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Dedicated to saving lives

Ralph Maccarone receives humanitarian award

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs' Ralph Maccarone, co-founder and volunteer of Who We Play For, was named this year's winner of The NASCAR Foundation's Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award on Thursday, Nov. 17.

Maccarone was announced as the 12th annual winner during an event in Daytona Beach, Fla., that was live-streamed on NASCAR's YouTube channel.

The award recognizes NASCAR fans who are dedicated to providing resources and support to children.

Maccarone was one of four finalists for the 12th annual award, and as the winner, Maccarone's organization — a nationwide organization whose mission is to eliminate preventable sudden cardiac arrest in young people through affordable heart screenings — will receive \$100,000.

"It's a great honor to have won the Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award," said Maccarone via a press release following the announcement. "The entire NASCAR organization and The NASCAR Foundation have been phenomenal to work with and we're so excited to use these funds to help students and save lives."

Voting to choose the winner began after the finalists were announced on Fox Sports 1 in mid-October and wrapped up Nov. 9.

"Ralph has dedicated his life to ensuring young people receive the proper screenings that could one day save their lives," said Nichole Krieger, executive director of The NASCAR Foundation, in the press release. "He has spent countless hours volunteering at screenings, fundraising and advocating for change as Who We Play For has grown into a national organization that's reaching more communities each

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Photo courtesy The NASCAR Foundation

Ralph Maccarone stands with a \$100,000 donation for Who We Play For from The NASCAR Foundation after Maccarone was named the winner of the Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award last week. Maccarone is joined by daughter Jaime, wife Valerie and Stacy Cartechine, who lost her son to sudden cardiac arrest in 2021.

Water boards discuss gravel pit lease extension

By **Dorothy Elder**
Staff Writer

At a Nov. 15 joint work session, the boards of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) met to discuss the terms of a lease extension agreement that would give the Weber family another year to operate the gravel pit at the Running Iron Ranch.

Both PAWSD and SJWCD are the technical landlords of the property, which is the same site being proposed to house a reservoir commonly referred to as the San Juan River Headwaters Project (SJRHP) or Dry Gulch.

In April, PAWSD originally decided to not extend the Webers' lease, citing reasons like pricing, the benefit to PAWSD customers and the reclamation timeline of the site. However, in September,

the board reconsidered after the Webers offered new lease extension terms.

In the new terms, Andy and Kathy Weber proposed that the lease be extended for one year at a cost of \$48,137.78 with the potential to renegotiate or extend the lease at the end of the year.

The lease terms also include that the Webers would complete structural restoration on the current gravel pit site within the year.

Several aspects of the lease extension were discussed by PAWSD and SJWCD at the joint meeting, with the intention of clarifying the lease and adding provisions as needed.

The first provision, suggested by SJWCD board president Al Pfister, is that both districts have unrestricted access to the site, which Pfister noted has historically been

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123rd Christmas Bird Count to take place Dec. 17



Photo courtesy Byron Greco

The Pagosa Springs 2022 Christmas Bird Count will take place on Dec. 17. In the event of inclement weather on Dec. 17, the proposed alternate date for the count is Dec. 18. All ages and abilities are welcome.

By **Keith Bruno**

Audubon Rockies and
Weminuche Audubon Society

This year's Christmas Bird Count (CBC) marks the 123rd year of the longest-running citizen science census in the Western Hemisphere.

Last year, 82 participants contributed in various capacities (from birding at home feeders to owl detections at night), mobilizing on cross-country skis, snowshoes or by car, to log 4,973 total birds of 65 species in our 15-mile diameter count circle. We had a number of youth birders join us as well — let's keep that going.

We encourage anyone and everyone (no matter your level of birding skill) to jump in and have some fun with us observing our avian neighbors. Data compiled helps scientists to better predict and thus protect bird populations as they move across the landscape amid a time of sustained stressors. We need your help.

This year's State of the Birds 2022 report indicated that birds are declining in nearly every habitat type. Not only have we (in U.S. and Canada) lost one in four breeding birds in the past 50 years, but, furthermore, 70 species of birds in North America are now at a "tipping point," having lost two-thirds of their populations in the past 50 years. Birds are telling us that they're in trouble. It's up to us to recognize these alarming statistics and do something about

■ See Bird A8



SUN photo/Josh Pike

Scouts BSA Troop 807 collaborates with members of the Community United Methodist Church to prepare for an event distributing food bags to community members in need on Nov. 21. The event was an Eagle Scout project for troop member Koltin Bassett and collected 112 bags of food from community members for distribution.

COVID-19 Community Levels rise to high

By **Megan Graham**

San Juan Basin Public Health

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Community Levels for COVID-19 rose on Nov. 17 in southwest Colorado, moving Archuleta and La Plata counties into Level High.

Archuleta County has a case incidence rate of 178.2 per 100,000 over the past seven days and La Plata County has a case incidence rate of

142.3 per 100,000 residents (CDC data). The counties, which are part of the same regional health service area, had 22.9 new hospital admissions per 100,000 residents over the past week.

Based on these increased levels of COVID-19 in both communities, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) recommends increased precautions to slow the spread of the virus, pre-

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OUR VIEW

A thankful Thanksgiving

There is a lot to be thankful for in Pagosa Country.

We asked SUN readers and Facebook friends what they were thankful for this Thanksgiving. The following is a sampling of what they had to share:

"I'm thankful for the new fire hydrant we recently installed at our end of our little lane. I hope we never need it!" — Bruce Andersen

"My health...my family and my friends." — Mary Miller

"I have a wonderful life. I am grateful for family, friends, and a job I like going to most every day." — Rhonda Webb

"Being able to still afford to ride a bicycle." — Brian G Akins

"I'm thankful for where I live. The quiet, the serenity and the beauty of this place. It heals me." — Sylvia McDaniel

"I'm thankful that I get to live in a place where people love each other and look out for one another." — Cheryl Ward-Bowdrige

"I'm thankful for students. No matter where I go to teach, I see students in need of the same things: belonging, acceptance, laughter, a spot on the team, role models, trusted adults, and high expectations each can reach for in their own way." — Justin Cowan

"THE PAGOSA SUN." — Angel Gonzalez

"Family!" — Nannette Andrews

"That if I wake up, I will be grateful for my family & the blessings that we can gather together & love one another." — Jeanna Duran

"Grandkids and pie." — Lee Sanchez Eden

"I'm thankful for all the Moms and Dads who work so hard to make a safe and loving community for their children to grow up in." — Sam Conti

"Our Colorado blue skies!" — Evelyn Woodward Funderburk

"I am thankful political ads no longer plague my TV viewing." — Sally Logee Neel

"My kiddo, family, friends, amazing employees and dedicated election judges." — Kristy Archuleta

"First of all I'm thankful for God, that the cancer I had right when covid hit I beat and currently in remission. For my beautiful, caring, loving daughter Sandra Montes and her husband Manny and 3 beautiful granddaughters for being by my side through it all. I love you all." — Delorurdes Sanchez

"I am thankful for my beautiful mom. She takes care of my two crazy dogs while I am at work. I appreciate her so much.

Love you mom." — DawnMarie Gonzales

"So very thankful for this community and our family and friends." — Jaclyn Price

"I am thankful for my childhood in Pagosa and that I am surrounded by my family." — Dana Ramsey

"Family, our faith, our health, traditions of love for the holiday season of celebrations." — Suzan Christie Gallegos

"I'm Thankful for what the Lord has given us food, warm home, and much more, and all my family and friends!!!" — Berlinda Vorhies

"85 Incredible years, Susan, John, Troy, Joyce L. ..." — Thomas Hanchett

"Nearly 250 years later, my gratitude is not diminished for an eternal Creator that ordained this homeland, and continues to guide us, as we offer hope and mercy to the world, strive for peace, celebrate great victory, and mourn our heroes. Thankful for this republic that bears the scars of past deficiencies, and has risen above them to promote and champion the real liberties we enjoy today." — Greg Pilgrim

"Pagosa Springs Magic! My hubby and my kiddos!" — Polly Seale

"God, family and friends." — Beth Reno

"We are thankful everyday for a good life and the wonderful people in Pagosa Springs. We found our happy place here." — Laurah Brock Young

"My family." — Kate Yoklavich

"Life and family" — Jackie Miller

"First and foremost that I have a higher power that is available to me 24/7 on any typical of my choosing. My health, As a minister visiting patients in hospitals I never heard anyone wanting anything more than their health back.

Freedom, again as a minister doing services at the jail I became acutely aware on how blessed I am to have the freedom that I have. Lastly I am thankful for the good and not so good people that have entered my life. The good by demonstrating a righteous way to live and the not so good by helping people along with myself in my little world to avoid those pitfalls." — Len Liszewski

"The love of God, my family, and my friends; good health and job; and a warm house to call home. Happy Thanksgiving." — Josephine Ribera

"I am thankful for a day of good family, good friends, and good food. I'm also thankful that I have no reason to go shopping on Black Friday." — Marie Schofield Hernandez

"Gods love that never stops!!" — Terri Lynn Christian Pritchard

"Good health. Good family. Good life."

— Denise Woods Santille

"Health, family and what I have." — Ella Vicenti

"This community, my family and friends." — Jaclyn Price

"We don't celebrate Thanksgiving, but we do celebrate harvest feast and we are thankful for all we have and each other everyday. We celebrate daily." — Angel Thrasher Weaver

"I am thankful that I was able to move to Colorado where my father, grandparents and their parents and grandparents before them planted deep roots. No place on earth has ever felt so deeply familiar without ever having been here before. Every day, Pagosa and its beautiful people continue to heal every aspect of my being. My son is thriving like never before and we have all made forever friends that feel more like family. I am finally home." — Glorie Rose

"Thankful for the United States of America and our native forefathers that shared their Thanksgiving dinner." — Joe Darr

"We can share our home and beautiful surroundings with our kids!" — Linda Lutomski

"The great community of Pagosa Springs, my students and coworkers at PSMS, the beauty of our hot springs, forests, lakes and rivers, volunteering at HSPS and CRIA but most of all my family, friends and 2 dogs." — Theresa Dougherty-Suchanek

"Thankful that Colorado still has Over the Counter Elk hunting license. So many states have made it near impossible to enjoy hunting with your kids. I come back here where I was raised and it's just easy and enjoyable." — Kevin Schaffer

"I'm so thankful that we caught my dad's heart attack on time and that he's doing so well and healthy. This year I'm extremely thankful for the health of my family and that I get to spend a wonderful thanksgiving surrounded by them!" — Brit Guire

"I am thankful for all my blessing I have received and all my family." — Sally Valdez

"The beautiful wildlife and forest access here." — Taylor Marie Mosley

"Precious babies." — Taylor Marie Mosley

"Life, Liberty and Happiness." — John Lennon

"Gods grace n mercy." — Sylvia Lovato

We are thankful for your thoughtful responses. What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 24, 1922

Pagosa Springs High School will present "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" at the Liberty theatre next Monday night, November 27th. The cast has been at work on this play for the past four weeks, and feels that it has the matter well in hand. The action is being speeded up and the stage setting is practically complete, so that on the night of the production there should not be a dull moment for those present at this High School function.

The sawmills of Grant Shields, Soft Pine Lumber Co., J.B. Moore and Boland & Henderson have all closed down for the winter. With the scarcity of cars for shipping lumber and no demand for pine ties, the timber and lumber industry in this county does not look very promising for this winter.

The road and school fund of Archuleta county has recently been increased by \$1,793.70, which represents the extent of this county's participation in the National Forest receipts for the fiscal year 1922. The San Juan National Forest, with a net area of 1,240,141, is credited with returning \$5,665.49 to the seven counties which partially lie within its boundary.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 28, 1947

Downtown Pagosa Springs will get into the spirit of Christmas this year, with gay lights and a big Christmas tree, it was announced by town officials this week.

Starting Monday, the lights will be strung across the main highway, starting at the corner of Goodman's and extending to the Hughes Chevrolet corner.

The REA has agreed to help with its men and equipment and town equipment will be used. When the street lights have been installed, members of the Boy Scout Troop, under the guidance of Rev. H.H. Hughes, will add other decorations and will fix up the tree, which will be located at the flagpole.

HOW ABOUT IT DEPT. — What's the deal on flooding the Park area for the kids again this winter? They enjoyed last year and its popularity would probably increase. Last year the work resolved on a couple of helpful businessmen. If we'd all pitch in, it wouldn't be such a job.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 23, 1972

Pagosa was nosed out of the race for the State Class A football championship 6-0 by a powerful Walsh team last Saturday. The game was played under the most adverse conditions, Walsh was a worthy opponent, and the game could easily have gone either way. They wound up the football season for the Pirates this year. The team piled up a record of no losses in season play, no losses in league play, and a win in the quarter-final game. The loss to Walsh Saturday was not a major defeat or a big thumping. It was a close ball game all of the way, all of the time.

Approval was given this week to a preliminary plan presented by Eaton International for a new subdivision, Lake Forest Estates. This new subdivision is north of U.S. 160 and west of the sales office a mile or two. Another preliminary plat was held over by the planning commission for further study and discussion. The plat was for a subdivision in the same general area as Lake Forest Estates.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 26, 1997

The county's proposed 1998 budget is proposing a 3 percent cost-of-living increase for county employees, approximately 94 persons, according to County Commissioner Bill Tallon.

"You have to understand that nothing we are doing now is final," Tallon said Monday. "The budget should be pretty much in shape by Dec. 9 and finalized by Dec. 31."

This year's formula for calculating county employee pay raises calls for setting aside 5 percent of the payroll total for raises. Across-the-board cost-of-living increases amounting to 3 percent of payroll total will apparently be divided by the number of employees and each employee will receive the resultant fixed amount.

Merit increases for selected employees will be funded by the remainder of the 5 percent set aside for raises.

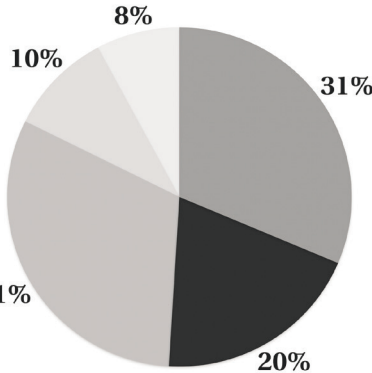
"Salaries are getting competitive," Tallon said. "We have to pay enough to attract and keep good people."

WHADDYA THINK?

What are you most thankful for this time of year?

Poll results (102 votes)

Friends and family. — 31 percent
Food on the table. — 20 percent
Health. — 31 percent
Living in this community. — 10 percent
Other. — 8 percent



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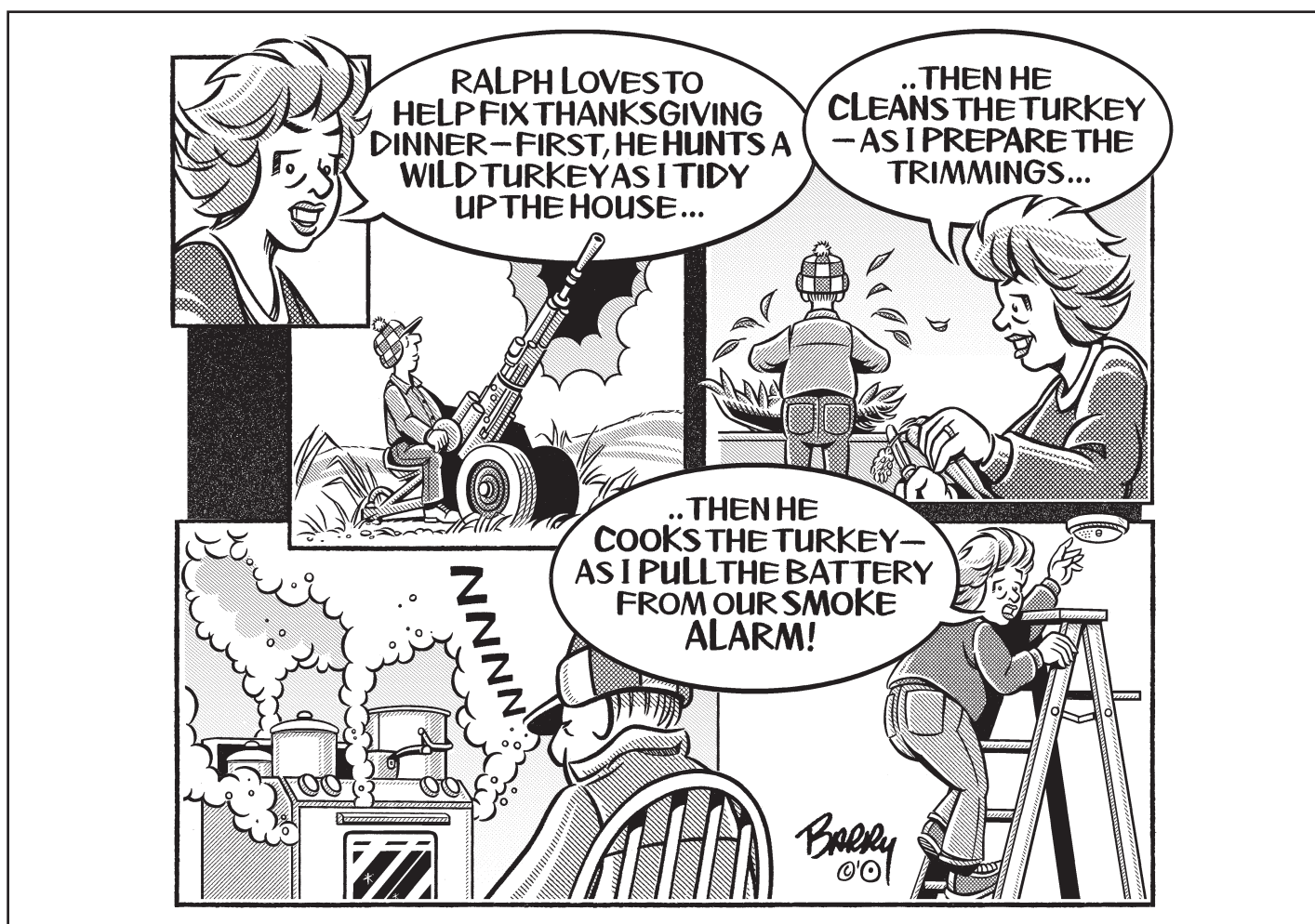
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Bergdolt: Pagosa positivity

Dear Editor:
I read the Sun every week, and I've noticed that with the recent elections, they can leave people upset or happy depending on who won. I'd like to put spotlight on a couple who are positively impacting our community. Without further ado, I'd like to introduce Stephanie and Todd Bergdolt. They are long time residents of Pagosa Springs, and they're coaches on Pagosa's Dust2 mountain bike team. What I love about Stephanie is that she's very encouraging, she's

always there for you, and she makes everyone around her feel good. Todd is awesome because he's extremely knowledgeable, and he's a great person to take advice from. I truly believe I wouldn't still be on Dust2 if it weren't for them. They've always motivated me, and I just want to say thanks so much for everything they do in making Dust2 possible.

Sophia Alexander

Horse bags

Dear Editor:
Last week's 'letter to the editor' called, "Horses on the Trail", gave me the best laugh that I've had in a long, long time. The opening sentence read, "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".

A quote from the movie "Blazing Saddles" was my first thought after I read this letter. "What is a dazzling urbanite like you doing in a rustic setting like this." After all, I don't recall hearing any cowboy songs about, slipping and sliding through manure on the trail. Do you think that old time or modern cowboys carry shovels and pails to clean up

after their horses along the trail? Mostly, I recall the songs are about dust along as the trail as they herd cattle. Perhaps, the gentleman's letter could be inspiration for a new cowboy song.

Walking, walking, we go,
Along the trail we go,
When we all hear "oh no".
Rollin, Rollin down the hill he goes,

Slipping on the horse dung,
Was the tune they all sung.
Or perhaps this letter can be the inspiration needed for a new industry: horse bags, bear bags and deer bags.

My suggestion is for the writer of the letter, "Horses on the Trail", to gather some prized trail manure and take to back to Humble, Texas. He will be amazed at how beautiful his roses will become and how bountiful his strawberry patch will be.

Jim Van Natter

Letters

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If necessary, only one letter pertaining to a candidate or political issue will be printed in each edition up to three weeks prior to the election.

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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://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority Commission meeting. Time to be determined. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprisings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and elected officials quarterly work session. 11:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information,

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

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. Time to be determined, Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 4 p.m., Sisson Library. Join Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146>.

Thursday, Dec. 8

Pagosa Springs Main Street Advisory Board meeting. 4-6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89821999924?pwd=ZzlkSjYlL1BKbmRzRUZcUkxUkx5Zz09>.

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

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Obituaries

Gary Lynn Dillard

Gary Lynn Dillard, age 68, of Seguin, passed away at his residence on Nov. 15. Gary was born in Lubbock, Texas, on Oct. 6, 1954, to Melba and AR Dillard.



Gary was the second born of two children and grew up living and working with his father on the family farm. He attended Hereford schools and was flying gliders by the age of 12. After graduating high school with his private pilot's license already in hand, he headed to Louisiana Tech University. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in professional aviation and airport administration. After a short stint in Corpus Christi as a flight instructor, he was hired by Othal Brand Sr. to fly for Griffin and Brand Produce Co. in McAllen, Texas. Later he added flying for Card Co. and the wonderful Larry Hofland family. Additionally, he took to the skies with Jones and Jones Inc. Gary served on the Airport Advisory Board before leaving to live in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Together with his wife, Carol, they developed a very successful retail business, The Corner Store Inc. He served as president of the Lions Club, actively supported the 4-H program and together with his wife served on the board for the Colorado State Workforce.

Gary was an avid sportsman. His best memories were spent with friends hunting, skiing, camping and horseback adventures in the high country. He had an uncanny knack for making, keeping and communicating with friends from church, schools and business. Gary touched so many lives. Even with his long journey dealing with diabetes, cancer and kidney failure, he made friends with doctors and health care workers everywhere he went.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Mary Carol Collins; his mother, Melba Dillard; sister Glenda Tiner; cousin Barbara Dillard McCallon; great nieces Brooklyn Allen and Tynneson Allen; and nephew Colston Allen. He is also survived by his constant companion and faithful dog, Wendy.

A memorial service is planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023; or the MD Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas 77030 or the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852. The family encourages all to become organ donors.

You are invited to sign the guest book at www.treshewell.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, 165 Tor Drive, Seguin, Texas, 78155, (830) 549-5912.

Robert Leon 'Bob' Swanemyr

Robert Leon "Bob" Swanemyr passed away Monday, Nov. 7. He was 88 years old.

Bob was born Oct. 21, 1934, to Rudolph and Lilly Swanemyr in Du-

rango, Colo., and he grew up in Allison, Colo., on the family ranch. Bob graduated from Ignacio High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving stateside. He married Betty Lou Tate on Dec. 30, 1956, in Aztec, N.M. Bob helped his family on the ranch until he began working for the Colorado Department of Transportation in the late 1960s, retiring in 1978.



Bob was a member of the Allison Community Presbyterian Church and the Mt. Allison Grange; he was active in the Colorado Mounted Rangers.

Bob enjoyed fishing, gardening and tending to his Christmas tree farm. He loved farming, ranching and working on his yard — his "oasis." He worked with his father in the cattle business and very much enjoyed his ranching career. One of Bob's favorite things was meeting his buddies at the local coffee shop.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; children: Bruce (Cindy) Swanemyr, and Kristy (Sean) Davis; grandchildren: Jesse and Cole Swanemyr, and Luke Davis; seven great-grandchildren; many extended family; and wonderful friends.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kara Matthews, and siblings: Evelyn Brennan and Nancy Valencia.

A funeral service will be held Monday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. at Allison Community Church. Burial will follow at Allison Tiffany Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Allison Community Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1899, Arboles, CO 81122.

Fred P. Vogel

Jan. 25, 1920-Sept. 21

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, Fred Vogel died peacefully at Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Fred was 102 years and nine months old when he died and had his daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Ron Bubb, by his side.

Fred lived the last year of his life quietly in Pagosa Springs, enjoying the buzz of the local social scene through Ron and Ann, long-term residents of Pagosa Springs. Many didn't realize that during this time we had a rare treasure in

our midst, because Fred was one of the last remaining World War II veterans.

Fred served in the U.S. Air Force in WWII, graduating from engineering and gunnery schools, and leaving with his bomber squadron from Florida to Puerto Rico on a two-week journey over Christmas and New Year in 1942/1943, finally landing in Cairo, Egypt, and then heading into the Sahara desert in Libya, where he almost froze to death the first few nights. From there, Fred flew missions in B25s in support of General Montgomery's 8th Army, driving General Rommel's Desert Rats through Africa back towards Sicily and Italy, and to the coast.

"We would drop 500-pound bombs on the German army when they dug in to stop the advance of the 8th Army. Rommel would dig in tanks when they ran out of gas and could no longer take the tanks along on his retreat. We put 3-foot rods (stingers) on the nose of the bombs to make them explode above ground and these 500 pounders shook them up (at least the ones who lived through the pounding). It was Rommel's Desert Rats that named our outfit (the B25s) 'The Earthquakers' because of this."

It was from the Libyan desert that Fred watched the intense fighting in the battle for Tobruk, having been grounded with his crew to wait for planes and serve as mechanics for those squadrons flying. Fred notes, "I can't say I wasn't sorry after I saw the planes come back from those missions full of holes."

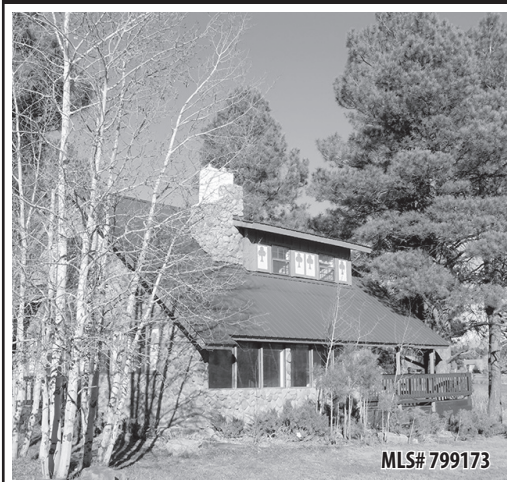
After heading to Sicily and then Italy, Fred was sent to India, where he suffered a severe bout of malaria. He eventually was sent home via Iran (Persia), Egypt and Bermuda, before landing on USA soil in Miami, Fla., on Jan. 16, 1945 — two years after departing. He had a memorable meal of a hamburger and strawberry milkshake at the airfield, and added that two of the highlights from his service travels were flying over the huge pyramids in Egypt and seeing the Taj Mahal in India (which he said is really, very white).

Fred P. Vogel, staff sergeant, U.S.

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Unemployment rate rises in October

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

According to a Nov. 18 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate for the month of October rose to 3.1 percent from 2.8 percent for the month of September.

This increase reverses the overall trend for the year where county unemployment has generally fallen.

From September to October, Archuleta County's labor force grew from 7,390 to 7,458.

For the month of October, there were 7,299 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is up

from September's report of 7,180 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for October was Huerfano County at 7.3 percent, followed by Pueblo County and Los Animas County, both at 5.5.

Next is Fremont County at 5.3 percent, then Otero County at 4.9 percent.

The state's unemployment rate increased from 3.4 percent to 3.6 percent between September and October.

The state's labor force grew slightly from 3,255,100 in September to 3,256,900 in October.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point in October to 3.6 percent. The number of unemployed individuals rose by 6,800 over the same time period to 116,400. Colorado's unemployment rate has ranged between 3.3 and 3.6 percent since April. The national unemployment rate also moved up by two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.7 percent, which translates to approximately 6.1 million unemployed."

Employers in Colorado added 17,700 nonfarm payroll jobs from September to October, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to 2,900,800.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector added 15,400 nonfarm payroll jobs, while the government sector gained 2,300 jobs.

The press release notes that, over the past 30 months, Colorado has added 455,700 nonfarm payroll jobs, compared to losses totaling 374,500 in March and April 2020.

"That translates to a job recovery rate of 121.7 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 103.7 percent," it reads.

The press release also states that, "Since May 2020, Colorado's private sector has grown by 449,500 jobs, compared to declines of 358,800 in early 2020. That translates to a job recovery rate of 125.3 percent and outpaces the U.S. rate of 106.3 percent."

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

- Professional and business services at about 5,900.
- Construction at about 2,600.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 2,000.

• Educational and health services at about 1,400.

• Manufacturing at about 1,300.

• Other services at about 1,100.

The press release indicates there were no industries with significant over-the-month declines.

"Since October 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 116,200, with the private sector growing by 104,800 and government adding 11,400 jobs," the press release notes.

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

- Professional and business services at about 35,300.
- Leisure and hospitality at about 17,100.
- Educational and health services at about 13,600.

Since October 2021, financial activities jobs have declined by about 1,400.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.4 to 33.8 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$32.69 to \$35.27, two dollars and sixty-nine cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$32.58."

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Is your business ready for 2023 employee program deductions?

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

We have known for a year now that there are going to be changes to the employee deductions that businesses will have to implement in 2023. The two big programs are the Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FMLI) program and the Colorado Secure Savings program.

In 2021, voters approved the FMLI program to create a fund from which, starting in 2024, employees throughout Colorado can draw from when taking FMLI leave for situations such as a new baby or a serious health condition. The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) will be administering this program. The collection starts January 2023. Are you ready?

In a nutshell, the deduction will be split between the employer and the employee. Businesses with nine or fewer employees do not have to contribute; however, they do need to remit their employee's share of 0.45 percent of the premium each quarter. Typically, payment will be done through a payroll deduction, which most businesses have through their payroll calculation program.

Make sure you or your accountant or bookkeeper has uploaded the latest version of your payroll program. All employers, regardless of size, must still register with the FMLI Division before your first premium payment for the first quarter of 2023. The CDLE has a great toolkit for employers on its website, <https://famli.colorado.gov/employers>.

The Colorado Secure Savings Program is another new program that does not require employers to deduct from payroll unless the employee wishes to participate. However, again, the employer must register with the state. This program

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Archuleta County Road and Bridge Department staff member Joe Martinez participates in the Road and Bridge Snowplow Day on Nov. 18. The event was held to educate the public about county snowplowing procedures and policies in preparation for winter.

County approves secure transportation services policy, considers payroll software vendor

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Nov. 15 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved policies and procedures regarding secure transportation services and considered the selection of a new vendor for county payroll and human services software.

County Attorney Todd Weaver outlined the new secure transportation services policies, indicating that the county is required to adopt a resolution allowing for the licensing of secure transportation services, which provide an alternative, more "discreet," means of transportation for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis as compared to an ambulance.

He explained that the new policy would put into place policies and procedures concerning the li-

censing process for such services, requirements for obtaining secure transportation services licenses and processes for permitting for secure transportation vehicles.

Weaver noted that these licenses are similar to the ambulance service licenses the county already provides and the policy included reciprocity to the extent possible with neighboring counties where licenses for secure transportation services obtained in those counties would also apply in Archuleta County and vice versa.

In response to a comment from Commissioner Warren Brown, Weaver explained that there are exceptions within the state policy, excluding agencies already permitted in other ways, such as police departments, from being required to secure the new licenses.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez questioned if the new licensing

would apply to the Archuleta County Department of Human Services (DHS).

Weaver indicated that the new policy would apply to the county DHS, although not to the state DHS agency, and that the county needs to make DHS aware that they should not be transporting individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

The board then unanimously approved the resolution adopting Archuleta County policies and procedures concerning secure transportation services.

Later in the meeting, Human Resources Director Tina Woodman and Finance Director Louise Woods presented a proposal for a new vendor for county payroll and human resources software.

Woods explained that she had been working with Woodman on reviewing potential vendors and

that the county's current software is outdated, does not provide the county with the utilities necessary for payroll processing and human resources management, requires "repetitive data entry" and opens the county up to potential errors.

She explained that the pair had consulted with three vendors who would offer the services the county required, including ADP with a proposed annual price of \$41,727, Paychex with a proposed annual price of \$35,623 and Rippling with a proposed annual price of \$44,369.

Woods stated that the county also needs to consider the vendor's customer support response times, technical support availability, and integration with current county software and benefit vendors.

Woods then recommended that the county select Rippling as a vendor and explained that the BoCC ■ See County A7

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gram is regulated by the Colorado Department of the Treasury. This program encourages employees to easily create a savings account for their future through a payroll deduction plan. This program also has criteria that the employer must adhere to even if their employees do not participate in the program. Employers who have five or more employees, have been in business more than two years and do not offer a retirement savings program need to offer this program to their employees. If you already offer a retirement savings program, you simply need to certify your exemption using your access code when the program fully launches. The program is completely voluntary for employees. They can choose to enroll and cancel later, choose not to participate or find out more about the program and

the investment. This program is also available to self-employed or gig workers through the same reporting program. This new state option is an easy, convenient and flexible way for employees to save for their future.

While the Chamber has been offering webinars and information about the upcoming plan, interest has been minimal. Again, are you ready to speak to your employees about these new programs? The Department of the Treasury also has great information about the program. Go to <https://coloradosecuresavings.com/> to find out more about the program.

The Chamber's website, www.pagosachamber.com, has more information and quick links to the various programs on our website. We want to make sure that our business community is informed and can speak intelligently about

these new programs that are starting in January 2023. Each of these program sites has FAQ information pages and many other resources. Contact the Chamber should you as employers or employees have additional questions.

Holiday Lighting Contest

Homes and businesses are decorated from now until the end of the year in the Holiday Lighting Contest. The public is encouraged to vote for their favorite residential, business and storefront displays via <https://bit.ly/2022LightingContest> until Dec. 18. Only one vote per account (email) is accepted. The entrants could win either cash prizes or the equivalent in advertising dollars.

Those going out and viewing the lights will have the enjoyment of beautiful and creative displays, family and friend time, and marvel-

ing at the beauty of our community. Have some free fun this season while getting better acquainted with our community.

A list and map of the lighting participants will also be available starting Nov. 25. For more information or to download the voting app, visit www.visitpagosapragasprings.com. We hope that our residents and visitors have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with delicious food and great gatherings with family and friends as we all have so much to be thankful for.

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Dry weather predicted through weekend

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Wednesday night will bring chances of snow in the mountains followed by a largely clear Thanksgiving day for Archuleta County, according to Shawn Prochazka of Pagosa Weather.

In a Tuesday, Nov. 22, post, Prochazka predicts that Wednesday night will bring "A fast moving system will move north to south through eastern Colorado. It will intensify as it moves south but won't have much moisture as it moves through Colorado. I don't expect any snow in the valley, but our mountains could get a dusting."

He added that, from Thursday through most of Monday, "We'll see a transient pattern with first a ridge, and then a system missing us to the north. Afternoon winds will pick up a little and there will be more clouds, but we'll stay dry."

The next major storm, Prochazka suggests, will potentially begin late Monday night.

The National Weather Service (NWS) forecasts that sunny skies with a high of 37 and light and variable winds rising to 5-10 mph as the day progresses are expected Wednesday, Nov. 23, for Archuleta County.

Wednesday night is predicted to

bring partly cloudy skies, a low of 19, 10-15 mph winds and a chance of snow before 11 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 24, is expected to bring sunny skies and a high of 33 along with 10-15 mph winds for a chilly Thanksgiving day.

Clear skies are expected on Thursday night with a low of 21.

For Friday, Nov. 25, the forecasted high is 45 degrees with sunny skies. The forecasted low is 26 degrees with mostly clear skies.

For Saturday, Nov. 26, sunny skies are expected with a high of 44 degrees. The forecasted low is 24 degrees Saturday night with mostly clear skies.

For Sunday, Nov. 27, the forecasted high is 39 degrees with mostly sunny skies. The forecasted low is 22 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 5.7 inches of snow water equivalent as of noon on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

The Wolf Creek summit is at 88 percent of the Nov. 22 snowpack median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins were at

93 percent of the Nov. 22 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 noon on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

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

"You can find generally safe avalanche conditions today. Although improbable, you can still trigger an avalanche on north and northeast slopes where winds have drifted hard snow on top of weaker snow on the ground. You can avoid this by steering clear of slopes with smooth, rounded features, most likely found near ridgelines or in gullies. If you travel on shady slopes with more than about 12 inches of cohesion less [sic] snow, you could trigger a small avalanche of loose snow. All other slopes provide safer options. If you choose bigger objectives, make sure you consider the consequences of even a small slide," the CAIC website notes.

The CAIC website also notes that there is limited snow coverage in the Sangre De Cristo range, adding, "In the rest of the San Juan

Mountains from the New Mexico border to Wolf Creek Pass west to the US 550 corridor, the mountains around Ouray, Telluride, and over to Lizard Head Pass and the La Plata Mountains there is plenty of snow on the ground. The cold dry weather and lack of snowfall is causing slabs to degrade and create an entirely faceted snowpack. With no slab in place, larger more dangerous slab avalanches are unlikely. If you are traveling in high-elevation northerly-facing areas look for thin slabs in drifted areas. If you find a slab it is certainly resting on old weak snow from late October and you should simply avoid it."

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

River report

Stream flow for the San Juan River on Nov. 22 at approximately 11 a.m. 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 108 cfs at 10:15 p.m. on Nov. 21.

This reading is also slightly down from last week's reading of 84.5 cfs at 11 a.m. on Nov. 15.

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would only be approving the selection of the vendor at this meeting, not the expenditure of funds for contracting with the vendor.

Maez commented that he saw language concerning the value the expenditure was not to exceed in the documentation related to this approval and that he felt this was making a decision on the expenditure for the vendor.

He added that he did not "have a problem" with approving the expenditure in next year's budget, although he felt approving the new vendor at the Nov. 15 meeting was inappropriate, particularly since he had not received information he had requested concerning other counties' experiences with using the software and the county is currently working to recruit a new finance director, given Wood's resignation and upcoming departure, who might have different prefer-

ences and ideas.

Brown commented that he supported the proposal despite its high cost, including the \$44,369 contract with Rippling and \$10,000 in first-year implementation costs, stating that he is "a firm believer in you get what you pay for."

He added that he felt there needs to be an improvement in the county's operational capabilities and efficiency.

He added that he agreed with Maez that this was a request for funding and, if this was a funding request for next year's budget, that it should be approved with the county's 2023 budget.

Woods clarified it was a funding request for 2023.

Maez then asked if Woods or Woodman had heard any feedback from counties who use Rippling.

Woodman explained that they were working on gathering feedback about the software and had

reached out to other counties who use the software.

Maez added that he believed the county treasurer also had concerns about the security of releasing county banking information to an outside vendor.

Woods commented that other counties had successfully released payroll information to outside vendors without security problems.

Maez also inquired about what

personnel might be added or removed because of this change.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf and Woods explained that the change would likely not add or remove personnel, but would free up current staff to perform other tasks.

The board then moved to table the decision on the vendor until the Dec. 6 BoCC meeting, where the 2023 budget will be approved.

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Humanitarian

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year. His work and the work of all of our finalists exemplify the lasting legacy of Betty Jane France and the countless number of children The NASCAR Foundation continues to impact."

Aside from his service, the press release notes, Maccarone has been a fan of NASCAR after first being introduced to the sport by his wife. He and his son started following Ryan Newman after discovering the driver shared the same birthday as his son.

Maccarone told The SUN Monday that Who We Play For has always been a grassroots effort and seeing the recognition through the foundation has been "amazing," as has been the support the organization has received.

"It validates the importance of what we're trying to accomplish by raising the standard of care in our communities," he said, adding, "The support that we've gotten from people in Pagosa, obviously Florida, is amazing."

Maccarone noted that the \$100,000 donation will not only allow Who We Play For to continue to provide screenings for students, but will also allow the organization to create a fund to help students who need follow-up care with a pediatric cardiologist but who may not have insurance.

When the announcement of the winner was made, Maccarone was joined by three kids who were screened by Who We Play For and identified as having life-threatening cardiac issues that required surgical intervention.

"Those parents and those kids have really become our strongest advocates and definitely vocal spokespersons for the organization," Maccarone said. "It certainly makes it easier for us when we go to the school boards and we've got, you know, ... kids and families that have been affected and now all of a sudden ... they're telling our story as well."

Maccarone noted winning the award and the donation was a team effort, with representatives of the organization going to high school

sporting events and more to talk to people and earn their votes.

Maccarone added he met the other finalists in Phoenix, Ariz., for the last race of the NASCAR season.

"All those folks were just amazing, and their charities, same thing," he said, adding, "Obviously we wanted to win, but any of the four organizations would definitely have been worthy of receiving this."

Maccarone said NASCAR is sending him and his wife to Nashville, Tenn., for the NASCAR award banquet next week.

"We're pretty excited about that," he said.

The finalists

According to the foundation, the group of finalists have impacted more than 100,000 children through their 81 combined years of service.

Each of the finalists' organizations earned a \$25,000 donation from The NASCAR Foundation in recognition of their nominated volunteers' achievements.

The other three finalists were:

- Dan Majetich, of Tempe, Ariz., a co-founder and volunteer with Nick and Kelly Children's Heart Fund of Arizona, an organization that assists Arizona families of children with congenital heart disease and acquired heart disease. After losing their sons, Nick and Kelly, to congenital heart defects, Dan and his wife, Margaret, founded the Nick and Kelly Children's Heart Fund in 1985.

- Tammy Garret, of Mobile, Ala., a 17-year volunteer with Rapahope Children's Retreat Foundation of Alabama, a nonprofit organization that provides opportunities to families on the childhood cancer journey through recreational support programs.

- Tracy Williams, of Jacksonville, Fla., a 17-year volunteer with the Tom Coughlin Jay Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports families that are tackling childhood cancer.

Who We Play For

Maccarone is a co-founder and volunteer for Who We Play For, which stemmed from the unex-

pected loss of his son, Rafe, when he was 15 and the family lived in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

"On the morning of November 30, 2007, the future co-founders of Who We Play For were high school soccer players that were completely unaware of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA)," the Who We Play For website reads. "During warmups for soccer practice that afternoon, our close friend Rafe Maccarone (who had been cleared by every sports physical) laid down during a short break between warmup runs. At this time, our team had just finished a two-mile jog and we were taking time to stretch and recover. A few moments went by and now Rafe was the only person not standing up and ready to continue warmups. We quickly realized that Rafe was unconscious and rushed to his side.

"We had no idea that Rafe had a deadly undetected heart condition and, tragically, sudden cardiac arrest was his first symptom."

Over the last 10 years, the organization has completed more than 200,000 heart screenings in seven states in an effort to detect heart conditions that would go undetected in a traditional sports physical and prevent sudden cardiac arrest, Maccarone previously explained to The SUN.

He indicated that there are scores of other organizations also completing screenings in the U.S.

More than 7,000 kids die annually from sudden cardiac arrest, Maccarone pointed out in October, calling it a "silent killer" and noting many kids don't know they have a heart issue without the screening.

The executive director of Who We Play For, Evan Ernst, was one of Rafe's teammates at the time of his death.

The organization has an eight-person medical team, which Maccarone previously explained includes some of the nation's leading pediatricians, who recommend beginning the screenings at age 10 and being screened every couple of years.

Who We Play For has also worked with politicians to increase access

to automated external defibrillator (AEDs), which are used to help people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest) and to make more rigorous screenings mandatory, with Maccarone explaining those grassroots efforts include going to school board meetings and working with state- and federal-level elected officials.

Maccarone explained that, in his son's case, there was an AED at the school, but it was locked in the office since school was over for the day.

Florida has since required that an AED be present at after-school activities in Florida.

"We're trying to raise the standard of care," Maccarone said in October, adding that other coun-

tries have mandated heart screenings, but that the U.S. is behind the curve. "This is a public health issue."

Currently, the organization provides the screenings for \$20, but nobody is turned away for their inability to pay. If a student were to go to a hospital for an EKG, it would cost \$150-\$200, he noted.

Upcoming screening event in Pagosa Springs

For the last five years, Who We Play For has completed voluntary, free screenings for eighth-graders at Pagosa Springs Middle School, with Maccarone fundraising through his Facebook page and local Rotarians to offer the screenings for free.

Maccarone noted there will be a screening event at the middle school on Feb. 24, 2023.

More about the award

In its 12 years, the Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award has recognized 48 NASCAR fans who are dedicated volunteers working for children's causes in communities nationwide. More than 475,000 children's lives have been affected by the program with \$2 million contributed to children's charities.

To learn more about The NASCAR Foundation's programs, including the Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award and Speediatrics Children's Fund, please visit NASCARfoundation.org.

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Gravel

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the case, but he wanted to specify in the lease.

He noted that he doesn't have a specific reason for wanting access to the site next year, but noted that in case "something comes up" he wants the lease to spell out that the landlord's access to the site will not be limited in any way.

Many PAWSD board members were in support of the idea.

The two entities also agreed that there needs to be further clarity in the language used to describe the limit on tons of gravel that PAWSD and SJWCD are imposing on the Webers.

In essence, the original lease agreement proposed a 30,000 ton limit on the gravel that could be mined in the extension year, and PAWSD announced plans to take about 9,000 tons of gravel from the site for its Snowball water treatment plant expansion.

It was unclear from both boards, as the lease is written now, if that 9,000 tons is included in the 30,000 ton limit or separate (meaning that, in total, 39,000 tons would be extracted).

The general consensus was that the 30,000 ton limit included the 9,000 tons that PAWSD would take, and the board agreed that the lease language needs to be corrected to clearly reflect that.

SJWCD board member Candace Jones added that a liability clause needs to be added to the lease that

states that SJWCD is not responsible for the cost of the gravel that PAWSD plans to use, which she noted is likely a given but needs to be stated in the agreement.

In terms of the reclamation process that is supposed to take place during the extension year, there was a lot of conversation about steps that both districts could take to hold the Webers accountable.

Right now, many board members noted, there are not a lot of efforts by the entities to monitor the activities at the site.

There were some concerns voiced about the cleanup process, along with what has been brought into the site from outside sources.

Some suggestions included requesting that when the Webers send reports to the state in compliance with mining regulations, a copy is automatically sent to both districts.

Another included a security deposit on the site that would be kept until the boards can ensure that the site has been cleaned up properly.

Other suggestions included making a timeline with verifiable steps for the reclamation process that the boards could continually check throughout the year, but both boards noted that they are understaffed and it might not be feasible.

Other business

In other business, the SJWCD adopted new strategic objectives

for 2023 that will serve as the basis of its action plan and budget at a Nov. 14 special meeting.

Board members agreed the final language of the objectives need to be finalized.

The first proposed objective is to advance the SJRHP as one resource for meeting agricultural, municipal, environmental and recreational water needs of the SJWCD community.

The second proposed objective is to consider strategies beyond water storage for meeting agricultural, municipal, environmental and recreational water needs of the SJWCD community.

The third proposed objective is to educate the SJWCD community about the water resources of the Upper San Juan River Basin and related issues, including the SJRHP, water resource planning, water conservation and the work of the SJWCD.

Board members noted that the objectives are subject to change, an action plan will be developed in conjunction with the objectives using proposals from various board members and objective leaders will be assigned from the board at upcoming meetings.

Also at the meeting, Pfister announced that the SJWCD Facebook page has officially been shut down.

The move comes after months of controversy that resulted from concerns that an unknown source was posting content unrelated to water on the board's page.

Applications open for El Pomar Foundation's 2023 fellowship and internship programs

By Boe Gold

El Pomar Foundation

El Pomar Foundation is seeking applicants for its 2023 fellowship and summer internship programs.

The fellowship is a paid, two-year program for recent college graduates and early career professionals.

The internship is a similar, condensed 10-week summer opportunity for current undergraduate students.

Applications for the fellowship are open until Jan. 10, 2023, and applications for the internship are open

until Feb. 10, 2023.

The fellowship develops high-achieving, service-minded recent college graduates and early career professionals into dynamic community leaders primed to make an impact across multiple sectors. Fellows obtain valuable learning opportunities through direct exposure to Colorado's philanthropic and nonprofit arenas, targeted professional development, peer management, program oversight and connection with an engaged network of nearly 300 alumni.

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COVID-19

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vent severe illness and hospitalizations, and protect essential services.

According to the CDC, a community in Level High is classified as having a high potential for health care system strain and a high level of severe illness.

"Despite the fact that public health was anticipating an increase in COVID-19 cases this fall and winter, it's still disheartening that we continue to confront this ongoing pandemic. Especially as we head into the holiday season where we'll be gathering with loved ones," said Liane Jollon, executive director of SJBPH. "SJBPH strongly advises that we take all precautions possible to help limit the spread, including vaccinations and community wide indoor masking in Level High."

In Community Level High, masking is advised for all public indoor spaces per the CDC and SJBPH's public health advisory.

In Community Level High, the CDC recommends the following individual level prevention steps:

- Wear a high-quality mask or respirator.
- If you are at high risk of getting very sick, consider avoiding nonessential indoor activities in public where you could be exposed.
- If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for getting very sick, consider self-testing to detect infection before contact, and consider wearing a high-quality mask when indoors

with them.

For all community levels, CDC recommends the following individual level prevention steps:

- Stay up to date on vaccination, including recommended booster doses.
- Maintain ventilation improvements.
- Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Follow recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Follow the recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- If you are at high risk of getting very sick, talk with a health care provider about additional prevention actions.

Vaccines are the safest, most effective way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization and death caused by COVID-19 and its variants. A list of local providers administering COVID-19 vaccines and boosters is available on SJBPH's website. More information about COVID-19 vaccines, as well as assistance scheduling an appointment, is available on the state's website. The public can also call SJBPH [(970) 247-5702] or Colorado's Vaccine Hotline [(877) 268-2926] to get help finding a vaccine.

Testing is available for free at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) community testing site at the La

Plata County Fairgrounds. At-home tests are available free at the SJBPH offices in both Durango and Pagosa Springs. In 2022, SJBPH has distributed more than 40,000 at-home test kits at no cost to residents and community groups across the jurisdiction through supplies made available by CDPHE. Local information about testing is available on SJBPH's website.

KN95 masks are also currently available for free at SJBPH front desks in Durango and Pagosa Springs. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis until they run out.

COVID-19 treatments are 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. You should get treatment as soon as possible when you start to feel symptoms. If you are at high risk and have COVID-19, ask your health care provider about treatment as soon as you can. Telehealth is also an option for receiving treatment. Learn more about how to access COVID-19 treatments via the state of Colorado or SJBPH.

People who are moderately to severely immunocompromised or who cannot get vaccinated against COVID-19 may get a monoclonal antibody treatment called Evusheld. It can help keep you from getting sick with COVID-19. It is not for people who already have the virus or have recently been exposed.

Bird

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it. That starts with observation and that's what the CBC is all about: due diligence.

The Pagosa Springs 2022 CBC count will take place on Nov. 17. In the event of inclement weather on Dec. 17, the proposed alternate date for the count is Dec. 18. All ages and abilities are welcome.

In order to prepare for the count, Weminuche Audubon and Audubon Rockies will host bird identification

classes, "Winter Birds 101," for three evenings leading up to the count. We'll cover waterfowl on Nov. 30, songbirds on Dec. 7, and raptors (plus CBC protocols and review) on Dec. 14. All evening sessions will be held in person at the Community United Methodist Church from 6 to 8 p.m. (and accessible virtually on Zoom). For virtual sign-on information, consult www.weminucheaudubon.org closer to the first class.

We hope you'll join in on the effort

to log birds and contribute to community science. For more information about the CBC, visit <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count> or check out our website at www.weminucheaudubon.org. To get involved, please contact Keith Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org and Jean Zirnelt at weminuche.audubon@gmail.com. Lastly, there will be a CBC tally and storytelling gathering in January. The date is to be determined.

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Commissioners hear health insurance literacy and emergency preparedness presentations from health district

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners heard presentations from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) staff concerning SJBPH's Health Insurance Literacy (HIL) program and Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response at its Nov. 15 work session. Lead Health Coverage Guide Emma Tomlinson provided the presentation on the HIL program, which she explained assists community members in Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties to find and apply for affordable health insurance.

Tomlinson explained that the primary focus of the program is to build community resilience by facilitating access to health care.

She stated that the HIL program currently works with Connect for Health Colorado, the Affordable Care Act insurance marketplace, Colorado Connect, a new health insurance marketplace for those ineligible for health insurance tax credits, and Health First Colorado, the Colorado Medicaid program.

She added that it is currently the open enrollment period for Connect For Health Colorado and Colorado Connect, which lasts from Nov. 1 through Jan. 15 each year.

Tomlinson then explained that, according to the most recent 2020 data, 17.4 percent of residents in Archuleta County are uninsured.

She added that, according to 2019 data, 260 children in Archuleta County might be eligible for Medicaid who are not receiving it, 20 might be eligible for Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) who are not enrolled and 428 residents might be eligible for Advanced Premium Tax Credits who are not taking advantage of them.

Tomlinson then discussed the HIL program's plans for expanding health insurance enrollment, including adding another part-time health insurance guide to expand the program; increasing attendance at community events; establishing and maintaining local partnerships, such as with the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club; increasing

social media and innovative marketing with equity in mind, such as bilingual advertisements; and reaching out to underserved communities, such as the LGBTQIA+ and undocumented communities.

Tomlinson also highlighted that residents need to prepare for the end of public health emergency, which could cause the loss of coverage for many residents on Medicaid whose income has risen above Medicaid levels during the pandemic, when Medicaid disenrollments have been prohibited.

She mentioned that the "family glitch" has been rectified for 2023, which had caused inflated health insurance costs for dependents and spouses of persons who receive health insurance coverage through their work by preventing them from receiving tax credits on Connect for Health Colorado.

Tomlinson also mentioned that the HIL program has observed high numbers of residents being enrolled in health insurance through Colorado Connect.

The BoCC then heard a presentation from SJBPH Emergency Manager Lori Zazzaro on the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Zazzaro highlighted that emergency preparedness and response is a foundational capability for public health agencies, and the SJBPH office focuses on the capability to respond to and prepare for emergencies with public or environmental health impacts through developing community resilience, coordinating effective responses through incident management, performing countermeasure and mitigation to ensure medicine and supplies are distributed where needed, handling medical surge management, and performing bio surveillance to investigate and identify health threats.

She outlined that the emergency preparedness and response team contains three staff, including herself, and the members of the Southwest Colorado Medical Reserve Corps, whose numbers have dropped to about 90 volunteers since the pandemic from a peak of

700 during it.

Zazzaro then discussed the funding of the department, which includes public health emergency preparedness grant funding from the state of Colorado as well as other grants, such as those from the Nation Association of County and City Health Organizations (NACCHO).

She highlighted that the office's approach to emergency preparedness focuses on addressing the whole community, including those with access and functional needs such as glasses, hearing aids or more severe limitations.

SJBPH Emergency Manager Lori Zazzaro explained that the office responds to a range of emergencies, including communicable disease outbreaks, wildfires, flood or severe weather, or contaminated drinking water.

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During an emergency, Zazzaro stated, the office works with county emergency operations centers on issues such as evaluating the need for alternate care facilities and maintains situational awareness of the needs of partners during an emergency.

She highlighted that SJBPH's emergency preparedness plans are reviewed on a national level by NACCHO and had received recognition for meeting national standards in 2012 and 2017 and

are in the process of receiving this recognition in 2022.

Zazzaro added that SJBPH is one of only two public health organizations in Colorado whose plans are reviewed by NACCHO.

She added that Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) requested an active shooter workshop and functional exercise, which would involve coordination with local law enforcement.

She added that the office previously performed an extreme storm workshop with PSMC.

Zazzaro also highlighted that she is working with Pine Ridge Extended Care Center and Bee-Hive Homes to address a gap in the availability of 800 megahertz radios for use in emergency communications.

She added that the office participated in a range of committees and councils concerning emergency management at a variety of levels.

Zazzaro also highlighted that the department provided personal protective equipment to PSMC, Pine Ridge and Bee-Hive Homes during the COVID-19 pandemic; assisted in organizing test sites; organized a range of mass vaccination clinics; and worked to expand monoclonal antibody treatment for COVID in the region.

She added that the office worked on designing COVID precautions for firefighters during the Sand Creek and Plumtaw fires.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he was curious about the active shooter exercise at PSMC and what results it might have, including what resources might be needed to improve the outcomes of an active shooter incident.

Zazzaro commented that staff would create an after-action report for the exercise which would be sharable once the exercise is complete.

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Bob Lee: Serving 45 years as a Habitat volunteer

By Leah Ballard
Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County board member Bob Lee has been involved with Habitat for Humanity since 1977. At that time, he worked with volunteers in San Jose, Calif., collecting aluminum cans and donated clothing to raise funds for future build projects.

The group was getting organized to become an official Habitat for Humanity affiliate, like Habitat Archuleta has been since 1994. The Lees helped organize the very first Habitat affiliate on the West Coast, which obtained its affiliate status in 1983 in San Jose, Calif.

"I remember keeping a plastic bag in the car to stop and pick up cans on my way home from work," Lee said.

Their Methodist church group was led by Pastor Jack Tokayangi, who went on to be a board member of our umbrella organization, Habitat International, though the 1980s. Pastor Jack became a household name for Habitat. Another member of that church group became the attorney for Habitat International, "even though Millard [Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity] was an attorney himself," said Lee.

After their contributions in San Jose, the Lees moved to Tucson, Ariz., in 1981. They arrived in Tucson the same day the founder of Habitat for Humanity, Fuller, was speaking at the local university. The Lees attended the lecture and met Fuller for the first time.

It wasn't long before Sherry, Lee's late wife, joined the board of directors of Habitat Tucson. The affiliate was gifted a parcel of land to build on by the local government, much like Habitat Archuleta today. The next time Sherry Lee spoke to Fuller, he had flown to Tucson to confront the affiliate about accepting a donation from a government entity.

One point of distinction for the Habitat organization is that we are supported by our neighbors and community, not exclusively relying on government funding. That is true here at Habitat Archuleta. We have an incredible base of community volunteers, subcontractors who partner with us, as well as support from our local government.

One of our core community volunteers is Bob Lee, who has worked on our job sites since moving here in 1995. Bob Lee is also on our board of directors through the end of 2022 and is currently considering his role going forward.

At meetings, we pause to hear Bob Lee's take on how the organization changes as we grow. He is an adamant supporter of the Habitat families.

"I never had a hard life," said Bob Lee.

He explained that he works with Habitat to give those people who may have had a rougher start than he did. Bob Lee considers his votes as a board member thoughtfully and speaks deliberately. We are lucky to have him in our corner at

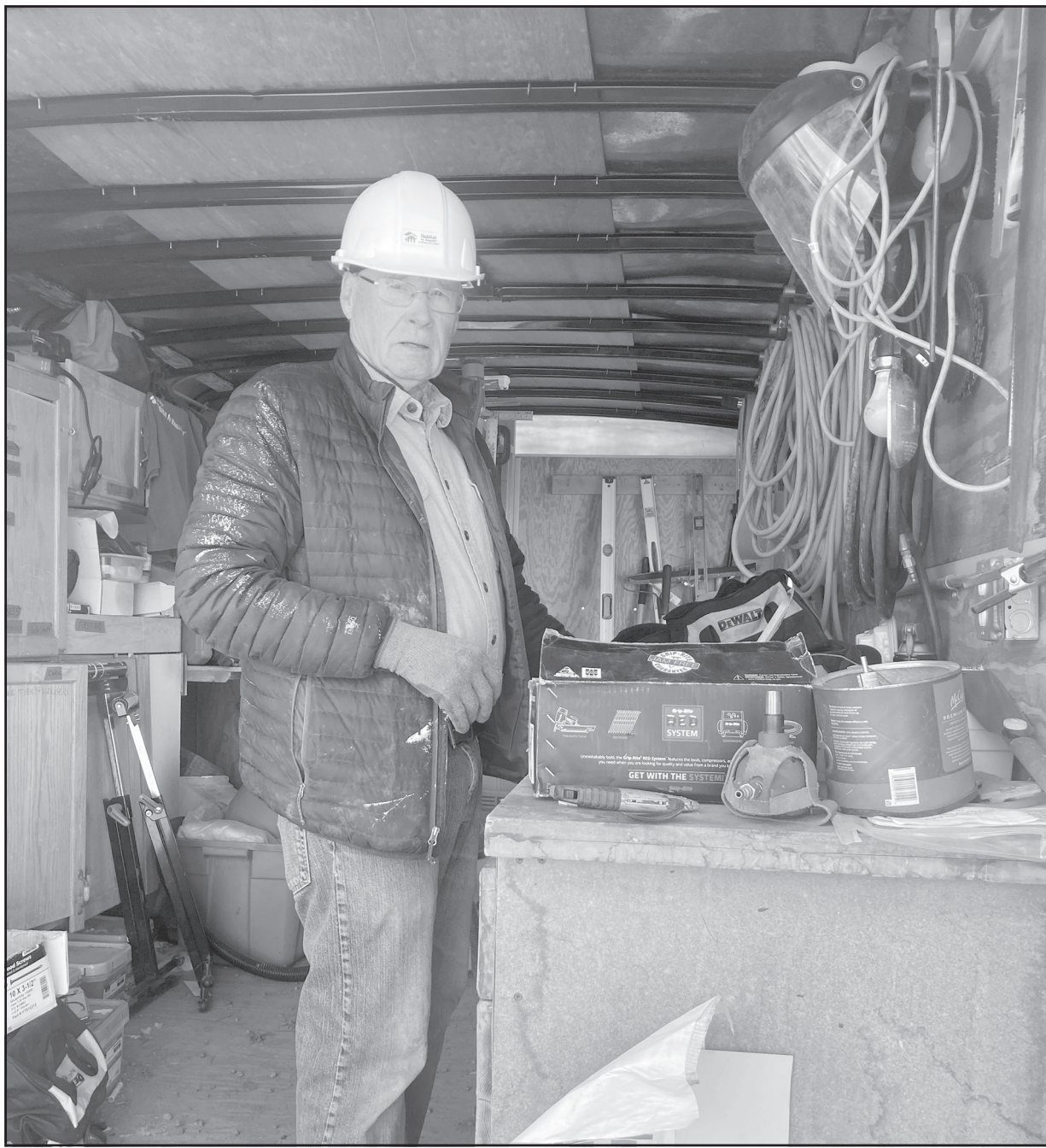


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Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County board member Bob Lee has volunteered for the organization since 1977.

Habitat Archuleta.

In a recent video interview, set to debut after the holiday season, administrative staff recruited some of Habitat Archuleta's partnering families from our earlier build seasons, almost 20 years ago. Leonard and Barbra Noriega still remember working late hours into the evenings and on the weekends alongside Bob Lee.

Leonard Noriega recalled putting in many hours finishing the work on his home, with Bob Lee as his construction partner on all the finishing touches on their home that winter. It's the same home they live in today.

Another one of our contributors, Colton Hutchenson, stumbled upon Habitat by accident while working on a nearby project in 2018. Hutchenson was working on

new construction near the 2004 Habitat Archuleta build, where Bob Lee worked as a volunteer on the site.

Lo and behold, Bob Lee was still working on-site in 2018 when Hutchenson gently dug up the electrical line to a Habitat home on Snow Court. Who knew it was possible to excavate gently?

Hutchenson reported that, while the line had been buried at the appropriate depth, it was a straight shot to the transformer and directly across his build envelope. This is why we hire professionals to handle the placement of our utility lines today.

Hutchenson assisted in the relocation of the utility lines on Snow Court and still works on Habitat builds to this day, alongside our lifelong volunteer, Bob Lee.

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Town holds first public hearing on 2023 budget

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council held its first public hearing on the 2023 proposed budget for the Town of Pagosa Springs at its Nov. 17 regular meeting.

The public hearing follows two budget work sessions, at which town council members reviewed the budget in its entirety.

This was the first of two public hearings before the council is set to approve the budget on Dec. 15. Town Manager Andrea Phillips reviewed the changes that, so far, council has made to the proposed budget.

These include a reduction in the originally projected community center lease income after council made the decision to grant a six-month reprieve of rent to Archuleta

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Another change is the addition of a project manager position in the Community Development Planning Division starting in November 2022 in lieu of an administrative assistant, as originally proposed.

In addition, council made the decision to carry over the Land Use and Development Code update project into the new year, which is "taking a bit longer than expected," Phillips said.

Also changing is the town's service organization funding, which is now reduced to a flat \$100,000 for the year.

An update to the Street Maintenance Plan, carrying over street paving projects that were not completed in 2022, has also taken place. About \$200,000 will be carried over to the plan, according to Phillips.

Similarly, some of the trail main-

tenance projects that were not completed this year will be carried over into 2023, along with the visitor center parking lot paving project.

There were also clerical changes to the lodgers' tax revenue estimates, Phillips noted.

There was a single public comment during the hearing. That commenter urged the council to spend more money on housing.

Mayor Shari Pierce set a deadline for town council members to send Phillips any clarifying questions or concerns about the budget by Nov. 30, ahead of the second public hearing, which is set for Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. at the Town Hall.

"I do encourage any community members, too, if they have questions about what's in the document or the capital plan, we did put the revised version on our website

and did an article in the Pagosa View this month, just to inform residents," Phillips said.

She also said that a budget brief will soon be released that will break down the budget in about two pages.

The proposed 2023 budget and 10-year capital plan can be viewed online at www.pagosasprings.co.gov/home/news/2023-proposed-budgets-and-capital-improvement-plan.

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By Eileen Doherty
Colorado Gerontological Society

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The hustle and bustle of shopping, wrapping presents and connecting with others fills us with anxiety. Retail clerks, postal workers and delivery personnel work tirelessly. Often, they are the victims of anger and frustration, rather than a smile and a thank you.

Many older adults dread the holidays as they miss loved ones who have passed away, children who live far distances and grandchildren with whom they won't be able to share precious moments.

Everyone is invited to think about small ways to bring joy to those around you. It can be family and friends, but can also be strangers, individuals with whom you have lost contact or just a "thank you" to someone who has just com-

pleted another "thankless" job, just so you can have a happy holiday.

To participate, you simply do 15 random acts of kindness. This can include making a special dessert for a lonely neighbor. Or, making a phone call to an out-of-touch college roommate. Or, leaving the delivery guy who just brought five packages to your front porch a chocolate bar. Or, a smile to someone in the grocery line with a child who is upset.

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Education

School board works to hear student feedback

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Over the last several months, the Archuleta School District Board of Education has been amending and refining its methods to hear feedback from district students.

For the last two school years, the board has accepted applications from high school students wishing to serve as nonvoting members of the board, with two students appointed per year. Those students then attended the board's monthly meetings and were able to participate in board discussion and offer updates to the board.

However, in August, when the board discussed how to select this school year's student representatives and how to provide training and mentoring to the students, the board conversed about inclusivity, as well as engaging and involving the students on the board.

It also followed public comment that encouraged the board to be inclusive when choosing student representatives and to be aware of the diversity of its students.

"I wouldn't want to just repeat what we've done because I think it was just marginally OK," board president Bob Lynch said, adding that the board had wonderful kids

on the board, but it used a lot of their time. "I think we need to re-think the whole business."

He added that the board also needed to work with the high school leadership on a process that is more educational and inclusive to get more students interested.

Lynch also brought up the possibility of student-engagement sessions or listening sessions with several students meeting with members of the board.

Further discussion at the meeting echoed those sentiments, with the board discussing the application process, how students are made aware of the opportunity and whether or not student board representatives are needed.

It was ultimately decided that board members Tim Taylor and Lynch would work with the district administration to come up with ideas of ways for the board to hear from students.

In September, the board provided additional clarity on the topic to Superintendent Rick Holt.

Then, in October, the board unanimously approved a new format: having a pair of board members meet with a group of students, then reporting the outcome of those meetings to the board.

On Nov. 10, the board members

reported how their first meetings with students went and discussed what to do with the information from the meetings.

Board member Tim Taylor explained he and Butch Mackey met with seven high school students on Oct. 26, with Taylor noting it was a diverse and very engaged group of students.

Taylor explained they did not go in with predetermined prompts, but reported a consensus that students favor in-person school over online learning and that students feel the dress code is sexist, with Sean O'Donnell also reporting to the board members during the session there are "archaic" things in the dress code.

Taylor explained he also explained the chain of command to the students and they discussed students taking online courses through colleges and universities.

He added that students are interested in returning to free breakfast and lunch and they discussed the then-pending ballot measure on the topic.

Mackey noted that he ran into one of the students they met with later, with that student thanking the board members for taking the time to meet with the students.

"Would you do it again?" Lynch

asked.

"Oh yes," Mackey responded.

Board members Dana Guinn and Amanda Schick then reported about their meeting with middle school students on Nov. 3.

Schick explained the duo met with the students for a little over an hour, with Guinn adding later they sent questions to Principal Chris Hinger ahead of time, which worked well, especially for the younger students.

The pair reported discussing students' favorite things, elective classes, reading, frustrations about the school, bullying versus teasing, figuring out social circles in middle school, safety issues, the importance of adults maintaining confidentiality and more.

Schick noted the students are "amazing" and offered good information and insight, and she noted the great job the school has done fostering a community feel.

Guinn also noted educators showed interest in the information gleaned from the students about reading, later asking what the board members want to do with the information as a board so that it's not just extractive.

Board president Bob Lynch suggested the pairs write a one-page listening session summary based on the meetings, with the group discussing that those reports would be sent to Superintendent Rick Holt, who can then share it with principals, who could share the information with teachers.

Holt suggested he could report back in December what is being done based on the feedback.

Holt also informed the board the elementary school has a third- and fourth-grade representative group who could meet with school board members.

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Critical child care shortage: Wings looks to expand

By David Smith
Wings Early Childhood Center

Parents, grandparents and many businesses know firsthand that there is a critical shortage of child care services in our community. Pagosa Springs Medical Center reports losing three employees earlier this year because they could not find child care.

The shortage of child care is nationwide. Census Bureau data show that 365,000 adults reported losing a job in August because they needed time to care for children under the age of 5.

The need for additional child care in Pagosa Springs was recognized in 2015 by the town and county government officials, who formed a work group to study the problem. In 2017, this work group reported that 83 percent of the parents of children ages 0-5 would use child care if it were available and affordable. The work group also reported that the number of licensed slots needed to be doubled to meet this need.

To help meet this need, Wings Early Childhood Center was established. Wings has been open for two years, serving children ages 1-5. Like its signature airplane, all 40 full-time slots are filled. Approximately 50 children are on its wait list, with new requests for service coming in weekly.

With the demand for child care far exceeding available services, the Wings board of directors has made plans to add to its fleet of airplanes and to its building. The building addition will provide two classrooms, increasing the licensed capacity from 40 to 66 full-time children. One classroom will serve children 6 weeks to 1 year. The kitchen will be used to prepare breakfast, lunch



Photo courtesy Wings Early Childhood Center

All slots are overbooked at Wings Early Childhood Center, with 50 children on standby. The facility plans to expand in the spring and is currently seeking donations for construction costs.

and snack just as parents would do if they were not working.

Parents want high-quality child-care because it helps children to succeed throughout life. Parents need surrogate parents to care for their children while they work. Communities benefit from high-quality child care because it expands the workforce and provides a high rate of return on investment. All of the parents of children enrolled at Wings need child care so they can work.

Preparations for construction have been underway for the past several months. Funding the anticipated construction cost of nearly \$800,000 is sought from community donors, local governments and foundations. Archuleta County

has leased land that will be used for new playgrounds. The Town of Pagosa Springs has waived permit fees. Although funding is not yet finalized, major construction is expected to start in the spring.

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Middle School Honor Roll announced

By Anjelica Gallegos

Pagosa Springs Middle School

The following fifth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Kenzy Bowdridge, Adam Candelaria, Keyonnah Daniels-Wesley, Shiloh Degelman, Olivia Diffey, Avitt Lee-Shaw, Eduardo Marinelarena, Lucy Modern, Kiaran Payne, Asher Smith, Livia Souza, Tuff Terrazas and Colten Ulibarri.

The following fifth-grade students made the first-quarter honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Elias Becker-Sweden, Camelia Bellina, Kiana Bennett, Carlie Bridges, Zander Campbell, Callie Carothers, Kyleah Coss, Chloe Crabb, Ruby Dugaard, Miles Dempster, Gavino Dozal-Nevarez, Kayleen Gonzalez, Adelaide Graham, Esperanza Gutierrez-Calvillo, Bixby Hyman, Kadence Inez, Nina Jensen, Cooper Laner, Ethan Ledbetter, Davyn Leiker, Skylar Leiker, Jazmine Martinez, Oliver Mendoza, Ty Mitchell, Alexa Morin-Pina, Pia Papanai, Vanessa Ramirez-Cordova, William Ray, Karlie Rose, Sofia Sauzamedia, Neitzey Shepherd, Journey Sparks, Trent Tator, Jacob Tracy, Micah Tyler, Levi Velarde, Morgan Veneno, Jaycee Wallace and Francis Witting.

The following sixth-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Rylan Ash, Bentley Briscoe, Jaycub Carter, Kylie Coleman, Jayce Davidson, Veda Deitemeyer, Samson Dennis, Alexander Forster, Cole Hancey, Delaney Kirkham, Bruce Kubelka, Paisley Lister, Brynn Looper, Ahrianna Martinez, Jimena Moreno Echavarría, Kairan Munro, Laken Pitcher, Bella Postoles, Alan Renteria, Lily Rogacki,

Evelyn Rohwer, Max Roukema, Tripp Skinner, Sofia Souza, Wayde Sutherland, Riley Ward, Briggs Wilson and Reilly Yates.

The following sixth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Marcela Barnas, Avery Book, Fox Dietsch, Corinna Galabota, Ward Halterman, Quinn Howard, Soraya Jackson, Brandt Kerns, Ember Livere, Kelsey Matyniak, Lily Peck, Valeria Pereyra and Avery White.

The following seventh-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Mikaila Anderson, Riley Culligan, Bella Jackson, Reese Jenkins, Jessica Parker, Julia Puerto, Luke Reynolds, Ryan Rich, Colby Ross, Gage Sams, Oliver Samu, Gianna Shaeffer, Carrington Smith, Avonlea Thomas, Janzen Tuggle-Rapp, Ellie Vining, Lylah Wagner and Molly Washburn.

The following seventh-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Lorelei Abramson, Zaiden Adams, Cartier Antonez, Leilani Archuleta, Avea Bruce, Lillian Buchner, Tyler Diamond, Jacen Easling, Darria Fiorenza, Allyson Firestone, Layla Forrest, Tristan Harper, Kasen Limebrook, Gage Lister, Ethan Lopez, Katie Luce-ro, Angelo Medina, Nayely Mendoza-Montes, Mila Miller, Peyton Pfeiffer, Sydney Plake, Isabelle Ratcliff, Liam Sherman, Leela Simpson, Audrina Smith, Nicolas Tator, Liana Vega, Lotus Webb and River Wilson.

The following eighth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Marlie Adams, Trinity Angle, Nile Bollig, Jackson Chaney, Sebastian Caba, Katie Court, Leo Dennis, Isabela Forster, Parker Frame, Van Halterman, Isaac Hanto, Emma Jack-

son, Ryder King, Connor Kirkham, KellyAnne Kubelka, Asher Kurz, Kaiya Lyons, Kyley Matyniak, YuHuang Su, Gwendolyn Tyler, Reagan Vanatta and Peyton Yates.

The following eighth-grade students made honor roll with 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Kyndyn Armijo, James Beaudry, Cheyenne Bechhold, Aeden Booth, Wyatt Carr, Victoria Currier, Baylee Davis, Makaela Denton, Carlo Dietsch, Nevaeh Evans, Taylor Kerns, Lucille Kleckner, Braylon Landry, Aki'chita LeftHandBull, Sophie Martinez, Madelynn Mathis, Gavyn Montoya, Shantee Murphy, Sophia Newsome, Adelaide Oelking, Italia Pereyra, Koen Pitcher, Jaxon Postoles, Brian Rafferty, Jonathan Rodriguez, Richard Russom, Ismael Sanchez, Justin Sewell, Eric Smith, Stefani Veleta-Echavarría and Luke Wood.

Don't discard pumpkins for wildlife consumption

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Intentionally feeding wildlife is illegal in Colorado, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) would like to remind residents to properly dispose of pumpkins rather than leaving them out for wildlife to consume.

"We want our wildlife to be sustained by the resources that naturally occur in their habitat," said CPW Wildlife Pathologist Karen Fox. "Our policy is definitely to not provide supplemental food to big game in any form."

Leaving pumpkins out for wildlife might seem harmless, but could lead to unintended consequences. Deer feeding on pumpkins can attract predators such as mountain lions to residential areas. Bears are also attracted to the pumpkins as they look to pile on calories during the last days before denning season. That can lead to unnecessary human-bear conflicts.

Feeding wildlife can also habituate those animals to human forces and cause them to congregate, which can lead to the spread of disease.

As Halloween and jack-o'-lantern season also coincides with hunting season in Colorado, CPW also asks the public to refrain from dumping pumpkins on public lands.

"We do see pumpkins tossed out in the forest. Please don't do that," said CPW Assistant Area Wildlife Manager Steve McClung. "It can be viewed as baiting."

"As far as in-town pumpkins go, bears are still around and haven't gone to bed yet. Other animals such as raccoons that may carry distemper or other diseases could also get into those pumpkins, and you don't want potentially sick animals hanging around your home, especially if you have pets. Please find appropriate ways to discard your pumpkins after Halloween."

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Sports

ESPORTS

Esports team finishes season with playoff run

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) esports team wrapped up its season with a playoff run last week.

Esports made its debut as an activity sanctioned by the Colorado High School Activity Association (CHSAA) this fall after a three-year probationary period, and made its debut at PSHS last spring.

Last week, a Rocket League team comprising Ridge Wilson, Kameron Winkler, Cole Harper and Trey Garcia entered the league's playoffs as the No. 9 seed, with Wilson, Harper and Winkler competing in the play-off matches.

To reach the playoffs, Guinn explains in an email to The SUN, the team finished the regular season with a 6-2 record.

On Monday, Nov. 14, the team won its first playoff match 4-0 in a best-of-seven competition against No. 24 Bear Creek.

That moved the team to a Sweet 16 matchup with No. 8 Chaparral on Wednesday, Nov. 16, with Chaparral moving on.

Coach Andy Guinn explains the program's members play matches virtually on a platform called PlayVs against schools around the state.

PSHS also recently congratulated first-place winner Aiden Serr and runner-up Nile Bollig for their performance in a recent Smash Bros. tournament.

A new team

The team, according to Guinn, is in its second season.

Interested students, Guinn and fellow coach Dyan Rice started the team last year.

"It has been a very interesting experience as a coach - the kids know way more about the games than I do," Guinn wrote. "Coach



Photo courtesy Andy Guinn

Last week, Cole Harper, Ridge Wilson and Kameron Winkler participated in the esports Rocket League playoffs, entering the playoffs as the No. 9 seed. Also on the team is Trey Garcia.

Rice and I are there to help navigate the logistics of the league and make sure the team has the technology they need to play. We're both learning a lot about Smash and Rocket League, but the athletes are really taking on all the leadership when it comes to training, strategy, and in-game adjustments. It's been really fun to watch them grow as a team and find such immediate success in both leagues."

The team's first season of competition was last spring. "We competed in the Spring

2022 Super Smash Bros Ultimate league (which is one of three CHSAA leagues along with Rocket League and League of Legends). We had three teams in the league that were made up of students from both PSHS and San Juan Mountain School."

The immediate success Guinn referenced included one of the Smash Bros. teams making the state tournament last spring.

"One of our Smash teams (Jackson Swearngin, Harold Beaty, Alex Zaki, and Calvin Voss)

qualified for the state tournament last spring and made it to the round of 16, which was held in person up in Lakewood. They ended up finishing 11th in the state," he wrote.

Guinn notes the program plans on having around three teams compete in the spring Smash league this school year.

More about esports

According to CHSAA, the association will offer four state championships over the course of the year for the League of Legends, Rocket League, Super Smash Brothers, and Madden titles, while regional championships will be awarded in NBA 2K, Hearthstone, Mario Kart, and Splatoon 3.

CHSAA announced in September that 94 schools were set to participate in esports this fall. randi@pagosasun.com

UNIFIED BOWLING

Pirates finish 12th in first state bowling appearance

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate Unified bowling team finished 12th out of the 17 teams at last week's state championships in Englewood.

The Pirates finished with a total pinfall of 377 over the five games played on Nov. 18.

"I feel like they represented the Pagosa Springs Pirates very well, and we're super proud of them," PSHS Principal Sean O'Donnell said.

Pueblo Central won the state

title with a total pinfall of 594, following by Pueblo South with 579 and Pueblo Centennial with 568.

O'Donnell pointed out it was the Pirates' first time making it to state and was in the team's second season — a feat that was trickier given that the team has to travel once a week to Ignacio to practice.

He further highlighted the team was able to take second at regionals despite not practicing much and fare well at state, finishing behind bigger schools.

The Pirates also beat Rye at the state tournament. Rye finished two pins ahead of Pagosa to take the

regional title. At state, Rye had a total pinfall of 354.

O'Donnell commented the Pirate bowling team is an "awesome group of kids."

The principal also noted the team has a bright future.

"It's a pretty young team, so we're looking forward to next year and seeing what happens with the bowling next year," he said.

According to PSHS Special Talents teacher Cyndi Figaro, this year's team is Justus Carter, Juriah Carter, Samuel Kelly, Unified part-

■ See Bowling A17

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 S1594; 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 N 54°52'10" 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 79.96 feet; Thence N 67°25'59" 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 First Publication: November 17, 2022 Last Publication: December 15, 2022 Eggleston Kosnik LLC /s/ Duke Eggleston Duke Eggleston, #24965 160 E. 12th St., Ste 7 Durango, CO 81301 (970) 403-1580 Published November 17, 24, December 1, 8 and 15, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2022-007

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On September 20, 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) Michael Schumacher Original Beneficiary(ies) James C. Cunningham Current Holder of Evidence of Debt James C. Cunningham Date of Deed of Trust May 25, 2021 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust May 25, 2021 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 22103836 Original Principal Amount \$49,083.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$41,390.48 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: Non-Payment

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. SUBDIVISION ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 735 AS 6 Sec: 16 Twn: 34U Rng: 3W Also known by street and number as: 109 Rosebud 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.

HEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 01/19/2023, 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 11/24/2022 Last Publication 12/22/2022

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: 09/20/2022

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: Daniel I. Fiedler #47916 Daniel I. Fiedler 190 Talisman Dr. Suite D-6, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 507-8528 Attorney File # Cunningham 01 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, State of Colorado Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400

Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc. Plaintiff v. Darvin Patrick, et al. Defendants

Case No.: 2022CV30062 Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.5906 Email: tr@hjclaw.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): STEVEN VARGAS NORMA YOLANDA VARGAS ELOYCE JONES FLEMING ELMOR N DICKSON FRANK P DICKSON, JR. TIMOTHY H KLING CLARA L KLING BENNIE L DAILEY JOSEPHINE DAILEY THE EMMETT JONES FAMILY LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 11, 2004

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 in an rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) for failure to pay the Monthly Payments to Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901 Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: November 24, 2022 Last Publication: December 22, 2022 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 Published November 24, December 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS. SANITATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested persons that a Petition for Inclusion of additional real property into the boundaries of the Town of Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District ("District") has been filed with the Board of Directors of the District. A public hearing on the Petition shall be held Tuesday, the 6th day of December 2022, at the hour of 5:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, the 3rd day of January 2023 at the hour of 5:00 p.m., at 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The name(s) of the Petitioner(s) is/are: Kelly P. Miller Patricia L. Miller The property requested to be included into the District is described as follows: Subdivision: MOUNTAIN VIEW Block: 1 Lot: 2 Sec: 18 Twn: 35 Rng: 1W and Subdivision: MOUNTAIN VIEW Block: 1 Lot: 1 Sec: 18 Twn: 35 Rng: 1W All interested parties may appear at such hearing to show cause why such Petition should not be granted.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT By: /s/ April Hessman, Secretary Published in: Pagosa Springs Sun Published on: November 24, 2022 December 1, 2022 Published November 24 and December 1, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

PUBLIC HEARING The Town of Pagosa Springs Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday December 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall at 551 Hot Springs to take public comment on the 2023 proposed budget and capital program for the Town of Pagosa Springs. Copies of the proposed budget and the proposed capital projects programs are available for public inspection on the Town website pagosasprings.co.gov and in the office of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall. The Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday December 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall at 551 Hot Springs Blvd to take public comment on the 2023 proposed budget for the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection on the Town website pagosasprings.co.gov and in the office of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall. Published November 24, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

Request for Proposal: The Town of Pagosa Springs is soliciting proposals from qualified law firms and individuals attorneys to provide legal services to the Town as a **Town Attorney**. Please visit the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov for details and instructions on the request for proposal. Published November 24 and December 1, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

Request for Proposal: The Town of Pagosa Springs is soliciting proposals from qualified firms and individuals to serve on an as-needed basis for a **Municipal Court Prosecutor** on behalf of the Town. Please visit the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov for details and instructions on the request for proposal. Published November 24 and December 1, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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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: SAWMILL 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@eklaw.com Case Number: 2022CV30066

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION PLAINTIFF SAWMILL 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

VOLLEYBALL



Photo courtesy Katie Lorenzen
Lynelle Bartz, senior, and Aspen Pitcher, sophomore, stand at their end-of-season banquet with their all-conference recognitions. Bartz, a three-year starting varsity player, was awarded an all-conference honorable mention and finished the season with 35 total serving aces, averaging .5 aces per set throughout the season and leading her team in the stat. Pitcher, who averaged 1.8 kills per set and 3.3 digs per set throughout the season — leading her team in both, was awarded all-conference second team recognition.

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Bowling

Continued from A16
ner 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 following regionals. "Reece, junior, was our only returning athlete. Zichtheyly 'Laly', senior, is our Uni-

fied Partner. Laly is a positive role model for our students."

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.

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SJBPH offering free well testing for PFAS chemicals

By Megan Graham
San Juan Basin Public Health

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has received a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to address contaminants in drinking water.

The funding will be used to provide free testing for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which is a broad group of manmade chemicals in industry and consumer products sometimes known as "forever chemicals" because they do not easily break down in the environment or the human body.

PFAS compounds are used in products that resist heat and repel oil, stains, grease and water. These toxic chemicals seep into ground and surface water supplies. There is evidence that some PFAS chemicals can cause adverse human health effects including low birth rates, cancer and compromised immune systems. The state of Colorado has banned certain PFAS chemicals from some new consumer products beginning in 2024.

La Plata County and Archuleta

County residents can now have their private wells sampled and tested for PFAS chemicals at no cost. The program is targeting areas in the counties close to facilities where PFAS chemicals are known to be used or stored, but all well owners in both counties are encouraged to have their wells tested. Facilities that may have stored or used PFAS chemicals include airports, landfills and some fire stations. If you receive water from a municipality, water district or shared delivery system, contact your water provider for PFAS information. Several local public water providers have already tested their systems for PFAS contamination.

SJBPH Environmental Health

staff will be available to discuss test results, which will be processed by a certified independent laboratory and can take up to 45 days to receive. Staff will assist well owners with determining next steps based on the test results. To have your well water tested, please contact us at eh@sjbpublichealth.org or (970) 335-2060.

There are several education events planned to help share information on PFAS chemicals and testing options. Join us from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Durango Public Library, 1900 E. Third Ave., Durango. Additional education events in Archuleta and La Plata counties will be announced in the weeks to come.

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PREVIEW photos/Shari Pierce, Stephanie Rivas

'Tis the season: Archuleta County Salvation Army Red Kettle fundraising

By Tom Bruin
Archuleta County Salvation Army

Beginning on Friday, Nov. 25, and ending on Christmas Eve at the Pagosa Springs City Market, you will find a hearty crew of volunteers, greeting you with a smile, cheerfully ringing a bell and hoping to entice busy shoppers to deposit a donation of spare change or bills into our iconic red kettle.

Every penny helps, and all of the funds deposited in that kettle during our short fundraising season stay right here in Archuleta County, being deployed to serve one of the most important aspects of the Salvation Army mission: to meet human needs.

In Archuleta County, the Salvation Army operates as an all-volunteer organization. And although we operate under the umbrella of the regional office in Denver, it is the local volunteers here that work with other local charitable organizations to identify needs

and help with financial support. All decision making is local and because the needs in Archuleta County are ever-changing, our support can be flexible and fluid to help where it is needed most.

In the past couple of years, the Archuleta Salvation Army has helped support local food pantries, supported emergency shelter needs, provided assistance with prescription medications, assisted with alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs, assisted with newborn and family-oriented programs, among so many more things.

We are blessed that, each year, 20 or so local organizations, churches and businesses pledge their members to staff the kettle. We also have many individuals who volunteer on their own. Bell ringing runs from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each weekday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays. If you have an interest in serving as a volunteer bell ringer — even just an hour would be a big help — please contact Tom Bruin at (224) 730-7910.

Drop your letters to Santa off at The SUN

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Just in time for the holiday season, The SUN has teamed up with Santa and his elves to help deliver letters to the guy in the big red suit.

Children are invited to drop their letters to Santa off at The SUN's office at 457 Lewis St. There

will be a special mailbox in the front office for the letters.

Letters can also be emailed to editor@pagosasun.com.

Please include your first name and age on your letters.

All letters should be delivered to The SUN by noon on Dec. 16 to ensure delivery to the North Pole.

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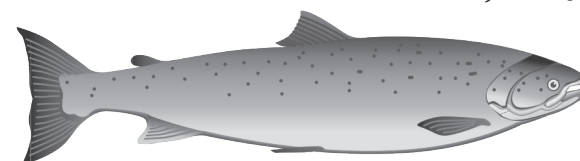
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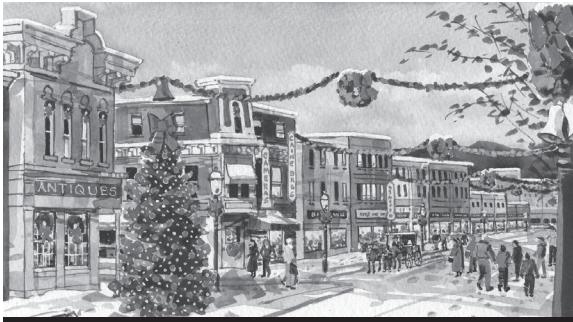
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Festival of Trees set for Dec. 1 and 2

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The 16th annual Festival of Trees will take place Thursday, Dec. 1, and Friday, Dec. 2, at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The event helps raise funds for a number of nonprofits, with the organizations decorating trees that are then put up for public vote and auction.

The public viewing and voting will be from noon to 6 p.m. on Dec. 1 and will feature a chance to vote for your favorite trees, Santa, cookies, and hot cocoa and coffee. Admission to the viewing is free.

Attendees can meet and take a photo with Santa from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The public viewing also offers the chance to vote for your favorite tree or trees. Votes are \$1 each, with half of each dollar going directly to the nonprofit. The top three trees with the most votes will get an additional donation for their nonprofits.

Then, on Dec. 2, the Community Center will present the 16th annual Festival of Trees.

Tickets are available by advanced sale only and are \$25 per person. Table reservations are available. Tickets can be purchased at the Community Center.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the tree auction will be at 7 p.m.

Live music for the event will be by Steve Blechschmidt, food will be provided and there will be a cash bar.

This year's participating nonprofits are Wings Early Childhood Center, Pagosa Play Place, Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Community Initiative, Wolf Creek Ski Team, Pagosa Peak Open School, LASSO — Large Animal Support Southwestern Organization, Pagosa Springs Medical Center Foundation, Ruby Sisson Memorial Library Foundation, Pagosa

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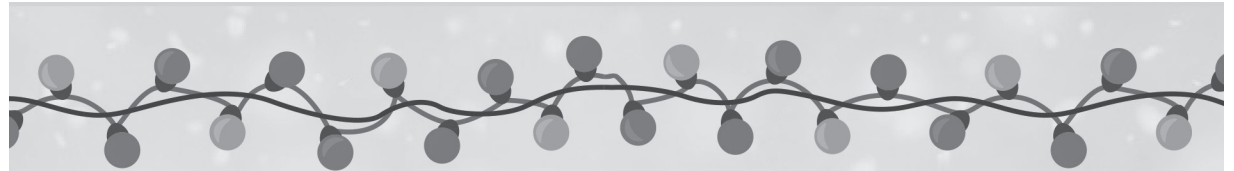
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Unique ways to give experiential gifts

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Giving an experience to a loved one this holiday season is a great and unique way to show that person how much they're loved.

The popularity of experiential gifts is undeniable, with one recent report from the market research firm Mintel indicating that roughly 50 percent of individuals surveyed prefer such gifts to tangible items.

One problem holiday gift givers may need to confront when giving experiential gifts concerns their presentation. A tangible item can be boxed and wrapped, but how can gift givers put a bow and ribbon on an experience? The solution to that may require a little creativity on the part of gift givers.

The category a gift fits into can provide some inspiration when looking for ways to present experiential gifts.

- **Travel gifts:** When gifting the experience of travel this holiday season, gift givers can wrap airline tickets or itineraries in a map of the locale where recipients will be going. When contributing to a general travel fund or gifting airline miles, consider placing a note inside an atlas or attaching it to a desktop globe.

- **Sports gifts:** Let the sport dictate how a gift is presented when giving tickets to a game. For example, if a loved one is getting tickets to a baseball game, place the tickets inside a new baseball mitt. The gift of golf lessons can be presented alongside a new putter.

- **Dance lessons:** The gift of dance lessons encourages people

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Festival

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The Pagosa Springs Community Choir is hard at work, under the direction of Dan Burch, preparing for a trio of upcoming Christmas concerts. The free concerts will be presented Dec. 9-11.

'Sing we now of Christmas': Community Choir concerts set for Dec. 9, 10 and 11

By Heidi Tanner
Pagosa Springs Community Choir

The members of the Pagosa Springs Community Choir, under the direction of Dan Burch, are hard at work preparing for this year's festive Christmas concerts, and we are all looking forward to sharing the joy of Christmas with our fellow Pagosans.

The concerts will be held in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium on Dec. 9 and Dec. 10 at 7 p.m., and on Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. The concerts are free for your enjoyment.

The Community Choir is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and donations will be gratefully accepted. A tax-deductible receipt can be provided for your gifts.

The Community Choir has offered these Christmas concerts to the Pagosa Springs community

for 25-plus years. The choir begins rehearsing in September, meeting weekly to prepare for this offering to the Pagosa Springs community.

Listeners can look forward to many of their favorite carols such as "Sing We Now of Christmas," "Sleigh Ride" and "Jingle Bells." You will also be treated to some lesser-known Christmas music such as "Still of the Evening," which is a beautiful Christmas melody that will warm your heart. The blending of the range of voices of a live choir is a wonderful treat not to be missed.

Please mark your holiday calendar and join us for a spirited and beautiful Christmas concert. We will look forward to seeing you in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium Dec. 9 at 7 p.m., Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. or Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. The doors open Friday and Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Gifts

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to have fun and get a little exercise along the way. This gift can be presented to recipients in any number of ways, including inside ballet shoes or even accompanied by food. After all, who wouldn't get a kick out of finding out they've been given salsa lessons after finding a jar of salsa in their stocking?

• Escape room: Admission to an escape room is a very popular experiential gift. Gift givers can get recipients in the spirit of the gift by creating a scavenger hunt

where the prize to find is a print-out explaining the gift and all its pertinent details, such as the date and time of the event.

• Foodie gifts: For foodies who can't wait to visit the newest dining hotspot in town, place a gift certificate inside an oven mitt or wrap it around a bottle of wine. When giving cooking lessons, wrap an explanation of the gift inside a new apron or place it inside a new saucepan the recipient can use when it comes time to put their newfound culinary skills to work.





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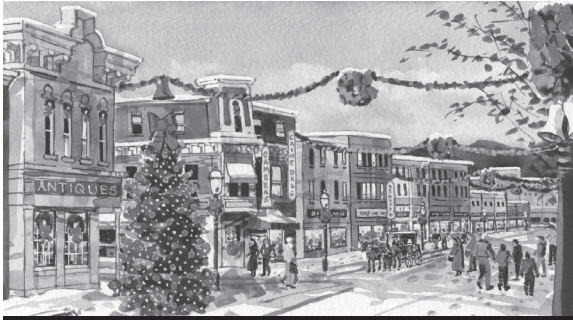
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Lesser-known Chanukah traditions

Special to The PREVIEW

Chanukah is a relatively modern holiday in regard to the Hebrew calendar. Unlike Yom Kippur or Passover, which are steeped in rich traditions, there are few Chanukah customs.

Chanukah celebrants still participate in various customs each year, some of which are customized according to family preferences. While some traditions, such as the lighting of the Chanukah menorah, are familiar, others may not be as widely known — especially to those outside of the faith. Here's a look at a select few.

- Saying the Shehecheyanu blessing: Traditionally, there are two blessings that some people say each night while lighting the candles. The first is recited while holding the lit shamash, and the second is said while lighting the candles. Another blessing, known as the "Shehecheyanu," is said the

first night. According to 18Doors, a resource on the Jewish faith, it's the same blessing traditionally said on the first night of all Jewish holidays and other special occasions.

- Display or use of the shofar: A shofar is a type of instrument made from a ram's horn. It is a symbol of the ram that Abraham offered as a sacrifice in place of his son Isaac, exemplifying heroic faith of the fathers of the Jewish people. The shofar also serves as a reminder of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, and calls people to strive for Israel's renewal and fellowship with God.

- Singing "Ma'oz Tzur": Chanukah songs may not be as numerous or as widely sung as Christmas carols during the holiday season, but there are a select few that are part of the festivities. "Oh Chanukah Oh Chanukah" and "The Dreidl Song" are some of the most widely known songs, but some people also follow the custom of singing "Ma'oz Tzur

(Rock of Ages)" around the menorah. The words were composed in the 13th century, and the song summarizes historical challenges faced by the Jewish people that were overcome with God's help.

- Use of oil in Chanukah feasts: It's well known that latkes, or fried potato pancakes, are served around Chanukah. The reason is due to the oil used to fry them, which traditionally is olive oil. Fried foods call to mind a specific Chanukah miracle. After the Greeks destroyed the sanctuary and defiled what was thought to be all of the oil, one jug sealed with the imprint of the high priest was found. That one jug managed to keep the Temple's menorah lit for eight days, despite it being insufficient to handle this task. This was considered a miracle and celebrated in subsequent years.

Chanukah is a relatively modern holiday with few traditions. However, the customs associated with this holiday are held dear.



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The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado awards the inaugural Archuleta County Fund grant to Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County. Left to right: Susan Buchner, Archuleta Committee chair of the Community Foundation; Leah Ballard, Habitat for Humanity home services coordinator; Kate Crawford, Habitat for Humanity board president; Tracy Pope, Community Foundation deputy director.

Community Foundation awards inaugural county fund grant to Habitat for Humanity

By Tracy Pope
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has awarded its first grant from the Archuleta County Fund, awarding \$10,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County in support of its workforce housing initiatives.

Fundraising for the Archuleta County Fund was started in 2018 by a Community Foundation committee of local volunteers. After a \$50,000 match by the Community Foundation last year, an advisory group was formed to consider the most pressing local issues facing Archuleta County residents currently. Habitat Archuleta's work to address affordable housing solutions for families who live and work in Archuleta County quickly caught

the attention of the advisory group.

"Our advisory committee met a couple of times to discuss options for this new, unsolicited granting opportunity," said Susan Buchner, chair of the Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation. "Affordable housing was an area of interest immediately, and the work that Habitat has undertaken to address those issues was recognized."

Habitat Archuleta is expanding capacity in an effort to meet the needs of the community. It is finishing up two 2022 builds and simultaneously getting started on three 2023 builds, with a commitment to build 15 homes over five years. This is an increase from one build per year for the last 28 years.

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 low us to allocate funds to any operations gap we've identified," said Leah Ballard, homeowner services coordinator for Habitat Archuleta.

Part of Habitat's work is educating the public about the vital contributions its partner families offer Pagosa, especially in terms of vibrant community relationships and economic impacts. These families purchase the homes they help build. They are providing a significant benefit to Pagosa by adding to the workforce housing stock and committing to the deed restrictions attached to the purchase.

Habitat Archuleta also offers Rural Development loans to anyone in the area who meets the income requirements. These loans, which can be used like any conventional loan from a bank, are part of the solution to Pagosa's workforce housing shortage.

"Being selected by the Community Foundation is an honor because the people who contribute to the Community Foundation know us on a local level," added Ballard. "It feels like a personal vote of confidence coming from our neighbors, compared with grants awarded from a national level or coming in from Denver."

The \$10,000 unsolicited Community Foundation grant was comprised of \$5,000 designated directly from the Archuleta County Fund and \$5,000 matched from the Community Foundation's Open Hand Fund, a donor-advised fund started by a local Pagosa family, increasing the impact of the County Fund's inaugural grant.

The County Fund's advisory group of stakeholders includes two local Community Foundation members of the Archuleta Committee, one Foundation staff member and two at-large local community members.

All grant recommendations are approved by the Foundation's board of directors. Granting will occur annually, and the Archuleta County Fund continues to accept donations at swcommunityfoundation.org. Click the donate button

and select the Archuleta County Fund to help sustain future granting for local Pagosa nonprofits.

"The Community Foundation has been in existence for more than 20 years serving a five-county region of southwest Colorado," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "We've had a strong connection in Pagosa during my tenure as executive director, with board representation and a local committee in Archuleta County partnering with us for almost 10 years, helping us to increase funding and educational opportunities both donors and nonprofits."

The Foundation has awarded more than \$150,000 to Archuleta nonprofits in the last seven years through the 19th Hole Concerts, the Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) and the Open Hand Fund.

"With the addition of the Archuleta County Fund granting, we are excited to increase our impact in the Pagosa area for the benefit of all who live here," added Wrinkle. "We are especially excited to add weekly office hours in Pagosa beginning in 2023 where Foundation staff will be available for more in-person meetings, deepening our relationships with area nonprofits, businesses and philanthropists."

In addition to the recent Habitat Archuleta grant, the Foundation is also supporting the establishment of the Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County (ECCAC) through a \$4,000 CERF recovery grant. The Community Foundation also provides fiscal sponsorship for the new start up. The ECCAC was created by a group of local stakeholders to address critical needs in early childhood resources. The ECCAC's mission is to foster and sustain a comprehensive, high-quality, accessible early childhood system.

"The ECCAC appreciates the guidance, financial support and encouragement from the Community Foundation," said Laura Mijares, director of the ECCAC. "We are a fledgling but important organization supporting the families and institutions serving Archuleta's youngest residents. The

Community Foundation's backing has allowed us to plan our first year of work strategically."

As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation works to increase sustainability and success for nonprofits while maximizing effective grantmaking for philanthropists to make southwest Colorado a better place to live.

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Friday, Nov. 25

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

Monday, Nov. 28

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. 29

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. Open to all.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We

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

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

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

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Loaner paddles are available.

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

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information

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

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Pipe and Drum Lessons. 5:15-5:45, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Jim Dorian and Paul Elliot, both experienced Scottish

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Thursday, Dec. 1

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Note: Until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving hot meals to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

Festival of Trees Public Viewing and Voting. Noon-6 p.m., Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Walk around and look at the trees decorated by local nonprofits while enjoying holiday music, cookies, coffee and/or hot chocolate. You can meet and take pictures with Santa from 3-6 p.m. Admission to the viewing is free. Voting is \$1 per vote. For more information, call (970) 264-4152.

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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.

Wolf Creek Classic: Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Basketball. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montrose.

Festival of Trees. 5:30 p.m., Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. The doors will open for the 16th annual Festival of Trees will open at 5:30 p.m., with the tree auction at

7 p.m. Live music will be provided by Steve Blechschmidt. Food will be provided and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$25 and are available by advanced sale only at the Community Center. For more

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Wolf Creek Wonders 4-H'ers packed 53 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child during their November meeting. This is just one of the community service projects the club does throughout the year.

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Saturday, Dec. 3

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.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Pagosa Senior Center. Archuleta Seniors Inc. will be host-

ing a holiday arts and crafts fair featuring local vendors in the Senior Center dining hall. If you would like to participate as a vendor, please contact (505) 331-0448. Festive holiday snacks will be available for purchase.

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

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 cards and gluing them together in a special way. Our teacher will be Denise Fisk, a former elementary school art teacher. Come join us for some holiday fun.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

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.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., Ole Miner's Steak and Chophouse, 3821 E. U.S. 160. It will be \$15 and all adult women are always welcome. Please RSVP to ensure a seat: (970) 946-1895.

Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30

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

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

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

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

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Wednesday, Dec. 7

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Loaner paddles are available.

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

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

more information.

Weminuche Audubon and Audubon Rockies Presents Winter Birds 101: Songbirds. 6-8 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. For virtual sign-on information, consult www.weminuche-

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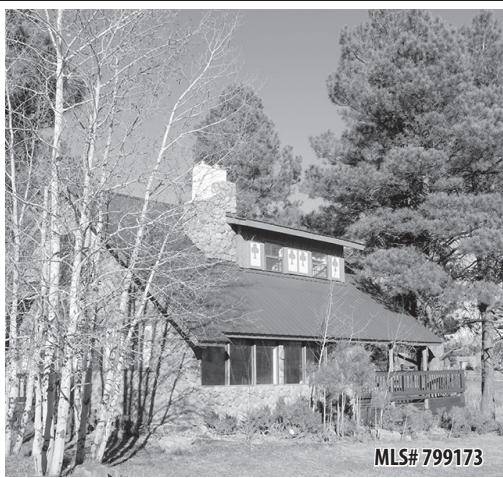
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audubon.org. For more information about the Christmas Bird Count, visit <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count>.

Thursday, Dec. 8

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Note: Until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving hot meals to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

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Friday, Dec. 9

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Pagosa Springs Community Choir Christmas Concert. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Listeners can look forward to many of their favorite carols such as "Sing We Now of Christmas," "Sleigh Ride" and "Jingle Bells." You will also be treated to some lesser-known Christmas music such as "Still of the Evening," which

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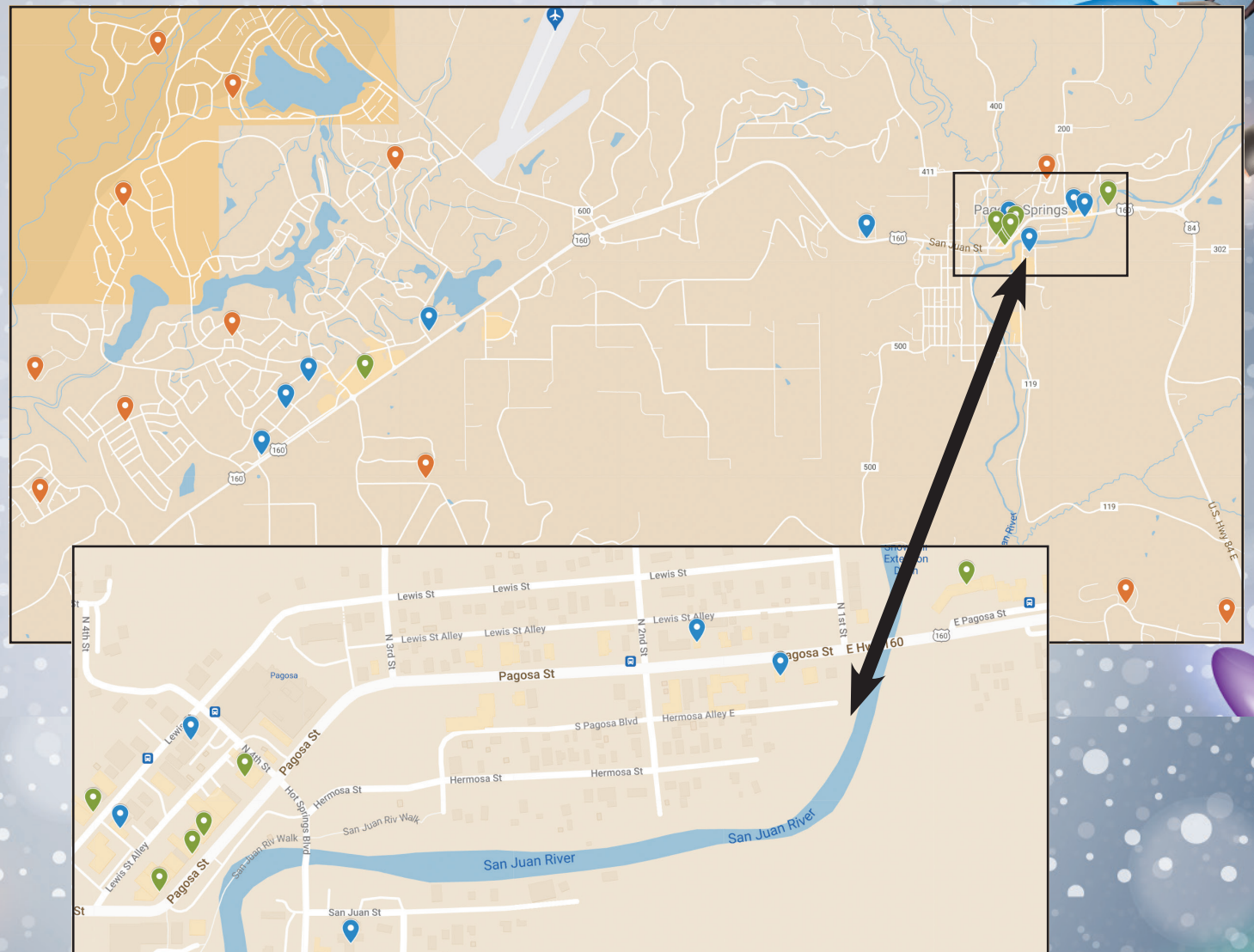
Holiday lights

Entrants for the 2022 Pagosa Springs Area Holiday Lighting contest have been announced, with participants turning on their lights for viewing every evening from 6 to 8 p.m. between Nov. 25 and the end of the year.

Vote for your favorite between Nov. 25-Dec. 18 at <https://bit.ly/2022LightingContest>. Contest winners will be announced in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Dec. 22.

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Seeds of Learning seeking donations for Giving Tuesday

By Danyelle Leentjes
Seeds of Learning

The holiday season is upon us. In the coming weeks, it will be increasingly difficult to focus on the true meaning of what the season is about: giving. Before we become caught up in the many events and messages that fill our inbox, let's pause and remember what is most important.

Giving Tuesday is a global movement to celebrate and encourage giving back after Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Join the movement and transform the lives of children and their families in Pagosa Springs by giving to Seeds of Learning on Nov. 29.

Most families in our community struggle with providing their child with affordable, high-quality early childhood education. That is why all families at Seeds are offered a reduced tuition rate. In fact, only 40 percent of Seeds operating costs are covered by tuition fees.

It is the donations given to Seeds of Learning that make it possible to offer the highest level of education in early childhood development. We need your help filling the gap between tuition and the actual cost for a child to attend Seeds. Simply put, we can't do it without you. While Seeds' signature Dancing with the Stars event brings in much-needed funding to the school, it does not fill this gap.

Before the end of this year, we must raise critical funds to keep tuition affordable for children in our community attending Seeds of Learning.

That's where you come in. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 by Dec. 31 to continue offering a reduced tuition fee to all our students and we need you.

Here's how you can help at-risk children in Pagosa Springs:

- Mark your calendar and plan to give on Nov. 29.
- Make your donation reoc-



Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

Seeds of Learning is seeking to raise \$75,000 by Dec. 31 to continue to offer a reduced tuition fee to its students.

curring annually to help Seeds become sustainable.

- Share our campaign with your friends and family.

Only together will we be able to achieve this and help 55 families feel a sense of stability for this next year. Your support will not only enable children to thrive, but may change the direction of their lives forever.

Please consider donating by sending a check to: Seeds of Learning, P.O. Box 5831, Pagosa Springs CO, 81147 or at Growing-Seeds.org.

Seeds of Learning is a non-for-profit organization and the only nationally accredited early care and childhood center in Archuleta County. Seeds has been promoting the growth of the "whole child" while instilling the love of learning for diverse young learners in Pagosa Springs for 25 years.

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By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

The staff at your library are thankful all year around for so many people who make their jobs easier and their service better for you, our patrons. On this Thanksgiving week, we want to publicly acknowledge some of the very special among them:

We are thankful for the many volunteers who work every day to help us maintain the collection; shelve returned books, CDs and DVDs; and make sure all the books and materials are clean and in their proper place. Because of our small staff, these volunteers are vital to our service to you.

We are grateful for the time and dedication of our library board. They also are unpaid volunteers who are committed to making the library an essential hub of our community.

We appreciate the members of our Foundation board, also unpaid volunteers, with the mission to raise funds for information resources, programs, services and facilities.

We also want to pay tribute to the Friends of the Library. Their generosity, enthusiasm and creativity result in so many benefits to your library, especially with the proceeds of their summer book sale.

Library director Meg Wempe said she has always appreciated the quote from Elizabeth Andrew, "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they have the heart." If you're interested in becoming a library volunteer or joining the Friends, please contact Meg at (970) 264-2209. You will be warmly welcomed.

Thanksgiving closures

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. 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

Library News

activities calendar

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

Homework help and tutoring

Free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are available for those in kindergarten through fourth grade on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is a registration packet for parents and guardians to fill out to enroll your child that you can get by emailing the library or coming in. 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.

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Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted Nov. 26 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free activity.

Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. join us for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners and 5 to 7 p.m. for both intermediate and advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who

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Read through these thankful Bible verses to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for. Find some quiet time to pray and thank God, read Scripture out-loud, and find a renewed heart that is filled with peace and joy!

1 Chronicles 16:34

34 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:15

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Philippians 4:6

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

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

If you missed any of the 10 Health Secrets printed over the last several months, please go to pagosasda.org and select the “ministries” link. All 10 Health Secrets can be found there.

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“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth ...” *Genesis 1:1*

“... then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made” *Genesis 2:3*



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“A Truth to Lie For” by Anne Perry is an Elena Standish adventure set in Hitler’s Germany. “The Goodbye Coast” by Joe Ide is a Philip Marlowe PI mystery. “Distant Thunder” by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington murder mystery. “Alice’s Trading Post” by Kerry Dean Feldman is a western about a woman traded to an old fur trader. “Righteous Prey” by John Sandford is a Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers mystery. “Mad Honey” by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan begins when a woman married to a surgeon finds out about his dark side.

DVDs

“Grace and Frankie” is on two DVDs, one each for season one and two. “Top Gun” and “Top Gun Maverick” star Tom Cruise. “Dark Winds” is season one. “The Last Kids on Earth Book One” won a daytime Emmy for best special class animation. “The Power of the Dog,” set in a mythic frontier landscape and shot in New Zealand, won an Academy Award in 2022 for its director, Jane Campion.

Books on CD

“The Boys from Biloxi” by John Grisham is about two sons from immigrant families who grew up on opposite sides of the law. “Haven” by Emma Donoghue features men in seventh century Ireland

who find an isolated place to found a monastery. “Righteous Prey” by John Sandford is a Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers mystery. “The High Notes” by Danielle Steel centers on a female singer whose talent is exploited by men, including her father. “Dark Whisper” by

Christine Feehan is the latest in the author’s Carpathian paranormal romance series.

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“Voice of Fear” by Heather Graham is a Krewe of Hunters story

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Spreading joy through service, the ABLAZE Catholic High School Youth Group and friends help pick up trash at BeeHive Homes recently.

Library

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Other novels

“The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven” by Nathaniel Ian Miller follows a man living a solitary life in the Arctic Circle who meets a group of unlikely visitors. “Happily Ever Amish” by Shelley Shepard Gray is the first book in a new series about a small Amish community in Ohio. “The Revivalists” by Christopher

M. Hood is set in the aftermath of a pandemic that wiped out two-thirds of the planet’s population.

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Quotable quote

“You know it’s a good Thanksgiving when your heart is as full as your stomach.” — Richard Paul Evans, American author.

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Gratitude to the community for supporting Pagosa seniors

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) had to cancel our planned charity event this past Friday night at the Tennyson Building Event Center. Thanks to all who expressed support and who have made donations. We will work to reschedule our event in the near future.

We continue to fundraise for our 2023 budget shortfall and request donations on our website at www.pseniors.org anytime or in person at the Pagosa Senior Center throughout the year and into 2023.

We wish you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Mather Institute online programming

Our virtual programs through the Mather Institute are designed to support your wellness journey, with opportunities to learn something new, connect and explore. There are many ways to explore creativity, express yourself and create something meaningful.

Below are a few fresh opportunities, along with a new meditation series. Each program is designed to support your wellness journey, offering the opportunity to get creative, connect and try something new.

Seasonal aromatherapy

Seasonal aromatherapy will be on Tuesdays, Nov. 29 and Dec. 6, at 11 a.m.

This two-part workshop will focus on the holidays and will discuss utilizing essential oils and natural materials to make gifts for ourselves or others.

In the first class, you'll be guided

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through creating bath salts, sugar scrubs and/or body lotions. In the second, we'll make mulling spices.

When you register, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seasonal-aromatherapy-tickets-460375785367>, we'll ask for your mailing address so we can send you the necessary materials ahead of time, at no charge.

Wood slice painting

Wood slice painting will be Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 1 p.m.

Let's get creative. Together, we'll create a winter landscape using watercolors on a 3- or 4-inch wood slice that's perfect for an ornament or decorative display. All experience levels are welcome.

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Nature pressed clay

Nature pressed clay will be Tuesdays, Dec. 6, and 13, 1 p.m.

Explore your creativity in this hands-on workshop. We'll use natural materials found outdoors (or around the house) to create beautiful imprints on clay. In the first session, you'll be guided through making your own unique creation; in week two, we'll finish and seal the hardened clay. All experience levels are welcome.

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Guided mindfulness meditations

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Register for any or all that you can attend: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-mindfulness-meditations-tickets-460356898877>.

Session 1: "Loving-Kindness Meditation."

Session 2: "Guided Journey Meditation."

Session 3: "Body Scan Meditation."

Session 4: "Guided Imagery Meditation."

Questions? Contact Mather at (888) 600.2560 or contact@mather.com.

COVID-19 booster vaccine clinic

Please join us for a drop-in clinic performed by San Juan Basin Public Health on Friday, 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 for on the day of the event.

COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of five free COVID-19 tests kits for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public that needs affordable access for health promotion and

disease prevention.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

ASI will be hosting our inaugural Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair featuring local vendors in the Senior Center dining hall on Saturday, 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 Monday, 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 is required, and all materials are provided for you. We will be cutting circles that have been traced on the cards and gluing them together in a special way.

Our teacher will be Denise Fisk, who is a former elementary school art teacher. Come join us for some holiday fun.

Text reservations

Text us at (970) 264-2167. The Community Cafe is now accepting text messaging for meal reservations, cancellations and/or communication of any kind. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are calling to cancel a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dining-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

Mobile food pantry service available for seniors

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

In order to participate in this program, community members must visit with Barbara Noriega at the Senior Center, located in the 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

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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

Hand and foot card game to start up again at the Senior Center. 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. 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 applications, 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.

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. 24 — Closed for Thanksgiving.

Friday, Nov. 25 — Closed for Thanksgiving.

Monday, Nov. 28 — Minestrone soup with focaccia bread, salad with beets and fig dressing, and fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 29 — Beef spaghetti with broccoli, garlic bread, salad and fruit.

Wednesday, Nov. 30 — Pork posole with fixings, tortilla, salad and fruit.

Thursday, Dec. 1 — Chicken crepes, broccoli, focaccia bread, salad and fruit.

Friday, Dec. 2 — Cottage pie, wilted spinach, salad and fruit.

Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meals reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$5 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

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Requesting donations

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

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Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership serves community with eyes on the future

By Sally High
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP), an educational 501(c)(3) nonprofit and Colorado Gives affiliate, manages three dome greenhouses in Pagosa Springs' Centennial Park. Countless local residents and tourists visit the GGP on the San Juan Riverwalk each year.

Ten years after the grassroots GGP project gained nonprofit status, the volunteer-driven organization demonstrates sustainable year-round vegetable production, renewable energy and water conservation. Truly a partnership, GGP values our numerous relationships in the Archuleta County community, ranging from governments to nonprofits to private businesses to individuals.

The GGP recently installed six informational signs, thanks to a grant from the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board. The six signs describe the unique aspects of the educational park and the GGP's partnerships. The attractive, permanent additions enhance the landscaping and describe the functions of the three greenhouses — Education Dome, Community Garden Dome and Innovation Dome.

The Education Dome opens to the public Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings. Fresh produce is available for sale to individuals at those times. Garden beds in the Community Garden Dome are tended by community groups that donate vegetables to local food pantries each week. The water-conservative Innovation Dome's deep-water culture beds grow leafy



Photo courtesy Chad Hodges

Destined for local restaurants, basil and bok choi thrive in the GGP Innovation Dome's water environment.

greens. The aquaponic system demonstrates extreme water savings and a symbiosis between fish and plants.

The GGP's plans for 2023 include additions to landscaping and heritage gardens. Heritage plantings may contain native plants, edible perennials and seasonal foods that have nourished people in our region for centuries.

The GGP welcomes art projects and educational gatherings that celebrate our cultural diversity. New growing partners are joining efforts to supply folks with produce year-round. For example, Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI), revitalized under new management, has adopted a bed in the Community Garden Dome.

The Weminuche Audubon Society, Audubon Rockies and Pagosa Springs Rotary Club magnify the GGP's efforts to beautify our Riverwalk. The flourishing Terry Hershey Native Plants Garden is maintained by local Audubon members. The

Rotary Garden is fully planted with perennials. GGP volunteers and Rotarians tend the xeric demonstration Rotary Garden.

The GGP's ninth Environmental Film Festival will be April 15, 2023. GGP invites Four Corners-wide attendees to Pagosa Springs to view high-quality, first-run documentaries from around the world and to join our conversations about environmental issues.

Be a part of the ongoing operations of the GGP. "Give where you live" by donating to GGP through Colorado Gives. Visit coloradogives.org/geothermalgreenhousepartnership. Your contribution is fully tax-deductible. To volunteer, email the GGP at ggp@pagosagreen.org.

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Truly a day of thanksgiving

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

It was Thanksgiving, but Aaron struggled to feel thankful. It was 1918, and the hostilities of The Great War had just ended on Nov. 11, though the terms of peace were still being negotiated. People were still euphoric about the cessation of fighting. Aaron was also grateful the conflict was over, but that would not bring Sam home. Why couldn't the fighting have ended just a few months earlier? Then Sam would still be alive.

Aaron could still remember the day two months earlier when they learned Sam was missing in action. His sweet wife, Mary, had just collapsed into a chair and sobbed. The children had all shown the impact of the loss of their brother in different ways. Some cried for days, while others became quiet and solitary.

As much as he wanted to, Aaron couldn't find it in himself to be of any comfort to the others. The loss of his son was such a shock to him that it paralyzed his thoughts and feelings. To add to that, some of the children were still sick with

the Spanish flu. Though he felt they were winning on that front, and that the children would pull through, it seemed a daily touch-and-go situation. On top of all of

Alice had volunteered to work as a nurse during the pandemic. She had been gone for almost four months. The last letter had indicated she had caught the flu, but she was optimistic she would beat it.

that, they were all under quarantine because of the sickness in their home. Their hope of enjoying the

holiday with extended family was impossible.

As Aaron finished milking the cows that morning, he struggled to count his blessings instead of his challenges. Though everyone in the family had gotten sick, his own strength had been sufficient to allow him to continue to do the chores. Most of the family was now well, but he still worried about the three that weren't. Still, his family had enough food so they didn't go hungry, and they even had extra to share with those who were less fortunate. Aaron's thoughts ping-ponged back and forth from blessings to challenges.

Aaron went to the smokehouse and got the turkey he had prepared for their Thanksgiving meal. It was a big one that he had raised, and it would provide a lot of good food for the family. He took it to the house where his wife was making pies and rolls. Aaron could see her eyes were red and knew she had been crying. Even though losing Sam was hard for her, she always tried to be cheerful.

She forced a smile and asked,
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 “Do you think Alice will make it home for Thanksgiving?”

“I hope so,” Aaron said.
 Alice had volunteered to work as a nurse during the pandemic. She had been gone for almost four months. The last letter had indicated she had caught the flu, but she was optimistic she would beat it. Since then, they had heard nothing, and Aaron just kept telling himself that no news was good news. Still, there was always the nagging in his mind that something could have gone wrong.

Aaron sat down and started peeling potatoes. Helping prepare the food took his mind off of his worries. The wonderful aromas of the cooking food helped lift his spirits — a little. When it was time to eat, Aaron carried each of the sick children to their chairs at the table. But as he looked at the two seats that were still empty, he could no longer bear the pain and walked to his bedroom so his family wouldn't see him cry. He hadn't been there very long when he heard the excited voices of the children.

He returned and saw the reason for their exuberance. Alice was

coming up the lane with a stranger. The stranger was on crutches, so their pace was slow. Aaron and Mary rushed out of the house with most of the children close behind. Aaron swooped his daughter into his arms and twirled her around. When he finally stopped and set her down, she smiled.

“Look who I found at the train station!”

Aaron turned to the stranger, and the man pulled back the hood that covered his face. Aaron gasped to see Sam standing there. He was missing an arm and a leg, and his face was all scarred, but it was him.

Tears poured down Aaron's face — not tears of sadness, but tears of joy. He pulled his son into an embrace Aaron would remember for the rest of his life.

As the family gathered around the table with every seat filled, gratitude filled Aaron's heart, and the challenges of that time faded away. The joy of being together as a family once more outshone everything else.

It truly was a day of Thanksgiving.

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Public land: a true blessing

By **Dave Marston**
PREVIEW Columnist

At every Thanksgiving dinner, my family asks everyone around the table to say what they're grateful for. It puts new guests on the spot, so sometimes they just thank the hosts — an easy out that makes it harder for anyone else struggling for a good answer. I've been in that position, but this year I know what I'm grateful for.

That's because after years away, I'm back in the West, living in western Colorado, near thousands of acres of public land. If the love of wide-open spaces defines a Westerner, then our region gives us lots to love.

Alaska, which is 95.8 percent public land, may be king among all states, with so much wide-open space available to everyone, but Nevada is close behind at 87.8 percent and Utah is next at 75.2 percent. Idaho ranks third at 70.4 percent, and Colorado follows at 43.3 percent, with most of that land west of the Continental Divide.

Until moving back West, I hadn't thought about public land being vital for anything as basic as cutting firewood. Yet in most states without much accessible public land, firewood is an expensive proposition. Here, from May through October in Colorado, it's ours for the permit, which costs about \$4 to \$10 for a cord of wood. That's enough to fill a full-size pickup bed 4 feet high.

How much do you need? I'm told three cords add up to "just getting by" in Montana or Wyoming, but true winter wealth is more like six cords. While you're gathering wood, you can also scout for a Christmas tree. That requires just an \$8 permit — a world away from pricey conifers grown on a tree farm.

Writer Dave Stiller's firewood-gathering advice is to take blow-downs or the slash piles left by logging companies. Once you've finished gathering, according to the Forest Service, "revisit and monitor the effects of your harvest ... Become a steward of that place as you study the plants and how they respond."

In other words, think like an owner who cares about the land over the long haul.

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Writers on the Range

And for a lot of us, the best of life can be what happens during a summer of camping, mushroom hunting, fishing, wildlife watching or just "getting out there."

Studies student at Colorado Mountain Community College in Carbondale, thinks our public lands embody a "generational legacy" that's become a cornerstone of our democracy. From young to old, the diehard fans of public lands are volunteers from nonprofits who "adopt" a trail, constructing and advocating for them.

Political cartoonist Rob Pudim tells of hiking a trail he'd worked on for several summers and feeling an onrush of possessiveness: "I own this land," he recalls thinking. In a way, he's right. We do own this land, though it is managed — even if we rarely see a ranger — by federal agencies.

No one knows how many people have gone to public land with one solemn purpose: to throw ashes of their dead into a stream or launch them into the air from a mountain-top, a practice that's allowable in most Western states' national forests. It forever connects someone to that particular place outdoors.

And for a lot of us, the best of life can be what happens during a summer of camping, mushroom hunting, fishing, wildlife watching or just "getting out there." Some hunters also become advocates for wildlife and public lands, championing public access.

Still, the damage we've done to public lands in the West is visible and remains — mining, drilling, dam building, nuclear bomb testing, dumping nuclear waste piles

along rivers and other sensitive places. Because of that legacy, the Superfund program, finally established in 1980, aims to restore these lands, some so altered that no real fix is possible.

Public land also serves as a link to modern history. Throughout the West, we can still see architectural marvels built by indigenous peoples hundreds of years ago. And ghost towns that were once small cities continue to fascinate us as we think about the economic jolt that triggered their abandonment.

Today, we're experiencing a similar jolt as increasing aridity alters how the West works — or doesn't work. Meanwhile, as we struggle to figure out what we've got to do to adapt, at least I know what I'll say this Thanksgiving. I am forever grateful to the public land that gives us room to breathe.

Dave Marston is publisher of Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent non-profit dedicated to lively discussion about the West. He lives with his family in Durango, Colo. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.



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