
Free food for students. — 5 percent
Other. — 16 percent



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WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THOSE VOTER POLLS?

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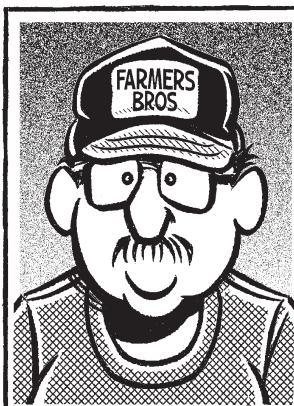
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"I love the polls — I only vote for who is ahead!"



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(VIA CELL)
"Polls? WHAT polls?"

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Peeing section

Dear Editor:
In regards to the CDC assertion that the \$10,000 to be used to advocate for the 35.7% tax increase does not come from the \$50,000 given to them by the Town and County: Exactly how is this money segregated from their total budget? To tell me that it is not the same money, would be the same logic that would allow one to designate a peeing section in a swimming pool. This is merely a way for our government to skirt the law by allowing a surrogate to spend our money in an attempt to pass their bogus tax increase.

Darrel Cotton

Puerto Rico after Hurricane Fiona

Dear Editor:
Pagosa Mountain Rotary and Jonathan Dobson teamed up in 2018 to install, in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, a substantive (4 kilowatts of PV panels and an Outback 4,000Watt inverter w/ bat-

teries) off-grid solar energy system for San Miguel de Los Porres, an assisted living center housing 40 full-need patients and 7 full-time staff, in Roncador, Puerto Rico. This same location, near Utuado, in the central western hills of the island, recently experienced the Category 1 hurricane Fiona on September 17th of this year. The whole island was without power for days, and as of this writing, there are still 100,000 without power in Puerto Rico

But not at Miguel de Los Porres. In their zone, all neighborhoods are without power still, except for the lights that are on in their 3,000 square foot, single-story concrete building. I made a phone call to the extraordinary woman, La Dona Nary, who owns the hilltop and serves as executive decision-maker where the assisted living center sits, just as Fiona was departing north from Puerto Rico towards further nefarious deeds. This was the first time I had spoken with La Dona since Doug Large and I were there installing the system 3 years ago. I was so happy someone picked up - that meant they had power. Not from the island Utility - which had been tossed down on the roads again - but from what Doug and I, and the conscious and faithful people of Pagosa Springs, had done to help these wonderful, deserving people. There are few people I've met in my life who exude such dignity, ok, let's go there, such beauty as Nary. She was queen running her angelic assisted living center that we were so lucky to be able to find in order to have a worthwhile recipient for our assistance effort. She was so happy to hear from me, as we had built a deep bond through the 10 days Doug, and I had allotted to ourselves to accomplish the install. These are people who pray. Who really pray. Doug and I got to be saints, and we will always remember it.

The upshot of our conversation was that the Center is pulling through due to the fact that they own the system that we (and by we, I mean everyone who contributed money, the Pagosa Mountain Rotary, etc.) installed. I just want to send out a high-5, and tremendous thanks, to our community and everyone who was involved in making this happen, through money, through heart. This is something I'll always be proud of. We really helped people. I am deeply grateful. The experience of this was all made possible by the donations that took a year+ to raise, \$15,000 worth, proudly brought to Puerto Rico from the many people and businesses who contributed at the time to the effort, which assembled under the name 'The San Juans for San Juan'.

Jonathan Dobson

Vote for Adam Frisch

Dear Editor:
If you think that electing Republicans to federal offices will reduce the deficits, think again. Under

Reagan, the deficit increased from \$70 billion to \$175 billion. Under Bush, it went up to \$300 billion. When Clinton became president, it went down to \$0, partly because the former President Bush agreed to raise taxes. Under George W. Bush, the deficit again ballooned to an astonishing \$1.2 trillion. Obama managed to reduce that by \$600 billion. Trump again increased the deficit by \$400 billion because of his tax cuts to the wealthy even before the pandemic wrecked the economy. Under Biden the deficit has fallen because of the end of pandemic relief and the surging economy.

The facts are clear. Supply side (trickle down) economics do not work. Reducing taxes on the wealthy allows them to purchase more stock, so the stock market goes up. If you are working for a salary, it helps you not one bit. A radical case in point right now is the chaos in Britain from the attempt to lower taxes on the wealthy and making the middle class pay the price by reducing services.

Will electing Republicans lower inflation? No one has been able to convince oil companies to invest in new oil fields. They prefer the risk-free tactic of pumping from existing wells, and there is no upside for them in seeing oil prices go down. The war in Ukraine is also putting pressure on food and energy prices. The end of the pandemic caused a surge in demand, and the scarcity of products increased prices.

If Republicans take control of congress, Kevin McCarthy has threatened again to shut down the government to extort Congress to accede to his choices for budget reduction. In an ideal world, Democrats and Republicans would sit down and find a balance between increasing taxes and reducing spending. I cannot imagine our one Republican Representative to US Congress negotiating with anyone. She would rather visit with right wing nut cases and wear funny slogans on her clothes. If you want a rational moderate negotiator, vote for Adam Frisch for Congress.

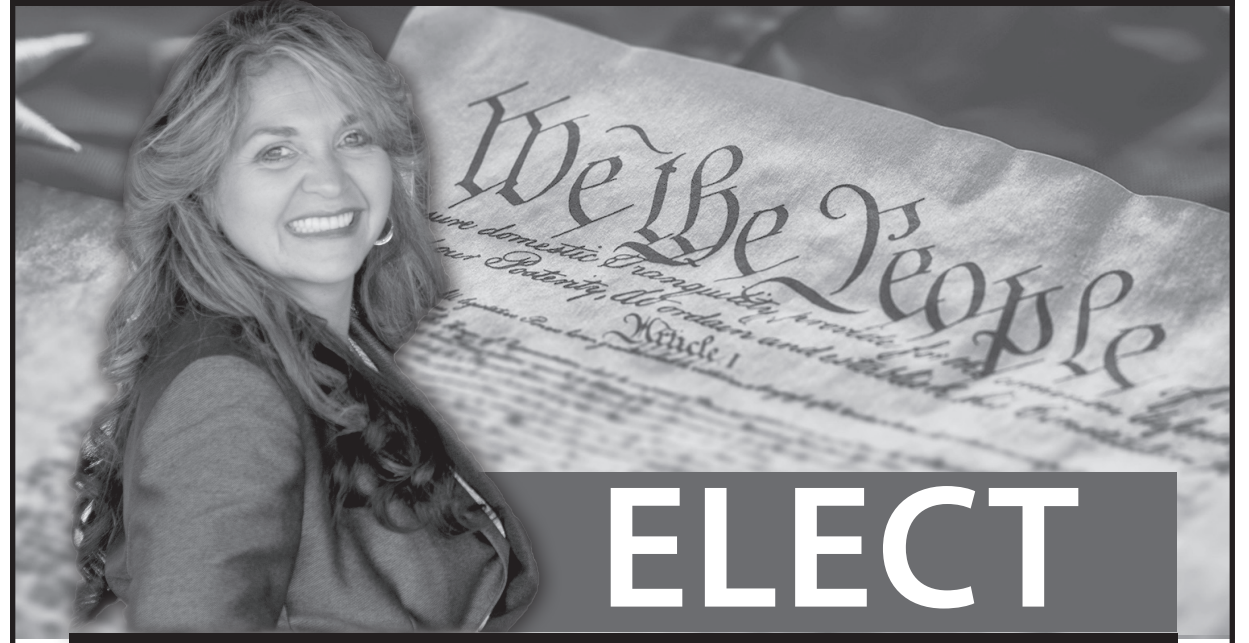
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cynical. A minor political actor in short attention span theater. A small talent. Lacking self awareness and intelligence, she needs physical props, the gun on hip, etc., to compensate. She's a prop actor, intentionally divisive. She's no help at all.

Joseph Gilbert

Lucky to have Jeff

Dear Editor:
Hi again, Looking@ that beautiful photo in last week's SUN of our Library staff made me pause.

I think Jeff Laydon may be the most undervalued resident of our Lovely Little town.?

He has taken some fab fotos through the years for many organizations, fundraisers and such. I know he was a great 4H Photography Project Leader, because my kids took the project and loved it; and he has photographed our County Fair beautifully for many a year as well.

I'm sure others would like to join me in offering Jeff kudos for his amazing work, his big heart; and his great sense of humor. Pagosa's lucky to have him and his sweet family in our community.

Addi Greer

Not responsible stewards of taxpayer funds

Dear Editor:
The last time the sales tax issue was on the ballot, I supported it. It was proposed to build a new jail as required by the state. I was on a citizen committee to advise BOCC on jail plans. Then some misinformed, misguided voters defeated the tax. The BOCC found a way to finance the jail and a justice center and Sheriff's office and a courthouse, all by borrowing against future tax revenue.

Now they come back asking for a sales tax increase for the purpose of fixing our roads. Because the BOCC got greedy and spent our future taxes on the above, they did not have any money for roads, for 4 years.

Are we supposed to believe they will actually use these funds as intended? I think the BOCC has shown that they are not capable of being responsible stewards of taxpayer funds and are in need of significant oversight to make sure they spend tax dollars, from any source, prudently and properly before we give them more funds. Vote no on 1A.

Gary Hardin

Boebert's performance

Dear Editor:
A few months ago, I woke up to the fact that redistricting had resulted in my town, Trinidad, Colorado, now being in the 3rd Congressional District, and that Lauren Boebert is now my representative. Of course, I had heard of her; who hasn't? But, I didn't know much about her performance. So, I started Googling. What I discovered is that she is not qualified to serve. During her first term in Congress, she has become nationally known for her inflammatory language and attention-grabbing antics but has been ineffective in passing legislation.

She doesn't understand the important difference between the Senate and the House of Representatives. While senators work on issues of national and international importance, House members usually focus more narrowly, upon the interests of the residents of their home district. Boebert has garnered a lot of attention as a fighter for right-wing causes, like unregulated access to assault weapons, defiance of COVID restrictions and the corporate exploitation of our

public lands. But, she has failed as a lawmaker — getting zero bills passed or even through the committee process. Her extremism has alienated her, not only from Democrats, but also from centrist Republicans. This has resulted in her miserable ranking; 433 out of 435 House members, on an index of bipartisanship (The McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University.)

Our 3rd District includes citizens of different religions, lifestyles and political affiliations, and Boebert has a responsibility to represent us all. But, she has alienated herself by focusing so narrowly on extreme Christian fundamentalism and anti-democratic Trumpism.

Doug Holdread
Trinidad

'Trust women'

Dear Editor:
Many people I know agree would with Candace Jones - to trust women.

I trust women I've met over the decades, whom I have watched raise children by adoption, take in foster children, and who have cared for profoundly disabled individuals who were neglected and unwanted - which just happens to include my husband and myself.

I trust women who, in crossing paths over the years, confessed and sought relief from deepest regret over their "choice" to end the life of a viable child in the womb.

I trust the women nurses who expose the lie of "...it's only fetal tissue" and admit they have seen fully formed infants flailing after delivery from an intentional, saline and/or botched abortion.

Quoting Ms Jones: "Extreme regulation of reproductive health by state and local governments, and.....no guarantee contraception will not be the next line of attack..." is showcasing, instilling fear of alleged "possible restrictions" and an unnecessary, alarmist claim.

Contraception has been available for decades. Contraception choices will remain available and will not likely be over-ruled in any legislation, court, etc. and yet - the demand for the "right in women's health decisions" to kill a child up to the time of birth, is unprecedented. Yes, I trust women, more than I trust the motivated exploitation to dictate policy through unfounded fear and disinformation.

Social determinants of health should include facts, not ideology under the guise of "choice".

Joan Kelley
Gardner, Kan.

'Police State'

Dear Editor:
Thank you very much for your "Meet the Candidates" feature in last week's Sun. The answers provided by the candidates provide somewhat better insight as to where the candidates stand on important issues than do campaign slogans and candidate websites.

Sheriff candidate Wayne Bryant was quoted as saying, "The sheriff's department is turning into a police state. Fear and intimidation have become the norm." These allegations are, to me, of extreme seriousness and concern. The term "Police State" evokes horrific images of third-world countries and Nazi-occupied Europe.

Mr. Bryant: I respectfully request that you submit, as soon as possible, a letter to the Sun. I think it imperative that you substantiate your allegations, on the record, with facts.

Vic Lucariello
Editor's note: The SUN doesn't print letters from candidates or campaign committees.

Voting yes on 1A

Dear Editor:
I want to be by stating that the United States of America was

founded due to opposition to taxation without representation. I am proud that our ancestors had the backbone to provide for our freedom. Personally, I think we should continue that fight forever.

Upon moving to Pagosa Springs, I began attending Town Council and Board of County Commissioner meetings, to stay informed and involved. I do not see many other community members at these meetings. In my observation, there was a disconnect between the Town and County, which is why I joined the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC). I saw how the PSCDC could transcend administrative governmental handcuffs and work for our community. In the last two years I have seen the PSCDC benefit local residents and businesses.

I applaud the Town and County for working together on Ballot Measure 1A. (This is how government should represent its citizens.) The PSCDC was asked to help due to its ability to collaborate. I do not know why the opposition to 1A (\$1.50 increase per \$100) has blown things out of proportion with false information. A friend of mine calls the 2020s, "The great exaggeration." I call the opposition to 1A, "A great exaggeration." 1A also provides a way for the hundreds of thousands of annual tourists to pay their fair share.

We can relieve the financial impact on low-income households by creating a tax-exempt category for basic food items. No one pays sales tax at the gas pump. As the Pagosa Springs Sun reported, sales tax revenues have increased. Yet, these revenues can't keep pace with the costs of maintaining and improving our roads and infrastructure. Would we as a community want take care of these needs ourselves and eliminate public employees? Personally, I do not have the skills to do this.

What if we as citizens called for more collaboration and less duplication with our tax dollars? This sounds like a better fight to take on together. We cannot change the past, but we can work together for the present and future of our community. Let's ensure that our tax dollars are spent wisely and efficiently.

I volunteer for many community projects and groups and have met a lot of great people. I know we accomplish more when we work together. We also need to keep our government accountable for how tax dollars are spent. We have a task force working on another solution for the short-term rental challenges. We can take those fees created by that industry to benefit our workforce housing crisis.

Lastly, I enjoy reading the history about Pagosa from 25, 50, 75, and 100 years ago. What are they going to write about us in 100 years? It took a lot of initiative and money to keep our rural community thriving in the past, and as it does now and into the future. Therefore, I am voting yes on 1A.

Mont McAllister

McLachlan: 'Excellent record'

Dear Editor:
For anyone who prides themselves on voting for the person and not the party, there is no easier vote this election than a vote for Barbara McLachlan. She has been remarkably successful in sponsoring and passing bills that benefit our teachers and students, law enforcement, farmers, local tribes and small businesses, to name a few. All but 3 or her 50 bills last session received bipartisan support. Hers are not big flashy bills; McLachlan is not running on ideology. They are the kind of legislation that makes our day to day lives better - what government is supposed to do. McLachlan has

been in the Colorado House since 2017 and is chair of the Education committee and serves on the Joint Water Resources Committee and Agriculture, Livestock and Water Committee. Unlike her opponent, who is very new to this state, Barbara understands the issues that matter to us here in southwest Colorado. This next term will be her last due to term limits, and with new district boundaries this could be a close race despite McLachlan's excellent record and ever-growing voter support in previous elections.

Deborah Paulson
Durango

'Vote Democratic'

Dear Editor:
Before you vote in the midterms, you should know that if Republicans take control of the House, they are planning to cut Medicare and Social Security.

I am retired and enjoy the benefits of these programs, having paid into Social Security my whole working life. Medicare is quite cost-effective, vastly more efficient than private health insurance. Social Security and Medicare have allowed great numbers of older Americans to live happy, dignified lives. Without these programs, we would have a huge increase in poverty and early death in our country.

Four Republicans hoping to become chair of the House Budget Committee are talking openly about cutting these programs if they regain a majority in the House of Representatives. They plan to hold the federal debt ceiling hostage, risking great damage to our fragile economy, in order to help their rich friends avoid taxes.

In the "Protecting and Preserving Social Security Act", Democrats have proposed a way to make Social Security solvent far into the future. Social Security is funded by payroll taxes which are capped at \$147,000 annual income. This act would remove that cap, requiring the super-wealthy to pay their fair share.

If you are young, you should know that Social Security and Medicare can be there for you, but

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you have to protect them now. Vote for the party that wants our whole society to thrive, not the one that wants to funnel more money to the rich at the expense of the rest of us. Vote Democratic.

Adele Riffe
Hesperus

Le Roux: 'Better qualified candidate'

Dear Editor:
I'm a Democrat and I support Mike LeRoux for Sheriff. I'm a lifelong Democrat, raised in Oklahoma and a full time resident of Archuleta County. I am currently registered as an Unaffiliated voter in Archuleta County.

While I rarely vote for the Republican candidate, this election cycle I will be voting for Mike LeRoux for Sheriff. This race has changed my view of the practice of holding officials to a bipartisan role.

Mike LeRoux is honest, approachable and passionate about protecting this community. He's without a doubt, the better qualified candidate. His extensive law enforcement knowledge and experience will serve the citizens of Archuleta County very well.

Vote for Mike LeRoux - the best for Archuleta County.

Joni Rose

'False information'

Dear Editor:
I received a large post card in the mail promoting a yes vote on Ballot Issue 1A. It says, and I quote, "A minimum of 50% of that revenue will be set aside for roads and bridges moving forward."

I read and re-read the wording of the Ballot Issue and cannot see where it says that. As best as I can tell the revenue may be spent on "improving the safety of roads, bridges and infrastructure...." among a list of other items. The only mention of "50%" is in regards to the Town receiving half and the County receiving half. That hardly seems reasonable in itself.

I'm dismayed that the "Safe Roads 1A" organization is publishing false information. Besides the fact that I prefer smaller government and would like to see it pull in its purse strings like the rest of us must, I would not vote for any Ballot Issue that is promoted by a taxpayer-funded agency (Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation PSCDC) that deludes the voters. It's an insult to our intelligence to think that our elected leaders believe we don't read the TABOR notice and the post card and see the obvious deception.

A little more care in developing

the verbiage of Ballot Issues is in order. That would prevent the need for dishonest political strategy and instill some confidence in the government we fund. Maybe next time.

Marybeth Snyder

Editor's note: Resolution 2022-98, authorizing the ballot question that was adopted by Archuleta County, states that the sales tax increase by Archuleta County shall be used for the following purposes: "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, land and materials needed to perform such design, engineering, maintenance, improvement, construction and/or reconstruction."

The use of the sales tax increase by the town is stated as: "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."

'Holding the US economy hostage'

Dear Editor:
I think I am not alone in believing

So it appears that financial in-

stitutions, as well as ordinary checkbook-balancing citizens, have figured out that "trickle-down" doesn't really work as intended. Despite our own history and this recent lesson from England, the GOP leadership has been stating that if they take control of Congress they will make the Trump tax cuts permanent. Since those tax cuts will add \$1-\$2 trillion to the federal debt (because they don't pay for themselves), they plan to cut Medicare and Social Security by using the threat of not raising the debt ceiling early next year. This is the same threat they have used before to try to get their way.

The debt ceiling does not constrain government spending. It limits the Treasury to what can be spent on debts already incurred. Failure to honor our debts on the world market would severely impact our world standing and would have a catastrophic impact on financial markets. Republican leadership is willing to hold the US economy hostage in order to cut programs that are widely popular — Medicare, Social Security, Aid to Ukraine, and ACA — in order to continue inflationary tax breaks for the wealthy and corporations. What is going on here? Are they counting on ordinary, non-wealthy voters being so out of touch they don't know any of this? Voters. Don't get distracted by cultural issues. The Republican economic plan is a disaster. Their plan will actually make things worse for ordinary citizens. Google it before voting.

Lee Stopher



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



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Early in-person voting for the general election available statewide

Colorado Secretary of State's office

Early in-person voting is now available statewide. Drop boxes and voting centers are open.

This year, 411 drop boxes and over 350 voting centers will be available for eligible Colorado voters to submit their ballots for the Nov. 8 general election.

"Voting in Colorado is accessible to all eligible voters, regardless of zip code" said Secretary of State Jena Griswold. "Voters who received a mail ballot may return it to a convenient drop box or voting center or cast their vote in person. Eligible Coloradans who

are not registered can still do so in-person at a voting center or online at GoVoteColorado.gov."

Colorado voters can find their closest drop box or voting center at GoVoteColorado.gov. Voters may also submit their ballots using the U.S. Postal Service by Oct. 31 to ensure it is received by their county election official by Nov. 8. After that date, voters should return their ballot to a drop box or voting center.

Eligible Coloradans can still register to vote and update their voter registration at GoVoteColorado.gov through Oct. 31 in order to receive a ballot in the mail.

After Oct. 31, Coloradans can still register to vote, receive a ballot and vote in person at a voting center until 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Important information for Colorado voters

- All Colorado voters can sign up to track their ballot from sent to counted using BallotTrax.
- In-person voting on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, will be available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Eligible voters must have returned their ballot to a drop box or voting center by 7 p.m. on election day or be in line to vote

by 7 p.m. on election day for their ballot to be counted. Ballots cast by military and overseas voters must be sent no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day and received by close of business on the eighth day after the election (Nov. 16).

Colorado voters can visit GoVoteColorado.gov to:

- Register to vote or update their voter registration.
- Find their local county clerk.
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- Find accurate election information.

Sixth Judicial District announces District Court vacancy

Colorado Judicial Department

The Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the La Plata County Courthouse in Durango on Dec. 20 to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Sixth Judicial District (Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties).

The vacancy will be created by the resignation of the Hon. Todd P. Norvell. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 14, 2023.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Sixth Judicial District at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years.

The current annual salary for this position is \$183,816. The initial term of office of a district judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent district judge, if approved by the voters, has a term of six years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Melissa Hart, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Eric Hogue, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Durango, CO 81301. Applications also are available on the court's home page at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>. Applicants must use the application form that was updated in October.

The completed application must be emailed

to the address listed in the instructions below no later than 4 p.m. on Dec. 2. Late applications will not be considered. Any person wishing to suggest a candidate to fill the vacancy may do so by letter to be submitted to any member of the nominating commission, with a copy to the ex officio chair, no later than 4 p.m. on Nov. 25. Under the rules of the 6th Judicial District Nominating Commission, names of the applicants shall be made public once the application period is closed.

The members of the nominating commission for the Sixth Judicial District are: Albert Northrop, of Pagosa Springs; John Wright, of Silverton; and Kathryn Steelman, Ingrid Alt, Barrie King, James Cross, and Paul DeBell, all of Durango.

County discusses public shooting range

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the Oct. 18 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session, the board discussed a public shooting range with the Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association.

Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association vice president Chris Boyd began the discussion by outlining the history and goals of the organization.

Boyd explained that the organization started in 2019 with the goal of forming a public shooting range and that since then it has

held a variety of public events as well as recently working on a deal with Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association for the creation of an archery range to complement the existing archery range located in Cloman Park.

He also stated that the organization's mission is to promote gun safety and education, and to hold shooting competitions to further support the organization's goals.

Boyd explained that the organization is asking the county for support in locating a suitable location for the creation of a public shooting range and to partner with the gun and bow association in developing

the shooting range.

Boyd also stated that one possible location for a shooting range would be a portion of the county landfill.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented, "I like the idea of the landfill" and added that the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office formerly trained in the area.

County Attorney Todd Weaver commented that this idea would have to be screened by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and could potentially have difficulties concerning that the area is currently an open landfill and the potential for lead

contamination.

The group then discussed how ranges had been implemented in other Colorado counties, particularly in landfills, with Summit and Chaffee counties being cited as examples.

Who the county could choose as a liaison was also discussed, with Development Director Pamela Flowers and Weaver being suggested.

The discussion concluded with the association being directed to send additional information on how shooting ranges have been created in other counties to County Manager Derek Woodman.

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Obituaries

William C. Davis 'Bill'

Bill was called back to his Heavenly Father on Sept. 13 after a long, hard fight with cancer. He was born in Comp-



ton, Ark., on Dec. 22, 1941. He graduated from Cuba High School in 1960 and soon thereafter started his career in the telephone industry working in the Four Corners area.

He found the love of his life in 1978 and together he and Vickye raised nine children and influenced so many more that cannot be numbered. They raised their family in Regina, N.M., and Pagosa Springs, Colo. They later lived in Quartzite, Ariz., and Corrales, N.M.

He worked for 52 years in the telephone industry. Starting out with Bell in 1961 working in the Northern New Mexico and the Four Corners area. In 1986, he and his family moved to Pagosa Springs, where he worked as the manager and regional manager for Century Link until 2000. He retired

from Century Link in 2000 and later retired from TDS Telecom out of Quartzite, Ariz., in 2013. He loved the telecommunications industry and inspired the same dedicated work ethic in his children. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Lottie and Calvin Davis. He was dedicated to his family and helped care for his mother and mother-in-law until their deaths. He will be remembered most by his beloved bride, Vickye Davis; his daughters Julie (Scott) Abarta, Kelly (Tom) Perea, Jill House, Sandra Mitchell, Elizabeth (Rudy) Velasquez, Paula Snyder and Jessica (Dan) Kelley; and sons Chad (Alison) Nash and Darin (Sarah) Davis. He loved his 21 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, his sister Betty Jo (Frank) Welch, and their children Dudley (Kristin) Welch and Sharon

(Jeremy) Bean. He was the patriarch of the Davis family.

He was always quick with a story for anyone that would listen and he dedicated his life to his family.

Services have not been scheduled at this time.

John Middlebrooks Jr.

On Oct. 2, John Middlebrooks Jr. passed away in Pagosa Springs, Colo. He is predeceased by his parents, John and Dorothy Middlebrooks, and his brother, Craig Middlebrooks. John graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree and Pan American University with a Master of Science degree. He went on to a career in education as a teacher and a school counselor until his

retirement.

John was an avid nature lover and spent many summers hiking and camping with his beloved dog, Katy. After retirement, John moved to Pagosa Springs. He spent many happy hours on his balcony enjoying the beauty of the lake and mountains. John was known for his humor and large collection of jokes which he loved to tell.

He is survived by his sister, Mal-lary Ingaglio, and her husband Tom, of Houston, Texas, and his sister-in-law, Cindy Middlebrooks, of Burnet, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at a date and time to be announced. Those who wish to remember John in a special way may make gifts in his name to the Pagosa Springs Humane Society, Boy Scouts and the veterans organization.

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Business

County unemployment drops slightly in September

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

According to an Oct. 21 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate for the month of September dropped to 2.9 percent from 3.0 percent for the month of August.

This decline follows the overall trend for the year where county unemployment has generally fallen.

From August to September, Archuleta County's labor force shrank from 7,499 to 7,376.

For the month of September, there were 7,165 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is down from August's report

of 7,276 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for August was Huerfano County at 6.8 percent, followed by Pueblo County at 5.1 percent.

Next are Fremont County at 4.8 percent, Las Animas County at 4.7 percent and Otero County at 4.4 percent.

The state's unemployment rate was flat at 3.4 percent in August and September.

The state's labor force shrank slightly, from 3,257,900 in August to 3,255,100 in September.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unem-

ployment rate was flat in September at 3.4 percent. While the number of unemployed individuals fell by 2,200, the unemployment rate was unchanged due to rounding. The national unemployment rate edged downward by two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.5 percent, which translates to approximately 5.8 million unemployed."

Employers in Colorado added 5,600 nonfarm payroll jobs from July to August, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to 2,882,800.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector added 7,600 nonfarm payroll jobs, while the government sector lost 2,000 jobs.

The press release notes that, over the past 29 months, Colorado has recovered 437,700 jobs compared to the 374,500 nonfarm payroll jobs lost between February and April of 2020. "That translates to a job recovery rate of 116.9 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 102.3 percent."

The press release also states, "Since May 2020, Colorado's private sector has grown by 435,400 jobs, compared to declines of 358,800 in early 2020. That translates to a job recovery rate of 121.3 percent and outpaces the U.S. rate of 105.3 percent."

The private-industry sectors with significant job gains in September included:

- Leisure and hospitality at about 3,500.
- Educational and health services at about 2,000.
- Other services at about 2,300.

There were no industries with significant over-the-month declines, the press release indicates.

"Since September 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 113,000, with the private sector growing by 106,700 and government adding 6,300 jobs," the press release notes.

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

- Leisure and hospitality at about 30,100.
- Professional and business services at about 29,800.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 13,800.

Since September 2021, financial activities jobs have declined by about 2,600.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.5 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$32.46 to \$34.43, nearly two dollars more than the national average hourly earnings of \$32.46."

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Colorado Secure Savings Program webinar offered for businesses

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The Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Treasury, will be hosting a webinar on Tuesday, Nov. 8, regarding the upcoming 2023 Colorado Secure Savings Program.

The webinar will only be held virtually from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Businesses interested in attending can register for the event at <https://tinyurl.com/479nk4c>.

Once you register, you will receive the link to the class. This class is free and open to all businesses. This state-facilitated retirement program was voted on in 2021. It goes into effect in 2023 for employers with five or more employees and who have been in business for two years or more. If your business offers another type of retirement program, you can be exempt. This seminar, hosted by Department of Treasury Outreach Specialist Anna Stevens, will be one to give an overview of the program and answer your questions. Even if you have an accountant preparing your books, you should be aware of the new program that may affect your employees. Join us at 9:30 a.m. virtually for the Colorado Secure Savings Program.

Holiday lighting contest

The deadline to enter the 2022 Holiday Lighting Contest is Nov. 16. The contest will launch just after Thanksgiving, on Nov. 25.

Those entering the contest agree to keep their lights on until Dec. 31. There are two categories to enter: residential and business.

Those entering the residential portion can win \$250, \$500 or \$1,000.

Those entering the business portion can win the same in the equivalent of advertising dollars with The Pagosa Springs SUN.

Full details of the contest can be found at <https://bit.ly/2022HolidayLightingContest>. The sign-up form can be found at <https://bit.ly/2022LightingContestSignUp>.

Remember that residents and visitors can vote online for their

Middle school will hold 'Terror on Lewis Street' Halloween event

By Trinity Angle
and Reagan Vanatta
Pagosa Springs Middle School

On Oct. 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the Pagosa Springs Middle School Student Council will be hosting "Terror on Lewis Street" at the Pagosa Springs Middle School. This is a Halloween event for children of Pagosa.

There will be games, prizes, trick-or-treating, a cake walk and more.

For the first time, Pagosa Springs Middle School will use the StarLab to show short full-dome movies for a small entrance fee. It has to be experienced to be believed. That is just one of the many activities that will be happening.

Parents, don't forget to bring a bit of cash if you and your families are attending. The event itself will be free, but some of the activities will cost money.

We hope to see you there.

favorite lighting display from Nov. 25 to Dec. 18. The winners will be announced in The SUN on Dec. 22. A map of the entered homes and businesses will be available to the public. Don't miss this chance to have some fun decorating or getting out there to view the beautiful displays. For more information, you can also call the Visitor Center at (970) 585-1200.

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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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Springs

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for 80 plus 30 outdoor seats.

Additional hot springs pools and a private outdoor music venue are also part of the proposed project.

The proposal includes 130 paved parking spaces along with an unpaved area for overflow parking to accommodate approximately 92 vehicles.

The property owner is Olympus SLI, LLC and the applicant representative is Tres Birds, a Denver-based architectural company.

The sketch major design review was approved by the board in late January of this year, Planning Manager Cindy Schultz explained.

Since that approval, major changes include the elimination of the previously proposed greenhouse, a 4,000-square-foot reduction in building size with a shift in the footprint, one less room in the hotel and a 30 percent reduction in the restaurant's total area, according to the application.

Additionally, a ground level through-building drive access was originally proposed and has been eliminated. Vehicles will now circulate around to the west side and back out, rather than under the building and through the site, the application

states.

There is also no longer a trail connection to the Riverwalk's footbridge, there are 17 more parking spaces and the spa area has increased by 3,000 square feet since the sketch application was approved.

When the project was originally presented, several concerns were raised about potential damages to the sensitive environmental area surrounding the new development.

The site is adjacent to existing wetland areas, and the applicant's team previously heard concerns regarding the possibility of impacts resulting from the development, Schultz noted.

In response, the applicant expressed a commitment to water quality through handling the 100-year runoff peak and compliance with all regulations and laws.

"... the team designed a new creek feature and piping system into the development plans that will deliver geothermal waters to the River Wetlands in a manner and location that is consistent with geothermal discharge currently running from the property to the wetlands," the application reads. "By incorporating this creek feature and piping system into the permanent project design,

the project team has eliminated the risk that the geothermal flows to the wetlands could be disrupted or stopped by future development."

Still, an Army Corps of Engineers permit is required for impacts within all delineated wetland areas, and an approved copy of said permit needs to be submitted prior to or with the submission of the building permit application, town staff noted.

There were also previous concerns about bird safety, given that the wetlands are a unique bird habitat, particularly around bird mortality due to building collisions.

In response, collision zones were identified on glass expanses to which the applicant removed the greenhouse to alleviate the greatest risk for bird strikes in the proposal, Schultz explained.

The final proposal also eliminated "see through" passages in an effort to achieve "no conditions where daylight is backlighting windows in the foreground," the application states.

In addition, the proposal eliminated mirrored or highly reflective glass, took measures to increase visibility to birds and shifted landscape species to detract birds from critical pathways. The narrative also



Rendering courtesy Tres Birds

A rendering of The Springs Resort's potential hotel expansion. The new structure would include 78 rooms, a spa and restaurant. Additional hot springs pools and a private outdoor music venue are also part of the proposed project.

includes operational elements such as education and monitoring as ongoing efforts to reduce bird injuries and mortality.

During Tuesday evening's meeting, many of the public commenters commended the applicant for their effort in addressing the sustainability concerns of the property.

Design review board members discussed the building's mass and scale, and the general consensus was that the building's location is appropriate for its size.

The height of the building — with an average grade to mid-span at 45 feet and roof peaks not exceeding 51 feet — is in compliance with the Land Use and Development Code (LUDC), Schultz confirmed.

There is also a requirement to retrofit the lighting of the entire resort to meet dark sky compliance

standards, which the applicant's representative sought clarity on.

Community Development Director James Dickhoff explained that the LUDC requires that new compliance standards are triggered if a development is making an improvement of 50 percent or more of the current valuation of the rest of property.

"Lighting is an important part of our community, and we all really respect our dark skies here," Dickhoff said, adding, "Anytime we have the opportunity to get compliance with our current lighting code, especially on old lights, we do that."

Ultimately, the design review board added the stipulation that the applicant should "adhere to the current LUDC section on development-wide lighting nonconformities in effect at the time of building permit submittal, which may include work-

ing with staff to retrofit the existing lighting to comply."

The board unanimously approved the application with a list of stipulations that the applicant must comply with as they head to the next stages of the proposal.

Next steps include making revisions to the final plan to satisfy the conditions of the approval and then submitting an application for a building permit, Dickhoff stated in a later interview.

The applicant expressed plans to break ground in February — an advantage of the site's geothermal location as the ground stays warm enough to dig, he explained.

To view the entire list of stipulations and the full proposal, visit: <https://mypagosa.org/the-springs-resort-hotel-expansion-323-hot-springs-blvd>.

Case

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TABOR Notice.

The Oct. 5 petition asks that Archuleta County be directed, "in an expedited timeline," to include Hudson's legally submitted arguments against the ballot issue and delete the pro statement.

"If the plea above is determined to be impracticable" and the TABOR Notice is mailed, the petition asks that Archuleta County be directed to mail an amended notice.

On Oct. 14, Hudson filed a motion for an emergency hearing, which an order by Wilson indicates the court became aware of on Oct. 21, with early voting starting Oct. 24 and Election Day being Nov. 8.

"The petitioner has not filed any motion or requests that the defendants file their answer or response to the emergency motion in an expedited manner," Wilson's order states. "With the Court not realizing the motion for an emergency motion had been filed until the afternoon of the last business day before early voting, it is too late to grant the relief requested by the petitioner even were the Court to hold an emergency hearing on the weekend before early voting begins."

The order also set the status conference for Monday.

Wilson opened the status conference by reiterating the points about timing in his order and stated that, at this point, he was not sure what could be done.

He suggested that the parties wait and see if the ballot measure passes and, if it does, Hudson could modify his filing and see if the court would set aside the new tax.

In addressing the court, Hudson explained that, according to an email from Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta, out of more than 11,000 ballots mailed, 159 had been returned.

Weaver objected to Hudson's statement, suggesting the status conference was not an evidentiary hearing and the information was hearsay, though he was overruled by Wilson, who explained he wanted to hear from Hudson.

Hudson suggested that, because so many ballots are outstanding, the court could issue an order requiring "substantial compliance" with state statute.

Wilson noted that he thought it would cause a "huge problem" if anyone had already voted when new information was put out and would create issues of fairness.

Hudson agreed the idea would not be feasible, but suggested the question of the violation is not moot and the tight timelines made it almost impossible for a citizen to object to the TABOR Notice.

He suggested a ruling that the TABOR Notice was done incorrectly would be "meaningful" to people like him.

Wilson noted that would require a hearing.

Hudson then suggested the court could require the county to purchase space in The SUN — the newspaper of record — and publish an amended TABOR Notice.

Weaver then addressed the court, reiterating that Wilson had made it clear he could not grant relief requested and therefore the case should be dismissed or withdrawn.

He then reiterated that the court can't grant what state statute does not allow for and that he didn't see, given the timelines for printing and mailing and the election two weeks away, that sending new TABOR Notices could happen.

He further suggested the case would be frivolous and groundless if it moves forward, and indicated the county could then seek payment for attorney's fees.

Wilson noted he thought Weaver was right that the court could not order a notice in the newspaper, and reiterated his concern of new information being put out after some people have voted.

In the end, Wilson told Weaver to make the county's response to the original filing that is due Nov. 1 address if the county thinks the issue is moot and, potentially, why the court should find the issue moot.

For more on the concerns related to the pro and con statements, laws relating to those statements and the county's process, see related articles in the Oct. 6 and 13 issues of The SUN.

PAWSD

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Nity Development Corporation (PSCDC) Board of Directors due to concerns about transparency.

Board chairman Jim Smith opened the discussion of PAWSD's representation on the STR task force by highlighting that he and District Manager Justin Ramsey had met with Law of the Rockies and discussed board member Bill Hudson's service on the task force, on which he was serving at the time of the meeting.

Smith stated that no board member excepting the chairman could serve as a representative for PAWSD on another board unless they had been appointed by the PAWSD board, which Hudson had not been, and referenced Hudson's potential representation of Pagosa Housing Partners (PHP) on the task force in addition to PAWSD as another concern.

Hudson clarified that he applied to represent PHP on the task force and had mentioned in his application letter that he also serves on the PAWSD board.

He explained that when he arrived at the first meeting he was informed that Archuleta County Manager Derek Woodman had appointed him to represent PAWSD.

Hudson commented that he would prefer to represent PHP on the task force and added that Woodman had appointed him to represent PAWSD because no other PAWSD representative had put in a letter of interest.

He also commented that he would be "glad" to leave the task

force if the PAWSD board preferred that, although he would also be "glad" to continue serving as well.

Smith stated that Hudson could not represent both PHP and PAWSD on the task force and that PAWSD could not have a representative sign the nondisclosure agreement (NDA) associated with task force participation barring participants from discussing the task force's activities with outside groups, such as the PAWSD board.

Ramsey commented that it was "highly recommended" that PAWSD be not involved in a task force requiring such an NDA.

Board member Glenn Walsh commented that the county commissioners requested the creation of the task force in a public meeting, gave specific directions on how they wanted it created "and now, the county administrator is saying it's not a county task force, it's his own personal task force that reports only to him and he's having people sign nondisclosure agreements, saying that sunshine laws don't apply, open meeting laws don't apply, no [Colorado Open Records Act] requests apply, public can't attend, press can't attend."

Walsh then indicated that he would support appointing Hudson as a representative to the task force if it holds open public meetings that conform to the sunshine laws and open meetings laws, and the public and press are free to attend.

Walsh added, "But this, I mean I was joking ... but they're treating like an open, public discussion of just public policy like it's a coordi-

nated raid on a meth lab. All the secrecy and the ... you know ... safety of the people at their meetings ... are you concerned that there could be some STR terrorist group that could get their hands on a report to PAWSD? It's crazy."

Smith raised the possibility that PAWSD should have "nothing to do with it, period."

Walsh asked if Hudson wants to be on the task force, to which Hudson responded that he would like to be appointed to the task force if it holds public meetings and conforms to open meetings laws and sunshine laws, but that he would otherwise not serve.

Ramsey recommended that the board could motion to request that the county conform to these rules before appointing a representative.

Following a discussion, the board agreed that such a motion could work.

Ramsey then stated that he is serving as a PAWSD representative on the PSCDC, which had recently voted to not follow open meetings laws.

"We want you off of that," Smith commented.

The board then unanimously moved that Ramsey withdraw from the PSCDC board.

Following this, Walsh moved that PAWSD not appoint a representative to the STR task force until it holds open meetings and obeys open meetings laws and sunshine laws.

Hudson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. josh@pagosasun.com

Reservoir

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and collaborations, internally organizing into subcommittees and roles to increase communication abilities and progress, increased outreach to environmental and agricultural groups and community members, securing funding, and meeting with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) about support for a reservoir.

As the conversation about strategy unfolded, there was clear consensus about the need to determine SJWCD's official stance on support for a reservoir.

"We really need to determine as a board where we stand on the reservoir. That really needs to happen before we move forward on the strategic plan in general," Suh said. "If we don't have cohesion as a board, what are we really working on?"

Board member Rod Proffitt explained that, technically, that decision has already been made.

In 2011, the SJWCD Board of Directors passed a resolution to build the reservoir, and then entered a three-way contractual agreement that SJWCD would head the effort to build the reservoir with the state of Colorado and with PAWSD, Proffitt explained.

"PAWSD has made it clear that they do not want to be a part of this, and every effort I've made to make amends with PAWSD to move them in a direction to support this reservoir has been met with disdain," Proffitt said, adding, "The sooner we get rid of PAWSD as a potential partner in this, the better off we're going to be."

He then advocated that the core partnership should be between the

SJWCD and agricultural entities.

He also pointed out that the district can use state funding to match federal funding, which might make the project doable even without the support of PAWSD.

Some of the board members, however, were not ready to give up on PAWSD's potential participation in the project.

Suh pointed out that the Wilson Water Group analysis shows that even at 2 percent population growth, 6,500 acre-feet of shortage would be needed by 2050.

"PAWSD has their potential population growth at 2.1 percent, so this is how we can start building our partnership with them, gathering on that common ground," Suh said.

Jones advocated for a meeting with PAWSD as soon as possible to attempt to get clear direction from that entity on its stance.

Many board members agreed, but added that SJWCD must have a clear understanding of what it wants — including size and potential funding sources — for the reservoir before it begins approaching other entities for collaboration.

Proffitt advocated for an 11,000 acre-foot reservoir, stating that they might as well plan for beyond 2050. Since the project will likely cost around \$70 million, he argued that the best value for the district would be to go big.

New board member Dave Frederick agreed.

"If we're going to go for water in the future, which none of us can tell ... my thing is, build it to the maximum amount possible," Frederick said. "You can always lower the level, but if you don't build it to that, you're

never going to succeed."

The district is limited to 11,000 acre-feet based on a 2007 Colorado Supreme Court case involving the SJWCD, PAWSD and Trout Unlimited, Proffitt explained in response to a suggestion that the district advocate for an even bigger reservoir.

"I had lunch with Trout Unlimited right after that court decision and they said they would not protest this project anymore as long as we stayed within the 11,000 and within the parameters set by the supreme court," Proffitt said.

Suh also pointed out that going back to court to argue for a bigger reservoir could further harm the public's perception of a reservoir.

The board agreed that, unofficially, the 11,000 acre-foot reservoir is a good objective for the board, and that education will be paramount to inform the public why it is backing that size.

Board member Joe Tedder expressed that, with this, the board needs to hone in on its funding goals for the project.

Tedder encouraged collaboration with other water entities in Colorado and state and federal funding, noting that the community in Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County is "never going to vote — and I say never in all capital letters — to increase their mill levy."

No official motion was made to support the reservoir, but the topic will be revisited upon the review of the strategic objectives following the collaboration of Jones and Suh.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Nov. 14 to continue discussing the strategic objectives and the budget.

Award

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The EDCC is a statewide organization that promotes effective, responsible economic development practices across the state and works to represent Colorado's public and private sector interests, according to the website.

Pagosa Springs was chosen because of its work in creating necessary infrastructure in place to support an economic development entity, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC), according to the award's description.

In addition, the community was recognized because of its work in expanding broadband, securing funding to create redundant fiber loops in the downtown core and extending coverage into the more rural areas, Emily Lashbrooke, PSCDC executive director, highlighted.

"The desire for faster, better internet unifies people like few

other things," Jeff Posey, member of the Pagosa Springs Town Council who attended the awards ceremony, wrote in an email to The SUN. "This award is in recognition of efforts by the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) to build a powerful coalition that includes the Town, County, and other regional entities to bring broadband to our community.

"It's an example of what happens when more hands lift up than pull down. The reality of fast, reliable, affordable internet in Pagosa Springs is growing near, thanks in large part to the CDC."

The award also recognized the community's work in securing workforce housing, noting land purchases, donations and additional assistance by the county, town and PSCDC.

Lashbrooke noted that the award represents the partnerships and collaboration between the three entities, which she views as

essential to the success of the community's economy.

"Archuleta County was thrilled that the [EDCC] awarded Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs with the 2022 EDIE Award for 'Small Community of the Year' recognizing excellence in economic development," Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver, who attended the ceremony, wrote in an email to The SUN. "... Archuleta County greatly values its relationship with the Town of Pagosa Springs and the CDC, without which this award would not have been possible."

Lashbrooke stated that she is excited for the statewide recognition that the award brings.

"It just amplifies that Pagosa Springs is really in the state of Colorado, whether people want to realize that or not," Lashbrooke said. "And we are excelling and doing great things here, and it will bring recognition for the entire year."

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County hears presentations on early childhood health programs

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At its Oct. 18 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard presentations on the SafeCare Colorado and Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) programs offered by San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH).

SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon began the presentations by explaining that SJBPH is working to introduce the commissioners to programs in its early family formation programming which help ensure that families get a healthy start, improving long-term health and social outcomes.

Jollon explained that these programs fall under SJBPH's maternal child and adolescent family health programming and are funded through the Colorado Department of Early Childhood.

SafeCare Supervisor Jenn Heath then spoke about SafeCare, explaining that it is a prevention program designed to reduce child abuse, and neglect and child welfare involvement through evidence-based, in-home parent education for families with children aged 0-5.

She added that the program serves families with a history of or at a high risk for child maltreatment and consists of approximately one-hour home visits for four to six months.

Heath stated that the program includes three topics, including safety, health, and parent and child interactions, which can be studied in any order by the family.

She elaborated that the safety topic includes coverage of recognizing and removing household hazards and training on proper supervision, and sees an 88 percent reduction in average number of home hazards upon topic completion.

Heath explained that the health topic includes recognizing symptoms of illness and education on determining the level of care needed, and sees an increase from 17 percent to 100 percent in families' ability to determine if a situation merits emergency care.

She stated that the parent-child and parent-infant interactions topic promotes positive interactions and educates families on decreasing unwanted child behavior, with a 263 percent increase in observed positive behaviors for parent-child interactions and a 181 percent increase in positive behaviors for parent-infant interactions.

Heath then discussed the eligibility factors for the program, which include that participants must reside within Archuleta, La Plata or San Juan counties or on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, must have children 0-5 years of age and must meet certain high risk criteria, and explained that the SafeCare caseload is currently approximately evenly split between Archuleta and La Plata counties.

She explained 16.3 percent of people receive public assistance statewide, while 12.5 percent receive it in the SJBPH SafeCare service area and about 60 percent

of SafeCare clients receive it.

Similarly, Heath stated that 14.2 percent of people statewide are single parents, while 9.1 percent are in the SafeCare service area and about 60 percent of SafeCare clients are.

Finally, she explained that 26.8 percent of people statewide report mental health challenges, while 31.7 percent report mental health challenges in the SafeCare service area and about 60 percent of SafeCare clients report such challenges.

Heath then discussed the impacts of SafeCare, where she explained that the improved parenting skills and child interactions taught by the program reduce the levels of child abuse and neglect and the burden on the child welfare system.

She stated that 58 percent of the referrals to SafeCare come from child welfare services, while 6 percent come from schools and 17 percent from self-referrals.

In response to a question from Commissioner Ronnie Maez, Heath explained the average age for clients is around 20 years old.

Jollon also explained that the SafeCare program is a fairly new program and was added at the behest of the Archuleta County Department of Human Services director and is partially funded through funds provided by the counties.

NFP Program Manager Danette Jackson presented on the NFP, which she explained is a statewide program with funding from the Tobacco Master Settlement and Medicaid billing.

She explained that the NFP program served 82 clients in 2021,

including 26 in Archuleta County, and had had 10 participants graduate from the program.

Serving these clients involved 702 telehealth visits and 35 in-person visits over the year, she added.

Jackson stated that the criteria for eligibility for the program include being pregnant with a first child or a first child being less than 1 month of age, meeting income and education eligibility criteria, and living within Archuleta, La Plata or San Juan counties.

Jackson added, from assumed-eligibility-based live births, there would be 39 mothers with first time births, 19 mothers on Medicaid and 13 mothers with only a high school education or GED who would be eligible for the program in Archuleta County.

She explained that the program is delivered by trained nurses and covers a wide variety of factors and topics, including personal and mental health for the mother and child, environmental health, life course development, and maternal role.

Completing the program takes 2.5 years, according to Jackson, with nurse visits approximately twice a month.

Jackson stated that one of the NFP's main goals is lowering the number of premature births at less than 37 weeks gestation, which are 11.2 percent of births in the Colorado NFP and 6.7 percent of births in the SJBPH NFP.

She also mentioned that improving child health and development is an NFP goal, including by promoting breastfeeding and immunizations.

Jackson stated that 57.1 percent of SJBPH NFP clients were breastfeeding at six months and 50 percent at 12 months, compared to the Colorado NFP averages of 48.9 percent and 34.2 percent, respectively.

She also stated that, out of the clients who answered the question, 100 percent were current on their immunizations at 24 months compared to the Colorado NFP average of 92.6 percent.

Jackson explained that the final main goal of the program is improving economic self-sufficiency for families on the program, something which data indicates the program succeeds at.

She stated that referrals to the program come from early child care providers; self-referrals; various support services such as the Women, Infants and Children program; and through a range of other avenues.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he appreciated that specific Archuleta County data had been included in the presentations, as this helped him understand the impact of the program on Archuleta County.

In response to a question from Maez, Jackson explained that approximately 30 percent of clients complete the program, with many others opting out or moving before completion.

Jollon concluded the discussion by highlighting the value of both programs and the way they complement each other by providing different terms of involvement, and that all such education has a positive benefit.

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Operation Christmas Child underway, collection week in November

By Linda George
Operation Christmas Child

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■ See Child A10

County begins paying commissioners mileage

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Documents obtained by The SUN through a Colorado Open Records Act request indicate that some of the Archuleta County commissioners are receiving reimbursements for their mileage expenses, including to and from their homes, under a new county policy.

In an interview, County Manager Derek Woodman explained that Archuleta County learned that other counties "across the state are reimbursing their commissioners for their actual expenses."

Woodman cited the practice is supported by Colorado Revised Statute 30-2-102, which states, "All actual and necessary expenses of an elected officer incurred while engaged in business on behalf of the county may be allowed by the board of county commissioners and paid out of the county treasury."

He explained that the mileage that can be reimbursed includes travel to and from their homes and any travel for county commissioners' business, such as attending meetings in Durango, although mileage reimbursements cannot be claimed for personal travel, such as doing errands or going to lunch.

Woodman stated that the reimbursements could be claimed by other county elected officials as well, but added, "to the best of my knowledge, none of them knew about this and none of them made the request."

When asked about whether the other elected officials have been informed about this program, Woodman said, "I work for the commissioners; I don't work for the other elected officials."

In response to a question about the mileage reimbursements are being taxed, Woodman stated, "It's the IRS rate that they're being allocated."

He explained that research on the program began in July and the program started for the week of Aug. 28, with reimbursements being given at two-week intervals.

Woodman also explained that the commissioners adopted this policy as a part of adopting Resolution 2016-22, "Adopting An Updated Personnel Policy And Procedures Handbook For County Employees," which he noted has been frequently amended by vote of the commissioners since 2016.

In an interview, Commissioner Ronnie Maez indicated that he has declined to participate in the reimbursement program.

The reimbursement checks and mileage records obtained by The SUN indicate that Commissioner Alvin Schaaf received \$420 dollars of reimbursements during this period at a rate of 62.5 cents per mile for 672 miles of travel.

The mileage charts indicate that the distance to Schaaf's home is 24

Documents courtesy Archuleta County

Mileage sheets for Archuleta County Commissioner Alvin Schaaf and Commissioner Warren Brown include distances to the commissioners' homes from their offices, recorded mileage and rate, approval dates, and the initials of the person responsible for approval, County Manager Derek Woodman.

Warren Brown							6.4 Miles Home to Office	
December								
Date	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
Mileage		12.6	20.9	12.6	32.2	18.2		96.5
Date	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Mileage			24	26.4	19.2	15.1	12.6	24
Date	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Mileage								
							Total Miles	217.8
							Total Reimbursement	\$ 136.13

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Alvin Schaaf							24 Miles Home to Office	
September								
Date	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
Mileage			48	48	6	48		144
Date	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	
Mileage								
Date	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Mileage			48	48				96
							Total Miles	240
							Total Reimbursement	\$ 150.00

miles from his office and he traveled 48 miles daily two to three days a week in performance of his duties as commissioner.

In an interview, Schaaf indicated that he accepted the reimbursements because he is using his personal vehicle for commissioner activities, which include "driving back and forth to work and going to other meetings," and because such reimbursements are allowed under state statute.

He explained that he also sometimes drives his brand inspector vehicle and that he does not accept reimbursements for travel with that vehicle.

The mileage documentation also indicates that Commissioner Warren Brown was reimbursed \$318.14 dollars for mileage during the period for traveling 509 miles.

The charts indicate that Brown's home is 6.4 miles away from his office and that he traveled an average of five days a week with distances ranging from 12.6 miles to 32.2 miles.

In an interview, Brown explained that he took the reimbursements "because that is what is allowable by statute. And I'm not sure it is appropriate that we have any employee of the county supplementing the county's budget. ... I have a lot of meetings. I have had breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee with many constituents. I've never turned

those expenses in, ever, and they're pretty considerable. Nor have I ever allowed anyone to buy me anything along that line because for me it's an integrity issue. When it was brought to my attention that this is an expense that is compensable and it is part of the job, why would I not?"

Brown explained that he records travel expenses for county business such as attending meetings and events.

Brown also commented on the differences between the commissioners on accepting reimbursements, saying, "I'm not a commissioner that shows up twice a week for a couple hours a day. I have made the commitment that this is going to be my full-time employment and I have made that commitment, and I'm here and I'm working many hours a week every single week. And if I'm not, of course, why would I ask for mileage reimbursement? Because that would be unethical. But the fact of the matter is, I would guess, I don't know this ... that I am working more hours than any commissioner has worked in the recent history. When I'm asked to be at a community event, I take that as a very serious part of this job. And it seems that I make myself more available than some others. And it could be because they have other jobs that won't let them or whatever — and I'm not throwing anyone under the bus — all I'm saying is that I made

this commitment."

He emphasized that he feels that attending public events is important and questioned whether he should pay for driving his own vehicle to such events when he is there representing the county.

"I don't think I should. I think that is a valid and genuine expense," he said.

He also emphasized his dedication to ethics and stated that the mileage reimbursements are not outside the norm for commissioners in the state.

He added, "It may be something that is a little outside the norm here, but I have to tell you, since I've been in office, I've done a lot of things that have been outside of the norm because that's what needs to be done because we've been getting exactly what we've always been getting and it just hasn't worked. And, so, more effort, more time, more mileage."

Brown also stated that all the mileage he is charging for is with his personal vehicle, adding that any alternative to this would be unethical.
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Child

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Concerns surface over notice of county's budget work sessions

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

On Oct. 25 and Oct. 26, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held what appeared to be improperly noticed departmental budget work sessions in violation of Colorado Open Meetings Law.

However, Archuleta County officials contend the hearings did not violate state law.

BoCC Resolution 2022-01, "Establishing A Location For The Posting Of Official County Notices, Setting Meeting Dates For The 2022 Calendar Year And Establishing Days And Office Hours For County Offices To Transact County Business For Fiscal Calendar Year 2022," states, "The official posting place for public notice purposes pursuant to and to the extent required by Colorado Revised Statutes §24-6-402(2)(C) and Colorado House Bill 19-1087, shall be a link on the home page of the county website at www.archuletacounty.org. Public notices will continue to be posted at the County Administration Building at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado as a supplementary location; however, such postings are for convenience only and the official public notice posting shall be the link of the home page of the county website."

The departmental budget work sessions, which began at 9 a.m. on Oct. 25 and continued throughout the day, were not noticed on the county website either on the home page or under the meetings and agendas page where other county meetings are noticed prior to the start of the first one.

The starting time of the hearings was posted at the county administration building as part of the county calendar on the morning of Oct. 25, although no further information on the meetings beyond the start time was included.

Colorado Revised Statute (CRS) 24-6-402(2)(c) requires that public meetings be posted 24 hours in advance and also notes that meeting posting "shall include specific agenda information where possible."

According to Finance Director Louise Woods at the Oct. 12 BoCC special meeting where the draft budget was presented, the budget hearings are expected to last from Oct. 25 to Oct. 27 and to continue on Nov. 1.

However, an agenda or schedule for the hearings was not posted in any publicly available location before the beginning of the hearings. All three of the county commissioners were in attendance at the budget work sessions Tuesday and Wednesday.

Following an inquiry by The SUN to the county at approximately 9 a.m. Tuesday about the noticing of the work sessions, between 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., the work session times were posted on the home page of the county website under the county calendar section.

No agenda or schedule was posted regarding when specific departments would be discussed. The work sessions were scheduled to last from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 25 and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 26.

This posting indicates that the hearings will continue on Oct. 27, 31 and Nov. 1.

In an interview, County Manager Derek Woodman indicated that the improper posting was due to an oversight by staff, although the meeting notice had been published outside the county offices in the supplementary posting location.

Woodman explained that he and the other attendees had become aware of the issues with posting the meeting "as we were walking into it."

He added that he and the commissioners had continued the meeting on the advice of their legal counsel, County Attorney Todd Weaver, who Woodman explained had told them that they were "absolutely" legal in doing so.

Woodman also explained, "The requirement on a work product meeting, we don't even have to publish it because there's no decisions being made."

CRS 24-6-402(2)(c) states, in part, "Any meetings at which the adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action occurs or at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, or is expected to be in attendance, shall be held only after full and timely notice to the public. In addition to any other means of full and timely notice, a local public body shall be deemed to have given full and timely notice if the notice of the meeting is posted in a designated public place within the boundaries of the local public body no less than twenty-four hours prior to the holding of the meeting."

In an interview, Weaver stated about the reasoning of his response to Woodman, saying, "It was noticed. It was noticed on the outside of the building. That is a primary spot for public notices for the board of county commissioners and has been since the board of county commissioners have occupied this building. That is the primary spot

and it has been for years. ... Yes, it wasn't on the website, but that's the secondary site. The primary site and the main site has always been on the outside of the building, so it was properly noticed."

When asked about how he reconciled this position with Resolution 2022-01 which designates the website as the primary posting site and the outside of the 398 Lewis St. building as a supplementary site, Weaver responded, "Still noticed. It meets open meetings law. ... As long as it's on either place, it's properly noticed. The standard for notice is very flexible. Colorado courts have chimed in on that all the time and they say ... 24 hours is prima facia that is proper notice but it's very flexible and an hour notice can sometimes be proper under the open meetings laws. There is not a strict compliance requirement for open meetings laws."

Weaver indicated he is unsure when the notice was posted to the outside of the building, although he noted that it was usually posted on Thursday or Friday.

He also emphasized that there were no decisions made at the budget hearings.

Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition Executive Director Jeffery Roberts commented on the situation in an email, writing, "For local public bodies like a county commission, full and timely notice is required before meetings at which the adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs or at which a majority or quorum is expected to be in attendance. A work session with a major-

ity or quorum of the commission in attendance is an open meeting that the public must be notified about at least 24 hours ahead of time.

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"There is a special provision in the Colorado Open Meetings Law that exempts county commissioners from providing 24-hour notice of 'the day-to-day oversight of property or supervision of employees by county commissioners.' CRS 24-6-402(2)(f).

"But a budget hearing with department heads is not 'the day-to-day oversight of property or supervision of employees by county commissioners.' It's a discussion of public business that the public is entitled to observe or listen to under the open meetings law."

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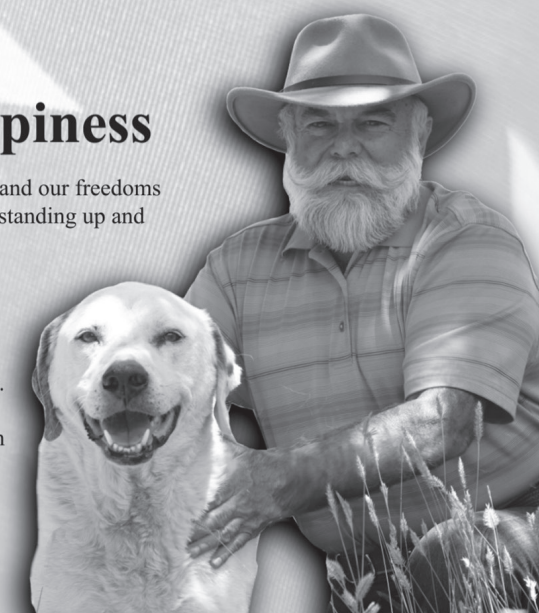
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I stand with the people of this county who do not act unlawfully in their positions of power, whether that is for government or other organizations.

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My loyalty is with the individuals of this county, not with those abusing their power in Pagosa. This cause is about Freedom and about A Future For Our Children. They do not deserve to live without Freedom while paying to be targeted.

I do not tolerate unlawful actions, and immediately distance from people who act in this way, and have a history of doing so. I do not believe in the double standard where one group can commit misconduct and work outside the law because they are government officials or friends. This is not how to grow our community, and it has caused serious dysfunction, causing an inability to hire police officers, county employees, and workers, and it shows through arbitrary enforcement with no oversight, constant front page news about misconduct, and even the deterioration of our roads as funds were diverted to bureaucratic growth.

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I promise to do my Due Diligence before voting, I will be a full-time Commissioner.

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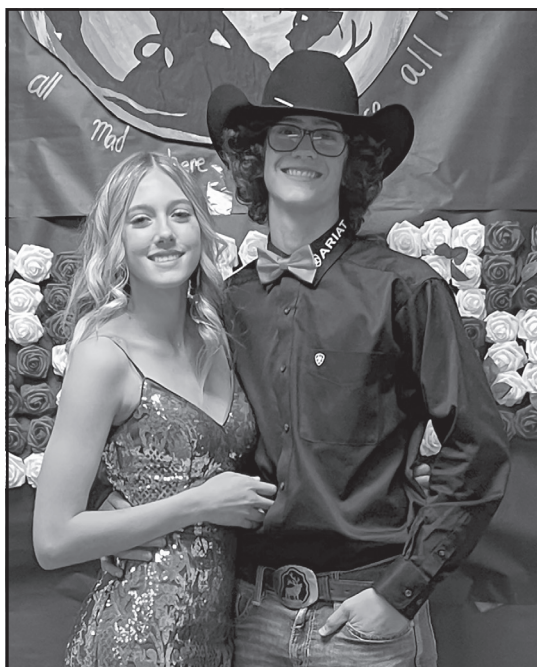
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Why not to vote for Independents Wayne Bryant for Sheriff or Rachel Suh for County Commissioner.
By: Satire

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2. Not to mention the freedom of religion. These backward Christians need to be in the closet. Their views only show how mentally ill they are and we should be protected from them, not allowing them to freely exercise their religion. People should have the right to kill their babies if they don't want them.
3. Now let's talk about our form of Government. Since government is the highest authority, (not God) we should be able to do what we want. Not be held down with an antiquated piece of paper that was written over 200 years ago. This piece of paper should be used as toilet paper and Wayne Bryant and Rachel Suh will take their Oaths of office to support and defend the Constitution. They will actually take it seriously. Really!? You've got to be kidding me!

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County commissioners discuss 2022 fair with fair board

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At an Oct. 11 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and the Archuleta County Fair Board held a work session to discuss the 2022 county fair and the appointment of members to the fair board.

Fair board secretary and interim treasurer Sharon Jennings explained that the largest difficulty with the 2022 fair was that the board had received a grant that it had thought was available for the 2022 fair but, since it was received in 2021, it was actually assigned to the 2021 budget year and thus the fair board overspent in 2022.

Fair board member Emily Martinez asked if the grant funding could be reassigned to 2022 from 2021.

County Manager Derek Woodman explained that this would be possible if there were no expenditures in 2021.

However, he added that, because there was a deficit in 2021 as well, the grant money has already been used and thus transferring it would not be possible.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez inquired what the county could do to assist the fair board with next year's fair.

Jennings explained that the board's largest goal for the year was to increase the number of members on the board and increase the amount of assistance available to run the fair, whether through more board members, volunteers or community service workers.

Martinez also commented that the fair had had difficulties with water and power supply, and had been forced to turn at least 100

people away from the Friday night rodeo due to not being able to accept credit cards for payment.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that it seemed like the board had a plan for generating more interest in the fair and also recommended discussing the possibility of acquiring contract labor, which the board had not been able to acquire in 2022, through a Reskill, Upskill, New Skill grant with the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC).

Brown also recommended that the board notify the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office in advance to attempt to secure more community service workers.

Jennings mentioned that the board also needs more electrical expertise to assist in running the fair.

The group then discussed the possibility of creating a schematic of where the fair needs additional electricity to assist the county in facilitating electrical supply, which the fair board members noted might be difficult given the electrical needs of the fair tend to change as it is being set up.

Jennings and Martinez then discussed the community support the fair had seen in terms of participation in the education tent, although they noted that there are always additional costs associated with the fair, including paying bands and the rodeo contractor.

Brown then inquired if the board had prepared a written explanation for the line items in the fair board budget that had increased substantially in the proposed 2023 budget.

Jennings then explained the increases to Brown, which included an increase in the software maintenance agreement from \$150 to \$500

due to changes in website hosting and increase in postage costs from \$11.60 to \$200 due to an effort to mail out more materials promoting the fair.

Brown commented that the fair board might seek some grant support from the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board, while Maez recommended that the board could charge for certain events like dances to acquire additional revenue.

Jennings explained that the board has not charged entry fees for the last three years and that the donation the fair had received had not matched the admissions fees.

Martinez commented that not having admission fees encourages residents to attend multiple days to spend additional money at the fair.

She noted that the fair had never charged for the dances, although the board is considering potentially charging for one of them to raise revenue.

Jennings also explained that the 2023 fair board budget includes \$1,800 in funding to allow the fair coordinator and one other member of the fair board to attend the Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows (CAFS) convention in Pueblo, which she indicated would be valuable for running the fair.

The commissioners agreed with this sentiment, and Brown commented that knowing the explanations for these budget requests is helpful as it helps him see the justifications for the spending.

The group then discussed that the CAFS convention will occur in late 2022, which means that the 2023 funds could not be used to pay for members attending the 2022 convention and thus the funds would have to be taken from

the 2022 budget, placing the board further over budget.

Maez commented that he remembers from his time on the fair board that it tended to run over budget.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf asked what the fair board has done in the past two years to solicit donations from local businesses.

Jennings explained that some fair board members had gone door to door to solicit donations as well as receiving money from interested businesses, ranch brand donations and rodeo sponsorships.

Brown then recommended that the board contact Beth Lamberson at the PSCDC, who could assist with grant writing.

Martinez also explained that the board is planning to begin soliciting donations earlier in the year and attempting to increase its visibility in the time leading up to the fair.

The group also discussed a range of other cost savings and fundraising ideas, including printing fewer fair booklets and implementing new charges for certain fair events.

The group then moved on to discussing the appointment of fair board members and changes to the bylaws, which Schaaf pointed out needed to be brought before the BoCC for approval.

Jennings commented that the board is willing to do this and that it had been doing this up until 2019, when a misunderstanding caused the board to believe that was no longer necessary.

Jennings concluded the meeting by stating that the 2022 fair had been well received by "basically everyone," and Martinez added that she hopes this will be the same in 2023.

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- Oct. 17 — Harassment, Country Center Drive.
- Oct. 17 — Loitering in public place, Country Center Drive.
- Oct. 17 — Loitering in public place, Village Drive.
- Oct. 17 — Suspicious activity/vehicle, Aspen Village Drive.
- Oct. 17 — Threats, North 7th Street.
- Oct. 17 — Disturbance, South 9th Street.
- Oct. 18 — Animal complaint, Lewis Street.
- Oct. 18 — Suspicious activity/vehicle, no location listed.
- Oct. 18 — Trespass, Pinon Causeway.
- Oct. 18 — Reckless driver, County Road 600.
- Oct. 18 — Animal complaint, South 5th Street.
- Oct. 18 — Theft, Country Center Drive.
- Oct. 19 — Suspicious activity/vehicle, South 7th Street.
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- Oct. 19 — Suspicious activity/vehicle, South 9th Street.
- Oct. 19 — Trespass, Pagosa Street.
- Oct. 20 — Animal complaint, East Pagosa Street.
- Oct. 20 — Suspicious activity/vehicle, North 8th Street.
- Oct. 20 — Disturbance, South 9th Street.

- Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
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- Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
Oct. 18 — Dallan J. Rowell, speeding 10-19 over limit, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$270.50.
- Oct. 19 — James Johnson, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 20 days jail, 18 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,172.50.
- Oct. 19 — Joshua Ryan Martin, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 18 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,197.50.
- Oct. 19 — Joshua K. Swope, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$177.50.
- Oct. 19 — Justin Allen Runyan, stop lamps-defective, headlamps-failure to display, license plate improperly attached or not visible, fines and costs — \$127.50.
- Oct. 19 — Darrion Lee Ellis, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$177.50.
- Oct. 19 — Nicholas C. Ayers, driving under restraint, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$271.50.
- Oct. 19 — Lara R. Shawnte, speeding 10-19 over limit, driving under restraint, moving violation in construction zone sentence enhancer, fines and costs — \$449.50.
- Oct. 19 — Elizabeth Bishop, dog at large, fines and costs — \$136.
- Oct. 19 — Perry Scott Schjolin Sr., obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$135.
- Oct. 19 — Jackson Travis Gamble, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$126.50.
- Oct. 19 — Marcos Rey Talamante, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$225.

- 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
Oct. 19 — David Allan Platt, menacing, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$903.50.
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Village

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That decision was then challenged in court by Rocky Mountain Wild, the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council, San Juan Citizens Alliance and Wilderness Workshop.

The suit names Dan Dallas, Rio Grande National Forest supervisor; Tamara Whittington, deputy regional forester; Brian Ferebee, regional forester; the U.S. Forest Service; Anne Timberman, western Colorado supervisor; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

LMJV is listed as a respondent intervenor.

"Petitioners initiated this case on May 28, 2019, challenging the 2019 ROD (Id.)," the Oct. 20 order summarizes. "Respondents maintain that intervenor is statutorily entitled to access its parcel under the [Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act, or ANILCA]. Petitioners, on the other hand, allege that Respondents have taken final agency action to issue private interests in federal lands and granted access necessary to build a massive resort development without considering or taking the steps necessary to reduce and eliminate impacts to the surrounding National Forest System lands." ... Petitioners brought claims pursuant to, inter alia, [National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA] and ANILCA.

In her analysis, Arguello notes that, aside from a new record of decision and biological opinion, the respondents relied "on a virtually identical administrative record to support the decisions in this case" and in a lawsuit that followed a 2015 record of decision allowing a land exchange that would give the developers highway access.

That land exchange was set aside after the court determined, as Arguello notes: "(1) USFS's NEPA analysis was 'contrary to law and directly contradicted' by USFS's actions in conveying the land in 1987; (2) USFS erred as a matter of law 'in determining that ANILCA limited its power to restrict or regulate the nature, scope or density of LMJV's development of federal property being conveyed to

it," because ANILCA did not control the land exchange; (3) USFS erred by failing to consider whether to reserve rights or interests to restrict development; and (4) USFS and FWS failed to comply with the ESA because it evaluated the land exchange under Section 7 instead of Section 10, and even if Section 7 was correct, its measures were inadequate, id. at *10-13."

The court also determined that "Defendants failed to consider important aspects of the issues before them, offered an explanation for their decision that runs counter to the evidence, failed to base their decision on consideration of the relevant factors, and based their decision on an analysis that is contrary to law."

In December 2021, a U.S. District Court judge issued an order that Clint Jones, Village at Wolf Creek project leader, characterized as a legal reflection that LMJV had reversed the land exchange.

That ruling was issued by Judge John L. Kane and unwound the 2015 land exchange between the Rio Grande National Forest and LMJV.

In her Oct. 20 order, Arguello states, "Respondents and Intervenor have not presented new and different evidence which would change the Court's analysis, have not presented an intervening change in controlling authority, and have not demonstrated that the prior decision was clearly erroneous such that it would cause manifest injustice. For the same reasons the court in the Land Exchange Lawsuit set aside agency action, the law of the case doctrine dictates setting aside agency action in this case as well."

Arguello then provides analyses of the petitioners' challenges to the 2019 decision before stating that the appropriate action is to vacate the agency action.

"The ruling once again confirms the failure by the Forest Service to appropriately follow the National Environmental Policy Act and rigorously assess the true consequences of this inappropriate development," said Travis Stills, an at-

torney with Energy & Conservation Law representing the conservation groups, in a statement. "The order also recognizes the internal debate among staff of the Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife Service about how to lawfully implement their environmental mandates."

"We are still waiting for the Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other federal agencies to conduct an open, transparent and inclusive analysis of the environmental impacts associated with this enormous commercial development," said Matt Sandler, legal director with Rocky Mountain Wild, also representing the conservation groups, in the statement. "The Court's ruling is a huge win for the wildlife and wildlands of Wolf Creek Pass."

Christine Canaly, director of the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council, suggests via the statement that the decision is critical for the health of the Rio Grande headwaters.

"The Wolf Creek area simply cannot handle anymore large scale development pressure," she said. "The river's water delivery obligations must focus on the needs of the basin. Perhaps climate reality and this vital legal decision will stimulate much needed sobriety to the Leavitt-McCombs Joint Venture team and we can finally come together to align goals that embrace this living landscape."

Jones indicated Tuesday he is unsure of what the next steps are.

"We still are circling up with our legal team, and then our legal team has to circle up with the Forest Service's legal team to try to look at, you know, what next steps," he said.

They will then determine what they think are the next best steps, he added.

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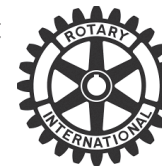
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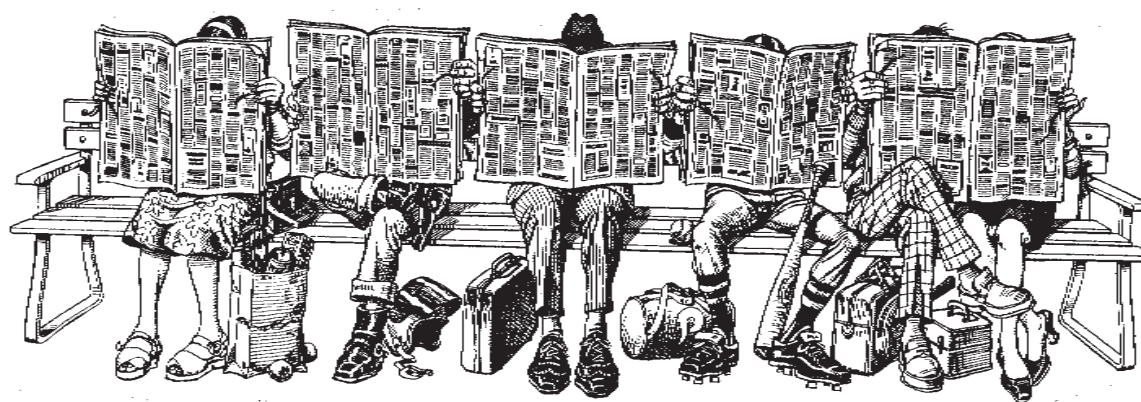
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FOOTBALL



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Pagosa's Colton Lucero runs the ball against the Salida Spartans on Oct. 21. Lucero had a touchdown and 139 rushing yards in the Pirate win.

Pirates extend win streak to three, will host Bayfield Friday

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team rolled to its third consecutive victory Friday evening against the Salida Spartans.

The Pirates picked up with win after besting the Spartans 33-14 in front of their homecoming crowd on Oct. 21.

"I think they're executing well, they're physical. ... We're doing the little things rights. ... We're able to run and throw the ball and we swarm on defense. It's just clicking at all cylinders," coach Nathan Morales said, adding the Pirates' are playing "good team football right now."

Both teams were scoreless until the second quarter, when the Pirates picked up a pair of touchdowns and Salida scored one.

Pagosa scored first, with Harley Armijo completing a 23-yard touchdown run with 7 minutes and 58 seconds left in the half.

Pagosa's second touchdown was scored by Colt Lewis with three seconds left in the half on a pass.

Pagosa held a 14-7 lead going into halftime.

Salida scored again in the third quarter, but rebounded with a touchdown with 1:32 left on the clock in the quarter.

That touchdown was scored by Aaron Aucoin on a 69-yard run.

The quarter ended with the Pirates up 20-14.

The Pirates then picked up another two touchdowns in the fourth to seal the win.

The first came with 8:47 left on the clock and was scored by Armijo on a pass.

Then, with 3:55 left on the clock, Colton Lucero completed a 16-yard touchdown run to put the Pirates up 33-14.

Morales highlighted the team's defensive work on the night.

"I thought they were disciplined on their assignment on defense. You know, they run triple options, so ... you've gotta really be disciplined, and if you're out of position, it leads to big gains," Morales said. "And then we swarmed to the football. They read their cues and

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VOLLEYBALL

Pirates win against Monte Vista in final regular-season home game

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team was victorious in its home game against the Monte Vista Pirates on Tuesday, and are now preparing to head to their last games of the regular season at a tournament in New Castle this weekend.

The Pirates beat Monte Vista — who are currently ranked fourth in its 2A Southern Peaks division with a league record of 4-3 and a season record of 10-9 — in a 3-2 match.

The win puts Pagosa's Pirates at a 3-5 league record and an 11-7 season record, ranking them fourth in the 3A Intermountain League.

In the state, the Pirates are ranked 20th in the 3A division, a standing that is becoming increasingly important as regionals approach.

"The momentum was going back and forth, but we at least finished on top," coach Katie Lorenzen said.

The Pagosa Pirates won the first set 25-16, lost the second 25-19, won the third 25-19, lost the fourth 25-18, and finished the game in the fifth with a 15-13 win.

Three Pirates got double-doubles: Aspen Pitcher with 12 kills and 21 digs, Lynelle Bartz with 10 kills and 16 digs, and Lauren Monteroso with 11 assists and 14 digs.

The team, which hit .107, had quite a few errors throughout the match, but also had a lot of kills on good, aggressive swings, Lorenzen stated.

While the team didn't get a lot of full blocks throughout the night, Lorenzen explained that the frequent touches helped keep the girls in control of the ball.

Swing players Lexi Campbell and Alexa Dimond stepped into the game, which the coach called one of the best parts of the night.

"I think the main highlights were that it was fun to see some swing players come in and really make a difference with the energy and hold their composure really well," Lorenzen said. "That's really exciting for the future."

Now, the Lady Pirates are preparing to head to New Castle for the Coal Ridge tournament Friday and Saturday.

"What is nice about tournaments is that we get to see those other teams that will be playing, so we get to do a little bit of scouting," Lorenzen said.

She's particularly interested in the outcome of the game against the James Irwin Jaguars, who are ranked 13th in the 3A standings.

On Monday, the final rankings will be released to determine the top 36 teams in each division in the state, which will officiate the lineup for this year's regional tournaments.

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Lady Pirate Chantelle Caldwell sends the ball over the net Tuesday evening. The team defeated the Monte Vista Pirates 3-2 in its final home game of the regular season.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce
Lady Pirate Annie O'Donnell passes the ball during Tuesday evening's victory over the 2A Monte Vista Pirates. The win was Pagosa's 11th of the season.

Football

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swarmed. ... We needed 11 guys to do their job, and we did, so it's a benefit for us."

Aucoin completed 11 of 22 pass attempts in the game for 154 yards. That included three touchdowns and an interception.

Aucoin also rushed for 153 yards on 15 carries. Lucero logged 139 rushing yards on 23 carries, and Gavin Lindahl picked up 15 yards on six carries.

Lewis led the team in receiving on the night with 75 yards on four receptions. Armijo had 59 yards on four receptions, Lindahl picked up 10 yards on one reception, Blake Laner had 6 yards on one reception, and Seth Aucoin had 4 yards on one reception.

The Pirates had 59 tackles, including 42 solo tackles, against Salida, with 17 Pirates logging tackles. The team was led by Lewis, who had eight tackles — six solo and two assists. Lindahl had seven tackles, which included five solo and two assists.

Armijo and Heath Fulbright both logged a sack in the game, with Armijo's sack coming with 7 yards lost and Fulbright's with 9.

Aaron Aucoin kicked the ball off six times for the Pirates for a total of 204 yards and punted three times for a total of 55 yards.

Lewis had one kickoff return for 19 yards, while Creede Dozier had one return for 6 yards and Jayton Ross had one return for 4 yards. Lewis also had one punt return for 10 yards.

Chandler Mazur made three of four extra-point attempts.

The win moves Pagosa to a 2-1 league record and 3-5 overall record.

The win also moved the Pirates up to second in the League 5 standings.

The Pirates trail Delta in the league standings, with Delta holding a 3-0 league record and 8-0 overall mark.

In third is Montezuma-Cortez, who hold a 2-1 league mark and are 6-2 overall. Salida follows in fourth with a 1-3 league record. Salida is 4-5 on the season.

In fifth are the Bayfield Wolverines, whom the Pirates will host Friday for their final regular-season game.

The Wolverines are 0-5 in league



SUN photo/Randi Pierce
Pirate Blake Laner sets up to catch a pass during Pagosa's 33-14 win over the Salida Spartans on Oct. 21. Laner picked up 6 receiving yards in the game.

play and 0-8 on the season.

Morales indicated the Pirates are continuing to focus on getting better every day.

"We want to be the best football team we can be at the end of the year, and that's always our goal," he said. "We want to get better and better every week, and I feel we've done that. I feel earlier in the season if we executed like this in the season, our record would be totally

different."

Following the conclusion of the regular season, the 16-team post-season bracket will be determined, in part by the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) standings.

Going into this week's game, the Pirates are 16th in the RPI standings, while Delta is No. 1, Montezuma-Cortez is No. 10, Salida is No. 22 and Bayfield is No. 32.

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Sienna Rose works to keep pace ahead of a pack of runners at last week's regional meet. Rose finished 15th and qualified for Saturday's state meet.



Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Andrew Bowles runs en route to a 13th-place finish, which qualified the harrier for the state meet on Saturday in Colorado Springs.

Bowles and Rose qualify for state

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

Andrew Bowles and Sienna Rose had state-qualifying performances at the Region 2 regional race last week on the Monument Valley Park XC Course in Colorado Springs, and now prepare to head back to Colorado Springs this weekend for the state cross-country meet.

"The weather was almost 80 degrees, which slowed the course down quite a bit for just about everyone out there," coach Rachael Christiansen wrote about the regionals race. "Looking at the times from other runners, it was at least 1 minute slower than previous weeks, which resulted in varied successes for our runners. But the highlight was Andrew and Sienna qualifying for State!"

On the boys' side, Bowles ran a time of 18 minutes and two seconds and finished 13th out of 82 runners, with Christiansen highlighting his strong performance in the second half of the race.

"[Andrew] has been consistent this year, taking 10 seconds off his times here and there and earning multiple personal bests throughout the season," the coach wrote. "He's ran with us all 4 years and has dedicated a lot of time into the sport. It is exciting he gets one more opportunity at state, but also

sad that this will be his last race representing Pagosa Springs Cross Country."

Behind Bowles was Jesse Beck, who finished 31st overall and ran a new personal record of 19:10, which Christiansen calls "a strong performance."

Only five seconds behind Beck was Levi Hinger, finishing 35th overall in 19:15.

Elias Sanchez crossed the finish line in 59th, with Kyle Marotta close behind in 60th. Sanchez ran a 21:32, and Marotta ran a 21:52.

The coach noted that Marotta, who is graduating this year, has "come such a long way from his sophomore year."

In 66th place was James Burk, who crossed the finish line in 22:39.

"This was a tough race for him as we went out strong and while he was able to maintain that pace for 2 miles, the 3rd mile caught up with him and he had to slow down," the coach wrote about Burk. "However, we were all impressed with his ability to get into shape so quickly, only joining us in mid-September."

Dylan Dempster finished 68th overall and ran a new personal record time of 22:48. Christiansen wrote that, given Dempster's newness to the team, she has been "blown away by his ability to run with only a few weeks of training."

The boys finished sixth out of nine teams, improving one spot from the standings and beating Gunnison for the second week in a row.

On the girls' side, Rose snagged the last qualifying state spot, finishing in 15th out of 64 runners and running a personal record of 21:49, her first time under 22 minutes.

"This is Sienna's first time qualifying for state," Christiansen wrote. "She joined the team late in the summer last year as a freshman and I don't believe she ever hit her potential with running last year. This year however, she came out for our summer practices and has taken 3:11 off her best time from last year. She ran 4 PR's in a row to get to this point."

Behind Rose, in 32nd overall, was Hailey Sams, who crossed the finish in 24:41.

"She ran a strong race, especially only being able to race for half the season," Christiansen wrote.

Reece Peterson, who finished 39th, ran a 25:45. Christiansen notes that it has "been an absolute pleasure watching her grow."

Jo Beaird ran a 26:30, finishing 42nd.

"Jo has improved so much from last year," the coach wrote. "She was able to find a whole new level of confidence running this season

and it led to taking off tons of time from last year. She averaged over 5 minutes off from last year! That is truly amazing!"

Abby Parker and Lucy Taylor finished 47th with a time of 27:25 and 48th with a time of 27:30, respectively.

"Abby has also grown tremendously from last year," Christiansen wrote. "Last year she was injury prone but this year she raced almost every race and took off almost 5 minutes as well! Lucy also was able to finish this race, which is something she hadn't been able to do in many weeks. It was such a great feeling watching her cross the finish line!"

Finishing 53rd was Marie Smith with a time of 29:10 — her first race since the home meet.

The girls placed fifth out of seven teams, moving up one spot from the rankings and one spot away from going to state as a team.

While the rest of the runners are officially done with the season, Bowles and Rose will head to Colorado Springs for the state competition, which will take place on Saturday at the Norris Penrose Events Center.

"It is going to be very exciting for both of them and we can't wait to see what they are capable of, come Saturday," Christiansen wrote.

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DUST2 competes at state championship

By Janine Emmets
DUST2

The DUST2 Pagosa Springs team headed to Glenwood Springs last weekend with seven athletes to compete in the state championship. The original schedule included racing on both Saturday and Sunday, but with the impending weather, the league moved all racing to Saturday.

Needless to say, it was a fully packed day, with 847 racers competing from Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and South Dakota. The race course in Glenwood is newly constructed specifically to be a race venue, so the teams enjoyed themselves on the new terrain.

The course was a 4.7-mile loop with 571 feet of climbing per lap. This was a shorter course than most, but included fun downhill bermed switchbacks and a few more technical features than usual. The Pagosa team excels at these features, so they were ready to get out there and do their best, but also just have fun.

Freshman Weston Phillips was the first racer of the day, completing two laps in 54 minutes, 47 seconds, placing him 58th out of 146. Phillips is such a strong rider and is so fun to watch. He pushes himself out on the course, but never forgets to have fun.

Next up was junior Natalie Mashue in the JV girls' category. Mashue has made such leaps and bounds this season with her technique and riding skill. She was committed to putting in the time on her bike before the season started this year and it has really shown. At the start of the race, she unfortunately got caught in a crash with another rider. She was able to get up, brush herself off and gain some places back in the pack. She finished her two laps in 1:09:08, placing 79th out of 115 riders.

Sophomore Rylie Carr and freshman Kaylee Hensle were up next. Carr had her strongest race of the season, showing her technical and handling skills on this course. She started in 32nd place and moved her way up to finish in 14th with a time of 1:00:46. Hensle left it all out on the course for her last race of the season and finished her two laps in 1:23:41. She has improved so much over the season and gives it her all every time she shows up to race.

Sophomore Braden Terry was on course next. Terry has gotten so strong this year. Every time he gets on course, he looks so comfortable and poised throughout the whole race, making it look easy and effortless. He finished his two laps in 53:38, putting him in 70th out of 151 racers.

Varsity boys Ethan Bergdolt and Bradley Lamoreaux finished out the race day. Bergdolt went out with the goal to finish in the top 30 as the varsity category is so competitive, especially when you bring the top 88 fastest boys from across the state together in one race. He had a sprint finish to beat the Fruita Monument rider ahead of him and finished in 28th place completing his three laps in a time of 1:10:53. Lamoreaux looked consistent out on the course and finished the sea-



Ethan Bergdolt makes the pass right before the finish line in a sprint finish.

Photo courtesy Jessica Carr



Natalie Mashue sprints to the finish while her teammates cheer from the sidelines.

Photo courtesy Jessica Carr

son out strong. He completed his three laps in a time of 1:15:48. The team is excited to watch him race varsity again next year after having

this year of racing under his belt.

The DUST2 coaches are so proud of all the athletes and what they accomplished this year.

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Seeds preschoolers enjoyed a day filled with fall activities at Jack-a-lope Acres on Oct. 19. The following day, they learned about pumpkins and what they are made of at the school.

Seeds' first out-of-town field trip a success

By Danyelle Leentjes
Seeds of Learning

With the help of Archuleta School District, Seeds of Learning took advantage of last week's beautiful weather to schedule its first-ever out-of-town field trip.

Families and teachers were so excited to visit Jack-a-lope Acres in Ignacio last Wednesday, where a full day filled with fall fun was had by all. Children were in awe over the huge pumpkin patch, ripe for picking. They were able to participate in activities like bouncing on a jumbo inflated jumper, diving into the deep corn pit, tractor barrel rides, petting sweet farm animals, a hayride, sliding down hills through tubes and so much more.

Why are field trips so important to preschoolers?

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Field trips are also a way for children to interact with their peers. It stimulates social interaction, encourages conversation, strengthens vocabulary skills, develops important problem solving and listening skills that they will need when enter-



ing kindergarten.

The following day, the field trip was enriched when our parent involvement co-chairs, Shaina Nicoll and Annie Gian, recruited Jessica Wyatt to create a hands-on interactive lesson on all the different varieties of pumpkins. Children were able

to feel the different textures of the inside of a pumpkin. Feeling the slippery seeds, stringy insides and wet pumpkin puree strengthened their knowledge of the fruit. (Yes, pumpkins are fruit.) This activity was the perfect way to wrap up our fun-filled fall week.



Photo courtesy Sally Riggs

This year's homecoming court stands before the crowds at Friday evening's homecoming football game. This year's court is, Lexi Campbell and Colton Lucero, freshman attendants; Brandt Winther and Jesse Beck, sophomore attendants; Kynsle Limebrook and Derek Carter, junior attendants; Ava Pargin and Jonathan Nasralla, senior attendants; Hannah Rockensock and Jacob Miller, queen and king; and Reece Peterson and Noah Slingerland, senior attendants.

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Mitzy observes a tarantula crawling up the outside of a window earlier this month. Tarantulas always migrate this time year and it is also their mating season.



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Things are getting spooky: Halloween Hootenanny planned for Saturday, Oct. 29

By Jennifer Green
Visit Pagosa Springs

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Follow up the festivities by attending "The Addams Family Musical" presented by Curtains Up Pagosa starting at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Schedule of events

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Witches on Water Paddleboarding event, noon at Pagosa Lake: Gather your coven and tell them not to forget their magical paddleboards. Meet up at the

Pagosa Lake dam off of Cloud Cap Avenue and Park Avenue. No registration is necessary. Costumes are encouraged. Come ready to have a "bewitching" time on the lake.

Live music from The Buzz and Tomorrows Bad Seeds, 3 to 7 p.m. at Yamaguchi Park: We'll be feature two funk and reggae bands this year, The Buzz and Tomorrow's Bad Seeds. The Buzz is a five-piece funk/jam/psychedelic band out of Denver and Tomorrow's Bad Seeds is the musical embodiment of surf and street culture from Los Angeles — a perfect blend of hip hop, punk, reggae, rock and soul.

Food trucks and beer garden, 3 to 7 p.m. at Yamaguchi Park: Several local food trucks will be offering their delicious food options and an assortment of beverages.

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By Susan Halkin
TARA Community Center

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Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and \$30 for a family, with children under 6 admitted free.

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For more information on the Healthy Archuleta food drive, visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/food-drive.html>.

at 4 p.m. People's Choice judging and tasting by all will begin at 4:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., the chili winners will be announced, offering first-, second- and third-place prizes.

The silent auction will begin at 4 p.m. in the lower level. Many local donors have participated in the silent auction items for the

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Curtains Up Pagosa will present four performances of “The Addams Family Musical” Oct. 27-30.

Catch ‘The Addams Family Musical’ Oct. 27-30

Curtains Up Pagosa

The Addams family is a classic crazy group of people that finds their way into the hearts of every generation. They started as just a newspaper comic strip illustrated by Charles Addams. They now have been through a TV series, two live-action movies, two cartoon movies, a Netflix series and also a musical.

This musical adaption of Charles Addams’ comic strip has a lot to relate to. Many teenagers and young adults can relate to Wednesday through her share of this coming-of-age tale. However, this show is more than just that. “The Addams Family Musical” is about diversity, accepting those that are considered “different” and finding what love means to each of us.

Gomez and Morticia have a hard lesson to learn as they watch their daughter grow up and turn into a young woman. Can they accept this? Can they deal with the fact that she is no longer a child, but instead a young woman going off into the world? This is something all parents can relate to as they watch their children turn into adults, making their own choices and having to face the world and everything it throws their way.

The Beineke family has to learn to accept this crazy family that is definitely not normal into their lives because their son is in love with Wednesday Addams. The Addamses are a strange family. They have a “zombie” butler and a crazy grandma that may not even actually be related. Uncle Fester is in love with the moon. The whole

family is just a bit more dark than a “normal family.” But the Addamses also have to welcome the Beinekes into their lives. The Beinekes are so “normal” even they are a bit crazy. But, then again, what family doesn’t have their quirks?

As you watch this show, I hope you will find these messages and see how you can relate. Take a lesson from the Addams in love, forgiveness and acceptance, and see how you can accept someone for who they are even though they may not be “normal” to you. But after all, what is normal anyway?

The CUP production of “The Addams Family” musical opens on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., with four other chances to see the show: Friday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, at 2 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. The

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Tee off at Lanes and Links for the Library Oct. 29 and 30

By Cindi Galabota

Ruby Sisson Memorial Library Foundation

Bowling in Pagosa? Miniature golfing inside the library? You bet.

Shake off your bowling shoes and golf shirts, gather your friends and family, and get ready for Lanes and Links for the Library at your Ruby Sisson Library. This weekend only, Oct. 29 and 30, your Ruby Sisson Library will be transformed into a miniature golf and bowling center.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m., we are hosting an adults-only event for ages 21-plus. Adults will be able to bowl and golf in a fun atmosphere. Beer, wine, sodas, pizza and other carnival foods will on sale at Ruby's Concession Stand. Enjoy live music with some of your favorite tunes by Jesse on guitar. Costumes are encouraged and prizes will be awarded. Tickets are \$20 per person and include one drink ticket.

On Sunday, Oct. 30, from 1 to 4 p.m., we are hosting a family-friendly community event for all ages. Participants will enjoy golfing, bowling and other carnival fun. You will be amazed and entertained with magic tricks and



Photo courtesy Ruby Sisson Library

Jan Santopietro tries to hit one in at the 2020 Lanes and Links for the Library. This year's event will take place this weekend.

Musical

continued from previous page closing performance is on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. You do not want to miss this show; tickets are selling fast, so get them now before time runs out.

Curtains Up Pagosa is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. You can support CUP by donating via check to P.O. Box 2218 Pagosa Springs, CO, or by attending any of our shows. Please check out our website, www.curtainsuppagosa.org, for more information or visit

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Pagosa Bible Church

209 Harman Park Dr. (behind Wells Fargo)



Photo courtesy Shanna Robb

More than 130 parishioners and community members attended the annual Pope St. John Paul II Feast Day Celebration at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church on Saturday, Oct. 22. The authentic Polish meal was hosted and cooked by Polish parishioners.

San Juan Stargazers' Oct. 27 meeting to feature information on Venus

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

Our monthly meeting in October will be on Thursday, Oct. 27, starting with a social time of coffee, tea and other treats at 6 p.m., and the program is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. sharp.

Our study topic will be Venus, which is called the morning or evening star, but it is actually a veiled greenhouse planet. This interesting lesson was prepared by Ann Marie and Rex Kemp, including a written section with questions and a video lecture.

2023 calendars available

We have available the 2023 Deep Space Mysteries Calendars. The photos for each month are fabulous. Seriously studying the information is like taking an introduction to astronomy class. The

calendars are \$15.

Next meeting Dec. 22

We will not be meeting in November due to Thanksgiving, but there will be a meeting on Dec. 22 that will include yummy birthday cake.

It might be a last star party of 2022 or a regular meeting. It will depend on the weather. We will be having as many star parties this winter as possible. We might be scheduling a star party for every week, knowing that clouds will cut down on the actual number of star parties that happen.

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 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.

Library

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balloon animals while waiting for your next turns. Sodas and carnival foods will be on sale at Ruby's Concession Stand. Tickets are \$10 per person and \$40 per family of four (\$5 for each additional person in your family). Free books will be given to those in family-friendly costumes.

All funds raised from Lanes and Links for the Library will go toward our Mountains of Opportunity campaign to expand and renovate your Ruby Sisson Library.

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Healing workshops offered to trauma survivors monthly

By Stefanie Little
Rise Above Violence

Since January, Rise Above Violence has been teaming up with PMAB + Movement once a month to host Healing Circles at the PMAB studio, taking place every fourth Thursday of the month from noon to 1 p.m.

The idea grew from a brainstorming session, with both organizations trying to figure out the best way to support trauma survivors in our community. It feels like there is a shift in Pagosa (and society at large) and there is a desire for alternative healing modalities, as well as a need for community belonging. Monthly Healing Circles began to take form as mini-workshops, with a different modality or practice offered each month. So far, we have offered such workshops as sound healing, reiki circles, self-massage, cognitive behavioral therapy tapping, flower essences, the art of council and aerial yoga.

These workshops are free to attend. The goal is to encourage anyone who has had trauma to try different types of movement, energy work and meditation practices (just to name a few) so that deeper healing can occur. There is no expectation of survivors who choose to attend to share, as we have created these workshops as a way to introduce new and alternative techniques for health and healing.

For this month, October's circle is happening Thursday, Oct. 27,

at noon, and Roberta Strickland will be leading a workshop with a practice in an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing patterns.

This will be our first art therapy-based workshop, and we are so excited to present this offering to survivors in our community. You can visit PMAB's website for more information: <https://www.pagosamassageandbodywork.com/workshops1.html>, as well as Rise's Facebook page.

Keep an eye out for more information about offerings for future circles; so far, for November, we have planned an upbeat drum circle (note this one will be on Nov. 17 due to Thanksgiving), and then a loving-yourself yoga/meditation class for December.

If you are a survivor in Pagosa, searching for community and alternative healing, we hope you will join us at PMAB for these amazing, transformative and healing mini-workshops. If you have any questions, feel free to call PMAB at (970) 903-9278.

The healing workshops are one way that Rise works with the community to support victims and survivors. Advocates at Rise also offer safety planning, emotional support, help victims navigate the legal system and much more. Research shows that supportive services that are trauma informed are the best way to get to those who have experienced domestic violence on the path to healing.

Every1 Knows Some1. We know that as prevalent as domestic

violence is in our nation and community, you or someone you know is likely touched by domestic violence. Rise is here to help; whether to help you learn how to support a friend, family member, co-worker or child, or to work directly with the person experiencing violence. Rise has a hotline to support both the victim and their support network. You can call (970) 264-9075 any day, at any time and talk to an advocate. Don't wait to get help.

Get involved — join us at Coffee Talk today at 9 a.m. at the Tennyson Building Event Center for our last Coffee Talk of the year. This is a great way to learn more about the issues in our community and find out how you can be part of the solution. There are many ways to help, from volunteering for events to being a hotline volunteer, being a monthly donor for as little as \$10 a month (\$10 answers one crisis call) or just by having more knowledge to share with those in your life who may need help.

Rise is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving around 400 victims each year. Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential, including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs. Visit www.riseaboveviolence.org for more information or call (970) 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today.

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Community members invited to participate in playground planning

By Cady Allione
Pagosa Peak Open School

The walking and biking path along the wetlands area in front of Walmart is going to border a new playground.

Pagosa Peak Open School is partnering with the Colorado Health Foundation to build a playscape that will be open to the public during nonschool hours. The new playground will be age and ability inclusive, highlighting the history and culture of Pagosa Springs. Using an Equity Centered Community Design (ECCD) approach, the site will be redesigned

to meet the unique needs of our community. The process requires building a diverse team of individuals to collaborate and co-create the space.

The Playground for the People initiative is actively seeking people of all ages, ethnicities and abilities to join the team. In alignment with the ECCD protocol, all team members will be compensated for their participation. More information will be shared, along with free food and live music, on Saturday, Nov. 5, from noon to 2 p.m. at Motel SOCO.

For more information and details about the project and upcoming event, email eosmera@ppos.co.

Marine Corps birthday celebration planned

By Ed Robinson
Special to The PREVIEW

Semper Fidelis, meaning “Always Faithful,” is the motto of the U.S. Marines. Pagosa Springs-area Marines and their guests will celebrate the 247th birthday of the United States Marine Corps on Thursday, Nov. 10, at Pagosa Brewing and Grill, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Festivities will be 6 to 8 p.m. Attendees will order and pay for their own dinners and drinks.

The evening will feature the traditional birthday ceremony to include recognition of the oldest and youngest Marine in attendance. Complimentary birthday cake will be served.

Other service members, especially U.S. Navy corpsmen, are welcome. Dress is casual, however, military uniforms are always welcome.

RSVP to Don MacNamee at (970) 731-0306 or Ed Robinson at (970) 731-0718. Semper Fi.

Something for everyone: Pagosa Springs Community Band concert set for Nov. 12

By Susy Mekeal
Pagosa Springs Community Band

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Pagosa Springs Community Band concert.

This concert we have several talented high school students joining the band along with adults from the area. We have had fun joining together and playing some challenging music to entertain you.

A few of the musical selections

will include a tribute to the armed forces in honor of Veterans Day, a piece based on a hymn and a Disney classic. There will be something for everyone.

Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of music. Bring your friends and neighbors, relax and enjoy the toe-tapping tunes. It will be held on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Admission is free and donations are greatly appreciated.



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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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Tickets selling fast for Tim Sullivan family scholarships concert

By Carole Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

You will not want to miss the cabaret-style benefit concert featuring country singer-songwriter Tim Sullivan and his hugely talented musical family on Saturday evening, Nov. 5, in Durango, so we suggest you buy your tickets now to be sure you are there for this very special evening.

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. The theme of the evening is Broadway in the Rockies. The concert takes place in the ballroom of the DoubleTree Hotel at 7:30 p.m.

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

KT is returning 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 where the dance floor is jammed with people doing the Texas two-step and line dances to



Photo courtesy Carole Howard

Singer-songwriter Tim Sullivan and his family will perform Saturday, Nov. 5, in a cabaret-style benefit concert in the ballroom of the DoubleTree Hotel at 7:30 p.m. in Durango, showcasing the impressive musical skills of three members of the family, plus two other special guests. Tim's sister, KT Sullivan (shown here with her brother), star of numerous Broadway productions and an internationally acclaimed singer and recording artist, will headline the event. 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.



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County Sheriff (Vote for One)

- Mike Le Roux Republican
- Monica A. Medina Unaffiliated
- Wayne Bryant Unaffiliated

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County Commissioner District 3 (Vote for One)

- Veronica Medina Republican
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Tuesday, Nov. 8th — General election

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County and Town budgets are stretched to the limit.

Our sales tax rate—which funds road repair—has not changed for 34 years. The population and tourism base have steadily increased over that time, putting more strain on roads and infrastructure. The current budget simply can't keep our roads safe and in good repair.

What will be repaired: Priority roads are Piedra Road, Hot Springs Blvd., Town-to-Lakes trails, Connector Roads, CR 700/Cat Creek Road, CR 500 & Pagosa Junction Bridge, CR 982

The first sales tax increase in 34 years. It's time to restore safety to our streets by fixing our roads and bridges— and level our tax base with those of nearby counties. La Plata County's sales tax is 8.4%. With this 1.5% adjustment, Archuleta County will be the same.

Costs for critical services have increased. The costs of road maintenance, police, workforce housing, search and rescue, parks and recreation, utilities, infrastructure and other services have increased significantly in three decades.

Who pays?

A minimum of 375,000 out-of-county people visit Archuleta County annually, according to Smart Growth America. They pay sales tax through lodging, retail, dining, bars, brewpubs, liquor stores, recreational activities and more. Visit Pagosa Springs reports restaurant sales at 70% for tourists and 30% for retail.

In general, tourists and residents will incur an extra \$1.50 for every \$100 spent on certain purchases. Low-income residents, community organizations and fuel purchases are protected.

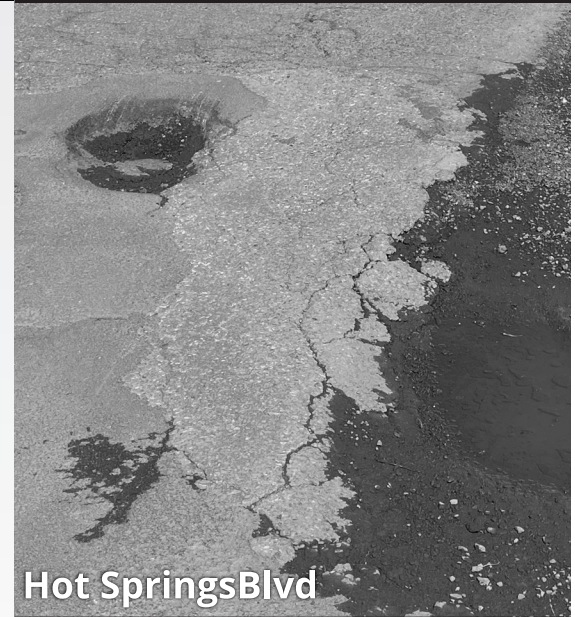
These items are NOT taxed:

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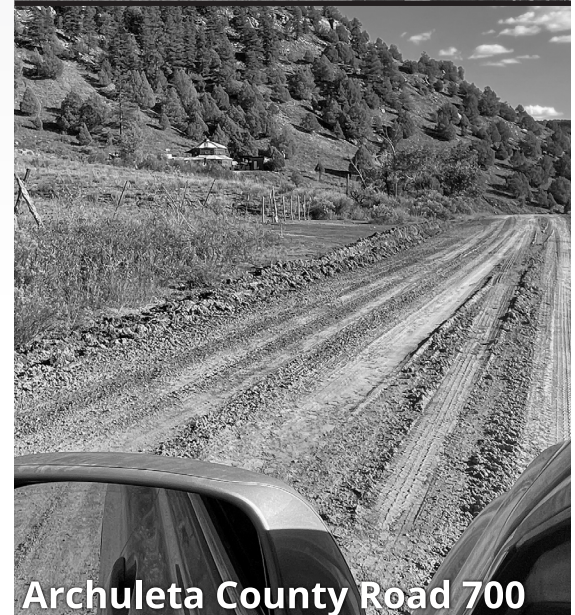
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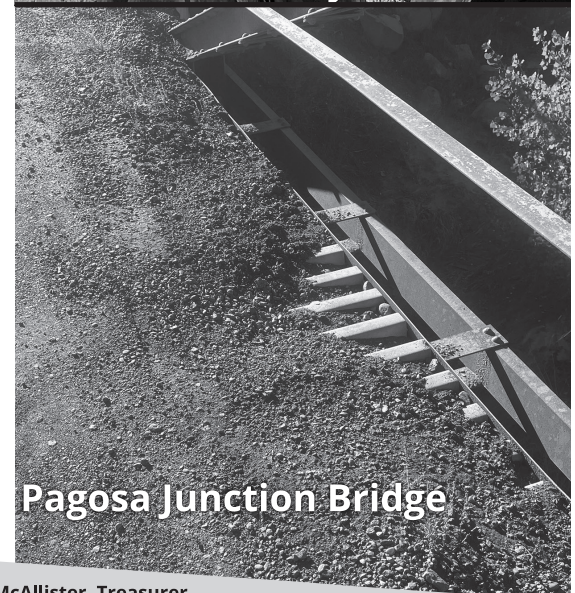
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Of 1081 registered voters surveyed, 62% would vote to approve the 1.5% sales tax measure to fix roads, fund services, and have tourists pay their fair share. –Magellan Survey 2022

DUST2 movie fundraiser slated for Nov. 16

By Annie Sewell
DUST2

Grab your family and friends and join DUST2 for the screening of Teton Gravity Research's (TGR) latest bike film, "Esperanto," at the Liberty Theatre on Nov. 16 at 5 p.m. "Esperanto" is TGR's latest action-packed mountain bike film that explores how we share our dreams through a universal two-wheeled language no matter what our native tongue may be.

"The sacred ritual of the ride might sound different all across the world — whether it's a full-face getting pulled down to drop into a big jump line or wheeling a beat-up bike out of a mud hut to pedal

to school — but it's a universal process no matter what language we speak," the film's website states.

There will be beer, concessions, sweet door prizes and good company.

Developing Urban Single Track Trail and Team (DUST2) is a trail advocacy and youth cycling team nonprofit in Pagosa Springs. We are a group of people who live and work in Pagosa Springs who are passionate about cycling, promoting active lifestyles and seeing Pagosa's youth thrive by providing opportunities to embrace an active lifestyle.

For more information, visit www.dust2.org or <https://www.facebook.com/pagosabike>.

Concert

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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.

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 ccmcanelly@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 perfor-

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3	1	6	4	5	9	2	8	7
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You can help sponsor a family in need for Christmas

Pagosa Centerpoint Church

A Pagosa Springs women's service group, Circle of Friends, is organizing an effort to help families in need for Christmas.

You can lend a hand by sponsoring a family. This entails providing each child with two gifts — a needed gift and a wanted gift (toy, etc.) as well as a gift card from City Market or Walmart so that the family can purchase items for a Christmas dinner.

These families range in size from four to 10 members and all include small children. Your sponsorship will keep the Christmas spirit alive for the small children in our community.

Each sponsor can request a specific family size and will be

provided the gender, age, sizes (shirt, shoes, pants, jacket), needs and interests of each child. Family names will be kept confidential.

All gifts are due at the Pagosa Centerpoint Church on Dec. 14 between 1 and 6 p.m. Families that have been paired with a sponsor will be notified to pick up their gifts on Dec. 15 at the same church.

Sponsors can join with neighbors or co-workers and divide one needy family between them.

Monetary donations toward gifts for a specific family are accepted if you are unable to shop. It is the goal of the organization to have all families assigned to a sponsor by Thanksgiving day at the latest.

This is a great way to bring true Christmas spirit to our com-

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mance 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 Friday, Nov. 4, from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 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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UUs to honor ancestors at Sunday service

By **Pauline Benetti**

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in-person services are usually on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m.; however, this month our second service was scheduled for the fifth Sunday in order to celebrate a special time of the year when several religious traditions come together: the pagan holiday of Samhain, which has its modern manifestation as Halloween, as well as the ancient Aztec custom of celebrating ancestors which over time combined with All Soul's Day, brought to the new world by the Spanish invaders, and evolved into the current Mexican celebration Day of the Dead.

Clearly, humankind has always had a great need to honor the dead and has chosen the end of the year—the end of the harvest—as that time.

Our service leaders this Sunday will be Michael Demchak and Julie

Loar with their focus on Samhain and dreamwork.

Samhain is a pagan holiday or "sabbat," traditionally celebrated on the evening of Oct. 31 through Nov. 1. Also known as Halloween, Samhain is a time when the annual turning of the wheel opens a portal to the world of spirits. It is a powerful time to communicate with those who are no longer in physical form, to respect our ancestors and those loved ones who have passed. Likewise, the ability to receive messages through this opening is also enhanced.

Demchak will discuss this time of year and lead us in honoring the dead. If you would like, please bring a photo or memoir of someone who you wish to honor that has passed. There will be an altar set up for these objects as well as a brief ceremony.

Loar will speak on setting the intention for dreamwork for Samhain. This might involve unfinished business or declarations of love which can yield huge dividends in

forgiveness, release and surrender, paving the way to move on.

We hope you can join us for this special time of year.

Depending on the current COVID recommendations, please be prepared to wear a well-fitting mask, if deemed necessary, while in the building. Social distancing will be encouraged and, to that end, the maximum capacity of the fellowship has been reduced to 25, a very good reason for arriving a few minutes early.

Our fellowship offers each individual support in our unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the mountains. Join us. For more information about the fellowship, please see the website, www.pagosauu.org.

New Thought topic: 'Connecting to Creator God's Power'

By **Shayla McClure**

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service at 11 a.m. will be with Shayla White Eagle McClure, "Connecting to Creator God's Power."

"Change is inevitable, but personal growth is a Choice." — Bob Proctor.

Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join SpiritHeart band. Please text Mc-

Clure at (970) 510-0309 for band information.

Nov. 6: Sunday service with Julie Loar, author and astrologer, Egyptian tours: "Dreams and Synchronicities: Guidance for our Bodies, Minds and Spirits."

Nov. 12: Dreamshop — "Dreams and Synchronicities: Guidance for our Bodies, Minds and Spirits." 1 to 4 p.m. with Loar at the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living.

Nov. 26: "Gratitude Ball" — a Thanksgiving celebration and dance fundraiser in the Pagosa Lodge ballroom. Tickets on sale for \$15.

About us

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.

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We have been moving toward a totalitarian society for years. Just look around. The record is proof. Just this year alone as reported in the local newspapers, we have seen residents that have been abused, mistreated and injured by the ACSO. They have conducted illegal break-ins and property seizures. They have violated Rights that led to the mistrial of a murder case. These actions by the current ACSO have resulted in lawsuits against the ACSO that the current undersheriff oversees. Is this the kind of law enforcement you want for our community? If so, then keep them in! I for one will not tolerate this! Neither should you!

My sworn duty will be to protect and serve our community under Constitutional Common Law as our founding father originally decreed.



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We as a community have an opportunity to take our government back. Just look around; what do you see? Our nation and county has been successfully divided and our freedoms have been eroded. I am standing up now so my grandchildren can live free and not be oppressed and forced to live under servitude. Please join with me by also standing up and saying enough is enough.

I want to reassure all of you that as your Sheriff, my sworn duty it to protect all of our rights. This **includes your religious freedoms**. Our nation was founded upon religious freedom. The first amendment of our great nation protected by the second is the foundation of our Constitution.

I want to thank the County Recorder and the election judges who showed us how the votes are tabulated. They are dedicated volunteers and did an excellent job. My concern, however; was that after the votes are tabulated, Dominion (A third party software company.) then comes in behind locked doors along with the Recorder and puts in their thumb drives and transmits through the internet? This is not open to the public? Please demand a hand count prior to this transmission to insure accuracy to eliminate any voter fraud. Thank You



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My Loyalty is with Americans and their Freedoms

My Loyalty is with God, the Constitution, and The People of this county who have had enough with corrupt law enforcement that targets individuals in the community, creating a hostile environment and community that will not thrive due to heavy misconduct. My loyalty lies with the people who watch government overreach through back-door deals, non-disclosure agreements, arbitrary interpretations of the "spirit of the law", falsifications of documents and legal proceedings that should be open to the public, misinformation about ballot issues, and other extreme misconduct that has caused working individuals and families to flee the area in search of a better community.

I stand with the people of this county who do not act unlawfully in their positions of power, whether that is for government or other organizations.

I have helped individuals stop unconstitutional land use regulations and unlawful discrimination by organizations against unvaccinated individuals. I was the only person to stand up against the Health District trying to redefine public health to include social and civic health.

For future generations, we must work together to stop Unconstitutional government overreach.

This unlawful overreach has prevented people from having open knowledge about our election process, is targeting low-income individuals and families because they can not afford a lawyer, and is using our taxpayer dollars to fund exorbitant bureaucratic growth that was voted down twice by the people I stand with.

My loyalty is with the individuals of this county, not with those abusing their power in Pagosa. This cause is about Freedom and about A Future For Our Children. They do not deserve to live without Freedom while paying to be targeted.

I do not tolerate unlawful actions, and immediately distance from people who act in this way, and have a history of doing so. I do not believe in the double standard where one group can commit misconduct and work outside the law because they are government officials or friends. This is not how to grow our community, and it has caused serious dysfunction, causing an inability to hire police officers, county employees, and workers, and it shows through arbitrary enforcement with no oversight, constant front page news about misconduct, and even the deterioration of our roads as funds were diverted to bureaucratic growth.

My solutions are simple.

I meet with the public unlike my opponent, who will not have open meetings, meet and greets, or candidate forums.

I am the official candidate voting 'No on 1A'. I do not believe the government needs more money from us, it needs to be more responsible with taxpayer dollars and learn how to search for grant funding.

I will be advocating for reforming the Land Use Regulations for short-term rentals, for new home builds, and the immediate end to arbitrary enforcement as discussed as allowable in the regulations.

I am prepared to lead us to a bright future for Archuleta Health by openly discussing the issues and providing tangible solutions.

We must restore the Rule of Law to our county, helping us retain talented workers, preventing lawsuits against the county, and building trust within the community.

I promise to do my Due Diligence before voting, I will be a full-time Commissioner.

I will not be loyal or tolerant of a government entity violating any Individual's Rights. I will always stand in loyalty with the residents of Archuleta County. Stand with Suh. Vote November 8th for Rachel Suh.

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Preview Calendar

All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, Oct. 27

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 barbecue pork sandwiches and dessert to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

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

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

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

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

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 6-7:30 p.m., Sisson Library. You'll hear from Paula Woerner, head of the Wolfwood Refuge for rescued wolves in La Plata County. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> or pick up a brochure at your library for more details on all these presentations.

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'The Addams Family.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Featuring all your favorite Addams Family characters as well as many of the Addams family ancestors. Adult tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Student tickets (18 and under) are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available online from www.curtain-suppagosa.org as well as <https://our.show/cupaddams>.

Friday, Oct. 28

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.

Pumpkin-Decorating Contest and Halloween Party. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. The winners of the

pumpkin-decorating contest will be announced at 4 p.m. The library will have a limited number of pumpkins to give out the week before the contest. Pumpkins can be carved, painted or decorated. One entry per person. Completed pumpkins can be turned in Thursday, Oct. 27, or Friday, Oct. 28, by 2 p.m. Pumpkin artists will enter their pumpkins into the appropriate age category: preschool, ages 5-7, ages 8-11, ages 12-17 or adult.

'Terror on Lewis Street.' 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School. The student council will host this Halloween event for the children of Pagosa. There will be games, prizes, trick-or-treating, a cake-walk and more. For the first time, Pagosa Springs Middle School will use the StarLab to show short full-dome movies for a small entrance fee. Parents, don't forget to bring a bit of cash if you and your families are attending. The event itself will be free, but some of the activities will cost money.

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'The Addams Family.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Featuring all your favorite Addams Family characters as well as many of the Addams family ancestors. Adult tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Student tickets (18 and under) are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available online from www.curtain-suppagosa.org as well as <https://our.show/cupaddams>.

Pagosa Springs High School Boys' Varsity Football. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield.

Saturday, Oct. 29

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

Drug Take-Back Day. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., TARA Community Center, 333 Milton Lane, Arboles. Items which cannot be accepted for take back programs: needles and sharps, mercury (thermometers), oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters, illicit drugs. See www.dea.gov for additional information.

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safe place. We know it hurts and we want to help. There is no charge.

Halloween Hootenanny. Noon, Yamaguchi Park. The Town's Park and Recreation department will host its annual trick-or-treating and kids' carnival event from noon-2 p.m. There will be a Witchy Paddleboarding event over in the Pagosa Lakes area also at noon. From 3-7 p.m., there will be live music, food trucks, a beer garden, a costume

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TARA Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction Fundraiser. 4-7:30 p.m., TARA Community Center, 333 Milton Lane, Arboles. Proceeds will equally benefit the TARA Historical Fund, the TARA Food Pantry and the TARA General Fund. Those who would like to participate in the chili cook-off should bring a slow cooker full of chili to be judged by people’s choice for first, second and third place. Silent auction winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m. and need not be present to win. Admission: adults \$10, children

6-12 \$5, family \$30, kids under 6 free. For information concerning the chili cook-off, call Pat Everett, (970) 883-7711; silent auction, contact Susan Halkin at (970) 883-0017 or halkin2000@yahoo.com.

Lanes and Links for the Library: Adults-Only Night and Costume Contest. 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. This is an adults-only night and costume contest for ages 21-plus, with tickets being \$20 per person. A cash bar and fun carnival foods including pizza will be on sale.

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Sunday, Oct. 30

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

Lanes and Links for the Library: Family Fun Day. 1-4 p.m., Sisson Library. The cost is \$10 per person

or \$40 per family of four, with \$5 per additional person in the family. Soda and carnival foods will be for sale. Join us to challenge your golfing skills on a nine-hole course throughout the library and step up your bowling game while playing in between the library’s bookshelves while raising money to make your library bigger and better.

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Monday, Oct. 31

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

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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 black-billed magpie.

These large birds are so common in our area that it is easy to overlook their beauty. Iridescent blue-green colors in the wings and tail offset their striking black and white body colors. Short wings and a long, diamond-shaped tail are adaptations from a time when they lived in wooded environments, and which make these birds agile fliers.

Accounts of these magpies following Native American hunting parties to feed on entrails left in the field and of them stealing food from the kitchen during the Lewis and Clark expeditions speak of their long association with humans. Like other members of their corvid family, they are inquisitive, intelligent birds and great mimics. Try to feed a pet outdoors and before long a group of magpies will show up to snatch a morsel and take off.

Black-billed magpies have been observed pulling the tails of many species of wild and domestic animals. Is this a distraction method used for stealing food or done just for fun? They will eat insects, seeds, carrion, eggs and sometimes steal nestlings. They do provide a service when they hop up and clean the backs of large mammals of ticks.

Magpies walk with a swagger and combine short flights with hops as they move across the ground looking for food. When perched, they can keep up a chatter of squeaks, murmurs and other peculiar sounds. Young birds stay with their family group through the fall and winter.

Black-billed magpies are one of the birds that live here year-round and will be looking for anything they can find to eat in winter.

For information on future events, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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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, Nov. 1

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.

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.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons, 8:30-10:30 a.m. 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

Online Author Talks: Lisa Napoli. 2 p.m. We will gather virtually with Lisa Napoli, acclaimed writer, journalist, broadcaster and speaker. 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. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> to learn more.

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.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 6th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Pipe and Drum Lessons. 5:15-5:45, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S.

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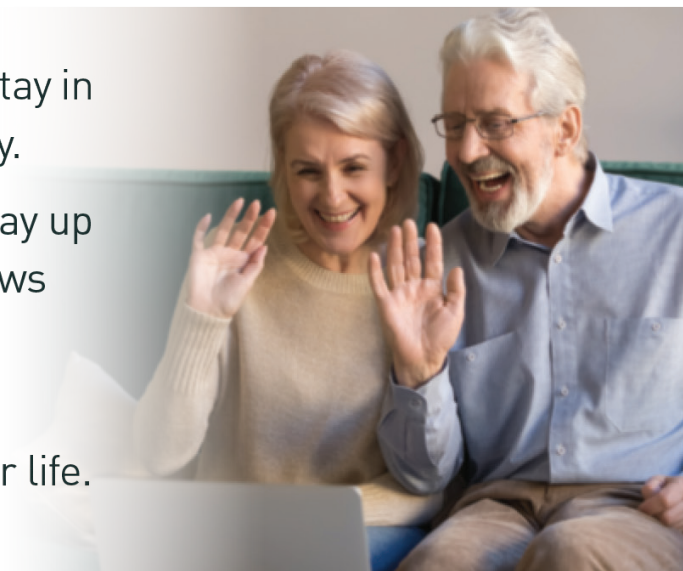
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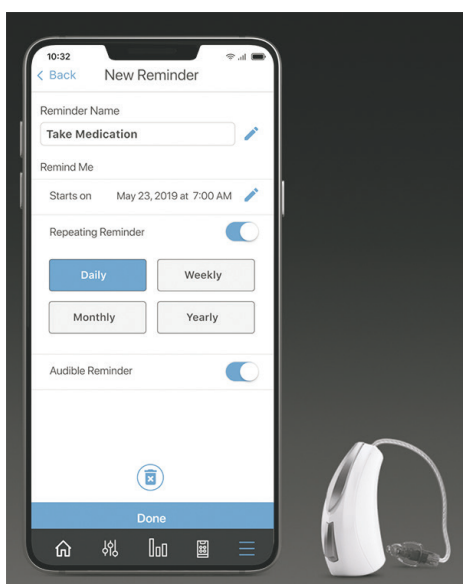
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Thursday, Nov. 3

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 chili, tortillas 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.

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Dungeons and Dragons. 4-6 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.

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Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 6-7:30 p.m., Sisson Library. You'll hear from C. Neal Johnson offering information on Business with a Mission. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> or pick up a brochure at your library for more

details on all these presentations.

San Juan Outdoor Club Meeting. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Arleen Prochazka returns this month to answer a question: How much snow are we going to get this winter? Arleen, along with her husband Shawn and Mark Langford, run the award-winning Pagosa Weather group providing weather information and the best forecasts for our area. Social time starts at 6 p.m. with light refreshments and the public is welcome. For more information, please email us at sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com.

Friday, Nov. 4

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

COVID-19 Booster Vaccine Clinic. 9 a.m.-noon, Pagosa Senior Center. Please call us at (970) 264-2167 to sign up for the booster so we know how many to plan for. The clinic will be performed by San Juan Basin Public Health

Gaming. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Makerspace. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For all ages. Come build, design and create at the library. We provide the material, you provide the vision.

Sunday, Nov. 6

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

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Can a flu shot protect your brain from dementia?

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer's Association

October is the official start of flu season and the time when many people consider getting a flu shot. In addition to protecting you from the flu, the shot may also help protect your brain.

A study released this summer found that getting an annual flu vaccination was associated with a 40 percent decrease in the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease over the next four years. The same researchers, who are from The University of Texas' McGovern Medical School, conducted an earlier study presented at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference that found that a single flu vaccination could reduce the risk of Alzheimer's by 17 percent, and additional vaccinations in a lifetime reduced it even more.

"Our study suggests that regular use of a very accessible and relatively cheap intervention — the flu shot — may significantly reduce risk of Alzheimer's dementia," said Dr. Albert Amran, who was involved in the research at The University of Texas.

The newer study included more than 2 million people over age 65. Previous studies were smaller and often focused on people with chronic health conditions. By including a more general group of older adults, the new study's results add weight to the idea that a flu shot could reduce Alzheimer's risk.

Your memory and infections: know your risk

Prior studies have found that infections, including the flu, pneumonia, urinary tract infections, gum disease and COVID-19, are associated with the onset and worsening of memory and thinking problems.

It's not surprising, then, that researchers have also found an association between vaccinations and a decreased risk of dementia.

A study at Duke University's Social Science Research Institute found that getting a vaccination against pneumonia between the ages of 65 and 75 reduced Alzheimer's risk by up to 40 percent. Similar results have been found in recent studies of people who received tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap), hepatitis or shingles vaccinations.

Doris Saintil Phildor, MPH, the New York Health Systems director at the Alzheimer's Association, said, "These findings are important because anything we can do to decrease the number of people with Alzheimer's has vast benefits. Preventing or delaying the progression of Alzheimer's lowers the burden on family caregivers, and on our states' health systems."

To learn more about risk factors for Alzheimer's and ways to reduce your risk, visit the Alzheimer's Association website (www.alz.org) or call the Association's free 24/7 helpline at (800) 272-3900.

The Weekly Crossword

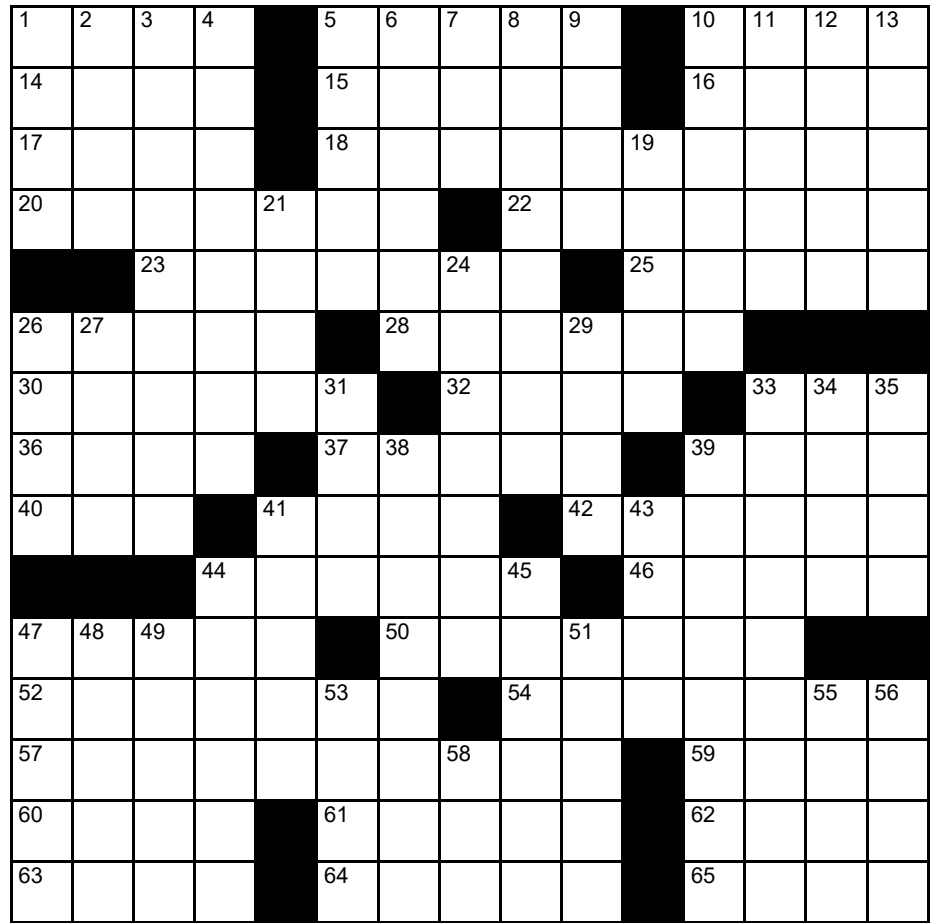
by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 War ender
- 5 On high
- 10 Window part
- 14 Repeat performance?
- 15 Actress Dern
- 16 Worthy of an "Aww!"
- 17 "Bonanza" brother
- 18 They may be romantic
- 20 Just got (by)
- 22 Hatfields and McCoys, e.g.
- 23 Vanishing place
- 25 Whac-____ (arcade game)
- 26 Farm sound
- 28 A bit nervous
- 30 Windpipe, e.g.
- 32 Wine's partner
- 33 Domino dot
- 36 Smell badly
- 37 Speak one's mind
- 39 Nudge
- 40 Faulty firecracker
- 41 Gumbo veggie
- 42 Fleeced
- 44 Does housework
- 46 False moniker
- 47 Tiniest bit
- 50 Scathing
- 52 Most destitute
- 54 Rainy-day fund
- 57 Unbeatable
- 59 It may be bright
- 60 Some jeans
- 61 Bitter-tasting
- 62 Checked item
- 63 Stringed instrument of old
- 64 Butchers' offerings
- 65 Folklore monster

DOWN

- 1 Carrots' partner
- 2 Electrical letters



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- 3 Like some fishing trips
- 4 Battle axe
- 5 1979 sci-fi classic
- 6 "Ed Wood" Oscar winner
- 7 ____ and about
- 8 Total control
- 9 Alpine lake
- 10 Like a filthy tub
- 11 Part of a TV feed
- 12 Type of drum
- 13 "Steppenwolf" author
- 19 Tenant's contract
- 21 Hummus holder
- 24 The Hoosier State
- 26 Poet of yore
- 27 In ____ of (replacing)
- 29 From the top
- 31 Garment part
- 33 Bomb squad member
- 34 Swedish furniture giant
- 35 Enclosures
- 38 Law firm
- 39 Office-holder
- 41 Ancient
- 43 Quaker ____
- 44 Shade of red
- 45 Like a solarium
- 47 Kitchen mishap
- 48 Beehive product
- 49 Lunar vehicle
- 51 Sows a field
- 53 Con game
- 55 Spur or helical
- 56 Boarding place
- 58 Car protector

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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A. 26 18 12
Clue: Adult male human being

B. 16 25 18 19 11 16
Clue: Well-being

C. 18 5 18 3 25 12 25 15 15
Clue: Cogizance

D. 15 10 24 24 2 3 11
Clue: Assistance

Answers: A. man B. health C. awareness D. support

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Halloween fun plus golf and bowling at your library this weekend

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We hope you're participating in our pumpkin-decorating contest and attending our Halloween party tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. Completed pumpkins must be turned in today, Thursday, Oct. 27, or tomorrow by 2 p.m. Winners will be announced at the party at 4 p.m. in five age categories: preschool, ages 5-7, ages 8-11, ages 12-17 and adult.

And there will be more fun this weekend as your library will be closed and transformed into a miniature golf and bowling center for two fun fundraising events to benefit our expansion campaign. Saturday, Oct. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. is the adults-only night and costume contest for ages 21-plus from 5 to 7 p.m. with tickets \$20 per person. A cash bar and fun carnival foods including pizza will be on sale. Sunday, Oct. 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. is Family Fun Day for all ages. The cost is \$10 per person or \$40 per family of four, with \$5 per additional person in the family. Sodas and carnival foods will be for sale.

Join us to challenge your golfing skills on a nine-hole course throughout the library and step up your bowling game while playing in between the library's book shelves while raising money to make your library bigger and better.

Flu season protocols

The curbside service that we began in COVID times continues — and it's a healthful option as we head into the cold and flu season. If you're feeling sick, you're probably eager for DVDs while you heal and books to keep you company. To save your energy and lessen germ exposure to other patrons, we recommend you use our curbside service — or add a name to your account authorizing that person to pick up items for you while you recuperate. Library hours:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Saturdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

Lifelong Learning series continues this evening

The third talk in the all-new

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free Lifelong Learning lecture series takes place today, Thursday, Oct. 27, when we showcase Paula Woerner, head of the Wolfwood Refuge for rescued wolves in La Plata County.

This lecture series runs for six weeks, 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. No registration is required.

Our next speakers will be C. Neal Johnson offering information on Business with a Mission on Nov. 3; April Holthaus and Dan Senjem on the Archuleta County Genealogical Society on Nov. 10; and Mott Hoover from the Colorado Avalanche Center on Nov. 17.

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

Online author talks continue

There are three 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 Wednesday, Nov. 2, we'll gather virtually at 2 p.m. with Lisa Napoli, acclaimed writer, journalist, broadcaster and speaker. Nov. 10 at noon features Bonnie Garmus, bestselling author of "Lessons in Chemistry," which one reviewer called "a polished, funny, thought-provoking story wearing its research lightly but confidently." On Nov. 15 at 2 p.m., we'll interact with Kwarme Christian, bestselling author and founder of the American Negotiation Institute.

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

Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the sixth-12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Dungeons and Dragons online

Next Thursday, Nov. 3, from 4-6 p.m., join our virtual Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens

and young adults on Discord. Registration is required. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to join.

PALS/GED adult education

Mark is available for his free PALS sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. No registration is required.

Homework help

Free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are available for students in kindergarten through fourth grade on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is a registration packet for parents and guardians to fill out to enroll

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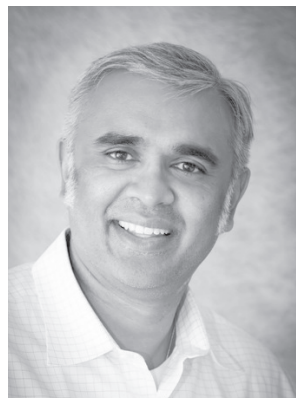
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Tech Time

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 was posted Oct. 24 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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DVDs

"Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris" tells of a London house cleaner who goes to Paris to buy a Dior gown. "America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston" is a two-disc PBS documentary. "Where the Crawdads

Sing" follows the life of the "marsh girl" in this movie based on the bestselling novel. "Elvis" starring Austin Butler as Elvis and Tom Hanks as Colonel Parker explores the life and music of Elvis Presley. "Outlander" is season six.

Books on CD

"Fairy Tale" by Stephen King features a 17-year-old who inherits the keys to a parallel world. "Oath of Loyalty" by Vince Flynn is a Mitch Rapp thriller. "Desperation in Death" by J.D. Robb is an Eve Dallas thriller.

Local history

"The Exciting Tales of Growing Up in Early Pagosa Springs, Colorado" by Lorna Rae Hazelwood tells of the adventures of three brothers living on their family's ranch in the 1920s and 1930s.

Other nonfiction

"Confidence Man" by New York Times reporter Maggie Haberman chronicles the life and impact of Donald Trump. "A New Era for Wolves and People" edited by Marco Musiani, Luigi Boitani and Paul C. Paquet is an analysis of the crucial relationship between human policy and the management of wolf populations in Europe and North America. "Hearing Loss for Dummies" is an AARP guide to hearing and living better. "Cooking From the Spirit" by Tabitha Brown explores easy plant-based recipes. "Crisis of Command" by Stuart Scheller explores the current lack of trust and confidence in generals and politicians. "Dinner with Ruth" by NPR legal affairs correspondent Nina Totenberg is a memoir about her career and long-time friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. "Tesla: Wizard at War" by Marc J. Seifer is a comprehensive view of Tesla's discoveries which have such influence over military technology and diplomatic strategies. "Dying of Politeness" by Geena Davis is a memoir from this two-time Academy Award winner.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Not in Time" features an art historian tracing the path of a drawing stolen by the Nazis. "The Club" by Ellery Lloyd is set in a glamorous private celebrity members club off the English coast.

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Quotable quote

"Life is constantly giving us gifts. They may be gifts that we don't think we want. Who wants cancer? Who wants COVID? Well, it turns out I did. Because dealing with your mortality, it makes things [like my wife] more precious." — Jeff Bridges, American actor, winner of an Academy Award and two Golden Globes.

Website

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Why not to vote for Independents Wayne Bryant for Sheriff or Rachel Suh for County Commissioner.

By: Satire

They are constitutionalist and thus:

1. They believe in the Bill of Rights and they will protect people's rights.

People shouldn't have such rights. We need candidates who will take away certain rights

Like the right to have freedom of speech. This right only causes division and hurts other's feelings if other views disagree with yours. Don't we have a right not to have our feelings hurt?

We should violently take down people who disagree with us, and these two will just keep allowing our feelings to be hurt.

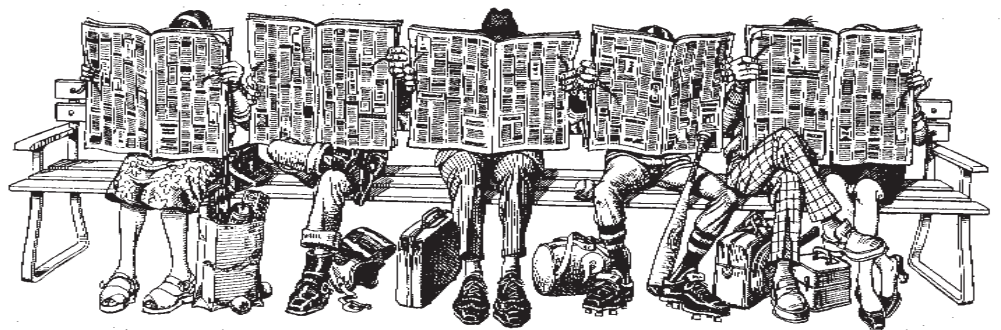
2. Not to mention the freedom of religion. These backward Christians need to be in the closet. Their views only show how mentally ill they are and we should be protected from them, not allowing them to freely exercise their religion. People should have the right to kill their babies if they don't want them.
3. Now let's talk about our form of Government. Since government is the highest authority, (not God) we should be able to do what we want. Not be held down with an antiquated piece of paper that was written over 200 years ago. This piece of paper should be used as toilet paper and Wayne Bryant and Rachel Suh will take their Oaths of office to support and defend the Constitution. They will actually take it seriously. Really!?

You've got to be kidding me!

People need to be ruled over, not allowed to be free. And a vote for Wayne Bryant and Rachel Suh will guarantee that the FEMA camps (reeducation camps), that are coming, will **not** come here and some Archuleta citizens will **not** have to go into them like they should be.

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Tips for a safer home

By **Rose Chavez**
PREVIEW Columnist

Whether you are an older adult aging in place or a family member caring for your elderly parent(s) in your home, it's best to make any needed modifications throughout the house to senior proof (aka elder proof) the home so that it's as safe as possible.

Senior proofing a home requires making changes to make the home safer and fall proof the home. It may require changes such as home modifications, rearranging furniture, installing adaptive equipment and possibly using monitoring devices.

Most everyone wants to stay in the comfort of their own homes as they grow older and, for many, it's a good idea, but only if the house is safe for the elderly people living in it.

The nine main topics to cover in senior proofing your home are:

- Fall proofing.
- Decluttering the living spaces.
- Assistive devices as needed.
- Techniques to compensate for memory problems.
- Fire-safety issues.
- Home security.
- Modifications to the home.
- Methods and tools to make daily tasks as easy and safe as possible.

By planning for these issues, you will help to ensure not only a safe environment for your aging parents, but you will also be making your life a bit easier as well. In this article, I will be focusing on the safety measures to make the home safer for your elderly parents, but the information applies to any senior citizen and caregivers of older adults.

Tips on fall proofing your home

Reducing fall risks is one of the most important steps toward senior proofing a home. Fall proofing a home is different for every individual because every person has a different set of disabilities.

It should be no surprise that falls are the leading cause of death, injury and hospitalization for seniors. There are multiple factors that contribute to falls in the elderly population. These include, but are not limited to, things such as:

- The amount and type of medications someone is on.
- Whether or not they have suffered a disease such as a stroke or Parkinson's.
- Their visual abilities.
- Their cognitive abilities.

The important things that you do to help to fall proof your home will depend on these issues I mentioned above and more. In other words, senior proofing/fall proof-

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ing a home environment really is a very unique project for every single person.

But, having said all that, there are three basic issues that should be addressed in all cases:

- Making changes to the environment either through home modification (i.e. converting a step-in shower into a walk-in shower).
- Adding adaptive equipment where needed using products like stair treads, decluttering living areas, etc.
- Installing safety equipment such as motion sensors or light sensor night lights and using more sensible accessories such as shoes, anti slip mats, stair treads, grab bars, etc.

Be aware of the medications your senior loved one is taking and the effects of those medications.

A visit to your local hardware store may be all that you need to get the necessary items to make your home a safer place.

Helping your parents to accept changes

When it comes to senior proofing a home, this most important task most often falls on the adult children of the aging parent. That can be a real challenge sometimes simply because it means that things have to change. And, for seniors (as well as many others), change is not very easy to do.

The most difficult aspect of change is the loss of control. That's not just for anyone who is aging; that's true for most everyone. But for the elderly, it's much more acute. After all, they are probably already losing some independence, whether it's physical or cognitive, and acknowledging the loss of even more in their lives can be very difficult.

For this reason, it's very important to include your parents in the process as much as possible. This way, all of you are working together toward the best solutions to help keep them in the home.

It's been my experience that this normally takes multiple conversations over many months, or longer. I recommend starting as soon as possible — don't wait until the time when you have to make a decision. Make very small decisions, small changes, and go from there.

Mather Institute virtual programming

Our virtual programs through

the Mather Institute are designed to support your wellness journey, with opportunities to learn something new, connect and explore. We're offering a new cycle of programs this month.

Interested in art? Try one of these programs: In "Women History Forgot," we'll learn how the lives, emotions and art of women throughout history connect to our own, and talk about how their influence lasts to this day. Check out "Inquiry-Based Museum Experience" to explore creative topics including the connections between Civil War-era story quilts and current artists like Bisa Butler, whose quilts were shown at the Art Institute of Chicago in 2021.

You can sign up for any single session, or for a full four-part series — it's up to you. We're offering multiple times and dates for each program, so you can select what's convenient for you. And we have a new registration process. Please browse <https://www.mather.com/> programs and click on any program to see options.

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COVID-19 booster vaccine clinic Nov. 4

Please join us for a drop-in clinic performed by San Juan Basin Public Health on Friday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 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 for on the day of the event.

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.

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.

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.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us Thursday at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center. This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years. No experience is necessary so come willing to learn.

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.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. board vacancies

The Archuleta Seniors Inc. (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. 27 — Crispy baked catfish with tartar sauce, sweet potatoes, garden salad, milk and strawberry-rhubarb cobbler.

Friday, Oct. 28 — Pasta primavera with Alfredo sauce, focaccia bread, garden salad, fruit, milk and carrot cake.

Monday, Oct. 31 — Chicken tacos, pinto beans, sweet corn, milk, salad, fruit and Halloween candy.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 — Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and onions, salad and fruit.

Wednesday, Nov. 2 — Pork tenderloin with orange sauce, brown rice, stuffed mushroom, salad and fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 3 — Grilled cheese with tomato soup, chef salad and fruit.

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Two brothers and the ex factor

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

Two brothers. Woe to anyone who comes between them.

A phone call can change everything and brings reality into the bigger picture. We waited for the call. We were told a day or two. We had time to ponder on the life of David Warren Slade, what we knew and didn't know.

Al's brother's son called and said the family planned to have a small memorial for David. They would make a toast. Prepare to say a few words.

I told my Sweet Al, "Be ready to say something about your brother. Tell me what you'll say. I don't want you to be caught off guard."

"He was a wise man," Al began. "Are you kidding me, Al? He wasn't wise. Smart in business, but not wise. Start over again and let's get real."

He thought for a few minutes. "I guess I'd say, 'He was a good brother to me. He was very generous to everyone. He had a problem with the women. He couldn't leave the pretty little things alone and they couldn't leave him alone.'"

How real do we become when a family member departs? I guess it's all about how we coped or didn't cope with someone during their time on earth. Each one will have their story. I have mine. I used humor to cope with David.

It's true, David was very, very generous with his brother. He loved Al, but couldn't understand how Al could be satisfied with his life. But, they were bound to each as brothers. No one dared to come between them.

Al and David came from a broken home. What doesn't get healed gets repeated. Al turned to God for healing. David ran from his pain.

David protected Al from a mean dad. David beat up the bullies who picked on Al. Al picked up the pieces left in the messes David made. At 87 years old, David was still Al's hero. Al looked up to David like an 8-year-old looking up in awe at a 16-year-old brother.

David didn't honor our marriage. I believe it was because he didn't know what it took to work at a good marriage. Al and I were all about building a family, loving Jesus and valuing the things of God. David couldn't honor his own family. I don't think he had it in him. Many times, he commented to Al, "I admire you for going to church, being a good father and a good man, but I can't live that way."

So how did I fit in? I didn't. I learned to stay out of David's way. There was always a lot of drama with all of his exes, always about money, size, pretty people and pretty things. All things money could buy.

When I came into the family over 62 years ago, the first thing he tried to

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



do was put me on a diet. I was 18, a size 12 and 120 pounds. He couldn't forgive my size. I wasn't a size 2. For most of our married life, he was after Al to put me on a diet.

David was very controlling. Al couldn't say no, but I could. I made it very clear I didn't marry his brother; I married Al. My Sweet Al was caught between two people he loved. Al loved me the way I was and I loved Al for his pure heart.

At 70, David still vowed never to date a woman over 50. I asked him once, "What do you suppose they should do with us women over 50? Like a horse with a broken leg, take them out and shoot them?"

He agreed. He never changed his thinking.

If you remember, I used to write about David in my articles. At 80, he was still going to the clubs, playing the Casanova and the girls were still ogling him. I wrote about him dating the 22-year-old with 2-year-old twins.

When her twins tore up his television schedule, he didn't keep her around.

Other women David brought to Pagosa confessed they weren't that kind; they weren't gold-diggers, they really loved him. They tried to break him like a wild stallion. I'd tell them, "Good luck. I don't think you can. This one will never be tamed."

The last time I saw David, on his 87th birthday, he had lost all his charisma and good looks. He was a shell of a man. I looked at him and said, "Well, I can't believe we're alive. The two of us are still in the same family after all these years. We didn't shoot each other. I sure wanted to at times. I'm sure you wanted to do the same. The one thing we had in common is that we both loved Al."

He just chuckled. There was nothing to say. The last days of our lives have become very real.

I received an email from one of my readers who asked, "Will David ever find love?" I told her I didn't think he would. He was always looking for love in the wrong places. His nonsense gave me a lot of material for many more articles to write for my readers. I used his search for love for all it was worth.

He used to send me pictures of his latest conquests. I had several of my men readers say, "I'd like to be like David." They envied his Midas touch, owning his own plane. He'd been a millionaire many times over. He was successful, with business smarts, good-looking and all the women wanted him. When he walked into a room, the world was

at his feet.

I remember hearing an interview with Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman's wife. They asked her how it was to be married to such a gorgeous man as Paul Newman? She said, "It's hell to be married to a handsome man. All the women wanted him. And they thought they should all have him."

Ask his four ex-wives; I bet it wasn't easy to keep David happy and close to home. While he was clubbing, my Sweet Al sat next to me and we watched Hallmark movies together. I always knew where Al was. On his mind were sweet, beautiful thoughts about Jesus, his hunting dog, family and a bigger-than-12 me.

Final brushstroke: A few days before the call, Al made a couple of trips to Albuquerque. His brother cried and asked Al to pray for him. Our daughter said her dad's prayer was so sweet, she cried. When she told me, I cried, too. David had been humbled before the Lord. Not by women, but by the love of God.

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New Mexico court upholds public access

By Reed D. Benson
PREVIEW Columnist

Every state in the West has some type of law declaring that its waters belong to the public. But what this means is disputed, and several state supreme courts have had to decide cases that pit streamside landowners against paddlers and anglers.

Recreational users have won most of these cases in the Rocky Mountain states, as courts have decided that public ownership of water gives the public a right to access the state's waters.

Colorado was the first to put such language in its constitution and several others followed suit, including Wyoming, New Mexico and Montana. Other states, including Utah, have such language in statutes.

But the beds and banks of many western streams belong to the owners of adjoining lands unless the land along a stream is government-owned. That leads many landowners to see a stream as part of their property, while paddlers and anglers view it as a public resource.

Recently, the New Mexico Supreme Court further defined access, ruling that the public has the right to stand on privately owned streambeds to boat through or fish — a loss to landowners who want to exclude the public.

New Mexico decided the first case about recreational use of water that flows through private land in 1945, when its supreme court ruled that the public has a constitutional right to float on waters that are owned by the public. Dissenting judges complained about destroying property rights, but the precedent was set.

Other state courts have reached similar decisions about their state's public ownership laws. First, Wyoming, then Idaho, Utah and Montana all found that the public has a right to float the state's waters because the public owns them. But specifics vary, especially about public rights to touch privately owned streambeds. For example, there is a right to wade in Montana,

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but not Wyoming.

Only Colorado rejected public access, as a divided court in 1979 saw public ownership of water as less meaningful than ancient property rules favoring landowners. Because Colorado has no public right to touch private streambeds, an angler is suing to have the upper Arkansas River declared "navigable" — meaning the state would own its beds and banks.

This issue flared up in New Mexico when the State Game Commission under then-Gov. Susana Martinez (R) adopted a rule allowing a landowner to close off waters flowing through their property if the commission approved the landowner's petition.

The rule was always legally dubious, but it took New Mexico's recent Supreme Court decision to overturn it. The court ruled unanimously that the right of public access includes walking and wading on privately owned streambeds as "reasonably necessary" for fishing and other recreational uses.

Not surprisingly, New Mexico's recreation community loved the recent decision, while landowners did not. Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) seemed relieved that the issue was decided, though not necessarily thrilled with the outcome.

Her spokesperson told the Albuquerque Journal that the ruling "provides needed clarity on the issues of stream access." The governor had not advocated for public access, and was widely seen as having axed two game commissioners for their pro-access positions.

State elected officials and agencies have rarely led the charge for public access in the Rocky Mountain states. Except for the early New Mexico case, all lawsuits have been

brought by recreational users, not state agencies. Sadly, elected officials are often reluctant to support access despite the popularity of outdoor recreation, perhaps because of the influence of wealthy streamside landowners.

That leaves the courts to play a crucial role, although they do not always get the last word. In Utah, the legislature soon curtailed the public rights recognized by its supreme court in 2008.

Disagreements continue about what waters are, and should be, open to the public. But except in Colorado, the Rocky Mountain courts have not allowed landowners to exclude recreational users, largely because the law declares that water belongs to the public.

The recent New Mexico decision is the latest to affirm that public ownership means public access.

Reed Benson is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writer-sontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the west. He is a longtime kayaker and a law professor at the University of New Mexico, focusing on water law and policy. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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Coloradans invited to participate in state's 150th anniversary commemorative license plate design contest

Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles

The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) visited Shelton Elementary School on Oct. 19 in Golden to help a class of third-graders with their Historic Colorado Contest license plate designs.

The Historic Colorado Contest gives residents and students a shot at designing Colorado's 150th anniversary license plate, plus \$1,000. The contest is accepting submissions until Wednesday, Nov. 30, and has two divisions — 13 and older, and under 13.

"When Shelton Elementary asked if we could speak with their students about the Historic Colorado Contest, we were more than happy to help," DMV Communications Manager Derek Kuhn said. "We're always looking for ways to engage Coloradans, and this was a fun and unique way to do just that."

After introductions, DMV staff members provided feedback and suggestions to the children, who are finalizing their license plate designs.

"The students did a fantastic job," said DMV Vehicle Services Inventory Manager Chris Hochmuth, whose team oversees license plates. "The creativity and passion for our great state was inspiring — the students were just so enthusiastic about Colorado."

Shelton Elementary School Principal Tracy Krug said she was happy the DMV was able to help

her students understand the finer points of license plate design.

"Our students have been working very hard on their designs and to have DMV staff here giving feedback was phenomenal," Krug said. "The contest is a fun and unique way to teach Colorado history and art and I hope other school's can follow our example in making history engaging with the DMV."

Not to be left out, the DMV is sharing the tips it gave to Shelton Elementary third-graders when designing an entry:

- Use contrasting colors — this will help the design stand out.
- Do not be afraid to use white space — this can help graphics pop.
- Keep text short and sweet.
- Read all of the instructions to ensure your design is within the guidelines.
- Remember, each Colorado resident or student can submit three entries.

About the Historic Colorado Contest

Up to 10 finalists per division will be selected by a committee with a final, public vote on the top three designs. The winners will get huge bragging rights, the DMV will feature the artists in all media releases and the winners will each receive a special commemorative license plate and a \$1,000 grant.

Entries will be judged on how

well the artwork captures Colorado and its history, the artistic quality and its originality, and how well that design translates into becoming a Colorado license plate.

The Historic Colorado Contest is free to enter and must enter the participant's original artwork. Coloradans interested in participating in the Historic Colorado contest can visit DMV.Colorado.gov/HistoricColorado for complete information, terms and conditions, and templates for drafting submissions.

The DMV will accept a variety of file formats such as EPS, SVG, AI, PDF and high resolution TIFF and JPEG (3.375 in x 2.125 in at 600 dpi) for entries, and asks that submissions not have any watermarks. Coloradans should email their designs and entry form to dor_HistoricColorado@state.co.us.

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A little distracted

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Tanya came up to talk to me after class.

“Professor Howard, I don’t know what it was with your teaching today,” she said, “but you didn’t seem very consistent.”

I wondered if something I had said might have sounded like a contradiction. I couldn’t think what it could be, so I asked, “In what thing was I not consistent?”

“It wasn’t a thing, but just the way you taught today,” Tanya replied. “Everything seemed like a hodgepodge. One minute I would understand you, then the next, I wouldn’t. Then I would again, then I wouldn’t. It was like that through the entire hour.”

I had seen Tanya staring off into space now and then during class, and I had wondered if there was a problem. But we were almost to the end of the semester, and I couldn’t think how I might have taught differently that day than I had any other day. And I had seen no reaction from the other students indicating they weren’t getting it.

Still, Tanya was one of my best students, and if she wasn’t connecting with what I was teaching, I wanted to figure out why. We talked further, but she couldn’t describe more about the problem with my teaching than she already had. I invited her to come to my office so I could try to go over what she hadn’t understood, but she wasn’t inclined to do that.

“I’ll just try to read through the material and figure it out,” she said.

We had a weekend coming up, and homework was due on Saturday. Monday morning I checked how Tanya had done on it. Though she had attempted it, her score was close to zero. I realized she must not have gotten it figured out. We only had class on Tuesday and Thursday, so I made a mental note to talk to her after class the next day.

As I taught, I watched Tanya. The same thing happened that had happened the Thursday before. I could see her gazing off and knew I was losing her. I called on her once during one of those times, and she said, “Were you talking to me?”

I didn’t do that again because I didn’t want to embarrass her, but no matter what I did, I could see she wasn’t always with me. When I talked to her after class, she shrugged.

“You are still doing the same thing as last time,” she replied. “I understand you, and then I don’t.”

But she couldn’t tell me any more about what I had done.

I once more invited her to come in for extra help, but she again de-

clined, saying she would read the material.

I spent a lot of time through the next couple of days trying to figure out how I could do a better job of getting the material across. I even had activities to engage the students more, but I could still see it wasn’t helping Tanya. We met again after class, and she reiterated that my teaching was understandable, then it wasn’t.

“Tanya,” I said, “you are a good student. I want you to understand the material. I really think you should come in for some extra help.”

But we were almost to the end of the semester, and I couldn’t think how I might have taught differently that day than I had any other day.

“But if I don’t understand you in class, why would I understand you in your office?”

“I don’t know,” I replied. “But maybe one-on-one, I could try some different approaches.”

“That might be good,” she replied. “When should we meet?”

“The sooner the better,” I replied. “I would suggest tomorrow, so you will be able to do the homework for Saturday.”

“Oh, that won’t work,” Tanya said. “I learned last week that my boyfriend is going to ask me to marry him tomorrow, and there is no way I could concentrate on anything else.”

Suddenly, her own words must have hit home to her. She looked sheepishly at me. “Do you think the problem might be with me and not your teaching?”

I smiled. “It does sound like you have a lot on your mind. Next week might be better.”

She smiled and nodded. “See you then.”

As she hurried on her way, I thought, “Mystery solved.”

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How to prepare children to welcome a new pet

Special to The PREVIEW

Excitement is the order of the day when welcoming a new pet into a home. Families often go to great lengths when picking a new pet for their household, spending significant time studying specific breeds and preparing their homes for the new addition. Despite that preparation, no one truly knows how a family dynamic will shift until the pet comes home.

Adults who have had pets in the past may know what to expect when welcoming a new pet to the family, but kids with no such experience may need a little coaching. The following are some ways parents can prepare youngsters to welcome a new pet into their homes.

- Emphasize respect for the animal. The Animal Humane Society (AHS) urges parents to teach children how to touch animals with respect. Many children naturally love animals, and that enthusi-

asm may compel them to be a little overexcited in their initial interactions with their new pet. In such instances, pets may feel threatened, even by small children, which could lead them to bark, growl or lunge at youngsters. So, it’s important for parents to teach children how to approach and touch their new pets prior to bringing the animal into the home.

- Explain body language to kids. The American Kennel Clubs notes that deciphering a dog’s body language is an important part of communicating with the animal, as dogs utilize posture, facial expression and other physical cues to communicate with their human companions. Parents can speak with the adoption agency and/or their veterinarians about body language specific to certain animals and what each gesture may signify. Explain these gestures to children so they can learn when to leave a pet alone or when to engage with it.

- Encourage kids to afford animals a period to adjust. Kids may not be the only ones who don’t know what to expect when welcoming a new pet into their homes. The pets themselves may be a little nervous. Explain to children that the animal’s initial days in the home should be seen as an adjustment period and not necessarily a time to engage in lots of play with the animal. For example, when welcoming a new cat or kitten into a home, the AHS urges parents to limit children’s interactions to gentle petting when the cat approaches. This initial adjustment period is not the time to pick up the cat or encroach on it physically. This time should be free of sudden movements and loud noises as the pet adjusts to its new surroundings.

The day a new pet first comes home is a momentous one for families. Parents can help that transition go smoothly by preparing young children for the newest member of the family.

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GARAGE/MOVING SALE. Saturday, October 29, 9a.m.-4p.m. Some tools, table saw, lawn mower, snow blower, household goods, deep freezer, many miscellaneous items. 1351 CR 988, Arboles, 4 miles west of Arboles store.

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

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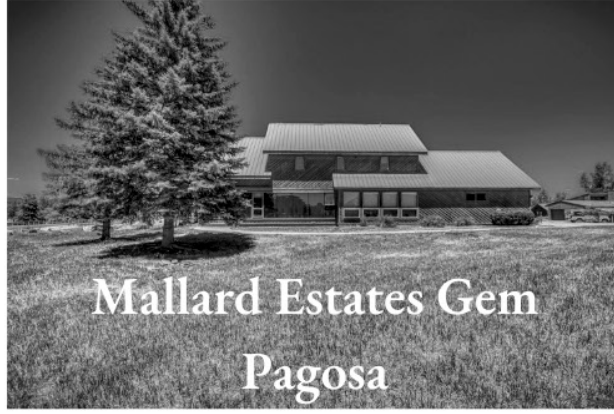
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