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Halloween Hootenanny

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Families take part in trick-or-treating fun during the Halloween Hootenanny festivities on Oct. 29 at Yamaguchi Park. The day included several events at different locations, trick-or-treating, live music, fireworks and more.

Wolf Creek Ski Area to kick off season Friday

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Wolf Creek Ski Area is slated to open for the season on Friday, Nov. 4.

According to its website, "The snow storm of October 26th and 27th dropped an additional 8 inches to last Sunday's 6 inches of wet snow. This gives Wolf Creek a natural settled base of 10 inches at midway."

The ski area will be open Friday through Sunday with the Nova and Lynx beginner lifts open and the beginner trails Fox, Nova and

Susan's available for skiers and boarders, the website notes.

The lifts will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., as well as the ski school and some amenities.

"Until Wolf Creek receives enough natural snowfall to open the upper mountain, the tentative schedule is Friday thru Sundays until Friday, November 18th when the ski area will open through Thanksgiving weekend. As usual, with more snow and winter conditions, more terrain and lifts will open - all detailed information

■ See Ski A8

Ballots due Tuesday, 7 p.m.

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta is encouraging voters to drop off their voted ballots to a drop box or Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) — and no longer return them via mail — to ensure the ballots are received by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 8.

Unofficial election results for contested local races and Ballot Issue 1A will be posted on Pago-

saSUN.com when available, with more results and election info included in the Nov. 10 issue of The SUN.

Ballots must be returned no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Post marks do not count.

As of late Monday, Archuleta reported, 2,300 ballots had been returned.

The county has three VSPCs for next week's general election, as well

■ See Ballots A8

County moving ahead with more than \$1.4 million in additional road projects

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

In an Oct. 25 interview, County Manager Derek Woodman detailed the timelines for the outstanding paving projects in the county, including County Road (CR) 982, Cascade Avenue and North Pagosa Boulevard.

Woodman explained that he hoped that the CR 982 project would be done in three weeks.

He commented that the project would involve only grinding the existing asphalt and paving, with no preparatory work being required, and that the longer timeline is due to the substantial length of the section to be paved.

Woodman indicated that he expects the Cascade Avenue project will be completed within two weeks, with the contractor pre-

■ See Roads A8

Public health board hears dissolution update

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the Oct. 27 San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health meeting, board member and La Plata County Commissioner Marsha Porter-Norton provided an update on La Plata County's progress toward the potential dissolution of the health district.

Porter-Norton began by commending the professionalism of the SJBPH board and staff in the potential transition.

She also explained that La Plata

County staff are working on drafting an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Archuleta County for the dissolution of the district, which she stated she expects to be voted on within the next two to three weeks.

Porter-Norton commented that La Plata County wants to have the votes by both boards of county commissioners to adopt the IGA occur on the same day, which will require arrangement since the counties do not typically hold

■ See Dissolution A8

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EDITORIAL

Ballots due back Tuesday: Make your vote count

Tuesday, Nov. 8, is Election Day. Ballots have been mailed to registered voters and those voters have some very important decisions to make.

Your voice, with many others, in unison, will affect the direction of this community when you return your ballot.

There is much truth in a quote from George Jean Nathan that said, "Bad officials are elected by good citizens who don't vote."

No matter how you feel about a candidate, if you want your vote to matter, you actually have to cast your vote.

The ballot includes a number of federal, state and county offices; 11 state ballot measures; one county ballot measure; and one special district ballot measure for voters within the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District.

County offices

Two candidates will appear on the ballot for county commissioner for District 3: Veronica Medina (Republican) and Rachel Suh (unaffiliated).

Three candidates will appear on the ballot for sheriff: Mike Le Roux (Republican), Monica A. Medina (unaffiliated) and Wayne Bryant (unaffiliated).

The following candidates are running unopposed: Kristy Archuleta (Republican) for clerk and recorder, Elsa P. White (Republican) for treasurer, Johanna Tully-Elliott (Republican) for assessor, Ron Sutcliffe (unaffiliated) for surveyor, and Brandon L. Bishop (Republican) for coroner.

Judges

There will also be a series of eight yes or no questions asking if the following Colorado Court of Appeals judges shall be retained in office: Jaclyn Casey Brown, Terry Fox, Christina Finzel Gomez, Matthew D. Grove, Sueanna P. Johnson, Lino S. Lipinsky de Orlov, Neeti V. Pawar and David H. Yun.

Another question asks if District Court Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson shall be retained in office.

A separate question asks if Archuleta County Court Judge Justin P. Fay shall be retained in office.

County ballot measure

Archuleta County voters will also be asked about a local sales tax increase.

Ballot Issue 1A asks voters if Archuleta County taxes should be increased \$6.525 million (in the first year) annually beginning Jan. 1, 2023, by increasing the sales tax rate by 1.5 percent. Proceeds of the increased rate would be divided evenly between Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs.

The ballot measure indicates both Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs would use the increased revenue to improve the safety of roads, bridges and infrastructure in the county; construct and maintain needed capital projects and improvements; and cover the growing costs of providing existing and new services to their respective citizens.

Special district measure

Voters who live within the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District are also being asked to vote on Ballot Issue 7A, which asks for the district to be authorized to continue to collect, without expiration, the additional 5.95 mills that were approved by voters in 2013 and are scheduled to sunset at the end of 2024. It also asks to not be limited by Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (the Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights) or any other law.

Voting is an important right in our society. By voting, you are making your voice heard and registering your opinion on how you think the government should operate. Enough voices in unison can elect someone to office, reaffirm or even change the course of our government.

Did you forget to register to vote? Not a problem. You can still register to vote up to and including the day of the election.

If simply doing your civic duty isn't enough to get you to the polls, to encourage you to return your ballot we offer the following reasons to vote from The Partnership for Safety and Justice:

- "Voting is a way to speak your mind and let your voice be heard.
- "Your vote is your voice. When we vote, we are actually telling elected officials and lawmakers how we feel about education, public safety, social security, health care, and other important issues.
- "One voice, one vote really does

count.

• "Remember: there is power in numbers, and when we vote and get our family members to vote, we can truly make a difference. If you don't vote for what you believe in, others will — and you may not like the outcome.

• "Our children are depending on us to represent their voices too.

• "Because our children can't vote, we have to do it for them. That's how we make our concerns about schools, safety, housing and other issues heard. When we vote, we are looking out for our kids, and their futures.

• "Voting changes communities.

• "Vote to effect change.

• "It was through elections that we voted in officials who were champions for civil rights. Voting is our chance to make a difference in our own lives and within the world.

• "Believe it or not, voting is a way of honoring our history.

• "As long as our country has existed, there have been people who didn't want us to vote. There were several freedom fighters that stood up for the right to vote. Well, those times may seem ancient, but there are still people today who don't want us to vote. It's now our turn to stand up and vote to preserve the honor of those who went before us.

• "Last but not least, because it gives you credibility.

"Often times, we voice our concerns to elected officials, but if we aren't voting, our concerns may not matter at all to them. Voting can actually give you the credibility to make your concerns a top priority for legislators."

Remember that the president, county commissioners, state officials, legislators and members of Congress you vote for will make decisions on policies that affect our future, including how much to invest in services and how to fairly share the tax burden.

If you don't vote, you have no grounds to complain when something doesn't go your way.

Voting is taking responsibility. Don't let someone else decide what is best for you. Don't elect someone you didn't vote for.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 3, 1922

Eugene Hatcher is the latest Pagosaite to join the radio fans, having received a machine this week.

J.H. Walker and son John came up from Arboles with a truck load of honey for local consumers.

The Odd Fellows held their first session in their new lodge rooms last Friday night by giving the initiatory degree to ten prospective members. The following night the hall was formally dedicated with a box supper and program, participated in by the members, their families and friends. The Pagosa lodge, No. 122, has the distinction of having attained the highest percentage of increase in membership of any lodge in Colorado during the fiscal year ending June 30 last, and will endeavor to equal their record during the current year.

The Sun has been busily engaged this week in printing the official and sample ballots for use in the eleven precincts of Archuleta county at the general election next Tuesday.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 7, 1947

Prospects for the first jury trial with women sitting on the jury were discussed this week.

With trial of three men on morals charge set for Dec. 15, County Clerk Philip Johnson and Sheriff Norman Ottaway produced the prospective jury list. It includes the names of numerous Archuleta County women.

Attorney John Galbreath, associated with county affairs for many years in both official capacities and in his profession as an attorney, said it would be the first jury in the history of the county on which women served.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox and sons, Alva Lee and Gary Dean, spent Monday of last week in Durango.

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50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 2, 1972

The big deal in these parts this week is the weather. Weather we have had, and weather we will have. A storm moved into the area over the weekend and unloaded, taking most of the week to do so. Snowfall on Wolf Creek Pass totaled 26 inches through Tuesday. Indications were that it might continue longer. Stuck vehicles, clanking chains, and spinning wheels have been the signs of the times this week.

Wolf Creek Ski Area is scheduled to open Friday of this week. Snow depth is reported at 43 inches midway on the hill with some very deep snow on top. The snow is described as light, fluffy, and very slick. The area will operate seven days a week this season and several improvements have been made to provide better skiing for those who ski at Wolf Creek.

Don't forget to go to the polls and vote next Tuesday. It is a privilege that many people do not have in other countries.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 6, 1997

Voters narrowly favored one annexation proposal and decisively opposed a second when they voted Tuesday on whether to annex portions of two subdivisions located immediately northwest of town. Voters in specified parts of the Piedra Estates subdivision not already included in Pagosa Springs approved the annexation proposal by a vote of 39 to 35. The areas in Piedra Estates covered in the election included Lots 1 through 83 and Tracts A, B, C, D, E, F and H, and portions of Tracts G and I that are not currently part of the town.

Voters in two units of the Pagosa Hills subdivision (one unit is part of the town) decided annexation was not their cup of tea. They did so by a vote of 34 to 18.

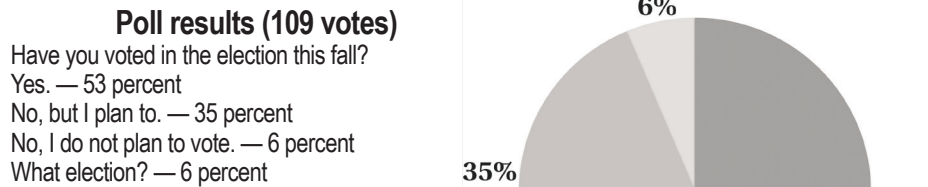
The areas in Pagosa Hills included Lots 108, 17-27 and 57-87 in Unit 3 and Lots 1-36 in Unit 4.

The results of the vote go now to the 6th District Court, which ordered the election after it received citizen petitions asking for voters to consider the annexation proposals.

Once the results are accepted by the court, the annexation request from the Piedra Estate property owners goes to the town trustees to await the board's action.

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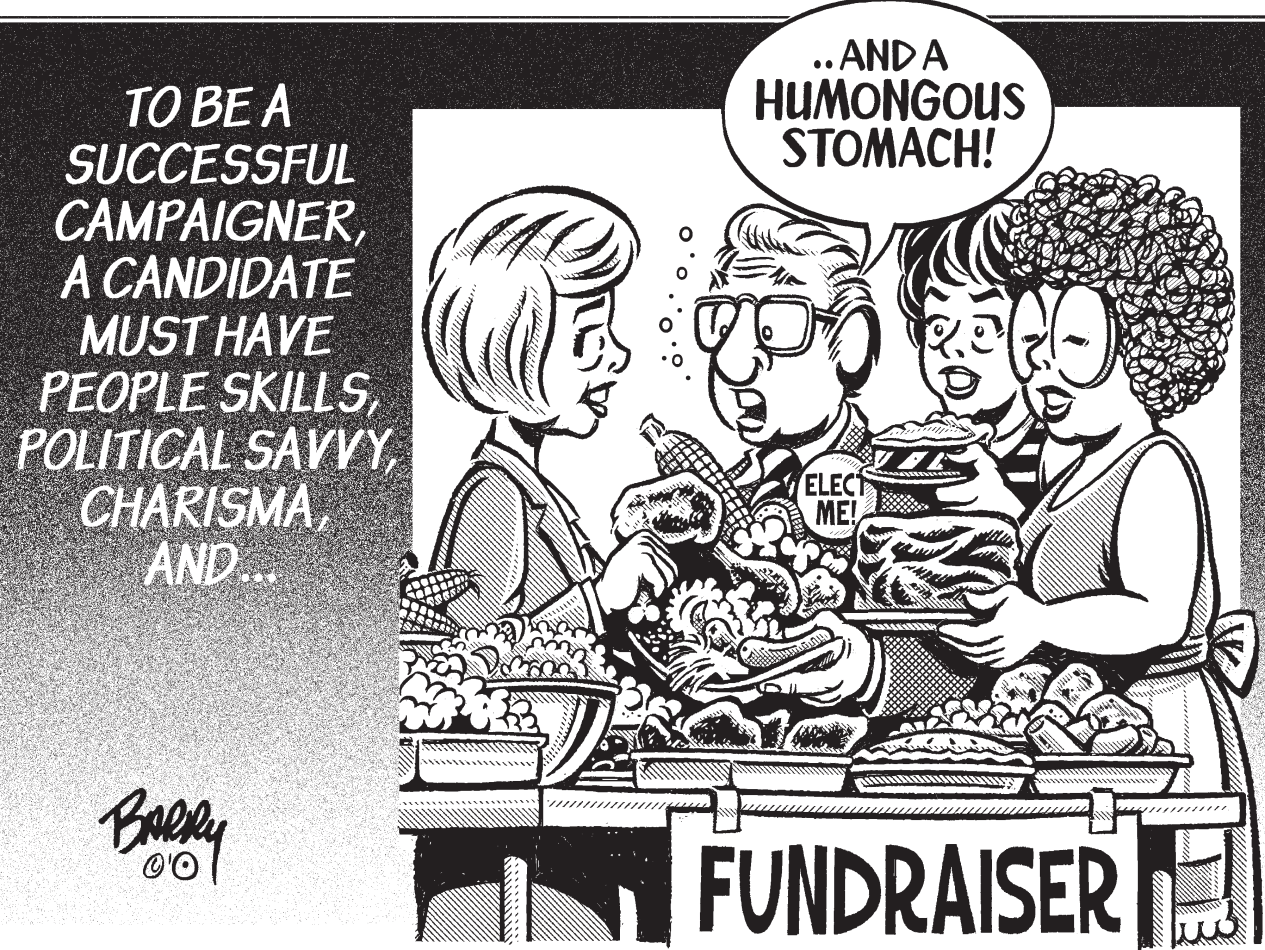
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Letters quoting other people must contain proper attribution.

There is no guarantee letters will be published.

The SUN generally does not edit letters, but reserves the right to do so.

No on 1A

Dear Editor:

Tax payers in Archuleta County must vote no on ballot issue 1A because:

It is insensitive to ask for a 37.5% increase in sales tax when the head of a household in our county sees a loss of over \$4,000 per year in buying power due to inflation.

It exhibits a lack of sensitivity to ask for an increase of \$6.5M in sales tax revenue when a home owner in our county saw a 11% increase in property taxes last year with little hope of lower property taxes in the near future. Thus, a lowered buying power.

How can we, the tax payer, be assured that a precedent of "back filling" will not compromise promised benefits to the Road and Bridge funds.

In addition, mill levies allocated to various funds from property tax revenue can be changed year to year without voter approval thus enabling "back filling" mentioned above.

Also, it has been reported that the allocation of funds within 1A's sales tax revenue often quoted by proponents of 1A (such as the "50%" of funds dedicated to Road and Bridge) are not cast in stone and can be changed without voter approval.

In the last reported 4 years, without 1A funds, the county government has seen a \$800,000 yearly increase in sales tax revenue and a \$400,000 yearly increase in property tax revenue with more to come. Thus, increasing their buying power.

Summarizing, the county government has seen an ever-increasing revenue that tends to maintain their buying power. In fact, if 1A passes, the county government's increase in buying power will essentially mitigate effects of inflation the first year.

However, the county's electorate, the tax payer, has seen and will see a substantial reduction in buying power due to inflation, existing and proposed taxes. This is unfair.

If 1A passes it could foster possible changes in fund allocations without voter approval while exhibiting a lack of sensitivity and fairness to Archuleta voters, the tax payers.

John Bozcek

'Deteriorating state of our nation'

Dear Editor:

I have written many times about the deteriorating state of our nation and our world. I have done my best to speak truth to power. If you will indulge me one more time, I'd like to address the underlying causes of the malaise in which our 21st century American culture finds itself. In the end, it is a deeply spiritual problem.

Our American Bolchevks have done their best to divide our nation using wealth, religion, sexual identity, capitalism, and race all the while claiming that it is traditional Americans who have caused these divisions by "forcing" undemocratic traditional values on them. This is true despite the nearly 200 years of our nation's life together with a common understanding of what is right, and wrong. Now the claim is this that we are a nation of oppressed people versus the oppressors. The oppressors are white people, wealthy people who are stubbornly binary in their views on human sexuality, stubbornly selfish people who think that when government spends too much money (much of it borrowed) it is bad for the economy and the nation. They are stubbornly insistent that parents really have the primary responsibility to educate their own children, and who's Constitutional rights include freedom of speech, freedom to exercise their own religion, and yes, the freedom to self-defense guaranteed by the Second Amendment. Such people are now described as "semi-fascist" or "fascist", "Domestic Extremists or Terrorists", and even "Enemies of the State."

Fundamental to all of this is a misunderstanding that human rights are granted or taken away by the government. Therefore, the side with the most votes "wins" and elects or appoints leaders who can reverse the rights the government deems "dangerous" or "undemocratic" or "unAmerican". Those of us who are traditionalist Americans understand the world very differently. As it is indicated in both our Declaration of Independence and

in our Constitution, our founders understood that such rights originated with our Creator, not the government. As such, the government has no right to usurp what God has given His creatures. In attempting to do so, such officials have made themselves out to be what the Oath of every government leader from the President to the local Sheriff understands to be "Domestic Enemies" of the nation against which they are sworn to protect us and our rights.

Instead, the left and their mainstream media propaganda machine pursues an agenda that is anti-human (abortion on demand), sexual identity based on current feelings, and entire ethnic groups of people considered as both oppressors or the "enemy". The leftist agenda is also anti-God. It seeks to deny what our Creator has given His creatures and substitutes edicts from the government. It is also anti-social in that what you earn is no longer your own, but it to be redistributed as the government see as more "equitable", or "just", or in keeping with goals of "diversity" and "inclusion".

Ultimately, the American Bolchevks consider themselves wiser than our Creator and most certainly smarter than the rest of us.

Richard A. Bolland

Violence

Dear Editor:

The Republicans have said they want to destroy Social Security, Medicare, the ACA and even the VA Health Care system. They said they want to cut taxes on the rich but raise them on the poor. Believe them. Their financial backers want to pay little or no taxes and are on a march to create an authoritarian government in the US. They are promoting violence, hate and distrust of our election process. After the violent assault on Nancy Pelosi's husband it is clear that she has more grace and class in her little finger than all elected Republicans. They are using violence to obtain their objectives. They want to return us to the 1950s on social issues. They lie every time they open their mouth and live in an alternate reality. Their media does nothing but promote disinforma-

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NOTICE

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR ARCHULETA COUNTY EMPLOYEES ABOUT A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

What: A federal class action lawsuit has been filed against Archuleta County alleging that the County Commissioners improperly deprived certain employees of a \$2,000 county wide bonus issued on or about September 07, 2021 by unlawfully excluding employees who took leave during the pandemic.

On Friday November 11, 2022 lawyers representing Lacy Brown and County employees are holding an informational meeting to answer questions about the class action portion of the lawsuit. This meeting is for County employees who did not receive the bonus because they took time off to care for a family member, to watch a child whose school had been closed, or because they had COVID or COVID symptoms.

When: November 11, 2022 from 11 am to 2 pm

Where: Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Conference Room, 811 San Juan, Pagosa Springs, CO

Who: Anyone employed at Archuleta County from March 16, 2020 until at least September 7, 2021 who took leave during the pandemic and did not receive the \$2,000 bonus.

ATTENDING THIS MEETING IS A PROTECTED ACTIVITY

Archuleta County, through its Commissioners and supervisors, cannot retaliate against employees for participating in this lawsuit or for efforts to learn more about their rights to make a claim. If the County retaliates against you for attending this meeting or participating in this lawsuit you may have a new claim for retaliation. 29 U.S.C. §§215(a)(3), 2615(a)(1) and C.R.S. § 24-34-402.

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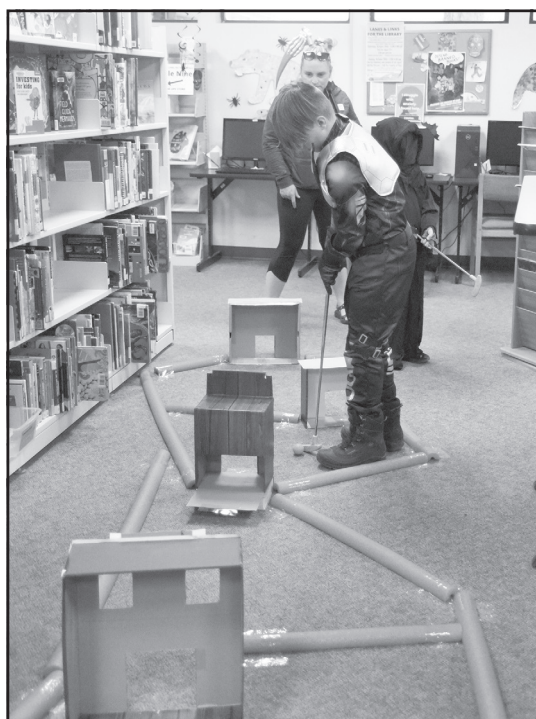
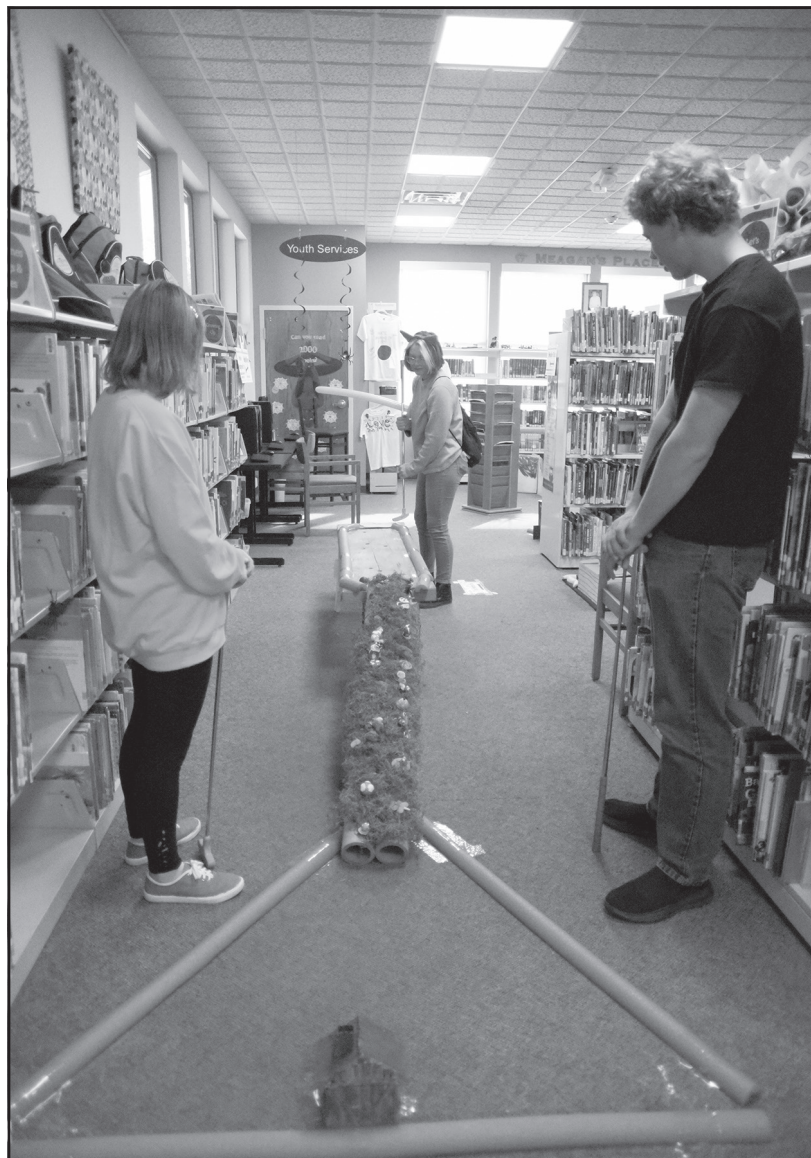
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 tion and projection. Everything they accuse Democrats of doing, they are doing.

Do you want grifters, con men and conspiracy theorists who will do nothing to address the real issues facing the country being in control? Can you imagine this group of anti-science nut jobs even admitting there is a climate disaster coming our way. Do you want to return to the violence, chaos and looting of our Treasury? If not and you want a government that promotes sanity, civility and forward looking policies, vote Democratic.
 Dave Butcher

Reservoir

Dear Editor:
 PAWS – save water
 Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, please do a cost comparison to determine which would cost less providing, for free, replacement water faucets for those leaking, low flow shower

heads, aerators for all sinks to everyone who needs them in our county. Determine how much water would be saved. Include the cost of a marketing/advertising campaign to educate users of water on how to conserve the water they are already using. Compare this to the new, never seems to go away, cost of the new Dry Gulch reservoir. We need to learn to do more with what we already have instead of always taking more from the natural world. Our planet and our lives depend on it.
 Beverly Compton

Inflation: 'Think for yourself'

Dear Editor:
 Seems strange that we, who are thinking adults, believe that current Inflation issues are caused by an administration in office less than two years.
 Those of us who have dealt with economic matters all of our lives

have insight into the current trend.

I admit that I have an advantage. I've been a United States District Court, that is "Federal" Bankruptcy Court attorney since 1983...39 years. Almost four decades. Also, a U.S. Court Mediator regarding financial matters especially, mortgages since 2007.

Global Trauma: I reviewed the current world situation. Economic upheaval results from international activities that give rise to incredible uncertainty.

- Major impact: Russian invasion of Ukraine. Interruptions and increases in costs of goods-food and agricultural products. Magnificent rise in oil and gas profits to companies and countries, such as Saudi Arabia.

- Sweden approves \$6.4 Billion injection. Aggressive rate hike. Russian oil reduction and increased cost. Inflation 9.8%.

- India's flooding costs millions. Central Bank of India (Apex bank) increasing rates to curb inflation.

Population: 25% of entire world's human inhabitants.

- Avian flu infecting wild birds. "Food" birds-chicken substantially infected. Prices jump.

- Xi Jinping's control over China invites potential seizure of Taiwan. Financial slowdown hampers action. Steel, iron ore, copper, imports, construction, and property sales steep decline.

- European Central Bank rate hike. UK 11% inflation. Price of gas and food-Russian war in Ukraine. Expulsion of Liz Truss as Prime Minister.

- Germany sporting highest inflation in 25 years. Euros drop causing further inflation due to imports. Increasing aid to its biggest gas supplier. (Russian invasion of Ukraine is source)

- Bank of Canada changing strategy. Slowed pace of interest rate increases. Largest trade partner U.S. 9th largest economy, just ahead of South Korea.

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• Saudi Arabia pressures OPEC to decrease oil production. Increased prices. Supports Russia

• Jared Kushner* attends (Saudi Arabian fostered) Future Investment Initiative (FII) in Saudi capital, Riyadh on October 25, 2022.

*Founder of Private Equity Fund (U.S. Global Investment) "Affinity Partners" backed by Saudi Arabia.

*Kushner's firm received \$2 billion investment from fund of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman six months after leaving the White House.

*Economic conference dubbed "Davos in the Desert". Two from the previous Trump administration: Kushner and former Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin attend and speak at conference.

• In Italy, Pfizer accused of hiding \$1.2 Billion profit. Italian prime minister, friend of Putin.

• Portugal plans windfall tax on energy and retail sectors who have received extraordinary profits.

• Nigeria's Central Bank commencing inflation reducing action December 15, 2022. (Africa's largest economy)

• One of North America's largest energy producers (Talen Energy Supply) files Bankruptcy. Provides contract - \$3 Billion debt reduction.

• France, Macron unveils new energy pricing structure October 28. Ukraine war taking its toll. Inflation slowing from all-time high. Pandemic strained public finances.

So much more. Not mentioned: Israel, Venezuela, Chile, Brazil, Japan, Korea, Argentina, and obesity rate, to name a few.

The purpose of this review is to urge you to think for yourself.

Constance d'Angelis

Time to vote

Dear Editor:

There are many opinions today that make clarity of thought difficult for mature people and almost impossible for school age individuals. Nobody will openly state that their goal is to destroy this country politically. However, such evidence appears real. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness should be rights for everyone, but some apparently want to take those away.

In the past 2 years, the deconstruction efforts of the founding principles for this country are blatant. Efforts to breakdown ideals for the good of life itself has raged for millennium. Recently, elite, self-important politicians, lobbyists, and ideologues in this country have multiplied the pace of this breakdown.

Abortion, for example, kills someone. The argument that aborting a living person may save the life of the woman could be valid. But by doing so, the innocent person is killed. To assume the woman has more value than the child is unfounded. The child remains innocent. The woman is complicit. Seemingly, women today are getting pregnant for the opportunity to sacrifice their children. If you haven't seen the video of the women twerking in front of an abortion clinic chanting for more murder, look it up. The word "sacrifice" here is used specifically. The conscience of mankind is rapidly running off the rails.

The Second Amendment is also under attack. Tribal warfare consists of one side wanting to take power from their opponent. In Canada, Trudeau just crippled the legality of handgun ownership. In our country, some want to take the freedom from the people and usurp power for themselves. Corrupt government officials cannot tolerate fast moving projectiles thrown towards them. Trudeau is scared. Many in our government are probably scared too. Bad policies reveal modern day tribal warfare. Our Constitution is the prize.

In 1963, 45 goals of Communism were read into the Congressional Record. Research this. It will shock you. There is not one of those goals that has not been either fully implemented or soon will be. What happens when this list is fully implemented? Quite simply, the America we once thought of as a free and sovereign nation will be part of the collective communist world. Those who are useful idiots, possibly unknowingly, will be the ones that will cry the loudest at their slaughter.

More issues being attacked: fossil fuels, religions, Christianity, gender sanity, basic biology, individual thoughts, tangible money (instead of digital), racial equality, Creation, biblical truths, weather, and any other topic that was once solidly planted are being uprooted. Are we so confused that will we collectively let this mob take over America? Klaus Schwab would like

nothing more. After all, he wrote The Great Reset.

Which ideology do you support? One that is constitutionally supportive, or one that is constitutionally destructive? Whose side are you on? Do you support life or death? Capitalism or communism? Our freedom is at stake. Either vote for the constitution and freedom or communism and tyranny. Your vote will reveal which side you follow.

E. Fisk

Abortion

Dear Editor:

It is long past time that Pro-Choice advocates are called by the names they truly are. They are pro-death and pro-murder of unborn babies. Ever since abortion was legalized, women and girls have been using it as birth control. They not being taught to abstain from sex or use other preventive methods that are cheaper and safer than abortion. Instead, many of our schools are teaching sex education and transgendering to our youngest children, without the consent of the child's parents. It makes me sick everytime I hear someone refer to abortion as women's healthcare. Planned Parenthood is making billions, and our tax dollars are going to fund them and their mission. The only Choice they want anyone to make is Death and Murder of their unborn baby.

Why are the Democrats making abortion the main platform on which they are running? Abortion does not directly touch most of our nation's population. However, everyone is affected by the terrible crime in our streets, inflation, the shortage and cost of food, housing, and gasoline. Too, millions of illegal immigrants are coming across our borders, bringing drugs and killing our young people. I know it won't happen, but Biden and the Democrats should be working to solve the myriad of problems that are impacting our families and children instead of whining about the abortion issue and taking away our personal freedoms.

Beverly Haynes

Firearms training

Dear Editor:

I was recently asked why I am a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA). I answered, "To keep track of the enemy." This was a quick retort to a reasonable question, but is partially true.

The NRA, states its belief that "[E]very law-abiding citizen is entitled to the ownership and legal use of firearms. . ." Maybe they could add "after training."

There are 22 states that either ban or have limitations for hunting with AR-15's. AR-15 ammunition is not suitable for hunting larger game and too many wounded animals have been found.

Recently, a Sun reader suggested that before a firearm could be purchased that the buyer should be required to take a course to learn to safely use and store a firearm and, as I recall, a younger buyer, 25 and under, should have appropriate training and be accompanied by an adult.

Training can be found online

but there is no substitute for "hands on" experience and the safety rules that are taught. Courses are offered here in Archuleta County for a handgun permit. You do not have to want the permit to take those courses.

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William L. "Bill" Hubbard

'Think, then vote'

Dear Editor:

I just voted. This year's ballot is long, two full pages. In future, it would be even longer if Proposition GG passes, but that is another issue. With all the ballot initiatives and all the candidates, I appreciated being able to sit at my kitchen table on a blustery day and fill out my ballot. After reading through the "blue book", listening to debates and researching candidates and issues, I wanted to make sure I voted as I had decided. I had time to review the choices, review my votes, make sure I had filled everything out correctly. I had an errand in town, so dropped my ballot off yesterday. Today I received an email notifying me that my ballot has already been counted.

I trust this system. Voters have more time to vote, and more choices in the way we vote. Elections are secure and accessible.

Our local Republican party would have it otherwise. On their website, they shout: "DEMAND ELECTION INTEGRITY. Require Photo ID; Get rid of any machines involved in the process, including tabulators. End mass mail-in voting. Voters must request a mail-in or an absentee ballot."

This is interesting, given that all of our current County Commissioners and most of our elected officials (including Sheriff, Treasurer, Assessor, and the County Clerk responsible for overseeing elections) are Republicans, who were all elected under the secure mail-in voting system we have. All but one of the incumbents, as well as one new candidate for County Commissioner and one for Sheriff, are Republicans who apparently want to restrict voting and make it more difficult for eligible voters to cast a ballot.

I saw a t-shirt last month that said, "Vote your hopes, not your fears." Read carefully and listen to what candidates for local, state and federal office say. Do they incite fear under the banner of "freedom"? Do they outline policies or only invoke hatred of their opponent? Do they demonstrate a willingness to work with fellow legislators, or do they demonize everyone who is not in their "camp"? Do they want us, all of us, to be able to vote, or would they rather make it more difficult to vote?

Think, then vote.

Lisa Jensen

'Debt transference program'

Dear Editor:

Now Joe Biden is encouraging College debtors to apply for the forgiveness program. It is called

student loan forgiveness but it should be titled the debt transference program. The reason he wants you to go ahead and apply is to get your vote (something for nothing). He is selling false hope because there are too many sane people against it. I would venture to say that after the election you will not hear anything about debt forgiveness but if he got your vote it's to late. This is nothing but a vote buying scam and there will be no delivery of the goods.

John Meyer

'The big lie'

Dear Editor:

I am going to be 80 next month, so have voted in over 30 elections since turning 21. I was raised in a Republican home and wore "I Like Ike" buttons in my youth. However, my first Presidential election was 1964, when Barry Goldwater ran against President Johnson. After much thought, I found I could not support the reactionary ideas of Senator Goldwater. So, I voted Democrat and rarely looked back.

Reflecting on those 30 elections, never in my wildest imagination could I have predicted the toxic political atmosphere of 2022. In particular, never could I imagine an armed mob attacking the seat of our nation trying to overturn an election, encouraged and enraged by a losing President. Never could I imagine a President who challenged the peaceful transfer of power, which is a sacred convention of American history. Never could I imagine an America where nearly half of our citizens think our President is illegitimate. Never could I imagine an America where political violence is accepted as "legitimate" political discourse.

This chaos can be fundamentally placed at the feet of one man, a pathological liar whose colossal ego couldn't accept losing. So, he created a massive and dangerous lie, that the election was stolen. He kept repeating this lie over and over, so that his disciples finally accepted it as truth, a scheme that Hitler used to great effect on the people of Germany. Never mind that there was absolutely no evidence that the election was rigged. Never mind that he lost over 60 court cases challenging the election, with some decisions rendered by judges he appointed. Never mind that recounts and "audits" have found no evidence of fraud. Never mind that many people in his circle of close advisors and even his family have told him that he lost the election. Never mind the truth.

All of this could be dismissed as the rantings of a megalomaniac. Except that the big lie has led many states to change voting laws to reduce the non-existent chance of non-existent fraud. For example, seemingly rational people are demanding that votes be hand counted, which has been proven to be less accurate than machine tabulation. Republicans are recruiting "poll watchers" to intimidate voters at polls and at ballot drop boxes, sometimes armed. Restrictive voter

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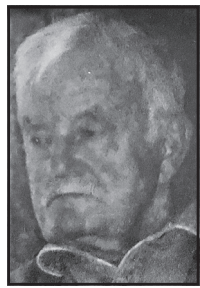
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Obituary

John M. Motter

John M. Motter went peacefully to his eternal home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, Oct. 28. John was born in Wichita, Kan., on March 14, 1934, to J. Fred Motter, of Carthage, Ill., and Maude Evelyn Griggs, of Meade, Kan. When John was 2 years old, he and his family, which now included his stepfather George Adams, his mother Maude, two older sisters Betty and Marjorie, and one younger sister Georgia, moved to Oregon due to the Dust Bowl and Depression in Kansas. In Oregon, their family continued to expand with the addition of three more siblings: two brothers, Duane and Thomas, and a sister, Frances.



In 1952, John graduated from Grants Pass High School and shortly after served four years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He married Edna Ruth Wade in 1954 and they had three children: Neola, Steve and Karen Motter.

After his service, John majored in electrical engineering at San Diego State and went on to work as a sound engineer and in the Audio Animatronics Department at Disneyland. In 1969, John and his family moved to Colorado from Los Angeles to work with Parks and Wildlife/Game and Fish, relocating

to the Pagosa Springs area to work at Navajo State Park. During this time, John's first marriage ended and he moved to Florida to take a position as a technical writer at Disney World. However, he returned to Pagosa in 1973 and took a position as a typesetter with The Pagosa Springs SUN. Throughout his tenure with The SUN, he was given additional responsibilities in advertising sales, column writing, photography assignments, reporting, layout and composition makeup. In 1981, John was named managing editor at the SUN.

John's love of local history grew throughout these years. He would spend much of his time hanging out with the local "old-timers" over morning coffee, listening to their stories. This, combined with his extensive research, enhanced his passion for the history of the Pagosa Springs area, feeding and developing his creative writing skills. Put to good use, he eventually created the column series "The Adventures of Hat Capote," which ran in the Mountain Crier newspaper. During these years, he was busy serving on many local boards, as well. In 1982, John made the decision to leave The SUN to dedicate more time to researching and writing. This labor of love culminated into writing the book "Pagosa Country: The First Fifty Years, Pioneer History of Archuleta County," which was published in 1984.

Another adventure began for John in 1984, when he met and married Vicki (Cunningham) Motter on March 7 and gained three

stepchildren: Scott, Holly and Matthew Cunningham. With the downturn of the local economy, John and his family moved to Marble Falls, Texas, in 1986 to take a position as the Llano County editor for the Highlander Newspaper. While there, he received several newspaper awards, which included first place in Humorous Column Writing, first place in News Writing, Best Weekly Newspaper in Texas, and finishing second and third place in other writing categories. He also worked for other newspapers in Texas, including the Mabank Monitor and the Wylie News. John and Vicki returned to Pagosa Springs, where John returned to The SUN as a reporter and a columnist, writing a weekly column titled "Pagosa's Past." It was in the early 2000s John left The SUN a second time. He accepted the call to pastor Dulce Baptist Church in Dulce, N.M., on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation, but continued to submit his weekly column. In addition to pastoring, John worked for 10 years for the Jicarilla Apache Nation at the Jicarilla Apache Department of Education, where he taught GED and adult education.

In 2017, when John retired, he and Vicki returned to Pagosa Springs to care for Vicki's mother, Barbara Waters, and have continued to live here. On March 15, 2021, John miraculously survived an abdominal aortic aneurysm rupture, though it left him unable to continue writing. During his lengthy recovery he was diagnosed with advanced cancer and placed in hospice care at home. Though a

difficult season in life, the gift of an additional year and a half together with his family was a tremendous blessing from the Lord.

John is survived by his wife, Vicki; his children, Steve Motter (Carla) and Neola Motter; stepchildren Scott Cunningham (Terri), Holly Everett (Mark), Matthew Cunningham (Millianne); siblings Georgia Marshall, Thomas Adams (Ellen), Frances Lexutt; grandchildren Andrew Everett, Alyssa Edmonds, Evan Everett, Bryson Cunningham (Abigail), Cole Everett (Monika), Anne Everett, Hayden Cunningham, Gracen Cunningham, Hudson Cunningham, Lydia Edmonds; and great grandchild Timothy Cunningham. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and mother-in-law.

John was preceded in death by his parents, George Adams, Maude Adams; his sisters Betty Mershon, Marjorie Smith; brother Duane Adams; and daughter Karen (Motter) Edmonds.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 1:30 p.m.

The family of John Motter would like to thank: the amazing staff at Hospice of Mercy, especially our personal hospice nurse Stacey Barker; Drs. David Shaeffer, Amber Reiss-Holt and the staff at Pagosa Medical Group; Amazing Grace Community Church; and our many dear friends and family who have been praying for John and that have given selflessly of their time.

PAWSD delays filling board vacancy

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the Oct. 20 Pagosa Area and Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors meeting, the board moved to delay the appointment of a new director to fill a vacancy on the board opened by the resignation of Drew Mackey.

In his letter of resignation, Mackey mentioned that work and family demands were interfering with his ability to effectively serve on the board.

Board chairman Jim Smith opened the discussion of filling the board vacancy by explaining that PAWSD had two candidates, including Drew Harbison and Gene

Taugtes, interested in the position. District Manager Justin Ramsey added that previous applicant Mark Weiler had withdrawn due to personal issues.

Board member Glenn Walsh inquired when PAWSD had last noticed the vacancy, commenting, "We're kind of using, for a whole set of reasons, we're kind of kicking this can down the road which is ... unfair to the applicants, but also we want to adhere to state law. And I think the civic hygiene in Archuleta right now is not great."

Following a discussion, the board concluded that the vacancy had been noticed when board member Blake Brueckner had resigned in mid-August, but had not been re-noticed since then, with

the pool of applicants that PAWSD possessed being the remainders of the previous pool of applicants after Peter Hurley was selected to fill Brueckner's seat.

Walsh stated that he would be more comfortable if PAWSD re-noticed the vacancy and noted, "We probably will get the same candidates, but it's been a while — six weeks, two months — it's been a long time and ... if there's somebody out there that reads The SUN, I think we should notice it and come back in November and make a choice."

Smith explained that there is no requirement in the Colorado statutes for the board to provide public notice of a vacancy on the board prior to appointing someone to

fill it. Board member Bill Hudson commented that he would like to see if there is anyone in the community who is interested in the vacancy and is currently unaware of it.

Smith stated that he was fine with noticing the position again. The board then discussed whether noticing the position again would require a motion and when the board's next meeting would be.

Following this, the board unanimously voted to advertise the position in The SUN for two weeks and to consider filling the position at its next meeting, likely in November.

New board member and reorganization

At the meeting, the board also swore in new member Peter Hurley to the board and reorganized the board's officers, appointing Smith to be president, Walsh to be vice president, Hurley to be treasurer and Hudson to be secretary.

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ID laws have been implemented, which can stifle voting, particularly among people of color. Somehow, I thought that voting is a fundamental right of all Americans, the foundation of our democracy and one thing that makes America great. Please tell me how suppressing voting is patriotic.

As Lincoln supposedly said, "you can fool some of the people all of the time." That certainly applies to today's election deniers, who have nothing to point to except for Trump's lie. If they have evidence, let's see it. Sadly, we will reward some of those election deniers by electing them to office on November 8. A tragic day for America.

John Porco

'Not an improvement'

Dear Editor:
I read with interest all the letters urging me to vote democrat in today's Sun (10/27).

The democrats have been in

complete control of the federal government for almost 2 years now.

So the question for me is, am I better off now than I was 2 years ago.

When Biden was sworn in, inflation was at 1.4%.

Today it is officially at 8.2% although certain every day items, such as food, gas, propane and more, have suffered much higher rates.

That is not an improvement.

Biden inherited an economy that was recovering from the ill-advised covid shutdowns. 3rd quarter GDP was 33%, reflecting states reopening. The 4th quarter was a more normal 4%. Now? The first and second quarters show negative GDP growth, a recession.

Definitely not an improvement.

Gas here was a little over \$2 per gallon. Today it "fell" to \$4.

I don't see how that is an improvement.

Do I need to say what a disaster our retirement funds look like?

Very depressing.

In short, it is difficult to find anything that is better today than it was two short years ago. Not the economy, not the crime rates, not foreign policy, not war & peace, not international respect for our leaders, nothing.

I know the democrats have their excuses but that's all they are, excuses. I'm looking at results and they are not pretty.

Therefore, I see no rational reason, beyond "My party, right or wrong," to give the democrats another two years to see what else they can screw up.

I respectfully decline your "advice."

Barry Smith

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Water district finalizes Pagosa Views inclusion requirements

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Oct. 20 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors discussed the inclusion of the proposed Pagosa Views development into the district and the cost of this inclusion.

District Manager Justin Ramsey presented the proposed inclusion costs based on the models of Pagosa Views' impact on the PAWSD water and wastewater systems and the desires of the board of directors at previous meetings.

The proposed inclusion agreement requests the development pay inclusion fees, currently \$4,752 per equivalent unit (EU) for water and \$3,182 per EU for wastewater; water capital investment fees (CIF),

currently \$2,991 per EU; raw water acquisition fees, currently \$2,205 per EU; water connection fees, currently \$1,800 for a single household, although this cost would likely be lower for parts of Pagosa Views due to the high-density buildings in portions of the development; and wastewater CIFs, currently \$1,145 per EU.

According to the draft letter stating the inclusion requirements, the Pagosa Views development is 747 EUs in size and will be built in three phases, with the inclusion costs being paid for each phase when the phase is implemented.

Phase one will consist of 187 EUs, with the total cost of the fees being approximately \$3,006,025 at the current rates, which could be increased before the phase is implemented, the letter indicates.

It notes phase one will also require the developer to design and install a new Put Hill pumping station and pressure-reduction valve station on Eagle Drive to accommodate the increased water needs of the project.

Phase two will consist of 282 EUs, with the total cost of the fees being approximately \$4,533,150 at the current rates, the letter explains.

It notes this phase will also require the developer to install a new or increased Put Hill storage tank with a total volume of 500,000 gallons and increase approximately 5,000 feet of existing 6-inch water main in the area to an 8-inch main.

Phase three will consist of 278 EUs, with the total cost of the fees being approximately \$4,468,850 at the current rates, according to the letter.

Ramsey also explained that, because PAWSD would treat the waste from this development on a cost basis only since it would be conveyed to PAWSD through its arrangement with the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID), board member Glenn Walsh was interested in adding an additional fee on water bills in the development to make up the difference between PAWSD wastewater rates and the amount paid by the PSSGID.

Ramsey explained that, assuming that each household produces 3,000 gallons of wastewater a month, the rate for wastewater from PAWSD customers is \$32.50 a month, while the rate for wastewater coming from PSSGID is approximately \$5 a month, a \$27.50 difference.

Walsh commented that the developer is unlikely to object to this fee since it would be paid by the residents of the development and not the developer.

He also raised concerns about the costs PAWSD would incur if another development like Pagosa Views were built inside the town boundaries where PAWSD would not have the leverage of the development needing water inclusion into PAWSD.

This, Walsh commented, would accelerate PAWSD's need to re-design and rebuild its wastewater treatment plant due to the increased waste, but would not provide PAWSD with significant funding for the plant since the wastewater fees collected would be taken primarily by the PSSGID.

Walsh commented that such a situation would require forming a "reasonable understanding" with the PSSGID in terms of how PAWSD could collect increased fees to make up for the acceleration of the wastewater plant reconstruction timeline.

Otherwise, as Ramsey stated, PAWSD would have to "eat it" concerning the additional costs that would be incurred by PAWSD by such a development.

Following a conversation where the board discussed that the costs for many of the fees involved with the inclusion would likely increase prior to or during the development of Pagosa Views, the board agreed to move forward with presenting the inclusion agreement to the developers to open negotiations with the additional fee Walsh had proposed included.

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Low-income Energy Assistance Program accepting applications

Low-income Energy Assistance Program

Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), a federally funded program that helps eligible Coloradans pay a portion of their winter home heating costs, opened for the season on Nov. 1 and will accept applications through May 1.

A statewide program, LEAP helps eligible individuals and families pay winter home heating costs by making a onetime payment directly to the utility company on behalf of each LEAP eligible household. Last season, a record 84,000 LEAP recipients received an average benefit of \$990.11.

"This winter, heating bills are expected to be at a 10-year high, impacting thousands of low-income Coloradans," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager. "Data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows consumers will pay up to 28 percent more for natural gas to heat their homes. This increase may force many Coloradans to choose between food, rent, medicine and a warm home. We encourage anyone who thinks they may be eligible to apply and take advantage of LEAP's many benefits."

To qualify for LEAP, Coloradans may have an income up to 60 percent of the state median income level, which equates to a household income of less than \$66,468 a year for a family of four. Additionally, LEAP recipients must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord as part of their rent and have at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S. living in the household.

In addition to home heating bill assistance, LEAP recipients may be eligible to receive furnace repair and replacement in heat-related emergencies in addition to weatherization services pending the results of a home energy audit. Currently, LEAP recipients may also qualify for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), which is a temporary program that is part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). LIHWAP provides funds to make a onetime payment to the water vendor directly on behalf of eligible households who are facing eviction due to unpaid water bills or whose account is either in arrears or shut off as long as funding is available

and the water vendor is a LIHWAP participant.

To access the LEAP application, visit cdhs.colorado.gov/leap. Online applications are processed through the Colorado PEAK system. You can also call the HEAT HELP line at (866) HEAT-HELP [(866) 432-8435] to receive an application via mail or email or visit your county human services office to pick up or drop off an application.

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It has been alleged through multiple anonymous tips that the driver of a silver Porche on the afternoon of Monday, October 24, 2022 stole my election sign at the bottom of Reservoir Hill across from the Post Office. This is the third time this has occurred, even though I have permission to have the sign up.

In still camera shots (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuibAmB5h6A>)

you see a brown GMC Yukon with the Monica Medina campaign banners parked on the road for hours. Towards the end of the footage, you then see a late-model silver Porsche Cayenne with a sun/moon roof (a rare vehicle in town) pull up behind the Yukon. It's only there for a few moments. During that time, my sign is removed, then the vehicle leaves.

This is unlawful tampering with election signs.

Are people being told by other candidates to remove my signs and violate the law? It has also been alleged that Lisa Scott- the campaign manager for Mike Le Roux- owns a silver late-model Porsche Cayenne.

It is difficult to believe that a candidate wouldn't be aware that their campaign manager is allegedly violating the law. If the allegations are true, this shows incompetence and a willingness to violate law for personal gain. Sound familiar?

Unfortunately, we can not ask Lisa, since she apparently left the country for a couple of weeks.

I know if my campaign manager would have done something similar, I would have fired them and turned them in.

My opponents need to step forward with the truth, since we can not get ahold of Lisa to verify this.

This kind of behavior shows that we need to raise the political discussion in town, and out of the hands of untrustworthy people whom are willing to violate campaign laws.

Is someone who is willing to stoop this low and intervene unlawfully in elections someone you truly want as your new sheriff?

Since Mike Le Roux will not come to any open/public meetings with the general public, it's impossible to approach him and ask him if the vehicle belongs to his campaign manager. Nor can we ask him if he was allowing those working for his campaign to violate the law. This goes against everything a sheriff stands for, and as current undersheriff, he should be upholding the laws.



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Instead, complaints to the county about my signs being tampered with, vandalized, stolen, and even shot at, as well as fines imposed on individuals who have them while others are not fined, etc. have gone largely ignored.

I was told to accept breaking the law as "part of politics."

It's plausible to assume it could all be the work of people involved/supporting his campaign, known as the Good Ol' Boys and Gals Network.

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Concerns emerge regarding workforce housing project

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council heard an update on the financial state of its ongoing workforce housing project at its Nov. 2 meeting, at which concerns emerged regarding the future and viability of the project.

The town-led project, which is an ongoing effort to provide workforce housing to the town, is being contracted by Servitas, a company with a national scope with its primary experience in university and workforce housing.

A proforma was presented to council by Garrett Scharton of Servitas, which showed numbers like

rent estimates, operating expenses, revenue and debt estimates for the project.

The first point of contention was the rent estimates: For the lowest income bracket that the project is designed to be suited for, which is 60 to 80 percent of the area median income, rents range from \$1,151 per month (studio) to \$1,480 per month (two-bedroom apartment or townhome).

For the highest incomes that qualify for housing within the project, which are people making 120 to 150 percent of the area median income, the prices range from \$2,160 per month (studio) to \$2,775 per month (two-bedroom apartment or townhome).

The rent rates include utility costs, Community Development Director James Dickhoff clarified.

Scharton called these prices a “screaming deal for Pagosa.”

“Living here, and knowing our families here, I think there’s still going to be people who can’t afford these rents,” Mayor Shari Pierce said. “I think that is where it would become up to the town to further subsidize the project.”

Scharton provided information that the town is looking at a \$42 million “all-in” cost for the project.

Additionally, that price, while not factoring in possible grant opportunities and the revenue stream that renters will provide to the project, might be low, according to

the financial advisor on the project, Steve Clark.

“There still are assumptions in this that, to me, are pretty aggressive,” Clark said about the proforma.

Clark explained that Servitas’ proforma uses a 2 percent vacancy assumption to calculate revenue and expenses each year, an assumption that Clark called “too low in [his] experience.”

Clark suggested that a 5 or 7 percent vacancy assumption be tested. Right now, if vacancy is greater than 2 percent in a year, the town may not get all the money back for its master lease payment: Clark articulated this as a risk, and it doesn’t consider a possible extra subsidy.

He also pointed out that the proforma uses the same growth rate for expenses and rent prices, which, while normal in a regular housing proforma, might not be appropriate for a workforce housing model.

He also warned that there’s a possibility that this project is starting just as the value of housing, especially the price of single-family homes, begins to erode because

“there’s been so much corporate demand to buy houses and become master renters of these houses in major markets” that houses are beginning to resell from corporations for less as that demand shrinks.

Council member Jeff Posey replied that, as the “stewards of the town budget,” it is unwise to make a decision with so many unknowns.

He admitted that the conversation made him “scared” but that he didn’t know “how scared to be.”

“If things go south, is this an existential threat to the town budget?” he asked.

He then advocated for new numbers on each side of the possible decisions that the town could make; he asked how much the town would owe to pull out of the project right now versus how much is due from the town in the foreseeable future if it decides to stay in.

Neither Clark or Scharton could provide an immediate answer to either.

“I would urge you to think about real estate development; it’s not a risk-free proposition,” Scharton said. “So, if you’re going into this thinking, ‘I want to do this, but I want to make sure we don’t take

any risk,’ that won’t happen. But, we can be smart about it, we can be strategic about it, and we can make sure that we are trying to solve for the policy directive, which is hitting certain AMI requirements, but also solving for market development that you all can be proud of for a long time.”

Council members largely acknowledged this point, but, as Pierce pointed out, she wants to make sure that the risks make sense, factoring in both the issue and the market.

“It’s admirable that there is potential grant money that is out there,” Clark said at the end of the discussion. “I certainly wouldn’t spend any more money on architects or designers or getting into picking carpet colors until you have those dollars in hand or at least have a very good sense that they may be in hand.”

While no decision about the future of the project was made during the discussion, the council members did hold an executive session regarding the matter. No additional information was released following that session.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Nov. 3

Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Tuesday, Nov. 8

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

Pagosa Springs Town Council budget work session. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors regular meeting. 5:30 p.m., PFPD administrative office, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Archuleta School District Board of Education regular meeting. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: us02zoom.us/j/89392173022.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

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

Thursday, Nov. 10

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District special board meeting. 5 p.m., PAWSD administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 15

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

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

Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors regular meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., or Zoom: <https://us02zoom.us/j/88304467907>, meeting ID: 883 0446 7907.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

Main Street Advisory Board monthly meeting. 4-5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 4 p.m. via Zoom. Public comment on 2023 budget draft. Join us at <https://us02zoom.us/j/83398449146>.

Thursday, Nov. 17

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District special

board meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 22

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

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Tuesday, Nov. 23

Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and via Zoom. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen’s Pension Fund Board of Trustees of the regular meeting. 5:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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

Ski

■ Continued from front will be updated on the website and 1-800-ski-wolf,” the website states.

The National Weather Service predicted Wolf Creek Pass would begin seeing additional accumu-

lation Wednesday night, with the forecast outlining that 12 to 18 inches were possible that night.

The chance of snow continues today, Thursday, Nov. 3, with another 12 to 18 inches of new snow accumulation possible, according

to the forecast.

The forecast suggests new snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches is possible Thursday night.

The chance of snow showers tapers off to 30 percent on Friday. randi@pagosasun.com

Ballots

■ Continued from front as two secured drop boxes.

In addition to the VSPC at the Archuleta County Election’s Office at 449 San Juan St., Archuleta noted there will also be VSPCs at the Archuleta County Extension Building at 344 U.S. 84 and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave.

According to an election notice from the county, the VSPC at the Archuleta County facility on San Juan Street will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through Nov. 8, 8 a.m. to noon on Nov. 5, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 8.

The VSPCs at the Extension building and PLPOA Clubhouse will be open only on Election Day, Nov. 8, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The two drop boxes are located at the courthouse building at 449 San Juan St. (outside on the sidewalk near the flagpoles) and at the TARA Community Center at 333 Milton lane in Arboles.

According to the county’s election notice, the drop boxes will have 24/7 video surveillance.

How to register to vote and obtain a ballot

Eligible residents can register to vote up to and including Election Day either online or at the Archuleta County Election’s Office/VSPC.

In order to receive a ballot for next week’s election, the county notes citizens must now register to vote or update their voter record and receive their ballot at the Election Office through Election Day. Ballots can no longer be mailed to voters.

More information on eligibility and registering to vote can be found at <http://www.archuleta-county.org/192/Elections> or www.GoVoteColorado.gov.

Those with questions should call the Archuleta County Election’s Office at (970) 264-8331.

Election security

On Monday, Gov. Jared Polis issued an executive order to support statewide election cybersecurity beginning Oct. 31 and stretching for up to 30 days following the election.

The order activates members of the Colorado National Guard for cybersecurity defense to assist with keeping the Colorado general election secure, which the state notes has been done in years prior.

“While cyber actors are unable to modify voter records, breaches could result in the release of voters’ personally identifiable information. The exposure of voters’ personally identifiable information does not threaten the integrity of our State elections, but could undermine public confidence in the system and suppress voter registration. The Colorado National Guard Defensive Cyber Operations Element has unique cyber capabilities to assist in protecting critical election infrastructure,” the executive order states. randi@pagosasun.com

Roads

■ Continued from front paring to mobilize for paving on Oct. 27 and the preparatory work already completed by the county.

He highlighted that these two projects would be using paving material from Durango due to no local supplies being available.

At the Nov. 1 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session, Woodman gave another update to the board on the progress of the paving projects, indicating that the North Pagosa Boulevard paving project is nearing completion, with the road being paved and painted, although there are errors in the painting of specific lanes that need to be rectified, and minor dirt work and the paving of a bike path junction to be completed by the contractor.

Woodman also stated, “We are also certainly mindful of the penalties that more than likely will be imposed on the delay in the project.”

He also stated that the Cascade Avenue paving project is underway and will “hopefully” be done by the end of the week.

Woodman elaborated that the work on CR 982 was supposed to

begin on Oct. 30, but had been delayed due to conflicts with Colorado Department of Transportation and will begin on Nov. 6 instead.

He also indicated that the county has two other “mill and pave” projects, including work on Talisman Drive between Village Drive and Eagle’s Loft Circle, and on North Pagosa Boulevard between Bastille Drive and U.S. 160, that the county is “very hopeful” it can get accomplished in 2022.

At the BoCC meeting later that day, the board ratified, as part of its consent agenda, chairman Alvin SchAAF’s Oct. 24 signature on a contract with Oldcastle SW Group Inc. (doing business as Four Corners Materials) for an amount not to exceed \$640,921 for the paving work on Cascade Avenue and SchAAF’s Oct. 25 signature on a contract with Sunland Asphalt and Construction LLC for an amount not to exceed \$772,468.84 for the paving work on CR 982.

In a Nov. 1 interview, Woodman explained that the previous contractor on the Cascade Avenue project had withdrawn approximately “two weeks ago,” while the CR 982 project had been delayed

due to the engineering firm initially contracted for the project not responding to the county, thus necessitating the county to hire a new engineer.

He explained that both projects then were rebid, with both Oldcastle SW and Sunland Asphalt bidding on each project.

Woodman explained that the county took the most favorable bid for each project, adding “they were both neck and neck and so because we have these other ... rotomill projects that we want to get done with these other two roads, the likelihood is they’ll be splitting those as well.”

Woodman also commented on why these projects were approved via ratified signatures instead of through a BoCC vote, as is normally done for such projects.

“You know it’s supposed to snow tomorrow?” Woodman said. “There you go ... We had no choice. I mean, this is like they can mobilize on it and get moving on it, and it’s like here we have to make this decision, and so it was an emergency decision.” josh@pagosasun.com

Dissolution

■ Continued from front business meetings on the same day. She also explained that La Plata County hired Otowi Group, which assisted with the ongoing dissolution of the Tri-County Health District, to create a highly granular report on the funding and mechanics of the dissolution.

Porter-Norton explained that Otowi Group indicated to La Plata County that the county would likely be “about par” in terms of spending over a multiyear period, although

the county had budgeted \$750,000 in its 2023 to provide gap funding for the public health programs impacting the county’s most vulnerable residents if needed.

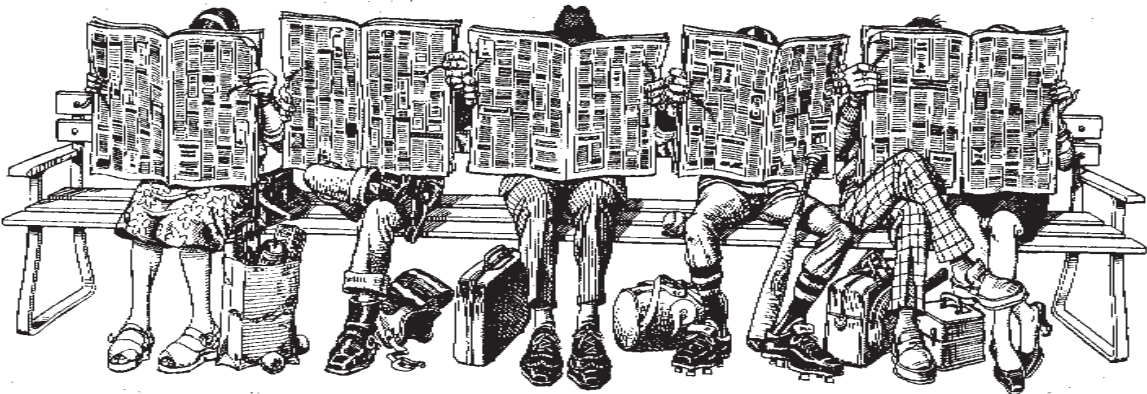
She also complimented the Archuleta County manager and attorney for their cooperation with La Plata County and their willingness to work with La Plata County to ensure that the IGA would be approved on the same day so the dissolution process would begin in “the most harmonious and smooth

way possible knowing that we have lots of questions and lots of things we still need to know.”

SJBPH Attorney Michael Goldman added the SJBPH will also be a party to the IGA and that he is keeping SJBPH Executive Director SJBPH Liane Jollon up to date on the interactions of the IGA.

He added the SJBPH acting chair will also have the opportunity to adopt the IGA at the same time the county commissioners approve it. josh@pagosasun.com

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Deep inside we know who subscribes to the status quo and will keep us down the road to destruction.

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Business

Member nominations open for Chamber board of directors

By **Mary Jo Coulehan**
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

It is that time of year when the Chamber of Commerce and other nonprofit organizations reorganize their boards of directors.

Most boards have term limits, members that cycle off or they accommodate for resignations and retirements. The Chamber board is not different.

Every year, three board members cycle off the board and three new board members come on for a three-year term. This keeps our board fresh, a good combination of history and new ideas, and the hopes that no one gets board burn-out. While there is a nomination committee, Chamber member businesses can self-nominate a representative of their business to run for the Chamber board.

The requirements are that the business must be a Chamber member in good standing for a year. The person representing the business should be in a decision-making position. Board members attend one board meeting a month, special meetings as needed, and have the ability to volunteer at some of

the Chamber functions and events. The nomination slate consists of six Chamber members. Voting occurs electronically mostly through December and ends in early January. From the slate of six candidates, three are chosen to serve on the board. Those not chosen are held in case of a board resignation or other board vacancy.

As with most nonprofit organizations, serving on a board is fulfilling and an opportunity to be a part of the decision-making process for the organization. The Chamber board strives to have a diversity on the board, including men and women, a range of ages, different businesses to give the board a variety of viewpoints from the business community and ethnic diversity. With this diversity, we see a variety of ideas, solutions, engagement and knowledge.

The board's feedback helps to direct staff in areas such as communication, membership engagement, organizational engagement and much more.

If you are interested in finding out more about serving on the Chamber board, please contact Mary Jo Coulehan, executive director, at director@pagosachamber.com.

com or (970) 264-2360. Names must be submitted by Nov. 21.

2023 Business After Hours Lottery still open

Want to win the lottery and host a Business After Hours (BAH) in 2023? Sign up for the BAH Lottery by Nov. 18. Signing up is easy. Simply decide if you would like to host a BAH individually, with another nonprofit agency or as a group. "Block parties" can be very successful BAHs allowing several businesses to host together, share costs and get a better chance at the lottery since multiple businesses can apply. If your business supports a particular nonprofit agency, think of teaming up with them. Many nonprofits do not have a large enough space to host a BAH, so partnering is a great way to get exposure to your business, give recognition to a service organization and, again, share costs. All businesses participating must be Chamber members. Once you decide to host a BAH, choose three months that you would prefer to host the event. Send your entry to info@pagosachamber.com and include your business name, contact person and your three months of

preference. Then on Nov. 21, the lottery begins. Names are chosen and dates are selected based on the organization/business preference and the months available. Remember that there is no BAH held in January due to the annual meeting and in September due to ColorFest.

Hosting businesses provide appetizers or food of their choice and the Chamber provides the beverages. Each business is also allowed complimentary attendance for five people. When hosting, make it fun, engage the attendees, showcase your business, a new product or something special you are doing. If you have not been to a BAH in a while, you are missing out on some great networking capability. Although in a relaxed atmosphere, lots of business gets done, including meeting new people, talking to other business owners about concerns or issues, or sharing successes. Don't take for granted that someone knows about your business — showcase your business with a BAH.

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LPEA seeking four local students to participate in National Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

By **Hillary Knox**
La Plata Electric Association

La Plata Electric Association Inc. (LPEA) is seeking four local high-school juniors interested in spending a week in the nation's capital as part of the National Rural Electric Youth Tour.

Students will learn about the utility cooperative business model, visit historical monuments and memorials, and meet elected officials from June 12-18, 2023.

The trip is fully sponsored by LPEA and the

Colorado Rural Electric Association, so students can attend at no cost. More than 1,800 students from 45 states are expected to participate in 2023.

"As someone who worked for a U.S. senator in Congress, this is an excellent opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and experience our nation's capital," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "I would encourage any high school junior in our service territory who is interested in leadership, policy, development or utility work to apply to attend."

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Live in LPEA's service territory;
- Be a junior in high school;
- Complete an application at <http://lpea.coop/lpea-youth-tour> by Dec. 16.

Sen. Lyndon Johnson inspired the Youth Tour when he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Annual Meeting in Chicago in 1957.

The senator declared, "If one thing goes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

Hospital district directors hear draft budget

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The 2023 budget for the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD), which operates as Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), continues to be a work in progress, according to Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger.

Keplinger presented a draft budget to the USJHSD Board of Directors on Oct. 13, telling the board members that changes are expected, and gave the board an update on the budget on Oct. 25.

The draft budget presented on Oct. 13 projects \$41,941,251 in total net revenues, \$1,827,593 in non-operating income and \$43,743,414 in operating expenses, leaving a projected bottom line of \$25,430.

Keplinger began with explaining the projection for inpatient and outpatient revenue.

"We know the trend is changing," she said. "So, we know a lot of stuff is going to go down on an outpatient level, so for now what we've done is we have actually looked at a 1 percent increase," she said.

She also explained the medical center no longer has a swing bed program due to no activity within that program.

"On the outpatient side, that's a little tougher," she explained, then walking the board through department-specific assumptions for revenue-generating departments.

Observation is also projected to see a 1 percent volume increase.

"When we got to operating room and recovery, we have a lot of room for growth here," she said, explaining there's a shoulder specialist coming now and gastroenterology back doing cases. "We've got some things coming down the pike that we think a 6 percent increase in revenue is not going to be an out-

geous thing for them."

Because of that, she indicated, materials is also projected to see a 6 percent increase.

Keplinger further explained the emergency room saw a "downtick" for the last 2.5 years, but over the last few months has seen an increase.

"And so we started seeing a little bit of increase in the emergency room probably over the last few months, and we figure that's probably on the rise," she said. "And it will plateau at some point, but we are expecting to see a 4 percent increase on that side."

Ambulance is projected to increase 1 percent in the draft budget, though Keplinger noted that figure may change.

Laboratory, she explained, is one area that has stayed busy "the entire time we've been not busy in other places."

Laboratory is projected to see a 2 percent increase, she told the board.

Radiology is projected to see a 2.5 percent increase.

"Our Radiology Department, just every month seems to continue to wow us," she said.

She indicated that some facets of the department — MRI and mammography — are probably close to "capped out" with the current staffing.

Later, she noted the clinic is projected to see a 2 percent increase.

"Right now, we are still short providers, and so we don't know when or what that looks like as far as hiring additional providers for that clinic," she said.

Other increases projected include 5 percent for pharmacy, 5 percent for infusion, 2 percent for cardiology, 3.5 percent for rehabilitative services (which includes

a 5 percent projected increase for physical therapy) and 5 percent in the oncology clinic.

The budget also projects a 5 percent increase in contractals and bad debt.

"We are short in this area right now; I have to find some more room to build in some more contractals. We are running about 54 percent overall. I am hoping that doesn't change, and so we're looking to have 54 percent of our revenue in contractals, and so we'll be looking for some money to find the additional room to put that in," she said, noting the finance staff believes there are options. "Just know that we are not where we need to be on that yet."

In response to a question from board chair Matt Mees about what contractals are and what is included, Keplinger explained, "Anything that, when we have an agreement with a payer, in some way, shape or form for a discount to provide services. So we would write off, if it's a 10 percent discount, we would write that 10 percent off to a contractual arrangement."

Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese and Keplinger further explained that when the gross charges go in, on average, 54 percent of the gross charges go away because of payer contracts or otherwise.

Later in the presentation, Keplinger explained the budget also includes an average 4 percent price increase — the most allowed with the contracts PSMC currently has with payers.

She also explained the biggest costs to PSMC are salaries, benefits and wages.

She further explained that PSMC had budgeted to fill all its open positions, as well as three months of

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County hears fleet update, discusses new permits and licenses

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Oct. 18 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an update from Fleet Department Manager Michael Torres and discussed two potential new types of permits and licenses.

Torres explained that the department was working on preparing county equipment for winter, which includes starting to put wings on vehicles and replacing worn tires.

He also explained that the department was working on replacing the hydraulic pump for the backhoe at the landfill and replacing the leaking dosing injector on the landfill loader.

Torres noted that the year has involved a range of large and costly repairs, including fabricating a cage and upgrading a prisoner transport, installing a new transmission and sander on a plow truck, and installing a new engine on a road grader.

He also noted that the department is fully staffed and that several staff have received additional education and certifications over the year.

Torres also explained that he

was waiting on two Chevy Blazers for the Veterans Service Office and the Department of Human Services, which he expected to arrive soon, and two other Ford vehicles, which he hoped to have by November.

He added that the department should receive a skid loader in November and the new compactor for the landfill is expected to be delivered in January 2023.

Torres stated that the department was working on installing fuel tanks in the yard to facilitate quicker fueling of snow plowing equipment in the winter.

County Manager Derek Woodman complimented Torres on his work on auctioning off excess items that had accumulated in the yard.

County Commissioner Ronnie Maez also commended Torres on his work in improving the efficiency of the Fleet Department and cleaning up the department's workspaces.

Alcohol takeout and secure transportation permits

Later in the work session, the BoCC discussed permits for alcohol takeout and delivery, and secure transportation program implementation and permitting.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that during the COVID pandemic alcohol takeout and delivery by businesses with an on-premises liquor license had been allowed.

However, Weaver stated, with the public health emergency likely to end soon, such businesses would be required to obtain an alcohol takeout and delivery license with the state of Colorado.

Weaver added that the county as a local licensing authority could create its own permit for alcohol takeout and delivery.

The board agreed to allow the state to handle the permitting process following a discussion about the possibility that a measure on the 2022 ballot concerning the third-party delivery of alcoholic beverages could change the situation with such permits, and both Commissioner Alvin Schaaf and Maez indicating that they are not interested in creating a county permit process due to the amount of labor potentially involved and the lack of problems related to such delivery in the county.

Weaver then discussed the implementation of the secure transportation program, created by Colorado House Bill 21-1085, which allows for alternative means of

secure transportation to treatment from traditional ambulance transportation for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

He elaborated that these alternatives are intended to mitigate the potential humiliation or stigma associated with ambulance transportation and could be provided by public or private organizations.

Weaver added that the county is required by the beginning of 2023 to provide licenses for entities operating such programs.

He commented that the licenses are not dissimilar to ambulance licensing and required permits for each vehicle to be used for secure transportation services.

Woodman commented that Axis Integrated Health Systems is considering offering this service.

Weaver recommended that the county provide the licenses with the minimum standards recommended by the state with the potential to implement stricter standards later depending on the usage of the program.

The commissioners expressed agreement with this approach and agreed that Weaver should move forward with drafting the new licensing rules to be voted on by the BoCC later this year.

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Budget

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contract labor for traveling workers for positions currently filled by travelers, which means budgeting for about five travelers for three months.

The draft budget also includes a 3 percent raise across the board and has built in adjustments related to a market assessment completed by the district.

"The goal of the whole project was to level the playing field," she said.

Bruzzese clarified that increase is not for contract employees, which includes the senior leadership team and providers.

Later in the meeting, Keplinger indicated the budget also again includes funding for rent, with PSMC paying rent on two apartments this year to help with employee housing issues.

The draft budget also projects an 8 percent increase in expenses due to inflation in areas, with Keplinger explaining PSMC is seeing a 7.5 percent to 8 percent inflation rate with suppliers.

She also noted the mask mandate is currently lifted, which may affect supplies.

The draft budget projects \$1.4 million in property tax revenues — a number CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb

explained on Oct. 25 means about two weeks of operating costs.

Bruzzese then outlined a decision the board would be asked to make at its Oct. 25 meeting that would affect the budget — whether or not to opt out of the state-run insurance program known as Family Medical Leave Insurance, also commonly known as FAMILI, which would include an additional payroll tax.

During a budget update at the board's Oct. 25 meeting, Keplinger told the board she is still uncomfortable with revenues and is still looking at cutting expenses in a few areas.

The board and staff also further

discussed staffing issues, with Webb pointing out that child care is an issue for employees and those present discussing affiliations with training programs in the area to help fill openings.

Also on Oct. 25, the USJHSD board approved a resolution opting out of FAMILI after Bruzzese reported that all of PSMC's employees were informed that the board would be considering the matter and all of the employees who opted to comment were against the district opting in, with several suggesting the choice should be left to individuals.

The board is anticipated to consider approval of the 2023 budget at a meeting on Nov. 15, with that meeting scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for week: 228.
Oct. 22 — Third-degree assault, simple assault, bias-motivated crimes non-serious bodily injury, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Harman Park Drive.

Oct. 23 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

Oct. 25 — All other thefts, West U.S. 160.

Oct. 26 — Information only, Robin Drive.

Oct. 27 — All other thefts, second-degree burglary, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Highland Avenue.

Oct. 27 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

Oct. 28 — Warrant arrest, Butzke Court.

Oct. 28 — Cruelty to animals, Oak Drive.

Oct. 29 — Information only, Kelseyia Circle.

Oct. 29 — Warrant arrest, Oak Drive.

Oct. 30 — Second-degree burglary, Navajo Court.

Oct. 30 — Trespass warning, Oak Drive.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for week: 193.
Oct. 22 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Oct. 22 — Theft, San Juan Street.

Oct. 22 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

Oct. 22 — Assault third degree, Pagosa Street.

Oct. 25 — Shoplifting, Pagosa Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Oct. 25 — Ronald Lee Mahan, passed when prohibited, fines and costs — \$135.

Oct. 26 — Maria Isabel Montes Negron, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$85.

Oct. 26 — John Noffsinger, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

Oct. 26 — Ginger A. Kibel, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs —

\$233.50.

Oct. 26 — Brenton R. Cambridge, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$314.50.

Oct. 26 — Jordan A. Miljoto, speeding 5-9 over limit, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, fines and costs — \$206.50.

Oct. 26 — Diona S. Vicenti, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

Oct. 26 — Hunter D. Battle, careless driving, fines and costs — \$483.50.

Oct. 26 — Reece S. Remegal, alcohol-under 21-possession/consumption, marijuana paraphernalia-under 21, fines and costs — \$101.

Oct. 26 — Elijah K. Talamante, improper mountain driving, fines and costs — \$149.50.

Oct. 26 — Joseph D. Montoya, driving under the influence, 25 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs — \$2,063.99.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

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Education



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Pagosa Springs Rotary Club's Teacher Mini Grant Program awarded a total of \$4,000 to local teachers at Seeds of Learning, San Juan Mountain School, Pagosa Family School, Wings, Pagosa Springs Middle School and Valor Academy. The grants provide funds to innovative teachers who want to develop new programs to enrich the student classroom experience.

Rotary provides grants for innovative ideas to inspire students

By Helen I. Richardson
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

If you were offered \$400 to enhance your students' learning opportunities, how would you use it? The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club posed that question to preschool through high school teachers in Pagosa Springs. Teachers who answered with creative, innovative ideas to inspire students were awarded Rotary teacher mini grants.

Of the 17 applications received from eight different schools, the selection committee awarded funds to 14 teachers. Congratulations to Ruby Archuleta Pitt at Seeds of Learning; Jami Harms, Stewart Bellina and Andrew Guinn at San

Juan Mountain School; Heather Rose and Laura Mijares at Pagosa Family School; Gabriella Chiles, Jennifer Montoya and Leah Holiday at Wings; Matthew Teachworth and three co-workers at Pagosa Springs Middle School; and Rhonda Caballero at Valor Academy.

Rotary's Teacher Mini Grant Program awarded a total of \$4,000 to teachers. The mini grants provide funds to innovative teachers who want to develop new programs to enrich the student classroom experience, specifically materials or projects that are not funded through the school district. To stretch Rotary's \$4,000 to serve as many projects as possible, the committee chose to partially fund some requests and suggested other

resources.

The interesting and fun projects funded this year include a balance pack, indoor cycling bikes, hiking supplies, and life jackets for physical education and outdoor experiences. Preschoolers will enjoy tools to learn shapes and culture, sensory and motor skills, as well as creative art projects. Older students also will receive equipment for more advanced art projects.

"Rotary's dedication to education in Pagosa Springs is admirable and we appreciate your support," noted one grant recipient.

A school principal said his teachers were very excited to be a part of this year's mini grant selection: "They thank you for the opportunity to find empowerment

in their work and passion."

Another teacher replied, "Thank you so much for all you do for our community."

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is proud to support our wonderful teachers who work so hard to excite and educate our children. Funding this year allowed us to expand the mini grant program to preschools. In addition to the mini grants, Rotary awards \$20,000 in scholarships to Pagosa's graduating seniors each year. Pagosa Springs Rotary offers these opportunities in education through the support of the community in the form of Rotary sponsorships, participation in Rotary fundraisers and donations. Thank you to our generous community.

Charter school hosts first Showcase Night

By Emily Murphy
Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) K-3 community members braved the weather to celebrate their students' first projects of the year with the school's Showcase Night Oct. 27.

"As a project-based learning school, we celebrate the process of student work," School Director Angela Reali-Crossland said. "Tonight you will see evidence of our school values where students worked together to better support and understand their community, take academic risks as lifelong learners, and grow into whole and healthy humans."

Kindergarten students had completed their "Joy of Toys" project with presentations on their own toys they created, as well as a mini-golf green that was shared at the library's Lanes and Links fundraiser during the weekend. Students wrote about the attributes of their toy, interviewed other students about play, and then presented their writing and products during the Showcase Night.

The first-second grade class also presented during the night with their "Tools of the Trade" project. Students visited a local farm, invited in Johnathan Dobson, and interviewed parents and staff about their own tools of their trade. Students then dressed up and discussed the tools of the trade from a variety of jobs. In addition, the students worked on a collaborative mural with middle school students: a giant butterfly now decorates the lobby, where students took pictures with their family members.

The third grade finished its "Learning Challenges Near and Far" project with posters and video presentations on schools around the world. Students are also working on their own PPOS promotional video for the community.

The Showcase Night also highlighted the first writing products of PPOS's new writing curriculum, "Writing by Design." Every student in the school wrote a personal narrative and created a self-portrait, which were shared gallery-style and encouraged families to get to know all PPOS students on a personal level.

Students were excited to share their learning with the PPOS community, and families were happy to see the work of their students.

"Lachlan was so enthusiastic to share," said kindergarten parent Laura Moore.

PPOS will be hosting its next Showcase Night on Nov. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m., which will feature the first projects of the upper-grades: 4-8.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Westin and Avery play with the first-second grade solar cars during the PPOS Showcase Night.



Photo courtesy Danyelle Leentjes

"Math Night" was the theme at Seeds of Learning's parent involvement program on Oct. 27. Families measured, counted, sorted, estimated and made patterns. Each family took home a handout with many ideas on how to continue the math learning at home through play and with everyday items.

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COVID-19 levels, hospitalizations, deaths increase

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Recent data shows an increase in COVID-19 in Archuleta County, as well as a spike in deaths among COVID cases.

The data also suggests increased hospitalizations in the region.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) increased the Community Levels for COVID-19 in both Archuleta and La Plata counties to Medium.

Archuleta County had been in Community Level Low since Oct. 13 and La Plata had been in Low since Sept. 8.

The CDC's Community Levels are updated each Thursday, with the CDC website explaining the agency looks at the combination of three metrics — new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past seven days, the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past seven days — to determine the COVID-19 community level. Hospital data is determined regionally.

As of Oct. 27, the CDC listed 10 new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population over the previous seven days, 3.1 percent of staff inpatient beds occupied and an incidence rate of 42.77.

SJBPH's data dashboard showed an incidence rate of 74.8 percent

and 8 percent one-week positivity rate as of Wednesday.

Recent data also shows a steady increase in COVID-19 levels in wastewater Pagosa Springs and Durango.

"This increase corresponds with modeling that anticipates an increase in cases in the fall and winter months," a press release from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) states.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) increased the Community Levels for COVID-19 in both Archuleta and La Plata counties to Medium.

According to the press release, SJBPH "recommends residents receive one omicron booster shot, which is now widely available. Residents are eligible for the omicron booster if they are age 5 and older and it has been at least 2 months since their last COVID-19 vaccine. The State of Colorado has created a tool to find out how

many vaccine doses you or a family member needs for the highest level of protection. Vaccines are the safest, most effective way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death caused by COVID-19."

The press release further explains "Residents are urged to take precautions to avoid infection, particularly among individuals at high risk for severe illness. While in Community Level Medium, CDC recommends that if you are at high risk, wear a high-quality mask or respirator (e.g., N95) when indoors in public. If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk, consider testing to detect infection before spending time with them, and consider wearing a high-quality mask when indoors with them."

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, eligibility and local providers, visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>. More information about COVID-19 vaccines, as well as assistance scheduling an appointment, is available at covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine. The public can also call SJBPH at (970) 247-5702 or Colorado's Vaccine Hotline at (877) 268-2926 to get help finding a vaccine.

Deaths among cases

The agency's dashboard lists 22 Archuleta County deaths among cases of COVID-19.

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and

Environment, five of those deaths among cases were reported in October, but noted that data for deaths in September and October may be incomplete due to a lag in reporting.

In that same time period, one death among cases was reported in La Plata County.

Megan Graham, SJBPH's communications director and COVID-19 public information officer, indicated that all five Archuleta county deaths are related to an outbreak at a long-term care facility.

At-home tests and masks available

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

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

Treatments available for high-risk individuals

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

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Pair of accidents leave three with serious injuries

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A pair of accidents over the span of a week left three with serious injuries, with alcohol suspected in both.

The first of the accidents occurred at about 7:10 p.m. on Oct. 26, according to an incident report from the Colorado State Patrol.

According to that report, a 2004 BMW motorcycle was westbound on U.S. 160 at milepost 134.

The motorcycle "began to rotate counter clockwise 1/8 time" and traveled off the right shoulder for 68 feet, according to the report.

It then "overturned" onto its left

side and overturned multiple times, ejecting the passenger — a 28-year-old female from Aztec, N.M. — 114 feet from the area it left the roadway.

The report notes the driver — a 34-year-old male from Pagosa Springs — was ejected an additional 42 feet from the passenger.

The motorcycle continued for 235 feet, it reports.

Both riders are listed in the report as being taken to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) via ambulance with serious injuries.

The report notes each was wearing a helmet, and that alcohol and speed are suspected.

Then, on Oct. 31, an incident

occurred near Veterans Memorial Park at approximately 8:10 p.m.

According to a report on the incident, a 1993 GMC Suburban was southbound on Vista Boulevard just north of Park Avenue when it traveled off the right side of the road, striking the curb and gutter with its front and undercarriage.

The report indicates the vehicle then "became air borne" for approximately 20 feet and hit its front and undercarriage with the ground.

The report indicates the vehicle continued approximately 350 feet "before becoming stuck."

The report indicates the area of impact was on the south entrance

to Veterans Memorial Park approximately 6 feet west of the road edge.

The report lists alcohol as a suspected factor and notes the driver — the sole occupant — was not using a seat belt.

The driver, 23-year-old Jarad D. Corbin, of Pagosa Springs, is listed as being taken to PSMC via ambulance with serious injuries.

On Tuesday, Corbin was listed on the Archuleta County jail roster with several arrest charges: driving under the influence, no insurance-driver, driving under restraint, careless driving, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle and violation of a protection order.

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County hears sales tax campaign committee update

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session on Nov. 1, the board heard an update from Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke on PSCDC's campaign for Ballot Issue

1A, which asks voters to increase the sales tax rate in the county.

Lashbrooke explained that the PSCDC was asked to establish a committee to promote the sales tax initiative, which it had done.

She explained that the PSCDC has had 50 yards signs placed, as well as 10 banners.

She added that the PSCDC has also distributed 200 flyers and has done a mass mailing of 6,000 mailers to registered voters.

She also stated that the committee had placed advertisements in the newspaper and was planning to hold two public meetings, one in Arboles and one in Pagosa Springs.

She commented that these meetings would include presentations on town and county priorities for road repairs, as well as answering questions and fostering dialogue.

Lashbrooke concluded by stating that the campaign is encourag-

ing voters to drop off their ballots instead of mailing them in to ensure they arrived in time for the election.

In response to a question from County Attorney Todd Weaver, Lashbrooke clarified that the Arboles meeting would occur more than 100 feet from the polling place in Arboles.

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Congresswoman's staff to hold mobile office hours Monday

Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's Office

Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's Office announced mobile office hours with staff in Pagosa Springs.

Office hours will be held on Monday, Nov. 14, at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, small meeting room, 811 San Juan St., from 11 a.m. to noon.

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Sports

SOCCER

Pirates fail to command Generals, ending playoff run

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

On Oct. 26, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team ended its season with a 1-0 defeat against the Arrupe Jesuit Generals in the first round of the playoffs.

The Pirates entered the playoffs as the 15th seed with a 10-4 record, while the Generals entered the playoffs as the 18th seed with an 8-5-2 record.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason commented on the game, "It was a tough one. I think as soon as we got our jitters out we started playing our game where we had a plan of having a high press right away, and that means that you put your defensive line high in the field towards your opponent's goal. ... We just wanted to put a lot of pressure on them because we watched some films that they didn't seem to do well with that."

"It really worked and ... looking at the shots on goal, they had six total shots on goal and we had 13, and if you look at the time of possession in the game, we pretty much had it for probably 90 percent of the time."

"Their game was basically they'd pass a couple times then they'd kick it really far and they seldom switched the field or changed the point of attack. They had some good passing and running, but it was really a quick game. ... Their attacks were counterattacks, basically, and they scored on one of them. It was a pretty long kick about six minutes into the second half."

"But, the first half, we held the ball quite a bit and had some really good opportunities to score,

just never quite got one in and second half, same thing. We had possession for most of the half and we had two great shots, one from [Gavin Carter]. He was out 30 yards and he was covered really tightly by an ... opponent and he turned and knocked it over everybody's head and it just glanced off the crossbar."

He added, "That was what was happening during the game, we were just glancing off the crossbar or the post or missing a little wide of the goal frame."

Kurt-Mason also mentioned that the Generals moved into a more defensive formation following their goal and worked to slow down the game.

"It was great to see the guys playing a really hard match and sticking to it," the coach said. "They have a lot of tenacity and drive and grit. They didn't let down. They got scored on, but that didn't change their attitude."

Overall, Kurt-Mason stated, it is possible to measure the success of a season based on wins and losses, "but another way to measure the success is by the character of the team and their vision as a whole and their work ethic. And, under adversity like that, they certainly rose to the occasion and didn't let down. So, they got behind, but it shows that they had a really strong sense of character that they just kept fighting."

Kurt-Mason stated that the final game reflected the season as the team "played really hard" but "came up a little short."

He added that, overall, the team had had a "really great" season and their play was a "class act."

Kurt-Mason stated that the Arrupe Jesuit coach had complimented the team on its play after



SUN photo/Randi Pierce
Pirate Milo Deitemeyer blocks a shot while goalie Christopher Young-Martinez races back to the goal during the Pirates' Oct. 26 game against the Arrupe Jesuit Generals. The Pirates were defeated 1-0, ending their playoff run in the first round.

the game and had stated that the culture of the fans was the best he had experienced over the season.

"He said it was an awesome place to play," Kurt-Mason said, "and that our team was lucky to have a community that would support them ... through thick and

thin." Kurt-Mason also spoke about the overall results of the season, stating that the Pirates scored 62 goals and 54 assists, which indicates the team effort that went into scoring those goals.

He also highlighted that the team had had 20 goals scored against them in their 15 games, which he stated is an accomplishment.

Kurt-Mason also commented that, excluding the two matches the Pirates had played against 4A division teams, including Mead and Durango, the Pirates had only eight goals scored against them.

He also spoke about the seniors on the team and the experience of them leaving the team.

"What I like most about coaching ... are the kids, the athletes, and being with them and ... coaching them throughout the season and watching them grow from freshmen into seniors. And the hardest part and what I don't like is saying goodbye to all these guys. And, they're moving on and this happens to coaches all the time. You build a team and then all of a sudden you got to build the team again and it

just goes and goes. It's the toughest part, seeing people leave. It's like your kids are leaving for college or they're movin' on. And they need to, but it sure was fun being around these guys."

The 2022 team contained 12 seniors, including Gabriel Gallegos, Noah Singerland, Carson Young-Martinez, Kaleb Johnson, Jordan Pham, Kaylor Christians, Clayton Hubbs, Jordan Heaton, Kameron Winkler, Kelton Christians, Alex

Pham and Jonathan Nasralla.

Kurt-Mason stated, on the subject of next year's season, that he expects the experience that the team's seven remaining players gained this season to assist the team next year and that these players would be the team's core of leadership for next year's team.

"We're not starting from scratch because these guys have played a bunch before," Kurt-Mason stated.
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Pirates Carson Young-Martinez and Chance Ramirez contest the ball during the team's 1-0 defeat against the Arrupe Jesuit Generals on Oct. 26. Young-Martinez is one of the 12 seniors on the team.



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FOOTBALL

Pirates wrap up season with overtime win

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The season ended in dramatic fashion for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team last week.

With two seconds left on the clock in the fourth quarter on Friday, Oct. 28, the Pirates were down 33-27 to the Bayfield Wolverines. Then, Colt Lewis caught a pass from Aaron Aucoin with no time left to tie the game.

After a missed extra-point attempt, the game between the rivals went into overtime, where the Pirates picked up the 39-33 win.

"I think it's just kind of how our season's gone," coach Nathan Morales said. "Early on we didn't finish games and it was something ... we decided really after the Delta game, where we were like, 'We've gotta ... finish,' ... because we kinda had a letdown against them in the fourth quarter, too. We just talked about finishing."

The Pirates scored first in the affair, picking up a touchdown on an 8-yard run by Aaron Aucoin with eight minutes, 17 seconds left in the first quarter. It was followed by a successful extra-point attempt by Kameron Winkler.

Pagosa held that lead until 5:06 remained in the first half, when the Wolverines tied the game.

The Pirates countered that with a 14-yard run by Gavin Lindahl with 1:44 left in the half, which was again followed by a successful extra-point kick by Winkler. With 18 seconds left in the quarter, the Wolverines scored to leave the game tied at 14 at halftime.

The Pirates scored on a 2-yard run by Lindahl with 3:26 left in the third quarter and were again successful on the extra-point attempt to take a 21-14 lead.

The Wolverines then opened the fourth quarter with a pair of touchdowns and took a 27-21 lead.

With 8:38 left in the game, Lindahl scored for the third time on the night, this time on a 30-yard run.

Bayfield countered with another touchdown with 4:47 left in the game to take a 33-27 lead.

Lewis then caught the pass for the Pirates to tie the game.

Both teams missed their final extra-point attempts in the game, sending it to overtime.

In overtime, each team started at 1st and goal, with four attempts to score before the ball was turned over to the opposing team.

After the Pirates' defense prevented the Wolverines from scoring, Pagosa's Aaron Aucoin connected a pass to brother Seth Aucoin for the winning touchdown.

The coach pointed to the team's mindset as a factor in the win.

"Late in the game, it was just their mindset," he said. "You know, you could just tell the whole time they just felt they were going to win the game, and that's a good mindset to have, to not be down on yourself or anything like that. And that really goes back to our senior class and how well they did keeping everybody up and making sure that that happened for us as a program."

Morales also pointed to the injury of Harley Armijo early in the game as something that changed the game plan.

"We had a kid go down early for us that kind of changed our game plan a little bit, and I thought Bay-



SUN photo/Randi Pierce
Pirate Colt Lewis secures the ball in the end zone to tie the team's game against the Bayfield Wolverines with no time left on the clock. The Pirates went on to win 39-33 in overtime.

field did a great job attacking us on defense," Morales said.

He added that the two freshmen that went into the game for Armijo did well.

He further highlighted the play of several of the team's seniors, including Heath Fulbright, Quintin Blankenship, Aaron Aucoin and Jacob Griego.

"I thought they all played well for us," he said.

Morales called the win a "great team win."

Aaron Aucoin completed five of 11 pass attempts for a total of 54 yards and two touchdowns.

He also rushed for 185 yards on 25 carries, which included one touchdown.

Morales noted that with rivalry games such as against Bayfield, you throw the records.

"A rivalry game you always know with the records you throw them out," he said. "It doesn't matter. You know both teams are going to play hard."

Lindahl rushed for 168 yards and three touchdowns on 12 carries.

Colton Lucero logged 60 rushing yards on nine carries.

Blake Laner picked up 36 receiving yards on the night on one reception. Seth Aucoin had 10 rushing yards and a touchdown on one reception. Harley Armijo had two receptions for 5 yards, and Colt Lewis had one reception for 3 yards and a touchdown.

The Pirates logged 67 tackles in the game, led by Conner Kelly with 12 — 10 solo and two assists. Aaron Aucoin had 11 tackles, including eight solo and three assists.

Winkler kicked off four times for a total of 179 yards in the game, while Aaron Aucoin had one kickoff for 22 yards. Aaron Aucoin also logged three punts for a total of 94 yards. Winkler also made three of five extra-point attempts.

Lucero had one kickoff return for 65 yards, Lewis had two for 15 yards, Jayton Ross had one for 5 yards, and Seth Aucoin had one for 2 yards.

Despite the win and a second-place in League 5, the Pirates fell short of landing one of the 16 playoff spots in 2A football.

The Pirates ended the season with a 4-5 overall record and 3-1 record in league play.

The Delta Panthers finished at the top of the league with a 4-0 league record and 9-0 overall mark. The Panthers are the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

Finishing third in the league are the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, who had a 2-2 league record and 6-3 overall record. They advanced to the postseason as the No. 11 team.

The Salida Spartans finished fourth with a 1-3 league record and 4-5 overall record.

The Wolverines finished last in the league with an 0-4 record in league play and an 0-9 overall record.

Morales suggested the Pirates' grit and mindset to be great stand out to him looking back on the season.

"We're a physical football team, we know that, and I look to continue those things, but then just the grit that ... the seniors and the team decided to instill in themselves and have as the season went on," Morales said, pointing out that the team was 0-5 before going on to finish the season 4-5. "That's pretty impressive because that's just their mindsets and their will to win."

He also suggested the goal is for the players to be the best men they can be after four years in the program and the season was a product of that, with the 37 members of the team sticking with the season and continuing to grind and just missing the playoffs.

"I love that for them," he said. "The Pirates' roster lists 10 seniors: Aaron Aucoin, Winkler, Chandler Mazur, Fulbright, Fabian Quezada, Kaison Clifford, Griego, Blankenship, Kevon Belk and Jacob Miller."

"I'm going to miss them all," Morales said, noting he's been the head coach for three years, but known them for four. "I love the relationships that we've built. ... They're leaders on and off the field. No matter how much they play or don't play, they continue to lead and grow as people and I feel that's important."

He added that he unfortunately has to graduate a group of seniors every year, calling this one "a good one."

"[There are] a lot of good men in this senior class and I'm excited to see where they're gonna be in 10 years. The program's better because of them," he said.

He also suggested that much of

what made the Pirates successful this season will be part of what the team is in the future, and the team has a lot of good players and people coming back.

"It's definitely going to lead to a lot more success for the Pirate football team," he said.

He added he is also challenging the athletes to compete in other sports and hit the weight room.

The coach also thanked the families, community and school district staff for their support of the program.

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VOLLEYBALL

Pirates prep for regionals after tough losses at tournament

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team qualified for the regional championships, giving the Pirates something to look forward to following a series of losses at last weekend's tournament in New Castle.

The Pirates are heading into the postseason with an 11-11 season record and a 3-5 league record, putting them in fourth in the Intermountain League and earning them a No. 23 seed for the playoffs.

Last weekend, the Lady Pirates lost four games in a row at the Coal Ridge High School tournament in New Castle.

"We unfortunately had to deal with a lot of illness, so it became a good chance to get some swings some experience, and we were so proud of them all doing well and keeping their composure the entire time," coach Katie Lorenzen wrote in an email to THE SUN.

Their first game against the James Irwin Jaguars, who are ranked 17th in the Colorado 3A division with a 15-8 season record and a 10-2 league record in the 2A/3A/4A Tri-Peaks league, was the most highly anticipated because of the Jaguars' standing in the 3A division, Lorenzen explained last week.

In that game, the Pirates lost in two sets, 25-11 and 25-15.

As a team, they hit .026 and had three serving aces, contributed by Aspen Pitcher, Ava Pargin and Kynsile Limebrook.

The Pirates had four blocks and 33 digs — led by Annie O'Donnell

with seven and followed by Pargin with six.

They also had eight assists, led by O'Donnell and Lauren Monteroso with three each.

"James Irwin had a really tough server who had long runs against us," Lorenzen wrote.

The Pirates also played the Glenwood Springs Demons, who are fourth in their 4A Mountain Slope league with a season record of 15-8 and a 4-6 league record.

That game was slightly closer, with a loss against the Demons in two sets, 25-19 and 25-23.

Lynelle Bartz led in kills with six, leading the Pirates, who had 14 total kills. Bartz hit .500, leading the team, which had a .318 average. The team had four blocks, 24 digs and 11 assists.

In their third game, the Pirates lost against the Coal Ridge Titans, who beat the Pirates 2-0, winning 25-16 in both sets.

The Titans are currently seventh in the 3A Western Slope league and 43rd in the Colorado 3A division, with a 1-6 league record and a 5-18 season record.

Bartz hit .176 and had four kills, leading the Pirates in both categories, who cumulatively had 15 kills and hit .094.

Pitcher, Limebrook and freshman swing player Lexi Campbell all hit .167.

The team had three total blocks and were led by Limebrook, who had one blocking assist and one solo block.

Grace Walker, Monteroso and Pargin each contributed seven digs for a team total of 42.

In the final game of the tournament, the Pirates lost against the Delta Panthers, who are first in their 3A Mountain Slope league and 11th in the Colorado 3A division with a league record of 7-0 and a season record of 16-7.

The Panthers beat the Pirates 2-0, winning the first set 25-7 and the second set 25-15.

The Pirates had four kills and hit .073 throughout the match.

Bea Carpenter and O'Donnell each had a solo block, and as a team the Pirates had five blocks.

Pitcher led in digs with five, followed closely by Walker and Bartz with four, helping the Pirates with their cumulative 27 digs.

"Energy, communication, and cohesiveness were a struggle most of the weekend," Lorenzen wrote.

The team is headed to Eaton on Friday for their first playoff games of the postseason.

There, they'll compete against the Eagle Ridge Academy Warriors, who are seeded 35th with a season record of 10-13 and a league record of 3-7.

Things should heat up for the Pirates afterward, when they're scheduled to play the Eaton Reds, who are second in the Colorado 3A division with a season record of 19-4 and a league record of 13-0.

"Our big challenge will be Eaton but if we are firing on all cylinders we'll be better than we've been all season and could pull off the upset like we did my senior year against Eaton," Lorenzen wrote. "Postseason always brings surprises and upsets, so we're hoping to be the upset!"
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Estate of Elmer Alvah Thomas, Deceased
Case No. 2022 PR 30053
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before February 20, 2023, or the claims may be forever barred.
Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
190 Tailsman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
Barbara A. Allen Kelsay, Trustee of the Barbara Allen Family Trust dated August 12, 1994 and Amended February 15, 2007,
5118 S JONES BLVD # 102
LAS VEGAS, NV 89118
Caroline W. King
10384 N JERRY ROAD
DOLAN SPRINGS, AZ 86441
Tara L. McGowan
5118 S JONES BLVD # 102
LAS VEGAS, NV 89118-0503
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2019, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

HILARI L. BELL
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 144 IN LAKES HATCHER PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 5, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 78738
Account Number: R001761
Schedule Number: 558336203076
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2019-04637
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to HILARI L. BELL

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2018
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Barbara A. Allen Kelsay, Trustee of the Barbara Allen Family Trust dated August 12, 1994 and Amended February 15, 2007, and Caroline W. King and Tara L. McGowan for said year 2018.
That said HILARI L. BELL on the 20th day of September 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to HILARI L. BELL
On the 8th day of March 2023, unless the same has been redeemed,
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand this 28th day of September 2022
/s/ Elsa P White,
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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MARGARET PIZ AKA MARGARET A. PIZ
1645 BELLAIRE DRIVE
CASPER , WY 82601
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HILARI L. BELL
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 7 OF BLOCK 15 IN AMENDED ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD MARCH 22, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74229.
Account Number: R024493
Schedule Number: 569301204002
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2019-04639
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to HILARI L. BELL
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2018
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of MARGARET PIZ AKA MARGARET A. PIZ for said year 2018.
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STUART, FL 34997-8025
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DELDEV INC
1133 N. 18TH STREET
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2019, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to
BILL BERKE
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOTS 402, 403 AND 454, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885.
Account Number: R004237
Schedule Number: 569524405038
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2019-04687
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2018
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEV, INC for said year 2018.
That said BILL BERKE on the 16th day of September 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BILL BERKE
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NOTICE OF CONTRACTOR'S FINAL SETTLEMENT
PAGOSA PEAK OPEN SCHOOL
8-B BUILDING SYSTEM & SAFETY UPGRADES
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Pagosa Peak Open School Building Corporation is announcing completion of the following construction project:
Pagosa Peak Open School – K-8 Building System & Safety Upgrades
located at:
7 Parelli Way Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Pursuant to C.R.S. §38-26-107, the General Contractor, FCI Constructors, Inc. and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, vendors and manufacturers who have provided any materials or labor in connection with this construction project, are hereby notified that **Final Settlement on this construction project is scheduled for November 14, 2022.** Final settlement will be held at the School's Administration Office, located at 7 Parelli Way, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The General Contractor, or any contractor, subcontractor, supplier, vendor and manufacturer who provided any materials or labor in connection with this construction project, and who claims to have not been paid for all or any portion of such materials or labor, shall submit a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim to Pagosa Peak Open School Building Corporation on or before the date and time scheduled for final settlement. All claims shall be submitted in writing to:
Pagosa Peak Open School Building Corporation
c/o Angela Reali-Crossland, School Director
7 Parelli Way
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand this 23rd day of September 2022
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DELDEV INC
1133 N. 18TH STREET
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
DELEDEV INC
3032 I-70 BUSINESS LOOP
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81504
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2019, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

BILL BERKE
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOTS 315, 316, 323 AND 324, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885.
Account Number: R004259
Schedule Number: 569524407040
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2019-04688
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to BILL BERKE
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2018
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEV INC for said year 2018.
That said BILL BERKE on the 16th day of September 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
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HILARI L. BELL
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 1649 IN BAKER VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION 74884.
Account Number: R010165
Schedule Number: 569919422019
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2019-04633
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to MARK S. JESKE
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2018
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of ROBERT L. REYNOLDS and ROSA R. REYNOLDS for said year 2018.
That said MARK S. JESKE on the 4th day of October 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to MARK S. JESKE
On the 15th day of March 2023, unless the same has been redeemed,
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand this 13th day of October 2022
/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 18 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74690, COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO.
Account Number: R014867
Schedule Number: 589303301008
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2019-04657
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to HILARI L. BELL
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2018
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of GRAHAM P. HUNT and SUSAN E. HUNT for said year 2018.
That said HILARI L. BELL on the 20th day of September 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
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Account Number: R003982
Schedule Number: 569214413006
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2019-04652
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CROSS-COUNTRY



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Senior Andrew Bowles races at last Saturday's state cross-country meet in Colorado Springs. Bowles finished 62nd out of 159 runners.



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Sophomore Sienna Rose gets set to race at Saturday's state cross-country meet. Rose, in her first appearance at state, finished 80th out of 150 runners.

Rose, Bowles surpass expectations at state meet

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

Sienna Rose and Andrew Bowles ran tough and fast as they represented the Pagosa Springs High School's cross-country teams at the Colorado 3A State Championships in Colorado Springs last Saturday.

"It was a fun trip and both of them had a great run," coach Rachael Christiansen wrote in an email.

In the girls' race, Rose, a sophomore, ran her first-ever state meet in 21 minutes, 54 seconds — only five seconds off from her personal record.

"She looked strong throughout the race!" Christiansen wrote. "It was a great race on a new course for her. We are excited to see her improve next season and hope she will get a couple more chances to race at State!"

She finished in 80th place out of 150 runners, moving up 29 spots from where she was originally ranked.

"It was definitely hard, but I felt good about it for the most part," Rose said. "The hills were definitely hard."

Rose enthused about her season as a whole; she noted how much she's grown since last year, and how many personal records she saw during the season.

In the boys' race, Bowles ran the course in 18:01 and finished 62nd out of 159 runners, above his 88th-place ranking going into the meet and 1:22 faster than his time last year.

"He raced smart, starting off more disciplined and holding back a little until he climbed up the hill," Christiansen wrote. "Once up and over the hill he increased his pace and started picking people off, moving up in the rankings. He finished strong and even passed a handful of runners in the final stretch."

Bowles explained how he tried to tactfully compete throughout the run, moving up spot by spot as he neared the finish.

"This season was good and fast," Bowles said. "I got the best times that

I could, and I kept going closer and closer to meeting that 18-minute mark the whole time."

Bowles, who is a graduating senior, ran all four seasons with the Pirates. His first race was in Gunnison in 2019, where he ran a 23:48. His 5k personal best was 18:00, which he earned in Monte Vista this season.

"Andrew is our adventurous athlete. He is not afraid of much and was willing to put it out there time and time again," the coach wrote. "It was fun watching his journey and watching him build confidence through this sport. I am excited to watch him continue that growth, and I know breaking that 18:00 mark is easily within his reach."

Bowles said that he is going to try to continue to compete in college.

Other graduating seniors include Kyle Marotta and Reece Peterson.

"Kyle Marotta ran 3 seasons with us, joining us his sophomore year, in 2020," Christiansen wrote. "Kyle's first race was in Ignacio where he ran a 26:18. His last race was a couple weeks ago at regionals where he ran a 21:52. His personal best 5k time is 21:44, which he also ran at Monte Vista this season."

"It was great to watch Kyle truly embrace racing this season. In previous seasons it seemed he didn't want to fully let go of being in control. He didn't want to step into the world of discomfort that comes when you are all out racing. However, this year we saw that change entirely. He let go of the [reins] and had some great races as a result."

"In addition to his improvement in running this season, he also stepped into a leadership role for the whole team. He was the one who would send reminders about pasta nights and organize team movie nights."

"Our last senior is Reece Peterson. Reece actually was a volleyball player for 3 years at the high school. During Covid, volleyball was moved to the spring so she decided to join us for our season in 2020."

"Her first race was in Alamosa where she ran a 27:52. Then, for her junior year she stuck with volleyball, but decided to join us for her senior year. Her last race was 25:45 at our regional meet and her all time best was 25:12 at Joe Vigil this season."

"We were so glad she decided to join cross this season. Reece is one of the kindest and most humble people you will meet. She stepped into the loving 'mom' role on the team and cared for every one, coaches included!"

Christiansen explained that looking back on the season, the word growth comes to mind.

"As we look towards next season we are looking to continue building that growth," Christiansen wrote. "We will hold summer practices, starting in late June and are hoping the whole team is able to join us to start building that base early. I believe we have some strong runners who are capable of running some very fast races with some solid conditioning through track and summer practices."



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Just minutes after A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launched from California's Vandenberg Space Force Base at 7:14 p.m. on Oct. 27, carrying 53 Starlink satellites into orbit, Pagosa Springs resident Duffy Snell snapped this photo from Escobar Avenue in Archuleta County.

VETERAN'S CORNER

Pagosa Springs Middle School to hold Veteran's Day breakfast on Nov. 11

By Raymond Taylor
Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

The eighth-grade class of Pagosa Springs Middle School is presenting a Veteran's Day breakfast on Nov. 11 in the gymnasium in the Ross Aragon Community Center. The event will be held from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. or so.

The students and parents are providing the bill of fare. Veterans, you are asked to provide your presence to this fine opportunity to interact with our young Americans.

A flag-folding ceremony will be performed at 9 a.m., along with the pledge, "The Star Spangled Banner" and other music provided by the middle school.

Bring some memories and something to share about your military history, even make some new memories with this eighth-grade class.

There will also be a Veteran's Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park at 11 a.m. in honor of Veteran's Day.

Veterans, one and all, thank you for your service.

Grant allows Vets4Vets to help local veterans

Vets4Vets of Archuleta County has received a grant from the

Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This financial grant is to support veterans in our community through the following assistance: housing, utilities, mental health counseling, dental services, travel assistance, automobile repairs, gas and food cards, and emergency veteran assistance.

Contact Vets4Vets at <https://vets4vetpsco.org/> or dharp@gmail.com.

Contact information

Veterans: Thank you for your service. Welcome home.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office (VSO), located at the Pagosa Senior Center in the Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The office: (970) 264-4013, fax number: (970) 264-4014, and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO. Always leave a message and phone number to contact you.

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month

at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

- Veterans for Veterans: every Tuesday at 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive, on all but the first Tuesday. Breakfast meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, Lewis Street. Contact Gary Hanneman at (970) 946-2540.

- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Carter's office; contact Charlotte at (970) 903-9690.

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- Vets4Vets: (970) 880-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.

- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: (970) 247-2214.

- Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.

- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.

- VA Health Care Emergency Notification: (844) 724-7842.

The Veterans Crisis Line offers free, confidential support to veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends 24/7/365. Call (800) 273-8255, chat online or text 838255.



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Fireworks light up the sky near Yamaguchi Park during Halloween Hootenanny on Saturday, Oct. 29. The community's annual Fourth of July fireworks were canceled due to fire danger, with the show being rescheduled for last weekend.

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Veteran appreciation dinner set for Nov. 11

By Shanna Robb
Pagosa Catholic Community

A sit-down spaghetti dinner is being hosted by the Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus on Friday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Dinner is being held at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church located at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Veterans are admitted for free and all others are \$10.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882. The Fourth Degree designation was added in 1900 with the goal of reaching out to veterans and active military.

“Our Nov. 11 dinner is meant to honor those that have served our country,” explained Jim Fields, event chair.

No RSVP is required. For more information, email parishlife@ihmjp2.org.

Community Band concert set for Nov. 12

By Susy Mekeal
Pagosa Springs Community Band

The Pagosa Springs Community Band will have a concert on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

Admission is free and donations are greatly appreciated. It will be a wonderful event to bring your friends and family to. The Community Band in Pagosa has been around for many years, providing year-round entertainment to the

community.

The band began as a group of adults wanting to enjoy playing music together. There are many retired music educators and professional musicians in our community who are involved in the band. The caliber of musicians is quite impressive for a town this size. As the years progressed, the band has focused on supporting young musicians in the community by allowing them to join with adult musicians. The band also supports the school music programs with

donations and scholarships to young musicians for education and lessons. It is a wonderful collaboration that we intend to continue to grow.

Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of music. Admission is free and donations are greatly appreciated.

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Genealogical Society to hear about the surprising family history of Thanksgiving

By Carolyn Paschal
Archuleta County Genealogical Society

The Archuleta County Genealogical Society (ACGS) is pleased to welcome back Katherine Sturdevant as the presenter at our Nov. 5 meeting.

Sturdevant is a professor of history at Pikes Peak State College in Colorado Springs. Sturdevant has been a frequent presenter for ACGS. Her book "Bringing Your Family History to Life Through Social History" remains the main resource for using historical methods in genealogy. In her college classes, Sturdevant teaches sessions on the history of all of our most popular seasonal holidays because it is so instructive about our history in general.

Her topic for this meeting will be "Thanksgiving: The Surprising Family History of America's Great Food Event." Come join us to learn the social history of America's seasonal holiday, which is surprising as much as familiar, but also realize how holiday history can facilitate writing your own family history narratives.

Surprising Thanksgiving history includes its English roots, how it

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.

spread through America, how political it became and that a woman magazine editor was the primary force behind it. Meanwhile, recalling, researching and recording your family holiday customs is a valuable contribution to your own family history.

The meeting will be held at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street beginning

at 10 a.m. Sturdevant's presentation will be followed by a short business meeting. This will be a hybrid Zoom meeting. Please contact Carolyn Paschal at carolyn-paschal@gmail.com for the link.

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2018's Prohibition "Blues Box" Music Hall Fundraiser. This year's fundraiser, the Golden Age of Hollywood, will be held Saturday, Nov. 12.

Pagosa Peak Open School to present Golden Age of Hollywood red carpet gala

By Ursala Hudson
Pagosa Peak Open School

Get ready to shimmy your tuxedos and gowns down the red carpet at the annual Music Hall Fundraiser — the Golden Age of Hollywood.

You may recall the roaring good time that was had by all at 2018's prohibition-themed inaugural fundraiser, "The Blues Box," featuring the southwest's finest blues and jazz musicians and a full dance floor. This year we are bringing out the red carpet for a classy 1920s-'60s event featuring a fresh live band and all-new props.

This annual period-themed musical gala encompasses the creative investment of not only the professional musical performance and exuberant décor, but also the adorned crowd, making it Pagosa's

premier artistic event.

The upcoming theme will be upheld by the classy Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. A walk down the red carpet will lead attendees inside a sparkled-up venue filled with celebrity cameos and delectable hors d'oeuvres. A further jaunt down the Hollywood Walk of Fame will

lead to the photo booths and bar, with a drink menu consisting of signature cocktails, champagne and beer (for our true Western movie stars).

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The Vista Lake Community Garden garden beds have been cleaned and turned ready for their long winter's nap. However, work continues as the shade structure poles are set in place, ready for a canopy come spring. The Community Leadership and Learning Circle will be using the winter months to create spring and summer events in this new area. Look for more information come February 2023.

Healthy Archuleta provides update on Vista Lake Community Garden

Healthy Archuleta

Unfortunately, Healthy Archuleta's hopes for the first annual Harvest Hustle were a bust due to the bad weather last Sunday.

On an up note, members of the Community Leadership and

Learning Circle (CLLC) stepped up to put the garden beds to rest, and old plants were added to the manure compost and covered for the winter. The dirt in the beds was turned for a long winter's rest, plus thyme and rosemary were transplanted into pots to be

looked after till the next season. The asparagus was pulled and is being protected in peat moss until it makes its way to its new home in the tilled area.

However, purple kale and microgreens can still be harvested until a heavy frost covers them.

Gala

■ continued from previous page

A super-band of Pagosa's finest musicians and performers will be collaborating to produce a lengthy musical performance that is sure to keep the dance floor packed throughout the night. Our most glamorous VIPs get their own cocktail table, table service, reserved parking and will be hopped up on champagne and chocolate.

Be sure to dress to impress by donning your most dapper duds and glamorous gowns as our best dressed "celebrities" will be awarded their very own golden Oscar and other delights. Categories include Hollywood's Leading Man, Starlet and Lovers.

This event is undoubtedly a community collaboration, supporting the arts in Pagosa Springs, and — above all — educational excellence.

All proceeds from this event will go toward operations and programming at Pagosa Peak Open School — Pagosa's first district-authorized, tuition-free public elementary charter school.

Public school options monitored by the Colorado Department of Education are historically shown to increase the academic and cultural quality of all the educational options within a community — which has a drastic impact for small towns such as ours. While

Pagosa Peak Open School receives nearly the same state funding per child as the other public schools in Archuleta County, numerous operational expenses are left for the school to cover, which could otherwise be applied to teacher salaries, transportation, class supplies, field work options and growth opportunities for students. The school's operational budget relies heavily on grants and fund-

raising events.

To learn more about the school, visit www.pagosapeakopenschool.org.

This year's fundraiser will be held Saturday, Nov. 12. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at PagosaCenter.org. The 2018 event sold out in advance and tickets are very limited. Find the event on Facebook for more details.

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Over the years, my Sweet Al received phone calls from his brother. The gruff and impatient voice was always about sending Al on an errand. “Go down to my house, clear the snow, open the gate and turn on the heat, my ex is coming to Pagosa for the weekend.”

Nothing was too much to ask Al to do. “Al, I left my diamond ring in a hotel in Gallup, go get it.” Never please or thank you.

My Sweet Al dropped everything and drove to Gallup, N.M., found his brother's ring and even a girlfriend left behind in the hotel room. Al returned them to where they belonged, didn't judge and didn't talk about it.

“I need Al to cleanup on Aisle No. 9.” As fast as Al could go, he was there with a broom, mop and a bucket of soapy water. He never complained, always went with a servant's heart.

When I hear a voice say over the intercom at the grocery store, “Clean up on aisle No. 9,” I think about all the times Al cleaned up the messes his brother left behind.

The aftermath of someone or something out of control is very real. We watched Hurricane Ian recently make its way across Florida. It was out of control. Everyone hid from the hurricane, evacuated or did whatever they needed to do to get out of its path.

In the aftermath, horrifying photos showed the disaster the storm had left behind. People looked at their belongings, examined a broken and drenched piece of furniture, shook their heads at their boat sitting in a tree or the roof of their home blown off and down the street.

As they searched through the rubbish, they picked up pieces of memories from their past and cried for what the hurricane had destroyed. I believe that is how the family members felt at the memorial of Al's brother. Anyone who wanted to share a story or a memory was given time.

Each person picked up a piece of the aftermath of a person out of control and tried to make sense of it. They wanted to say something nice to memorialize their brother, father and grandfather, but the hurt was too deep. Still, they were respectful in their pain.

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



The gathering was small, about 20 people. There were family members and a few caregivers, who had taken care of David in his last year on earth. They shared their time with him. It was interesting the people who took care of him all said he was difficult but enjoyed him. They didn't feel the impact of a hurting family. No tears from them, just a sadness he was gone.

I likened their experience to Hurricane Ian. We sat in Colorado, watching on television the people in Florida who dealt with the disastrous storm. We felt deeply for their loss, prayed for them, but we couldn't feel what they were going through.

One of the caregivers, who was with Al's brother at the very end, asked David if he had any regrets. David said, “No. I did everything I wanted to do.”

I remember David flew to Paris on Aug. 17, 1978. With a bottle of champagne in hand, David ran to greet Ben Abruzzo and two other men. They had just crossed the Atlantic in a helium balloon named Double Eagle II.

We watched on television from our home in Pagosa. We envied David that he had the means to do that and many other things over his lifetime.

I guess there wouldn't be any regret. But I would've thought his last days would be of great remorse, crying for all his wrong choices and repenting to all who loved him and whom he hurt.

I said, “Al, your brother lived in a bubble of his own making. He was totally out of touch with reality. He had no idea of the hurt he caused to the people who loved him and he left behind.”

When the will was read, all the

names of the family were listed saying absolutely nothing was to be given to any of them. His whole estate: business, home, beautiful art and all his belongings were left to an ex-wife, the one who wasn't in the family. The one Al always waited on at David's whim. The one who never said thank you either.

After reading the will, I believe David's son said it best. “I didn't want anything, but when we were told, it was as if we were worth nothing to him. We weren't worthy. That's what hurts the most.”

I shared my story about the two brothers' lives and how I coped with all the nonsense David put our family through. We took a backseat many times to Al's brother. The thoughtlessness brought a lot of hurt and anger. We have had to deal with the emotions over the years. Now his children have to pick up more pieces in the aftermath and forgive him, for he didn't have any concept of the pain he caused.

When I read my story at the memorial, David's son said, “Thank you for being truthful. Never had there been such a living testimony of a story of two brothers, each taking a different path, each making different life choices. One selfless, a servant to an older brother and the other brother, selfish, believing everything revolved around him.”

I told Al, “Recently I wrote about a man revered and beloved by his family and this community. There was nothing but sweet thoughts to say about him. He lived a selfless life. Today, I'm writing about a man who lived with the world at his feet with no regard for others.”

Final brushstroke: When one person experiences an enormous unsettling at their core, every person in the family is affected. It's how we pick up after the storm and forgive that heals. I have found the human spirit is relentless and will go on, even when there's nothing that makes sense.

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New Thought topic: 'Dreams and Synchronicities: Guidance for our Bodies, Minds and Spirits'

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for
Inspirational Living

The Sunday service at 11 a.m. on Nov. 6 will be with Julie Loar, author and astrologer, Egyptian tours: "Dreams and Synchronicities: Guidance for our Bodies, Minds and Spirits."

"Along with the struggle and pain, there are times life offers moments of transcendence." — Loar.

Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musi-

cians and singers to join SpiritHeart band. Please text McClure at (970) 510-0309 for band information.

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

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

Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Beauty Spa Day. Treatments and Christmas Shopping benefit at the New Thought Center.

For more information, contact (970) 309-6067.

About us

The New Thought Center promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance our members' life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an inclusive community.

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

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

Community invited to playground planning event

By Cady Allione
Pagosa Peak Open School

Playground for the People is hosting a community event Saturday, Nov. 5, at SOCO from 3 to 6 p.m. Music and free food will make the brainstorming process a party.

A diverse team of collaborators is being created which will guide the

new uptown playground through the design phase. All team members will receive multiple levels of compensation for their participation.

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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to discuss travel and spirituality

By Joan Ward
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The topic of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship service on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 10:30 a.m. in-person or on Zoom will be "Travel and Spirituality."

Does travel affect your spirituality? Does experiencing other cultures and other peoples' way of living give you a sense of our underlying connection? Does spending time in other landscapes amaze you at the variety of environments on our earth? Does seeing our world from space give you a holistic perspective? How do the pictures from the Webb telescope of beyond

our world affect your spirituality?

Join Joan Ward as she discusses these questions, with some insights from Neil deGrasse Tyson's book "Starry Messenger: Cosmic Perspectives on Civilization" and from her recent travels to Maritime Canada (with pictures). Share your travel experiences and thoughts on these questions.

Ward is a longtime member of the Pagosa UU Fellowship, a member of its steering committee and a volunteer for many local organizations.

Zoom instructions: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89541356518>. Meeting ID: 895 4135 6518. Call in: (346) 248-7799.

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 visit www.pagosauu.org.

Centerpoint to host 'Surviving the Holidays' grief seminar

By Marie Rascoe
Centerpoint Church

Are you grieving the death of a loved one or do you know someone who is?

A "Surviving the Holidays" grief seminar will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6, at Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The holidays can intensify the pain when you are grieving the death of someone you love.

The Centerpoint Church Grief-

Share ministry is hosting the "Surviving the Holidays" seminar free of charge to help participants prepare for the holiday season without their loved one.

You will discover:

- Ways to deal with your emotions.
- What to do about traditions.
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- How to find hope for the future.

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- **Protect Your Constitutional Rights.**
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We can not continue to watch the open and brazen corruption from this administration and their chosen elite who are acting unlawfully during elections, during meetings, with expenditures, and have accepted no accountability for these actions.

I want to elevate the political discussion in Archuleta County. We are a world destination with the deepest hot spring in the world, Wolf Creek Ski Area to the east and Chimney Rock National Monument to the west.

We are a community that lives from our hearts.

We Welcome the World, and must stop excluding and targeting individuals if we want the world to come to our little slice of Heaven on Earth.

Join me in celebrating our community and the beauty around us.

You have a choice on November 8th.

Vote for freedom. Vote for a Constitutional County. Vote for inclusion. Vote to celebrate all in our community. Vote for Rule of Law. **Vote for Rachel Suh.**

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County Officials Believe Breaking the Law is "Part of Politics"

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It has been alleged through multiple anonymous tips that the driver of a silver Porche on the afternoon of Monday, October 24, 2022 stole my election sign at the bottom of Reservoir Hill across from the Post Office. This is the third time this has occurred, even though I have permission to have the sign up.

In still camera shots (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuibAmB5h6A>)

you see a brown GMC Yukon with the Monica Medina campaign banners parked on the road for hours. Towards the end of the footage, you then see a late-model silver Porsche Cayenne with a sun/moon roof (a rare vehicle in town) pull up behind the Yukon. It's only there for a few moments. During that time, my sign is removed, then the vehicle leaves.

This is unlawful tampering with election signs.

Are people being told by other candidates to remove my signs and violate the law? It has also been alleged that Lisa Scott- the campaign manager for Mike Le Roux- owns a silver late-model Porsche Cayenne.

It is difficult to believe that a candidate wouldn't be aware that their campaign manager is allegedly violating the law. If the allegations are true, this shows incompetence and a willingness to violate law for personal gain. Sound familiar?

Unfortunately, we can not ask Lisa, since she apparently left the country for a couple of weeks.

I know if my campaign manager would have done something similar, I would have fired them and turned them in.

My opponents need to step forward with the truth, since we can not get ahold of Lisa to verify this.

This kind of behavior shows that we need to raise the political discussion in town, and out of the hands of untrustworthy people whom are willing to violate campaign laws.

Is someone who is willing to stoop this low and intervene unlawfully in elections someone you truly want as your new sheriff?

Since Mike Le Roux will not come to any open/public meetings with the general public, it's impossible to approach him and ask him if the vehicle belongs to his campaign manager. Nor can we ask him if he was allowing those working for his campaign to violate the law. This goes against everything a sheriff stands for, and as current undersheriff, he should be upholding the laws.



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Instead, complaints to the county about my signs being tampered with, vandalized, stolen, and even shot at, as well as fines imposed on individuals who have them while others are not fined, etc. have gone largely ignored.

I was told to accept breaking the law as "part of politics."

It's plausible to assume it could all be the work of people involved/supporting his campaign, known as the Good Ol' Boys and Gals Network.

This is just one of the reasons I am running for Sheriff- Enough is Enough! This is why I named my campaign, "AmericansAgainstFraudAndCorruption.com"

So bring your ballot down in-person on election day and vote for me.

God willing, we can take back our Constitutional Republic.

Wayne Bryant for Archuleta County Sheriff

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Main Street Bethlehem returning at Centerpoint Church

By Jonathan Duncan
Centerpoint Church

Bethlehem: small, insignificant, unimpressive. Located just a few miles from Jerusalem on the edge of the Judean Wilderness, it had fertile land and a scene of terraced orchards and olive groves, surrounded by the shepherds' country. Bethlehem was a village where everyone knew everyone, with greetings by name and questions on the health of fathers and grandfathers. Women visited by the well as they waited for their turn to draw water to begin the chores of their day; children played safely everywhere in the town, for Bethlehem was small enough that every child was known by every parent and all were treated as their own. It had dusty streets, a Mediterranean climate, similar-looking houses clustered together before the opening valley and terraces that surrounded the village.

Bethlehem, or "house of bread" as its name means, was rich in Israeli heritage, mentioned often throughout the Old Testament and remembered for many things — the burial place of Rachel; the town of Ruth and her kinsman redeemer, Boaz; the scene of David's mighty men who risked their lives to provide their much-loved leader a cool drink of water from Bethlehem's well; and, of course, the event that was the most important event in Bethlehem's history — but soon to become the second most important event in its history — the birthplace of King David.

Yes, it was an important village in the history of Judah, but not one of significant size or influence; at the time of Jesus' birth there were most likely no more than just a few hundred residents. Because of its size and lack of importance, there were likely not many inns located in Bethlehem — maybe even just one, and not a large inn at that, not many rooms and certainly not a large enclosure to house the animals that would accompany the travelers. But just around the corner, or just over the hill — as we understand the geography of that area — there was a cave, one of the many caves that dotted the countryside around Bethlehem, caves that were used for sheepfolds, storage areas, overflow animal shelters — and, in some cases, burial caves for the families who lived in the tiny village. How interesting that God chose that very place — in a dark cave filled with dirty straw and the stench of barnyard animals — to introduce the creator of all things, the timeless alien who would step into time in order to change the flow of history and the destiny of mankind for all eternity.

Such was the scene in that smelly cave in Bethlehem that

night: there was nothing to attract the attention of the weary travelers coming to town for the census — not even the faintest hint that there might be something special going on there, just the tear-stained cheeks of the glowing young mother as she held her firstborn, just the quiet — but very proud — young daddy who had just successfully delivered his very first child and now humbly gazed into the eyes of the Savior of the world.

Paul eloquently describes the entry of Creator God into time and space as an infant born to a pair of teenagers whose lives were dedicated to God, and briefly follows this life through time and into eternity: "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross. Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:5–11).

It was the most remarkable gift offered in a most unremarkable package. Did you miss it? Stop. Take another look. The Father sent a host of angels to proclaim His Son's birth — did you miss the announcement? Were you out of town, or maybe out in the woods or on the slopes? It's OK, the announcement is proclaimed all over again every December — don't miss it this time. He came for you, He put on a human face so that you could recognize who he is and why he came. He accomplished his mission, he finished the job he came to do. He made it possible for you and me to join him at his place for eternity.

This gift is the gift of a lifetime — the gift that keeps on giving well beyond your lifetime. This gift is forever. But as with any gift, we choose to accept or choose to ignore; if the packaging is not fancy enough to get your attention you might be tempted to set this gift aside. Please don't, as there is coming a time when this gift will no longer be offered.

Need a fresh perspective on the Bethlehem story? Maybe something to remind you that God uses the simple to contain the profound, the plain to illustrate the perfect, the unremarkable to proclaim the remarkable? Join us for the recreation of what it might have been like on the night of Jesus' birth as we wonder together while we walk

through the streets of Bethlehem, located at Centerpoint Church on Dec. 1-3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There is no charge, but you will experience the sights, sounds and smells of first-century Bethlehem; you will have the unique opportunity to experience the setting of our world when God became man for you. We hope to see you there.

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1/3 cup raw sunflower seeds	1/4 cup soy sauce
2 cups water	1 teaspoon granulated onion
1/3 cup plain unsweetened soy milk	1 teaspoon dried rubbed sage
1/3 cup oat flour	3/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 cup nutritional yeast flakes	1/2 teaspoon liquid smoke

1. In a skillet over medium-high heat, add sunflower seeds and toast for 4 minutes. Stir often, until seeds are medium-brown in color, being careful not to burn. Remove from heat and set aside.
2. In a high-speed blender, add toasted sunflower seeds and remaining ingredients. Blend on high until mixture is completely smooth.
3. In a large saucepan, pour sunflower seed mixture. Bring to a simmer over medium heat, whisking continuously. Cook for 6 minutes or until gravy is thickened, continuing to whisk.
4. Remove saucepan from heat and serve immediately. Alternatively, refrigerate gravy and warm in saucepan over low heat for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

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Are you sick of watching our country go into debt so deeply it will haunt our grandchildren's grandchildren?

I hate to say it, but we have only ourselves to blame.

We the people have sat idly by while our country has been pilfered by self-serving individuals for years and years.

We have ignored the corruption and complacently watched as the moral fiber of our country has been unraveled for far too long.

Do you know why the United States has been so great and why it is different than any other country before it?

It's because it was founded on Christian values given to us by the founders in the

United States Constitution and our Bill of Rights.

Without the Constitution or Bill of Rights we are all subject to the whim of those in power.

The country's founders knew and experienced the tyranny and suppression firsthand and risked their lives to change everything.

However, we the people grew comfortable and lazy as those less honorable used politics for profit.

Now our country is at a crossroad — we can continue with the status quo

which leads to the destruction of our rights and freedoms and everything this country stands for or we can wake up and get involved in taking our country back by voting for those committed to serving we the people and upholding our Constitution and our Bill of Rights.

Deep inside we know who subscribes to the status quo and will keep us down the road to destruction.

There are those who want to fight for us and are willing to buck the system. It won't be easy, but this country can be turned around.

It's going to take all of us, and we must get out and vote. No more excuses, no more saying, "It doesn't matter they are all the same."

The battle starts right here at home on the local level and then it will work its way up to the state and federal level.

Without your involvement the future looks grim.

I have found candidates who are committed to "we the people" and who are committed to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

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These candidates are committed to stamping out corruption and they are not afraid to do so.

Together we can take a stand to get our country back from those who serve to serve themselves.

The time to rise up is now, while we still can.

Don't be afraid to speak out and speak your mind, together we are unstoppable.



Return Your Ballot before Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7 p.m.

National Diabetes Month: a time for awareness and education for better health

By Carrie Weitzel
Healthy Archuleta

It might seem ironic that the month after Halloween is dubbed National Diabetes Month, but contrary to popular belief, eating sugar on special occasions is not directly linked to the development of diabetes. In fact, there is much more to it than that.

There are several types of diabetes and all develop under different circumstances:

Type 1 diabetes tends to occur early in life as an autoimmune disease, usually between 10-13 years old. This is when the pancreas stops producing and secreting insulin. Insulin is needed to help get blood sugar into our body's cells for energy. This requires insulin injections for blood sugar management.

LADA stands for latent autoimmune diabetes in adults. This is when Type 1 diabetes develops later in life, usually around 30 years and older. It can often be mistaken for Type 2 diabetes for this very reason.

Gestational diabetes occurs during pregnancy and is often caused by a surge in hormones. It usually goes away once the baby is born, but it does increase the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes later in life.

Type 2 diabetes occurs later in life and is a result of untreated insulin resistance. The pancreas may not be secreting as much insulin and/or the body's cells are not using the insulin appropriately making blood sugars build up in the bloodstream. This type is one of the most common, affecting more than 34 million Americans.

Prediabetes is like a warning

sign. Often associated with insulin resistance, this is when action needs to be taken to prevent the onset of Type 2 diabetes. To know your risk of developing diabetes, you can take a free quiz on the American Diabetes Association website at <https://diabetes.org/diabetes/risk-test>.

If you struggle with high blood sugars, a good place to start lowering them is to reduce your carbohydrate intake. Carbohydrates are primarily found in milk products, fruit, breads, pastas, desserts, beans, corn, peas and potatoes, to name a few. That doesn't mean all of these foods are bad or should be avoided. Instead, limit how much of them you have, but don't go too low either. Diets like keto and Atkins tend to restrict carbohydrates too much, which can actually backfire efforts to control blood sugar.

This year's focus for National Diabetes Month is on building your health care team to help you better manage your blood sugar readings. Having a dietitian or certified diabetes educator in your corner is one of the most important things you can do for better blood sugar management. They can help you fine-tune your blood sugar readings, which can lower your risk for diabetes complications like kidney disease, eye problems, foot ulcers and heart disease.

Everyone who has diabetes is different, which means managing blood sugar is often different for each person. What works for you may not work for someone else, which is why it's important to get individualized support. If you or someone you know is struggling with managing their blood sugar, seek help through your doctor and

ask for a referral to a dietitian or certified diabetes educator.

Carrie Weitzel is a registered dietitian and owner of a nutrition counseling business. Weitzel collaborates with Healthy Archuleta on advancing nutrition security and health equity. She is located in Arvada, Colo., where she helps adults lose weight, manage their blood sugar and improve their heart health with the goal of reducing the need for medication. Her philosophy on nutrition is that every food deserves a spot on the table — it's all about moderation for long-term success.

TARA Community Center chili cookoff and silent auction a success

By Susan Gibson
TARA Community Center

With great attendance and over 14 chili entries, following are the winners of the TARA Community Center's Chili Cookoff.

Tied for first place: shredded chicken enchilada chili by Cassandra Shacklett, and Texas chili with brisket by Deborah Willms.

Second place: green chili, by Melissa Gills and Ursula Davies.

Third place: cha-cha chicken chili by Susan Halkin.

The silent auction also had a great turnout, with multiple bids on more than 30 items, from handcrafted items in glass and wood to kitchen appliances to gift cards to restaurants, resorts and stores.

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How to encourage ‘reluctant reader’ youngsters

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

For some early readers, a big block of text is like a giant stop sign — which is why these youngsters often get tagged with the “reluctant reader” label.

Here are some insights and tips from Pamela Paul and Maria Russo’s New York Times article on “How to Raise a Reader” to help inspire a less enthusiastic reader and find books your child will love:

- Format doesn’t matter. Many chapter books with highly visual, comics-influenced formats were written specifically to help reluctant readers and children with challenges like dyslexia. Youngsters still learn reading skills with these more visually driven books.

- Make room for comics and manga. Don’t denigrate these genres. Many of the most celebrated literary figures of our time not only grew up devouring comics, but also incorporate comics-inspired themes into their prize-winning novels.

- A book about a computer game is still a book. If your child has a favorite computer or video game, you often can find a book counterpart, which is a great way to steer your child toward the pleasures of text.

- Don’t forget nonfiction. Some reluctant readers are fact-gatherers who may be more inspired by nonfiction, especially when it’s presented in a highly visual format. Look for books about animals, the solar system, presidents, states, ancient history and other topics your child is interested in.

- Never treat books as a chore. Don’t say, “If you spend 30 minutes reading, you’ll get to play.” If you want your child to be excited about reading, you should be also. Make sure your child sees you reading regularly, preferably daily.

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

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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 fourth talk in our all-new free Lifelong Learning lecture series takes place this evening, Thursday, Nov. 3, when we showcase C. Neal Johnson offering information on “Business as Mission (BAM),” his new self-published book which tells you how to start your own business from scratch, buy an existing business or join a franchise.

This lecture series runs for six weeks every Thursday through Nov. 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. November our first in-person Lifelong Learning lecture series since the fall of 2019, before COVID. No registration is required.

Our final two speakers will be 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 two more events this month in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought-leaders giving live, professionally moderated book discussions you can view on your computer, tablet or smartphone with Internet access. You also have an opportunity to ask questions.

Next Thursday, 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.” Nov. 15 at 2 p.m., we’ll interact with Kwame Christian, bestselling author and founder of the American Negotiation Institute. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> to learn more.

Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 4, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Makerspace on Saturday

Kids, tweens and teens are invited to a free Makerspace session on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to noon, when we’ll provide the materials so you can build, design and create.

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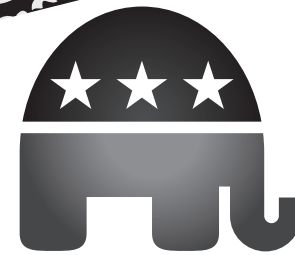
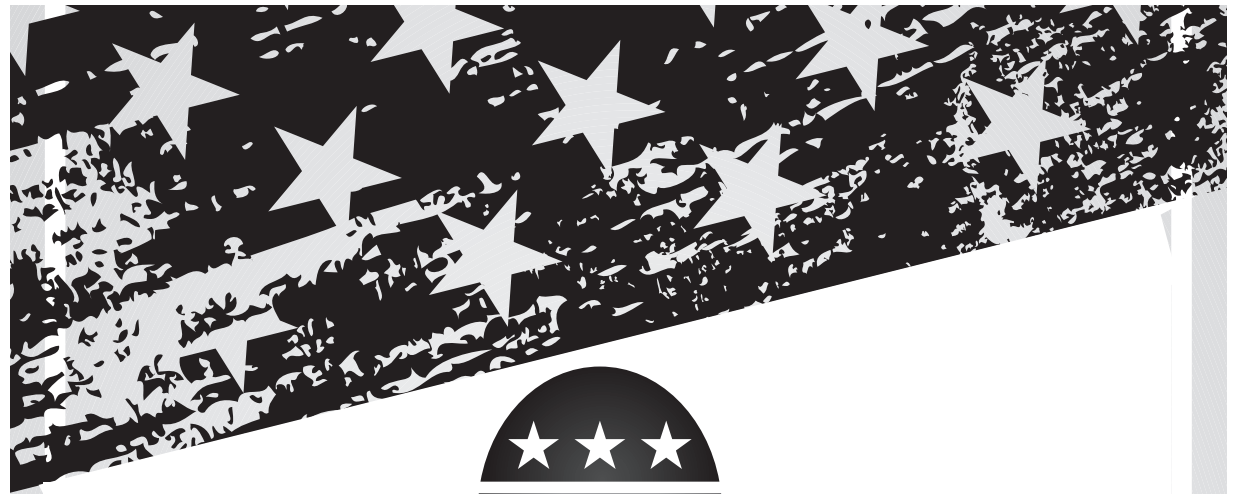
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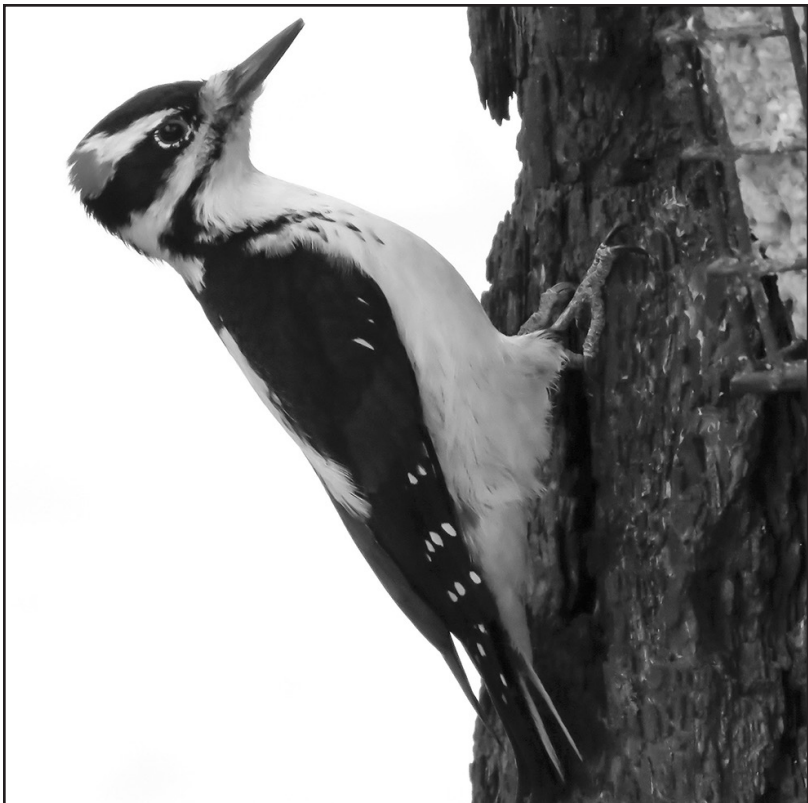


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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the hairy woodpecker.

Many woodpecker species exhibit adaptations which support a life-style of uncovering insects living near the surface of, or buried deep within, trees. Among these are a straight, chisel-shaped bill which allows them to drill into wood without getting stuck, shock absorbers in the skull to dampen the blows from pounding on wood and stiff tail feathers to brace upright on a trunk. A clear, extra eyelid keeps out the wood dust.

A hairy woodpecker can rotate one of its four clawed toes to achieve the best balance for hanging on to a tree trunk. It may locate prey by tapping along the trunk or a large branch of the tree to hear the difference when it is above the tunnel of a wood-boring insect. This is followed by chiseling in to reveal the tunnel and then by using its long, barbed tongue to rake out the insects.

Although insects make up more than 75 percent of these woodpeckers' diet, they also show signs of a sweet tooth. They will drink sap from wells created by sapsuckers, peck into sugar cane and hang on by their toes to drink nectar from hummingbird feeders. They readily come to eat at suet and sunflower seed feeders, wedging seed into bark crevices to crack it open.

Hairy woodpeckers have a widespread range which covers most of North America and dips south as far as Central America. Seventeen subspecies which differ in size and plumage shades are recognized.

In our area, hairy woodpeckers are robin-sized birds with white undersides, a black back with a central patch of long white feathers, black wings checkered with white, and two white stripes on the head. Males have a red patch on the back of the head. It can be a challenge to differentiate between hairy and the nearly identical, but smaller, downy woodpeckers unless the two are seen together.

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

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6	9	1	2	4	7	3	5	8
2	8	5	3	6	9	1	4	7

ANSWER:

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Ruby's Book Club next Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club will meet in person from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8, to discuss "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson. Copies are available at your library. This book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Dungeons and Dragons in person

Next Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m., join our in-person Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Registration is required. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to join.

Adult DIY next Wednesday

At the in-person adult DIY next Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m., we invite you to help us create ornaments for our holiday tree.

Virtual teen advisory board

Next Wednesday, Nov. 9, the teen advisory board will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. on your library's Discord server. Fourth through 12th graders are invited to bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs.

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 kids 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 your child that you can get by emailing the library or coming in.

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.

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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Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Hell and Back" by Craig Johnson is a Sheriff Longmire thriller. "Treasure State" by C.J. Box finds PI Cassie Dewell in Montana on the trail of a con man.

Large print

"The Devil's Crossing" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a Preacher and Jamie MacCallister western. "Robert B. Parker's Fallout" by Mike Lupica is a Jesse Stone mystery. "Desperation in Death" by J.D. Robb is an Eve Dallas mystery. "The Rising Tide" by Ann Cleeves is a Vera Stanhope mystery.

Other novels

"The Attic Child" by Lola Jaye is a dual narrative about two children separated by decades who are locked away in an attic years apart.

Books on CD

"Dreamland" by Nicholas Sparks begins when a young man takes a gig playing at a bar in Florida. "Maisie Dobbs" by Jacqueline Winspear centers on a convalescent refuge for ex-soldiers after World War I.

DVDs

"The Gilded Age" is the complete first season. "Abbott Elementary" is a workplace comedy featuring teachers in the Philadelphia public school system. "Kurt Vonnegut: Unstuck in Time" is a documentary about the author's life and creative output.

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Quotable quote

"Long, thriving marriages have some of the qualities of an orchestra. They can, at intervals, showcase soloists, and certainly there are leads, but for the orchestra to thrive and soar, the musicians need to collaborate. The harmony that we hear arises from each one playing their part, together." — Nina Totenberg, NPR legal affairs correspondent, in her memoir titled "Dinners With Ruth," available now at your library.

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Virtual programming available through Mather Institute

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

The 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 at <https://www.mather.com/programs> and click on any program to see options.

Holiday ornament craft Nov. 14

Do you want to learn how to make a beautiful and easy decoration for Christmas? And the best part is that it is made from last year's Christmas cards.

Join us on Monday, Nov. 14, at 1:15 p.m. in the Pagosa Senior Center dining hall to learn how to make this wonderful Christmas globe. No art skills are needed, no experience is required and all materials are provided for you. We will

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be cutting circles that have been traced on the cards and gluing them together in a special way. Our teacher will be Denise Fisk, who is a former elementary school art teacher from Iowa. Come join us for some holiday fun.

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-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 Ross Aragon 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.

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Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center. Our next game is Nov. 17.

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

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experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

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Volunteers needed

The Community Cafe at the Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with greeting custom-

ers. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

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, Nov. 3 — Grilled cheese and tomato soup with chef salad and fruit.

Friday, Nov. 4 — Monterey chicken casserole with baked cauliflower, salad, fruit and cake.

Monday, Nov. 7 — Salmon with dill sauce, wild rice, zucchini saute, salad, yogurt and fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 8 — Spinach mushroom quiche, cherry crisp, salad and fruit.

Wednesday, Nov. 9 — Chicken piccata with scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, salad and fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 10 — Pulled pork with creamed corn, blueberry cobbler, coleslaw, salad and fruit

Friday, Nov. 11 — Closed for Veterans Day.

Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meals reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$5 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

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

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ASI has an immediate monetary need to support ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County. Please consider donating to Archuleta Seniors Inc.

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For more information about ASI, please visit <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

CDC recognizes SJBPH Women's Wellness Clinic's efforts during COVID-19

By Megan Graham
San Juan Basin Public Health

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognized the health connections San Juan Basin Public Health's Women's Wellness team made with women in our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping improve and save lives with health care, housing, food, transportation and other financial assistance.

The CDC featured the team in a partner success story article highlighting the efforts made during the pandemic to work with partner organizations to reach the Hispanic community with resources to support health and wellness. The team helped schedule medical appointments, provided gas cards and assisted with accessing financial resources.

Additionally, the team provides cancer screenings in the SJBPH clinic and helped a woman identify her cervical cancer early. The deep trust the SJBPH community health workers have developed with the immigrant population provided the support the patient needed to access treatment and navigate a health care system that leaves many out. Read the article on the CDC's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/success/colorado-partners.htm>.

These efforts to help keep women in our communities healthy during a time of uncertainty and restricted abilities to connect in person show the SJBPH team's dedication to protecting and improving human and environmental health — and inspiring well-being among all those who call the area home.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Monday, Oct. 17th — General ballots mailed to registered voters
Tuesday, Nov. 8th — General election

PAGOSA SCENE . . .

‘THE ADDAMS FAMILY’ MUSICAL

PREVIEW photos/Randi Pierce

Scene ... partaking in the spooky season with Curtains Up Pagosa’s “The Addams Family” musical. The theater organization presented five performances of the play based on the classic family from Oct. 27 to Oct. 30.





Preview Calendar

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

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.

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

Dungeons and Dragons. 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.

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.

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.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Archuleta County Genealogical Society Meeting. 10 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. We will welcome back Katherine Sturdevant as the presenter. Her topic for this meeting will be "Thanksgiving: The Surprising Family History of America's Great Food Event." Come join us to learn the social history of America's seasonal holiday, which is surprising as much as familiar, but also realize how holiday history can facilitate writing your own family history narratives. Sturdevant's presentation will be followed by a short business meeting. This will be a hybrid Zoom meeting. Please contact Carolyn Paschal at carolyn-paschal@gmail.com for the link.

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

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.

Playground for the People. 3-6 p.m., SOCO. Music and free food will make the brainstorming process a party. A diverse team of collaborators is being created which will guide the new uptown playground through the design phase. All team members will be receive multiple levels of compensation for their participation. Bring your ideas, friends and family to join in this landmark opportunity to build a playscape that will honor the heritage, culture and legacy of Pagosa Springs. For more information, email eosmera@ppos.co.

Sunday, Nov. 6

'Surviving the Holidays' Grief Seminar. 5-7 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Are you grieving the death of a loved one or do you know someone who is? The holidays can intensify the pain when you are grieving the death of someone you love. The Centerpoint Church GriefShare ministry is hosting this seminar free of charge to

help participants prepare for the holiday season without their loved one.

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

Monday, Nov. 7

Medicare Mondays. For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. Someone will return phone messages within 24 hours.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 8

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,

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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.

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. We will discuss "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson. Copies are available at your library.

Dungeons and Dragons. 3:45-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Free for teens and young adults. Registration is required. Contact claire@pagosali-

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Wednesday, Nov. 9

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

Adult DIY 1-3 p.m. Sisson Library.

Come help us create ornaments for our Ruby Sisson Library holiday tree.

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

Virtual Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Discord. Those in the 4th-12th grades are invited to bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs.

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

Thursday, Nov. 10

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

Online Author Talks: Bonnie Garmus. Noon. We will gather virtually with Bonnie Garmus, bestselling author of "Lessons in Chemistry," which one reviewer called "a polished, funny, thought-provoking story wearing its research lightly

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Attention: Archuleta County Employees

NOTICE

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR ARCHULETA COUNTY EMPLOYEES ABOUT A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

What: A federal class action lawsuit has been filed against Archuleta County alleging that the County Commissioners improperly deprived certain employees of a \$2,000 county wide bonus issued on or about September 07, 2021 by unlawfully excluding employees who took leave during the pandemic.

On Friday November 11, 2022 lawyers representing Lacy Brown and County employees are holding an informational meeting to answer questions about the class action portion of the lawsuit. This meeting is for County employees who did not receive the bonus because they took time off to care for a family member, to watch a child whose school had been closed, or because they had COVID or COVID symptoms.

When: November 11, 2022 from 11 am to 2 pm

Where: Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Conference Room, 811 San Juan, Pagosa Springs, CO

Who: Anyone employed at Archuleta County from March 16, 2020 until at least September 7, 2021 who took leave during the pandemic and did not receive the \$2,000 bonus.

ATTENDING THIS MEETING IS A PROTECTED ACTIVITY

Archuleta County, through its Commissioners and supervisors, cannot retaliate against employees for participating in this lawsuit or for efforts to learn more about their rights to make a claim. If the County retaliates against you for attending this meeting or participating in this lawsuit you may have a new claim for retaliation. 29 U.S.C. §§215(a)(3), 2615(a)(1) and C.R.S. § 24-34-402.

For More Information please contact:
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Ruby Sisson's ranch truck will be sold to fund scholarships

By Glenn Sterkel
Special to The PREVIEW

Former Archuleta School District teacher Ruby Sisson's ranch truck is being sold to fund a scholarship for students to attend vocational mechanics school.

The truck is an all-original (except 12V conversion), 1950 Chevy 1/2-ton pickup with a 216 inline six-cylinder engine with 60,000

original miles. It is drivable, but needs some paint, body work and assembly.

It was purchased new in Pagosa Springs by Ruby and Red Sisson and used on their ranch located in the upper Blanco Basin.

Ruby Sisson was a high school math teacher in Pagosa for many years and the library is named after her. She donated the truck to the school district in 1980 and it was

kept intact for 26 years. Then it was disassembled for repairs and paint and stayed in a disassembled state until a few years ago when Becky Guilliams, the high school vocational teacher, and Glenn Sterkel, who was the vocational mechanics teacher at the high school, decided to reassemble it to drive to graduation.

The mechanics students and Guilliams, with guidance from Sterkel, refurbished all systems so it is drivable. This resurrection took place during the 2019 and 2020 school years.

Now, here we are in 2022 and, after 44 years, the truck needs to graduate from high school and go to its next chapter of life.

The decision has been made to sell the truck and use the funds to start the Ruby Sisson Memorial Scholarship fund for students to attend vocational mechanics school after high school.

If you have any questions about the repairs made or want to see and hear the truck run, contact Sterkel at rubytruckbid@centurytel.net or (970) 903-3394.

The historic truck will be listed online on Hemmings Auctions soon.

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Marine Corps Birthday. 6-8 p.m., Pagosa Brewing and Grill, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. The evening will feature the traditional birthday ceremony, including the recognition of the oldest and youngest Marine in attendance. Complimentary birthday cake will be served. Attendees will order and pay for their own dinner and drinks. Other service members are welcome. Dress will be casual, but military uniforms are always welcome. RSVP to Don

MacNamee at (970) 731-0306 or Ed Robinson at (970) 731-0718.

Friday, Nov. 11

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

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Privately meet with a volunteer attorney via Zoom at the library or by phone to ask questions about all areas of civil law. Visit <https://checkerboard.co/> anytime to access many legal forms and other useful legal information. To schedule an appointment with the volunteer attorney, please contact the library at (970) 264-2209 or send an email at the beginning of the month to ruby@pagosalibrary.org. The clinic takes place on the second Friday of every month, but available appointments are limited, so please contact the library early in the month to reserve your spot.

Gaming. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. 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.

Veteran Appreciation Dinner. 5-7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. A sit-down spaghetti dinner hosted by the Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus. Veterans are admitted free and all others are \$10. No RSVP is required. For more information, email parishlife@ihmjp2.org.

Saturday, Nov. 12

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

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

Pagosa Springs Community Band Fall Concert. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

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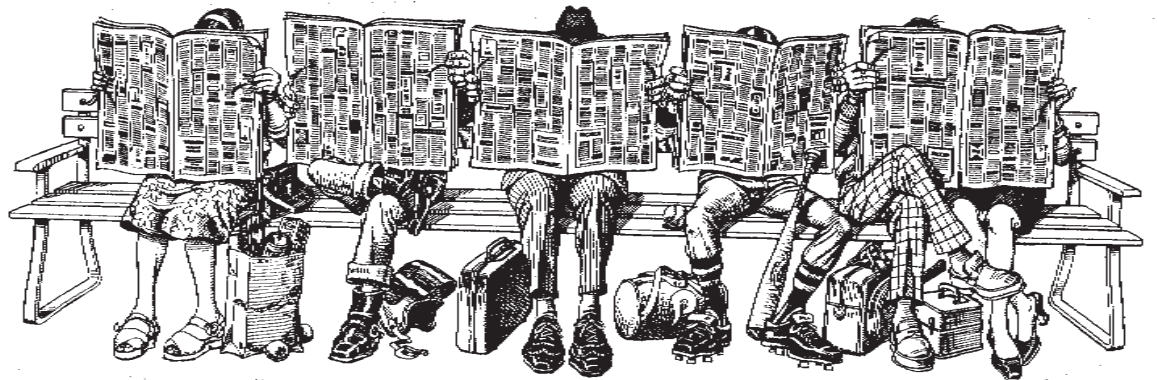
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Daylight saving time and Alzheimer's

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer's Association

For most people, the end of daylight saving time on Sunday, Nov. 6, means an extra hour of sleep. But for people living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, it may accelerate the disorientation that comes with "sundowning" that can last through the winter months.

For the more than 159,000 Colorado family members who serve as unpaid caregivers for 76,000 loved ones living with Alzheimer's disease, the time change and prolonged hours of darkness provide a caution that they may see behavioral changes in their loved ones in the weeks and months ahead.

What is sundowning?

The term sundowning covers a group of symptoms that often occurs in people with dementia. Those symptoms can include anxiety, sadness, restlessness, hallucinations, delusions, sudden mood swings, increased confusion and energy surges. Sundowning generally occurs during the late afternoon and early evening hours, and may be associated with disruption in the sleep and wake cycles, which the daylight saving time change will exacerbate.

"While the cause of sundowning is unclear, there are steps that families can take to help manage sundowning in their loved one," said Meg Donahue, community engagement director for the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. "The more we understand about sundowning, the better we can help our loved

ones cope with the discomfort it can cause them."

Tips for coping with sundowning

Following are tips that the Alzheimer's Association offers to caregivers to help them manage sundowning in their loved ones:

- Get plenty of rest so you, the caregiver, are less likely to exhibit unintended nonverbal behavior, which can inadvertently contribute to the stress level of the person living with Alzheimer's. People living with dementia have a very sensitive emotional radar and readily pick up the feelings of those around them. Try to always promote a sense of safety and security.

- Schedule activities, such as doctor appointments, trips and bathing, in the morning or early afternoon when the person living with dementia is more alert.

- Make notes about what happens before sundowning events and try to identify triggers.

- Reduce stimulation during the evening hours (e.g. TV, doing chores, loud music, etc.). These distractions may add to the person's confusion.

- Offer a larger meal at lunch and keep the evening meal lighter.

- Keep the home well-lit in the evening. Adequate lighting may reduce the person's confusion.

- Do not physically restrain the person. It can make agitation worse.

- Allow the person to pace back and forth, as needed, under supervision.

- Exercise during the day is a won-

derful way for the person to expend their energy. Take a walk in the park together or maybe play some music and clear a space to dance. Taking a walk with the person is also a good way to help reduce his or her restlessness.

- Talk to your physician about the best times of day for taking medication.

- When behavioral interventions and environmental changes do not work, discuss the situation with your doctor.

Alzheimer's disease is the seventh-leading cause of death of people in the United States. More than 6.5 million Americans, including are living with the disease, which currently has no prevention or cure. All programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association are provided to families at no charge, including a 24/7 Helpline (800-272-3900) staffed by trained professionals. To learn more, go to www.alz.org.

State offers free mammograms to help Coloradans stay up to date on a life-saving cancer test

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The state of Colorado is encouraging Coloradans to stay up to date on mammograms so they can find breast cancer early, when it's easiest to treat.

Life-saving mammograms are available for free to individuals who qualify through the Women's Wellness Connection program, which operates at more than 100 clinics across the state.

"We want people to know their risk for breast cancer, how to reduce that risk and when to get a mammogram. We also want to make sure they know where they can get a mammogram," said Emily Kinsella, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Women's Wellness Connection section manager. "The Women's Wellness Connection program exists so that cost, lack of health insurance or immigration status don't get in the way of

individuals getting these crucial screenings to protect their health."

In Colorado, more than 5,000 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. According to the American Cancer Society, only 37 percent of uninsured women were up to date with breast cancer screening in 2019, compared to 70 percent of privately insured women nationwide.

The Women's Wellness Connection program serves individuals ages 21 to 64 without health insurance or limited insurance and with demonstrated financial need. In addition to breast cancer screenings, the program provides free Pap tests to check for cervical cancer. To find out more about the program, visit womenswellness-connection.org. People can also call the American Cancer Society at (866) 951-9355 for help finding a clinic that offers free or low-cost cancer screenings as part of the Women's Wellness Connection program near them.

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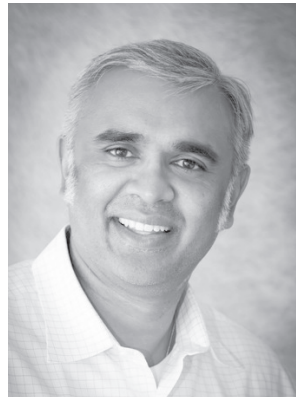
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Staying warm in the snow game

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

As we finished up football practice before our last game of the season, our coach pulled us all together.

“I checked the weather report, and it predicts blowing snow tomorrow, so dress warm,” he said.

The next morning when I milked the cows, it was freezing, and the wind was blowing. I had already played a game on a frozen field of ice and didn't relish the thought of experiencing that again.

As we gathered after school as a football team, Coach called a meeting.

“With the temperature where it is, no one would blame us if we canceled the game,” he said. “But if we do, it would count as a forfeit to the other team. What do you want to do?”

The snow had just started falling, and the wind was whipping it everywhere. Despite this, we unanimously voted to play.

We made the trip to the other school, which was quite a distance away, a trip made longer by icy roads. We discovered that the other team thought we would cancel and weren't ready to play. No thought had been given to clearing the field, and it was still a foot deep in snow. A snow blower was run down both sides of the field so we could see the sidelines. Though it was still snowing, the clouds had partially cleared, and the temperature had dropped further. It was close to zero. The wind was blowing ice crystals of snow that felt like miniature needles into exposed skin.

The other team, being a home team, set up lots of gas heaters for themselves. Two fathers from our team had each brought one. We got one, and the cheerleaders got the other. But I didn't have to worry. I was first-team offensive line, first-team defensive line and the kicker. I was always on the field and kept moving and stayed warm. It was the guys who were in and would get sweaty, then would go out and freeze that I felt sorry for. They would huddle around the heater trying to stay warm.

Our cheerleaders were dressed in big parkas. They would break apart to do a quick cheer if we made a big play, then they would huddle around their heater.

“We don't have cheerleaders,” Lenny said. “We have supporting polar bears.”

Even the refs had their striped shirts over big, thick coats and looked like over-stuffed zebras.

We won the toss, so I got to do the first kick of the game. When I kicked, I got it off well, but my other foot slipped, and I went down flat on my back. The other team receiver slipped, couldn't get the ball, and it bounced into the end zone.

They fumbled the next play, but as we flopped around in the snow, it was hard to tell where the ball was.

The game went much the same way. The wind whipped snow into our faces, making it hard to tell who was where and especially where the ball was. At one point, their quarterback dropped back to pass. I busted through the line and headed for him. He backpedaled and threw it at the last minute. I couldn't stop and plowed through him and the ref behind him. The quarterback wanted a late hit called, but the ref pointed to my skid mark as evidence that I tried to stop.

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When halftime came, we were down 28-7. We gathered in the locker room for the halftime pep talk.

“Howard,” Coach said, “you

have had more than half the tackles and most of the blocks. Why are you doing so well compared to everyone else?”

“I'm always on the field and stay warm,” I replied.

Coach thought about that and said, “We receive this half. If, as offense, you can make a touchdown, we'll just do onside kicks to try to keep you out there so you can stay warm.”

When we came out, the cheerleaders wished us good luck and went home. So did most of the crowd. Only about a dozen spectators stayed to support each team.

We received the ball and marched down the field for a touchdown. We kicked onside, and in the powdery free-for-all, we got it. We continued this, and our offense was almost never off of the field, except for the kicks, and we won 41-35.

As we left the field and headed for the bus, Lenny said, “Howard, remind me what sport that was we were playing, because it sure wasn't football.”

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Hats off to a determined woman

By Betsy Marston
PREVIEW Columnist

Elouise Cobell Day will be celebrated on Nov. 5 in Montana, but many people in the West may not recognize her name.

They may not know the story of her almost 20-year struggle to win justice for Native Americans from the U.S. government, which for decades botched the management of natural resources owned by individual tribal members.

Yet 13 years ago, Blackfeet Tribal member and banker Cobell finally won a class-action lawsuit against the government, which settled the case by paying out \$3.4 billion to Native American citizens and tribal nations.

The case was one of the largest class-action suits in U.S. history, and the presiding judge issued a blistering judgment against the Department of Interior. He called Interior a “dinosaur” agency that allowed “outright villainy” to persist.

And who was Cobell, the woman who brought the federal government to its knees? The great-granddaughter of Mountain Chief, a historic leader of the Blackfeet Nation, she was born on Nov. 5, 1945. Her tribal name was Yellow Bird Woman. Seeing a need, she founded the Blackfeet National Bank, the first national bank owned by a tribe on a reservation, and made sure it offered education, ensuring that young people could become financially literate while also encouraging entrepreneurs.

Because she was a banker, she began looking into how the federal government kept failing its trust responsibilities, sending out checks only sporadically and without explanation. She asked basic questions of four different interior secretaries — Ken Salazar, Richard Kempthorne, Gale Norton and Bruce Babbitt. She wanted a clear accounting of how much money came into the federal government from tribal leases for mining, oil and gas, logging, minerals and grazing.

And what she particularly wanted to know was how royalties were determined for more than 300,000 tribal landowners.

Answers weren't forthcoming. But she spotted a damning pattern: Native Americans had been systematically cheated for generations. What was worse, she said, was learning that they were still being cheated.

She could not even find any accounts existing before 1972, which led her to call the Interior Department's management a “forensic mess.” But early on, when she confronted interior staffers, she said she was told to go away “and learn how to read an account statement.”

Cobell may not have seemed like a firebrand, but she was stubborn. Finally, she told law students

Writers on the Range

At the beginning of what became her long campaign, Cobell said that when she first approached the federal government, she assumed she'd certainly “get somebody to listen.”

at Tufts University in 2010, she became enraged.

“People would come to the bank and tell me, ‘I could do this or that if I could get my money.’” But years passed, “and many people I fought for had passed away,” she said.

At the beginning of what became her long campaign, Cobell said that when she first approached the federal government, she assumed she'd certainly “get somebody to listen.”

But writing letters got her nowhere. Traveling to Washington to meet with those in charge also failed, and one interior secretary, she said, refused to talk with her at all. After five tribes banded together in an effort to force Senate hearings, they, too, were stymied. Meanwhile, indigenous people were still being cheated.

It was President Barack Obama and the Congress that finally settled her class action suit in 2009, awarding \$1.4 billion to the landowners and \$1.7 billion to tribal nations, which still use some of that money to buy back land. The Cobell Scholarship Fund was also created to honor her work as lead plaintiff.

Cobell won many honors before her untimely death at age 65, in 2011, including the Congressional Medal of Honor and a MacArthur Foundation “genius” award. In the words of Michael Munson, dean of Native American Studies at Montana's Salish Kootenai College, she was “a warrior woman for American Indian people.”

Besides being a banker, Cobell was also a wife and mother who ran a ranch with her husband, and not least, she was a die-hard Elvis fan. In her funeral procession, every car radio was tuned to a station playing Elvis Presley songs.

So, hats off to Cobell. May she continue to be celebrated as the Native American woman who made the federal government admit its wrongdoing, pay back a portion of what it owed, and finally correct an ongoing injustice.

Betsy Marston is the editor of Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring conversation about the West. From Montana, Anna Whiting Sorrell contributed to this opinion. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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Unsung heroes: More than 11 million serving as Alzheimer's caregivers

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer's Association

An estimated 3.3 percent of the U.S. population — more than 11 million people — is currently serving as volunteer, unpaid caregivers for their 6.5 million loved ones living with Alzheimer's disease.

This veritable army of spouses, children, siblings, grandchildren, friends and neighbors is giving its time — and often its own money — to care for loved ones living with Alzheimer's, the last major disease without a prevention or cure.

November is a special month to honor this unique, dedicated group of people. Originally designated as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, the event later was expanded by President Bill Clinton to honor our nation's caregivers: National Family Caregivers Month.

"Providing one-on-one care for a loved one is a very personal experience," said Meg Donahue, community engagement director for the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. "For some, it's a way to show their love for a family member or friend. For others, it may be a way to give back and show their appreciation."

The reality is that these volunteer caregivers are generally inexperienced in the tasks facing them. Half (51 percent) report having no prior experience performing medical/nursing-related tasks. But, despite the physical, emotional and financial strain, 45 percent

of caregivers surveyed by the Alzheimer's Association reported the experience was "very rewarding."

Alzheimer's caregiving by the numbers

The statistics surrounding Alzheimer's caregiving are as startling as the disease itself. The seventh-leading cause of death in the United States and the only leading disease without a prevention or cure, Alzheimer's poses a massive health care challenge that could not be met without the selfless acts of volunteer caregivers. Here's a statistical look at the disease and the caregivers:

- Alzheimer's caregivers across the U.S.: over 11 million in 2022.

- Duration of care: more than half (57 percent) of family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's or other dementias have provided care for four or more years. Some provide care for up to 20 years.

- Number of hours: In 2021, volunteer caregivers in the U.S. provided an estimated 16 billion hours of unpaid care.

- An average of 27.1 hours of care per caregiver per week.

- Value of care: The unpaid Alzheimer's care provided in 2021 (at a value of \$16.98/hour) was valued at \$271.6 billion. That is more than 14 times the total revenue of McDonald's in 2020 (\$19.2 billion).

- Out-of-pocket costs: The contributions made by volunteer caregivers go beyond their time. On average, in 2021 dementia caregivers reported spending \$12,388 each for medical, personal care and

household expenses for the person with dementia.

- Personal toll: A Stanford University study reported that caregivers have a 63 percent higher mortality rate than non-caregivers, and 40 percent of Alzheimer's caregivers die from stress-related disorders before the person for whom they are caring.

- Double responsibilities: One in four caregivers report they are "sandwich generation" caregivers, meaning they care for children under age 18 as well as an aging parent.

In Colorado

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Gregg Deal is Fort Lewis College's inaugural Native American artist in residence. There will be a visiting artist talk on Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Lyceum, Center of Southwest Studies. The artist reception will be on Dec. 8 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the art gallery Both events are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at the artist reception.

Fort Lewis College welcomes inaugural Native American artist in residence

By Susan Oppenheim
Fort Lewis College

The art gallery at Fort Lewis College is honored to welcome Gregg Deal (Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe) as the inaugural Native American artist in residence.

Deal is a multidisciplinary artist, activist and “disruptor” living near Colorado Springs. His work is informed by his Native identity and critiques aspects of American society, politics, popular culture and history, inviting the viewer to confront these issues in both the present and past tense.

Deal's art practice incorporates lifelong interests in punk music, street art, graphic styles, comic books and speculative superhero fiction, and ranges in mediums from paintings, graphics and murals to performance work, filmmaking, spoken word and more. Deal's work centers narratives and voices of indigenous peoples and rejects damaging cultural stereotypes.

He describes his work as “honoring Indigenous experiences, challenging stereotypes and pushing for accurate representations of indigenous people in art.”

As an FLC Native artist in residence, Deal will have 24/7 access to the Fort Lewis College Art Gallery for the remainder of the semester, from Nov. 1 to Dec. 16. During this time, he will use the art gallery as his studio where students, faculty and community members can see his work evolve in the space, learning about the process of creation as opposed to seeing only finished

work and getting the opportunity to reconceptualize what constitutes a gallery space. Deal will also be teaching a course during his residency and working with students creatively in the art gallery. His class will be for students of any level and will address what is not usually taught in studio classes — mainly, the process of working through the mental capacity to create art.

Deal has exhibited his work at notable regional, national and international institutions, including the Denver Art Museum, Red-Line Gallery and The Smithsonian Institution. We are fortunate to have Deal kick off this incredible residency program and are excited to watch the artistic growth of participating students.

This program runs from Nov. 1 to Dec. 16 and the art gallery will continue to be open Monday through Thursday as well as Saturday, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please note, this is a working exhibition and an artist's studio. Activity, the artwork and Deal's presence will vary throughout the exhibition period.

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