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Counties vote to dissolve San Juan Basin Public Health

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At Nov. 15 meetings, the La Plata County and Archuleta County Boards of County Commissioners (BoCCs) approved a joint resolution dissolving San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the two counties and SJBPH for the orderly dissolution of the district.

According to the resolution, the

dissolution is set to take effect on Dec. 31, 2023.

The La Plata County meeting opened with La Plata County Manager Chuck Stevens providing an outline of the process that led up to the dissolution resolution, highlighting the “philosophical differences” concerning public health that became prominent during the COVID-19 pandemic and the formation of a health district investi-

■ See SJBPH A8

On to State!



Photo courtesy Cyndi Figaro

The Pagosa Springs High School Unified bowling team finished second at last week’s regional competition in Pueblo, earning them a trip to Friday’s state championships in Englewood.

Snowball water plant cost assessment: \$37 million

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

On Nov. 10, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors heard an update from William Canterbury, of Canterbury Construction Management Services, on his assessment of the costs of the Snowball water treatment plant expansion.

Canterbury began his assessment by highlighting that PAWSD is currently in a construction manager at risk (CMAR) arrangement for the construction of the plant, with PCL Construction Services Inc. as the construction firm.

He explained that he performed an independent cost estimate on the elements of the expansion

■ See Snowball A8

County changes landfill rates

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Nov. 15 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to approve a change to the county fee schedule to alter rates at the county landfill.

These changes come following the installation of a scale at the landfill which allows the county to

weigh trash entering the landfill and base prices on weight instead of volume, according to County Manager Derek Woodman.

The new fee schedule prices residential and commercial waste at the landfill, either compacted or loose, at \$50 per ton, and construction and demolition waste at \$55 per ton.

■ See Landfill A8



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Pagosa Springs Middle School students and Archuleta County military veterans come together for breakfast, discussion and more at the Nov. 11 Veterans Day breakfast. For about two decades, the annual breakfast has offered an opportunity to serve and learn from the area’s veterans. The breakfast also featured a flag-folding demonstration and live music.



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OUR VIEW

Are you prepared for winter?

With all of the nice weather we've had so far this fall, you may not have made sure that your vehicle is prepared for winter driving.

It seems that every year the first storms of the season are associated with numerous accidents when motorists find themselves unprepared.

Have you made certain you have adequate tread on your tires? Have you checked your antifreeze levels? Do your defroster and rear window defogger work?

Have you made certain that you have a flashlight and snow scraper in your auto? Snowboots and a blanket should also be part of your emergency supplies.

You might even consider putting a snow shovel in the car. Some people swear by having kitty litter or sand in their vehicle to give the vehicle traction.

Winter can bring a combination of slush, ice, snow and lower temperatures to our already-shorter daylight hours, creating hazardous driving conditions.

In the U.S. each year, approximately 7,000 roadway deaths and 800,000 injuries are associated with poor weather-related driving conditions.

Besides driving too fast for weather conditions, some of the leading causes of fatal roadway crashes are failure to keep in the proper lane or running off the road, driving under the influence, failure to yield the right of way, distracted driving, operating in an erratic or reckless manner, and failure to obey traffic signs and signals.

When you add talking on the phone and texting to the mix, the risk for accidents and deaths increases greatly.

Wintertime is time to slow down and allow for extra time to get to your destination. It is also a good time to share AAA Motor Club's refresher on driving in snow and ice:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning — nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.

- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to 10 seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.

- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your

foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.

- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.

- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible.

- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.

- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

Those of us who have lived here for some time are accustomed to heavy, wet snowstorms causing power outages, impassable roads, traffic accidents, school closures or delays, and other storm-related chaos.

When it snows, law enforcement, emergency crews and tow-truck drivers will be out responding to area accidents. Always give them room. They are risking their lives to help those in need.

During those times, you will find snowplow drivers, utility crews and emergency services personnel stepping up to the challenge of opening roadways, restoring services and keeping us safe.

You will find Colorado Department of Transportation crews out at all hours working to keep our highways open, including the one over Wolf Creek Pass. On top of that, they work to perform avalanche control.

For most snowstorms, Archuleta County snowplows start rolling as early as 4 a.m. to allow for school buses and residents to get where they need to go.

Town crews take an all-hands-on-deck approach when storms hit as all maintenance crews and parks and sanitation staff work to clear snow.

During these storms, towing companies are on call, ready to pull unlucky people out of ditches. Unfortunately, there are many people who are just plain careless and who need to slow down or just not get out on the roads at all.

Challenges come with heavier, more

extreme storms. Some county roads may not be plowed the day of the storm. Those days, only first-priority roads might be plowed.

There are numerous things that can affect plowing schedules, including unusual weather conditions, emergency situations, safety concerns and available resources.

You should always be prepared for storms and keep an eye on the weather forecast. Make sure you have your prescriptions refilled before a storm hits. Water, first aid supplies, pet supplies, batteries, canned heat, flashlights, candles and heating fuel are a few things you should keep on hand.

Do you have enough food for a few days? Bread, eggs and milk are often cleared off the shelves before a big storm.

And, don't forget to check on your neighbors to be sure they are doing OK.

Pagosans are a caring sort of people who pull together during these storms. There's nothing like discovering that neighbors and friends have already plowed your driveway for you.

One winter, we witnessed two people getting stuck in an alleyway downtown. Both times, strangers came to the rescue. One man picked away at thick ice to free a car. Three SUN employees came to the rescue of a Jeep spinning on ice and pushed it until the vehicle started moving again.

When a county plow truck got stuck along a residential street, a homeowner delivered a cup of hot coffee to the driver while he waited to be pulled out of the ditch.

If you have to be out when the road conditions are less than desirable, we encourage you to slow down and, as always, put your seat belt on.

If you don't have to be out, stay home and keep off the roads. The life you save just might be your own.

Archuleta County Road and Bridge Snow Plow Day

Archuleta County Road and Bridge is hosting Snow Plow Day tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Archuleta County Extension building, 344 U.S. 84. This is your opportunity to sit in a snow plow or motorgrader.

Do you want to be informed about the Road and Bridge Department's snow plow policies? There will be a question-and-answer session for you to learn more about plowing techniques and procedures.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (970) 264-8300 or go to www.archuletacounty.org.

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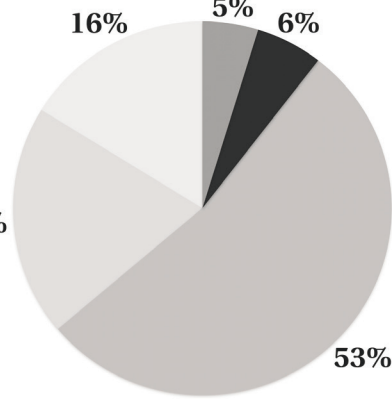
Not before December. — 20 percent

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What are you most thankful for this time of year?

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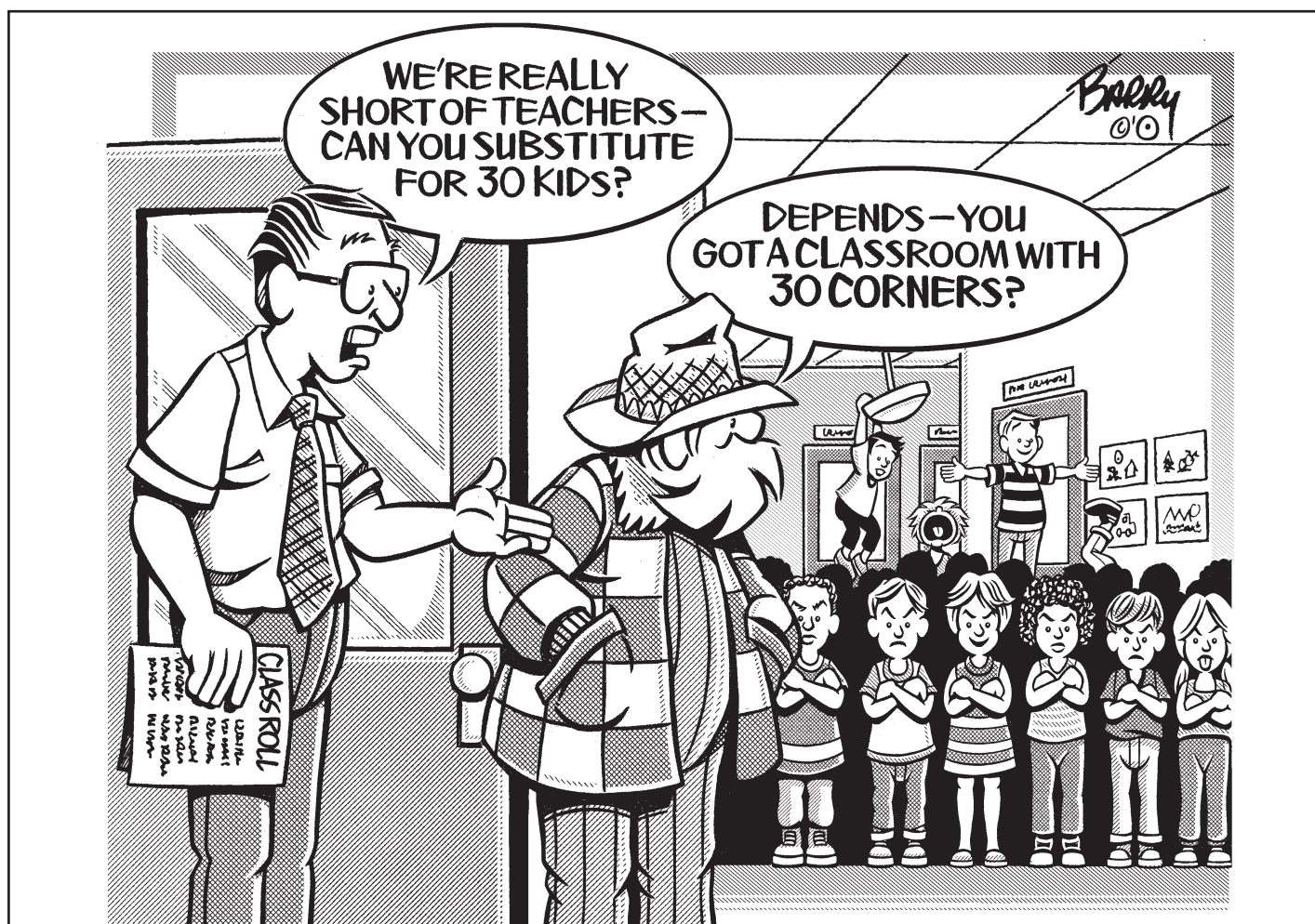
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11/10	39	21	S	.4"	.05"
11/11	38	20	-	-	-
11/12	42	16	-	-	-
11/13	47	18	-	-	-
11/14	36	20	S	.1"	.01"

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 17, 1922

Louis R. Montroy, who is constructing a 50x100 one-story brick building on his property facing Pagosa street, has concluded to add another story to the building at this time. The contract for same has been let to J.W. McGee and J. Jacobson Sr., who held the former contract. Mr. Montroy has not determined what use is to be made of the new addition, and for that reason has not let the contract for the interior finishing or possible partitions in the upper story.

The Wolf Creek Pass highway was temporarily opened the first of the week, but the heavy snow of yesterday and last night has no doubt closed it for the season.

The stockmen of the Piedra and Yellowjacket section on Wednesday shipped out their cattle to the extent of 24 cars.

A deal was closed Wednesday evening whereby J.T. Martinez disposed of his complete stock of groceries and fixtures to Earl G. Sparks, who today closed the store in order to take inventory and remove the entire stock to the north room of the Hatcher Hardware Co., building, where he plans to reopen early next week.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 21, 1947

Drilling operations at the Blanco Basin oil well have ceased for the winter. A depth of three thousand-twenty-five feet has been reached.

Thanksgiving is the day to be thankful for many things and among them we should be thankful for our progress in agriculture. How many other nations can count on the production we realize? Let's all be thankful that our Nation is powerful.

Heavy damage to outbuildings was caused Sunday morning at the H. Ray Macht ranch near Pagosa when fire extended to a number of smaller structures.

No damage was done to the Macht home, crops or livestock. Mr. and Mrs. Macht were in Denver, having left Saturday with some cattle.

An ice house, bunk house and garage were among the buildings swept by fire. A high wind increased the danger until volunteers brought the blaze under control.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 16, 1972

The Pagosa Pirates rolled over Dove Creek last Saturday 24-0 in a hard fought game to win the quarter-final game in state playoffs. This Saturday they face a formidable foe from Walsh. Walsh defeated the Pirates last year at Walsh and the local team is out to avenge that defeat this Saturday. Game time is 1:30 p.m., advance sale of tickets is underway at the school, and home town support will be most welcome at the game Saturday.

The first snow survey of the season was run on November 14 this year by Bill Swartz and Bob Lehman of the Soil Conservation Service. They found snow depths and moisture contents generally on a par with last year, when the reading was made on November 19.

Snow depth on the Upper San Juan this year was 34 inches with 7.8 inches of meltwater. Last year the snow depth was 37 inches with 7.2 inches. Wolf Creek Summit had 43 inches of snow and 9.7 inches of moisture. This compares with 46 inches of snow and 11.8 inches of water last year.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 20, 1997

Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association directors' decision to impose a six-night minimum rental period on single-family residences met strong resistance from local property managers Thursday night during the board's regular meeting.

Vicki Buck, Sunetha Management Inc. president, said the board should reconsider its policy, which went into effect on June 2, 1997. "You've affected 150 property owners adversely," she said. "When you extend the minimum (rental period) from three nights to six, you lose at least 25 percent of your business."

Susan Angelo of Pagosa Realty Rentals agreed by saying the policy would practically negate the possibility of owners renting during Thanksgiving and spring break.

George Esterly favors the current policy. "We do not want short-term rentals in our neighborhood," he said. Sepp Ramsperger said if "the board is going to change this, I recommend you have a public hearing first."

Letters

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

Water sources

Dear Editor:
I noted with interest in last week's paper that PAWSD is considering a pipeline from Stephens Lake to Hatcher Lake so water can be moved when Hatcher's normal water source is seasonally shutoff. It sounds like a great idea, and I hope they are successful. However, Stephens Lake via Lake Pagosa, Village Lake and Lake Forest is also a source of water for the Lake Forest water plant. Does diverting the water to Hatcher just provide a more cost-effective process for producing drinking water or is there some problem/issue in processing lake water at the Lake Forest plant? When I look at the Pagosa Lakes I see a valuable recreational and fishery resource for the community, but I also see an ongoing source of drinking water. My question — in times of drought can we process the water in the Pagosa Lakes via the Lake Forest water plant utilizing the existing equipment operating in the plant? If so,

great job planning for future water needs. If not, what changes need to be included in the PAWSD budget going forward? Bottom line - if the Pagosa Lakes (Pagosa, Village and Forest) are only there for looks, do we need to be securing additional water sources as Pagosa Springs continues to grow?
Kenny Daniels

Election advertising

Dear Editor:
I read that 10 Billion dollars was spent 'advertising' in this latest election; and i feel sad.

Sad that the money wasn't spent on roads, infrastructure, solar energy, education and such—think what could be accomplished for this great country with ten billion dollars.

I don't read these tree-killing paper advertisements; as they're mostly just hyperbolic propaganda—and do these mailings, which fill our postal boxes and overflow the trashcans, even change minds? Does anyone read them, really?

well, 'tis the season to ponder gratitude; and i am grateful for the election workers+ volunteers; and for all those who quietly exercised their right to vote without aggression or enmity. Thanks also to the folks who work to bring us news

and information that isn't sensational, but rather researched, vetted and true.

Addi Greer

Horses on the trail

Dear Editor:
People are expected to pickup after their dogs but horses are allowed on a hiking trail and their riders are not required or even asked to cleanup after the horse. I was lucky to only have minor injuries. There were many school children still at the lake and I hope nothing happened to any of them should they have went off the trail to avoid the horse s... like I did.

I have visited Pagosa Springs several times in different times of the year and I love it.

Paul N. Jones
Humble, Texas

Veterans Day celebration

Dear Editor:
A very special thank you to the middle school and high school students of Sam Johnson and Scott White for honoring our local veterans November 11th at the Ross Aragon Community Center. Through much hard work and detailed planning, the breakfast celebration

was a huge success, and was deeply appreciated by our Veterans.

Board of Directors, Veterans For Veterans, Archuleta County

Veterans Day breakfast

Dear Editor:
Last Friday, Veterans Day, it was an honor and privilege to attend the Veterans Day Breakfast at the Ross Aragon Community Center in Pagosa. This well-organized event, planned and run by the eighth-graders of Pagosa, teachers, and numerous veterans and volunteer staff, never fails to impress.

I got my breakfast and cup of coffee, located a table and was joined by another veteran. Almost immediately, a small group of very polite, courteous students and a teacher came over, introduced themselves and inquired if they could join us. We readily agreed. We proceeded to engage in conversations over a variety of past experiences such as life in the military, historical topics, and other world issues.

On behalf of the many veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice to preserve democracy and freedom, thank you. Job well done. Thank you for your service to our veterans, past and present.

Russ Widener

Gene Tautges picked to serve on water district board

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Nov. 10 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors appointed Gene Tautges to fill a vacancy on the board opened by the resignation of Drew Mackey.

The discussion of filling the board vacancy began with board president Jim Smith outlining that PAWSD had three candidates for the vacancy: Drew Harbison, Gene Tautges and Joseph King.

Smith nominated Harbison for the position, noting that he had asked him to apply, and called for other nominations.

Vice president Glenn Walsh

nominated Tautges.

Smith and Walsh then spoke about the reasoning for their nominations, with Walsh highlighting that his approach is seeking out board members that possess talents the board currently lacks.

Walsh then explained that Tautges' previous work with PAWSD meant there would be "no learning curve" with him, his knowledge of both the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) and PAWSD would be valuable in a potential merger of the districts, and his emotional intelligence would be valuable with the difficult and controversial deci-

sions that would soon come before PAWSD.

Smith highlighted Harbison's business experience and ability to work hard as key qualifications.

PAWSD secretary Bill Hudson commented that he had similar feelings as Walsh concerning Tautges.

The board then voted on the nominations, with Harbison garnering one vote from Smith and Tautges garnering three, from Walsh, Hudson and treasurer Peter Hurley.

Following the vote, Tautges was sworn onto the board.

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Letters

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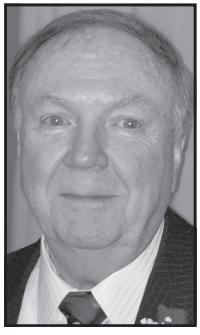
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Obituary

Thomas Kelly Wetzel

Thomas Kelly Wetzel (Kelly) died at East Jefferson Hospital on Nov. 7 at 11:30 a.m. Kelly was born on Sept. 16, 1945, to Ilma Mollere Wetzel and Wilbert James Wetzel in New Orleans, La. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Cathy LaNasa Wetzel; his sister-in-law, Carol M. LaNasa; brother-in-law, John Collins; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents (Wilbert and Ilma) and his siblings (Wilbert J. Wetzel Jr., Mary Wetzel Collins and Carl Michael Wetzel). Kelly graduated from St. Charles Borromeo School (1959), De La



Salle High School (1963), Loyola University (1967), LSU master's degree (1969) and Loyola Law School (1974). As an undergraduate at Loyola, he was a member of the ROTC for four years and, after graduation, went into the Army (Ordnance Corps), where he attained the rank of captain. The Ordnance Corps is a technical Army specialization that tests a soldier's ability to maintain a calm demeanor and make quick decisions — a perfect fit for Kelly's personality. After his tour of duty in the Army, he attended Loyola Law School, where he earned a Juris Doctor (J.D.).

While in law school, Kelly clerked at the firm of Hammett, Leake and Hammett. After receiving his J.D. from Loyola Law School, Kelly was deputy clerk for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal. Following the Fourth Circuit, he was a litigation attorney at Exxon for 20 years and retired from Exxon in 2000. After Exxon, Kelly worked as an attorney at the Kean Miller law

firm in Baton Rouge, La. He was an active member of the Louisiana Bar Association for 48 years.

Kelly and his wife were lifelong residents of New Orleans and Harahan, La. They spent Army days in Aberdeen, Md., and Huntsville, Ala. While in law school, they dreamed of a home someday in Colorado. That dream was fulfilled when, in 1997, they purchased a condo, then a home and finally built a Victorian home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., where they would reside for several months of the year.

Kelly was an avid oil painter. His works included Louisiana swamp scenes, magnolias and still life. The paintings hang in his home and the homes of numerous friends and relatives. Paintings on glass were also a favorite hobby. His other passion was model railroading, which kept him busy for hours building and rebuilding railroad layouts. History was a favorite interest of his and he continued that study throughout his life.

Kelly was devoted to his faith,

his family, his friends and his dogs. He was a kind, generous and compassionate man. He was always ready to help someone or lend a hand. Kelly had a strong spiritual side and he practiced his Catholic faith always. While still a young man, he attended St. Benedict Seminary for two and a half years. He and Cathy took two pilgrimages to Medjugorje in the '80s. He had a wonderful sense of humor. Cooking skills were honed when he worked his way through law school as a waiter at T. Pittari's restaurant on Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans. Pralines and old fashioned were his trademark specialties.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Eternal peace to you, dear Kelly. May you be with God and the angels.

Funeral services were held at St. Dominic Church, New Orleans, La., on Tuesday, Nov. 15, followed by funeral Mass and interment at Lake Lawn Park Mausoleum.

Donations may be made in the name of Thomas Kelly Wetzel to the Trista Nauman Memorial Scholarship, c/o Build Pagosa, P.O. Box 5363, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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Water district hears budget update, discusses fee distribution

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Nov. 10 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors heard an update on the proposed 2023 budget and discussed the potential distribution of fees to fund the Snowball water treatment plant expansion.

PAWSD Director of Business Services Aaron Burns explained that, since the board's previous discussion of the budget on Oct. 20, PAWSD had learned that debt service on the loan to fund the Snowball plant expansion would begin in 2023 instead of 2024.

Burns explained that this approximately \$1.7 million in debt services costs would cause the water enterprise fund, which had been previously expected to rise from an anticipated balance of \$9,178,541 at the end of 2022 to \$10,108,707 at the end of 2023, to instead fall to \$8,439,921 by the end of 2023.

He added that this decrease in the water fund balance indicated to

him that the upcoming rate study would be "pretty important" and PAWSD would potentially need to do further adjustments to the water rates in addition to the 6 percent increase already planned.

He explained that PAWSD is attempting to get the water fund to a place where it would fund the debt service for the Snowball plant.

Burns added that PAWSD is hoping to begin the rate study in the spring of 2023.

He moved on to discuss the wage projections in the budget, which at the request of the board at the last meeting, had been changed from anticipating a 3-5 percent wage increase for staff to a 6-8 percent wage increase.

Burns stated that he incorporated this change into the budget. PAWSD vice president Glenn Walsh commented that he supports the increase in wages to match inflation.

Next, Burns discussed the potential distribution of the additional \$8 per equivalent unit (EU) in fees recommended by the state to support the Snowball plant loan,

with the potential for fees to be split between capital investment fees (CIFs) and water fees.

Burns explained that in modeling the division of revenues, he and District Manager Justin Ramsey had worked to shift the increase primarily to CIFs while attempting to balance the increases in water rate fees and fill station fees.

He explained that, in the provisional model he and Ramsey had created, the water rate would increase by \$3.68 per EU, the fill station fees would increase by \$0.17 and the CIF would increase by 133 percent.

Burns highlighted that CIF income is variable and could potentially go down depending on the number of connections, at which point the fees could be adjusted or shifted.

At the request of Walsh, Burns indicated he would also model how adding availability fees would impact the fee changes.

Walsh commented that he felt Burns had broken down the costs fairly.

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State releases five-year plan to reduce Alzheimer's disease and related dementias impacts

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) announced recently that it has published a five-year state plan to mitigate and reduce the impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias for Colorado residents.

The state plan outlines actions for addressing the special needs of Coloradans living with these disabilities and their care partners through an approach that reduces risk and promotes early detection and diagnosis.

"This plan represents an important roadmap for helping us to reduce the impacts of these devastating conditions across the state," said Jill Hunsaker Ryan, executive director, CDPHE. "We are committed to working with our community partners to empower Coloradans to make informed decisions and to provide the best possible care for their loved ones affected by Alzheimer's."

The Alzheimer's Association estimates that the number of people aged 65 or older in Colo-

rado with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias will rise from 76,000 in 2020 to 92,000 by 2025. In 2021, approximately 159,000 care partners provided 184 million hours of unpaid care to individuals living with these conditions.

Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia, is one of the costliest diseases to manage. Nationwide, the cost of caring and providing care for people with Alzheimer's disease was \$350 billion in 2020 and is projected to increase to over \$1.1 trillion by 2050.

The state plan outlines steps and actions the state and its partners can take to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in all populations, but also focuses on how to reduce health disparities among racial and ethnic populations who experience the disproportionate impacts of dementia. Research shows that these groups are less likely to be diagnosed and experience multiple barriers to accessing care, services and support.

In 2020, the CDPHE received Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act federal funds to create a public health infrastructure to address

dementia in Colorado. The department used this funding to support an inclusive, community-informed process to co-create the new Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias state plan, which included 16 public, private, government, health care, community-based and nonprofit organizations.

For more information, visit the department's CDPHE's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias webpage for resources, get involved or to learn more: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/chronic-disease-prevention/alzheimers-disease-and-related-dementias-adrd>.



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Respiratory virus cases, hospitalizations increasing

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Colorado is experiencing a respiratory virus "cyclone," according to San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Communications Director Megan Graham.

Colorado is seeing rises in cases of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), influenza and COVID-19.

"RSV, in particular, is kind of spiking at an alarming rate," Graham said.

She added the state is currently experiencing more RSV-related hospitalizations than it ever has.

"You combine that with a spike in flu cases as well as a spike in COVID cases and we're just really in a respiratory virus ... cyclone at this point," she said.

On Nov. 11, Gov. Jared Polis signed an executive order amending and extending the current COVID-19 disaster declaration to include RSV, influenza and other respiratory illnesses.

According to the state, "The disaster declaration allows agencies to continue to access state and federal funding for recovery efforts, to rapidly respond to changes in the public health environment, and to support the healthcare system to remain appropriately staffed and prepared to respond to public health. The amendment allows the Colorado Department of Insurance (DOI) to issue emergency rules to reduce administrative burdens on transfers, including pre-authorization requirements, to ensure Coloradans receive necessary healthcare."

For more information on RSV, see related article on page 21 of The PREVIEW.

of staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19 and a new case rate of 128.31 per 100,000 people.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH's COVID-19 data dashboard showed a one-week incidence rate of 187 new cases per 100,000 population, a one-week positivity rate of 31 percent and 22 deaths among cases.

According to a Nov. 1 press release, SJBPH "recommends residents receive one omicron booster shot, which is now widely available. Residents are eligible for the omicron booster if they are age 5 and older and it has been at least 2 months since their last COVID-19 vaccine. The State of Colorado has created a tool to find out how many vaccine doses you or a family member needs for the highest level of protection. Vaccines are the safest, most effective way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death caused by COVID-19."

According to the state, 62 percent of Archuleta County's population has received a primary vaccine series, 36.2 percent have received one or more booster doses and 16.3 percent have received two or more booster doses.

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

Graham also pointed out the state's vaccine bus will be at Walmart from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 20.

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

Flu

As of mid-day Wednesday, SJBPH's flu dashboard showed 12 positives between Oct. 29 and Nov. 12, with seven of those listed under Nov. 12.

The dashboard shows a positivity rate of 5.5 percent on Nov. 12, up from 3.7 percent on Nov. 5.

The majority of cases are listed as being flu A.

The dashboard notes that positivity data is taken from seven facilities in Archuleta and La Plata counties who report the number of tests administered and the positive results.

Statewide, Graham noted, flu is "coming on strong," with modeling predicting flu numbers will continue to rise in the short-term.

An Oct. 31 press release notes, "SJBPH strongly encourages residents to receive their annual flu immunization."

Infection prevention measures

Graham also reiterated one of the most important respiratory illness control measures that should be taken in addition to the standard precautions — vaccinations, hand hygiene and cleaning high-touch surfaces often.

"I think the big one really is stay home if you're sick," Graham said, adding later that also applies to keeping kids home when they are sick.

She also pointed out that what might be a minor illness for one person could "turn into something really significant and dangerous for somebody else."

At-home tests and masks available

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

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

Treatments available for high-risk individuals

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

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

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Regional hospitalizations

Graham reported that, as of late Wednesday morning, Archuleta County and La Plata County together had four ICU beds and 22 medical-surgical beds available.

Graham noted that RSV is not a reportable disease like the flu and COVID, making local RSV hospitalizations unknown, but that, as of Wednesday, Mercy Regional Medical Center had five patients hospitalized for COVID and Pagosa Springs Medical Center had one.

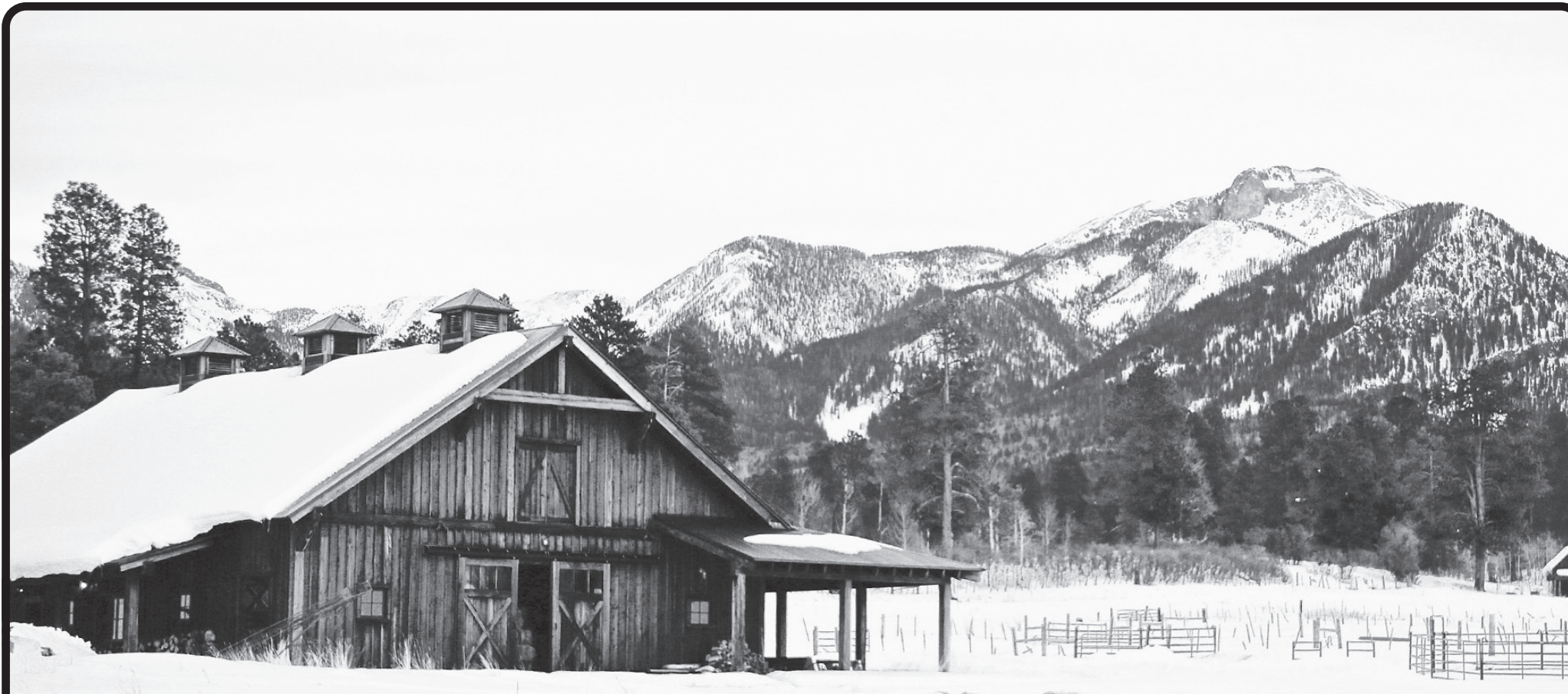
SJBPH's flu dashboard shows no hospitalizations for flu this season.

COVID-19

Following a brief drop back to Community Level low, Archuleta County was again in Community Level medium on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Community Levels for COVID-19 as of Nov. 10.

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

As of Nov. 10, the CDC reports 14.6 new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population, 5.1 percent



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Storefront category added to Holiday Lighting Contest

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

A new Business Storefront category has been added to the Holiday Lighting Contest for 2022.

Our smaller-footprint businesses that only have windows and a small storefront are not able to compete with the larger free-standing businesses in the Business Category. Now businesses can enter their window displays and the public has one more category to choose winners for in the 2022 Holiday Lighting Contest.

The turn-around time is very short for participating businesses. If you wish to enter the contest, you must do so by Friday, Nov. 18. The Storefront Window Contest is open to any Pagosa Springs area business with a storefront window to decorate. Participat-

ing businesses must decorate by Friday, Nov. 25. We ask business properties to turn on their lights and displays between Nov. 25 and the end of the year. Winners will be announced in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Dec. 22.

Storefront Window prizes of first (\$500), second (\$250) and third (\$125) will be awarded as advertising credit in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

An overview of the rules and the sign-up form can be found on the Chamber's website at www.pagosachamber.com or the rules at <https://bit.ly/2022HolidayLightingContest> and the registration form at <https://tinyurl.com/2j2ppcx>. This is great news for many of our retailers, restaurants and even service industry businesses. Join the fun and register to win some valuable advertising credit with The Pagosa SUN.

Don't forget that voting will be open to the public from Nov. 25 to Dec. 18. Take the family out for some free entertainment as you vote for your favorite residence, business or storefront. Our community is so beautiful at this time of year and the lighting contest makes it even more special. You can easily vote from your phone through <https://bit.ly/2022LightingContest>.

Final reminders

The deadline to enter the Business After Hours (BAH) Lottery is Friday, Nov. 18. The drawing for the lottery will take place on Monday, Nov. 21. 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 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 at info@pagosachamber.com and include your business name, contact person and your three months of preference.

There is no BAH held in January due to the annual meeting and in September due to ColorFest.

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.

Town meets with CDOT to discuss road construction

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

At its Oct. 27 work session, the Pagosa Springs Town Council met with two representatives from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to ask questions and review two road construction projects on U.S. 160 that are scheduled to begin next year or early 2024.

The first project discussed was the resurfacing about 4.5 miles of U.S. 160 from 10th Street west to the intersection of U.S. 160 and Scenic Avenue, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained.

Resurfacing will also occur east of the 1st Street bridge on the highway to approximately 300 feet west of the intersection at U.S. 160 and U.S. 84, she continued.

Culvert and guardrail replacement will also occur, as will a new striping pattern, according to Phillips.

This new pattern will make some changes to the highway: dedicated right-turn lanes will be striped for westbound traffic for Trinity Lane and Majestic Drive, a dedicated left-turn lane for eastbound traffic for Pike Drive will be added, a dedicated left-turn lane for westbound traffic for Great West Avenue will be added, and a dedicated left-turn lane for eastbound traffic for North 14th Street.

"There is a floating start date of April 17, 2023 to May 1, 2023 and there are 100 contract days," the agenda brief for the construction reads. "Therefore, it will run into October 2023. CDOT has requested a noise variance from the Police Department to conduct some construction activities (milling, paving, and intersection line striping) at night between 7 pm and 6 am to avoid substantial traffic delays during the day (for areas within town limits)."

Mayor Shari Pierce clarified with one of the representatives that the intention behind the re-striping is that CDOT is trying to address the areas where the most accidents occur.

Pierce also sought clarity on where exactly the highway will reduce to one lane and where two lanes will be kept.

Julie Constan, CDOT Region 5 director, explained that the road will narrow down to one lane before 14th Street as people headed up the hill on 160 in order to create a merging lane for those trying to enter the highway, and then return to two lanes until "just before" Pike Drive.

Pierce then asked what mitigations will be in place during the construction to ensure that businesses are not disrupted.

"Usually, we make sure that we provide access to businesses with all of our projects," Constan said.

"So, if there are any construction impacts that are impacting access to the businesses, we make sure that the traffic can still get through there."

Allison also clarified, at the request of Pierce, that the construction will take place on 1-2 miles of road at a time on one side, meaning that there will never be a point where the entire highway is impacted by the project.

She also noted that the goal is to accomplish much of the project at night, to avoid the heavy flow of traffic that comes with the summer season.

The second project discussed involves the resurfacing of main street, which won't break ground until 2024.

The town has been working with CDOT on planning for improvements on downtown sections of the 160 corridor since the spring of 2018, Phillips explained.

"This project came about as CDOT was working on plans for reconstruction of the Main Street Corridor between 10th Street and First Street," the brief for the project reads. "The scope of the CDOT project will be new concrete on the road service, ADA ramps, drainage improvements, and some sidewalk sections."

Some town council members voiced concerns about the traffic the construction will cause on

main street.

"I know there's been concern about the congestion of the project," Jennifer Allison, CDOT Region 5 engineer, said, adding, "But, through the modeling, we believe it will only cause a 40-second delay."

Council member Maddie Bergon wanted to ensure that this project "which made sense a couple years ago" still makes sense in terms of the town's population growth today.

Constan stated that CDOT is routinely looking at the growth rate projected in the original modeling and, as of right now, the population growth in town is in line with the projection.

Regarding the project as a whole, Phillips explained that any additional design elements such as bike lanes, wider sidewalks or sidewalks in areas that CDOT will not construct as part of the project, pedestrian crossings, raised medians, bump-outs, lighting, signage, utility line upsizing, or replacement and landscaping along the corridor will be outside of the scope of the CDOT reconstruction project and will be "borne by the town."

CDOT plans to finish design and engineering in 2023, go out to bid in fall of 2023 and start construction in 2024, according to the brief.

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The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for week: 193.
Nov. 7 — Failure to appear in court when ordered, Harman Park Drive.

Nov. 8 — Found property, Eagle Drive.

Nov. 8 — Missing person reports, Thunder Basin Court.

Nov. 8 — Theft from building, Eagle's Loft Circle.

Nov. 9 — Information only, Colo. 151.

Nov. 9 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

Nov. 9 — Information only, Apple Court.

Nov. 9 — Information only, Buttress Avenue.

Nov. 10 — Information only, Mayflower Drive.

Nov. 10 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Bastille Drive.

Nov. 10 — Agency assist, Lewis Street.

Nov. 10 — All other thefts, criminal impersonation, crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-theft no force, computer crime-misdemeanor.

Nov. 11 — Agency assist, Aspen Village Drive.

Nov. 11 — Vicious dog with injury, Lassen Drive.

Nov. 12 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Nov. 12 — Third-degree assault.

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Pagosa Fire Protection District new firefighter recruit class announced

Pagosa Fire Protection District

The Pagosa Fire Protection District is excited to announce the completion of the 2022 new firefighter recruit class and congratulate all who participated.

New volunteer firefighters recently completed a 44-hour course on the basics of firefighting. The course included firefighter health and safety, intro to the incident command system, basic principles of fire, personal protective equipment, communications, ladders, water supply, forcible entry, defensive fire control, and loss control and rehab. This class is approved by the state of Colorado Fire Chiefs and is used by many departments throughout the state.

In addition to the state course, the PFPD also includes basic vehicle extrication, fire behavior and live fire classes as part of every recruit class. These supplemental classes are important for firefighters serving our community as volunteers and paid staff work alongside each other at all incidents.

Each member of the PFPD is an essential part of fire district. Being able to provide local training where recruits can become familiar with the actual equipment available to them and fellow firefighters from the district proves invaluable to success.

The PFPD is always interested in encouraging interested individuals to join the district. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, please visit www.pagosafire.com for updates about future classes and recruitment drives.



The Pagosa Fire Protection District's newest firefighter recruit class includes, top row, left to right: Matthew Waller, Edward Patton, Nora Mund and Gabriel Valdez, and bottom row, left to right: Christian Callaway, Ian Lewis and Michael Osman. Not pictured is Alexander Ciszek.

Photo courtesy Michelle Lynn Clark

Blotter

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simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Stallion Place/County Road 359.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for week: 136.
Nov. 5 — Careless driving, U.S. 160/County Road 600.

Nov. 6 — Possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance, warrant arrest, County Road 600.

Nov. 6 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160/14th Street.

Nov. 6 — Careless driving, warrant arrest, Lewis Street/3rd Street.

Nov. 7 — Shoplifting, Pagosa

Street.

Nov. 8 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Nov. 9 — Harassment, Eaton Drive.

Nov. 9 — Criminal mischief, Crestview Drive.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Nov. 10 — Joshua J. Neuleib, driving under the influence-with prior conviction, 375 days jail, 365 days jail suspended imposition, two years probation, 48 hours community service, fines and costs —

\$1,915.50.

Nov. 15 — Terry A. Mazura, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

6th Judicial District Court:

Judge Justin P. Fay

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6th Judicial District Court:

Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

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SJBPH

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 gative committee by the Archuleta County BoCC to investigate the viability of the health district, which led the La Plata County BoCC to begin examining public health services in La Plata County as well.

Stevens explained that the SJBPH Board of Health (BoH) met in April of 2022 and made a “unanimous” recommendation to dissolve the health district and that the La Plata County BoCC held a work session with the BoH and directed staff to begin a “due diligence” process to investigate the dissolution of the district.

He highlighted that the differences between the expectations and philosophies of Archuleta County and La Plata County residents in terms of public health were discussed at this meeting.

Stevens continued that La Plata County worked through the summer to investigate the viability and cost of forming a county health department, leading up to a decision by the La Plata County BoCC in August to pursue the BoH’s recommendation, including negotiating with Archuleta County to create a joint dissolution agreement and timeline for the district.

He stated that the negotiations between the counties had been completed and a joint resolution to dissolve SJBPH effective Dec. 31, 2023, was created.

He added that the resolution also states the counties’ intent to have the dissolution occur in a planned and orderly fashion to “minimize any disruption of public health service delivery to our constituents in either county.”

Stevens moved on to discuss the fiscal impact of the dissolution on La Plata County, highlighting that the county is considering allocating \$750,000 for startup costs for the county health department and is

working with the Otowi Group, an outside consultant, to gather further information on the dissolution process and its costs.

Stevens added that, once the county stands up a health department, it would be able to more accurately assess the ongoing operations costs.

La Plata County Commissioner Clyde Church commented that it is important that the transition is smooth and public health is not compromised in either county as the transition occurs.

La Plata BoCC chair Matt Salka commented that he is glad both counties are working on the joint resolution and thanked the staff of both counties for facilitating it.

La Plata County Commissioner and BoH member Marsha Porter-Norton commented on the dissolution, beginning by stating that she ran for commissioner to create healthy communities and she believes the dissolution will help accomplish this in both counties.

Porter-Norton highlighted that her support for the dissolution is rooted in the BoH’s recommendation to dissolve and noted that the disagreements between the counties on public health began before the pandemic and a dissolution was considered in 2009.

She highlighted that the BoH report on the recommendation to dissolve states, “County views of the regulatory roles of public health in each community are seemingly very different and have made the work of San Juan Basin Public Health Department at times challenging.”

“I think that’s a bit of an understatement,” she added. “I think the report was written for broad audiences and it has been very challenging.”

Porter-Norton also commented that she stated at the BoCC work

session with the BoH that she believes the differences between the counties regarding public health are harming public health delivery and that the situation has had a “corrosive” impact on public trust, “collaborative board and community relationships” and the SJBPH staff.

She also commended the work of SJBPH staff and stated that she believes that the dissolution will create an opportunity to create a more collaborative, locally focused and “nimble” structure for public health.

“I take no joy in this vote,” she said, “It is not a time for gloating and it is not a time for hard feelings between the two counties.”

Porter-Norton concluded by highlighting the shared interests of the counties and their collaboration on broadband and operating the district attorney’s office.

“I think we all need to pledge to do everything possible to make this transition smooth and always keep in mind why we’re here, which is to serve the public,” Porter-Norton concluded.

The BoCC then unanimously passed the joint resolution for the dissolution of SJBPH.

The board then moved on to consider the IGA between the two counties concerning the dissolution.

La Plata County Attorney Sheryl Rogers outlined the terms of the IGA, which she explained describes the mechanics of the dissolution process.

Rogers explained that the IGA is between La Plata County, Archuleta County and SJBPH and also includes a provision for SJBPH to file for the appointment of a receiver to oversee the dissolution process.

“And in that way all the parties have sort of a legal cover and administration by a judge to ensure

that it’s all being dissolved appropriately and it also helps achieve that in a transparent manner,” Rogers commented.

She explained that the IGA deals with five categories of issues, beginning with the disposition of real and personal property.

Rogers indicated that La Plata County will retain the SJBPH public health building in Durango, while Archuleta County will keep the building in Pagosa Springs and commented that the distribution of assets is intended to reflect “an equitable distribution in proportion to the population of each county.”

She added that this approach is being used since this is how the counties have been funding SJBPH.

The IGA also states that Archuleta County will receive two of SJBPH’s eight vehicles; all furniture, supplies and technology worth less than \$350 located in the Pagosa Springs office; and the color copier in the Pagosa Springs office. La Plata County will receive the other six vehicles; all furniture, supplies and technology worth less than \$350 located in the La Plata County office; the vaccine freezer; and the Tablua server.

The IGA notes that other SJBPH assets above \$350 in value will be divided at a later date, with the division following the proportion of population in either county and attempting to allocate assets to the county where they are primarily used.

Rogers explained that, in the second category of the IGA, the remaining balances of SJBPH funds, following the dissolution and the paying off of all creditors, would be distributed between the counties according to population.

The third category, Rogers explained, is leases and other contractual obligations.

She stated that SJBPH has leases on copiers that would need to be assessed, as well as approximately 41 contracts related to grants and program funding.

These contracts would not be assigned to the counties, according to Rogers, and the counties would have to individually assess their desire to enter into new contracts for these grants and programs.

The fourth category, Rogers noted, is software contracts and licenses, which are not typically assignable.

She added that SJBPH would provide the counties with a list of software and licenses used to fulfill

the district’s statutory obligations which the counties could then use to procure the software themselves.

The final category, Rogers stated, is disposition of records, including records pertaining to patients and clients, which she noted might be of public interest.

She explained that the IGA stipulates that SJBPH clients and patients will be notified about the dissolution and will have an opportunity to receive their records or have them transferred to an alternative provider.

Rogers also noted that the IGA discusses SJBPH personnel.

She stated that, throughout 2023, SJBPH staff will continue performing their jobs, although “each county acknowledges that some time and effort by those employees can be dedicated to an individual county to help them stand up their department so that that eases the transition.”

Rogers commented that La Plata County will form a new board of health that will be responsible for hiring a new public health director.

This director will hire employees for the La Plata County Health Department.

Rogers noted that the county is required by state statute to “advertise all of our positions as new positions and to notify existing employees of promotional opportunities and to also list compensation in the advertisement.”

Rogers explained that the county is legally precluded from directly transferring staff from SJBPH, which she noted is not a comment on the quality of SJBPH staff, and the hiring process would be the same as any other county position.

Rogers also commented that the process of creating the IGA had been highly congenial between the three entities’ legal staffs, with no “animosity” or “hotly contested issues.”

She added, “I think it bodes well for our ability to cooperate over the next year and into the future for the two counties.”

Porter-Norton asked Rogers how the Otowi Group report would help the county in maintaining programs and setting priorities in the next year.

Rogers explained that the report will assist the county in “right-sizing” the staffing of the department, potentially make recommendations about programs based on those provided by other comparably sized counties, and provide

a “greater understanding” of the “normal per capita amount to which public health is funded.”

However, she added, the decisions concerning programs will ultimately be made by the board of health, which will consider community needs and the recommendations of the public health director.

Porter-Norton noted that the money La Plata County is setting aside for the health department for 2023 could be used as bridge funding in the short-term, with the department likely breaking even later on.

“We’re not tearing anything apart,” Porter-Norton concluded. “We’re putting it back together in ... a different way and a more local way.”

Following this, the La Plata County BoCC unanimously voted to accept the IGA.

Later, at a meeting of the Archuleta County BoCC, the board unanimously accepted the joint resolution on dissolution and the related IGA.

Prior to the vote on the dissolution agreement, Commissioner Warren Brown commented, “I know that there are some folks in our community that are upset with how things have ended up. However ... this is where we are and I believe that, if we work at this jointly between the two counties, it will be more beneficial in the end result and for the members of our community than if we were to oppose.”

Commissioner Ronnie Maez and Commissioner Alvin Schaaf both stated that they concurred with Brown.

The board then unanimously adopted the joint resolution.

Next, Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver explained the purpose and contents of the IGA and noted that La Plata County, Archuleta County and SJBPH all agreed on the IGA following negotiations.

The board then unanimously approved the IGA.

Following this, Maez commented that the county needs to consider setting aside funding for the creation of a health department.

Brown commented that he understood that the BoCC had already discussed appropriating \$2 million in funds for the health department.

Maez agreed that the BoCC had discussed this, but had not yet approved the appropriation.

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Landfill

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 These fees are changed from the former costs of residential and commercial waste of \$17 per cubic yard compacted or \$15 per cubic yard loose, and construction and demolition waste at \$20 per cubic yard.

The fees at the landfill for dirt, sludge and yard waste remain at \$15 per cubic yard, and mattresses and furniture remain priced at \$23 each.

Appliances with certifications of freon removal and other appliances are now both priced at \$20 each, up from \$17.

A new fee category at the landfill was added for appliances requiring freon removal at \$60 per appliance.

The nonresident fee at the landfill remains unchanged, requiring the addition of \$10 to the fee

charged at the landfill.

The altered fee schedule also adds a \$75 fee for chain removal on roll-offs, a new \$50 fee for pulling out vehicles stuck in the snow or mud, and stipulates that “uncovered/unsecured loads” will result in a doubling of the total fee.

Prices at the county transfer stations remain largely unchanged according to the fee schedule, although appliances with certification of freon removal, appliances without certification of freon removal, other appliances and furniture will now be accepted at fees of \$25, \$65, \$25 and \$23, respectively.

Veterans will receive a 10 percent discount on construction and demolition debris, mattresses and furniture, appliances with certification of freon removal, appliances without certification of freon re-

moval and other appliances where these materials are accepted.

The discount amount and the items it applies to are unchanged from the previous fee schedule.

At the meeting, Woodman noted that the software being used by the county at the landfill could not calculate percentage reductions and thus the discounts would be integrated into the fee schedule as a flat dollar amount discount equal to the percentage discount instead of the percentage discount listed in the fee schedule presented to the commissioners at the meeting.

The commissioners had no questions or comments before unanimously adopting the resolution amending the landfill rates, among other county fees.

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Snowball

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 that PCL is self-performing, such as earthworks, and examined the pricing of other elements of the system, such as electrical and HVAC systems, to create an assessment of the overall pricing of the project.

Canterbury stated that, to his assessment, the project is indeed a \$37 million job instead of a \$25 million job, although he indicated that there are some elements of the project that he still wanted to speak with PCL about and that his final report would not be finished until the next week.

“Overall ... they’re pretty much on the mark,” Canterbury stated. “I don’t see anything that jumps out at me.”

He added that there are certain elements of the project that are somewhat higher than he expected, although there are also elements that are less expensive than expected.

PAWSD secretary Bill Hudson inquired what elements of the project are higher than Canterbury expected.

Canterbury explained that the excavation and mechanical costs are higher than expected, although the estimates for excavation are potentially inaccurate due to difficulties in contacting the local material supplier and the mechanical costs are potentially high because of the difficulties of getting a Denver-based company to supply necessary materials to the relatively remote project.

He added that the contractor’s overall fee is lower than he would have expected, as are the concrete costs.

Canterbury commented that PAWSD is dealing with “one of the best contractors out there.”

District Manager Justin Ramsey explained that PAWSD had been active in the design process for the plant and modified various minor details throughout the process.

In response to a question from PAWSD president Jim Smith, Canterbury explained that he would

hold a “reconciliation meeting” to assess the differences between the costs he expected and the costs PCL provided in the next week, with the final report coming soon afterward.

Ramsey encouraged the board to ask any questions they had for Canterbury, highlighting the large amount of money involved in the project.

Smith commented that it seems that the plant construction should be done, “the faster the better.”

Canterbury agreed, citing that costs would likely continue to rise, an increase partially driven due to labor and supply chain issues.

He added that PCL would be able to put large amounts of pressure on vendors due to its size, which will assist PAWSD in securing materials for the project.

Canterbury commented that the costs for the project would also potentially be lower due to the CMAR arrangement, where PAWSD would be paying for the actual construction and materials costs and thus would benefit from any unexpectedly lower prices or rapid progress on the project that might occur.

At the request of Ramsey, Canterbury then spoke about the benefits and drawbacks of the CMAR approach compared to the design, bid, build process.

He explained that the CMAR arrangement is similar to a design, bid, build process contractually, but brings the contractor into the design process earlier, where they can provide design and constructability feedback, making the final design more effective.

He explained that, following the final design and the submission of a guaranteed maximum price, the project would move forward, although the payments would be delivered through monthly invoices instead of as a lump sum, creating the potential for savings.

He also commented that the contingencies built into the project are key for covering the construction contractor addressing unexpected issues with the project and ensuring a low contractor fee.

Smith commented that, judging from Canterbury’s comments, PAWSD seems to be “on track.”

Canterbury agreed, highlighting the competence of PCL and the accuracy of the price, reinforced by the fact that PAWSD would be paying for the project based on invoices.

The group then discussed the schedule for the project, with Ryan Welu from PCL indicating that delays in the engineering on the project could potentially make completing the construction of the building difficult to achieve by the winter of 2024, which he wanted to accomplish to prevent having to pour concrete in the winter.

Welu proposed that construction on the foundations could begin while the rest of the plans are finalized, thus preventing delays.

Ramsey indicated that PAWSD has to complete its loan agreement for the project, which he noted would be signed on Dec. 15, before construction could begin.

He added that PCL would be ready so that they could begin work immediately after the signing of the loan.

The discussion concluded with Smith thanking Canterbury and Welu for their time.

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Correction

The Oct. 27 article “PAWSD withdraws from groups over open meetings concerns” incorrectly stated that Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board chairman Jim Smith stated that no PAWSD board member except the chairman could serve as a representative for PAWSD on another board without prior board approval.

In fact, Smith stated that no PAWSD board member including the chairman could serve as a representative on another board without board approval.

The SUN regrets this error.

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Cold, sun and snow forecast for weekend

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

More sunny skies and cold nights, along with some chances of snow, are predicted by the National Weather Service (NWS) for Archuleta County for the remainder of the week.

Sunny skies are expected Thursday, Nov. 17, with a high of 33 and 5-10 mph winds in the morning. Partly cloudy skies are expected on Thursday night with a low of 14 and 5 mph winds.

For Friday, Nov. 18, the forecasted high is 29 degrees with chances of snow showers after 11 a.m., partly sunny skies and 5-10 mph winds. The forecasted low is 10 degrees with partly cloudy skies.

For Saturday, Nov. 19, sunny

skies are expected with a high of 33 degrees. The forecasted low is 15 degrees Saturday night with clear skies.

For Sunday, Nov. 20, the forecasted high is 37 degrees with sunny skies. The forecasted low is 18 degrees with mostly clear 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 5.6 inches of snow water equivalent as of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

The Wolf Creek summit was at 108 percent of the Nov. 16 snowpack median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Ani-

mas and San Juan river basins were at 112 percent of the Nov. 16 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 one — low — in terms of avalanche danger, as of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

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

"Most slopes are safe from avalanches. This does not mean small avalanches are impossible. You can trigger small slides on isolated wind-loaded slopes in the alpine that face north and northeast where stiffer wind-drifted snow sits atop older weak snow near the ground. Look for and avoid sculpted smooth pillows of snow below ridgelines and in cross-loaded terrain features like gullies. All other slopes provide safer travel options," the CAIC website notes.

The CAIC website also notes that there is limited snow coverage in La Garita and Sangre De Cristo ranges, adding, "There is more con-

tinuous snow coverage as you move south and west into the heart of the San Juan Mountains and towards the La Plata Mountains, but even here most slopes are generally safe. If you go hunting for problematic areas, you can find isolated slopes on north and northeast-facing terrain that catches wind-drifted snow. You're likely to be drawn there by better coverage, making riding better and less prone to hitting rocks, stumps and other shallowly buried obstacles."

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

River report

Stream flow for the San Juan River at approximately noon on Nov. 16 was 75.1 cubic feet per second (cfs), according to the U.S. Geological Service (USGS) National Water Dashboard.

These numbers are down from a nighttime peak of 123 cfs at 1:15 a.m. on Nov. 16.

This reading is also down from last week's reading of 141 cfs at noon on Nov. 9.

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Pagosa Ranger District plans to burn slash piles this fall and winter

By Scott Owen
Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest's Pagosa Ranger District plans to burn slash piles generated from forest thinning and timber sales in Echo Canyon along Forest Roads (FSR) 029 and 029.M; the lower Turkey Springs/Brockover Mesa area, adjacent to Forest Road (FSR) 629; Pagosa Creek area, adjacent to FSRs 634 and 661; and the Poison Park area near FSR 987.

Forest-thinning projects improve forest health and wildlife habitat, and reduce the risk of wildfire near private residences and other infrastructure. Thinning slash is piled and burned to remove the debris that would fuel wildfire.

Pile burning will begin as early as Nov. 21, when there is sufficient snow or rain present to prevent fire spread, and will continue as long as conditions allow. The pile burning may continue through April 2023, if favorable conditions exist. Firefighters will ignite and monitor pile burning activities while heat is present. These activities should not affect public access or use of the forest.

Burning will only occur when all conditions of the state-issued

smoke permit are met. Learn how to smoke from wildfires, prescribed burns and pile burns may affect your health by visiting the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment website: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

The USDA Forest Service has recently completed a 90-day nationwide operational pause and program review of protocols, decision support tools and practices related to the implementation of prescribed fire. This pause has allowed time to identify and immediately implement program improvements to ensure firefighters have the resources, tools and support needed to safely carry out this important work. The lessons learned, driven by the best available science, will be implemented before the Forest Service resumes its prescribed fire program.

For more information on this project, contact the Pagosa Ranger District at (970) 264-2268.

For information on prescribed burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874, visit the forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan/> or follow the forest on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/SanJuanNF>.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Nov. 17

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District special board meeting, 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosahun.com>.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 30

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>.

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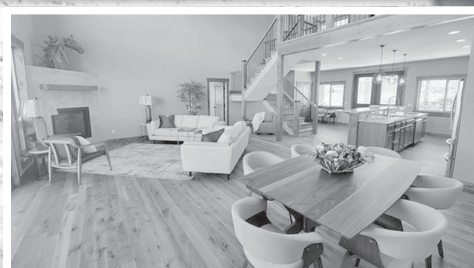


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Town council continues to tackle 2023 budget in work session, public hearing Nov. 17

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed the Town of Pagosa Springs' 2023 budget at its Nov. 8 work session.

On the docket to discuss during the meeting were the Capital Improvement Fund budget and the 10-year capital improvement plan, the trust and impact fee budget and the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) budget.

The goal of the meeting was for town council members to review the town's expenditures and projected revenues ahead of the first public hearing regarding the budget, which takes place on Thursday, Nov. 17, during the town council's regular meeting at 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

Capital Improvement Fund

The Capital Improvement Fund is the largest fund operated by the town and is primarily supported by sales tax revenues, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

However, she added, the fund also receives significant funding from other sources, primarily in the form of grants from the state or federal governments.

"This can vary widely from year to year depending on the availability of grant funding from different sources," the proposed budget document reads. "For 2023, it is anticipated that approximately \$1,802,078 will be received from various grant sources for projects in the areas of crosswalk improvements, trails, and historic preservation."

For 2023, the overall revenue in the Capital Improvement Fund from all sources is expected to total \$10,165,883, which includes \$3,408,340 of cash reserves from 2022.

Of that, \$4.7 million, or about 69 percent, will come from sales tax, Phillips explained.

The town council members approved of the sales tax projection for next year during the work session.

Expenditures for 2023 are expected to total \$7,402,255 and include multiple projects.

As in the past, in 2023 there will be a continued focus on maintenance activities throughout town, Phillips explained.

Essentially, the fund pays for capital projects for almost all departments of the town and includes general government, police, parks, the Ross Aragon Community Center, streets, sidewalks, trails, geothermal and the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, the proposed budget document explains.

In addition, the Capital Improvement Fund also helps to pay the operational costs for those departments that service the capital expenses and provide ongoing maintenance of these assets, which

includes the streets division and facilities maintenance out of the Public Works Department and parks maintenance out of the Parks and Recreation Department.

For 2023, the total annual revenue from all sources is estimated to be \$6,757,544 and the projected expenditures out of the Capital Improvement Fund are anticipated to total \$7,402,255.

This means that the town is projecting to spend into fund reserves by \$644,712 to complete projects, leaving a projected ending fund balance at the end of 2023 of \$2,763,628.

Major projects planned for next year include:

- Crosswalk improvement at 1st Street and U.S. 160.
- Increased parks maintenance, including attention to irrigation, trees and trails.
- Construction of the Piedra Road intersection improvements at U.S. 160 as part of the "Harman Hill Phase" of the Town-to-Lakes Trail.
- Sidewalk program replacement and repairs, including new sections.
- Drainage maintenance and new culverts in areas of town such as "dog alley" (at the end of 4th Street).
- An update to the Street Maintenance Plan carrying over street paving projects that were not completed in 2022.

Trust and Impact Fee Fund

The Town, for many reasons, holds a variety of funds in trust and, in the past, collected impact fees for new developments. The funding is restricted for specific purposes such as road improvements, public facilities, parks and trails, Phillips explained.

Annual revenues are expected to total \$118,000 in 2023, the proposed budget document states.

In 2023, expenditures out of the trust/impact fees accounts are estimated to total \$108,180, which leaves an annual surplus of \$9,820.

A year-end 2023 fund balance of \$315,601 is estimated, which includes the prior year's carryover of \$305,781, Phillips explained.

- The expenditures include:
- \$20,000 for health account expenses.
 - \$5,000 for Community Center expenses.
 - \$35,000 for the Festival of Trees.
 - \$5,000 for Reservoir Hill improvements.
 - \$33,180 for Yamaguchi Park South improvements.
 - \$10,000 for "perpetual maintenance."

PSSGID Fund

The PSSGID, an entity of the town, includes 190,000 feet of collection main sewer lines with 475 manholes and three lift stations, and the pumping stations that transport the town's wastewater to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) campus for treatment, the budget document states.

In 2022, several improvements were made to the system, including a major pump replacement project, following years of issues with the efficiency and stability of

the system.

As the 2023 goals and objectives of town council state, major goals with the district include to "stabilize the pumping system, continue maintenance, and upgrade efforts and explore long-term community solutions with the goal of the Town getting out of the sanitation business."

The PSSGID is expected to earn \$1,254,454 in revenue and spend about \$1,397,564 in 2023, according to the proposed budget document.

Expenditures are related to the following goals of the district next year:

- Create training redundancy with the utilities supervisor and utility operator positions to be prepared for any situation and continue efforts to cross-train.
- Continue efforts to educate the community on what not to flush down the drain or toilet to protect the system.
- Continue efforts to inspect grease traps for FOG (fats, oils and grease).
- Install new media in the odor control scrubber system per the replacement schedule.
- Continue to utilize the digitization of district data and iWorQ system to manage and track PSSGID workflow.
- Continue work on the Capital Improvement Plan, specifically the collection line replacement projects, through a phased approach as funds permit.
- Continue to seek additional funding for capital projects.
- Prepare a plan for sewer line rehab under U.S. 160, in preparation for the main street reconstruction project in 2024/2025.
- Continue to improve processes with other town departments for review of sanitation usage and capacity within the development review process.

The goal of the meeting was for town council members to review the town's expenditures and projected revenues ahead of the first public hearing regarding the budget, which takes place on Thursday, Nov. 17, during the town council's regular meeting at 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

- Continued street maintenance projects, including patching and crack sealing on multiple streets per the Pavement Assessment Plan.
- Milling and overlay multiple street sections to include some that were not able to be finished in 2022: North 2nd Street from Lewis Street to Mesa Drive, Florida Street from 8th Street to 6th Street, the Visitor Center Parking Lot, and asphalt trails located west of Hot Springs Bridge and uptown from Pinon Causeway to Eaton Drive). In 2023, additional sections are proposed for mill and overlay treatment: North 1st Street from U.S. 160 to the end of the street, Pike Drive from U.S. 160 to the town limits, Trinity Lane, South 5th Street from Pirate Drive to the lagoon property/ Yamaguchi South (including the parking area), Hermosa Street and Aspen Village Drive.
- Streets scheduled for chip seal treatment in 2023 include Lewis Street, Durango Street, Eaton Drive and South 6th Street.
- Continued restoration of the historic Rumbaugh Creek Bridge (Phase II), with the assistance of a grant from the State Historic Fund.
- River restoration projects, including access improvements.

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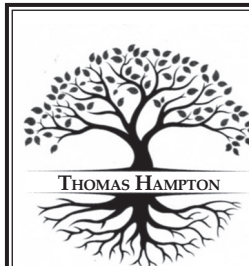
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Water district talks about gravel pit lease extension, hears concerns from neighbors

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Nov. 11 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors considered extending a lease for the Weber family for the Running Iron Ranch — where a reservoir is proposed to be located — and heard public concerns on the issue.

District Manager Justin Ramsey explained that he had spoken with the Webers and the PAWSD attorney and had made minor changes to the one-year lease extension, although “it basically falls in line with the proposal they gave us a month or two ago.”

He then commented that PAWSD would need to hold a joint meeting with the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) before moving forward with the lease.

Ramsey added that he thinks the lease is “pretty fair” and that the Webers are generally supportive of the terms.

The board then discussed the lease terms, including a provision that the Webers could remove no more than 30,000 tons of gravel from the property during the lease, excluding any materials sold to PAWSD; a provision ensuring that neither PAWSD nor the Webers are responsible for items left on the property not related to the gravel mine; provisions delegating the responsibility for weed control on the property; and a \$500,000 security on the property.

Ramsey also explained that the \$48,137.78 payment for the extension is the cost of the interest on the property for 2023 and that it had been difficult to determine what a fair market rate for the lease would be due to the unique leases and access held by the Webers that allow them to use the land differently than another lessee could.

PAWSD Treasurer Peter Hurley questioned if there is any reason why mining out the remaining gravel on the property would take longer than a year and any reason why PAWSD would extend the lease further.

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He added that the Webers could request an extension by bringing materials in from outside the property, although he was not sure how feasible this would be.

He further noted the reclamation of the mine is currently underway.

The group then discussed that the lease allows the Webers to mine

out 30,000 tons of gravel in addition to the 9,000 tons that would be needed by PAWSD for its Snowball water treatment plant expansion, with the gravel for PAWSD potentially coming from reopening a mine on the San Juan River instead of from the current pit.

Ramsey expressed concerns about the value of doing this due to the “headache” that reopening the mine would cause, although he indicated that it would likely save approximately \$125,000 to source gravel from the Webers for the expansion.

However, after further discussion, the group decided to attempt to create a contract with the Webers to purchase the gravel from the existing pit to avoid the difficulties that reopening the pit on the river would cause and to avoid damaging the values of nearby properties.

The board then heard comments and concerns from residents of the nearby Log Park neighborhood about the lease extension.

The residents expressed concerns about the disruptions caused by the noise and dust generated by the pit and questioned whether the mining would stop or if PAWSD would continue indefinitely extending the lease.

They also expressed that they had bought their properties in the area with the understanding that the mining would eventually end and are now concerned that there will be no end to the mining and crushing operations on the property.

The residents also questioned why PAWSD is now interested in extending the lease when earlier in the year the board had expressed no interest in extending the lease.

Ramsey raised the possibility that terms restricting hours of operation and requiring dust mitigation could be added to the contract.

He also explained that structural elements of reclamation as well as the mining are expected to be completed by the end of the lease, although the revegetation would take additional time.

He added that the neighbors had a “very fair point” that the Webers knew that the lease would end in January 2023 and have not completed the reclamation.

The group also discussed that the Webers continuing to bring in outside rocks to crush at the pit could extend the pit’s operations and keep the Webers’ permit with the state active as long as PAWSD continues to extend the lease.

PAWSD vice president Glenn Walsh explained the reasons why the PAWSD board had changed its stance from earlier in the year on extending the lease, citing the more favorable terms offered by the Webers in the current agreement, changes to the timeline of the Snowball plant expansion and the increased price of transporting

gravel. He added that these changes turned the lease extension from an approximately \$30,000 savings for PAWSD to an approximately \$180,000 savings.

Walsh expressed a willingness to add terms restricting the time the pit could be open, while PAWSD secretary Bill Hudson commented that he would also like to add terms restricting the Webers from bringing in additional rock to crush at the pit.

Hurley highlighted that he came from the neighborhood and understood the residents’ concerns, although he also had to weigh the savings for PAWSD and the potential benefits for the entire community.

The group then discussed how these terms would be enforced and if it would be possible for PAWSD to add such restrictions.

Ramsey commented that it would likely be possible for PAWSD to add restrictions on hours of operation and outside materials to the contract, although he was unsure how effective enforcement would be and how dust mitigation restrictions would be formatted.

However, following neighbors highlighting that having the restrictions in the lease agreement would provide a greater basis for reports and complaints about the pit’s operations, the board decided to add these terms to the contract.

The board then directed Ramsey to move forward with amending the lease to integrate the Log Park residents’ concerns about the hours of operation for the pit, dust mitigation and the bringing in of outside materials for crushing.

Ramsey indicated that he would work on integrating these concerns into the contract and would present this to the Webers and work on scheduling a joint meeting between PAWSD and SJWCD to discuss the lease extension.

That work session was held Tuesday, Nov. 15.
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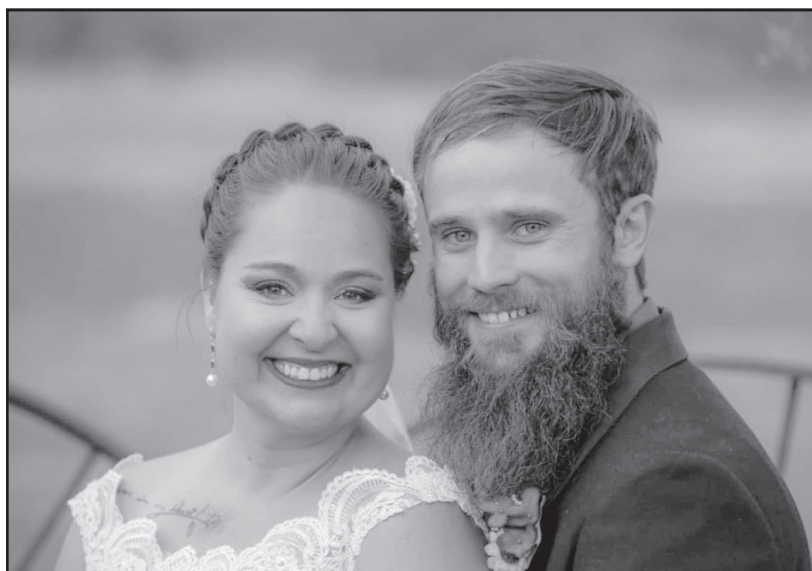
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Education

Charter school board hears about, discusses assessment results

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Oct. 19, the Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors heard about and discussed the school's test results from a pair of assessments that are taken throughout the school year.

Those included DIBELS, or Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills, which is taken by students in kindergarten through third grade, and the NWEA assessment taken by first- through eighth-grade students.

School Director Angela Reali-Crossland first presented the DIBELS data to the board.

Reali-Crossland explained it is a benchmark test that is taken three times per year, and she further explained the assessment allows the school to make sure all students who tested below grade level are put in small groups for more support.

Reali-Crossland presented grade-level data on where students fell on the DIBELS color

chart, which indicates the level of support a child should receive. Red indicates a need for "intensive support," yellow for "strategic support," and green and blue for "core support"

Reali-Crossland also explained there is a maturation process, with some kids not ready for things developmentally, then it will click for them when they are ready and they'll jump up to grade level or above.

She added that it is important to have kids reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

According to the data presented by Reali-Crossland, 20 percent of the school's kindergartners fell under red, 32 percent fell within yellow, 12 percent fell within the green range and 36 percent fell into the blue.

For first grade, 66 percent fell within red, 20 percent fell within yellow, and 7 percent fell within both green and blue.

For second grade, 43 percent of students fell within red, 21 percent

fell within green and 5 percent fell within blue. No students were in the yellow range.

For third grade, 32 percent fell under red, 14 percent fell under yellow, 18 percent fell under green and 36 percent fell under blue.

Reali-Crossland then presented the NWEA data.

She explained that the NWEA is not a grade-level test, but will adjust the difficulty for students as they go, meaning it will get more difficult as they answer correctly and easier if they answer incorrectly.

The board members noted the difference in first-grade scores between the two assessments, with Reali-Crossland suggesting there is a different dynamic with the test.

Board president Ursula Hudson also pointed out that students who began with PPOS in kindergarten, now fifth-graders, continue to get good scores.

NWEA math

PPOS first-graders scored an

average of 161.1 on the fall test, compared to a national norm of 157.9.

Second-graders scored an average of 170.2, compared to a national norm of 173.1.

Third-graders scored an average of 186.1, compared to a national norm of 186.9.

Fourth-graders scored an average of 185.6, compared to a national norm of 198.3.

Fifth-graders scored an average of 208.4, above the national norm of 208.1.

Sixth-graders scored an average of 200.4, compared to the national norm of 213.8.

Seventh-graders scored an average of 209.2, compared to the national norm of 219.5.

Eighth-graders scored an average of 207, compared to the national norm of 224.3.

NWEA reading

First-graders scored an average of 157.9, above the national norm of 153.8.

Second-graders scored an average of 170.3, compared to the national norm of 170.3.

Third-graders scored an average of 182.7, compared to the national norm of 184.9.

Fourth-graders scored an average of 189.6, compared to the national norm of 195.2.

Fifth-graders scored an average of 216.4, above the national norm of 203.3.

Sixth-graders scored an average of 196.2, compared to the national norm of 209.3.

Seventh-graders scored an average of 203, compared to the national norm of 213.5.

Eighth-graders scored an average of 214.4, compared to the national norm of 217.4.

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Aging playgrounds present safety concerns for schools

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

School maintenance teams help make schools run. They keep buildings and playgrounds safe, our classrooms comfortable, and the plumbing and electricity flowing.

They are "educators too, but in the background," mostly going unnoticed, said Archuleta School District (ASD) Maintenance Director Josh Sanchez at the Nov. 8 ASD Board of Education meeting, where he presented information about ongoing and completed projects regarding school facilities, while also expressing concern about aging facilities and areas where recent code inspections have found the district in possible violation.

Before getting into specific code issues, which will need to be addressed by the district in the short-term, Sanchez presented information about the longer-term outlook regarding the district's aging and, in some cases, deteriorating buildings and infrastructure.

According to Sanchez, the district's buildings range from as old as 1924 (the fifth- and sixth-grade building of Pagosa Springs Middle School) to as new as 1999 (Pagosa Springs High School).

"Things are breaking down," he said.

For example, the middle school has a major sewer line running under the main hallway, with no real crawl space under the flooring to make room for any major repairs.

"There's a line that we can clean out," Sanchez said, adding there's a fear that it's only a matter of time until the plumbing fails.

He added, "The concern is that if that thing goes, our only way to get to it is to dig up the hallway. So, we are a little nervous. We do keep cleaning it out, but how long can we continue to do that? I won't know until it breaks."

Additionally, the middle school's electrical infrastructure is also nearing 100 years old, dating back to the 1930s, and is "still wrapped

with cloth," said Sanchez.

The maintenance team hoped to install a new lighting system on the middle school stage for the performing arts, but this would take a "pretty good remodel," he said, "to get proper stage lighting in there."

Another major concern for Sanchez is the roofing at all of the schools.

"I cannot tell you how many times we're gonna go work on leaks, especially now that the snow's coming. It's pretty constant and daily," he said. Here, both Sanchez and Superintendent Rick Holt questioned how long the district should continue handling such facilities problems using a so-called "patchwork approach," fixing aging equipment and building facilities only as problems arise.

There may come a time, according to Holt, when this approach ends up costing the district more money in the long run than undergoing a major remodel or replacement project for school facilities.

In an email to The SUN, Holt wrote, "We want to acknowledge that our buildings are aging, which will evolve into an increasing number of repairs and increased costs of repairs as major systems continue to deteriorate."

To be clear, the aging buildings and infrastructure problems were pinpointed through district self-assessments, based on "our own observations," said Holt. Therefore, the district has time to figure out a plan for what it wants to do regarding aging facilities.

However, recent inspections from area regulatory agencies revealed items that will require more immediate attention.

A recent inspection by San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), for example, found that the mats along the gym walls at the elementary, middle and high schools all need replacing, "specifically those whose vinyl had tears and rips," out of concern for "disease transmission," according to Sanchez.

Additionally, inspection visits at both the elementary and middle schools by the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool (CSD-SIP) found that the playgrounds are currently not up to code, with the issues being aging equipment; lack of appropriate cushioned surfacing, which should be a minimum of 9 inches high; and concerns about dangerous metal structures.

These problems will require immediate attention, according to Sanchez. The district faces three options: shutting down the playgrounds, adding appropriate surfacing and removing any equipment deemed to be unsafe, or undergoing a full-remodel of the school playgrounds.

Sanchez said that the CSDSIP is being "very nice," trying to work with the district to find solutions, even recommending companies who could repair faulty playground equipment.

And, on the surfacing issue, the district should see temporary reprieve as winter snow adds cushioning to playground surfaces, he indicated. However, action will soon need to be taken, on both fronts, in order to keep the playgrounds open.

"They [the CSDSIP] want to see that we are making plans to make adjustments," said Sanchez.

As Sanchez's presentation highlighted mounting facilities problems facing the district, board member Amanda Schick asked Sanchez to prioritize what the most immediate problem is for the board to address.

He said, "per insurance and inspections, technically we shouldn't have anyone" on some of the playgrounds, to which Schick asked, "technically, or legally or all

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Kathy Faber joins Seeds of Learning professional team

By Danyelle Leentjes
Seeds of Learning



Kathy Faber

Seeds of Learning is thrilled to announce the addition of Kathy Faber as program director at the Early Childhood Education Center. The program director is responsible for providing management, leadership and integrity in the operations of Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center. Faber is best known for teaching kindergarten at Pagosa Springs Elementary School and enriching the lives of generations of families in the community for over three decades. She recently retired from teaching kindergarten. "It has been my privilege to work for 34 years as a kindergarten teacher — alongside amazing educators and administrators — on behalf of young children and their families in Pagosa Springs," said Fa-

ber about her new role at Seeds of Learning. "I have valued the partnership and connection we have

enjoyed between kindergarten and Seeds of Learning. Now that I have retired from teaching kindergarten, it is such an honor to be able to help and care for students and families on the preschool side. I am already learning so much from the incredible director, teachers and staff. Their care for the children and expertise in early childhood development is evident in all they do throughout each day." Faber's experience further strengthens the professional team at Seeds, with Executive Director Michelle Cusick leading Seeds' educational mission and Danyelle Leentjes as fund development manager. Lisa Peters, Seeds board president, had this to say about the Seeds' administrative staff, "The staff leadership team that we have assembled at Seeds of Learning brings years of experience that puts

them at the top of their field and reflects our standard of excellence required to be a nationally accredited center. It started long ago with Lynne Bridges and our new team of Michelle, Kathy and Danyelle have taken us to the next level. These strong leaders ensure our children have the best environment to develop a lifelong love of learning and we could not be prouder to have them leading us into the future." Seeds of Learning is a not-for-profit, nationally accredited early care and childhood center in Pagosa Springs promoting the growth of the "whole child" while instilling the love of learning for diverse young learners in Pagosa Springs for 25 years. For more information on Seeds of Learning and how you can support early childhood development in Archuleta County, please visit GrowingSeeds.org.

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Safety

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Sanchez replied, "All of the above."

He then further discussed the options.

"The quick option," Sanchez said, would be to "shut down the playgrounds until we figure out what we are going to do."

However, to have the playgrounds open come spring, it will require, at minimum, adding the appropriate surfacing and removing "any structures that shouldn't be there," according to Sanchez.

The board members indicated they did not want the playgrounds closed, which board vice president Dana Guinn noted could also become an administrative and disciplinary burden.

Keeping the playgrounds open, so that "the kids have a place to exercise and be safe, and have the opportunity to be kids," said Holt, is priority No. 1.

"We have an obligation to provide a safe environment," said

board member Butch Mackey. "That's first and foremost. If we can't do that, then our only option is to close them down until we can."

Here, the conversation turned to questions about short-term versus long-term priorities.

Holt asked the board for guidance not only on the district's short-term priorities, like fixing the playgrounds, but also on longer-term facilities problems, like aging buildings and infrastructure, which will also require significant financial resources to upgrade as time passes.

Holt asked the board to consider the current patch approach versus the future prospects of major upgrades or remodels.

"Like, is a patch good enough until we decide to do something major?" Holt asked. "Or is the board inclined to say, 'Let's redirect funds and take care of this?'"

To this point, board president resident Bob Lynch suggested that, based on what he was hearing, closing down any of the school

facilities is never a good option and should be considered only as a last resort.

"We have to do our best to make it safe, and make it available in the fastest time possible," Lynch said, "and then we have to step back and say, what's the longer-term plan?"

Mackey agreed, saying, "I've been here for quite awhile, and we've been putting Band-Aids on these buildings for as long as I've been here. Costs and the lack of usability of facilities — playgrounds or whatever — are just going to continue."

The playground issue, Mackey continued, "is a safety issue that needs to be addressed now, and we need to find the best way to approach it in the short term," and then try to address aging facilities in a "long-term manner."

Guinn stated that she was unsure about making any long-term financial investments until she can see more information about how much the "patch approach" is projected to cost the district over

the long-term versus an overhaul of district facilities, which, after all, could require a bond package to finance.

She also agreed that, in the short-term, facilities must be made "safe and available."

Lynch suggested the board start thinking about a "big, macro — all of the buildings" approach, and how "we might think about capital, and how do we think about bonds and that sort of thing."

For now, however, the board must address the more pressing, immediate priorities — "making things safe and making things available," said Lynch.

In a statement to The SUN, Holt wrote, "We have the responsibility to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and there will come a time when continuing to make repairs will not be the most economically sound decision. While we have not yet reached that time, we will be working closely with the board to prioritize the most immediate repairs as they arise, keeping student and staff safety, as well as working and learning conditions our top priority."

Radon video, poster contests open to Colorado students

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) invites students to participate in the 2023 National Radon Video and Poster contests.

Students have the opportunity to get the word out about indoor radon risks, win cash prizes and have their artwork and videos distributed across the state or country. Entries must be received by Nov. 21.

The contests are designed to raise awareness about the importance of radon testing and to inform people of the dangers of radon in their homes.

Students may enter the Colorado contest, and the winning poster and video representing Colorado will be entered in the national contest. State winners receive \$300 for first place, \$200 for second, \$100 for third, and teachers of students with winning entries each receive \$100. The winning poster and video will also be displayed on the department's website and posted on our social

media channels.

Students ages 9-14 are eligible to participate in the poster contest. There is also a 30-second video contest that is open to students ages 14-18. Only one entry per student is allowed.

Contest submission forms, topics, and rules are available on at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/radon>.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas responsible for hundreds of Colorado lung cancer deaths each year. The colorless, odorless, tasteless gas can enter homes through cracks in the foundation or other openings and can accumulate unless properly miti-

gated. Long-term radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. In Colorado, about half the homes have radon levels higher than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recommended action level of 4 picoCuries per liter of indoor air.

More information about radon, discounted test kits and radon contractors is available on CDPHE's website or by calling Colorado's Radon Hotline at (800) 846-3986. For additional contest information, contact Chrystine Kelley at chryskelley@state.co.us.

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Sports

UNIFIED BOWLING



Photo courtesy Cyndi Figaro

The Pirate Unified bowling team poses for a picture after finishing as the runner-up at last week's regional competition. The Pirates had a total pinfall of 430, which was second to Rye's 432 and earned the Pirates a spot in the state championships.

Pirates finish second at regionals, advancing to state

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate Unified bowling team earned a spot at this week's state championships in Englewood after finishing second at regionals in Pueblo last week.

The team, in its second season, was just three pins away from claiming the regional title.

According to PSHS Special Talents teacher Cyndi Figaro, the Pirates pinfall at the Nov. 10 regional competition was 430, with Rye tak-

ing first with a total pinfall of 432. Three teams out of each of the state's regions advanced to the state championships, which will take place Friday, Nov. 18, in Englewood.

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

"We started the school year with four incoming freshmen. Samuel, Carson, Justus and Juriah," Figaro wrote in an email to The SUN. "Reece, junior, was our only returning athlete. Zichlely 'Laly,' senior, is our Unified Partner. Laly is a positive role model for our students."

Like regionals, the state championships will use the Baker Format, where multiple bowlers bowl

one game taking turns. Teams will each complete five games at the meet, with the winner decided by total pinfall.

"Their plan is to have fun and to not have any gutter balls," Figaro wrote.

Figaro also points out the team is also already excited for next year after missing first place at regionals by only three pins.

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.

randi@pagosasun.com

Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2022-006

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On August 16, 2022, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s): Jean L. Mead-Lewis
Original Beneficiary(ies): IBERIABANK
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: First Horizon Bank
Date of Deed of Trust: May 14, 2014
County of Recording: Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: May 19, 2014
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.): 21402672
Original Principal Amount: \$578,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$524,408.29
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. Tract 26 in Alpine Lakes Ranch-Alpine Meadows Unit #2, According to the Plat Thereof Filed for Record February 14, 2000 as Reception No. 20001572. Also known by street and number as: 105 Spence Cabin Court, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 12/15/2022, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 11/17/2022
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Name of Publication: Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 08/16/2022
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
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:
Karen J Radakovich, Esq. #11649
Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C. 4750 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305-5500 (303) 494-3000
Attorney File # 35085-1
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. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

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

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff and in to the real property situate 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 OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
ROBERT L. REYNOLDS
17611 HADA DRIVE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92127-1225
ROSA R. REYNOLDS
17611 HADA DRIVE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92127-1225

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2019, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

MARK S. JESKE

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

LOT 649 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION 74884.

Account Number: RD10165
Schedule Number: 569919422019
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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2023 VALE FUNDS - 6TH Judicial District, La Plata, San Juan & Archuleta Counties (VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT)
GRANT PERIOD: January 1, 2023– December 31, 2023
The Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board announces the availability of 6th Judicial District VALE funds. The VALE Board is a five member, volunteer, community board appointed by the judicial district's Chief Judge, the Honorable Jeffrey R. Wilson. Funding for these funds is generated from a surcharge or fee assessed to people convicted of felonies, misdemeanors, traffic offenses and fish and game violations, no tax dollars are used.

APPROXIMATE AMOUNT AVAILABLE: \$165,000
During the 2022 grant cycle, five agencies were funded for a total of \$121,000.

FUNDING PURPOSE: The purpose of the 6th Judicial District VALE grant process is to fund effective and efficient programs which will provide services to crime victims in the 6th Judicial District and assist them with emotional and physical needs to stabilize their lives, provide a measure of safety and security, and/or enhance victims' experience with the criminal justice system.

FUNDING PRIORITIES: Programs that are required to implement the victim's rights constitutional amendment, programs that provide direct services to crime victims and witnesses as outlined in VALE statute', victim-related training, equipment and personnel needs of law enforcement agencies. The VALE Board has also established the following priorities: programs that provide direct services to victims of violent crime, unique and non-duplicative programs; agencies working with children and young adults; agencies offering a unique service to the community (unmet needs in an underserved community);

The VALE Board may take into consideration factors other than those stated above in making their final decision. Board members may award money for projects not designated in the priority categories. The fact that an applicant meets eligibility requirements and applies for services within a priority category does not guarantee funding.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications will be available Wednesday November 2, 2022 and returnable no later than Friday December 2, 2022. To request an application please contact Jane Foy at the District Attorney's Office in Durango ph (970) 382-6345, 1060 E Second Avenue, Suite E-10, Durango, CO 81301. jane.foy@co.laplata.co.us
*copies of VALE statute and Victim Right's Act are available upon request.
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Archuleta County, Colorado
North Pagosa Boulevard Resurfacing (Station 9+00 to 52+25)
Archuleta County, Colorado is in the process of finalizing the above listed project constructed by PAP, LLC, P.O. Box 758, 39108 Highway 160, Bayfield, Colorado 81122. Any claims against this project by suppliers, subcontractors, or others should be delivered to the project engineering firm of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. at 188 S. 8th Street, P.O. Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147. All claims shall be delivered prior to December 12, 2022. Any claims received on or after December 12, 2022 shall not be considered. Claim forms can be obtained from Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (Phone 970-264-5055).
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2022 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION AND 2023 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
(Pursuant to § 29-1-106 and § 29-1-109, C.R.S.)
NOTICE is hereby given that the 2022 Draft Supplemental Budget and 2023 Proposed Budget have been submitted to the San Juan Basin Public Health ("SJBPH") Board of Health. These budgets will be considered at a public hearing which will take place during the regular meeting of the Board of SJBPH on December 15, 2022, commencing at 9:00 a.m., at 281 Sawyer Drive, Durango, CO 81303. Agendas and meeting information are available at spublichealth.org/boardofhealth.
The 2022 Draft Supplemental and 2023 Proposed budgets are available for inspection at spublichealth.org/reportsandbudgets. Paper documents are also available for inspection at SJBPH's administrative offices Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, located at 281 Sawyer Drive Suite 300, Durango, Colorado 81303 and in Archuleta County from Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 502 S.8th Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Anyone

within the Health District (La Plata County and Archuleta County, CO) may provide comment to SJBPH at any time prior to the adoption of budgets.
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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:
SAWILL CREEK RANCH TIMBER & CATTLE COMPANY, LLC
v.

Defendant:
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, 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 Street, Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com
Case Number: 2022CV30066

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

PLAINTIFF SAWILL CREEK RANCH TIMBER & CATTLE COMPANY, LLC
TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:
ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

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

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

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

A Tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 27 and the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 28, Township 34 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., Archuleta County, Colorado. Said tract of land being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning the northeast corner of the tract herein described, from whence the northwest corner of said Section 27 bears N01°53'51"W, 1349.73 feet distant; Thence along the arc of a curve to the left with an arc length of 418.32 feet, and a radius of 603.00 feet, the long chord of which bears S30°10'40"E, a distance of 409.99 feet.;

Thence S50°00'42"E a distance of 639.00 feet to the projection of the westerly line of Parcel 1 as shown on Survey Deposit Map S1694;

Thence S08°32'05"W along said projection a distance of 23.59 feet to the northerly corner of said Parcel 1, which corner is a point on the southerly right-of-way of County Road 339;

Thence S08°32'05"W along the westerly line of said Parcel 1 a distance of 117.67 feet to the westerly corner thereof, which corner is a point in the center of the Rio Blanco;

Thence N 27°32'44" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 68.49 feet;

Thence N 17°57'11" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 37.86 feet;

Thence N 10°02'01" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 58.56 feet;

Thence N 28°46'51" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 34.13 feet;

Thence N 38°09'55" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 38.60 feet;

Thence S 4°52'12" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 24.40 feet;

Thence N 59°00'41" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 41.73 feet;

Thence N 58°29'49" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 24.79 feet;

Thence N 56°35'27" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 50.73 feet;

Thence N 51°00'55" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 47.20 feet;

Thence N 58°54'30" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 119.17 feet;

Thence N 76°14'18" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 53.88 feet;

Thence N 81°01'41" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 66.03 feet;

Thence N 80°35'54" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 79.95 feet;

Thence N 67°05'59" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 68.16 feet;

Thence N 68°06'11" W along the center of said Rio Blanco a distance of 73.92 feet to a point on the boundary of that parcel of land described in Reception Number 22105549;

Thence N 53°51'02" W along the center of said Rio Blanco and the boundary of said Reception Number 22105549 a distance of 132.20 feet;

Thence N 42°42'41" W along the center of said Rio Blanco and the boundary of said Reception Number 22105549 a distance of 91.50 feet;

Thence N 31°58'45" W along the center of said Rio Blanco and the boundary of said Reception Number 22105549 a distance of 139.20 feet;

Thence N 24°02'47" W along the center of said Rio Blanco and the boundary of said Reception Number 22105549 a distance of 105.44 feet to a point on the boundary of that parcel of land described in Reception Number 21706896 and shown of Survey Deposit Map S2041;

Thence leaving the center of said Rio Blanco and the boundary of said Reception Number 22105549 N65°57'49"E along the boundary of said Reception number 21706896 a distance of 25.68 feet;

Thence along the boundary of said Reception number 21706896 on the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right with an arc length of 59.64 feet, and a radius of 510.00 feet, the long chord of which bears N69°30'37"E, a distance of 59.61 feet.;

Thence along the boundary of said Reception number 21706896 on the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right with an arc length of 65.92 feet, and a radius of 510.00 feet, the long chord of which bears N76°10'33"E, a distance of 65.88 feet.;

Thence N 80°09'20" E a distance of 149.32 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 3.72 acres, more or less.
Respectfully Submitted this 8th day of November, 2022.
Published in The Pagosa Springs Sun
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Eggleston Kosnik LLC
/s/ Duke Eggleston
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of David Owen Cluck, aka David O. Cluck, aka David Cluck, aka David Owen Cluck Sr., aka David O. Cluck Sr., aka David Cluck Sr., Deceased
Case No. 2022PR30052
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 March 20, 2023, or the claims may be forever barred.
Emily Bolan
149 Autobahn Dr.
Stevensville, MT 59870
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Card of Thanks

Marine Corps Birthday

The Pagosa Marine Corps Birthday Committee sends special note and thanks to Tony Simmons and his outstanding staff at Pagosa Brewing and Grill. Their outstanding service on Nov. 10 made the 247th birthday celebration of the U.S. Marine Corps a great success.
Everett "Ed" Robinson

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Pirate soccer players Jordan Pham, Kaylor Christians, Jordan Heaton and Gabriel Gallegos (third through sixth from left) were all named to the first all-conference team for the Intermountain League (IML) for the 2022 season, while Carson Young-Martinez (second from left) was named for the second all-conference team. Pirate goalie Christopher Young-Martinez (right) was named IML Keeper of the Year and coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason (left) was named IML Coach of the Year.

RECREATION NEWS

Register now for arts and crafts, basketball

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 is Friday, 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.pagosaprices.co.gov/recreation-division> or stop by the Community Center to fill out a form.

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By Scott Owen
Forest Service

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The Pagosa Ranger District recreation staff will close gates on roads and trails temporarily to prevent damage to road surfaces and/or protect critical wildlife habitat. These roads will open in the spring as conditions allow, generally around May 1. Travelers should always be prepared for winter conditions and travel with shovels, tire chains and appropriate safety equipment necessary for winter conditions.

Even if snow levels are not deep, wheeled motorized use can damage road surfaces during freezing and thawing periods. Seasonal road and trail closures also protect critical habitat for deer and elk in winter and early spring when temperatures are cold, snow is deep and food is scarce. During these critical times, human disturbance can threaten the survival of deer and elk, especially pregnant

females.

Please visit the San Juan National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Maps and Road conditions webpage for up-to-date road closures and conditions across all districts. District Motor Vehicle Use Maps also have an allowable access date table for roads.

The Pagosa Ranger District will be temporarily closing most forest system roads and trails on a staggered schedule beginning Dec. 1, with the majority closing by Dec. 15 and 22.

Visitors to the national forest should be prepared to encounter additional closed gates on roads and trails across the San Juan National Forest as winter conditions develop.

For additional information on road closures, please contact Pagosa Ranger District at (970) 264-2268.

For information on current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874.

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November 17, 2022

Buy Sees Candy and help support Our Savior Lutheran School

By Pennie DeClark
Our Savior Lutheran School

Just in time for Christmas, we will be selling world-famous Sees candy to raise money for Our Savior Lutheran School. Come help support the children of Pagosa Springs and enjoy some tasty chocolate at the same time (they also make great Christmas gifts).

We will be selling 1 pound Christmas-wrapped boxes of assorted chocolate, dark chocolate, milk chocolates, and nuts and chews. We also have available: peanut brittle, toffettes, peppermints, lollypop assortments, and mini holiday assortments.

We will be selling on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside of City Market and Wednesday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside of City Market. If you have any questions, please contact Pennie DeClark at (970) 903-3242.

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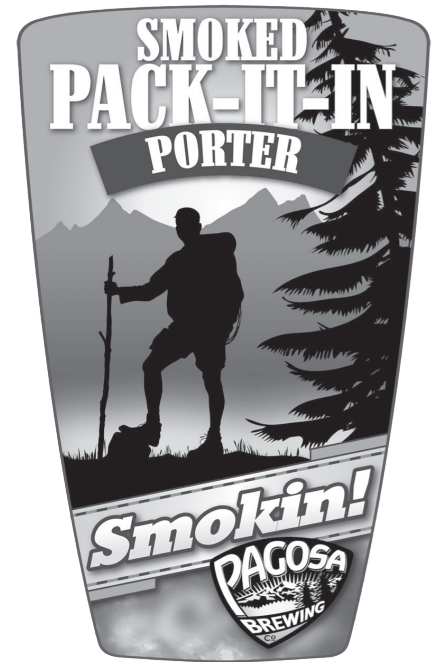
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When did Christmas lights become so popular?

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Holiday lights are now everywhere come the holiday season. Private homeowners tend to hang the holiday lights outside their homes around Thanksgiving weekend and keep them up through New Year's Day.

Though it might seem like a tradition without a deep history, decorating a Christmas tree with electric lights can be traced all the way back to the 19th century.

In 1882, Edward Johnson, who was a friend and colleague of the man who invented light bulbs, Thomas Edison, replaced candles, which had traditionally been used to briefly light Christmas trees, with light bulbs. But at the time of Johnson's innovation, the high cost and relative infancy of light bulbs ensured the idea did not catch on.

And though United States President Grover Cleveland used electric lights to illuminate a Christmas tree in the White House in 1895, it would be another eight years before General Electric would begin selling Christmas light kits. Those kits cost \$12 in 1903, which equates to several hundred dollars today.

The first outdoor Christmas light shows started to become popular in the 1920s, and this is the same time when commercial sales of Christmas lights picked up. In the 1960s, GE's decision to begin manufacturing Christmas lights overseas helped reduce the price of outdoor lights even further, thus paving the way for the tradition of decorating home exteriors with string lights during the holiday season to take a firm hold. And that tradition remains wildly popular today.




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Great gift ideas for school-aged children

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Successful shopping for adults on a holiday list often involves identifying a loved one's favorite hobby and then finding something that makes that hobby even more enjoyable.

For example, a new e-reader can be just what the family bookworm needs to make reading even more immersive.

School-aged children may not be so simple to shop for, as their

interests are always evolving and they tend to outgrow toys as quickly as their growing bodies outgrow their clothes.

No two kids are the same, but these gift ideas can appeal to school-aged youngsters at a time in their lives when their curiosity is always piqued:

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Gift

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 ciplines have gained heightened importance over the last couple of decades, and many toy manufacturers now make products that reinforce STEM lessons kids learn in the classroom in a fun way. STEM-based toys are available for kids of all ages, including children who are still in diapers.

- Nature-based gifts: Many parents do everything they can to reduce the amount of time their kids spend looking at screens, which is a tall order in the digital era. But various manufacturers produce toys designed to help kids be more physically active in the great outdoors. From age-appropriate binoculars that encourage kids to explore natural settings to birdhouses and fairy gardens kids can build and paint in their favorite colors, shoppers can choose from a host of nature-based gifts that encourage kids to get away from their screens and enjoy the great outdoors.

- Board games: Board games remain a wonderful way for kids to learn and have fun doing it. Board games are made for kids of all ages, and they're not just fun, but also beneficial to early childhood development. For example, clinical psychologist Beatrice Tauber Prior, Psy.D., noted to the children's book publisher and distributor Scholastic that board games requiring strategy help the frontal lobes of the brain develop. Those lobes are responsible for planning, organizing and decision-making. Board games also provide opportunities for families to spend quality time together free from distractions.

- Cookbooks: Cookbooks are another great gift for school-aged youngsters, who can learn a lot from pitching in at dinnertime. Children who cook with their parents can learn valuable lessons about nutrition, and measuring ingredients can reinforce lessons learned in the classroom. Shoppers can choose from any number of cookbooks designed for kids, and even children as young as two can pitch in when baking cookies or preparing family meals.

Shopping for school-aged children during the holiday season can be made easier with some suggestions that can reinforce classroom lessons while keeping the focus on fun.

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How to pet proof your home when decking the halls

Special to The PREVIEW

The holiday season is a special time of year. Many factors combine to make the holiday season so unique and festive, and that includes all the effort people put into decorating their homes.

Much thought is given to holiday lighting arrangements and which tree to buy, but it's equally important to consider pets when decorating. Many common household pets are naturally curious, and that curiosity can make it difficult to decorate safely come the holiday season.

But, various pet-proofing strategies can ensure holiday decorations and displays aren't compromised by four-legged friends this season:

- **Secure the Christmas tree.** Much like other residents of the home, pets may be mesmerized by a glowing Christmas tree. Pets may sniff around the tree or investigate it closely, which can increase the chances that it tips over. That poses a significant safety hazard and underscores the importance of using a sturdy stand. Fastening the tree to a wall, much like one might do with a television that isn't mounted, adds a further layer of protection from tip-overs.

- **Block off the base of a live tree.** Live trees need water to stay green and keep their needles throughout the season. That water could prove enticing to thirsty pets. Drinking water from a tree stand could increase the risk of the tree tipping over and the water could upset the stomach of pets if the tree was treated with pesticides prior to being brought home. When decorating with a live

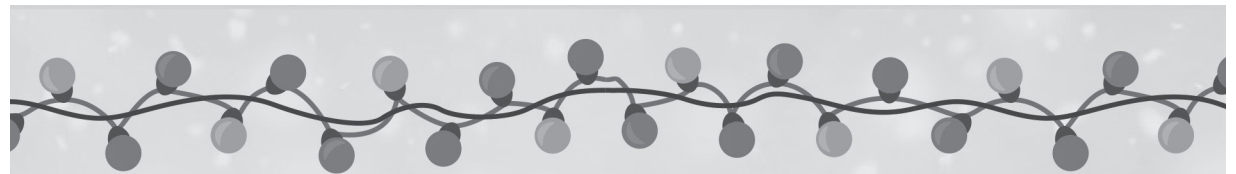
tree, make sure the base of the tree where the water will be is blocked off. A small fence around the tree could keep curious pets away. The room where the tree is located should be locked or inaccessible when pets are home alone.

- **Inspect and conceal light wires.** Wires can become frayed over time, and that could pique pets' curiosity. Lighting wires should always be inspected prior to decorating, and frayed or damaged wires should be thrown away, even if it means replacing lights. If wires are still sturdy, conceal them along the base of the wall using a cable concealer, which prevents pets from chewing on them.

- **Avoid lighting candles.** Candles should not be lit in homes with pets. Even candles on shelves that are seemingly beyond pets' reach can be hazardous, as pets, especially cats, have a way of accessing spaces they seemingly shouldn't be able to reach. Use electric candles in lieu of traditional ones.

- **Speak to a vet about seasonal plants and flowers** before bringing them into the home. Pet owners can speak with their veterinarians before bringing poinsettias, holly and other seasonal plants and flowers into their homes. Some pets could suffer allergic reactions if they eat certain seasonal plants, so it's best to err on the side of caution and speak to a vet before including live plants and flowers in decorative displays.

Decorating is part of the holiday season. Pet owners must exercise an extra bit of caution to keep their pets and homes safe when decorating during this special time of year.



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Thingamajig's 'Bright Star' summer show honored with five nominations in statewide contest

By Carole Howard
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Thingamajig Theatre Company's "Bright Star" summer production was honored with five nominations, including best musical, in the 2022 statewide contest currently being conducted by BroadwayWorld Denver.

The other four honors for "Bright Star" in this respected competition were nominations for Allie Tamburello, Cassandra Brooks, Ethan Hardy Benson and Tyler Price Robinson for best performance in a musical.

As well, the theater's "SpongeBob SquarePants" musical drew a nomination for best director of a musical for Dustin Hebert.

Thingamajig is housed in the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

"Bright Star," set in North Carolina in the 1920s and '40s, is a powerful drama featuring a bluegrass score composed by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell reminiscent of music that originated in the Appalachian region of the U.S.

"SpongeBob SquarePants," which takes place in the underwater world of Bikini Bottom, is a family-friendly musical based on the Nickelodeon animated TV series.

Thingamajig reaction

Said Tim Moore, producing artistic director and co-founder of the theater with his wife, Laura, executive director, when the nominations were announced: "A famous English actor named Kenneth Haigh once said that you need three things for success in the theater — the play, the actors and the audience, and each must give something."

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Thingamajig competes in the impressive Denver regional professional theater market, which means that the caliber of the competition is high. This year's productions included in the voting had their first performance between Oct. 1, 2021, through Sept. 30, 2022. Voting will continue through Dec. 31.

Winners will be announced in January.

How to vote

If you want to vote in this awards contest, go to <https://www.broadwayworld.com/denver/article/Voting-Now-Open-For-The-2022-BroadwayWorld-Denver-Awards-20221111>. Online voting is underway now.

Here are some tips to make the voting easier:

- If the site gets overloaded, it can be slow or it may time you out. If this happens, just log in again and start over from the beginning of the ballot.

- You don't have to vote in every category if you are not familiar with the shows. Just check the top line in each category, "No nominee."

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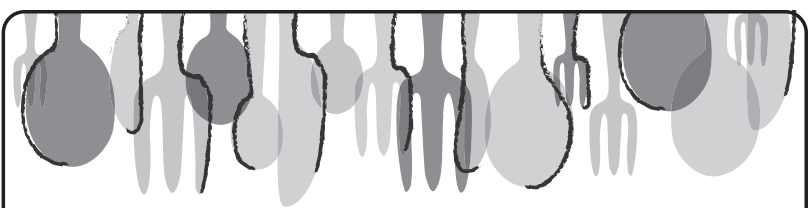
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Thingamajig Theatre Company was co-founded in 2011 by Tim and Laura Moore. It is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

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ASI to hold fundraising event Friday

By **Rose Chavez**
PREVIEW Columnist

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) has an immediate need to cover a budget shortfall for 2023 services like dine-in meals and Meals on Wheels, medical monitoring and more.

Please join us Friday, Nov. 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. for the live music of Bluegrass Cadillac at the Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Tickets are \$20 per person (available for purchase at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. at the Silver Fox Den, Exit Realty or in person) and include a light meal. A cash bar with beer and wine will be provided for purchase.

If you can't make it that evening, please feel free to support us with a donation on our website, ps-seniors.org, anytime throughout November and December to support our year-end giving for seniors and their caregivers in need.

ASI serves Archuleta County

ASI serves adults 60-plus (38 percent of area population); 23 percent minorities (predominantly Latino).

An estimated 9 percent of those we serve deal with cognitive and/or physical disabilities.

A total of 7 percent of those age 60-plus live in poverty in our community; one in 10 experiences food insecurity.

One hundred percent of those we serve are geographically isolated in our rural community.

ASI programs serve our community

ASI provides the following services in the community.

Nutrition services:

We provide congregate dine-in meals, Meals on Wheels food delivery, supplemental nutrition-rich grocery bags and participation in the Archuleta County Nutrition Security and Health Equity Assessment.

We serve 3,700 meals per month: 2,100 meals per month to senior citizens and 1,600 meals per month serve low-income Head Start preschoolers.

Transportation services:

Meals on Wheels works with lo-

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cal volunteers to deliver hot meals to homebound seniors.

The Mobile Food Pantry Initiative partners with Archuleta County Mountain Express Transit, or MET (bus system), to deliver fresh and shelf-stable food throughout the community (primarily in town and many locations within Archuleta County).

Social connectedness services:

We provide dine-in meals, caregiver support, daily wellness checks and medical alert monitors, as well as on-site social activities like mahjong and bridge, and health educational programming.

Environment:

The Pagosa Senior Center is walkable/bikeable/has bus access from public housing.

We offer healthy, fresh and locally sourced food options.

We offer connections to community health resources.

Dec. 2 COVID-19 booster vaccine clinic

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 Senior Center, located in the Ross Aragon Community Center. Please call us at (970) 264-2167 to sign up for the booster so we know how many to plan on for the day of the event.

Holiday arts and crafts fair

ASI will be hosting our first annual holiday arts and crafts fair featuring local vendors in the Senior Center dining hall on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you would like to participate as a vendor, please contact us at (505) 331-0448. Festive holiday snacks will be available for purchase.

Holiday ornament craft

Do you want to learn how to make a beautiful and easy gift box for the holiday? The best part is that it is made from last year's Christmas cards. Join us on Dec. 5 at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center

dining hall to learn how to make this wonderful gift box. No art skills are needed, no experience 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

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age 60 and older throughout most areas of Archuleta County.

In order to participate in this program, community members must visit with Barbara Noriega at the Senior Center, located in the Community Center, to fill out an application to qualify for hot meal delivery service and/or the mobile pantry service.

The application, called the dining assessment form, is also available on our website at the bottom of the Community Cafe page: <http://www.psseniors.org/community-cafeacute.html>. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

Mahjong

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

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, we help with parts A, B and D. We can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

Bridge

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

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us 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.

Share your pictures

Engaging pictures are needed from seniors and their families who live, work and play their best lives in Archuleta County. We are looking for pictures that convey people's active lifestyles, families, culture and more. We would like to use these pictures in our grant ap-

plications, on social media and our website. Please email all pictures to rosa@psseniors.org.

Wingspan and new programming

ASI is looking to expand our programming options. Wingspan, a game for bird lovers, was donated to the Senior Center and is looking for a champion to help facilitate this engaging board game. Come learn more about this fun game or suggest other ideas to help us find some new and meaningful opportunities to connect over and have fun. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

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. The 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. 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.

Monday, Nov. 21 — Beef tacos, refried beans, salad, and fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 22 — Oven baked fried chicken, scallop potatoes, sweet corn with basil, salad, fruit and cake.

Wednesday, Nov. 23 — Turkey

with gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, salad, fruit and mini pumpkin pie.

Thursday, Nov. 24 — Closed for Thanksgiving.

Friday, Nov. 25 — Closed for Thanksgiving.

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

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Free homework help and tutoring continues at your library

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are available for kids in kindergarten through fourth grades 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.

This program has been a big hit because it helps build essential skills in core subjects. You still can register your child, but you may be put on a wait list.

Library closure

Your library will be closed for Thanksgiving Nov. 24-26 so that our staff can celebrate this national holiday with loved ones. While the physical library is closed Thursday through Sunday, our downloadable items and online resources are available 24/7, as always.

Flu season protocols

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

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New format for activities calendar

To be sure you don't miss any of the free library activities available to you and your family, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. Its new,

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\$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



streamlined format combines all the activities and events for children, teens and adults on one handy two-sided page.

Final Lifelong Learning talk this evening

The sixth and last talk in our free Lifelong Learning fall lecture series takes place this evening, Thursday, Nov. 17, when we will showcase Matt Hoover from the Colorado Avalanche Center presenting an avalanche awareness program from 6 to 7:30 p.m. No registration is required.

Hoover began working as a ski patroller at Snowmass in 1996 and quickly moved into a dedicated snow safety position. He currently focuses on highway avalanche safety on the southeast side of the San Juan Mountains.

This lecture series has run every Thursday for the last six weeks, our first in-person Lifelong Learning lecture series since the fall of 2019, before COVID.

Dungeons and Dragons online today

Today, Thursday, Nov. 17, from 3 to 5 p.m., join our virtual Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults on Discord. Registration is required. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to join.

Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 18, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Makerspace on Saturday

Kids, tweens and teens are invited to a free Makerspace session on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 11 a.m. to noon when we'll provide the materials so you can build, design and create.

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.

For more information about ASI, please visit <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

Dungeons and Dragons in person

Next Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m., join our in-person Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Registration is required. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to join.

Teen writers

Teen writers in the fourth through 12th grade are invited to your library next Wednesday, Nov. 23, from 4 to 5 p.m. Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome.

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 today, Nov. 17.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy will help you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provide assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources. You do not need an appointment for these drop-in sessions.

Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge was posted Nov. 14 on the library's ■ See Library on next page



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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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Books on CD

“The Ninth Month” by James Patterson features a pregnant marketing executive being stalked. “Wild Fire” by Nicholas Sansbury Smith and Anthony J. Melchiorri is book one of a new New Frontier sci-fi series. “Blow Back” by James Patterson and Brendan Dubois centers on a U.S. president who devises a clandestine power grab. “A Song of Comfortable Chairs” by Alexander McCall Smith is the latest in the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency mystery. “Lessons” by Ian McEwan chronicles the effect of history on one man’s lifetime. “Edgedancer” by Brandon Sanderson is a fantasy from the Stormlight Archive series. “Suspect” by Scott Turow is a legal thriller.

Large print

“Treasure State” by C.J. Box is a Cassie Dewell mystery. “The Mystery of the Sorrowful Maiden” by Kate Saunders is book three in the Laetitia Rodd mystery series. “Back to the Garden” by Laurie R. King is a mystery set on an estate that was a commune. “A Song of Comfortable Chairs” by Alexander McCall Smith is the latest in the No. 1 Ladies De-

tective Agency mystery. “Quicksand” by Janet Dailey is book three of the Champions western romantic suspense series. “Law of the Land” by Elmer Kelton contains 16 stories of the Old West.

Nonfiction

“Paul Newman” is a memoir of the actor based on a five-year project to document his life with screenwriter Stewart Stern.

Mysteries and thrillers

“Desperation in Death” by J.D. Robb is an Eve Dallas mystery. “Sister Graves” by Marcie R. Rendon is a Cash Blackbear mystery.

Other novels

“A Very Typical Family” by Sierra Godfrey focuses on three adult siblings brought together after 15 years by the death of their estranged mother. “The Postmistress of Paris” by Meg Waite Clayton, inspired by real life, tells of an American heiress’ work smuggling artists and intellectuals out of France during World War II. “Palmares” by Gayl Jones recounts the journey of a Black slave girl in Brazil who escapes and begins a series of difficult searches.

Donations

We are grateful to Cindi Granquist for the generous monetary donation, and to Alan Powdermaker and our anonymous donors for their materials donations.

When we are open, material donations are accepted for the Friends of the Library at the front desk — not through the outside returns slot at the library or the drop box at City Market, please.

The Friends take fiction published in 2012 or newer and nonfiction that is 2017 or newer. Limited workroom space means we can only accept one or two small boxes at a time.

Quotable quote

Robin Shear, a life coach based in Detroit, has a plan for those inevitable times when everything feels awful. Instead of spiraling, she says she turns to her “joy bucket list.” She advises you to make your own list, then store it in your phone or another easily accessible place. “If you already did the work and made your list, you’ll find it’s much less challenging to remember what lifts you up when you’re

feeling low.”

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Comforting a child

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

We were in New York one summer, a long way from our home in Idaho, when it happened. Our little 4-year-old daughter, Elliana, broke her arm on a trampoline. Doctors often say that trampolines are one of the most dangerous inventions ever made, at least for children. But in this case, she was only sitting on the edge of it eating ice cream when someone walked across it, and she fell off.

We hoped it was only a sprain, but when we looked at it, we knew it was broken. We took her to a local medical clinic, but they said it was bad enough that she had to go to the main hospital in the middle of the city. They gave her some pain medicine and sent us on our way. I had lived and worked in that city in my younger years, and I knew that the hospital was in a rough part of town. I was not anxious to take my daughter there, but I had little choice.

My wife and I left the rest of our children with a friend, and we took Elliana to the hospital. When we arrived at the emergency room, it was full of people. The nurse told us that some of them were just homeless and didn't know where else to go, so the security would eventually help them find shelter. However, she also told us that many of the others were in for drug overdoses and such things and would have to be seen at a higher priority than Elliana since her injury, though painful, was not life-threatening.

To comfort her, I told her that when we got done, we would buy her a nice treat. She lay in my arms and whimpered from the pain, but she never complained. I tried to make her as comfortable as I could, but as any parent would be, I was concerned for her. The hours went by, and finally, after what seemed like forever, it was our turn. We were taken to a small room. Eventually, a doctor came to see her. He checked her arm and said he would need some X-rays of it. I asked if I should carry her down to the x-ray room.

He shook his head. "We will have to have a member of the union responsible for transporting patients do that."

We sat in the room for another half hour before a man showed up and told us he was there to take her to the X-ray room, which ended up being only about 20 feet down the hall. Once we were inside, the man left. The X-ray technician started to move the camera into place, and this scared Elliana. I comforted her by telling her it was just a big camera, and he was going to take some pictures of her.

"Be good and let him do it, and remember that when we get all

done, we'll get you a fun treat," I said.

My wife and I had to be in the control room away from the X-rays, and I was afraid Elliana would be frightened when we stepped out. But she stayed calm and held still for the X-rays. After they were taken, I lifted her into my arms again, and we were forced to sit and wait another half hour for the man to come back to take her 20 feet back to the other room again.

But she stayed calm and held still for the X-rays. After they were taken, I lifted her into my arms again, and we were forced to sit and wait another half hour for the man to come back to take her 20 feet back to the other room again.

After another short time, the doctor and a nurse came in. They worked together to set Elliana's arm and put on a cast. Through it all, Elliana was really good.

Finally, it was all over, and we were able to leave. We went back to pick up the other children before going, as promised, to get Elliana a special treat. The other children all gathered around to look at the cast.

"How was it?" Elliana's sister asked her.

"It wasn't much fun," she replied. "But Daddy promised me a treat when we got done. So, I tried to be really good, even when the man used the scary camera."

"It was an X-ray machine," I explained.

"And," Elliana said, "even though my arm hurt, I was especially good for the camera. I smiled for every picture."

And I smiled as we loaded in the van to buy her the biggest candy bar we could find in the store.

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ANSWER:

Faithfulness and discouragement

By Joyce Holdread
PREVIEW Columnist

God doesn't call us to "success"; He calls us to faithfulness, as a famous saint once said. But faithfulness on our part has an important element of, well, faith. We all go through times of discouragement and disillusionment, wondering if following our supposed "call" is making any difference whatsoever.

I recently read of two events in the lives of Christ-followers who were disheartened about the mission of their lives.

The first was a music leader for a camp that served adults with developmental disabilities. She used music that contained scripture along with motions, hoping this would help any nonverbal participants to better take in God's word. But, she wondered if teaching scripture in this way was really getting through to them. Later, while walking across the camp, she ran into one of the campers humming aloud to himself. When he saw her, his face broke into a big smile and he made the hand motions of the song she had taught them that same morning.

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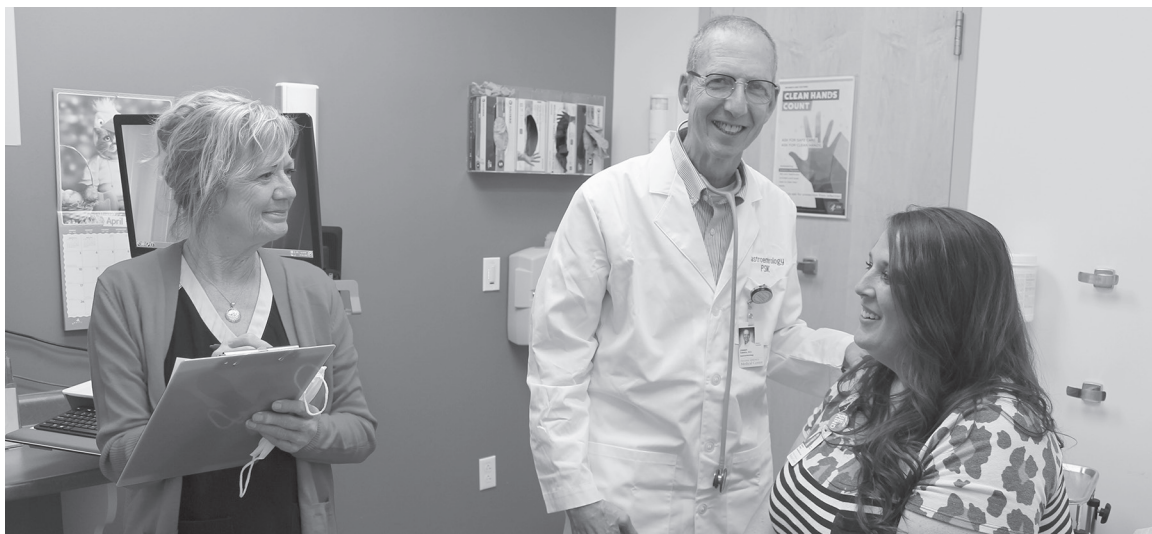
With joy bursting inside and tears in her eyes, she joined him in the song with all the gusto of the remembered motions.

The second story is especially relevant to us as writers. The man had submitted a story for publication and not only was it rejected, but the "expert" advised him to walk away from the project entirely. He had spent years working on this story and now was asking God if he should give up writing altogether and find another way to use his gifts. During this lament, he was walking along a street toward downtown when a piece of litter lying in the gutter caught his eye.

He bent down to examine it more closely and found a half-full package of pens. He removed the two pens that remained and discovered that they were his favorites: black ink, bold strokes, comfortable grip. What others may not have even noticed or else have seen as trash and passed by, he picked up and found the very instruments of writing. He interpreted this as a direct and tangible sign from God that he should continue writing. Coincidence? I think not.

Both stories are stunning examples of God's faithfulness to us when we are discouraged and questioning the purpose for our lives. And, faithfulness should be reciprocal. As we experience God's faithfulness, let us respond with enthusiasm to follow our calling — whatever that may be. Then, with true faith, let us set our egos aside, take our hands off and leave the results with God.

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Embrace trouble as a friend

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

Is that crazy or not? Sometimes only trouble can get us to where we need to be. It could be there is no other way to move us along, to learn what we need to learn in order to be in that place we've been called to live.

I am big on knowing my purpose. I still don't have a real handle on the bigger picture. It's that place where I can find my completion, my satisfaction. And in that place, it brings different challenges, different problems and different trouble that, perhaps, others might not have to experience.

Listening to some people complain, I asked a friend, "Why is there always a target on my back?" He said, "You stir things up. You challenge people. You make them uncomfortable. If you are in a position as a point person, you will always have a target on your back."

In the New Testament, James wrote, "Rejoice in your troubles. When it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties, see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can, when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things ... there will be nothing missing and nothing lacking." — James 1:2-3 (TPT).

At our writers' group, the writers were given a prompt: What trouble has come to you? There's always a reason why your life has been spared.

I responded without thought and wrote about an event. I wasn't sure the reason, but I knew the day. Nov. 8, 1982, one day before my 40th birthday. Driving to the San Luis Valley to give an art lesson, I hit a piece of ice and flew off the side of the road over Cumbres Pass.

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



On a slick, icy road, white knuckles clinging to the steering wheel, airborne, no control, art supplies in the back seat, I remembered thinking, "It's all over." I muttered a prayer, "I'm in your hands, Lord, whatever you want."

Forty feet down, a wire fence came from nowhere and stopped the fall. The car teetered and clung to the side of the mountain. My art supplies fell forward to the front seat. I struggled to open the driver's door. Once outside the car, I crawled up the steep cliff to the top of the road.

A man stepped out of a dump truck and waited at the top. He said, "Lady, you're lucky. It's a long way down to the bottom. You could've been killed."

I still don't know why I was spared. At the time, I had four teenagers at home. It could've been for them or many other reasons. Maybe the dump truck driver experienced seeing a miracle as he waited at the top of the road. Maybe I needed to learn something I couldn't have learned any other way about the faithfulness of God.

God left me here on earth to celebrate another 40 years. I'm turning 81 this month. I still don't know exactly what the Lord has in mind. Facing prison time in 1986 is another story for another time. Trouble along the way has equipped me and prepared me for this day.

Paul was called to preach the gospel, shine the light on dark

places, call out sin — not a popular occupation. He was a lightning rod, a conduit for trouble. He attracted and absorbed hostile feelings at every turn. Always with a target on his back, he pushed forward with joy toward his life's calling.

The church of Philippi began because of a supernatural vision. Paul had a vision in the night of a man standing at his bedside pleading with him to come and preach the gospel to Macedonia.

When Paul brought the good news, he and his co-worker, Silas, were thrown into jail. They sang and praised the Lord. The doors flung open and they could have escaped. They didn't.

Trouble brought Paul to one man he was to see. There was probably no other way would he have come in contact with the jailer. As history is told, perhaps the jailer was the man Paul saw in the vision. A miracle of God birthed a church among the Philippian.

When we embrace trouble as James tells us to do, reason doesn't always play into the situation. Paul was once again in prison when he penned his epistle to the Philippians. His prison letters have been read and have encouraged believers for 2,000 years. Many times, the reason is not revealed for years.

Final brushstroke: There's always a reason someone's life has been spared. It might take years to understand the trouble we've seen. Sometimes, the work we are doing is deeper than what we see on the surface. It's actually the story of our true life, the work we've been called to do, the heavenly calling, given to us through Christ.

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New Thought topic: ‘Spiritual Food’

By **Shayla McClure**

New Thought Center for
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The Sunday service at 11 a.m. on Nov. 20 will be “Spiritual Food — Dreams, Visions and Inspiration with Science of Mind” with Shayla White Eagle.

“Refuse to entertain fear. Know that good is the only power that is.” — Dr. Ernest Holmes, “This Thing Called You.”

Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join SpiritHeart band. Please text Bruce at (970) 507-0739 for band information.

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Saturday, Nov. 26: “Gratitude Ball” — a Thanksgiving celebration and dance fundraiser in the Pagosa Lodge ballroom. We are celebrating local 501(c)(3) organizations. There

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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to hear from Rose Chavez

By **Joan Ward**

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The guest speaker for the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Service on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 10:30 a.m., in person or on Zoom will be Rose Chavez.

Chavez will share about her spiritual journey growing up in Archuleta County during the ‘80s and ‘90s and how she has come to return to her childhood and ancestral home to be of service in our community.

She is presently the executive director of Archuleta Seniors Inc. and formerly a key staff member of Healthy Archuleta, also known as the Food System Food Equity Coalition, for the past two years. Chavez holds a Master of Public Health and degrees in nutrition/dietetics, sustainability studies and chemistry from the University of New Mexico.

Chavez is one of nine children of longtime resident Alice Chavez, along with many ancestors and relatives that pioneered in the county in the small Hispanic community of Frances along Stollsteimer Creek just outside of the Arboles area.

Chavez also serves on the board of the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership and the Pagosa Main Street Initiative and is a regular participant of the Unitarian Uni-

versalist congregation. She is a caretaker for her aging mother and a sense of strength and pride for her many family and friends. She is an avid long-distance runner and gardener, among multiple other hobbies.

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

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

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‘It’s all your fault’

By James R. Van Liere
PREVIEW Columnist

The Writers’ Circle

It was between my junior and senior years in college when I headed to Jackson, Wyo., to get a job in construction. My plan was very simple: drop into a restaurant at noon, look for a group of construction workers and strike up a conversation and hopefully land a job.

The Paradise Café in Jackson looked as good as any, so in I went. I didn’t find a likely group of construction workers, but I did spot a possible candidate sitting alone at the counter and there was an empty seat next to him. Without hesitation, I grabbed the seat and ordered lunch. The gentleman sitting next to me was dressed blue workman’s overalls, a plaid shirt, a baseball cap and brown workman’s boots. He was not a very large man, but with his tanned face and rough hands, you knew immediately that he obviously had spent some time outdoors, possibly in construction.

After some small talk, I got around to asking if he knew where a fellow could get a job in construction.

“Strange you should ask; as a matter of fact, I could use some help,” he said.

He then explained that he was from Palm Springs, Calif., and was here helping his friend rebuild the Jackson Trading Post next door, which had suffered a bad fire the previous September. The owner of the store had an establishment in both Palm Springs and Jackson, and he, Johnny, was hired to rebuild the Jackson store.

It seems the owner of the store, whose daughter was Miss Wyoming, was in Atlantic City with his family for the Miss America contest when the store caught fire. The amazing thing is that the movie “Spencer’s Mountain” was being filmed in Jackson Hole at that time. Once the fire was discovered, Henry Fonda, Maureen O’Hara and many of the other actors pitched in and helped carry out as much merchandise as they could, such as clothes, jewelry and souvenirs.

Much of the interior of the store had been gutted by the fire and had to be rebuilt, but the basic walls of the structure were still intact. Thus, it was Johnny’s job to rebuild the interior, such as partitions, shelving, display cases, sound system, et cetera.

He asked when I could start work and I said right now, except I had to find a place to stay. Johnny said try Al’s Motel; they are not expensive, family owned and just down the street. He was right; I got a room at a reasonable price, and I could see why. The room

was basically a small, one-room cabin with exposed 2-by-4 studs forming the exterior walls, a small bathroom and a small kitchen area with shelves, a hot plate and a sink, but nothing else.

After checking in, I headed back to the Jackson Trading Post, where I was introduced to a couple of employees hauling in merchandise and stocking some shelves that had already been built. Immediately, I went to work with Johnny building some partitions to form an office and storage area. Luckily, my dad had taught me how to use a saw, hammer, level, et cetera, so working with Johnny was fun and I learned a few more tricks of the trade. After we had built a partition on the floor, we set it up to be attached to concrete floor. At that point, Johnny asked me to take the nail gun and attach the sill plate to the floor. Without thinking about it, and knowing I had to shoot into concrete, I loaded the nail gun with a magnum shell and starting at a corner, fired away. We forgot to tell the help what we were doing, and because they could not see me, they fled the store when the shot was fired, thinking that a robbery was in progress. As for me, I couldn’t hear for two days.

One day, Johnny asked if I had any ideas on how to raise and hang a 250-pound moose head high up on a wall. After studying the situation, I rigged up a pulley system to a roof beam, raised the moose head and attached it to the wall. Johnny was quite impressed and wanted to know if I had ever attended college. When I told him I was going to be senior in civil engineering at the University of Wyoming in the fall, all he said was: “Well then, I have another job for you. We need a large structural frame to hold the big sign up on the roof. The job is all yours.”

I drew up a simple plan, went down to the lumber yard and got everything I needed, and built the sign. When that job was finished, I tackled the music and PA system, setting up the control center and mounting and wiring in all the speakers.

Every once in awhile, Johnny would ask me to run next door to the hardware store and pick up something he needed. Of course, he knew there was a young lady working there, so I think it was his way of getting us introduced (of course, there has to be a girl

involved in this story). We went on a couple dates and then, one day, she asked me if I would take her trout fishing, which she had never done, and is what I did when I wasn’t working.

“Sure,” I said. “How about tonight?”

So, after work, we grabbed a quick bite to eat and headed to the Snake River.

I selected a nice, quiet location where the river was slow and formed a decent backwater pool. After about 20 minutes of instruction on how to cast with a spinning rod and reel, she became proficient enough for me to stand back (way back; my insurance did not cover teaching how cast with real hooks). After about 10 minutes, she caught a nice 12-inch rainbow trout.

As I started to release it, she said she wanted to take it home and have it for breakfast. Luckily, I had a 5-gallon bucket in the car, so we filled it with water and put in the fish. About 10 minutes later, she caught another nice rainbow and wanted to keep it also. About this time, it was starting to get dark and time to leave. When I dropped her off at her boarding house, I mentioned that the fish had to be cleaned.

“No problem,” she said. “The cook will clean them for me tonight and put them in the freezer and I will have them for breakfast in the

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Of course, the next day I found an excuse to visit the hardware store to see how she enjoyed her fresh trout for breakfast.

All she said was, “It’s all your fault.”

Needless to say, I was a little befuddled because all she would say was, “It’s all your fault, because you took me fishing.”

Finally, she explained that she was being evicted from her boarding house because of the fish. By

now, I was really confused, until she explained that the cook was gone for the night, so she had filled the bathtub in the community bathroom with water and deposited the fish. Of course, by the next morning, the fish had used all the oxygen in the water and died, which wasn’t so bad, except early the next morning an old geezer who was three sheets to the wind went to take a bath and there were two dead fish floating in the bathtub. Needless to say, he complained to the manager, and my little friend was evicted, which was

now all my fault because I took her fishing. (The logic here completely escapes me.)

Luckily, she had a friend who had a cabin outside of town, so the next Saturday I helped her move. Unfortunately, our little relationship cooled off and we never went fishing again.



Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the great blue heron.

In the shallow waters of ponds, lakes, wetlands, bogs and slow-moving rivers, this stately heron can be found standing perfectly still or slowly wading, always on the lookout for food that comes within striking distance. Fish, amphibians, reptiles, small mammals, insects and other birds are all fair game to be stabbed by its dagger-like bill.

With good night vision, it can watch day and night and spends up to 90 percent of waking hours in stealthy hunting.

A common bird in North America, this heron has benefited from the recovery of beaver populations which create swamps and wet meadow habitats for foraging. The great blue is the largest heron in North America, standing 4 feet tall on long legs that allow it to wade in depths from a few inches up to 2 feet. Its wingspan is around 6 feet, but hollow bones and lightweight feathers keep its weight close to only 5 pounds. Both sexes are grayish blue with shaggy plumes on the neck, and black and white stripes on the head. Special “powder down” breast feathers provide a powder when crushed that is spread during preening and provides protection to plumage from slime and oils.

Great blue herons nest in colonies known as rookeries. Platform stick nests are usually located in trees, and enlarged and re-used for several years. Young may spend up to three months at the nest being fed by both parents. On average, 70 percent of the nestlings die within the first year of hatching. At one time, gunshot was a leading cause of mortality.

Today, threats include viruses and parasites, chemical pollutants, predation and entanglement in fishing line and other trash. Conflicts occur when recreational uses bring humans too close to breeding herons and cause them to abandon the nest.

This year a bald eagle pair nested in the heron rookery at Lake Capote, forcing the herons to abandon it.

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What parents should know about RSV

By Dr. Matthew Husa
UnitedHealthcare of Colorado

As RSV cases continue to spike across parts of the U.S. — with some areas nearing seasonal peak levels — those typical “bugs” your child brings home may have you feeling on edge. With so much swirling around these days, it can be difficult to know what’s behind a constant cough, especially if your child is very young.

RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus, can include symptoms similar to a common cold. However, the virus can develop into something more serious. RSV can infect people of all ages, but is most severe for older adults and young children.

Usually, almost every child under the age of 2 has been exposed to RSV, but due to all the pandemic response over the last few years, kids have not been exposed as much to RSV. That is one of the reasons why we are seeing such a spike this year, as well as RSV in children older than 2.

Symptoms

RSV symptoms may vary and typically begin four to six days after infection. The most common symptoms might include:

- Runny nose
- Low appetite
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Fever
- Wheezing

For young infants with RSV, they might be irritable, sluggish or find it harder to breathe.

Your pediatrician will be able to figure out whether it’s a common cold, COVID-19 or RSV if you have concerns about symptoms your child is showing. They might perform tests, like chest X-rays, to see if pneumonia has developed.

When should you call a doctor?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes an increase in RSV-associated emergency room visits. However, most cases will go away on its own in a week or two. Symptoms are typically at their worst on days three to five of infection. Only 3 percent of children with RSV will require a hospital stay.

If symptoms become severe, contact your pediatrician right away. This may include:

- Symptoms of bronchiolitis.
- Symptoms of dehydration (only one wet diaper in eight hours or more).
- Difficulty breathing.
- Gray or blue lips, tongue or skin.
- A significant decrease in activity or alertness.

Even though RSV is common, and it might seem difficult to figure out how severe it will become,

there are some risk factors parents should be aware of:

- Children who are born premature or are 6 months old or younger are most at-risk for RSV complications.

- Children with chronic heart or lung disease, or a weaker immune system, can also be susceptible to RSV.

Treatment

There’s currently no vaccine to prevent RSV and no specific treatment for the infection. As stated, most cases will resolve on their own. However, there are a few things you can do to help relieve the symptoms:

- Manage pain and fever with over-the-counter medications (consult your pediatrician for guidance and never give aspirin to children).

- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Nasal saline to help with breathing.

- Cool-mist humidifier to help break up mucus.

Talk to your health care provider before you give any over-the-counter cold medicine to your child.

How it spreads

RSV is typically spread through coughs and sneezes, but can spread when someone touches a surface that has the virus on it and then touches their face before washing their hands.

The following tips may help reduce your family’s risk:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your arm, not your hands.
- Avoid close contact with others, especially those who are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Don’t touch your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home.
- If you’re sick, stay home.

The best way to avoid transmission of RSV is what we have been doing very well over that last few years: Scrupulous hand hygiene with washing our hands frequently with soap and water, and cleaning the surfaces small hands get to, like doorknobs and handles. Also, wear a mask if you have any respiratory

symptoms.

With the knowledge of what RSV may look like — and how it is different from other viruses — you’ll be able to take steps to keep your child as healthy as possible year-round.

For more information, visit the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/index.html>.

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Tips on overwintering peonies

By Kathy Kunemond
PREVIEW Columnist

Your peonies currently may be planted directly in the ground or are growing in containers. Plants that are sown directly in the ground will be more protected from freezing and thawing than one in a container.

Extra protection may be needed if you decide to leave your peonies in a container and should be considered.

Overwintering plants sown in ground

In the fall, cut the browning foliage of your peonies to the ground or soil level. Mulch accordingly to provide insulation, water retention and control disease problems. September is the best time to transplant established peonies.

Once you have cut the stems near ground level, dig around and under the plant, retaining as much of the root system as possible. Then plant the peony in well-drained soil in a very sunny site. If there are very large clumps, you will want to divide the clumps using a knife. Each division should have between three and five buds.

Overwintering container plants

Just like plants sown in the ground, potted plants should be cut to the soil level to remove browning foliage in the fall.

If your container is large and is constructed of material that can withstand freezing and thawing, you can consider leaving your

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container in its current location. Terracotta pots will not work in this situation. They are susceptible to cracking with extremely cold temperatures. The greater the volume of soil in your container, the greater the amount of insulation for the roots. This is important because the roots are very sensitive to freezing temperatures. Mulch should be added to the top of the container to add additional insulation and protection. The sides of the container can be wrapped in bubble wrap or blankets. The object is to trap as much heat as possible to lessen root damage.

It is also beneficial to move your containers to protected areas to lessen exposure to wind. Grouping containers together will provide additional protection and insulation.

When you notice signs of new growth in the spring, remove the outer protective layers, including mulch, and resume normal growing activities.

Smaller containers can be moved into an unheated garage or basement. Light is not needed because the plant will be in dormancy; however, water once a month so the soil does not dry out. In early spring, reintroduce your plants to the outdoors gradually.

Peonies are easy to grow. They require full sun and fertile, well-drained soil. Fertilizing annually in the spring will ensure lovely blooms throughout the growing season. With proper planting and extra care in cold climates, they will provide an abundance of beautiful flowers for years to come.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 246-5931 to register. The last classes of the year will be Dec. 19 and 21.

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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.

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

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 6-7:30 p.m., Sisson Library. You'll hear from Matt 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.

Archuleta County Road and Bridge Snow Plow Day. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Archuleta County Extension building, 344 U.S. 84. Want to be informed about the Road and Bridge Department's snow plow policies? Attend the Q-and-A to learn more about the techniques and procedures. Sit in a snow plow or motorgrader. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (970) 264-8300 or go to www.archuletacounty.org.

Boy Scouts Holiday Food Collection. 3-6 p.m., City Market. The Boy Scouts are holding a donation collection for families in need. Thanksgiving food donations are great, but all non-expired food items are accepted.

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.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. Fundraiser. 5-8 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Archuleta Seniors Inc. has an immediate need to cover a budget shortfall for 2023. This fundraiser will feature live music from Bluegrass Cadillac. Tickets are \$20 per person and include a light meal. A cash bar with beer and wine will be available. Tickets are available at the Pagosa Senior Center, Exit Realty or in person.

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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1 Tablespoon canola oil	1/4 cup sour cream*	*Substitute non-dairy for a vegan recipe
2 cups thinly sliced shitake mushrooms	2 scallions, sliced (about 1/4 cup)	

Separate the cauliflower into florets and chop the core. Place in a steamer basket over boiling water. Cover and steam 15 minutes or until the cauliflower is tender.

Meanwhile, heat the canola oil in a medium-sized skillet over medium-high heat, and sauté the mushrooms three minutes. Add the garlic and continue to sauté one minute more. When the cauliflower is ready, remove to a colander and press out any excess water. Add to a food processor, and coarsely chop. Spoon into bowl and stir in the mushrooms and garlic. Add the milk, sour cream, scallions and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well. Serves two.



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Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are now members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of playing pair to pagosaduplicate@gmail.com or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

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Teen Writers. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-12th grade. Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome.

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Friday, Nov. 25

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Monday, Nov. 28

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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."

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Main Street Bethlehem. 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of first-century Bethlehem.

Friday, Dec. 2

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

COVID-19 Booster Vaccine Clinic. 10 a.m.-noon, Pagosa Senior Center. Please call us at (970) 264-2167 to sign up for the booster so we know how many to plan for. The clinic will be performed by San Juan Basin Public Health.

Main Street Bethlehem. 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of first-century Bethlehem.

Saturday, Dec. 3

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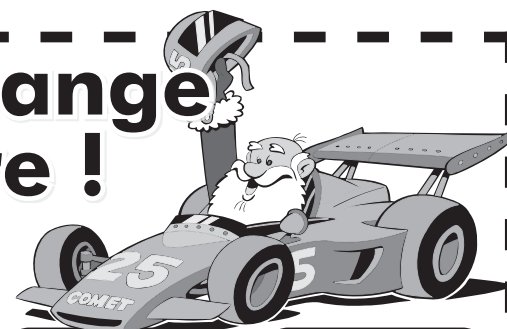
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Cooler weather arrives just as prime entertaining season heats up. Those who will be hosting gatherings soon can expand their recipe repertoire to feed guests and keep them satisfied. Borrowing some flavors from the season can make entertaining festive and even more flavorful.

Pumpkins and winter squashes are popular in fall, and their versatility undoubtedly contributes to that popularity. However, when chilly days require something to warm you up from the inside out, nothing can beat a soothing soup. And soup recipes can be altered to easily feed a crowd.

Cooks can step out of their chicken soup comfort zones and try this recipe for “Roasted Pumpkin Soup With Pumpkin Crisps” from “The Complete Mexican, South American & Caribbean Cookbook” by Jane Milton, Jenni Fleetwood and Marina Filippelli.

Roasted Pumpkin Soup With Pumpkin Crisps

- Serves 6 to 8
 - 3 to 3 1/2 pounds pumpkin
 - 6 tablespoons olive oil
 - 2 onions, chopped
 - 3 garlic cloves, chopped
 - 1 3-inch piece of fresh ginger root, grated
 - 1 teaspoon ground coriander
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric
 - Pinch of cayenne pepper
 - 4 cups vegetable stock
 - Salt and ground black pepper
 - 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
 - Fresh cilantro leaves, to garnish
- For the pumpkin crisps**
- Wedge of fresh pumpkin, seeded
 - 1/2 cup olive oil

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Prick the pumpkin around the top several times with a fork. Brush the pumpkin with plenty of the oil and bake for 45 minutes or until tender. Leave until cool enough to handle.
2. Take care when cutting the

pumpkin, as there may still be a lot of hot steam inside. When cool enough to handle, scoop out and discard the seeds. Scoop out and chop the flesh.

3. Heat about 4 tablespoons of the remaining oil (you may not have to use all of it) in a large pan and add the onions, garlic and ginger, then cook gently for 4 to 5 minutes. Add the coriander, turmeric, and cayenne, and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the pumpkin flesh and stock. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer for about 20 minutes until tender.

4. Cool the soup slightly, then puree it in a food processor or blender until smooth. Return the soup to the rinsed out pan and season well.

5. Meanwhile, prepare the pumpkin crisps. Using a swivel-blade potato peeler, pare long thin strips off the wedge of pumpkin. Heat the oil in a small pan and fry the strips in batches for 2 to 3 minutes, until crisp. Drain on paper towels.

6. Reheat the soup and ladle it into bowls. Top with the pumpkin crisps and garnish each portion with sesame seeds and cilantro leaves.

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holiday snacks will be available for purchase.

Main Street Bethlehem. 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of first-century Bethlehem.

Sunday, Dec. 4

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, Dec. 5

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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.

Holiday Ornament Craft. 1:15 p.m., Pagosa Senior Center. Do you want to learn how to make a beautiful and easy gift box for the holiday? The best part is that it is made from last year's Christmas cards. 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

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Consider these 13 gratifying Thanksgiving facts

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Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends and reflect on one's blessings. In 2022, Canadian Thanksgiving takes place on Oct. 10, while Americans celebrate on Nov. 24.

In anticipation of these holidays, here are some interesting facts about the Thanksgiving celebration.

1. American Thanksgiving is largely modeled on a 17th century harvest feast shared by the English settlers and the Wampanoag tribe.

2. Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday of October. It is based on European harvest festivals.

3. The National Turkey Federation says around 45 million turkeys will be eaten on Thanksgiving, which equates to about 720 million pounds of turkey being consumed (with the average turkey size being 16 pounds).

4. The Butterball hotline answers

roughly 100,000 calls every year on its turkey question hotline.

5. In 1953, the Swanson company overestimated the number of frozen turkeys it would sell for the holiday season by 26 tons. Rather than waste the meat, Swanson sliced it up, repackaged it and created the first frozen TV dinners.

6. Thanksgiving in America may be older than many recognize. While Thanksgiving is largely tied to the 17th century settlers, the National Parks Service says in 1565 Spanish settlers in St. Augustine (now Florida) celebrated by having a meal to which they invited the native Seloy tribe. The Spanish served pork stew, sea biscuits, red wine and garbanzo beans. Some say the Seloy contributed turkey, venison and maize.

7. Thanksgiving didn't become a civic holiday until Abraham Lincoln made it one after the Civil War tragedy. Thanksgiving was declared a national holiday on Oct. 20, 1864.

8. The Pilgrims did not refer to

themselves as "pilgrims." They used the word "separatists" as they were separating themselves from a larger belief system.

9. In addition to Canada and the United States, Grenada, Liberia, the Philippines, Saint Lucia and the Netherlands celebrate their own versions of Thanksgiving.

10. Each year, the American president "pardons" a turkey from slaughter on Thanksgiving. This tradition dates back to when Abraham Lincoln's son was upset that his family's turkey that was going to be killed for Thanksgiving dinner.

11. According to the U.S. Calorie Control Council, an average American may consume 4,500 calories and 229 grams of fat on Thanksgiving Day.

12. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is an annual tradition. People line the parade route in New York City or tune in to watch the parade on television. It originated in 1924 and the famed balloons were added in 1927.

13. Apple pie is the pie of choice for Thanksgiving, even though pumpkin pie is prevalent this time of year.

Thanksgiving is a popular holiday in Canada and the U.S. Many traditions have been borne of the holiday, and it is a favorite time of year for many people.

When is the right time for kids to start volunteering?

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Aristotle once said the essence of life is "to serve others and do good."

It's well documented that volunteerism offers many benefits to those who are recipients of the charitable work as well as the volunteers.

According to The Corporation for National and Community Service, one in four Americans volunteers. Volunteers come from all walks of life and various age groups. Nearly one-quarter of all volunteers are people under the age of 24.

Parents and guardians who want to introduce their children to volunteerism may not know when is the right age to do so. Many experts agree that there isn't a definitive age for children to get involved in volunteering. In fact, no child is too young to volunteer.

Joseph F. Hagan Jr., M.D., a clinical professor of pediatrics at Larner

College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, said helping out during the toddler and preschool years helps shape a child's sense of morality.

Rather than wondering if a child is too young to volunteer, adults should focus on finding the right activity to match the child's age. For example, a 3- or 4-year-old child can fill bags or boxes with donated food or help gather blankets and towels to donate to an animal rescue. However, a toddler or preschooler may not have the stamina to complete a 5K walk.

Another way to engage kids in volunteer work is to match their interests with the tasks. Many kids can't get enough of animals, so they may want to help out an animal organization or be involved with a conservation group. A child can collect change to "adopt" an endangered species.

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on December 20, 1983. I began writing and performing my own plays while in college. I rose to Hollywood stardom for roles in funny films, and was nominated for an Academy Award for "Moneyball."

Answer: Jonah Hill

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It's never too late to save a river

By **Rebecca Lawton**
PREVIEW Columnist

An old river-running motto says, "Old boaters never die, they just get a little dinghy." And some never lose their passion for keeping rivers wild.

Consider California's Stanislaus River. In the 1970s, people of all ages and abilities reveled in running its 13 miles of rapids bearing scary names like Widomaker and Devil's Staircase. Not far from Sacramento and San Francisco, the limestone canyon offered renewal and adventure to people nearly year-round.

But back in 1944, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation authorized 625-foot-high New Melones Dam for the Stan, though filling it would drown the beloved canyon. Dam construction began in 1966, and spirited opposition grew, giving rise to the grassroots organization Friends of the River. Advocates argued that a smaller, existing dam could meet flood control and energy production needs, without drowning the wild stretch of river.

Despite actions ranging from citizen's initiatives to lawsuits and even a favorable Supreme Court ruling, New Melones Dam was built.

As water in the reservoir rose in 1979, Friends of the River co-founder Mark Dubois chained himself to bedrock below the high-water line to force dam operators to stop filling. Fifteen-year-old Sue Knaup also went to work, "rescuing wildlife day and night for two months from flooded trees and islands." But she could not save them all, and Dubois could not hold back the reservoir.

The river canyon and priceless prehistoric and historic cultural sites were inundated.

Now, with New Melones logging its fourth decade of broken promises in water delivery, flood control and energy production, hundreds of river advocates from the old campaign hope to reclaim the Stan. In their teens and 20s back then, and today in their 60s and 70s, they believe the timing has never been better.

"It's now a matter of 'well, of course,'" said Dubois, vice president of the new nonprofit Restoring the Stanislaus River. "National momentum is growing for dam removal and expanding economically and ecologically wise floodplains."

Knaup, president and chief instigator of the new group, has moved her activism into filmmaking. "When Mark wanted the Stanislaus story to be told as it should be — in pictures — I offered to create a movie about the 1970s fight."

Beginning work on the film re-awakened their long-held dream of reclaiming the river, so, now, members are proposing a full-watershed

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approach: revegetating reaches of the upper river, removing sections of New Melones to maintain lower reservoir levels and working with downstream farmers to protect floodplains.

Promoting the deconstruction of large dams attracts plenty of media attention. Think of the Klamath River in California and Oregon, and the Snake and Columbia rivers in Washington. Taking down smaller dams receives less fanfare, though some 1,100 small dams have come down in the past 20 years in the United States alone.

As California becomes ever drier, many people agree that the New Melones Dam should go. Only 26 percent full today, the reservoir has been near capacity only five times since first filling. Power-production capabilities, based on 40 years of in-flow data, have never been achieved. Even Interior Department engineers admit they underestimated the river's drought and demand cycles "by a significant amount."

Roy Tennant, a former Stanislaus River guide and now secretary for Restoring the Stanislaus River, acknowledged that successful full-watershed restoration will "take a ton of work and money ... but we have to begin while we're alive and have the passion to do it."

Kevin Wolf, former river-guide organizer for the 1970s campaign and current treasurer of Restoring the Stanislaus River, said billion-dollar ballot measures might be what it takes to change the state's water infrastructure, but "big ideas like taking dams down start with small groups of wild-eyed activists moving ideas forward."

Dubois, whose civil action in the 1970s inspired many river protection efforts, adds that it's time "to repair the good intentions of the outmoded dam-building era — to restore the wild rich abundance that rivers have always been."

As for Knaup, she said "healing has already begun as both the film and the push to restore the Stanislaus River have come alive." And the river? "I have total faith that it will know what to do."

Becca Lawton is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writer-sontherange.org, an independent

nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. A former Grand Canyon River guide and ranger, she began as a Stanislaus River guide and advocate. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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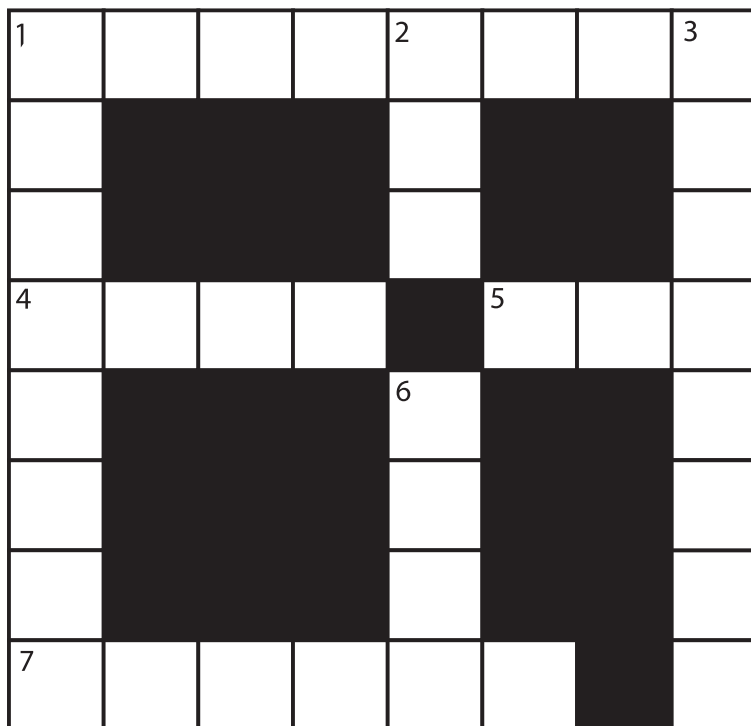
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ANSWER: TURKEY

Down
1. Families 2. Tea 3. Thankful 6. Door

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1. Faintest 4. Idea 5. Can 7. Savory

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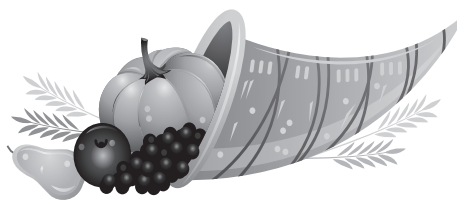
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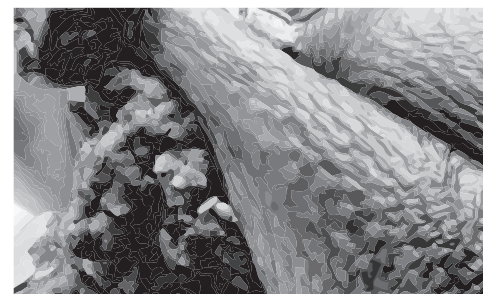
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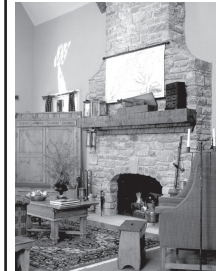
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