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Veronica Medina, Mike Le Roux win; sales tax issue fails

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The unofficial Archuleta County results of the Nov. 8 election have been released, with county voters electing a new commissioner and sheriff, and voting down a proposed sales tax increase.

The results will remain unofficial until late next week, with the final tabulation of votes due to the state on Nov. 18.

Taking office in January as county commissioner for District 3 will be Veronica Medina, and taking office for sheriff will be Mike Le Roux.

Medina, a Republican, was elected after she received 4,494 votes. Unaffiliated candidate Rachel Suh

tallied 2,720 votes. “I’m very excited, and I’m thankful that it turned out the way it did,” Medina said Wednesday, adding that the community won.

In preparing to take office in January, Medina indicated she will stay the course and will continue to attend county, town and tourism board meetings to stay informed, and will continue to talk to community members and hear their concerns.

Le Roux, a Republican, won the race for sheriff with 4,717 votes. Unaffiliated candidate Monica A. Medina garnered 1,566 votes, and unaffiliated candidate Wayne Bryant tallied 1,190 votes.

Le Roux indicated that he believes



Le Roux Medina

the results show belief in him and, while he didn’t earn all of the votes, he hopes to change the perceptions of those who did not vote for him.

He added that he’s excited about what the future holds and is looking forward to the coming years.

He suggested the department is



currently working on preparing for next year and that, after he becomes sheriff he will recruit for an under-sheriff.

Ballot Issue 1A, which asked 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, failed, with 5,541 voting against it and 2,078 voting in favor.

The following vote totals were accurate as of mid-day Wednesday, though ballots were still being counted for some statewide races.

Additional statewide results can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/2y5ffhtx>.

Additional Archuleta County vote totals can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/2ab5j8yh>.

Voter turnout

Archuleta County’s voter turnout for the election was 70.56 percent, above the state’s 50.24 percent.

“Voter turnout in Archuleta County was great!” Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta stated in an email. “Our drop box in town was very busy and the hot spot for delivery of ballots. I do want to point out we had a little bit of trouble at the Vote Centers at the other two

■ See Election A8



SUN photos/Randi Pierce
Despite retiring from the U.S. Air Force in 1975, Ron Gustafson’s support of the military and patriotism have not wavered, from his room decor (above) to his patriotic birthday party in 2021 (below).



‘Very patriotic’

Mr. Pagosa’s service, patriotism extend beyond decades of military experience

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

“I’m a military man and I’m very patriotic,” said Ron Gustafson as he sat beneath an American flag, U.S. Air Force towel and patriotic poem written by a Pagosa Springs eighth-grader years ago. His drink sat on a flag napkin.

Ron, who also goes by Mr. Pagosa, served almost 22 years in the Air Force and worked for Social Security for 19 years before retiring to Pagosa Springs in 1997, where he quickly became involved with numerous organizations and events alongside wife Cindy.

Even after Cindy’s death in

2014, Ron has remained active and a fixture throughout the community, including at military-related events.

That, he explained, is because he loved serving in the military. “I had the best career of my life,” he said.

Ron, now 88, joined the Air Force after graduating high school in Farmington, Conn., with his time in the military beginning in January 1954.

Ron explained he chose the Air Force because he knew his number was coming in the draft and he liked the Air Force’s views on education.

Instead of fighting, he wanted

■ See Gustafson A8

Accelerated rate increases and projects topics of PAWSD budget meeting

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Oct. 20 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors held a public hearing of the district’s proposed 2023 budget and discussed potential accelerated rate increases.

PAWSD Director of Business Services Aaron Burns opened the hearing by explaining that he would begin by discussing the summary sheet for the budget distributed to the board before discussing the details of the budget.

Within the proposed 2023 budget, the PAWSD general fund is expected to have revenues of

\$1,224,567, up 4 percent from the anticipated 2022 revenues, balanced by expenditures of \$1,435,658, up 23 percent from the anticipated 2022 expenditures.

These revenues and costs will cause the fund balance of the general fund to decline by 18 percent from an anticipated \$1,172,734 at the end of 2022 to \$961,643 at the end of 2023.

The proposed budget indicates that the water enterprise fund is expected to have \$31,461,659 in revenues, including loan proceeds.

The budget indicates that this is a 343 percent increase in revenues over the anticipated 2022 revenues.

■ See PAWSD A8

Community set to honor veterans at multiple events

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A number of events in Archuleta County are set to honor veterans on Friday, Nov. 11.

The day’s events will begin with the annual breakfast hosted by the Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-grade class.

The free breakfast is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. and will run until about 10:30 a.m.

All veterans are invited to attend and are asked to bring memories and something to share about their military history with the students.

At 9 a.m., there will be a flag-folding ceremony, the pledge, “The Star-Spangled Banner,” and other music provided by the middle school.

Then, at 11 a.m., a Veterans Day ceremony will take place at Veterans Memorial Park.

That evening, from 5 to 7 p.m., the Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus will host an appreciation dinner for veterans.

Veterans will be admitted free to the dinner, with the cost set at \$10 for all others.

For more information on the appreciation dinner, email parishlife@ihmjp2.org.

Free access to state parks

As a thank you to U.S. military members, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) will offer veterans, active-duty military and the National Guard free admission to all Colorado state

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Once a veteran — always a veteran

Many veterans of armed combat experience intense events that have the power to change personalities, perspectives on living and abilities to deal with a multitude of life issues upon return from a war zone.

I am one of those individuals.

I served with an infantry company in the I Corps region of Vietnam around the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) of Vietnam in 1969. Fifty-three years ago, on the night of Nov. 12, 1969, myself, along with other comrades-in-arms, experienced such an intense event. This event took lives and changed many... some for as long as they walk this earth.

I was part of a 30-man mortar platoon stranded on a hilltop at night and separated from the rest of our company. As night fell, intermittent fighting continued around our perimeter with little hope of reinforcements. Finally, around 10 p.m., courageous helicopter pilots and crew members volunteered their lives and their aircraft, braving the hazards of both flying in pitch darkness

in hilly terrain as well as being shot out of the air, to bring in another infantry company for support.

Around 2:30 a.m., a numerically superior force attacked our perimeter. Each man on that hilltop fought for their own life and that of their comrades.

Numerous heroic deeds were performed that night, most of which were unrecognized by any awards at later points in time. "Spooky" gunships and accurate artillery fires quelled the ground attack. The firefight eventually ended with the enemy withdrawing its forces around daybreak.

The bravery of the men on that hill, as well as the fearless pilots, crews of gunships and many others was beyond belief. The resupply of much needed ammunition and the evacuation of our wounded and dead continued until our unit was again combat ready.

Now I approach the 53rd anniversary of that battle as if it were yesterday. Fifty-three years later, I can close my eyes and hear machine gun fire, grenades exploding

and see the different-colored tracer rounds from both sides. I can also visualize myself soaring through the air as a 250-pound bomb from a Phantom F-4 fighter detonated as it dropped its load "danger close."

My point of writing this is as follows:

Wars usually end in the eyes of the public when the politicians and media announce the same. However, for many who experienced these events, the hostilities continue. Counseling sessions with mental health care workers are then scheduled, individual and group meetings are accomplished, and medications are routinely taken as prescribed.

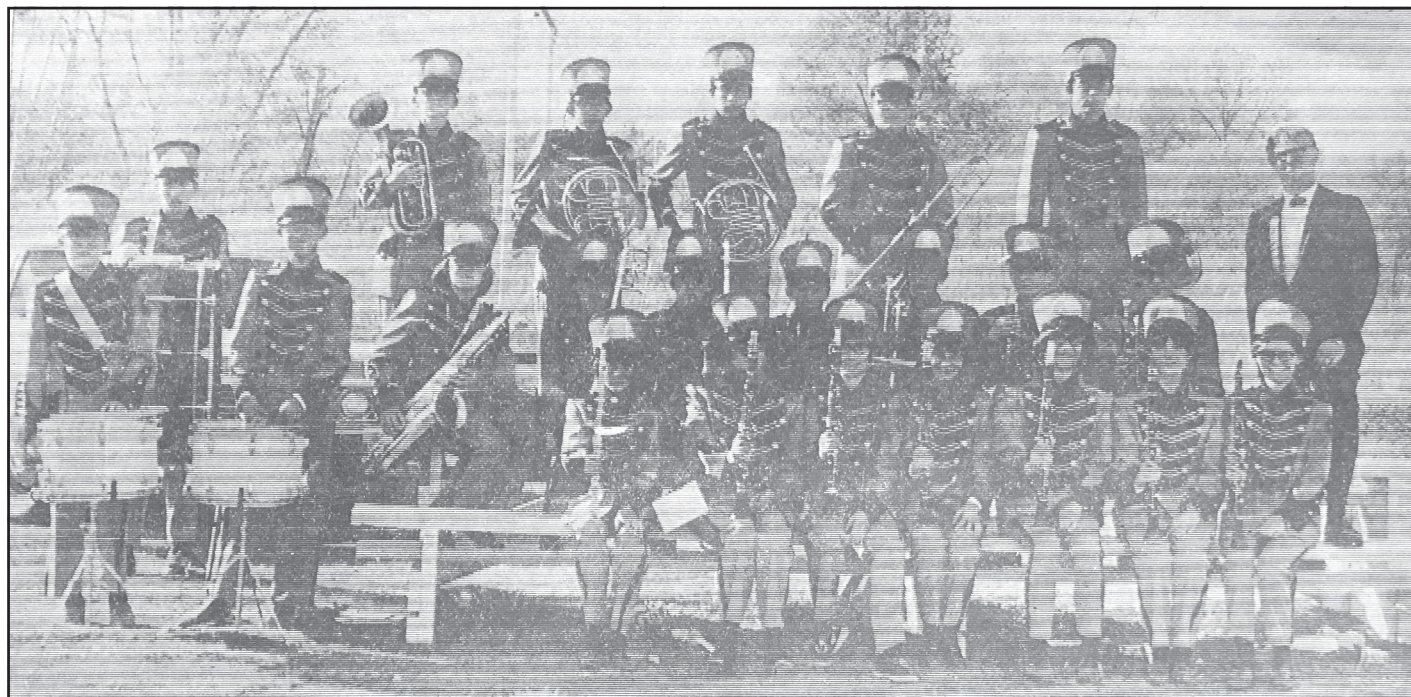
Still, for many individuals, the war rages. There is no peace for many of these soldiers. There is no end to any war by many of those who have experienced the horrors of it.

Once a war veteran, always a war veteran.

Remember, not everyone who lost his life in a war died there, and not everyone who came home from a war ever left there.

Russ Widener

LOOKING BACK



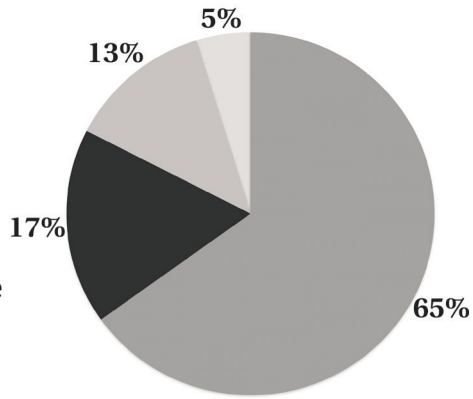
From the Nov. 7, 1968, Pagosa Springs SUN. MEMBERS OF THE BAND — Members of the band in uniform at the recent Pagosa-Bayfield football game were, back row, left to right, Rocky Day, Phil Talamante, Henry Rivas, Glenn Hise, and Ron Sorrels; middle row, left to right, Tom Duncan, Vivian Hise, Byrl Lewis, Mike Peters, Robert Rivas, Johnny Barber, and Jan Williams, W.J. Day, band teacher and music instructor, standing. Front row, left to right, Marcel Daugaard, Tony Silva, Karen Seielstad, Erlinda Montoya, Raylene McGee, Livia Cloman, Kathy Schick, Carroll Cloman, and Cathy Vye. Absent when photo was taken were Tanya Peterson, Ruth Montoya, Pat Staner, Vaughn Jacobsen, Donnie Trujillo, Bob Lynch, Gerald Manzanares, David Barber, Judy Baird, Bob Towery, and Ronnie Trujillo

WHADDYA THINK?

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 10, 1922

On Saturday, Nov. 25th at 2.00 p.m., the Women's Civic Club will open the new town library to the public. You, each and every one, are invited to come between the hours of 2.00 and 5.00 on that day, look over our books, get acquainted with our librarian and with us.

No charge will be made to any resident of Archuleta county for the privilege of using our books. Standard librarian rules and regulations will be followed. Guarantor's cards, which after being signed by a proper owner will entitle you to a library card, will be ready for distribution on Saturday, Nov. 25.

The library will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2.00 to 5.00 p.m., and from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. At the present time we have about 300 books and feel very well pleased. If anyone desires to make donations of books to us at any time, same will certainly be appreciated. — Women's Civic Improvement Club.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 14, 1947

Members of the American Legion post will meet tonight (Thursday) in the Odd Fellows Hall to vote on a Legion home. Under consideration is the purchase of the former O'Neal Park School building, a log structure, which could be moved to the site in the park already owned by the Legion Post. The matter will be put to a vote of the membership.

A branding day dinner was held Saturday at H. Ray Macht's Three Quarter Circles Ranch. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Decker and children, Judy and Ronnie, A.L. Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Elbie L. Gann and daughter, Gaye, Ronald Smith, Walter Perkins, Frances Perkins, The Rev. H.H. Hughes, Chester Gordon, Jean Macht, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Macht.

Moppet Dept. — Wade Nossaman, who will probably grow up to be a diplomat, has plenty of hop on the ball even at his tender age. He managed to spend most of a day nibbling jellybeans during school hours until the teacher discovered that the prescription box (complete with Wade's name and all) was not a container for some needed medicine.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 9, 1972

The Pagosa Pirates did it again! Won the league championship, that is, by defeating Mancos 36-8 Saturday. They have more to do again. As was the case last year, the Pirates will meet Dove Creek in the quarter finals of the state playoffs. That game will be here Saturday. Dove Creek will most definitely be out for a win. From all indications it will be a muddy field, but the spirit of the Pirates is high and they are itching for another go at Walsh.

The Wolf Creek Ski Area had over 1000 skiers during the past weekend. Largest crowd was present Saturday. Skiing is described as excellent and there is plenty of new snow this week. The area is open seven days a week. Major portion of the crowd last weekend was from out of this area and many were very happy about the quality of the snow. Locals are expected to make it to the hill this weekend.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 13, 1997

A growing segment of Archuleta County's older-than-60 population is too busy for Senior Citizen lunches and other programs the organization offers.

As a result, the Archuleta County meals for Senior Citizen's budget is suffering, according to Charles Speno, Area Agency on Aging director.

The Archuleta County AAA budget for food-related activities is directly related to how many meals are served at the El Centro facility on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. The Agency receives state funding based on the number of meals. In addition, seniors contribute a \$2.25 donation for each meal.

No one is ever turned away. A senior who can't pay for a meal is still encouraged and welcome to eat at the Senior Center.

Speno met with local seniors and County Commissioner Ken Fox recently to develop a strategy to meet short term and long term budget problems.

Today's younger oldsters — persons between the ages of 60 and 65 — are in relatively good health compared to earlier times and may be more affluent and mobile. As a result, they remain in the work force or pursue other activities which they give a higher priority than attending Senior Citizen lunches and functions.

Letters

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The opinions of letter writers do not necessarily represent those of the paper.

'The Addams Family'

Dear Editor:

Thank you to The Sun for highlighting Curtains Up Pagosa's successful production of "the Addams Family" with your two-page photo spread in last week's edition.

As first time members of a CUP

production, we were very impressed with the substantial talent and dedication displayed during the three months of mounting this clever musical. While cast members enjoyed the applause from our large and enthusiastic audiences, the many behind-the-scenes folks involved deserve equal recognition for their essential contributions. Nearly 100 community members were involved in producing "The Addams Family". Allow us to single out a few of them:

- Members of our Community Band brought the complex score alive with their considerable musical expertise.
- Nanette Cheffers expertly designed, procured, and sewed the spectacular costumes for 28 unique cast members.

- Pat Doocy's choreography brought a professional edge to this community theater production. With cast members' ages ranging from 11 to 72, she challenged and taught us dance steps that perfectly matched the Addams Family story.
- Stage Manager Krishna Doocy-Fuchs and her industrious back stage crew, Lighting Designer Aaron Bishop, and Sound Technician Michael Fuchs all produced the theatrical effects necessary for a credible Broadway show.

- Ricardo and Nora Martinez, who adeptly lead the Curtains Up Pagosa enterprise, and who encouraged us the entire way from early rehearsals to our final performance.
- And our magnificent Director Dale Scrivener was the epicenter of the entire effort. His experience, diligence, and teaching ability touched every element of our show. Pagosa is so fortunate to have him with us.

Most importantly, our gratitude extends to the Pagosa community who supported and attended this production. Without you, the show does not go on.

Tony Aldwell and Jennifer Marsh

John Motter

Dear Editor:

What a first-class obituary on John Motter. As with many writers, he probably never realized the extent of his readership and their appreciation for his work. I remember back in the day when I subscribed to the Sun's paper edition, the first

item I turned to was Motter's weekly on Pagosa's past. Then I would bring my copy to my office at Texas Instruments and give it to a colleague who vacationed in Pagosa. At some point, I inadvertently let my subscription lapse. One day soon thereafter, a small crowd appeared in my office and vigorously demanded that I reinstate my subscription. Unbeknownst to me, my copies of the Sun were being re-circulated to some folks throughout the office area. They all enjoyed reading the Sun and in particular Motter's many fascinating articles on Pagosa's history.

Bill Blaylock
Dallas, Texas

'STR Attack Force'

Dear Editor:

Ronald Reagan stated once Facism is when you can own personal property but the government controls it.

The attack on Short Term Rental property owners is appalling. In recent years the town council and the county commissioners have villainized and demonized the STR property owners because there no long term their rentals or work force housing. I seem according to the Pagosa area administrators that personal property owners are to provide a socialist benefit at the cost of their personal freedom and property rights.

Many people work for 20 or 30 years to purchase an investment home to secure there financial future.

An elderly woman I have met has STR property where she depends on that income to put a roof over her head and food on her table. Imagine if she was forced to rent long term to a bad renter that did not pay and destroyed her property. The the state laws protect the destructive deadbeats that squat on their property for months.

Pam Flowers who I believe works for the county stated in a meeting at the fair grounds building a few months ago, that we are going to force people to sell their homes. Forcing People to Sell Their Homes. Is this what the county commissioners condone? or was it the directive of the county commissioners? I must add that Pam Flowers

restated that they will leverage people to sell their homes. So leverage = force. More politically correct. I percieve the STR Task Force to be the STR Attack Force headed by anti STR people or a new term for them is Karens people who want to control you, your personal property and tell you what you should do.

People work hard half their lives and pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for their personal property only to be told by the town or county you should provide a socialist benefit to the work force renter or we will fine you. If that renter turns out to be a deadbeat destroyer renter, and owners are forced into bankruptcy or to sell their home, a win for the force to sell their home proponents. An example of the kind of tactics being used against STR people is they are going through prior permits, a neighbor stated he was theatend with being fined if he rented STR, because a permit was issued 10 years ago for a garage that was never built. He told the county person that and they ignored what he said and stated they would fine him if he used his personal property for STR Therats coercion and harassment, it seems the attack force is already on the job.

STR in general doesn't cause impact on neighborhoods. With the closure of 2 of the hotels in the area where are the tourists going to stay? I have met a number of people that have stated they could not get a hotel room.

Give them an inch and they will take a yard Maybe the Town and County STR rules proposed won't affect your personal property today. What oppression, restrictions, fees and fines will they levy against you tomorrow?

Fight the foothold of socialism and facism.

George Brown

Generosity

Dear Editor:

Live, from New York!

As I was walking out of the Sullivan Family Scholarships Concert last Saturday night, I said to board member, Claudine McAnelly, "I would have paid twice as much to be here tonight." No, I'm not rich—just so very enriched by the evening's entertainment.

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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.

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Letters

Continued from A3

Imagine the Doubletree ballroom in Durango turned into a classy cabaret with candlelight, flowers, and individual tables arranged so there is not a bad seat in the house. Then add a perfect sound system, professional lighting, and world-class musicians playing just for you.

When I say world-class, I do not exaggerate. Most of us are familiar with Tim Sullivan and his incredible band, but did you know his sister, K.T. Sullivan is a bonafide Broadway star and in the Cabaret Hall of Fame? Tim's mother, Elizabeth Sullivan, 92, the musical matriarch, sings, plays the piano, and writes songs. And when K.T. and Elizabeth come to grace us with their talents they bring Natalie Douglas, a recording artist, as well as Jon Webber, world-renown jazz pianist.

The intimate nature of the evening's performance makes it soulful and unique. In today's musical world, often overshadowed by mixing, mashing, and messing, it is refreshing to experience raw vocals like K.T.'s or Natalie's with simple accompaniment. You could hear every word, feel every nuance, and be part of the stories the songs were telling. But just when it seemed it couldn't get any better, that wasn't all.

The Sullivan Foundation provides scholarships for local youth with artistic talent, as well as an annual competition whose winner gets to perform in Lincoln Center in NYC. The winner is announced at the fundraiser event. So last Saturday night, the back of the ballroom was filled with 30 young people from this region who had been tutored that week by K.T., Elizabeth, and Natalie, and who were anxiously waiting for the top three winners to be asked to come up and perform.

The winners, Danika Cox of Durango, Kaeden Thomas of Pagosa Springs, and Lincoln Johnson of Tahlequah, Oklahoma each sang their best song. Lincoln Johnson, will perform at Lincoln Center next fall. As if this weren't exciting enough, it was still not all.

After the Cabaret performance, the audience was invited to the hotel lounge where all 30 of the kids got to perform. With the competitive tension gone, and just a good time left to be had, the evening took on an energetic high that still has me smiling days later.

It's hard to wrap your mind around the generosity of the Sullivan family and what they bring to our community every year. If you could see how invested Tim, his wife Lorri, K.T., Elizabeth, Natalie, and Jon are, not to mention all the local teachers, it would humble you and hopefully inspire to be there next November when this incredible event happens again. I plan to be there, and due to the inspiration of K.T. and Elizabeth, I'll be wearing fishnet hose.

Pat Love

Carbon cycle

Dear Editor:

The Pagosa Sun had a recent article entitled: "Carbon cycling and the Riverwalk wetlands". It is about our Riverwalk, a very popular dog and people walkway through the marshland along the San Juan river. It discusses the advantages of a marsh, the workings of the all important "carbon cycle", and how a marsh can provide a carbon sink, even if only temporary.

I would add that a much more permanent example exists just across the river. It is a steep cliff of carboniferous shale known as the "Mancos" shale. It dates from 80 - 90 million years ago and consists of

alternating layers; a black layer of high carbon content and a brown layer of hard clay and fine sand, each about one millimeter thick. A pair is one year's sediment into an ancient stagnant lake. As the cliff weathers, the carbon washes into the river where it eventually dissolves, is oxidized, and reenters the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, slow but constant.

The article further states: "Through deforestation and extraction of fossil fuels, we have dramatically increased the addition of carbon to the atmosphere". I would disagree. Since the early 1800's, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has only increased by 0.0036%, hardly "dramatic". Also, trees are one of the smaller contributors to the production of the world's oxygen. Most is produced by other organisms, primarily phytoplankton in the world's oceans. Scientists now think that just one species, Prochlorococcus, produces as much oxygen as all of the tropical rainforests combined. Twenty years ago, "climate scientists" told us that the rapid deforestation and burning of the Amazon forests would severely decrease atmospheric oxygen. No decrease has been detected.

The oxygen produced by the phytoplankton and other organisms disperses in the water and atmosphere to satisfy the needs of animal life, and their eventual death and decomposition continues the carbon cycle.

Dick Riethmiller

Unfounded accusations

Dear Editor:

By the time this letter is published, Archuleta County will have a new sheriff and they will receive my full support.

In light of that, my letter is in response to the unfounded - and numerous - accusations made by our erstwhile candidate for Sheriff, Wayne Bryant.

I'd like to first address his comments regarding my wife, Lisa Scott, being mysteriously out of the country. She was out of the country on a trip to visit former Rotary Club exchange students who have previously stayed with us; she wasn't out of the country to avoid Wayne Bryant, much to his chagrin.

In an effort to understand your candidacy, I have read some of your letters to the editors and your ads; I have not read a single thing that indicates you have the skill, experience, physical fitness or temperament to become the next Sheriff. As part of my reading, I have also failed to see any proof from you of the supposed corruption of your referenced "the good old boys".

The job of Sheriff can be administrative as well as active. They are to manage the budget for certain county employees as well as the budget for the county jail system. The active role entails the possible use of force and following certain security measures needed to provide for the safety of our community. I do not find any statements - or evidence - that Wayne Bryant has these skills. All I find, again, are the rantings of someone who is confused about their possible role.

His rantings seem to imply that he will form some type of insurgency, actually stating that he intends "swearing in every able-bodied man to convene grand juries" - last time I checked, the job of swearing in potential grand jurors lies with the judiciary, not the Sheriff's office.

All of his claims have been silly: Steak dinners - that seems like the least we could offer law enforcement for the apprehension of scofflaws. In my mind, probable

cause should have been the issue.

Furthermore, his letters contain disrespectful comments that denigrate our public servants who put their lives on the line for us, every day.

Finally, the office of the Sheriff of Archuleta County is not some pulpit from which tirades and ideological bile can be spewed - that would be irresponsible and foolish.

I'd ask all of the citizens to think about this quote from Winston Churchill, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

Bob Scott

'Incendiary views'

Dear Editor:

Several letters in last week's Sun caught my attention with their incendiary views and I feel the need to briefly respond. In the anti-abortion diatribe by Ms. Haynes, she states abortion does not directly touch most people but data suggests that 1 in 4 American women will obtain an abortion by the age 45. I would say that is significant. The ethical quandary with regard to abortion revolves around the question of personhood. Abortion opponents seemingly believe that a person, with a soul, is created at the moment of implantation of sperm in egg. As there is no way to obtain proof of this - we cannot get any answers from the zygote - it is safe to say that this belief is a religious one. In our country you are free to believe as you wish but it is expressly forbidden in our constitution to create laws based on religious belief. No one is forcing anyone to obtain an abortion, so it is puzzling that Ms. Haynes should complain about personal freedoms being taken away. In fact, her perspective would deprive pregnant women of personal freedom and force them to carry and deliver a child they do not want or don't have the means to support. There are also medical reasons for abortion. So, yes, it is healthcare.

Mr Bolland is at it again with his long lists of all things to be feared, entirely from the Left. In a previous letter he bemoaned name-calling from the left. He doesn't like being called fascist or White Nationalist. I don't know why he identifies so closely with the groups that are on the receiving end of these names - Proud Boys, Oath Keepers et. al. These are the groups that fomented violence against our government and, I think, deserved to be correctly identified - I do not think most conservative Americans approve of their methods but maybe I am wrong. On the other hand, when it comes to name-calling, perhaps Mr. Bolland should take a look in the mirror. He routinely refers to all Democrats as Marxists and American Bolsheviks. He acknowledges that various Americans understand the world differently but still seems to insist that his view is the only righteous one. Why do religious people always assume that theocracy they work to create will end up being in line with their particular belief system? The Baptists supported the establishment clause of the Constitution for this very reason: better to prohibit a state religion than to have a state religion that isn't yours.

E. Fisk's rambling, unedited letter makes an uncommonly cruel and disgusting charge - that women get pregnant just so they can have abortions - as some sort of sacrifice? This is a new low. Maybe it's time to turn off FOX, stop looking at Facebook and go for a walk in the woods.

Lee Stopher

Proposed: event centers in agricultural zones

Dear Editor:

As reported in the Pagosa Sun, at its Sept. 28th meeting the Archuleta County Planning Commission proposed new regulations to allow commercial event centers in agricultural zones which will now go before the Board of County Commissioners for approval, tentatively at the November 15th meeting. The County is proposing changes to the regulations regarding properties that are zoned agricultural/forestry, agricultural/ranching, agricultural/estates which may want to host events on a commercial basis. These new regulations could allow unlimited events such as weddings, concerts, festivals, etc. They would also allow music/noise 24 hours a day. It would effectively create a new zoning category of Agricultural Ranch/Commercial. Why?

In Spring of 2020 the County told one or more AR property owners they could hold as many weddings as they wanted under the "use by right" in the land use regulations (LUR) for AR properties. One of those properties is located in the Upper Blanco Basin. Several neighbors filed a lawsuit against the county saying this interpretation of the regulation was in error. I am one of those neighbors. One year later, and tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees, the county told these AR property owners who wanted to do commercial events that they (the County) were mistaken and any events would fall under Special Use permit which would allow them unlimited commercial events. The neighbors amended the lawsuit pointing out that the Special Event LUR only allows three events per year, not unlimited. That lawsuit is still pending in District Court.

So now the County is proposing new regulations to accommodate these AR property owners wanting to do commercial events. If adopted these new regulations will allow the commercialization of AR properties throughout the County and will change the character of our agricultural ranching community. If you have property on a road leading to AR zoned property, or you are a neighbor of one, you could see an increase of traffic of 100 vehicles or more in a condensed period of time (as we have) or perhaps over the stretch of days, depending on the event. Your peaceful enjoyment of your property may also be disturbed due to the fact that the new regs have no time limit on noise.

To view the proposed regulation go to www.archuletacounty.org. Then Planning Proposals/Event Center Use, Land Use Regulations Proposed Amendments. Comments can be sent to commissioners@archuletacounty.org or attend in person with your thoughts/concerns.

The existing land use regulations allow for three events per year on agricultural property. Why expand it? Ric Thom

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Obituaries

Shirley Jo Tate Engler

Shirley Jo Tate Engler was born April 9, 1932, to Thelma Barry Tate and Arthur Samual Tate in Tulsa, Okla., the second of 10 children. She was surrounded by her five daughters at home when she went home to be with the Lord at the age of 90 on Nov. 7.



Shirley moved many times with family until they finally landed in Bayfield, Colo., where she met the love of her life, Richard Claire Engler. They were married July 8, 1949, in Aztec, N.M. She was a full-time helper on the ranch/farm as well as wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to all.

Shirley was very active in her community as a member and officer of the Mt. Allison Grange, La Plata Pomona Grange, Colorado State Grange and National Grange;

the Allison Community Presbyterian Church; La Plata County, Colo., and National Cowbells and Cattlemen's; Allison Willing Workers; Allison Ranchettes; Pine River Valley Heritage Society; as well as supporting partner to Rich as an LPEA director, Lions, Basin Coop and La Plata County Fair board member.

She was active in her daughters' 4-H lives, 4-H leader and Jr. Grange leader, and taught many lessons to them, the grandchildren and many others. She was a hero to many and a true example of how to work, play and live. She was a caretaker to many family, friends and neighbors. She was a loving Mama Jo to the grandkids and great grandkids.

Her husband of 61 years; brothers: Tom, Harry, Jack and Sam Tate; grandson Douglas Phelps; and great-granddaughter, Kinley Simons, preceded Shirley in death. Her daughters, Norma Conley (Pat), Karen Baxter (Dennis), Sharon Nossaman (Burl), Louetta Phelps (Roger) and Trish Corman (Larry), survive her. Also surviving are her brother John Tate (Evelyn), sisters Betty Swanemyr and Margaret Sutton, 13 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, five

great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Allison Community Presbyterian Church (P.O. Box 1899, Arboles, CO 81121), Mt. Allison Grange #308 (C/O Sharon Nossaman, 11173 Hwy. 151, Ignacio, CO 81137) or Hospice of Mercy. The family would like to thank Camy and the team at the Hospice of Mercy for their care.

There will be a visitation on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Hood Mortuary Chapel, 1261 E. 3rd Ave., Durango. A funeral service will be on Monday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m. at the Allison Community Church, 2724 CR 329, Ignacio, CO 81137, with burial to follow at Allison-Tiffany Cemetery.

Dorotha Jean 'Dot' Phillips

Dorotha Jean "Dot" Phillips, 86, was called home to heaven on Nov. 3. She was born in Ralls, Texas, to the late Fishburn and Marie White on July 20, 1936. She moved frequently as her father worked in the oil fields of West Texas and New Mexico.

She married Clayton Phillips on Dec. 19, 1955, in Clovis, N.M. They settled in Ralls, where Clayton farmed cotton and Dot was a homemaker/mother. She was a member and past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was also very active in her children's lives, serving over the years as Sunday school teacher, Girl Scout leader and band parent among many other activities. She and Clayton loved traveling and took vacations in Europe, Mexico and Alaska in addition

to annual family vacations all over the states and Canada. After selling the farm in the '80s, they moved to Ruidoso, N.M., where they owned and operated a gift shop. They eventually returned to Lubbock, Texas, where, in retirement, they managed apartment complexes for a few years. Upon Clayton's death in 2010, Dot moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., to be near her eldest daughter. Dot was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, always active in church and community affairs. She loved cooking, arts and crafts, camping, and playing board games. She will be remembered for her loving kindness and generosity.



Dot is survived by her two daughters, LaVerna Phillips, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and LaChana Gilbert, of Lubbock, Texas; and her two grandchildren, Tyrelle and Laramie Gilbert. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Laney Fred White.

A burial Eucharist and reception will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, at 1 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Pagosa Springs. Interment will be in the Ralls Cemetery in the spring. Those who wish to honor her may make a donation to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Outreach Programs at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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Department of Human Services reports quarterly statistics, updates

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Nov. 1 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners heard a third-quarter update from Department of Human Services Director Isabel Vita.

Vita began her update by highlighting that the department had moved into its new building during the quarter, which offers the department increased space, as well as conference and forensic interviewing rooms and increased security for staff.

She then discussed the work the department had done during the quarter.

Vita explained that the department had had 247 food assistance applications, 135 Medicaid applications, 20 Colorado Works applications and 20 adult financial assistance applications, as well as 1,418 Medicaid benefit redeterminations, 228 food assistance redeterminations, nine Colorado Works redeterminations and four adult financial assistance redeterminations.

She added that the department had had two staff members resign in the quarter, leaving the department with two staff to process all the applications.

She also explained that she had changed elements of the department's structure and increased cross-training to ensure that the department remains functional even with losses in staff.

Vita continued to explain that she had ended a contract with Training Advantage, the workforce center in Archuleta County, and had moved that position in house, which had "closed the doors" to the workforce center for the community.

However, she added that she is working on a potential memorandum of understanding with the workforce center to continue offering its services to the community.

Vita explained that the department's fraud program had learned additional tools for subpoenaing Cashapp and Venmo records and is continuing with its investigations.

The department had 60 referrals for adult protective services in the quarter Vita explained.

She added that these referrals are "not taken lightly" and commended the work of the department's new adult protective services caseworker, saying that the department is "meeting all our goals" in terms of adult protective services.

Vita added that the department received 69 reports of child abuse and neglect during the quarter.

She also mentioned that two complaints were filed against its child protective services to the state during the quarter, although in both cases the state validated the department's stance and had determined the department's actions were in compliance.

Vita stated that there are two foster homes available in the county and that next year the department will be working on promoting for additional foster homes.

She added that the department had brought in \$217,608.13 in child support for families in the county.

Commissioner Warren Brown stated that Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, during a recent visit to the county, had highlighted the state assistance available to low-income families for broadband access and offered Vita a set of flyers he

had received from Weiser promoting this assistance.

Vita accepted his offer and Brown added that he would distribute an electronic copy of the promotional materials to Vita once he received one.



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Photo courtesy Pagosa Fire Protection District

An SUV rests against a fire engine after the vehicle struck the engine a little after 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5. According to the Colorado State Patrol and Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD), a diesel truck hit a concrete barrier on Aviation Court, damaging its saddle tank, and drove to U.S. 160, where he was stopped due to leaking fuel. While responders were at the scene managing the diesel spill, the area was blocked off. The driver of the SUV drove through the traffic control and struck the rear driver side of the fire apparatus. The engine was unoccupied at the time. Editor's note: The above image was altered by the PFPD to conceal the license plate number.

Dispatch approves budget contingency for new phone provider

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At an Oct. 20 special meeting, the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Board discussed a 2023 budget contingency to utilize fund balance to acquire new phone customer premises equipment (CPE).

Kati Harr, then the emergency communications director, explained that the center experienced an event on Oct. 12 where its phones had gone down, excluding 911 services, which was "incredibly operationally impactful."

She added that this incident, in addition to other difficulties with the center's CPE provider, caused her to want to highlight these problems to the board and bring forward a potential solution.

She explained that the center's CPE provider supplies the physical phone equipment at the center as well as the software used for answering calls and obtaining caller identification.

Harr added the CPE provider is

also key in troubleshooting issues that occur with the center's phones and service.

She further outlined a number of issues that the center had experienced in the last year with the CPE provider, including a number of operationally impactful issues, and problems with customer service and support by the provider.

According to Harr, the issues included some incoming administrative calls dropping after 32 seconds, causing negative impacts to service and "finger-pointing" by the CPE provider blaming other elements of the system, caller ID not appearing and the administrative phone lines dropping on Oct. 12.

She stated that the final issue was particularly impactful as this had caused the center to miss a medical alarm and to almost miss a hold-up alarm, both of which are channeled through the administrative phone system.

She indicated that the administrative lines had gone down the night before and the center had not been informed of this outage until

12 hours later.

She also commented that "straw that broke the camel's back" concerning the CPE provider was that, when she contacted the provider to attempt to resolve the administration lines being down, she was told that the senior technician was out of the office and that he was the only one capable of addressing the problem, which Harr noted demonstrated "zero continuity planning" on the part of the provider.

She added that she would expect providers of such services to have a much higher degree of service and continuity planning.

Harr then explained that she was proposing that the dispatch center include \$200,000 in appropriated contingency funds taken from the center's fund balance for the potential purchase of a new phone CPE in 2023.

She explained that the center's ending fund balance in 2022 would be approximately \$400,000 and that the average fund balance over the last 10 years had been \$215,000.

She explained that this change would not impact the contributions of user agencies to the center and that the contingency could also be rolled over into fund balance for 2024 if the decision is made to not purchase a new CPE.

Harr also explained that she had acquired three quotes from various CPE providers that had all indicated the cost would be approximately \$200,000.

The board then discussed the center's contract with the current CPE provider and the mechanics of canceling it; the center's backup plans for when the administrative lines are down; and the additional issues the center has been experiencing with the current CPE provider, including dial-out issues, choppy audio, the slow integration of RapidSOS and difficulties with hardware.

Following this discussion, the board unanimously moved to approve the budget contingency for the purchase of a new phone CPE.

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The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for week: 180.
Oct. 21 — Information only, Puma Place.

Nov. 1 — Illegal possession or consumption of ethyl alcohol, U.S. 84.
Nov. 2 — Unsafe backing in parking area, Goldmine Drive.

Nov. 3 — Criminal mischief, East Golf Place.

Nov. 3 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Nov. 3 — Protection order violation, Capitan Circle.

Thanks

Gonzalez

I want to thank the Vets for Vets for their kindness for delivering me a great amount of oak wood, especially the gentleman that delivered it with his two teen boys and a little boy. I forgot his name, but not his deed.

Thanks again, Vets for Vets.
Forever thankful, Lucy Gonzalez

Nov. 3 — Information only, Homestead Drive.

Nov. 4 — Animals running at large, Sam Houston Avenue/Trails Boulevard.

Nov. 4 — Criminal mischief, all other thefts, Buttercup Drive.

Nov. 4 — Warrant arrest, Stollsteimer Road and Beucler Lane.

Nov. 4 — Drove vehicle when license canceled, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, Stollsteimer Road and Beucler Lane.

Nov. 5 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, false imprisonment, violation of restraining order, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, Prospect Boulevard.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for week: 170.
Oct. 30 — Theft, West U.S. 160.

Oct. 31 — Menacing, East Pagosa Street.

Nov. 2 — DUI, Pike Drive/U.S. 160.

Nov. 2 — Tampering with motor vehicle, Talisman Drive.

Nov. 2 — Theft, Apache Street/Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 3 — Animal running at large, U.S. 84.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Oct. 21 — Adrian Sanchez, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$162.50.

Nov. 2 — Aric B. Swan, driving while ability impaired, 10 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, fines and costs — \$576.50.

Nov. 2 — Derek Apodoca, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

Nov. 2 — John M. Trescony, following too closely, fines and costs — \$172.50.

Nov. 2 — Michael S. Rivera, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$120.

Nov. 2 — Phoebe M. Porter, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.

Nov. 2 — James Johnson Jr., violation p/o-criminal, fines and costs — \$349.50.

Nov. 2 — Kody L. McNutt, no insurance-owner, fines and costs — \$769.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

No report.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

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In partnership with Colorado Recycles Week (Nov. 14-18), PaintCare is hosting Paint Recycling Day across the state on Friday, Nov. 18, to encourage those with leftover paint to recycle it and to educate households and businesses about the paint stewardship program.

Colorado Recycles Week is a weeklong event that was started in 2019 to emphasize the importance of reusing, recycling and diverting recyclable materials from the waste stream. PaintCare is the nonprofit organization created by the paint industry to operate paint stewardship programs in Colorado and other states that have passed paint stewardship laws.

"While PaintCare works with drop-off sites across the state to collect leftover paint year-round, we are excited to host the state's

first Paint Recycling Day for Coloradans that will focus special attention on this common recyclable material during Colorado Recycles Week," said Kevin Lynch, PaintCare program manager in Colorado. "We have already processed more than 5 million gallons of paint, stain and varnish in Colorado since the program began in 2015, and we hope that through Paint Recycling Day we can raise even more awareness about paint recycling in Colorado."

The organization is a successful example of how producer responsibility is already working in Colorado to save local governments money by taking the burden of managing paint off of cities and counties, ensuring equitable access to most Coloradans and responsibly diverting a recyclable material out of landfills. In fact, it is estimated by the Environmental Protection Agency that as much

as 10 percent of all architectural paint goes unused, and PaintCare provides a solution to that problem in Colorado and the other states that have adopted it.

Paint collection, transportation, processing and public education is funded by a small fee, called the PaintCare fee, placed on all sales of paint products covered by the program in the state. Products covered by the PaintCare program and accepted for drop-off are defined as interior and exterior architectural coatings sold in containers of 5 gallons or smaller, including house paint and primers (latex or oil-based), stains, deck and concrete sealers and clear finishes (e.g., varnishes, shellac).

How can Coloradans participate in Paint Recycling Day?

Drop off your paint at Sherwin-Williams or Terry's Ace. Through PaintCare's network of centrally

located sites, the PaintCare program provides convenient options for households and businesses to drop off paint for recycling. PaintCare arranges for leftover paint to be transported from the drop-off sites and processed according to "highest, best use"—ensuring that as much leftover paint as possible is reused or recycled.

Learn more about PaintCare's accepted products. Accepted paint products must be in a sealed, original container with the original manufacturer label. PaintCare does not accept aerosol products (spray cans), industrial maintenance (IM), original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or specialty coatings. Visit [paintcare.org/products](https://www.paintcare.org/products) for a complete list of accepted and unaccepted products.

To learn more about PaintCare in Colorado, visit <https://www.paintcare.org/states/colorado/>.

County discusses community solutions for health department

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Nov. 1 work session, during an update from Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners discussed steps in forming a county health department.

Lashbrooke mentioned that she had "had a lot of conversation regarding the health department" and was wondering where the county was in the process and how "we can get really creative" with the formation of the health department given the costs involved.

She then asked if the county could distribute any of the costs to the Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) or Axis Health Systems or another health provider to "lift our community up a little and then stand up statutorily what we absolutely have to have."

She asked if the county would be interested in her beginning to "pull together community leaders that are health care related that might want to start about a community-wide solution to this health department?"

All three commissioners agreed that this would be a good idea, with Commissioner Warren Brown commenting, "The sooner the better, I think."

County Manager Derek Woodman highlighted that there are certain aspects of public health that will have to stay within the county health department, but other elements could be contracted out.

Lashbrooke agreed with this assessment and added that she believes there might be organizations, such as the Archuleta County Department of Human Services, that are already providing some public health services.

"We are in unique times of doing business," Lashbrooke commented. "It's going to take a very unique and

creative solution here."

The group then agreed to keep Lashbrooke updated on the progress of the dissolution and the county's decisions, and County Attorney Todd Weaver added that the county would likely have to set up a transition committee during the creation of the health department.

Woodman also stated that the dissolution would probably take around 12 months.

Brown commented that "things have already started happening" in terms of the dissolution and that he thought her work "is a pretty crucial piece to get things going and lining partners up in advance if that's the way we go."

Lashbrooke stated that she would begin reaching out to health leaders, adding that she had already spoken to the CEOs of PSMC and Axis Health Systems, who indicated that they thought forming such a group would be a good idea and that they would be willing to participate in it.

Lashbrooke asked if there is someone specific at the county who she should connect with about this process.

The board agreed that Woodman would be the point of contact.

Lashbrooke commented that she would work on reaching out to potential partners and holding an initial meeting within 30 days.

Woodman highlighted that Axis Health Systems also has current contracts with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) for some services.

Lashbrooke also commented that she took concerns she has heard in the community about the service provided by Axis to its CEO, who had assured her that "they are working on it."

She concluded that "we'll just keep helping to support them and how can they participate in this," adding that it is good to know that Axis has a contract with SJBPH already as this would likely make the transition easier.

Important Chamber deadlines coming up

By Mary Jo Coulehan
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Chamber of Commerce

The open nomination process to submit your name to run for the Chamber Board of Directors will close on Monday, Nov. 21.

Those businesses interested in running for the board must be a Chamber member in good standing for a year. The representative

should be the owner or manager of the business. The commitment is for a three-year term. Interested parties can contact Mary Jo Coulehan at the Chamber for more information and the appropriate forms.

The deadline for entering your business for the 2023 Business After Hours (BAH) lottery is Friday, Nov. 18. Chamber member businesses can enter the lottery to host a BAH. Think of joining forces with

a neighboring business and have a "block party" or partner up with a nonprofit agency and host a BAH together. Once you decide to host a BAH, choose three months that you would prefer to host the event. Send your entry to Kim Hartfiel at 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.

BAHs are great for promoting a new or expanding business, a special event or to keep your business in the forefront of people's mind. Contact Hartfiel at the Chamber for more information.

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at The Mother Spring

Bring a yoga mat or cushion.



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locations. Our label printers were not working correctly even though we tested them prior to distributing the equipment. My IT guys were at each location helping with setup and on the phone with Secretary of State's IT staff to correct the error. We were down for about an hour and a half. Voters were very understanding and came to the Election Office to vote. After that was corrected, everything went pretty smooth the rest of the day."

County offices

Several county-level candidates ran unopposed and were elected with the following vote totals: Republican Kristy Archuleta (5,928 votes) for clerk and recorder, Republican Elsa P. White (5,760 votes) for treasurer, Republican Johanna Tully-Elliott (5,675 votes) for assessor, unaffiliated Ron Sutcliffe (5,541 votes) for surveyor, and Republican Brandon L. Bishop (5,750 votes) for coroner.

Judges

A series of eight yes or no questions asked about retaining the following Colorado Court of Appeals judges: 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. Voters both in Archuleta County and across the state voted in favor of retaining the judges.

Voters both in Archuleta County and across the district voted in favor of retaining 6th Judicial District Court Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson. In Archuleta County, 4,240 voted in favor of retaining Wilson, while 1,718 voted no. Across the district, 78.07 percent voted yes, with 21.93 percent voting no.

Voters were also in favor of retaining Archuleta County Court Judge Justin P. Fay, with 4,380 voting yes and 1,719 voting no.

Federal offices

For U.S. senator, Democrat Michael Bennet was re-elected, earning 54.84 percent of the votes statewide. Joe O'Dea followed with 42.58 percent of the vote, with the remaining candidates trailing them. Archuleta County voters favored O'Dea, who tallied 4,046 votes in the county, compared to Bennet's 3,386.

As of mid-day Wednesday, Democrat Adam Frisch held the lead at the state level for 118th United States Congress-District 3, with 50.41 percent of the vote. Republican Lauren Boebert had 49.59 percent. Archuleta County voters favored Boebert, who tallied 4,141 votes in the county to Frisch's 3,525.

State offices

Democrats Jared Polis and Diane Primavera were also re-elected Tuesday, earning 57.55 percent of the statewide vote. Republicans Heidi Ganahl and Danny Moore followed with 40.36 percent of the vote,

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to get an education, he noted, adding that while he earned his expert marksmanship badge, he has no use for guns.

Ron worked in communications in the Air Force, pointing out, "This is long before they had satellites or computers."

After basic training in New York, Ron was sent to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., where he trained for a year before going to Germany — a six-day trip taken on a troop transport that could carry 3,000 people and that was a carryover from World War II.

He recalled there was a mix-up with his rank and he was on detail on the trip, which consisted of being in the crow's nest above the ship to watch for people who went overboard.

It was March and very cold, he remembered, and he couldn't see more than about 5 to 10 feet with the mist.

After arriving in Bremerhaven, Germany, Ron noted there was a big Army sergeant.

"And here I was a low-ranking person," Ron said, explaining that sergeant issued instructions for an upcoming train trip to Landsberg. "And he says, 'Whatever you do, is do not, do not, do not get off this train for any reason at all.'"

When the train arrived in Frankfurt, however, another "big, burly" Army sergeant told everyone to get off the train.

After telling those in charge they were told not to leave the train, they were told to do it anyway.

Ron indicated he got off the train in Frankfurt, where they were

with the other pairings following. Archuleta County voters favored the Republican duo, casting 3,906 votes in their favor and 3,601 for Polis and Primavera.

Out of the six candidates for Colorado secretary of state, Democrat Jena Griswold was re-elected with 54.09 percent of the vote statewide. Republican Pam Anderson trailed with 43.40 percent of the vote. Archuleta County voters again favored the Republican candidate, casting 4,011 votes for Anderson and 3,243 for Griswold.

Democrat Dave Young was also re-elected as state treasurer, earning 52.81 percent of the votes statewide. Republican Lang Sias trailed with 44.16 percent of the vote, with Libertarian Anthony J. Delgado trailing. Sias was Archuleta County's pick, tallying 4,030 votes in the county compared to Young's 3,100.

Phil Weiser was also re-elected and will continue to serve as attorney general, defeating three opponents. The Democrat picked up 53.69 percent of the votes in the state, with Republican John Kellner following with 44.30 percent. Kellner garnered 4,182 votes in Archuleta County, while Weiser picked up 3,203.

For State Board of Education at-large member, Democrat Kathy Plomer picked up 52.19 percent of the votes statewide, followed by Republican Dan Maloiti with 44.47 percent and two other candidates. Archuleta County again favored the Republican in the race, casting 4,096 votes for Maloiti and 3,017 for Plomer.

Democrat Barbara McLachlan was re-elected as state representative for District 59, with McLachlan notching 56.84 percent of the district vote compared to Republican Shellie Shaw's 43.16 percent. Archuleta County voters cast 4,164 votes for Shaw and 3,418 votes for McLachlan.

State ballot measures

Eleven statewide measures appeared on the ballot.

Amendment D, concerning judges of the newly created 23rd Judicial District, passed with 67.50 percent of the votes statewide. The majority of Archuleta County voters were also in favor of the amendment.

Amendment E — concerning the extension of the property tax exemption for qualifying seniors and disabled veterans to the surviving spouse of a United States armed forces service member who died in the line of duty or veteran whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease — also passed at the state and county level, with 87.95 percent of voters in favor statewide.

Amendment F, concerning the conduct of charitable gaming activities, failed at both the local and state levels, with 60.91 percent of voters statewide voting against it.

Proposition FE, regarding free, healthy lunches for public school students and related initiatives, was approved at the state level with 55.12 percent of voters in favor. At the

marched through the town and fed at a cafeteria, which he noted was the right thing to do.

"The food was superb," he said.

While that was Ron's first experience in Germany, it was far from his last. He was stationed in several areas in Germany over his career, including spending time in Winterberg, where there were two small radar stations.

Winterberg, he noted, was located in the British zone.

He moved there in June 1955.

"I probably lucked out and got the best assignment that I could ever get," he said.

He also noted there was a rest station for Canadians and English people and a small town of about 3,500 people.

There, he became part of the community — he met and married his first wife (of 14 years) and belonged to a number of clubs, among them two bowling clubs, a volunteer fire department and a bobsled team.

After three and a half years in Winterberg, Ron was sent to West Palm Beach, Fla., where the couple welcomed their first child.

After eight or nine months there, Ron was sent back to Keesler for almost a year of advanced training, and the couple welcomed their second child in Mississippi.

The military also sent Ron to instructor school — something he wasn't sure about in the beginning.

He went on to teach mathematics and basic electronics.

"It was good for me," he said, and he stayed about three years.

Ron then found himself in Greece on an unaccompanied tour — which meant his wife and daughters spent

county level, 3,633 voted in favor of the proposition, with 3,856 voting against it.

Proposition GG, requiring that the ballot title and fiscal summary for any ballot initiative that increases or decreases state income tax rates include a table showing the average tax change for filers in different income categories, was approved at both the state and county level, with 70.84 percent of voters statewide in favor.

Proposition 121, reducing the state income tax rate from 4.55 percent to 4.40 percent, was approved at both the state and local levels, with 65.54 percent of voters across the state in favor of the change.

Proposition 122, concerning "legal regulated access to natural medicine for persons 21 years of age or older," passed at the state level with 51.02 percent of voters casting votes in favor. The proposition also narrowly passed in Archuleta County, with 3,768 casting votes in favor and 3,591 against.

Proposition 123, concerning statewide funding for affordable housing, looked to be approved mid-day Wednesday, with 50.64 percent of voters statewide in favor. The vote was also close in Archuleta County, where 3,647 voters were in favor and 3,623 were against it.

Proposition 124, concerning changes to increase the number of retail liquor store licenses in which a person may hold an interest, failed at both the state and local level, with 62.43 percent of voters statewide against it.

Proposition 125, concerning the expanding the retail sale of alcohol beverages, failed, with 50.18 percent of voters statewide voting against it. In Archuleta County, 4,242 voters cast their votes in favor of the change, while 3,207 cast their votes against it.

Proposition 126, allowing retail establishments licensed to sell alcohol beverages to deliver all types of alcoholic beverages to people 21 and older through a permitted third-party delivery service, failed at both the local and state levels, with 52.71 percent of the votes cast statewide against it.

Special district measure

Voters who live within the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District were asked to vote on Ballot Issue 7A, which asked for the district to be authorized to continue in perpetuity an additional 5.95 mills that were approved by voters in 2013 and are scheduled to sunset at the end of 2024, and for the district to not be limited by Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (the Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights) or any other law.

The issue passed in both Archuleta County and the district as a whole, with voters across the district casting 74.17 percent of the votes in favor of the change and 25.83 percent against.

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more time in Germany, and the couple welcomed a son there.

Ron called his tour in Greece one of the best he could have gotten.

He recalled being recognized for doing the right things there after an uprising, which he noted in a way helped him make his way back to Germany, to the Air Force headquarters for Europe.

He spent another three years in Germany before again heading to Biloxi, this time for a 50-week-long course. Following that, Ron had his pick of places to go and chose Turkey, which he noted meant his family could join him.

He served there for two years and "enjoyed it quite a bit."

From Turkey, Ron moved near Kansas City, Mo., where he served the remainder of his career, graduated from college magna laude and met Cindy through a Parents Without Partners group.

Ron retired from the Air Force in August 1975 as a master sergeant.

But that was far from Ron's last involvement with the military.

In the fall of 2017, he was honored by an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Ron is a lifetime member of three veterans organizations locally, as well as others elsewhere, and even had a patriotic birthday party in 2021, when he turned 87.

That party included something he noted he wants people to know about — the meaning of the folding of the American flag.

The meaning behind the 13 folds can also be found at <https://nationalflagfoundation.org/the-meaning-behind-the-13-folds-of-the-united-states-flag/>.

PAWSD

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According to the budget, these revenues are balanced by \$30,531,493 in expenditures, a 362 percent increase over the anticipated 2022 expenditures.

The fund balance at the end of 2023 will rise by 10 percent from an anticipated balance of \$9,178,541 at the end of 2022 to a balance of \$10,108,707 by the end of 2023, the budget states.

The wastewater enterprise fund is expected to receive \$2,962,393 in revenue in 2023, up 5 percent from the anticipated 2022 revenues, the budget indicates.

The fund will have \$6,105,971 in expenditures in 2023, the budget indicates, up 114 percent from the anticipated 2022 expenditures.

These changes will leave the wastewater fund balance reduced by 88 percent by the end of 2023 the budget states, with the balance changing from \$3,582,371 anticipated at the end of 2022 to \$438,793 at the end of 2023.

Burns explained that the changes in spending in the water and wastewater funds are partially driven by the work on the state-mandated expansion of the Snowball water treatment plant and state-mandated engineering for the potential Vista wastewater treatment plant upgrade, as well as a variety of other larger maintenance item expenditures.

He highlighted that the 2023 budget meets debt services requirements and reflects the rate increases prescribed by a 2018 rate study, as well as accelerated rate increases that he and District Manager Justin Ramsey had agreed are necessary due to the additional costs of expanding the Snowball plant.

Burns explained that, as part of the financing process for the Snowball plant, the state recommended an additional \$8 per equivalent unit, also commonly referred to as EUs, charge for water rates on top of the 6 percent increase recommended by the rate study. He added that the rate study had recommended a 2.5 percent increase in wastewater rates in 2024, which Burns and Ramsey had decided to move forward to 2023.

He commented that the PAWSD 2021 audit indicated that the district's rates are low and these changes would address this, as well as preparing PAWSD for the increasing costs of its upcoming projects.

PAWSD vice president Glenn Walsh commented on the significance of the \$8 water rate increase to PAWSD customers and raised questions of if the costs of Snowball plant expansion could be shifted into other fees, such as capital investment fees (CIFs), to mitigate the impact of the costs on PAWSD customers.

Ramsey commented that this would be possible to do and that this cost had been calculated by taking the debt service charges PAWSD would have for the Snowball plant expansion and dividing it by the number of PAWSD customers.

Walsh then suggested that, even if the cost of the Snowball plant expansion decreases, which he hopes it will, he expected there would still be substantial increases in costs.

The board then discussed how these costs should be addressed, with Walsh noting that he would like to see the fee increases for the Snowball plant modeled with them being partially shifted to CIFs as well as how they were proposed in the draft.

The board then moved on to discussing the potential upgrade of the Vista wastewater treatment plant and its costs, with Walsh also indicating an interest in the fee increases there being partially shifted to CIFs.

He also commented that the

Veterans

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licenses.

The press release adds that CPW also offers military benefits for outdoor activities to active duty military, veterans and disabled veterans. Programs include free admission to state parks on Veterans Day, free admission to all state parks in August, year-round free entry to all state parks to residents who qualify for Colorado Disabled Veterans or Purple Heart license plates, and free small game and fishing licenses for qualified disabled veterans.

For more information about Colorado state parks, visit <https://cpw.state.co.us/>.

According to a CPW press release, "The free daily parks pass provides a chance to experience Colorado's state parks and the diverse wildlife and terrain they showcase."

All other park fees remain in effect, including camping reservations, boat and off-highway vehicle registrations, and hunting and fishing

licenses. The press release adds that CPW also offers military benefits for outdoor activities to active duty military, veterans and disabled veterans. Programs include free admission to state parks on Veterans Day, free admission to all state parks in August, year-round free entry to all state parks to residents who qualify for Colorado Disabled Veterans or Purple Heart license plates, and free small game and fishing licenses for qualified disabled veterans.

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PAWSD wastewater CIFs are likely too low and might experience an increase of "400 percent."

The board then discussed that this upgrade would require notifying the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) and pondered the possibility of building a joint treatment plant with PSSGID, a topic which was discussed at a joint work session between the PSSGID and PAWSD on Sept. 8.

Ramsey indicated that the budget includes funding for a feasibility study on reversing the pipeline currently delivering waste from PSSGID to the Vista treatment plant, a key potential element in constructing a joint plant.

Ramsey cited Mayor Shari Pierce's "adamant" opposition to a joint feasibility study as a reason for PAWSD doing the study independently.

Walsh commented that he would prefer to not do this as he would want the town to lead the desire for a joint study and for PAWSD to wait until such a desire is indicated.

Following more discussion on the subject, the board moved on to discuss the \$2 million in funds allocated in the budget for beginning design on the nutrient treatment upgrades for the Vista wastewater plant that were ordered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

Ramsey explained that PAWSD is working to have these improvements delayed due to disagreements about if the improvements are necessary or would provide an environmental benefit.

The board agreed that the funds for design need to be kept within the budget in the event that PAWSD is unable to obtain a delay on implementing these improvements.

The board then moved on to discuss various changes and increases within the 2023 budget.

Burns explained that the capital projects funding in the budget includes \$22,600,000 for the portion of construction on the Snowball water treatment plant expansion expected to be completed in 2023 and \$1 million for purchasing and installing 10 Conex container homes to house workers working on the Snowball plant expansion.

Burns explained that PAWSD is trying to replace two regular utility trucks for a cost of \$91,000, one electrical utility truck for a cost of \$90,000, and a mini-excavator and trailer for a cost of \$85,000.

Burns and Ramsey also explained that the budget includes \$147,900 for the upgrading of Lift Station 7 near Lake Pagosa and the replacement of adjacent pipes due to problems with capacity and functionality at the station.

Ramsey also discussed \$160,000 allocated for the Stevens Reservoir pipeline and booster engineering, a project which would create two miles of pipeline through a private ranch and allow PAWSD to pump water from Stevens Reservoir to Lake Hatcher, which Ramsey described as a "very cost-effective way to secure a lot of water," particularly in the drier periods of the year when other sources of water supply for Hatcher are cut off.

Ramsey explained that he is hoping the project will largely be paid for by the ranch owner in exchange for an arrangement that would let him also pump water through the pipeline used by PAWSD.

PAWSD secretary Bill Hudson highlighted that the budget included \$65,000 in expenditures for a PAWSD election in 2023 and asked if there is any possibility the district could coordinate with another special district to share the cost of the election.

Ramsey commented that this might be possible and highlighted that the election would include

electing board members and an issue related to lifting limitations on grant funding that are found in the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR).

In an email to The SUN, Ramsey explains that, currently, PAWSD is only allowed to accept state grants up to 10 percent of its overall funding, with that limitation also applying to federal grants that are run through the state.

"We have a couple large projects required by new regulations," he wrote. "To offset these new regulations grants are available, however due to our TABOR limitations we are unable to take full advantage of these grant opportunities."

Walsh commented that the potential increases in water and wastewater CIFs could bring the affordable housing line items in the water and wastewater funds budgets to between \$200,000 and \$250,000, and he noted that he would like to discuss how those funds could be used at a future meeting.

Walsh also commented that, with the 10 units of planned workforce housing and the potential increase in affordable housing funding, PAWSD would likely be a leader in the community in terms of investing in workforce housing.

The proposed 2023 budget indicates that the affordable housing surcharge is expected to generate \$70,000 in the water enterprise fund and \$13,000 in the wastewater enterprise fund in 2023.

The board then discussed wage increases for PAWSD staff, which the draft budget indicates are expected to be between 3 and 5 percent based on successful evaluations and allowances for merit increase contingent on acquiring additional certifications.

Ramsey commented that the across-the-board wage increases that have been implemented in the previous two years have been "appreciated" but had not been effective in incentivizing high-quality work since the increase has been the same for all employees regardless of the quality of their work.

He added that he was surprised by the low numbers of staff who had pursued additional certifications, which come with wage benefits and are paid for by PAWSD.

Walsh commented that he would prefer a 6 to 8 percent range of wage increases to match inflation and to give Ramsey a large degree of latitude in terms of how to structure the wage increase.

The board agreed to this change and Ramsey commented that he appreciates the larger increase, adding, "I think that will help."

Burns indicated that PAWSD is budgeting for 34 full-time equivalents of staff in 2023 and that the workers' compensation experience modification is expected to increase from 1.08 to 1.42 due to increased claims and that PAWSD's health insurance costs are expected to rise by 2.46 percent in 2023.

Burns also explained that there would be, according to preliminary assessed values provided by the county, TABOR limitations on both the PAWSD mill levies, placing the District 1 mill levy at 5.41 mills, below the voter-approved 6.09 mills, and District 2 at 1.849 mills, below the voter-approved 1.949 mills.

Burns added that a budget amendment in 2022 would likely not be necessary.

He also added that PAWSD is awaiting confirmation on when the debt service on the loans for the Snowball plant expansion will begin as he had been told it would begin in 2024, but PAWSD had recently received an email indicating that it would begin in 2023.

He noted that the debt service beginning in 2023 would have a significant impact on the budget and would make the rate increases more necessary than they already are.

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On Thursday, Nov. 10, local Marines and others will celebrate the Marine Corps birthday beginning at 6 p.m. at Pagosa Brewing and Grill.

The evening will feature the traditional birthday ceremony, including the recognition of the oldest and youngest Marines in attendance. Complimentary birthday cake will be served.

While the event is for the Marine Corps birthday, other service members are welcome. Dress will be casual, though military uniforms are always welcome.

Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to Don MacNamee at (970) 731-0306 or Ed Robinson at (970) 731-0718.

Marine Corps birthday

Colorado responds to increased cases of respiratory viruses, including flu, RSV and COVID-19

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) continues to monitor increases in respiratory viruses, including flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and COVID-19.

The CDPHE is supporting the coordination of hospitals as they plan for the possibility of more cases. Cases are also occurring earlier than usual in the respiratory illness season.

Coloradans can help prevent respiratory viruses by:

- Getting vaccinated. Both flu and COVID-19 have effective, safe vaccines. Anyone 6 months and older can get vaccinated for flu and COVID-19. It is safe to get the vaccines together.

- Seeing or calling a health care provider or doctor before going to a busy emergency department when you or your child has respiratory symptoms. Your provider can help you determine the best ways to manage symptoms and when it is important to be seen in the clinic, urgent care or emergency department.

- Staying home when sick, including not visiting or interacting with people who may be at higher risk, including older adults, young children, and infants. This is key to preventing the spread of viruses and causing outbreaks which put additional strain on the hospital system.

- Washing your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or with hand sanitizer with 60 percent alcohol.

- Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or upper arm sleeve when you cough or sneeze. Throw away the tissue after you use it and clean hands as instructed above.

- Cleaning potentially contaminated surfaces, like doorknobs, tables, handrails, etc.

- Avoiding sharing cups, eating utensils and touching your face with unwashed hands.

"As the weather gets colder, more people are spending more time indoors, and viruses are more likely to spread indoors," said Dr. Rachel Herlihy, state epidemiologist, CDPHE. "We have three respiratory viruses circulating right now, but we can all help reduce disease transmission by getting vaccinated, isolating when sick and maintaining good hand hygiene, which can help lessen the strain on our health care system. What might feel like a mild cold for one person can be very serious for another person, especially infants, young children, someone who is immunocompromised or older adults."

Child care centers and schools can also play an active role in preventing the spread through increased handwashing, disinfecting surfaces and areas, and strict adherence to and implementing their illness policies. The CDPHE is in frequent communication with

K-12 schools, preschool programs and child care facilities to provide information about RSV, including strategies to reduce transmission. Since the beginning of October, the CDPHE has shared resources, such as the updated 2022-23 Guidance for Prevention and Control of Non-COVID-19 Respiratory Illnesses in Schools and Child Care Settings,

"According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this flu season could be more severe than we have seen in years. CDC data shows increasing seasonal flu activity across the United States."

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Flu

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this flu season could be more severe than we have seen in years. CDC data shows increasing seasonal flu activity across the United States. The southeast and south central regions are currently reporting the highest levels of flu activity. In some southeastern states, flu hospitalization rates are already at levels seen during the fall 2009 H1N1 pandemic. The CDC estimates that, so far this season, there have been at least 1,600,000 flu illnesses, 13,000 hospitalizations and 730 deaths from flu in the United States. Two flu-associated pediatric deaths have been reported for the 2022-2023 season.

In Colorado, 25 people were hospitalized with flu during the week ending Oct. 29, for a total of 49 people hospitalized since Oct. 2. Visit the CDPHE's flu webpage for the Colorado Flu and RSV Report, which tracks flu and RSV numbers in the state and updates weekly.

Anyone aged 6 months or older can get their annual flu vaccine. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your loved ones and our community. You can safely get the flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine, including the new omicron vaccine, during the same visit, if it is offered. The state health department recommends:

- Adults 65 years and older should get one of three specific flu vaccine types: the Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent vaccine, Flublok quadrivalent recombinant flu vaccine or the Flud quadrivalent adjuvanted flu vaccine. If one of these three is not available, people

65 years and older can get any other age-appropriate influenza vaccine.

- Children younger than 9 years who are either getting the flu vaccine for the first time or have only previously received one dose of the vaccine should get two doses of the vaccine. The first dose should be given as soon as possible during the flu season. The second dose should be given at least 28 days after the first dose.

- Ideally, those who are pregnant should get vaccinated before the end of October, as they may have more serious complications if they get the flu. The flu vaccine can be given in any trimester of pregnancy.

Medicare, Medicaid, CHP+ and most private health insurers cover the full cost of the flu vaccine. You don't have to pay anything to health care providers that accept your health plan. If you don't have health insurance, you can still get the flu vaccine for free at certain health care providers. Free vaccine providers, as well as additional information on flu vaccines, can be found at fluvaxcolorado.org. Protect yourself and your loved ones against the flu by contacting your health care provider, local public health agency or pharmacy to make a vaccine appointment today.

RSV

Colorado, along with multiple regions across the United States, has seen a sharp increase in reported RSV outbreaks and hospitalizations. From Oct. 1-29, there have been 367 RSV-associated hospitalizations in the five-county Denver metropolitan area (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties) and 57 outbreaks in child care and school settings statewide. Among these outbreaks, more than half have had at least one person involved in the outbreak seek care at a hospital. Hospital reports indicate that the increase in RSV cases is putting a strain on the pediatric health care system as 95 percent of current RSV hospitalizations are among children. Based on previous patterns, high levels of RSV transmission are expected to continue for at least several weeks.

RSV causes respiratory tract illness in people of all ages, but infants, young children and older adults are at greater risk of severe illness from RSV. It spreads by inhaling or having contact with virus-containing droplets (typically through the mouth, nose or eyes) produced by a person with RSV infection when talking, coughing and sneezing. While most people

who get RSV will only have cold symptoms, it may be more severe in infants and young children, as well as older adults. Symptoms can include a runny or stuffy nose, sneezing or coughing, and can also include fever, decreased appetite and difficulty breathing or wheezing.

If your child is demonstrating early signs of respiratory distress or other symptoms of RSV, consider taking them to their primary care doctor for evaluation. Call or see your pediatrician or other health care provider before going to an emergency department.

Coloradans can find more information about RSV rates in Colorado on the CDPHE's website, <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/influenza>. This page updates weekly on Wednesday to include data through Saturday of the previous week.

COVID-19

Colorado is also experiencing a defined upward trend in cases of COVID-19. Percent positivity is increasing, and cases and hospitalizations in Colorado have increased slightly in recent weeks. BA.5 remains the most prevalent subvariant, and BQ.1, BQ.1.1 and BF.7 are emerging and could accelerate transmission in the coming weeks. People who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate and consider treatment to help them recover.

Anyone aged 5 years and older who has completed a COVID-19 primary vaccine series should get an omicron vaccine to increase their protection against the dominant subvariants circulating in Colorado right now. People should get their omicron vaccine at least two months after their most recent dose — either their completed primary series or third (booster) dose. It takes two weeks for COVID-19 vaccines to be fully effective, so Nov. 10 is the last day to get a vaccine in order to have the highest level of protection available by Thanksgiving.

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Commissioners, staff discuss budgets for roads, Solid Waste

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At an Oct. 31 budget work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard more about the proposed 2023 Road and Bridge and Solid Waste budgets and discussed priorities for these funds.

To begin the discussion of the Road and Bridge budget, County Finance Director Louise Woods explained that the 33 percent increase in Highway User Tax Fund revenues — up from \$1,658,551 for the projected year-end of 2022 to \$2,206,437 in 2023 — was projected by the state.

The overall revenues in the proposed Road and Bridge budget for 2023 are \$7,316,701, up 12.3 percent from the \$6,514,994 expected in 2022.

Public Works Director Kevin Pogue proposed, following a comment about the confusing nature of the Road and Bridge budget by County Manager Derek Woodman, that the Road and Bridge budget should be divided into four districts to cover different areas of the county, with 80 percent of the Road and Bridge budget potentially being dedicated to a specific district each year.

Pogue suggested that this would enable the county to more systematically repair and maintain

roads in the county and improve the outcomes of the work done by the county.

The commissioners commended Pogue's proposal, with Commissioner Warren Brown commenting that the county having a plan for maintenance would be beneficial and Commissioner Alvin Schaaf commenting that he never understood why road maintenance has not been divided into districts.

The group then discussed the potential simplification of the Road and Bridge budget to increase the clarity of the budget and the flexibility of how the budget could be used.

Brown recommended that Pogue present a reformatted version of the budget to the BoCC before next year's budget session.

Woodman then highlighted that the road capital improvement (RCI) paving capital expenditure line item has risen by 42 percent from \$3,308,745 projected in 2022 to \$4,700,000 for 2023.

He indicated that County Road (CR) 500 is the top priority and would soon be put out to bid.

Paving on CR 700 was also discussed, and Woodman indicated that the paving on these roads would likely have to be done in small sections as possible in the county budget.

He also noted that some paving projects could save the county

considerable amounts of money by reducing the need for maintenance on problematic sections of the roads, such as the areas with switchbacks on CR 700.

The group also discussed the need to maintain the roads that have been paved to ensure they remain in good condition, as well as the need to establish relationships with contractors outside the county since many within the county lack the capability to effectively complete projects.

Woodman recommended that the county focus its efforts on paving CR 500 and CR 700, and the group discussed the possibility that the county could perform some of the initial site work on these roads to enhance the amount of paving that the county could complete by lowering costs.

Brown commented that the county needs to not forget smaller projects such as Canyon Circle and Trails Boulevard since they are roads that citizens drive every day.

Pogue proposed the possibility that, if Ballot Issue 1A passed (increasing the sales tax), the county could potentially collaborate with the Town of Pagosa Springs to repair CR 119 since sections of it are currently maintained by both the town and county.

The group also discussed the possibility that the county could obtain grant funding to help fund

some paving projects, which Pogue indicated is an option he is considering.

Woodman recommended to the board, despite some of the items included in the RCI paving line item already being in progress in 2022, such as paving work on CR 982, and thus needing to be removed from the 2023 budget, that the amount of funding should remain the same and simply be reallocated to other roads.

Pogue then discussed improvements he is making to the snowplowing process in 2023, including having a staff member who lives in Arboles begin plowing in the area without coming to the office in Pagosa Springs first and reallocating some of the routes to make the workload more even.

Pogue also commented that he is working on improving efficiency within the Road and Bridge Department staff and its work.

Woodman proposed that the county could potentially save money and increase gravel supply by purchasing gravel from near Del Norte instead of from near Durango as there are more gravel pits in the area.

Pogue explained that the department recently started using more optimized mixes of gravel to improve its performance on roads and that Crossfire Aggregate Services has been the only company to respond to the county's requests and supply the new mixture.

He also explained that the new mixture is slightly more costly, although he also indicated that the lesser amount of maintenance required by the more-effective gravel mix likely reduces the cost to the county overall.

Overall, total Road and Bridge expenditures in the proposed 2023 budget are \$10,642,470, up 23 percent from the projected 2022 spending.

The Road and Bridge fund balance is -\$3,325,769, compared to a projected -\$2,108,164 in 2022.

The group then moved on to discuss the Solid Waste budget, which Pogue commented reflects similar difficulties with being "behind the eight ball" in terms of extensive needs and outdated equipment.

The 2023 budget indicates that the landfill is expected to have revenues of \$1,218,398, nearly unchanged from the projected 2022 revenues.

The landfill is also expected to

have \$1,515,574 in operating expenses and a total of \$1,011,915 in other uses spending, much of it in capital expenditures, balanced by \$1,000,000 in transfers into the Solid Waste fund.

Pogue explained that the compactor, bulldozer and backhoe at the landfill are all having difficulties in functioning and that the staff has been acquiring tools to repair equipment by taking them out of the trash.

Pogue explained that, in addition to the purchase of a new compactor, he is also hoping to have a building erected at the landfill to house equipment and provide a space for repairs, and to acquire new tools for the staff to be able to perform repairs.

Brown commented that providing the employees the tools and support to succeed is a necessary step for the landfill enterprise fund to become self-sufficient.

Woodman commented that the landfill has also had insufficient staff to run effectively.

Brown highlighted that landfills are not statutorily required to be run by the county, thus making the county landfill a "community service," and added that the landfill "has to support itself."

The group discussed that the scale for the landfill was installed and that the department would soon begin using it, with new rates likely being implemented in late November.

Woodman also explained that the budget included \$850,000 of rollover funding in capital expenditures from 2022 for the repair of the liner in one of the cells at the landfill.

The group discussed that the

landfill would gain an administrative staff member to assist in running the landfill and answering phone calls.

Later in the meeting, following Pogue stating that he had believed that the budget also included another position for the landfill in addition to the administrative staff member, Woodman indicated that this item would be added to the proposed budget at a cost he estimated would be around \$40,000 to \$45,000.

The group then discussed the rising prices of fuel and the possibility that the county should investigate electric and hybrid vehicles to reduce county fuel costs.

Brown proposed that considering electric or hybrid vehicles could be valuable to the county, while Woodman and Commissioner Ronnie Maez raised concerns about the logistics of this shift, the impact of the cold climate on batteries and the amount of savings that this shift would create.

Woodman and Pogue also discussed that the Pagosa transfer station budget includes funding for the construction of a building to house vehicles and materials at the station.

The Arboles transfer station budget roughly doubled, according to Woodman, for a new cost of \$37,600 due to it being open two additional days a week.

Maez commended Pogue's initiative in terms of addressing the issues in Road and Bridge and Solid Waste.

The group concluded the discussion by discussing potential improvements in sorting recycling and landfill signage.

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Tourism board reviews infrastructure priorities for remainder of 2022 and 2023

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board discussed its board priorities for infrastructure expansion, which is funded by lodgers' tax collections, at its Nov. 8 meeting.

The discussion follows an Oct. 25 budget work session, at which the Pagosa Springs Town Council met with Tourism Director Jennifer Green and tourism board members to discuss the board's budget and how the board would like to spend the infrastructure line item, which is about 50 percent of the town's lodging tax allocation.

The lodgers' tax is the second largest contributor to the town's total anticipated revenue for 2023, expected to contribute 9 percent to the town's revenue.

For 2023, the total revenue for the fund is anticipated to be \$875,000, a 5 percent increase over 2022, according to the budget introduction document provided by the town's staff.

At the work session, the council expressed interest in recommended infrastructure projects from the board for 2023.

The tourism board has \$437,500 budgeted for infrastructure in 2023. Council members asked that the

board consider its adopted goals and review the draft town budget to identify possible projects tourism could assist with.

Green presented the board with the ideas discussed by town council; these include Jackson Mountain trail system improvements and additions, a large sculpture to be installed near wetlands along the uptown bike path, improvements to electrical capabilities in town parks, a permanent event venue and the continuation of the Town-to-Lakes trail.

She also presented results from an October poll administered to the board to identify infrastructure priorities: the top three were a permanent event venue, a new location for the Fourth of July carnival and expanding utilization of Reservoir Hill.

While no formal decision was made on how the funds would be spent, it was decided that a joint tourism and town council work session would be called in the beginning of 2023 to determine the allocation of the funds.

In addition, during the 2022 budget process, \$50,000 of the marketing budget was allocated for emergency and recovery situations, with the understanding that if those funds are not used, the

funds could be allocated toward infrastructure, Green explained.

The "challenge" is that any infrastructure projects must be completed by Dec. 31 or items must be received by Dec. 31, she stated.

Therefore, Green recommended purchasing event infrastructure items that can be delivered before the end of year.

Improving electrical needs at the town parks was suggested as one item that the board could work on for the remainder of the year, and Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis estimated that it would take about \$50,000 to improve electrical infrastructure at all town parks, according to Green.

Many board members felt that number was too low of an estimate, and chose to tackle the issue in 2023.

Smaller improvements to infrastructure for the parks that could enhance events were metal event fencing and barricades, a generator, event lighting and battery packs.

It was decided that the board is generally in favor of the purchases, but first wanted to make sure there is buy-in on the idea from the Parks and Recreation Department and the town for the storage of the items.

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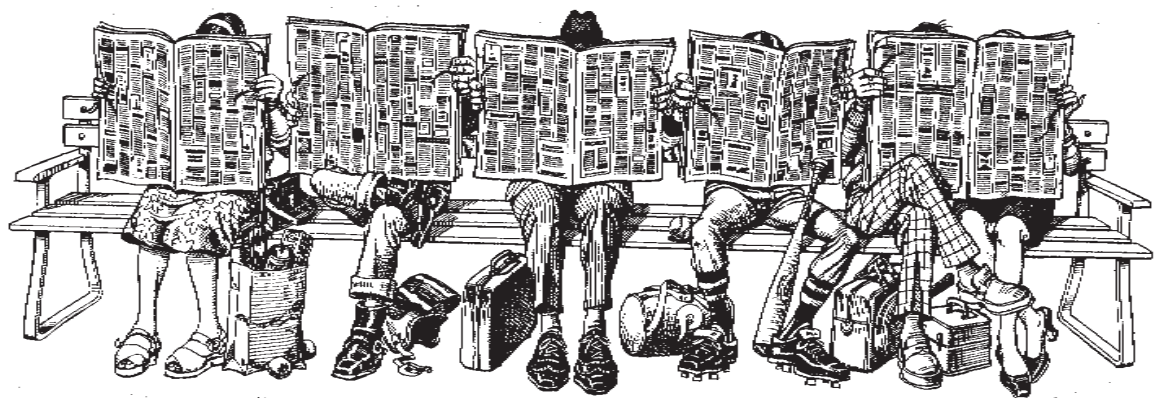
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County considers change in payroll, Human Resources software

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed outsourcing the county's payroll and Human Resources software to a vendor at a Nov. 8 work session.

Human Resources Director Tina Woodman and Finance Director Louise Woods brought the proposal for new software to the board, with Woodman beginning by highlighting the problems the county is having with its current

software, including difficulties in gathering information, lack of software support and lack of access for employees to pay stubs and W-2 forms.

Woodman explained that switching to a vendor would solve these functionality problems and reduce the amount of time that has to be spent by county employees to complete these processes.

Woods added that they had done significant research and had spoken with three potential vendors to determine which one would be the most suitable, largely

eliminating one vendor from consideration in the process.

She stated that they would continue to do research before presenting to the BoCC next week concerning their recommendation for vendor selection.

In response to a question from Commissioner Ronnie Maez, Woods explained that the county payroll system is complex due to the differences in how hours are tracked between departments.

She also commented that she is assessing how the new software would deal with complexities such as holiday pay, noting that, although county staff would still have to review the payroll process for issues, she is aiming for the system to flag the issues that staff currently manually review.

Woodman explained that the new system would also allow the county to consolidate payroll for the Department of Human Services onto the same schedule as the rest of the county, eliminating the current situation where Human Resources has to do payroll every week due to the staggered schedule.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if Woodman has a training and education plan for staff since they would be transferring to entering their time online, and Brown indicated that he wants to ensure that staff are paid as they are learning the system.

Woodman responded that the county would be running the two systems simultaneously for "a few payroll periods" to allow for training.

She added that the new system would also allow staff to clock in through a mobile app and noted that the new system would allow the county to fully move away from paper.

Woods commented that she and Woodman expect errors and are accounting for this, although she added that the number of staff using paper for documenting hours is limited.

Commissioner Alvin SchAAF

inquired if staff could clock in from locations outside of the main office, which he noted he is particularly interested in due to the potential for county staff plowing snow to begin work from the remote areas of the county where they live, thus increasing efficiency.

Woods and Woodman explained that this would be possible to do with the new software.

Woods also commented that she is "selling it in a very positive fashion" in terms of communicating the possible change to staff.

She added that she had received positive staff responses to the increased functionality that the new system would offer and that the new software would save substantial amounts of time for staff involved in the payroll process, making it possible for staff to accomplish more.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that he is interested in seeing what the county would be saving with the change put into place.

County Manager Derek Woodman highlighted that the Road and Bridge Department, Buildings and Grounds Department, and Solid Waste Department are the departments that primarily use paper for time recording and that the county has been taking steps to increase computer access in those departments to prepare for the potential transition.

The group then discussed how the new system would make tracking salaries associated with grants easier and would reduce the amount of time needed to enter new employees into the county system.

They also discussed that the time savings might allow for reductions in staffing or for departments to perform additional tasks.

The discussion concluded with Derek Woodman highlighting that this change is not an additional request and had already been integrated into the proposed 2023 budget for the county.

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With hunting seasons continuing, several deer spent time close to town during the snowstorm on Nov. 3.

Sun and cold forecast for the weekend

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Sunny skies and cold nights are predicted by the National Weather Service (NWS) for Archuleta County for the remainder of the week following potential snow on Wednesday night.

Sunny skies are expected Thursday, Nov. 10, with a high of 42 and 5 mph winds in the afternoon.

Mostly clear skies are expected on Thursday night with a low of 11. For Friday, Nov. 11, the forecasted high is 42 degrees with sunny skies and 5 mph winds in the afternoon. The forecasted low is 11 degrees with mostly clear skies.

For Saturday, Nov. 12, sunny skies are expected with a high of 48 degrees. The forecasted low is 15 degrees Saturday night with partly cloudy skies.

For Sunday, Nov. 13, the forecasted high is 49 degrees with clear skies. The forecasted low is 17 degrees with partly cloudy skies.

Snow and avalanches

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Water and Climate Center's snowpack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 5.1 inches of snow water

equivalent as of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

The Wolf Creek summit was at 138 percent of the Nov. 9 snowpack median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins were at 217 percent of the Nov. 9 median in terms of snowpack.

According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) website, the southern San Juan range, including Wolf Creek Pass, was at level two — moderate — in terms of avalanche danger, as of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

The CAIC uses a scale of one through five to assess avalanche danger in regions around the state.

On Wednesday, the CAIC website noted, "You can trigger an avalanche today on northerly slopes where wind-drifted snow sits atop older, weak snow. You will find this

near ridgetops, in gully features, or concave dish-like features which can catch drifting snow. Use caution if you experience cracking or stiffened surface snow."

The CAIC website also states, "After a couple days of cold, clear nights the snow surface is not comprised of near surface facets and some well-developed surface hoar in sheltered locations. This will become another weak layer in the snowpack when it gets buried by more snow starting late Wednesday. A fast-moving system with a southwest flow will bring more snow, lots of wind, and much colder air. By Thursday, expect the Moderate danger to encompass a larger number of alpine slopes and some near treeline terrain in those areas that pick up more than about 6 inches of storm snow. Your chances of triggering small

Wind Slab avalanches increases for Thursday."

Additional avalanche information can be found at <https://avalanche.state.co.us>.

Rivers and water report

Stream flow for the San Juan River on Nov. 9 at approximately noon was 141 cubic feet per second (cfs), according to the U.S. Geological Service (USGS) National Water Dashboard.

These numbers are up from last week's reading of 99 cfs at noon on Nov. 9.

According to Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey, as of Nov. 9, Lake Pagosa, Village Lake, Lake Forest, Stevens Lake and Lake Hatcher were all full.

Ramsey also indicated that water production remained stable.

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Outdoors

County hears river restoration project update, funding request

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Nov. 8 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners heard an update and funding request from the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP).

WEP Project Manager Al Pfister delivered the update, beginning by outlining the three phases of WEP's four-year history, including its initial formation and the engagement of water stakeholders in the community, its work gathering additional data about the watershed through field investigations, and its identification and prioritization of the water needs detected through this research.

Pfister explained that this process had finished in June of 2022 and had identified "seven or eight priority projects that were feasible and seemed to have community support."

Pfister then explained one of these projects, the Pagosa Gateway

Project, which focuses on river restoration work on the San Juan River starting near Bob's LP and continuing 2.5 miles upstream.

Pfister stated that the restoration work would focus on forming more distinct channels in the river with rock jetties and weirs to improve the river's condition in warming and drying conditions.

He stated that the overall project would likely cost approximately \$1,260,000 and that WEP has secured \$775,000 in grants, primarily from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) and the CWCB Southwest Basin Roundtable and is working on securing \$485,000 in matching funds.

Pfister explained that much of the matching funds, including a \$375,000 grant from the Bureau of Reclamation, are already secured and that WEP is requesting a \$26,710 commitment from the county to assist in supplying the matching funds.

He added that WEP representa-

tives had spoken with the landowners along the area impacted by the project and secured preliminary support from them.

Commissioner Warren Brown requested that Pfister send him additional documentation he had mentioned on the details of the project and the proposed restorations, which Pfister agreed to do.

Brown commented, "It sounds like a pretty good project."

Commissioner Ronnie Maez raised the issue that the best way for the county to fund the project would be through Conservation Trust funding, although he was not sure how this trust funding could be applied given it is specifically designated for parks and trails and this project connected to neither.

The group then discussed how the funds might be applied, with Brown questioning if there is a public put-in above the project area for boats and rafts, to which Pfister responded that there is not currently, although there have been

discussions about creating one on the parcel where a proposed reservoir would be located, which also connects to the river.

Maez stated that he wants to look into how the Conservation Trust monies might be applied as this is likely the only county money available for the project.

Maez also proposed that having a public trail through the area would improve the likelihood of the Conservation Trust funding being usable.

Pfister explained that the funding would not be needed until 2023 and that, at the request of Maez, he would investigate whether the landowners in the area would be willing to allow a public trail for fishing access through their properties.

He concluded by stating that he would supply the county with additional information on the project and would keep it updated on potential public access solutions as he investigates them.

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SUN photo/Terri House

Snow clings to the trees north of town following last week's winter storm. More than 5 inches of snow was reported at some lower elevations of the area, with Wolf Creek Ski Area reporting 26 inches of new snow, which opened the mountain for the season.

Christmas tree permits will be available online and in person

By Scott Owen
Forest Service

Christmas tree permits will be available to purchase online through Recreation.gov beginning Nov. 12. Details about designated cutting areas, dates and types of trees that may be cut can be found on the San Juan National Forest's Christmas Tree Permit webpage on Recreation.gov.

Please carefully read the overview and need-to-know information prior to purchasing the permit. Visitors will need to set up or log in to a Recreation.gov account to complete the transaction if interested in purchasing a Christmas tree permit online.

Additionally, Christmas tree permits will be available in person starting Monday, Nov. 14, during normal business hours at the San Juan National Forest supervisor's office and at the Pagosa district offices.

Recreation managers would like to remind permit holders in search of their perfect tree to please harvest responsibly. To correctly cut a Christmas tree, cut the trunk off as close to the ground as you can, leaving no more than a 6-inch stump. Do not cut Ponderosa pine or Douglas fir trees. Christmas tree cutting is not allowed:

- In Wilderness Areas, Recreation Areas, or Research Natural Areas.
- Within 100 feet of any developed campground.
- Within 100 feet of county roads and state or federal highways.
- In tree plantation and active timber sales.
- In specific locations identified in the permit.

Please review the San Juan National Forest Christmas Tree cutting guidelines and rules thoroughly.

For information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874.

Fall wildfire mitigation tips will make a difference in the spring

By Bill Trimarco
Wildfire Adapted Partnership

We started this spring with very dry and windy conditions here. In mid-May, the Plumtaw Fire went from a small start to more than 700 acres in less than two days. Thanks to the efforts of firefighters in the air and on the ground, the fire was steered away from a vulnerable subdivision and was stopped by a combination of weather and back-burning operations to remove fuel in the path of the fire.

The firefighters were able to successfully back-burn in an area that had been recently mitigated to protect the watershed that provides the bulk of Pagosa's water supply. After that fire, the weather pattern changed and we started getting frequent rain storms that transformed dry brown fields into lush meadows. Now that fall is here, those tall grasses are starting to season and turn yellow. Even if we have a good winter, those dead grass stems will still be there in the spring. As things start to dry out next spring, it will be wildfire season again, with plenty of dead grass to spread that fire.

There is no way of predicting how

many fires we will have or whether or not one will directly impact our community, but we do have a responsibility to ourselves, our families and our neighbors to make preparations for the inevitable. Please don't assume that it can't happen here just because it has not happened recently. Wildfire is a serious threat to almost every home in our county. Ignoring that fact will never make it go away. Understanding what the threat is can help us prepare for it.

Most of our local forests have not seen a significant wildfire for more than 140 years. That is a lot of time for unchecked growth of potential fuel. Without fire to thin the trees and underbrush, that excessive growth is so close together and reaching from the ground to the tree crowns that huge fires have become the norm.

A lot of our residents here feel very safe because their homes are nowhere near the forest. Unfortunately, that may not make a difference. Most of the homes lost to wildfire are never directly touched by the flames. Most of the structure loss is caused by the blizzard of embers that blow ahead of the fire, starting spot fires outside of the area that is burning. Those embers can travel over a mile. All it

takes is one ember landing on some kindling and you have a new fire start. Usually, you will see hundreds of embers swirling ahead of the fire. If those embers enter your house or find some kindling on or near your house, there is a good chance that your house will catch fire, too.

Fall is a great time to take steps to safeguard your house. Some basic steps can make a big difference:

- Clean the leaves and pine needles off of the roof.
- Clean the eavestroughs.
- Make sure all attic and soffit vents have 1/8-inch metal screening.
- Chimneys need spark arrestors (they keep birds out of your woodstove, too).
- Repair any holes or gaps in the siding.
- Crawl space vents need 1/8-inch metal screening.
- Rake up leaves and needles within 10 feet of the structure.
- Remove all combustibles on, under or near wooden decks.
- Install metal screening under the deck to keep duff and critters out.
- Maintain decks and stairs. Dried-out wood is more flammable than oil stained or painted wood.
- Use noncombustible fencing

within 5 feet of the house. (If you cannot do that, then clear the combustibles from either side of the fence for its entire length.)

- Move firewood piles at least 30 feet away from structures.
- Remove any combustible plants within 10 feet of the house.
- Within 30 feet of the house, mow grasses to a 6-inch height or less.
- Ornamental junipers and spruce are highly flammable. Don't plant them within 10 feet of the house.

For those of you who don't live here full time, fall cleanup is especially important. Fire season begins earlier each year. Any threats to your home that aren't taken care of before winter will still be there come spring. Wildfires might start before you get back in the spring to do your cleanup.

These are some good fall fire cleanup tips. If you want to learn what else you can do, especially with the vegetation within 100 feet of your home, check with Wildfire Adapted Partnership at (970) 385-8909. You can sign up for its E-News at wildfireadapted.org and be one of the first to know when their free assessments, mitigation and chipper rebate programs reopen in the spring.

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Sports

VOLLEYBALL

Pirates fight hard at regionals, fall out of contention

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team played tough in the playoffs, winning one game and losing the other, in what turned out to be their last games of the season this year.

The Pirates ended the season with a 12-12 season record and 3-5 league record, putting them in fourth in the Intermountain League and 23rd among all Colorado 3A high school teams.

On Friday, Nov. 4, they played their final games against the Eagle Ridge Academy Warriors and the Eaton Reds at regionals.

"It was not an ideal day on Friday, we had to leave at 6 a.m. and we ended up spending about eight hours on the bus that day before playing back-to-back regional games," coach Katie Lorenzen said, adding, "It's hard to be on the bus for that long, or anywhere close to that long, before playing. So, we did start a little bit slow, and I think that had something to do with it."

The Pirates won their five-game match against the Warriors in a reverse sweep, losing the first two sets 25-23 and 25-18, but winning the final three 30-28, 25-23 and 15-11.

The Warriors went into the playoffs 35th in the 3A division with a season record of 10-13 and a league record of 3-7.

Jordan Lindstrom had six kills and no errors on 10 swings, hitting .600 in a performance that the coach called "great" in terms of energy.

Lorenzen also highlighted the work of Aspen Pitcher and Lauren Monterroso, who earned double-doubles.

Pitcher had 18 kills on 49 swings with two errors, hitting .327, and also had 19 digs, which Lorenzen stated is "really, really great for an outside hitter."

As a team, the Pirates hit .233 and had 52 kills.

Monterroso had 13 digs and 19 assists, helping with the total 44 assists throughout the night. Annie O'Donnell contributed 20 assists.

The team finished the match with 106 digs, with double-digit contributions from Monterroso, Pitcher, Grace Walker with 21, Lynelle Bartz with 14 and Ava Pargin with 19.

Emily Reynolds, a swing player, was put in the game for her second time playing varsity this season, and Lorenzen commended her for being "mentally strong and not hesitating at all."

"It was good to come back and get that win and then it turned into a really long night because of how late that game went," Lorenzen said.

She noted that the game against Eaton didn't start until around 8:20 p.m., despite being scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

The Pirates lost that game 3-0, losing 25-10 in the first, 25-15 in the second and 25-22 in the third.

The Reds went into the match second in the Colorado 3A division with a season record of 19-4 and a league record of 13-0.

"The score didn't really reflect how well we were doing at the things we were supposed to be doing," Lorenzen said. "We got better every set and the heart that we showed was really impressive. I think that we've been struggling to find that for a while ... the girls just gave it their all."



Photo courtesy Gerry Lindstrom

Lady Pirates Grace Walker and Aspen Pitcher team up to save a ball during the last week's regional competition. The Pirates put up a good fight, winning against the Eagle Ridge Warriors in a heated five-set match, but ultimately losing against the Eaton Reds, ending their playoff run.

Lorenzen highlighted the teams' blocking and defense. Notably, the Pirates had three more blocks than the Reds by the end of the night, with 10.

Kynsle Limebrook led the charge on that, with three solo blocks and two assisted blocks. Bea Carpenter, O'Donnell and Lindstrom each had solo blocks, also.

"Eaton is a very good team with an incredible setter ... and we had so few errors on our side, really making Eaton earn their points," Lorenzen said. "We weren't just giving them points with errors."

The Pirates finished the match with 48 digs, led by Walker with 13, Pargin with 11 and Pitcher with 10.

Lorenzen called the match a "really good note to end on."

For some of the girls, it was the last game they'd play as Pirates. Bartz, Chantelle Caldwell, Pargin and Carpenter are set to graduate this May.

Bartz was a three-year starting varsity player.

"The best thing about her is how much she always celebrated her teammates," the coach said. "Whether she was on the court or on the bench ... she was still one of the biggest cheerleaders and she always brought fire on the court."

Lorenzen called Caldwell a "workhorse."

"I don't think she ever slacks off in practice, she's always going to be working hard," she said, adding, "When she connected well, man, she was such a powerful hitter."

Pargin was coined a "great teammate" and someone that was always cheering on her teammates.

"As a defensive specialist, you

don't usually get much glory. But, watching the way she would celebrate her teammates when she was very much a part of the play, why someone got a kill, she was all about celebrating her teammates," the coach said.

Carpenter has "come a long way in her high school career," Lorenzen explained.

"I think some aggressiveness, and some arm swing technique finally clicked this last weekend and it's a bummer that we don't get to see more of that," the coach said. "We saw her taking really great swings and being aggressive, and so it was nice to see her going out in her last matches playing really well."

Reflecting back on the season, Lorenzen pointed out the "growing pains" that the team faced with a new coaching staff.

"With a new coaching staff, we had the direction that we want to go and it can take a while for everyone to get on board with that," Lorenzen said. "But, we made some major strides with that."

Looking forward, she said that she looks forward to continuing the growing process.

"I'm looking forward to being in year two with new coaches and all

of the girls having a better feel for all of us from the get-go," she said.

She added that she's also looking forward to the head start that the coaches will get on the recruiting process for the eighth-graders, an opportunity missed last year because of the timeline of hiring the coaches.

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Photo courtesy Gerry Lindstrom

Lady Pirate Chantelle Caldwell jumps for the ball during the Pirates' match against the Eagle Ridge Warriors at regional competition on Friday, Nov. 4. Caldwell ended the match with nine kills on 20 swings with two errors, hitting .35.

RECREATION NEWS

Register now for basketball league

By Breezy Bryant and Trevor Gian

Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department is now accepting arts and crafts registrations for ages 9-12 years old.

The registration fee will be \$40 per child. The deadline to register will be Nov. 18.

Online registration will not be available due to limited class space. Stop by the Ross Aragon Community Center to fill out a form.

Classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays starting after Thanksgiving break. Please call the Recreation Department with any questions, (970) 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233.

Basketball

The Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the 9-12 basketball league.

The registration fee is \$40 for the first child and \$20 for the second child. The registration deadline is Dec. 23. Practices will start in January 2023, with games starting in late January and running through February.

Practices and games will be Mondays through Thursdays at the Community Center.

You can register online at <https://www.pagosaparks.com> or stop by the Community Center to fill out a form.

Gymnastics

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

County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s) Jean L Mead-Lewis
Original Beneficiary(ies) IBERIABANK
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Date of Deed of Trust May 14, 2014
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Recording Date of Deed of Trust May 19, 2014
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21402972
Original Principal Amount \$578,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$524,408.29
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First Publication 11/20/2022
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Name of Public Trustee Pagosa Springs Sun
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By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
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The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr/PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
Plaintiff: SIDNEY SUTTON
v.
Defendants: CAROL LARUE and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
Submitting Attorney: Duke Eggleston, #24965
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com
Case Number: 2022CV30064

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF SIDNEY SUTTON
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: CAROL LARUE and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Lot 9 of Block 8 in Amended Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 15, 1971 as Reception No. 74503.
Respectfully Submitted this 13th day of October, 2022.
Published in Pagosa Sun
First Publication: October 20, 2022
Last Publication: November 17, 2022
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
/s/ Duke Eggleston
Duke Eggleston, #24965
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
(970) 403-1580
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of James Bruce Anderson, Deceased
Case No. 2022PR30064
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 27, 2023, or the claims may be forever barred.
Donna Kay Anderson, Personal Representative
21 Hackamore Place
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Published October 27, November 3 and 10, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Spacially 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:
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ROSA R. REYNOLDS
17611 HADA DRIVE
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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
MARK S. JESKE
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LOT 649 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION #4884.
Account Number: R010165
Schedule Number: 569919420219
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2019-04833
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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NOTICE AS TO PROPOSED BUDGET
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Upper San Juan Library District for the ensuing year of 2023. That a copy of the proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library at 811 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, where same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held through Zoom. On Wednesday, November

16, 2022 at 4:00 pm, access <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146> or call 346 248 7799 US with meeting ID 83398449146. Any interested elector within the Upper San Juan Library District may inspect the budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
Dated: October 20, 2022
Upper San Juan Library District
Meg Wempe, Director
Published November 3 and 10, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Request for Proposal: The Town of Pagosa Springs is soliciting proposals for an independent auditor to perform the annual audit of the Town of Pagosa Springs' seven funds. The Town of Pagosa Springs' Home Rule Charter requires an independent annual audit of all Town accounts by a Certified Public Accountant selected by the Town Council. Please visit the Town's website at www.pagosaparks.com for details and instructions on the request for proposal.
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Request for Proposal: The Town of Pagosa Springs is soliciting proposals for an independent contractor to serve on an as-needed basis as a Spanish Language Interpreter/Translator for all areas of the organization. Areas of support will include, but are not limited to, Municipal Court, the Police Department, and the Community Development Department. Services will include verbal and written interpretation and/or translation for Spanish language speakers.
Please visit the Town's website at www.pagosaparks.com for details and instructions on the request for proposal.
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**EXHIBIT I-E
SUGGESTED FORMAT
(for initial public hearing)
PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Durango plans to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs. CDBG funds are intended to provide decent housing, suitable living environments and economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income persons through rehabilitation and preservation, economic/job development and public facilities improvements.
The application being considered would request \$1,871,000 for Mortgage Assistance for low- and moderate-income persons purchasing homes in La Plata, Montezuma, Archuleta, Dolores, and San Juan Counties in Colorado. It is estimated that 100% of the funds will benefit low and moderate-income persons. Permanent involuntary displacement of neighborhood persons or businesses is not anticipated. Should it later become necessary to consider such displacement, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement. If no feasible alternatives exist, required/reasonable benefits will be provided to those displaced to mitigate adverse effects and hardships. Any low- and moderate-income housing which is demolished or converted will be replaced, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during these hearings should notify the City of Durango at 949 East 2nd Avenue, Durango, Colorado - 81301, a minimum of 3 days in advance so that appropriate aids can be made available.
A public hearing will be held at 4:00 pm on November 17, 2022 at the Durango City Council Chambers at 949 East 2nd Avenue, Durango, CO 81301 and on zoom through durangogov.org/zoom. To obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions related to:
• The proposed CDBG application for this project; and
• Community development and housing needs, including the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be addressed through the CDBG program; and
• The performance of the City of Durango in carrying out its community development responsibilities.
• Potential historical effects.

A copy of the application(s) as submitted to the State will be available for public review at 949 East 2nd Avenue, Durango, CO - 81301
Written comments are also welcome and must be received by November 24, 2022, at 949 East 2nd Avenue, Durango, CO - 81301 Attn: Drea Hespe, or drea.hespe@durangogov.org.
Oral and written comments will be considered in deciding whether to submit an application for the proposed project. Written summary information will be available at the City of Durango's offices at 949 East 2nd Avenue, Durango, CO - 81301, on November 15, 2022 until November 25, 2022 on any CDBG application(s) the City of Durango intends to submit to the State.
Information and records regarding the City of Durango proposed and past use of CDBG funds are available at the City of Durango offices at 949 East 2nd Avenue in Durango, CO during regular office hours.
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DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO
WATER RULUME
(This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the state court website at: www.courts.state.co.us)
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of October 2022, for Archuleta County.
22CV30042 Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence. 1. Applicant: San Juan Water Conservancy District ("SJWCD"), 46 Eaton Drive, Suite #5; Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147; (970) 985-5764; c/o Jeffrey M. Kane, Southwest Water and Property Law LLC; 10 Town Plaza No. 422; Durango, CO 81301; (970) 422-5510; jkane@swpropertylaw.com. 2. Water Right for Which Applicant Seeks a Decree Entering a Finding of Reasonable Diligence. A. Structure: Dry Gulch Reservoir. B. Original Decree: Case No. 73-3065, Water Division (Dec. 18, 1968). C. Last Diversion: Case No. 16CW3011 (Oct. 7, 2016). D. Location: The storage reservoir will be located on Dry Gulch in Sections 4, 5, 8, and 9 of Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. The intersection of the axis of the dam with the centerline of the channel of Dry Gulch is located at a point whence the South quarter corner of Section 8, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. bears South 09° 13' West a distance of 5,724 feet. A map providing the general location of the reservoir is filed with the Application as Exhibit A. E. Source: Runoff tributary to Dry Gulch and water diverted from the San Juan River by the Park Ditch. F. Appropriation Date: July 22, 1967. G. Amount: 6,300 acre-feet, Conditional. H. Uses: industrial, domestic, municipal, recreation, and piscatorial purposes. 3. Diligence Activities: SJWCD and the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District own the land upon which the Dry Gulch Reservoir dam, the principal structure of the San Juan River Headwaters Project, will be built. Each district has continued planning, permitting, design, and development of the Project during the diligence period. The Application outlines the specific tasks and expenditures of SJWCD on the Project during the diligence period, which totaled approximately \$280,593. 4. Ownership: A. Applicant and PAWSB; B. United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, San Juan National Forest; C. Kurt William Laverty (6 pages including exhibits).
THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGOING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY ANY WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE, OR BE FOREVER BARRED.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE until the last day of December 2022, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by Rule 5, CRCP. (Filing fee: \$192.00. Forms are available through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judicial website at www.courts.state.co.us; Stephanie Wills, Water Court Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301; (970-247-2304) /s/ Stephanie Wills
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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING November 15, 2022
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS 30-28-116 that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, will hold a public hearing to consider revising the County Land Use Regulations. The language proposed to be adopted is available for review at the County Development Services Department 970-264-1390 and on the County Website.
The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at which time all interested parties will be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, at or prior to said public hearing.
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Correction



Pirates players Carson Young-Martinez (left), Avery Ramirez (center) and Jordan Pham (right) contest the ball during the team's 1-0 defeat against the Arrupe Jesuit Generals on Oct. 26. Young-Martinez and Pham are two of the 12 seniors graduating from the team this season.

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UNIFIED BOWLING



Photo courtesy Cyndi Figaro

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate unified bowling team is taking part in regional competition today, Nov. 10, in Pueblo. This year's team is, left to right: coach Ben Vaughan, Justus Carter, Juriah Carter, Samuel Kelly, unified partner Laly Rodriguez, Reece Hammer and Carson Pilgrim.

CROSS-COUNTRY



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Senior Andrew Bowles earned an all-conference title this season after he finished third in the Intermountain League meet in Durango in October. Bowles finished third in the league and ninth overall, running the race in 18 minutes, 10 seconds.

Unified bowling team heads to Pueblo for regionals

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) unified bowling team is taking part in this year's regional tournament today, Thursday, Nov. 10, in Pueblo.

The Pirate bowlers are up against five other teams in the region, with the top three teams qualifying for the state meet in Englewood on Nov. 18.

This year's team began practicing the week of Sept. 14, according to information provided by Figaro, with the team practicing eight times at the bowling alley in Ignacio. The regular season ended Nov. 5.

Preparation for the team, the information indicates, included watching introductory videos on how to bowl, watching professional bowlers on the Internet and videoing the athletes to help them gauge what they are doing correctly and areas for improvement.

Regionals, according to Figaro, will include five games played in the Bakers Format, where a team, typically of five bowlers, rotate bowling each frame in a game.

This year's team, she noted, is Justus Carter, Juriah Carter, Samuel Kelly, unified partner Laly Rodriguez, Reece Hammer and Carson Pilgrim. The Pirates are coached by Ben Vaughan.

What is unified bowling?

Unified bowling became a sanctioned sport under the Colorado High School Athletics Association in 2019, with play beginning during the 2020-2021 season. It is in partnership with Special Olympics Colorado.

Special Olympics unified sports combine students with intellectual disabilities and unified partners without intellectual disabilities on bowling teams for training and competition.

The Archuleta School District Board of Education added unified bowling as a sport at PSHS in the fall of 2021, with the Pirates' second official season currently underway.

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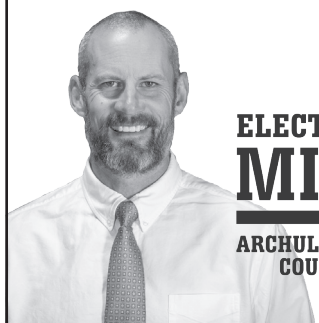
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Planning commission approves final major design review for multifamily eight-plex

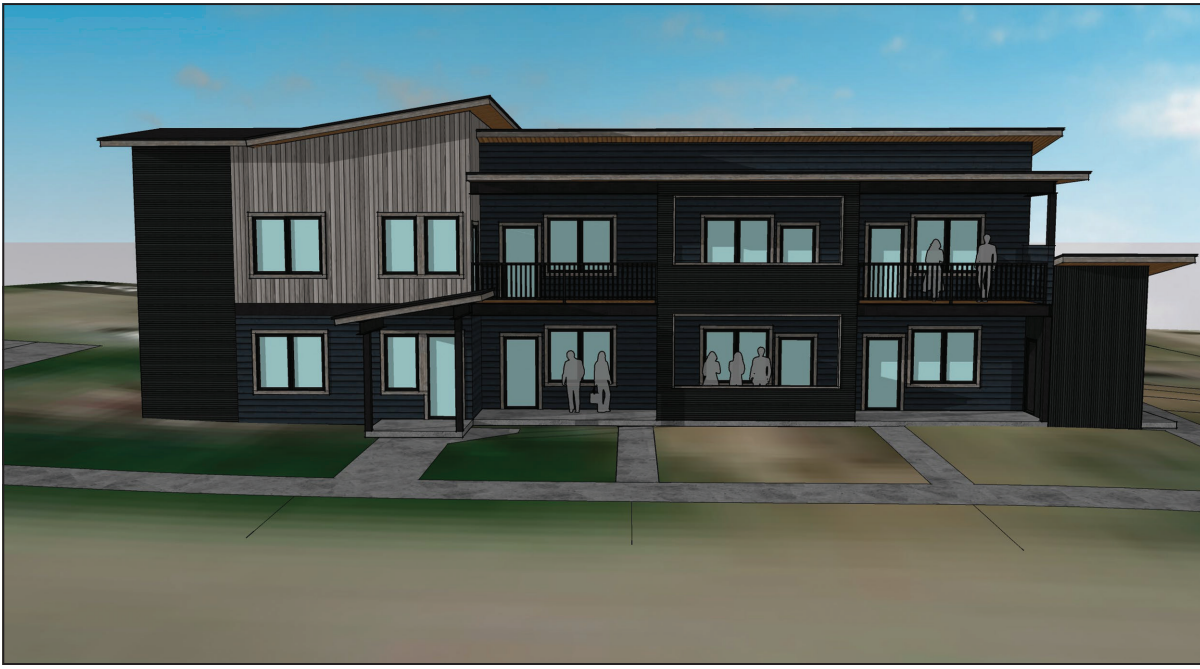


Illustration courtesy Reynolds Ash + Associates

The Pagosa Springs Planning Commission approved the final major design review application for a multifamily eight-plex proposed at 303 S. 7th St. at its Nov. 8 meeting.

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, acting as the Design Review Board, approved the final major design review application for a multifamily eight-plex at its Nov. 8 meeting.

The building, proposed at 303 S. 7th St., is a two-story building that will consist of eight units, with two two-bedroom units and six studio units.

The project is being proposed by Oh Pagosa, HO Enterprises and was designed by Reynolds Ash + Associates.

The development did not require a zoning change per its existing Town Residential Medium Density (R-12) designation and was previously approved for a density bonus by both the board and the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

At the Nov. 8 meeting, concerns emerged about the perceived mass of the building during the Design Review Board's discussion of the development, a continuation of the concerns over the west and south sides of the building from the board's April review of the sketch application.

Brad Ash of Reynolds Ash + Associates stated that since that meeting, the south side of the building had

been recessed back several inches and the building had been lowered 2 feet in its height.

Still, it was suggested by the board that the west side of the building include higher-level rendering and possibly include a window to break up the facade.

The building was approved unanimously with the following conditions:

- The applicants work with staff to improve the facade of the west side of the building.
- Applicants shall seek the advice of a local landscape architect to provide brief written evaluation on the appropriateness of species (esp. reed grass, needle yucca).
- The landscape plan shall verify number of street trees and location on the private property.
- Details for outdoor equipment or storage area, for trash/recyclable collection areas shielding or enclosure must be provided to Planning for review prior to building permit submittal.
- All exterior lighting shall be subject to review and final inspection for compliance.
- Requires installation of "BMPs" prior to any excavation activities.

To view the entire application, visit <https://mypagosa.org/303-s-7th>.
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County approves purchase of mobile office and environmental coatings applicator

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Nov. 1 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved moving forward with the purchase of a mobile office for the Building and Planning departments and an environmental coatings applicator for the landfill.

Earlier in the day at the BoCC's work session, County Manager Derek Woodman discussed the need for the mobile office with the board.

Woodman explained that the departments are running out of office space at the Road and Bridge facility where they are located.

He added that there is only one provider of such mobile offices in Colorado that the county had researched possibly acquiring an office trailer from them, and that Woodman had recently visited their facility to examine their products.

He explained that the office is "essentially a used construction trailer" with customized interior walls that would be used to house three employees, including one building inspector and two code enforcement officers.

Woodman added that the office would come with an American Disabilities Act (ADA) access ramp and could be easily connected to electricity, although it would not require sewer connection since it has no bathrooms.

He explained that the cost would not exceed \$80,000, although the county had not received the official quote for the building, and that the Planning Department had adequate funds from revenue to cover the expense.

Woodman added that, once the county has a new administration building to hold the Planning De-

partment, the building could be relocated to the landfill or another location where the county needs an office.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that many of the costs included in the estimate, which indicated that a 48-foot-by-12-foot mobile office would cost \$79,637.42, could be negotiated out or done by the county instead, particularly the construction and installation of the ADA access ramp, which the estimate priced at \$12,383.89.

The group also discussed that the county could build the stairs for the building, which the estimate stated would cost \$2,360.56 and do the installation of the ramp, which the estimate indicated would cost \$1,614.26.

Woodman indicated that the building could likely be delivered in a month.

Commissioner Alvin SchAAF commented that the building would be helpful for what the county needs currently, while Maez stated that he wanted staff to work on shaving off costs from the building purchase.

Maez also added that he wanted to see the final cost on the building before agreeing to the purchase.

Later at the work session, Public Works Director Kevin Pogue presented to the BoCC about the purchase of an environmental coatings applicator or hydrosprayer for applying products that could serve as daily and intermediate cover at the landfill.

He explained that there are multiple versions of the proposed sprayer and that he wanted to purchase a hybrid version that could also be used for applying erosion control compounds on roads.

Pogue added that the sprayer could be pulled behind a truck and easily moved through the county.

In response to a question from Commissioner Warren Brown, Pogue explained that the machine could apply the daily and intermediate cover compounds as well as hydroseed.

He also commented that these compounds could help alleviate the lack of dirt for cover at the landfill and would require less space to achieve an acceptable level of cover than is needed with dirt.

The group then discussed other uses for the sprayer, including potential weed suppression and revegetation.

The quote that Pogue provided to the BoCC for the sprayer indicates that the sprayer would cost \$120,160.

At the meeting that afternoon, Woodman indicated that the final cost of the mobile office unit would be approximately \$82,000 and that the county is proposing that it self-perform the building and installation of the stairs and ADA ramp for the building for a savings of approximately \$20,000.

He added that building these items would likely have a cost of approximately \$5,000, reducing the savings somewhat.

He stated that he was asking the BoCC to approve moving forward with the purchase with the total cost not to exceed \$80,000.

Maez inquired if the figures are final numbers, which Woodman verified they are.

He added that the office would be an asset for the county later on once it has more room for the Planning Department elsewhere.

The board then approved the purchase of the office at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.

The board also unanimously approved the purchase of an environmental coatings applicator for the landfill for the cost of \$120,160.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Nov. 10

Main Street Advisory Board monthly meeting. 4-5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89821999924?pwd=ZzlkSjYlBkZmRzRUZcUkxUkx5Zz09>, meeting ID: 898 2199 9924, passcode: 296231.

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

Monday, Nov. 14

San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting. 2 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

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=dFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Joint town/county work session.

Noon, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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=dFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/88304467907>, meeting ID: 883 0446 7907.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 4 p.m. via Zoom. Public comment on 2023 budget draft. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.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://pagosaprisngs.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=dFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, 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://pagosaprisngs.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Wednesday, 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>.

Thanksgiving issue Thursday, November 24 Early Deadlines

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Noon, Friday, November 18

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10 a.m., Monday, November 21
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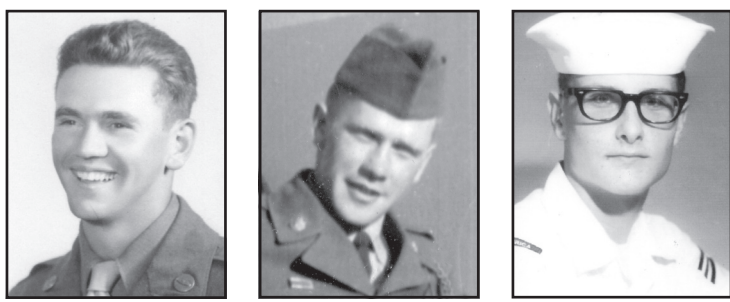
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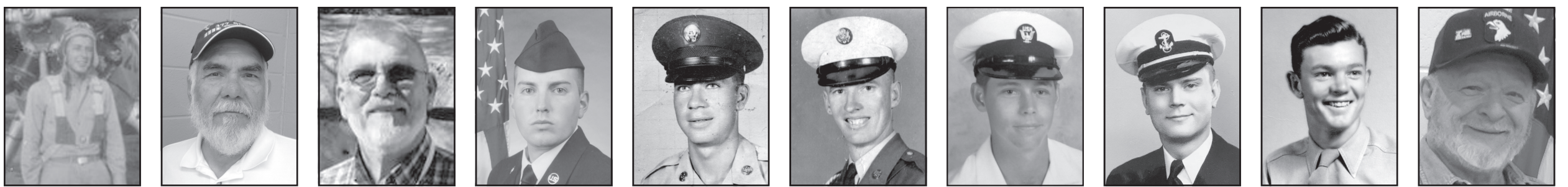
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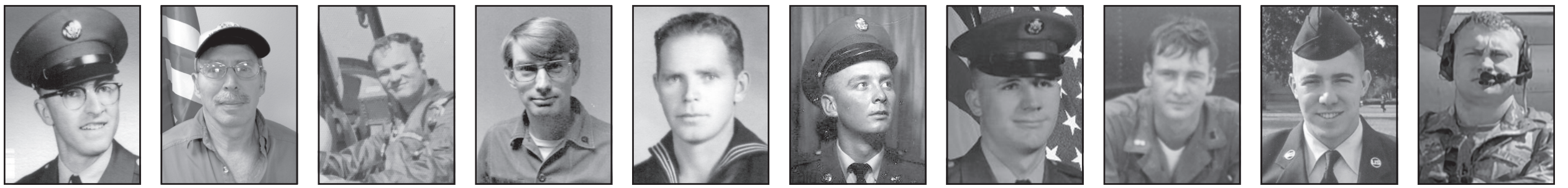
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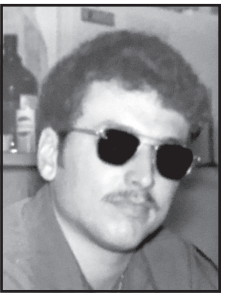
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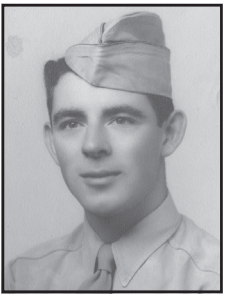
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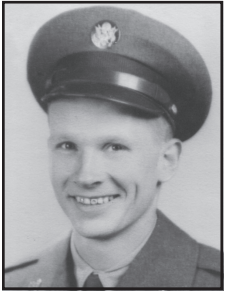
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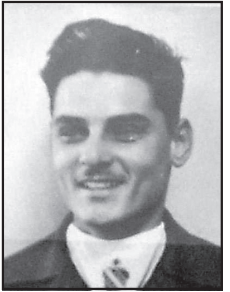
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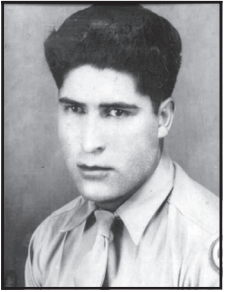
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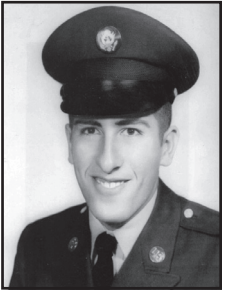
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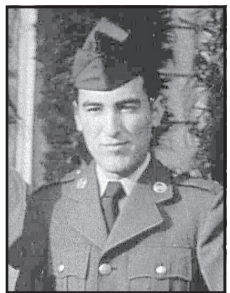
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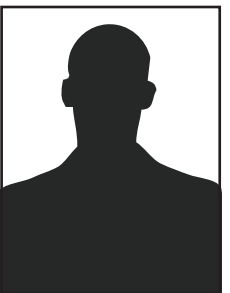
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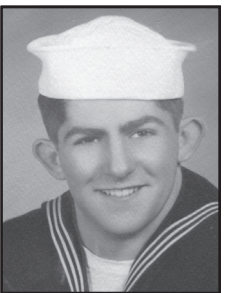
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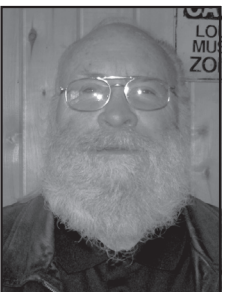
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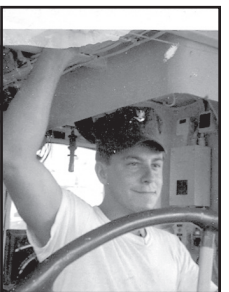
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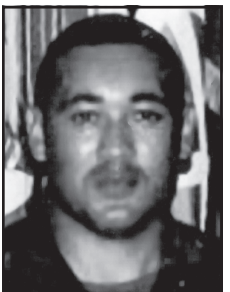
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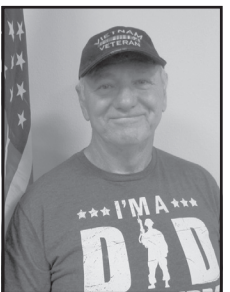
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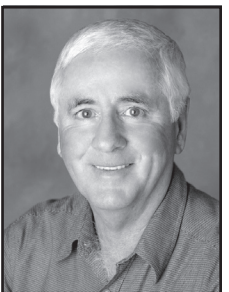
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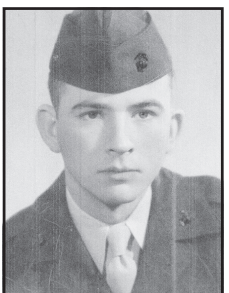
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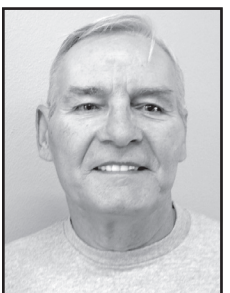
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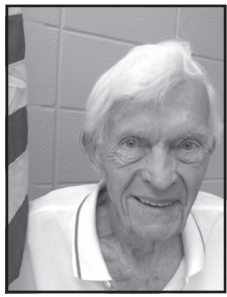
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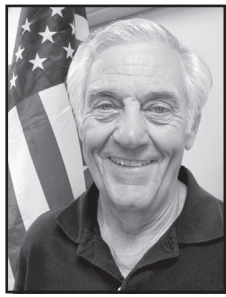
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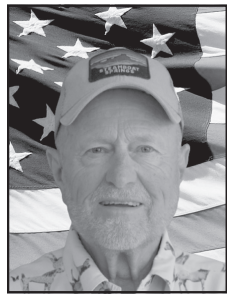
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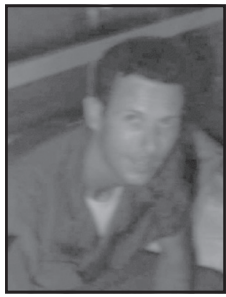
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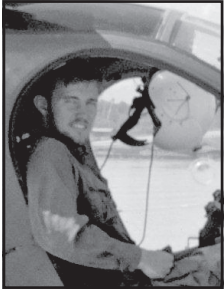
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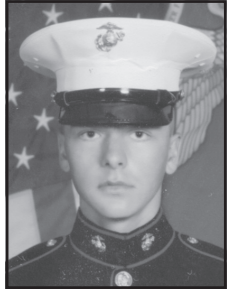
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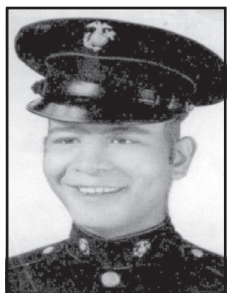
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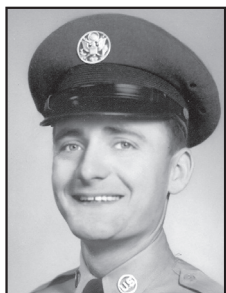
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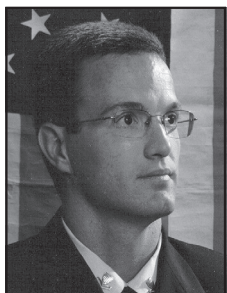
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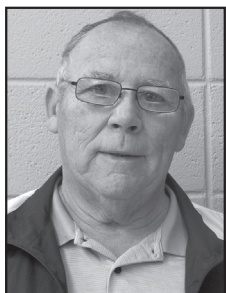
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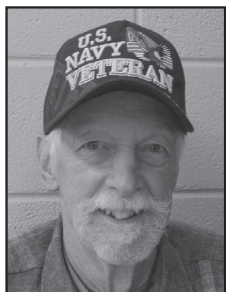
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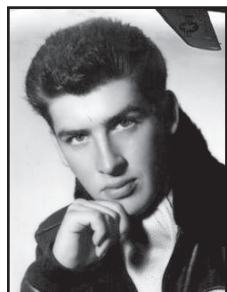
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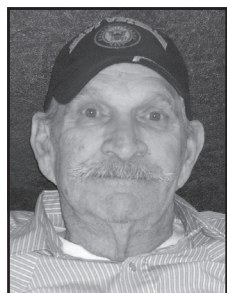
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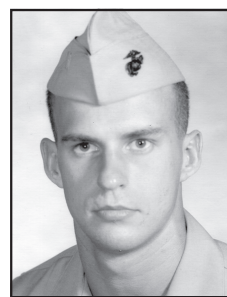
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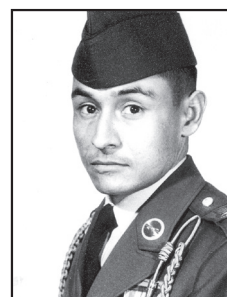
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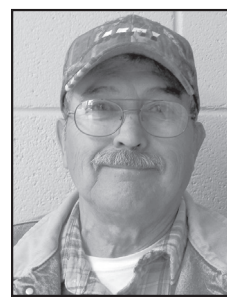
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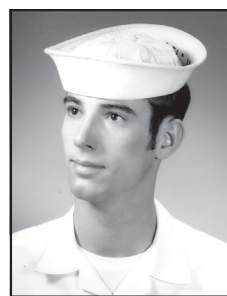
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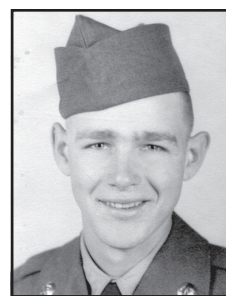
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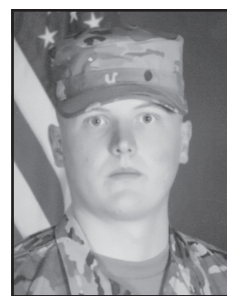
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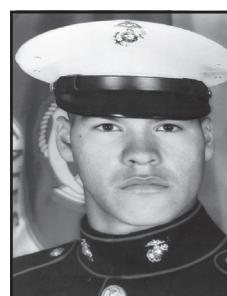
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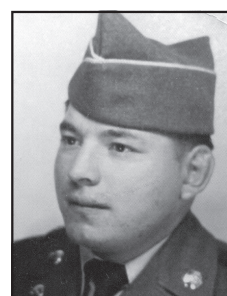
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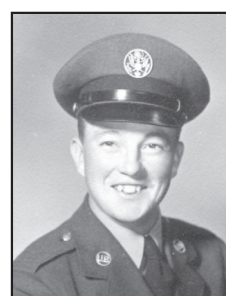
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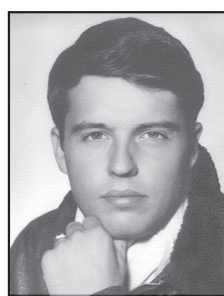
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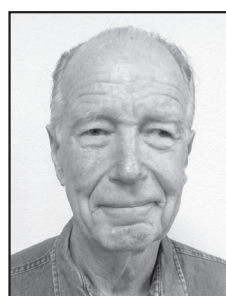
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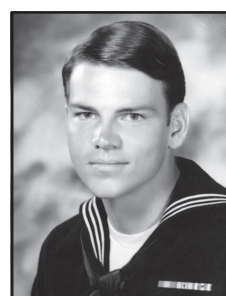
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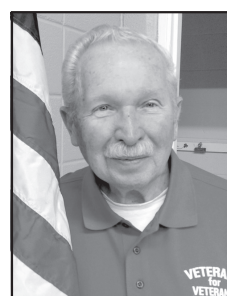
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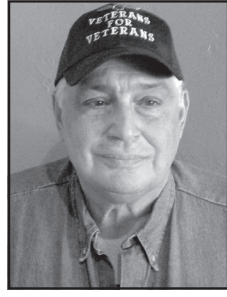
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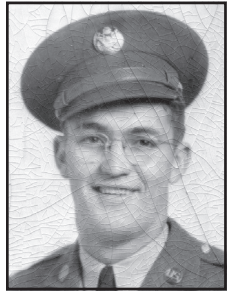
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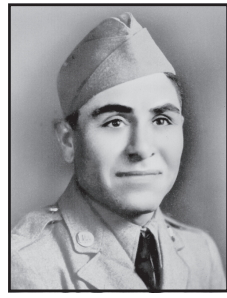
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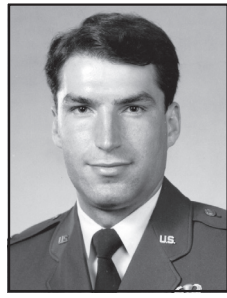
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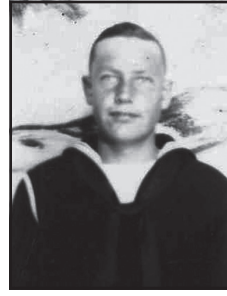
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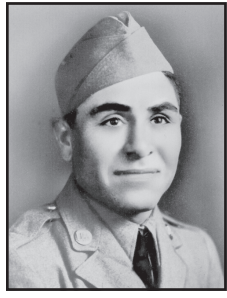
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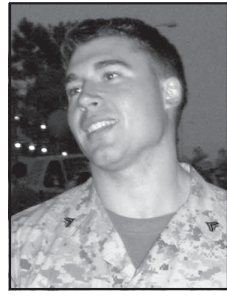
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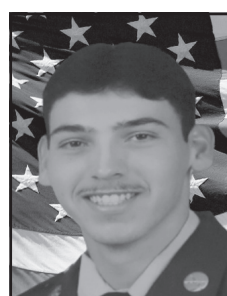
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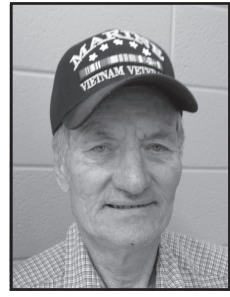
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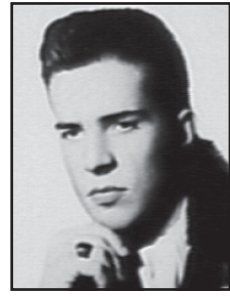
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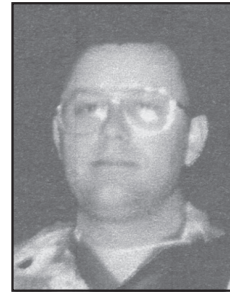
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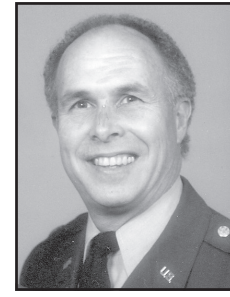
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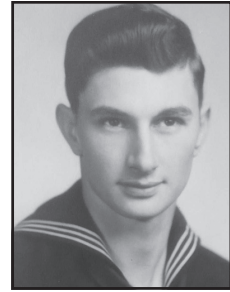
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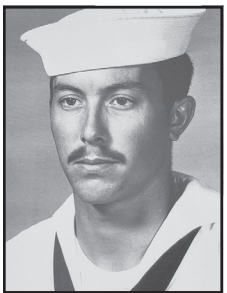
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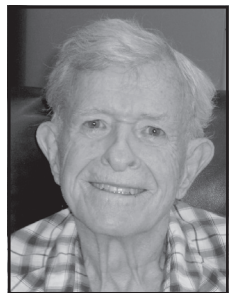
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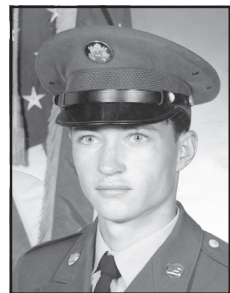
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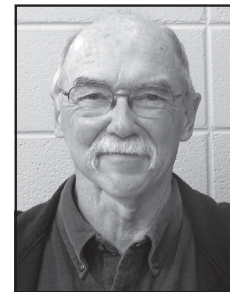
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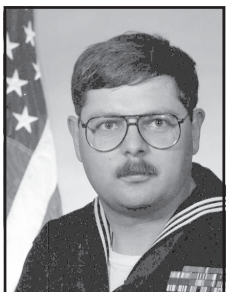
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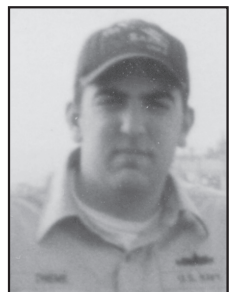
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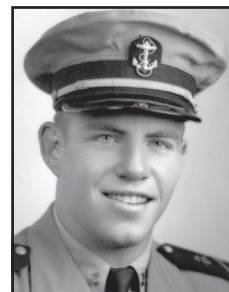
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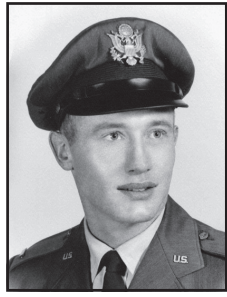
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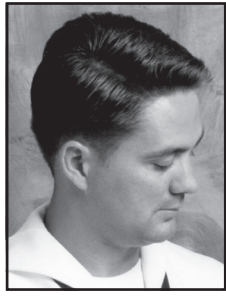
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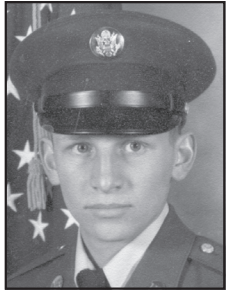
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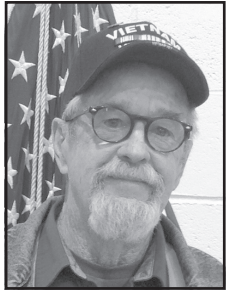
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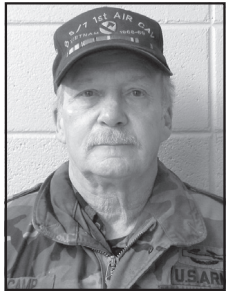
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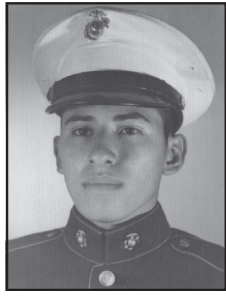
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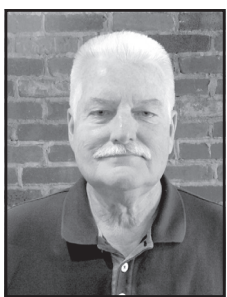
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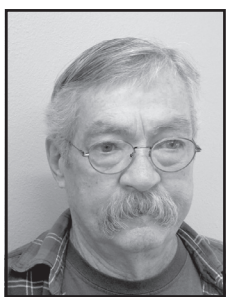
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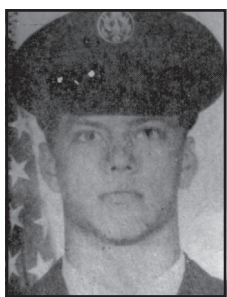
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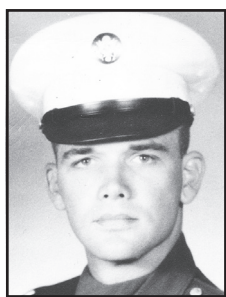
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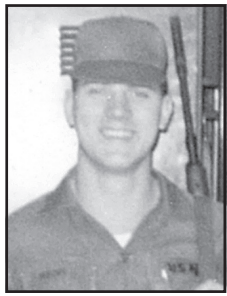
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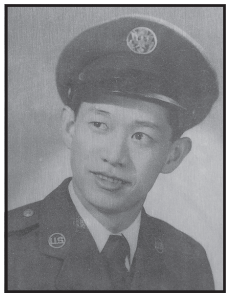
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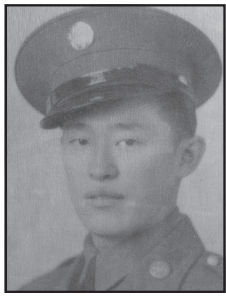
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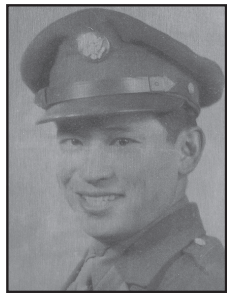
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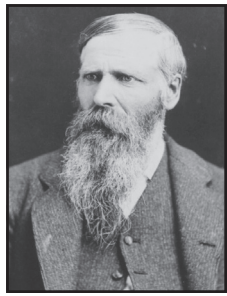
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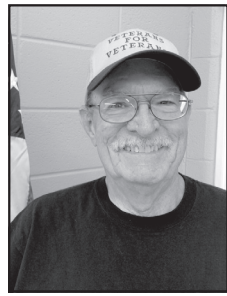
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Loaves and Fishes and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will once again welcome all community members to enjoy a full and free Thanksgiving meal.

This holiday menu will feature the traditional offerings of roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce and pies.

This year, the meal will only be provided to go, and recipients are asked to drive or walk up to the front of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall at 445 Lewis St. to pick up their meals on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 17, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes, a nonprofit organization which serves a free hot meal every Thursday on Lewis Street, is supported by a wide variety of Pagosa Springs' organizations. Loaves and Fishes provides the meat, bread and dessert, while the organizations take turns providing the remainder of the menu. A professional cook oversees the food preparation, largely accomplished by volunteers from these respective organizations.

The people of St. Patrick's love to work together to prepare and share the annual community Thanksgiving meal.

Free Pagosa Springs Community Band concert Saturday

By Susy Mekeal
Pagosa Springs Community Band

The Pagosa Springs Community Band will be hosting its annual fall concert this Saturday, Nov. 12.

Our concert will feature technical, more challenging music, and the musicians are up for the challenge.

The fall concert will include a variety of musicians from 14 years old to somewhere in their 80s and diversity on several fronts. It is such a joy to have people from all around our area come and work together, communicate and learn from each other during our rehearsals. Both young and old learn about music, life and new trends. Great friendships are formed, and lifelong skills are nurtured. You can reap the benefits of this collaboration when the beautiful music

"It is a joy to share our gratitude with our neighbors," noted St. Patrick's rector, Wren Blessing.

Recognizing this is its 17th annual Thanksgiving feast, Ken Young, Loaves and Fishes Board President observed: "Our community demonstrates kindness and generosity every week by sponsoring the meals,

bringing joy to so many. None of this could happen without their wonderful support."

For more information about how to become involved in Loaves and Fishes, go to its website, www.loavesandfishespagosa.org, or contact the organization at loavesandfishespagosa@centurytel.net.



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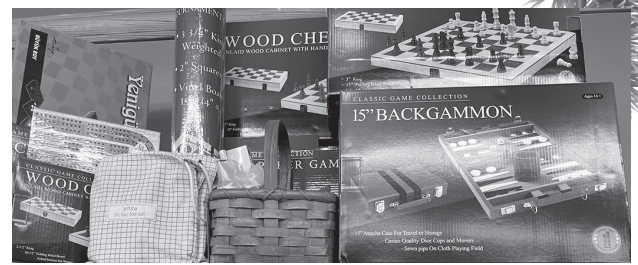


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Pagosa Springs High School student wins Sullivan Foundation music scholarship

By Larry Parks
Special to The PREVIEW

Kaeden Thomas, a senior at Pagosa Springs High School, won a \$750 music scholarship at the annual Sullivan Foundation master class for high school singers in Durango.

More than 30 talented young singers from Southwest Colorado and Oklahoma competed for three scholarships, with Thomas finishing first runner-up.

The youthful singers were treated to master classes in musicianship by international celebrity, cabaret singer and Broadway actress K. T. Sullivan, and Birdland Jazz Club Resident and recording artist Natalie Douglas, both currently residing and performing in New York City.

The Saturday night Durango gala concert at which the scholarship prizes were awarded was hosted by Durango singer and frequent Pagosa Springs performer Tim Sullivan.

The three scholarship winners each performed at the gala. Thomas dramatically sang "Stars" from "Les Miserables," the memorable song of Javert, the Paris policeman whose life mission was to capture

the hero, Jean Valjean, and bring him to justice.

Thomas' scholarship is awarded to encourage his musical interests and help to finance further

music studies. Previous Pagosa Springs winners of Sullivan Foundation scholarships are Gus Palma, Allora Leonard and Hannah Rockensock.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

Pagosa Springs Rotary Club members collect funds on Oct. 24 for World Polio Day on Oct. 24. Donations totaled \$253, which will be matched for a total impact of \$759. Donations can still be made online at endpolio.org.

Concert

■ continued from previous page comes together for the concert this Saturday. Come and support this worthy and enjoyable cause. We look forward to seeing you at the concert.

Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of music. The concert will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Admission is free and donations are greatly appreciated. Proceeds help to support the musicians in the schools in our area. Music is an important part of life and learning. Music is for life.

Rotary members fundraise for World Polio Day

By Sam Pittmon
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

On Oct. 24, Pagosa Springs Rotary Club Celebrated World Polio Day with a public fundraising event.

This was an annual event to support our continuing efforts to eradicate polio globally. Money raised locally is shared with Rotary Club International and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative including the World Health Organization,

U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Vaccine Alliance, whose goal is to make the world free of polio.

We are grateful for your generous donation of \$253. These dollars will be matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for a total impact of \$759.

If you did not get to donate on Oct. 24, you can still donate online at endpolio.org.

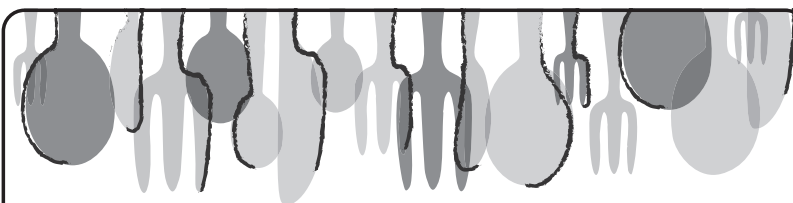
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Staff and volunteers of Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County are racing against the clock to finish multiple homes before more winter weather arrives. The organization gained more than 40 new volunteers over the course of a month.

Habitat for Humanity sees surge of new volunteers

By Leah Ballard

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Administrative staff at Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County have had a chance to catch their breath since the event-filled week in late September. Volunteers on the build site are still racing against winter weather to complete the homes.

The response from our call for volunteers in early October was met with enthusiasm from the community. We have seen more than 40 new volunteers join our ranks in the past month.

Pagosa Springs High School teacher Dyan Rice reached out to us to bring her students out to the build site on a weekly basis. Rice toted 30 students over 16 years of age to the build site every Thursday in October to spend an hour of their day swinging a hammer with

the Habitat crew.

Four local businesses have sent employees out to lend a hand, while paying them their normal wage. One of these on-the-clock groups was a roofing dream team, accustomed to climbing around on a frame while wearing a harness. They helped to complete some of the more tedious pieces on the roof of each house. Then, one sunny

weekend, a professional roofing company donated their time and labor to finish off both roofs in six hours flat.

Eight members of the Noon Rotary did a bang-up job on painting and siding. We like to have volunteers work in teams of two or three to avoid mistakes on outdoor finishes like siding. This job has

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Hot Springs Fest to return Nov. 11-13

By **Jesse Hensle**
The Springs Resort

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Event guests will enjoy access to more than 40 soaking pools and water features, with entry to three popular hot spring destinations

in the heart of downtown Pagosa Springs: The Springs Resort, Healing Waters and The Overlook.

In addition to entry into all three hot spring facilities, Hot Springs Fest also features live music, a variety of unique health and wellness activities, guided contrast bathing opportunities, communal gatherings and gratitude ceremonies, and a chance to experience Mother Nature's best water in the heart of the San Juan Mountains.

Soak up the healing power of natural hot springs while enjoying a weekend full of fun and relaxation.

Hot Springs Fest is a ticketed event. Find out more information

at <https://www.pagosahotsprings.com/things-to-do/events/hot-springs-fest-2022/>.

On Friday, Nov. 11, at 4:30 p.m., community members are invited to a free sound bath at the Mother Spring. Please bring a mat or cushion.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, from 2 to 3 p.m., community members are invited to yoga and a gratitude ceremony at the Mother Spring at 4 p.m. Please bring a mat or cushion.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, at 10 a.m., community members are invited for a free meditation by the Mother Spring. Please bring a mat or cushion.

Habitat

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an added challenge this year on our steel-frame modulars, as the screws are a bit more difficult to penetrate than finishing nails used on a typical stick-built home. The end result is a quality product, but the hustle isn't easy.

As the snow is falling outside, our 2022 homes still have work to be done. It does not appear we will hit our goal of having our families in for their Thanksgiving dinner — it was a lofty goal even then, as we set our close date for Dec. 2 from the start.

Our build season got off to a late start when the modular delivery got pushed from mid-July to late September due to manufacturing delays. But, this is something the entire country is dealing with, and

nonprofit, volunteer outfits are no different.

We're lucky enough in Pagosa springs to have a strong group of "core volunteers" to lead crews at the build site. We have an outpouring of support for workforce housing from our local government through the donation of lots from the county and waivers on many required permit fees. The subcontractors around town continue to show up and give their support with in-kind donation of products and services. The local utility companies discount portions of that expense, as well.

We estimate 2022 Habitat families will purchase these homes for 25 to 30 percent less than market rate. Deed restrictions ensure that these homes will stay affordable

for future workforce homeowners should these families decide to move out.

We cannot thank our community enough on behalf of our homeowners, the businesses who employ them, and the children who rely upon them. Habitat Archuleta projects are a combination of volunteer labor, subcontractors, in-kind donation of products and services, and homeowner sweat equity. Habitat families work alongside volunteers to build their home and pay an affordable mortgage.

We'll be on the job site Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call (970) 264-6960 or email office@HabitatArchuleta.org before you arrive so we can plan for how many hands will be on deck.

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Countywide Women's Bible Study focusing on miracles of Jesus

By Stan Counsell
Special to The PREVIEW

"Don't touch that; it's sharp."

How many times did we hear that growing up? Be it a knife, saw or razor, the warning was sudden and delivered with force.

But, for the Christian, it has many meanings. Let's take the Word of God that we know as the Bible. What glories it can show to all who read and study it. For example, depression, a loss of joy, mourning, anger, laughter, and the only path to God is made plain and simple. No mantras, repetitious or wordy prayers are needed to draw close to Him. Made simple, the only path to God is in His Son, Jesus Christ. Praying to anyone or anything else is without worth, for God only hears us through His only Son.

The Word of God also lights our path in these troubled times. As people who live joyfully in the Rockies, camping, fishing or hunting is a big draw. No one knows darkness like being in the open spaces in want of the sun's or moon's light, a campfire or a reliable lantern. But, with light, darkness is rendered helpless trying to encircle us. We can see the rocks, a large branch before us, a small hole in our path. The list of benefits is almost endless. Around our homes, lights provide outdoor security, a delightful ambiance in our rooms, and helps to prevent dangerous trips and falls.

But, light can be dangerous, too. An unkept outdoor fire can bring frightening and destructive results. A driver's high-beam lights can nearly blind the view of vehicles coming the opposite direction. Picking up a burning ember without caution can be blisteringly painful. Too bright a light can cause serious eyestrain. Yes, the good and dangerous results of light are well-known to all.

Just what are the delightful benefits of the light of God's Word? The scriptures are endless. In Psalms 119:9, we are strongly encouraged: "How can the young person keep their way pure? By guarding it according to Your word." In Psalm 119:105, we see how God's word keeps us from danger: "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path". We just need to know furthermore God's light, and its right and improper use.

The Countywide Women's Bible Study is fun, informational and inspirational all rolled into one. Feedback and laughter are a given with this inquisitive group of believers. It is amazing how a few verses can become gold — buried treasure. Said treasure is not always seen, but it's very much there. We just might not see it due to our busy lives. Kind of like how one can't see the forest for the trees.

The women's study has been undertaking a very interesting and in-depth study on the miracles of Jesus. The ladies have delightful information taught that adds profound light to the Bible. With all the miracles already taught, it covered different, but crucial, angles of the true stories: Jesus, the person in need, the Law, biblical culture, medical knowledge and the crowd's viewpoints. When seen with additional help from the Greek, much is learned, thereby making the miracles a clear eye-opener. The story blooms forth like a spring flower, clearly informative and exciting.

So far, miracles like the paralytic lowered through the roof, the leper cleansed, blind Bartimaeus and the healing of dead Lazarus have been illuminated, with profound truths being revealed. Greater still, the ladies saw how these miracles could be clearly applied to them.

The miracles of Jesus are profound, but, tragically, skeptics try to cast doubts. Their motto: "Doubt the miracles, doubt Jesus." Everyone knows that doubt is a common human weakness. Even John the Baptist developed doubts that required Jesus' intervention.

This women's study has been thriving for more than 50 years right here in Pagosa Springs.

The facilitator, 'Bert (Roberta) Counsell, is a fully ordained women's pastor in active standing with an international Christian organization that spans 116 nations with more than 4,400 churches. Her passion is making theology clear, easy and balanced to help guide others into finding the excitement of knowing God's Word. 'Bert, and her husband, have been a ministering/chaplain team for 37-years.

The Countywide Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning at the new Grace in Pagosa offices and fellowship hall at 1044 Park Ave., across from the Recreation Center.

Each study is from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and all ladies are welcome regardless of their backgrounds. Remember, bring your personality and favorite Bible. For any additional information, call (970) 264-9931. Have a great day with Jesus.

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| | 2-1/2 teaspoons salt, divided | 1/2 teaspoon white pepper |
| | 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger | |

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a medium bowl, add vinegar and milk, stir, and set aside.
2. With a fork, deeply pierce Russet potatoes and sweet potatoes a few times all around, and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake 45 minutes to an hour until a paring knife easily passes through center. Remove from oven and immediately cut Russet potatoes in half lengthwise to allow excess steam to escape.
3. Remove skin from sweet potatoes, and roughly chop. In a food processor, add sweet potatoes, 1/4 cup almond milk mixture, 1/2 teaspoon salt, ginger, and allspice. Blend until pureed.
4. Over a large mixing bowl, place halved Russet into potato ricer cut side down. Push potato through ricer into bowl and discard skin. Repeat with remaining potatoes.
5. Using a rubber spatula, fold butter into potatoes until incorporated. Stir in remaining 1-1/4 cups almond milk mixture, white pepper and remaining 2 teaspoons of salt.
6. In a serving bowl, add half of mashed potatoes and spoon half of sweet potato puree over top. Add remaining mashed potatoes and top with remaining sweet potato puree. With a wooden spoon or spatula, stir potatoes several times in a clockwise motion to create a swirl effect, without completely mixing mashed and sweet potatoes together. Serve immediately.



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Catching the next wave

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

“Let us go on.” Paul sounded like a heretic when he explained to the Hebrews that they needed to go on. Some resisted. Why? Because people are too comfortable in the way it is. Change brings fear — fear we might become an oddity — so we stay in a safe place.

To paraphrase Paul, “You’ve laid the foundation, now it’s time to break out of your comfortable traditions of following the law and move in the Spirit of Jesus.”

He was unearthing the very ground his people had walked on for 2,000 years. He was pointing to the One whom they were to follow. Turning loose of what they knew and taking hold of the One they should know about — for them, it would be like jumping into the deep sea without a life jacket.

Some of us are there. We cry out for more of Jesus, to be filled to overflowing with his comforting love, and we want to experience a deepening friendship with the Holy Spirit. It’s like our heart flutters with his compassion.

“Deep calls unto deep.” These are familiar words from David. In Psalm 42:7-8 (TPT), he cries, “My deep need calls out to the deep kindness of your love. Your waterfall of weeping sent waves of sorrow over my soul, carrying me away, cascading over me like a thundering cataract ... Through the night I sing his songs, for my prayer to God has become my life.”

I asked a pastor friend years ago how he was able to keep his ministry alive and fresh. He said, “It’s like surfing. You catch the first wave and you ride it until the next wave comes in. Then you catch the next wave and ride it. If you don’t, you will find yourself beached and back on shore.”

Catching the wave is not like looking for the next fad, the next big idea, or some program that other churches are doing and seems to be working for them. To keep in touch with heaven’s calling on our lives, we must take hold of the true source, Jesus, the head of the body.

Paul was telling his people all those traditions have been laid. Good stuff, but now it’s time to let go of the shoreline and move into deeper waters.

It’s like putting a toe in ankle-deep water, then standing waist-deep, then up to our necks. The water will overtake us. Unable to touch the bottom, we float with no ground to support us. Only the hand of God will hold us up. That’s when our faith in a higher power takes over and we are able to move out into deeper waters.

It’s not easy to do. It’s easier to hold to the ground we stand on and be beached. It takes courage to move in faith where there is no earthly sup-

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



port. Only holding to the promises of God, we’ll find we become that living hope for others.

I’ve been in dead churches. I’ve been in living churches. I’ve created dead works. I’ve created living works. I know the difference. The difference is in the heart, humbling oneself, becoming dependent only on Jesus and trusting him to keep us afloat in raging seas.

Forty years ago, I came to a crossroad. I had to make a decision to follow the organized church or follow Him. At the time, it sounded like heresy. I was too scared to think on my own. I didn’t have a thought outside of someone in the pulpit telling me how and what I should believe. So, I planted my feet into the dirt and I dug my heels into religion for another 20 years.

God was calling me into uncharted waters. To take this plunge, there was no map, no plan, only Christ who lived in me.

Final brushstroke: People need to see living hope in us. We are all in the same boat. There is such uncertainty around us today. We are all floundering in deep water. We need to trust the Spirit of the Living God who lives in us to show us how to keep afloat in the days ahead. It might be time to turn loose of the known and, like Paul said, “Let us go on.” Jump into the water and let the Holy Spirit carry us. Hold on to Jesus, wear his life jacket and catch the next wave. It might mean our survival.

Readers’ comments

“I look forward to your stories that are told with humor, knowledge, grace and reflect the Love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for taking time to highlight all the important villagers who keep this town going. I am so grateful to have found my purpose in this village. What is my job in the Pagosa Springs Village? I, Lola Butler, was born 10/31/36. In my 86 years I raised 9 children and spent 65 years as a hair designer and a skin care expert. The last 35 years have been spent in Pagosa, finding my own job in this village, which has been so special. From my first haircut to all the wedding and special occasion styles, I feel that my job has weaved into this village, and I am very grateful for that. This town is so special it fills me with joy and gratitude to have found my purpose in this beautiful place. Thank you, Lola Butler, Pagosa Springs.”

From another Villager:
“Dearest Betty, As I read this Artist’s Lane article, so many thoughts came to mind. But primarily two.

I want to share... 1) I am personally struggling with my approaching 80th birthday. No other birthday has bothered me like this one does. I ask myself, ‘Why?’ and your article hits home. I want my ‘old age,’ my ‘winter season’ of life, to be more than passing the time until the end. I’m so tempted to say, ‘I’ve run the race! And it’s time to hang up my running shoes.’ But that destroys everything I’ve always believed and stood for. I want to finish strong. But am struggling with how to invest my few remaining years to make a difference for my own sense of worth, for the life of the community. 2) My second point is how you show how our community needs us and implies that we need our community. I think the last point is critical. I can have purpose and be engaged in my own things, but I’m not truly happy or fulfilled apart from others. My whole sense of well-being and happiness comes from being a part of the community... CNJ, Pagosa Springs.”

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Senior Center receives support from town

By **Rose Chavez**
PREVIEW Columnist

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Pagosa Springs Council members for their generosity in funding the Pagosa Senior Center.

This has been our home for the past 20 plus years, and we are counting our blessings that we are able to lean on the community to support us through this time of transition.

In August we submitted a funding application for Senate Bill 290 funds to purchase the old Sears building, but were notified in October that we did not receive the funds due to a very competitive process. Ultimately, there wasn't enough funding to support all applications and that means that, for the near future, ASI will continue to call the Ross Aragon Community Center its home.

We thank the council members for extending our lease and also providing funding to replace and purchase new kitchen equipment to help us keep up with the demand of serving around 200 meals every day of the week and frozen meals delivered via Meals on Wheels during the weekends.

We look forward to expanding our catering services in addition to educational and entertainment programming in the near future. Thanks to everyone who continues to support us and benefits from our services, we are grateful to be a part of Pagosa Springs.

COVID-19 booster clinic set for Dec. 2

Please join us for a drop-in clinic performed by San Juan Basin Public Health on Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Pagosa Senior Center, located in the Community Center. Please call us at (970) 264-2167 to sign up for the booster so we know how many to plan for on the day of the event.

When things get ruff: How dog walking eased pandemic loneliness

The following is taken from "Dog walking and the social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on loneliness in older adults" by D. Carr, E. Friedmann, N.R. Gee, C. Gilchrist, N. Sachs-Ericsson and L. Koodaly.

"Pet ownership increases the likelihood that owners interact with other individuals, an opportunity that is of particular interest to older adults who are often socially isolated. Having a dog is especially beneficial. Studies have shown that older adults with dogs exhibit less stress, but that stress is not associated with owning any other type of animal. In response to COVID-19 safety measures, the



pandemic further increased their likelihood that older adults experience social isolation. Given the social opportunities afforded by owning dogs, researchers sought to examine whether dog walking impacted the relationship between the COVID-19 pandemic and loneliness among older adults.

"In a study that earned a Bronze 2022 Innovative Research on Aging Award, analysis was conducted by examining longitudinal data from a Florida community-based sample of adults, aged 60+ at two timepoints, September 2018 and October 2020. At both timepoints, respondents were asked to indicate the frequency for which they felt that they lacked companionship, felt left out, and isolated from others. At the later time point, respondents were additionally asked how much the COVID-19 outbreak impacted their sense of social connection and the frequency for which they walk their dog weekly.

"The study found that those who reported being significantly impacted by COVID-19 exhibited higher levels of loneliness. However, those who walked their dog at least once a day did not become lonelier, despite the pandemic. The researchers acknowledge that individuals often acquire dogs to combat loneliness, highlighting that it's difficult to infer the causal relationship between dog walking and loneliness. The study also did not measure emotional connection to pets, which might have indicated that those who are more emotionally close to their dogs tend to walk their dogs more. Consequently, the researchers argue that more research is needed to examine the benefits of dog walking on overall well-being."

Holiday ornament craft Nov. 14

Do you want to learn how to make a beautiful and easy decoration for Christmas? 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 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-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

Mobile food pantry service available for seniors

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

In order to participate in this program, community members must visit with Barbara Noriega at the Senior Center, located in the 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-cafecafe.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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For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, we help with parts A, B and D. We can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

Bridge

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

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Senior

■ continued from previous page 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 experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Future programming volunteers needed

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

Volunteers needed

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

Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open. 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. 10 — Pulled pork with creamed corn, blueberry cobbler, coleslaw, salad and fruit.

Friday, Nov. 11 — Closed for Veterans Day.

Monday, Nov. 14 — Baked lemon chicken, lentils, orzo salad and fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 — Beef pot roast with potatoes, creamed spinach, salad, fruit and whole-wheat roll.

Wednesday, Nov. 16 — Pasta primavera with Alfredo sauce, focaccia bread, salad, cottage cheese and fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 17 — New England clam chowder, oyster crackers, broccoli with almonds, salad, fruit and cake.

Friday, Nov. 18 — Pork chile adovada, Mexican rice, pinto beans, salad and fruit.

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 \$10.50. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

Meals on Wheels

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

Requesting donations

ASI has an immediate monetary need to support ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County. Please consider donating to Archuleta Seniors Inc.

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

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Free online virtual conversations with bestselling authors and thought-leaders

By **Carole Howard**
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Including today's event, there are two more gatherings this month in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought-leaders in 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 and to view the recorded sessions afterward. To view the past recordings, use this link: <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/archive>.

Today, Thursday, Nov. 10, at noon, we'll interact with Bonnie Garmus, bestselling author of "Lessons in Chemistry," which one reviewer called "a polished, funny, thought-provoking story wearing its research lightly but confidently."

On Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. we'll meet with Kwarme Christian, bestselling author and founder of the American Negotiation Institute. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> to learn more.

There are three such stimulating sessions planned for each month. You can see the schedule at <https://library.org/pagosalibrary>.

Your library has a year-long subscription through June 30, 2023. At that time we will evaluate the popularity of the series in order to decide whether or not to renew our subscription. If you would like to provide feedback to Meg or Judy, they would welcome your comments. Contact Judy@pagosalibrary.org or Meg@pagosalibrary.org.

Flu season protocols

The curbside service that we began in COVID times continues

Library News

— 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:

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- Tuesdays and Thursdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New format for activities calendar

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

Lifelong Learning series continues this evening

The fifth talk in our all-new free Lifelong Learning lecture series takes place this evening, Thursday, Nov. 10, when we showcase April Holthaus and Dan Senjem discussing our local Archuleta County Genealogical Society.

This lecture series runs for six weeks every Thursday through Nov. 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. — our first in-person Lifelong Learning lecture series since the fall of 2019, before COVID. No registration is required.

Our final speaker will be Mott Hoover from the Colorado Avalanche Center on Nov. 17 with an avalanche awareness program.

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

Legal clinic tomorrow

The free legal clinic this month is happening by appointment tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. Come into the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer attorney who will answer your questions, show you legal documents and help you fill out the necessary forms.

To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic," with your first

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Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 4, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club. LEGO challenges also are posted on Facebook if you can't make it to the library.

Spanish conversation

Next Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., we will gather at the library to practice speaking and listening skills together at this free session. No minimum skill level is required to attend.

You also can learn Spanish and many other languages using the Transparent Language Learning database available at <https://pagosalibrary.org/online-resources/>.

Teen DIY

Fourth- through 12th-graders are invited to a free in-person teen DIY session next Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 4 to 5 p.m., when you can get creative with fun pirate's treasure crafts.

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. Note there will be no PALS Nov. 15 and 17.

Homework help

Free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are available for those 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.

Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted Nov. 14 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free activity.

Special 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. Nov. 16 will feature silly stories with Miss Lisa and her puppets.

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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"Why We Travel" by Patricia Schultz explores 100 reasons why we all can benefit from traveling. "All That Is Wicked" by Kate Winkler Dawson presents a window into the mind of a notorious Gilded Age murderer and those who believed he held the key to unlocking the criminal mind. "Holding the Line" by Geoffrey Berman exposes the disagreements between the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan and the Trump Justice Department.

Books on CD

"Overkill" by Sandra Brown is a thriller centering around a woman on life support after a violent attack. "Treasure State" by C.J. Box is a Cassie Dewell mystery. "Hell and Back" by Craig Johnson is a Walt Longmire adventure.

DVDs

"Discovering Your Warrior Spirit" hosted by D.J. Vanas teaches how to apply Native American traditions and philosophy to the challenges of everyday life. "Sound of Metal" is a film about a drummer who loses much of his hearing. "The U.S. and the Holocaust" is a Ken Burns documentary about one of the greatest humanitarian crises of the 20th century.

Large print

"The Girl from Guernica" by Karen Robards follows a young girl who joins the underground after the tragedy in the Spanish town. "Clive Cussler's Hellburner" by Mike Maden is an Oregon adventure. "Secrets" by Fern Michaels is book two in the Lost and Found mystery series.

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How to confront frequent increases in costs of living

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Prices on the majority of goods and services have increased significantly over the last year-plus.

Financial analysts report that inflation has reached heights that haven't been seen in 41 years. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the consumer price index, which measures changes in how much Americans pay for good and services, rose 0.4 percent in September.

As prices soared, families' budgets were being pushed. What can people do in the face of rising costs on items they need, including those who may be on fixed incomes? These suggestions may help:

- Frequently review your budget. Keep track of how much items cost right now. Document all spending by writing down a list of weekly expenses or utilizing any number of free budgeting apps available. Tracking what is going out may make it easier to cut costs on less essential items, such as streaming services or gym memberships.

- Contact service providers. You may be able to negotiate better deals with a service provider, such as a mobile phone company or a cable television provider, if they learn you are considering leaving. If they can't work out a deal, go with the less expensive provider. You can always switch back at the end

of the term if you desire.

- Stop automatic payments. Having subscriptions and other bills automatically deducted from your checking account is convenient, but those rising costs may be overlooked. By viewing your bill and paying it each month, you can see where costs have increased and where you might need to rethink services.

- Carpool to work or school. Reduce expenditures on gasoline by sharing the costs with another person. Determine if public transportation is more cost-effective than driving to work or school each day.

- Consider alternative retailers. Brand loyalty to one supermarket or a particular retailer is quickly becoming a thing of the past. Nowadays it is wise to comparison shop across various stores to figure out where you're getting the best deal. Venture into stores you may not have considered previously. Divide your shopping list by store category, visiting several for different items if it leads to big savings.

- Unplug, literally and figuratively. Cut down on energy costs by unplugging items when not in use. Reduce dependence on devices to further stem costs on electricity and gas-powered appliances.

Prices continue to rise and consumers can explore various ways to stick to their spending budgets.

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■ continued from previous page Mysteries and thrillers

"Reprieve" by James Han Mattson centers on a brutal killing that takes place in a haunted escape room in Nebraska. "Bloodless Boy" by Robert J. Lloyd is a historical mystery set in London in 1678.

Other novels

"Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver, a modern-day "David Copperfield," follows a boy born to a poor teenage single mother with no assets beyond good looks, a caustic wit and a fierce talent for survival. "When We Had Wings" by Ariel Lawhon, Kristina McMorris and Susan Meissner features three nurses in the Philippines who become the first female prisoners in World War II.

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ANSWER:

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).

Attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on a variety of local products and experiences at our silent auction tables. 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 fundraising 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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Sign up now for the holiday lighting contest

By Jenny Green
Visit Pagosa Springs

Once again, the Pagosa Springs area will be bright with holiday cheer this season.

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and The Pagosa Springs SUN are sponsoring a lighting contest this holiday season. The lighting contest will make the holiday season shine. It includes enhanced lighting in downtown Pagosa Springs, as well as many other festive events taking place in and around the Pagosa Springs area through the end of December.

Participating addresses will be promoted to locals and visitors. Voting will be conducted online between Nov. 25 and Dec. 18.

All entries submitted by Nov. 16 will be included. The contest will launch on Nov. 25.

To enter the contest, please complete the following form by end of day on Nov. 16: <https://bit.ly/2021ContestEntryForm>.

Residential lighting contest

The holiday residential lighting competition will test participants' creativity and award cash prizes for first (\$1,000), second (\$500) and third (\$250) prizes.

Participating residential proper-

ties must be decorated by Nov. 25. Winners will be announced in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Dec. 22.

We ask residential properties to turn on their lights every evening from 6 to 8 p.m. between Nov. 25 and the end of the year.

Business lighting contest

The business lighting contest is open to any Pagosa Springs area business with a storefront or property to decorate. Participating businesses must decorate by Nov. 25.

We ask business properties to turn on their lights every evening from 6 to 8 p.m. between Nov 25 and the end of the year. Winners will be announced in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Dec. 22. Business prizes of first (\$1,000), second (\$500) and third (\$250) prizes will be awarded as advertising in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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Photo courtesy Pepper Trail

Snow Geese in migration near Ashland, Ore., this fall.

The fading miracle of migration

By Pepper Trail
PREVIEW Columnist

For the past few weeks, dozens of turkey vultures have been circling on thermals over my house in Oregon, preparing to soar away south into California. Not long ago, I saw a late monarch butterfly passing high overhead, its orange wings incandescent against the blue sky.

These are examples of the great migratory movements that enliven the West every spring and fall.

The long-distance migrations of seemingly fragile monarch butterflies are among nature's most incredible phenomena, with eastern populations wintering in vast numbers in a tiny refuge in Mexico and western populations at a few sheltered spots along the California coast.

Migration is central to the lives of many wild animals of great public interest and huge economic importance, from salmon to waterfowl to large mammals like pronghorn and elk. Just about everybody attuned to the natural world looks forward to some migratory milestone, whether it's the arrival of the first robin of spring or the beginning of duck hunting season.

Thanks to advances in technology and data collection, this is a golden age for research on migration. Radar allows documentation of the magnitude of animals on the move: On a recent night, for example, it was estimated that 5.4 million birds were in the skies over Oregon.

The citizen science database eBird, combined with advances enabling the detection of signals from lightweight tags attached to migrat-

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ing animals, has provided migration maps of stunning specificity. For an example with turkey vultures, go to <https://tinyurl.com/mtndawtm>.

At the same time, we are also coming to understand the many threats to migration. The drastic declines of Pacific salmon are known all too well. Elk and pronghorn face ever-increasing obstacles posed by highways, roads to access and extract fossil fuels and other developments on the landscape.

But what's happening to migratory birds really tells the story. Based on many lines of evidence, scientists have concluded that 2.9 billion — yes, billion — breeding adult birds have been lost in the

United States since the 1970s. That is one-third of the total bird population of the United States.

Of that 2.9 billion, 86 percent, 2.5 billion, are migratory species. Although declines of birds in the western part of the country are less severe overall than in the East, many of our familiar migrants are showing dramatic reductions, including rufous hummingbird, down 60 percent; common nighthawk, 58 percent; band-tailed pigeon, 57 percent; Lewis's woodpecker, 67 percent; and evening grosbeak, 92 percent.

Why is this happening? The loss of habitat is the main problem for many species, especially grassland birds. For example, between 2018 and 2019 alone, 2.6 million acres of grassland in the Great Plains were converted to row-crop agriculture. That's an area larger than Yellowstone National Park. Loss of winter habitat in Mexico and Central Amer-

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ica also threatens many species.

Human constructions from power lines to wind turbines to oil pits increase the dangers of migration for birds. The greatest hazard may seem mundane, but it's ubiquitous: windows. Collisions with windows are estimated to kill a staggering billion birds in this country each year. Brightly lit skyscrapers are also a menace to songbirds, most migrating at night.

Climate change adds to the threats for migratory species. In addition to broad effects like widespread drought in the West and melting permafrost in the Arctic, climate change can scramble the relationship between migration timing and the availability of food

resources. Hungry migrants may arrive in spring to find that the peak of insect abundance has already passed.

Fortunately, there are many things each of us can do to help migrating birds. First, advocate for the preservation of bird habitats – and provide your own by planting native fruiting and flowering plants on your land.

Second, take steps to reduce bird collisions with your windows. Many solutions are available, including “Zen wind curtains”: light cords hanging in front of the glass. For DIY instructions, and much other information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2hf558nj>. And, keep your cats inside, as free-ranging cats take a staggering toll on birds.

Finally, support organizations that advocate for birds and their habitats or promote research on migratory birds, such as the National Audubon Society, the American Bird Conservancy and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

Together, we can save the lives of millions of birds and help ensure that their incredible migratory journeys never end.

Pepper Trail is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent non-profit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is a naturalist and writer in Oregon. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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Bird of the Week



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

In places like ours where elevation influences snow depth and availability of food, some birds are altitudinal migrants which move to lower areas in fall. The dusky grouse is one of the few that bucks the trend and migrates upslope for the winter. It may travel, primarily by foot, up to 30 miles to its winter home in dense evergreen forests, where it shelters in trees and feeds on conifer needles and buds.

In spring and summer, these birds move out of the dense forests and into the surrounding grasslands and shrubby areas to forage and mate. Feeding most heavily in the early morning and at dusk, they primarily consume plant matter including leaves, buds, berries and fruits. Grasshoppers and beetles are added when available.

From mid April to early June, males strut with tail feathers fanned and colorful skin patches on the neck and above the eyes exposed while singing deep hoots to attract females. After mating, the male takes no part in nesting or in rearing young. Females with dependent young aggressively protect them against predators and other female grouse.

Both sexes are chicken-like birds with short bills, short strong legs, and are mottled in brown, gray, white and black. Males have a pale gray band on the terminus of the tail. Most of the year, cryptic coloring and solitary ways make these birds inconspicuous unless you chance to venture too close. Then, in a heart-stopping explosion of flight, one will flush from the ground onto a protective high perch.

Dusky grouse inhabit inland regions of the western US and Canada, from southeastern Alaska, through northwestern Canada and into states which include Colorado. Parts of Arizona and New Mexico, where they are found in high-altitude “sky islands,” are the southern limits of their range. Catastrophic fires and a warming climate are contributing to a disappearance of dusky grouse in this part of their historic range.

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

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The Pagosa Springs SUN office will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving


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

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 but confidently." Virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought-leaders giving live, professionally moderated book discussions you can view on your computer, tablet or smartphone with Internet access. You also have an opportunity to ask questions. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> to learn more.

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

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

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 April Holthaus and Dan Senjem about the Archuleta County Genealogical Society. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> or pick up a brochure at your library for more details on all these presentations.

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.

Veterans Day Breakfast. 7:30-10:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Veterans are invited to attend the Veterans Day breakfast hosted by the Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-grade class. Bring memories and something to share about your military history to share with the students. At 9 a.m. there will be a flag folding, pledge, national anthem and other music provided by the middle school.

Veterans Day Ceremony. 11 a.m., Veterans Memorial Park.

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.

Hot Springs Fest: Sound Bath. 4:30 p.m., Mother Spring, The Springs Resort. The community is invited to a free sound bath at the Mother Spring. Please bring a mat or cushion. Hot Springs Fest is a ticketed event. Find out more information at <https://www.pagosahotspings.com/things-to-do/events/hot-springs-fest-2022/>.

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

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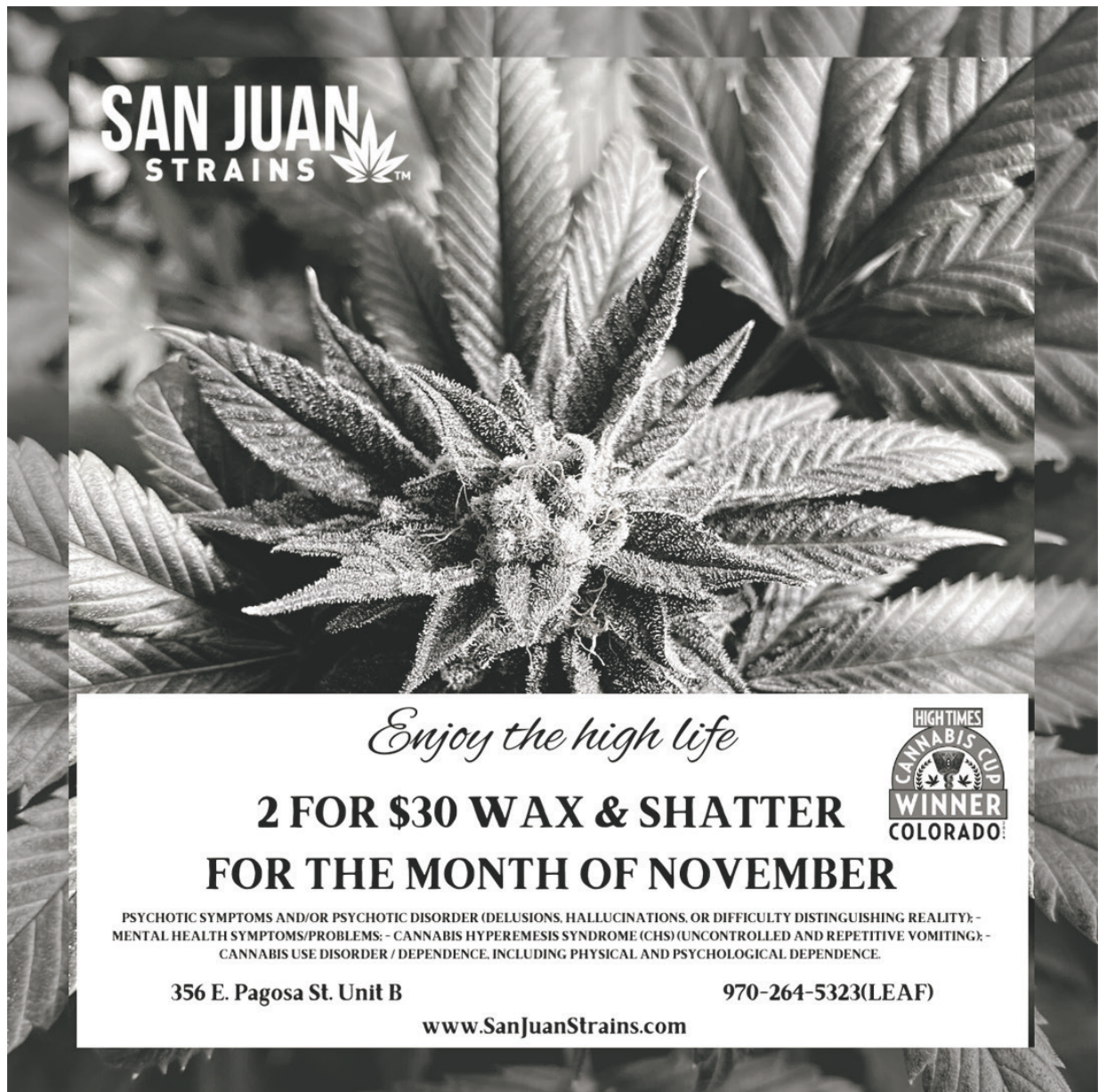
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Saturday, Nov. 12

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.

Golden Age of Hollywood Red Carpet Gala. 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. A walk down the red carpet will lead attendees inside a venue filled with celebrity cameos and hors d'oeuvres. The event will feature a live band starring Chris Haas, Bob Hemenger and Dale Scrivener. There will also be photo booths, a bar, silent auction, awards and more at this 1920s-1960s Hollywood event. Tickets can be purchased at PagosaCenter.org. General admission tickets are \$80, and a VIP table for four is \$600. All proceeds from the event will go toward operations and programming at Pagosa Peak Open School. For more information, contact uhdson@ppos.co or (970) 946-6204.

Sunday, Nov. 13

Hot Springs Fest: Meditation. 10 a.m., Mother Spring, The Springs Resort. The community is invited for a free meditation at the Mother Spring. Please bring a mat or cushion. Hot Springs Fest is a ticketed event. Find out more information at <https://www.pagosahotsprings.com/things-to-do/events/hot-springs-fest-2022/>.

Monday, Nov. 14

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. 15

Continental Divide Trail Gateway Community Summit. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Join the 2022 virtual Continental

Divide Trail Gateway Community Summit. This free virtual event, hosted by the Continental Divide Trail Coalition, will gather communities across the Rocky Mountain West to share, learn and contribute to the completion, promotion and protection of the Continental Divide Trail (CDT). Unite with trail volunteers, Gateway Community residents, tourism professionals, elected officials and members of federal agencies to hear about how communities along the divide are contributing to stewardship of the CDT. Topics of exploration include: connecting across communities, the Gateway Community Program, who uses the CDT, trail stewardship and more. For additional information and registration options for this free event, visit <https://continentaldivide-trail.org/event/gateway-community-summit-2022/>.

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

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

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

San Juan Basin Public Health's Health Coverage Guide. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for help with open enrollment for 2023 insurance. We can help you apply for insurance, find low-cost/no-cost coverage for those who are eligible, and answer insurance questions. Schedule an appointment by contacting HIL@sjbpublichealth.org or (970) 335-2028. Appointments available with language interpretation if needed.

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.

Online Author Talks: Kwarme Christian. 2 p.m. We will gather virtually with bestselling author and founder of the American Negotiation Institute. Virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought-leaders giving live, professionally moderated book discussions you can view on your computer, tablet or smartphone with Internet access. You also have an opportunity to ask questions. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> to learn more.

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

Spanish Conversation. 4:30-5:30

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Wednesday, Nov. 16

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

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

Teen DIY: Pirates' Treasure Crafts. 4-5 p.m. Those in the 4th-12th grades are invited to a free in-person teen DIY to get creative making fun pirates' treasure crafts. Materials will be provided. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

DUST2 Movie Fundraiser: 'Esperanto.' 5 p.m., Liberty Theatre. Grab your family and friends and join DUST2 for the screening of Teton Gravity Research's latest bike film, "Esperanto." "Esperanto" explores how we share our dreams through a universal two-wheeled

language no matter what our native tongue may be. There will be beer, concessions, door prizes and good company. Tickets are \$12. For more information, visit www.dustx2.org or <https://www.facebook.com/pagosabike>.

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Thursday, Nov. 17

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch: Thanksgiving Feast. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall. The 17th annual early Thanksgiving meal will be served as takeout only in front of the Parish Hall on Lewis Street. Get a meal and enjoy turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry and pie to go. Masks and social distancing are required. No other staples will be available this week.

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. For teens and young adults. Registration required. Go on an adventure from your couch. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Pesters
- 5 Bathroom item
- 10 Left on board?
- 14 Fairytale villain
- 15 Biscuit topper
- 16 Caesar's 57
- 17 Change direction
- 18 Braid, as a rug
- 20 Not budging
- 22 Drove round & round
- 23 Lonely place?
- 24 Fix, as leftovers
- 26 Movie double, often
- 29 Educator, briefly
- 32 Barley bristle
- 33 Confident
- 37 Like some desserts
- 39 Absconded with
- 40 Drone, for one
- 41 Incompatible
- 44 AAA service
- 45 Former "Tonight Show" host
- 46 Formal ritual
- 48 Driller's dream
- 51 The Regal Beagle, e.g.
- 52 Heart of the matter
- 55 Zilch
- 59 Dry white wine
- 61 Superfruit berry
- 62 Angelic feature
- 63 Done to death
- 64 Anagram for "nail"
- 65 Black cat, to some
- 66 Varieties
- 67 Cutlass, e.g.

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- 4 Sunday delivery
- 5 Tibia locale
- 6 Lowest female voice
- 7 Crumb carrier
- 8 Bloodsucker
- 9 Lofty nest (var.)
- 10 Guitar pick
- 11 Cameo shape
- 12 Tear to pieces
- 13 In a dead heat
- 19 Finishes filming
- 21 Places for rent, briefly
- 25 Uphold, as the law
- 26 Wrapped garment
- 27 Ribbed fabric
- 28 State of disorder
- 30 Like a long speech
- 31 Record holder?
- 34 Substitute delegate
- 35 Oracle
- 36 Like morning grass
- 38 Parasitic person
- 42 Speaker output
- 43 It's outstanding
- 47 Hawaiian "thank you"
- 49 Rag composer Joplin
- 50 One of the Fondas
- 52 Say again
- 53 Pillow covering
- 54 Red-tag event
- 56 Court cry: Var.
- 57 Freshwater worm
- 58 Martini liquors
- 60 Bite

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to driver safety.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 2 = E)

A. 13 3 21 21 25 21

Clue: Reflective device

B. 11 2 23 5 24 2 19 5

Clue: Safety device

C. 17 2 18 2 9 11 3 6 2

Clue: Style of driving

D. 20 23 7 5 3 25 9

Clue: With care

Answers: A. mirror B. seat belt C. defensive D. caution

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Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 6-7:30 p.m., Sisson Library. You'll hear from Mott Hoover from the Colorado Avalanche Center. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-services/> or pick up a brochure at your library for more details on all these presentations.

Friday, Nov. 18

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

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. 19

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. Build, design and create at the library.

Sunday, Nov. 20

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. 21

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

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

Tuesday, Nov. 22

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.

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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.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 23

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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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Interesting facts about Veterans Day

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Each November, individuals across the United States gather to remember and honor the brave men and women who devoted their lives to maintaining the freedoms U.S. residents continue to enjoy. Veterans Day is celebrated on Nov. 11 and pays tribute to all American veterans — including the living and deceased — but especially thanks the living veterans who served honorably during war or peacetime, according to History.com.

Veterans Day originally was known as Armistice Day, which was established to commemorate the end of World War I. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day in an effort to recognize all veterans.

That name change is just one of many interesting facts about Veterans Day:

- Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of the “war to end all wars,” even though the Treaty of Versailles, which officially ended World War I, was signed roughly

seven months later on June 28, 1919.

- While Veterans Day is an American holiday, Canada, Great Britain, Australia and France also honor the veterans of World War I and World War II on or near Nov. 11. Canada celebrates Remembrance Day, while Britain observes Remembrance Sunday each year on the second Sunday of November.

- Data from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) states there are around 19 million U.S. veterans as of 2021.

- Arlington National Cemetery outside of Washington, D.C., holds an annual memorial service on both Memorial Day and Veterans Day. That cemetery is home to the graves of more than 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military.

- Gulf War-era veterans now account for the largest percentage of all U.S. veterans, surpassing the number of Vietnam War-era veterans by almost 2 million, according to the VA.

- Memorial Day is a time to remember those who died in battle or from wounds suffered in battle.

However, Veterans Day honors all of the people who served their country, including both living and deceased veterans.

- The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates women make up approximately 10 percent of the veteran population. By 2025, that number is expected to climb to 12 percent.

- In 2016, President Barack Obama signed the Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act. At 3:11 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time) on Veterans Day, a moment of silence is observed and continues for 120 seconds.

- The last living American WWI veteran died in 2011. His name was Frank Buckles.

- In 2021, 37 percent of veterans were age 70 and older, according to Pew Research. An additional 36 percent of veterans were between the ages of 50 and 69.

- The U.S. Census Bureau indicates the percentage of the American population with military experience is on the decline. In 2018, about 7 percent of U.S. adults were veterans, down from 18 percent in 1980.

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Unique ways to honor veterans

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Sacrifice is a big part of serving in the United States military. Active duty personnel spend significant time away from their families, and many who have served overseas return home with injuries that affect both their physical and mental well-being.

As the nation commemorates Veterans Day, individuals and organizations can take steps to honor the sacrifices millions of veterans have made on behalf of their families, friends and neighbors who call the United States home.

- Encourage a veteran to share his or her story. Individuals who know a veteran can encourage that individual to share his or her story about serving. This can reassure veterans that others care about the sacrifices they made and let veterans know that their sacrifices and service to their country were not in vain. Individuals who ask veterans to share their story also benefit, gaining valuable insight into what is required to protect their freedoms.

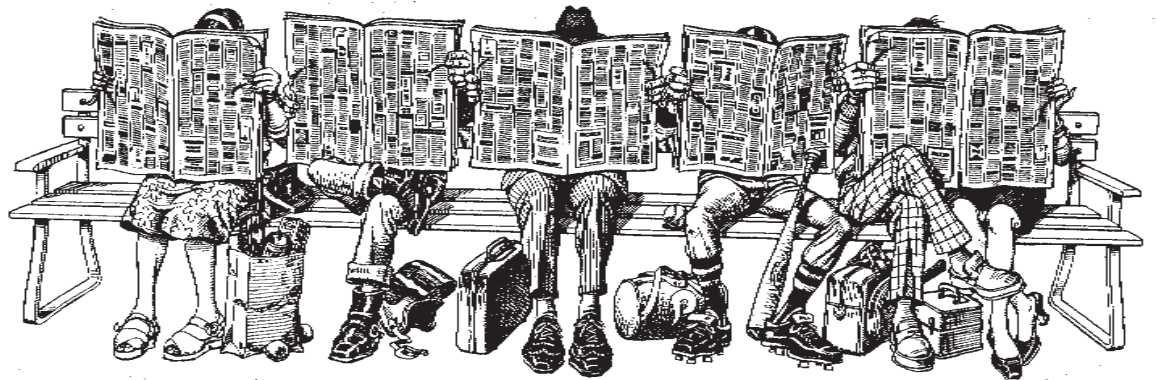
- Work with We Honor Veterans. We Honor Veterans is a program sponsored by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization that is designed to help organizations serve veterans in their communities. The program was initially designed for hospice providers, but has since expanded to welcome other community-based health organizations. The program aims to provide the highest quality of care to military veterans. Organizations can learn more at www.wehonorveterans.org.

- Support veterans events in your community. Veterans Day events are a fun and simple way to show support for the veterans in your community. Additional events that are not affiliated with Veterans Day also provide great opportunities to reassure veterans that their efforts and sacrifices are appreciated. Though Memorial Day and Veterans Day are two different holidays, attending community-based events for Memorial Day lets veterans know their sacrifices won't be forgotten even when they're no longer with us. In addition, support community efforts to honor local veterans.

- Begin an oral history project. Oral histories are invaluable resources because they are told through first-person perspectives. This is similar to encouraging veterans to share their stories, but documentation takes things one step further and lends a sense of permanence to veterans' experiences and accounts of their service. When speaking with local veterans, ask them if they would like to be recorded. Advancements in technology have made oral histories easier than ever to compile, and individuals can work with local veterans groups and universities to identify veterans who served and want to share their stories on the record.

Veterans Day is a great time to honor the brave men and women who have served in the military. Supporting community-based programs and urging veterans to share their stories is a great way to recognize the sacrifices they've made in service of their country.

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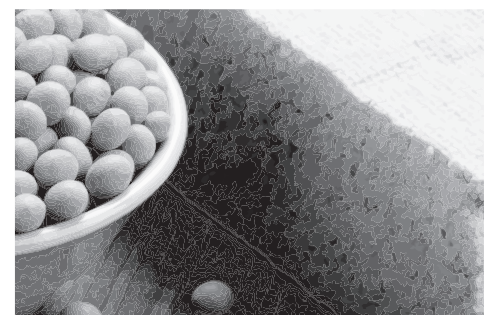
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The 'spooky' touch lamp

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

My daughter, Heather, came out of her room all bleary-eyed one morning.

"What happened to you?" I asked. "My touch lamp is broken," she said. "At least, I hope that's all it is."

"How would that make you so tired?"

"It freaked me out all night," she replied. "It would turn on by itself. I would reach over and turn it off, and then a while later, it would turn on again. I finally decided I didn't care, so I just left it on, but then it would turn itself off. I tried to ignore it, but the turning on and off about every half hour or so was kind of spooky."

"I'm surprised it has gone bad so fast," I said. "It's practically new."

She shrugged, half asleep. "Whatever. All I know is that it kept me awake most of the night. And if it's not the lamp's fault, I'm not sure I want to know what it is."

I consider myself a fairly decent electrician, so I took the lamp apart to look at it. I couldn't find any short or anything that seemed wrong. I took it down and set it in the living room by my chair. Anytime I was near it, I would touch it. If it was on, it turned off, and if it was off, it turned on. It never seemed to do anything on its own. I figured it was

just a fluke.

We put the lamp back in Heather's room, but the next morning, she complained about the same thing happening. I decided to try it in my room. I turned it off for the night, and never once did it turn on by itself.

We tried it in her room again, but the next morning, she was sleeping on the couch and complained about the same thing happening. I read everything I could find about touch lamps and could find nothing that indicated the kind of problem we were having. I hated to get rid of it since it was so new, but I didn't know what else to do.

Then, one night, Heather was going to be late after getting home from a school activity, so I had her set up her room just like she would for bed. While she was gone, I watched her room. I made sure the light was off, and when I came back later, it was on. I shut it off, and when I returned later, it was on. I left it on and came back later, and it was off. It was spooky.

I decided I was going to get to the bottom of it, so I went in and sat on her bed. As I sat there, I heard the familiar buzzing sound that is so annoying when a person is trying to sleep. It was the sound of a fly. It sounded like a really big one. I considered getting up and getting a fly swatter when I thought of some-

thing else.

I realized it was attracted to the night light by Heather's bed. That night light was right next to her lamp. I wondered if the answer could be what I was thinking. I waited and, momentarily, the light turned on. I looked at the lamp, and the fly was sitting on it. I continued to watch the fly. Eventually, it flew away. I could hear it buzzing around. It landed somewhere. I continued to listen, and it started buzzing again. Eventually, I could see it coming back, and it landed on the lamp. The lamp instantly shut off.

I got up off of the bed and turned on the main light. I chased the fly from the room with a fly swatter and moved the night light over by the desk, so if there were ever a fly again, it would be attracted in that direction. That night, when Heather came home, I told her I had found her ghost.

When I told her what it was, she looked at me suspiciously, but the ghost never returned, and the lamp was saved from a trip to the second-hand store.

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New Thought topic: 'The Beauty of Gratitude- Moving into a State of Grace'

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for
Inspirational Living

The Sunday service at 11 a.m. on Nov. 13 will be with Shayla White Eagle: "The Beauty of Gratitude- Moving into a State of Grace."

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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.

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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. Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through awareness of a higher power. We are the "GoodVibeTribe" that practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

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

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