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School district announces it won't require masks

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Scores of community members showed up to Tuesday's Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education meeting to voice their opinions that masks have no place in schools.

The majority of the first hour and a half of the meeting was dedicated to discussion and public comment relating to COVID-19 and the upcoming opening of ASD schools.

ASD schools are slated to return Sept. 2.

After the board rearranged the agenda to move the COVID/school opening discussion to the beginning of the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza presented to the board the district's opening plan for the year.

She began by presenting Archuleta County's COVID data as of Aug. 9, including that the community's seven-day cumulative incidence rate was 150 cases per 100,000 population, which she noted swings a lot due to the community's small population.

The Delta variant, she noted, now makes up more than 80 percent of new cases in Colorado according to San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), and 56 percent of Archuleta County is fully vaccinated.

■ See School A8

Town council approves highway re-striping plan

By Jessica Hanson
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday's Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting included an approval by the council of the re-striping plan for U.S. 160 from 10th Street to Piedra Road.

The update was presented by Town Manager Andrea Phillips. Phillips was also joined by April Toledo from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), who has been the state contact on the project to answer any questions the council might have.

Phillips reintroduced the topic by reminding the council of the options that were presented on July 6 by CDOT staff and its consultant regarding the re-striping work that will be upcoming in 2022.

CDOT also plans to perform some surface treatments and road improvements in 2022 on a section of the state highway between Piedra Road and 10th Street.

The project will involve re-strip-

ing that will include creating left-turn pockets. These pockets will be implemented to help reduce rear-end collisions.

Phillips commented, "Council did provide feedback at that meeting generally expressing support for those safety measures."

One issue Phillips stated that CDOT wanted feedback from the town council on, at the July 6 meeting, was whether to consider a closure of Trinity Lane between U.S. 160 and Eagle Drive, the frontage road. "Generally, it was felt that more information would be needed in order to close Trinity Lane because it is a pretty integral part of that secondary road network," Phillips said.

Based on this information, CDOT was seeking approval from the town council of what is being called Option 1, which would keep Trinity Lane open for now.

Toledo joined the meeting and commented, "We are just looking for

■ See Highway A8



Colt Lewis, Grand Champion Steer



Kayson Shahan, Grand Champion Swine



Rebekah Candelaria, Grand Champion Lamb



Michelle Ray, Grand Champion Goat



Brynn Looper, Grand Champion Meat Chicken



Jack Hittle, Grand Champion Turkey

Photos courtesy Lea Leggett

Future Farmers of America and 4-H participants took part in the year's Livestock Auction at the Archuleta County Fair on Friday evening. The grand champion steer went for a record-breaking \$25 a pound. Weighing in at 1,100 pounds, the steer belonging to Colt Lewis netted \$28,550 and was purchased by Bank of Colorado and DeVo Capital.

Redistricting commission hears public comment on preliminary maps

By Terri House
Staff Writer

The Joint Independent Redistricting Commission held a public hearing in Durango Saturday afternoon regarding preliminary maps for the state's eight congressional districts, as well as the 65 Colorado House and 35 Senate districts.

The Colorado Independent Congressional and Legislative Redistricting commissions, established by Amendments Y and Z in 2018, have been tasked with drawing Colorado's congressional and state legislative districts.

Current proposed maps can be viewed on A16 of The SUN.

More than three hours of public testimony was given to the commissioners at the hearing.

The first citizen from Archuleta County to testify at the hearing was John Porco, a 21-year resident.

"I'm asking here today that Archuleta County and La Plata county remain in the same state senatorial district rather than having Archuleta split off into the San Luis Valley. Archuleta and La Plata county represent common com-

munities of interest, in the truest sense.

"And I say that for six specific reasons, all of which may have legislative and policy implications.

"First is employment. Numerous residents of Archuleta County work in La Plata County. On the other hand, some residents of eastern La Plata County do work in Archuleta County. In Pagosa Springs, we have an extreme labor shortage. No such interchange exists between us and the valley.

"Second is commerce. If I want to buy a car, an ATV, an RV, a front-end loader, the nearest dealers are in La Plata County. If I want to buy furniture, a major appliance, a camera, a computer, a good watch, a suit or even a book, it's generally off to Durango.

"The third area is medical. Pagosa Springs is blessed with having a very good small critical-care hospital, but for major medical treatment, we rely very heavily upon Mercy Regional Medical Center and the network of specialists in La Plata County."

■ See Redistricting A7

Western Heritage Event Center, county discuss fairgrounds

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held a work session Tuesday, Aug. 10, at which the board met with representatives of the Western Heritage Event Center (WHEC).

At a previous work session, the commissioners expressed concerns about the status of improvement projects at the county fairgrounds.

The county entered into a purchase and sale agreement with WHEC in January 2020 for the Hughes Pavilion arena at the fairgrounds.

According to County Attorney Todd Weaver, improvements on the pavilion were supposed to be completed by fall 2020.

At the work session, the WHEC was represented by Matt Ford, who facilitated the discussion.

Ford explained that the county desired to transfer ownership of the pavilion before the terms of the agreement were executed.

According to the BoCC and WHEC, the improvements that

were supposed to be completed included laying sand on the floor of the arena, installing metal panels along the sides of the pavilion and completing additions to the existing livestock building.

Randy Talbot, a representative of the WHEC, noted during the meeting that WHEC was able to get the sand laid in the pavilion as scheduled in 2020.

Talbot noted that the sand installation cost the WHEC \$34,000.

"We have to own that we didn't respond to the first letter sent out ... that ball just got dropped," Talbot added.

JR Ford was also in attendance at the work session on behalf of the WHEC.

JR Ford spoke about how unforeseen troubles related to COVID made it difficult to complete the installation of the metal panels.

Weaver advised the BoCC to set a hard date for the WHEC to complete the remaining improvements, and if that date is not met, then the WHEC would be required to refund the county the \$150,000 that

■ See Fairgrounds A8

Redrawing boundaries: Hinsdale County responds

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) met with two of the Hinsdale County commissioners, Kristine Borchers and Greg Levine, during a work session held by the BoCC on July 27 and discussed a proposal to realign county boundaries.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez began the conversation by explaining that both the Archuleta and Hinsdale County commissioners have been receiving multiple calls with concerns about redrawing the boundary lines after the article titled "Redrawing boundaries: Commissioners hear proposal to realign counties" was published in The SUN on July 22.

"I know the article came out after the discussion that we had and I

think we had a pretty much kind of sound agreement on how we can move forward with this," Maez said.

Borchers confirmed that she has been receiving a number of calls from residents expressing their concerns.

She explained that the Hinsdale County commissioners submitted a letter to the editor at The SUN in regard to Hinsdale County's position on the matter.

"We just wanted to make sure that the lines of communication were open between the two boards of commissioners. We value our relationship with Archuleta County," Borchers said.

She mentioned that she visited with residents in the Upper Piedra region of Hinsdale County and that

■ See Boundaries A8



Photo courtesy Patricia G. D'Angelo

Trisha Pillars hooked this catfish two weeks before she finally landed it at Echo Lake on July 31. On her first attempt, it broke the net, so she purchased a new net and gave it another try, catching this big guy on July 31. Pillars reports that the fish weighed about 30 pounds and was more than 25 inches long.

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OUR VIEW

Communication: Staying connected in a plethora of ways

Just how many ways can we find to communicate these days?

There is text messaging. I get a ton of text messages. It's a great tool to use for catching up with friends and family and for staying connected when we have reporters in the field. My co-workers create groups and we can communicate effectively through texting. Except, I really hated texting until I discovered I could text from my laptop. Now my staff is stuck getting multiple long text messages from me on their phones. There are days that they just stop responding to me for some reason.

In our office, when we don't want to walk to someone's desk to speak to them, you will find us using Slack to send messages and pass files. We even post celebratory messages that are broadcast to the whole staff.

I'm part of a group on Slack called "Newspaper Publishers." Then there is the Colorado News Collaborative group that I communicate with on Slack, when I remember to check the feed.

Then there is Facebook's Messenger application. There is a love/hate relationship there. I love to be able to message people if I don't have their phone number, but I hate communicating on Messenger.

Who hasn't had some hacker break into a friend's Messenger account and send some video trying to get you to watch it so they can in turn hack your account?

And then, you have all sorts of people messaging you who you don't even know on Messenger. I found some messages that were 2 years old before I ever found them.

I used a FitBit years ago and I still get messages on that thing, most from people I don't even know.

Then there is email. We get over 3,000 emails a week in the editor's email box at the newspaper. There are about 200 of them in my inbox as I write this. There isn't much time to sort through those emails and send them to the right department. You'll find

calendar items, Preview stories, cards of thanks, obituaries, church news, columns and more. The hardest one is Letters to the Editor. They come in all forms and fashion. If they don't have a phone number, address and name, they go in the trash. If they clearly aren't letters, they go in the trash. Some are obviously mass emails of letters that go in the round file. Some aren't clear at all what they are. If you are emailing a Letter to the Editor, please make it clear that is your intention. We are not psychics.

Next is the office security system that most often alerts me when the sun comes up and goes down, casting shadows on the office walls and sending me motion alerts. If it isn't the sun, it is the pesky spider that seems to go from room to room in the office, spinning its web on the cameras. I can't tell you how many times I get an alert just to watch that spider walking across the camera screen. Those alerts are the stuff horror movies are made of.

Then there is the doggie cam. I have three of those that alert me to what my crazy dogs are doing at home when I am gone. I can even use a microphone on the application to tell them to be good. For some reason, that never seems to relay to them correctly.

Next up, we have voicemail. I leave people voicemails all the time and they call me back to find out what I needed.

"I left you a voicemail," I respond. "Did you listen to it?"

No, of course, they did not take the time to listen to it.

When it comes to my home voicemail, that gets forwarded to my email when I am at work so I can keep on top of things. I always forget to delete those and the recorder at home has blinked continuously for over a year now.

My work voicemail gets forwarded to my email, too. It was either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day when I had a very unhappy reader leave a concerning voicemail that was forwarded to my email. I called her back. We had a great conversation. I may be on her Christmas card list now.

Did you know that I can only store 100 voicemails on my work phone? Becky Jacobson informed me my voicemail was full last week. Am I the only one who listens to voicemails and forgets to delete them? I do the same thing on my cellphone.

Speaking of cellphones, my friend Lisa Scott was calling me Tuesday afternoon and I realized she was trying to FaceTime with me. What was she thinking? She knows what I look like. I have never FaceTimed with anyone. I don't show my face on Zoom meetings, either. I was on deadline when Lisa called and declined her invite and called her back later in a normal fashion. FaceTime isn't on my list of normal.

Then there is Zoom. When you are in one of those boring Zoom meetings, have you had a friend private message you and you catch up on their lives and realize the meeting is over and you had no idea what was said? That's me.

Most of these apps sync up with my watch and I can't seem to escape the onslaught of communication that I receive on a daily basis. I had to disconnect alerts on emails. OK, truthfully, I never set them up on the new phone I got about seven years ago. It was too time-consuming and I keep forgetting. Seven years of forgetting.

I also have a calendar app that syncs across all of the platforms that I use. I have a paper day planner (yes, I am one of those people), but I still manage to miss writing down everything that I have scheduled. There is nothing like heading home for the day and realizing I have a meeting that evening to attend.

Did I mention that my cellphone is synced to my home phone and every time one of these alerts go off, I hear a clanging sound in every room of my house alerting me that someone is trying to reach me? Yet, somehow, I find I will still miss an important alert or notification.

They say that too many ways to communicate can lead to burnout. I am trying to keep the candle burning.
Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 12, 1921

County Clerk Philip R. Johnson is now busily engaged in recording the longest deed in the history of Archuleta county and the one involving the greatest sum of money. The deed is the record of sale of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad to the Denver & Rio Grande Western company, signed by William A Jackson, special master, and E.J. Shepard, vice president of the D.&R.G. The deed, which consists of 84 printed pages, together with signatures and affidavits, as a counterpart of the original and involves the sum of \$47,706,350 in the transfer of the entire railroad property. Revenue stamps in the value of \$3,000 were attached to the original deed.

Three games of baseball were played at Trujillo Sunday, the Pagosa Scrubs defeating the Blanco team by a score of 23 to 5. Following this game, Trujillo defeated the Pagosa Scrubs by a 7 to 0 score. Blanco and Trujillo played the final game, the former winning by 7 to 5.

Pure lard 16¢ per lb. during August only at Dickerson's.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 16, 1946

Pagosa Springs streets were being cleaned and pressed this week, and everyone in town seemed to be standing around with a grin on his face. The State Highway Department crew moved into action at the west side of town Tuesday, and by Wednesday night it was hard to get through the main part of town. But nobody seemed to mind. Heavy-duty road equipment ripped the surfacing from the streets from one end of town to the other, and graders and special equipment were going into action to re-mix the surfacing material for the top coating. Oil was brought in tank trucks and, at the rate the crew worked, Pagosa should have smooth streets within a few days.

The second case of polio was reported to the Archuleta County welfare office late Wednesday, and before sundown, arrangements had been completed to fly the victim, 13-year-old Frances Talamante, of Edith, to Denver for treatment.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 12, 1971

Visitor use at the Navajo Recreation at Arboles is up a great deal this year. Use is heavy and the area is becoming increasingly popular with sportsmen, boaters, picnickers, swimmers, and outdoor enthusiasts. The Albuquerque, Farmington, and Durango areas provide a large percentage of the visitors there with the heaviest use being on holidays and midweek. Weekends are busy with day use, but not with those staying overnight.

The San Juan Historical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at the REA building this Friday, August 13, at 8 p.m. To be discussed at the meeting are plans for a museum. A special report will be given on the progress of the society to date, Mrs. Virgil Knowlton, president, said. In addition plans for the proposed museum plus an artist's drawing of location and landscaping will also be presented at the meeting. The society is in hopes that a museum can be started soon.

The Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce is now accepting bids for a new Chamber of Commerce information booth. The building is to be constructed in the Town Park.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 15, 1996

Efforts are underway to obtain grant monies from Colorado Trust in order to implement an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system in Archuleta County and to determine the reliability and cost feasibility of computerized telecommunication programs that are being marketed to provide such services. Based on a motion by Commissioner Bill Tallon, the commissioners agreed to apply for the Colorado Trust grant. It also was agreed to investigate the initial and long-range costs related to the US West enhanced 911 system. Comparative costs related to possibly utilizing other entities that could provide the county an on-site system capable of producing the same or superior services will also be investigated. The commissioners asked Fred Harman; Warren Grams, Pagosa Fire Protection District chief; Eric Schmidt, Upper San Juan EMT director; Chief Don Volger and Russell Crowley, the county's civil preparedness director, to conduct the investigation on the enhanced 911 questions.

WHADDYA THINK?

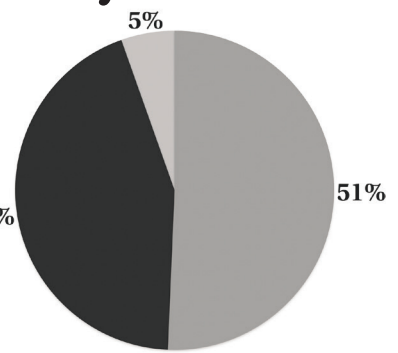
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8/7	81	48	-	-	-
8/8	84	43	-	-	-
8/9	86	45	-	-	-

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Letters

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'Team USA'

Dear Editor:
As I listened to an NPR audio account of the Olympic medals won by our US of A (United States of America); and the winning predominated by women athletes, a smile came to my face.

50 years ago we were trendsetters. I refer to my team mates who played Women's Professional Football for the Toledo Troopers. In 1972, we were 'pioneers' who some proclaimed looked more like a "motley crew".

We were the women who played football according to NFL rules. Some are no longer with us. They have died.

Those of us who are continuing to thrive agreed to the production of a documentary. We said 'yes' to

telling our stories. Personally, remembering how we opened doors that were locked shut to women in favor of young men, allows me a quiet acceptance of this culture within which I have been raised.

I'm glad that I took the bait to shed the shackles of the "girls don't do that" social structure. And, the sexual advances of the men who seek to take control, and dominate the assertive girls and women who succeed.

I learned then, in the early 70's that, as a woman, I would have to be a little or a lot better in order to succeed in the man's worlds of sports, law, and business.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (amendments to the Civil Rights Act of 1964) was enacted by Congress and signed into law by President Richard Nixon.

After many years of political wrangling, debating, and litigating, Title IX was enforced in high schools and colleges in 1978.

We were oblivious and just wanted to play football. The Toledo Troopers played from 1971 to 1978, and are proclaimed as the 'winningest team in history'. The documentary will chronicle this eventful past. It'll be released in September, 2021.

This year, after 17 days of competition at the Tokyo Olympics the United States finished with the most medals won overall. Team USA triumphed with 113 medals. U.S. women won 66 medals, which is more than half of the U.S. Olympic team.

Since the 70's opportunities for girls and women in athletics have increased exponentially. In 1971, when we, the Toledo Troopers, commenced playing football, fewer than 300,000 girls participated in high school athletics. Nowadays, more than 3.2 million are high school athletes. Women participation in College athletics has also risen exponentially.

The benefits of increased participation affects not just female athletes but society as a whole.

Sports Participation Research (Women & Girls):

- less likely to get pregnant or take drugs than those who don't play sports in high school, and
- more likely to graduate and go on to college, and
- have lower risk of developing illnesses such as obesity, heart disease, osteoporosis, and breast cancer, and
- 82% of female business executives played sports, and
- A majority claim that the lessons of teamwork, leadership, and confidence learned on the playing field contributed to their success.

Yea, Team USA.

Constance d'Angelis

PLPOA concerns

Dear Editor:

PLPOA owners

Did you know that...

- our association does not apply the rules equitably and fairly to everyone, even though they'll profess to do so over and over again?

- the staff will target certain people, for whatever reason, and will make their lives miserable?

- they will grandfather in certain people and situations while telling others in a different situation that they "don't do grandfathering"?

- the staff will "stretch the truth", even under oath?

- an issue that they say was discussed at "several" meetings, even referring to one of those meetings as a "hearing", was in fact on the agenda of three (3) monthly board meetings? The first meeting raised the issue under new business and board members were tasked with emailing the general manager (GM) with their suggestions. At the second meeting, the GM was asked to prepare a resolution addressing the issue, email it to the board members, with board members reviewing and voting on it, via email, prior to a specified date. At the third meeting, the vote was ratified. This seems like we, the owners, had the opportunity to address this issue twice. And that was if you read the agenda of the board meetings. Reading the online meeting minutes don't help as minutes are generally not posted until two months later, after they are approved. But in this case, you would not have read about the issue when it was raised as new business until seven months later. That's because the first meeting minutes were never posted until I raised that fact at a board meeting six months later.

- if you try to explain your situation and ask for compassion, you might get told by the GM "I don't want to hear your sob story!" like I was or you might get your fine of over \$124,000 reduced to around \$24,000 like our neighbor was?

- the PLPOA can place a lien on your property for unpaid disputed assessments and/or fines?
- there is nothing we can do about their unequal, arbitrary, discriminatory behavior?
- there is no regulatory oversight of HOAs/POAs or community associations managers/general managers in our state?

For these and many many more reasons, we must be more involved. The board meetings are only once a month and you don't even have to be there in person; you can call in to listen. Or take turns with a friend in attending. Learn more about POAs/HOAs in Colorado here: <https://dre.colorado.gov/division-programs/hoa-center>

There is no reason that our association should be so vindictive, vengeful and arbitrary. I would like a more considerate, "let's work this out together", association and not one that loves the power they have and flaunts it. Many of our friends and neighbors feel the same way and we'd like you to help us work towards a more fair, reasonable board and staff. Contact us at plpoaowners@gmail.com

Tricia Frank

Construction industry

Dear Editor:

Colorado's construction industry has always valued our local hospitals as essential partners in safety plans and strategy to keep our workforce employed. Construction is physical work that takes long hours and has several risks. Effective health care is important in ensuring employees can do their job and projects in the community can move forward.

During COVID-19, construction continued in Colorado to provide the infrastructure and buildings anticipated during this pandemic. And with not knowing if the hospitals would be able to care for the anticipated numbers of COVID positive cases, it became even more evident the need for health care access in the event a worker was injured or required hospital treatment.

Medical centers moved mountains to provide care for every patient coming in their doors. They rushed into action to treat thousands of people with COVID-19 while still helping people with other medical issues. Their efforts saved lives, including some of our industry's employees and their family members who caught this virus. Through it all, contractors

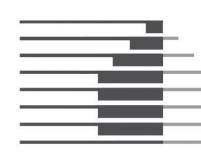
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The Mountain Light Music Festival presented "A Night at the Movies" at Keyah Grande Friday. The movie-themed concert featured a trombone choir.

Letters

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tors knew that emergency care and other services were still readily available as the industry continued essential work.

We can hope that Colorado will soon put COVID-19 behind us. When we do, we shouldn't forget what our hospitals meant to us when we were in crisis and what they continue to do for patients and our economy every day. The WCCA contractors and families thank the hospitals, care centers and the health care workers for your role in keeping our workers safe during the pandemic and always.

Shawna Grieger,
executive director, Western
Colorado Contractors Association

Bipartisan meetings

Dear Editor:

For the last four days my husband and I have been at the Fair; the purpose was to register new voters or help others to update their registrations. As usual our (Democratic Party) tent was directly opposite the Republican tent. Lots of folks thought that was funny and suggested that we would be throwing stones at each other very soon. Actually, the opposite was true. From the get-go, Republicans were welcoming and we went over and introduced ourselves to those we hadn't met before. This had happened in the past, but something beyond polite conversation was happening this year. Marilyn Harris (the Republican Chair) and I had several in depth conversations about how uncomfortable we both were about the animosity that sometimes rears its head between our parties. Someone suggested that perhaps we ought to have opportunities to talk together. Perhaps we could find issues that impact all of Archuleta County's residents. Both Parties have regularly scheduled meetings, and we (Marilyn and I) decided to do this more formally on a trial basis. For example, the Democrats schedule monthly lunch meetings around different topics. Some, of course, are of interest only to us. But this month is featuring a non-partisan topic. It's on August 17th at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Avenue, at 11:30 am. The topic of discussion will be making sure our neighbors have enough food to eat and the organizations which are accomplishing that. Surely, it's a topic which we all need to know about and support. Consequently, the upcoming meeting's details will be published in the SUN, and everyone is welcome to join in. Masks will be required. The Fair visitors were uniformly in favor of this effort when we explained it to them. I would love to hear feedback from anyone who cares to send it. Your ideas about topics for discussion are also welcome.

We agreed that sometimes the path to cooperation starts at the bottom. Marilyn and I realize that competition will always be present, but this is an effort to come together to affirm that we all are responsible to care for our county and its residents.

Becky Herman, chair, Archuleta County Democratic Party

Patty Tillerson

Dear Editor:

If you read last week's letter from Patty Tillerson, there are some things about her and her family that I believe are interesting. Other than being in the minority of people who sometimes agree with me, Patty has an interesting background.

Her husband, who passed away a year or so ago, was a WWII Navy veteran. He told me that he was sent

to Pearl Harbor and told to report for duty every morning. After several visits, he was told to go find a battleship, the Indianapolis, which he did. He was later assigned to another ship.

One of her sons, Rex, you may recall as being the Secretary of State until, like so many others, was fired by Trump. If I were Rex, I would be proud of that accomplishment. He tried to work with the North Koreans, something most Secretaries have not done. Rex, his father, and other family members are Eagle Scouts.

Back to the pandemic. The best advice I have heard is from the Surgeon General – get vaccinated, wear a mask, and quite listening to FOX news.

According to CNN Health this morning, COVID hospitalizations and deaths have doubled in the past two weeks, and they are seeing younger, unvaccinated patients.

If you want to stick your head in the dirt like an ostrich and deny reality, that is your choice, I suppose. Please wear a sign around your neck identifying you as an "ostrich" so we will know who you are.

If you are an unvaccinated, maskless visitor to Pagosa Springs, please go home.

Bill Hubbard

'Opinions'

Dear Editor:

We all know what most say opinions are, and Mr. Blake's letter—"Opinions"—matches it exactly. As are mine I suppose, but I don't fling it in everybody's face. I guess this week you must have had nothing better to do.

In this week's SUN, I mentioned that all politicians, on either side of the aisle are just that, politicians, some are good and some are bad and some are worse. Personally, I don't make those sides the reason I support them, after all it's what they do. As for the Representative's names you rattled off, the only one I don't agree with you on is Representative Boebert. I follow her Congressional Activities and she tirelessly defends the Constitution, especially in fighting the overreach of government, whether sponsored by Republicans, or Democrats. Your rabid attacks on just the Republicans leaves you blindsided to the transgressions of the Democrats.

As for your description of who is doing more harm to others, vaccinated, or unvaccinated against Covid, I have one personal experience with that. Unvaccinated individuals only do harm to themselves whether they catch it in the end, or not. I was fully vaccinated in March, yet I came down with the Delta variant just after the 4th of July. My wife, who is unvaccinated, has been staying in the house for two months, except for her birthday, hadn't come down with it, I would have just thought I had a light cold. Though I didn't get retested until a couple weeks later, and found to be negative, it was obvious where she got it. What I'm trying to say here is it doesn't matter anymore who is most likely to do harm to another, both sets of people can pass it on. Your definition on American's rights and what the limit is, is accurate. This being said, I'm not sure if that was what you were talking about, and unfortunately, I don't think you do either.

We all know the definition of opinions, I just wish you, in most cases, would keep yours to yourself, they are harmful. Wait a minute, per your definition of our rights, isn't that where it ends?

Doug Roberts

'Backcountry angels'

Dear Editor:

I co-direct an outfitting company that takes high school youth into the backcountry around Pagosa Springs. We hire guides who have training in wilderness medicine, and we train them for all sorts of backcountry emergencies. We pray every day for the safety of our groups and that the worst will not happen, though we know that the world is unpredictable.

A few weeks ago something close to the worst happened. One of our backpacking guests had a medical emergency and her life was on the line. Time became of the essence. Our guides did what they were trained to do, and did it well. Part of their training is to call for help when the situation is beyond their capacity to handle.

They "pressed the red button" on their Garmin InReach, which contacted the Search and Rescue teams put in place by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. Flight For

Life was in turn contacted—two flight nurses and a helicopter pilot.

Because of the swift and expert work of those teams, a young woman is alive to tell the story of her week in the backcountry. A terrifying scenario came under the protection of their professional care and comfort. What could have ended in her death ended in our gratitude for the services of those who train to help in the most difficult circumstances. We are thanking God for them.

Invite you to give thanks for the dedication of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (especially here Mike, Wes, Carson, another officer present whose name I have forgotten—my apologies—and the faithful folks at dispatch); for Flight For Life nurses (especially here Jamie and Heather); and for a Flight For Life pilot who braved the front edge of a wicked storm.

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Call for Nominations for School Board Directors



The Board of Education of Archuleta School District 50 JT in the Counties of Archuleta and Hinsdale, State of Colorado, calls for nomination of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

At this election three (3) directors will be elected representing Director District One (1), and Director District Four (4) for a term of office for two years and Director District Five (5) for a term of office of four years. To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months before the election and a resident of the director district which will be represented. Legal descriptions of the Director Districts are available at www.mypagosaschools.com under the "School Board" tab, or at the Administration

Office located at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. A person is ineligible to run for school director if they have been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be candidate for school director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 50 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election.

Nomination petitions may be obtained at the Archuleta School District Administration Office located at 309 Lewis Street beginning August 11, 2021. Office hours are 8 am to 4 pm, Monday thru Friday. Completed petitions should be submitted to Robyn Bennett, the School District's designated election official, no later than 2:00 pm on August 27, 2021.

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The Friends of the Library's annual book sale fundraiser returned last week, offering three days for shoppers to purchase books donated via the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library. Members of the Pagosa Springs High School football team helped move more than 300 boxes of books prior to the sale. Funds raised by the Friends go toward supporting the library.



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Obituary

Steven Wimer Butler

Steven Wimer Butler was born in Auburn, Ind., May 13, 1933, to Donald Woodford and Geraldine Wimer Butler. His richly blessed life ended on Sunday, Aug. 1. He was 88. He died in his sleep at his beautiful home in Pagosa Springs, Colo.



Delores "Lola" Clementine Butler married him March 25, 1974. They had a combined family of three daughters and six sons: Jason Laydon, John Laydon (deceased), Lauren Laydon, Barbara Laydon (Chris Valdez), James Laydon (Debra Laydon), Jeffrey Laydon (Lora Laydon), Nathaniel Butler, Andrea Butler, Daniel Butler and Susan Macias. He is survived by 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Steven graduated in 1957 from Purdue University. His degree in chemical/mechanical engineering set a path to Army Active Reserve/Signal Corp and sent him to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colo. He then became a design engineer for Ideal Cement Co. and Miner Machine Co. His fun-loving creativity initiated the All Fun Co., his first business startup. He designed and manufactured board games and toys.

He also owned and operated Mile Hi Distributing Inc., where he learned Colorado was where he

would make his home. His skills and designs made him an industry innovator early in the solar energy field with Solar Energy of the Rockies Inc. He had a brilliant ability to repurpose and recycle building materials to develop commercial and residential spaces. He was instrumental in designing and managing five salon businesses in the Denver area: Washington Headlines Inc. and, in 1992, Studio 160 Salon and Day Spa.

Steven built a small empire for many talented hairstylists to practice their profession and establish their careers. Always generous and quick to encourage, he would put people on a pedestal and help them find solutions for success. His was a competitor with a soft heart. He enjoyed the thrill of victory and defeat. His joy for the zest of life, peaks and valleys, trials and tribulations, victories and celebrations, always came with good humor and positive enthusiasm. His extensive world travels with his beloved Lola left a long, long, chain of friends and cherished memories. His adventures always made him appreciate Pagosa Springs, the great state of Colorado and the United States of America. His patriotism was strong and he cherished the blessings of liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

One of Steven's great passions was dancing. Always the first on the floor, he and Lola won numerous contests and danced often with the dance community in Pagosa Springs. Early in his life, he was a competitive tennis player and climbed 14 of the Rocky Mountain Fourteeners. He designed and built his own Bocce Ball court in his yard and he was hard to beat. He was a

tremendous health advocate and practiced many different health-wise regimes into his daily habits.

One of his habits was making lists. From daily tasks to life's purpose, he made lists. He has a list for his favorite foods over the years and where he had them. How to encourage children.

Values, goals and aspirations. How to be a tourist in your own town. Random thoughts and metaphors, he made lists. All in his distinctive, meticulous handwritten script he made his thoughts in lists. Yet another virtue.

Steven would be the first to tell you that all this, and in all things, it is God's plan and purpose. His walk with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was the highest priority. Being born again at Rocky Mountain Grace Camp in 1978 gave him that blessed hope to be with the Lord. He studied and memorized The Word of God. He did not fear death, he knew that he had an eternal reservation in Heaven that nothing could cancel. He was certain of his salvation and recognized the victory and justification he received through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

"When you see and do the things I loved, you will remember me."

Steven Wimer Butler
May 13, 1933-Aug. 1, 2021

Obituaries

Local obituaries are printed free in The Pagosa Springs SUN and can be submitted to:

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Deadline is 1 p.m. Tuesday for the following Thursday's edition. The SUN reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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Services

'Diamond Dave' Pokorney

The celebration of life for "Diamond Dave" will be held on Aug. 14 at Rez Hill Grill at the Quality Inn on Hot Springs Boulevard. The service will begin at 4:30 p.m. followed by an evening of love and sharing of DD stories. All are invited to attend.

Kathy can be contacted at (970) 759-2334. In honor of his love for music, donations can be made to the Mid Rio Home School Band, www.NMhome-schooband.com.



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One-on-one QuickBooks sessions coming

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber will be offering some one-on-one free QuickBooks training sessions on Aug. 24 thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Southwest Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC). These sessions will be one-hour sessions designed to help those individuals that are familiar with QuickBooks. However, they may have a specific problem setting up an account, invoicing, creating jobs categories, needing more out of inventorying, creating a more targeted report, etc.

There are very limited appointments, so interested parties will need to sign up with the Chamber right away.

The trainer will be Amber Davis, who is an SBDC consultant. Interested parties should inquire about the remaining available times with the Chamber. On the day of the consultation, bring your laptop and your questions to the session. It's that simple and that effective. This one-hour session is all about you and how you can become more effective in and for your business solving your QuickBooks questions.

Contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360 or by emailing info@pagosachamber.com.

Business filings show Colorado economy is firmly in recovery mode

Secretary of State
Jenna Griswold's office

New data shows Colorado business is primed for growth in its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a report released recently by the University of Colorado (CU) Boulder and Colorado Secretary of State Jenna Griswold.

The Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators report is prepared by the Leeds Business Research Division (BRD) at CU Boulder in conjunction with the Colorado Secretary of State's Office. The latest report shows the state is firmly in recovery mode from the 2020 recession. New entity filings posted record gains in the second quarter, increasing 25.7 percent year over year. New entity filings are one of the best indications of employment growth.

Second quarter filings were down 12.3 percent from the first quarter, a normal seasonal pattern observed each year. Existing entity renewals also increased modestly year over year by 1.7 percent.

"Colorado is on the road to recovery despite historic economic challenges. While the latest data is encouraging, we know that the pandemic has deepened wealth and income inequalities in our state and many Coloradans have not seen a return to pre-pandemic normal," said Griswold. "As we continue to rebuild from the pandemic, there is incredible opportunity to ensure that Colorado's strengthening economy is benefiting all communities."

The report shows Colorado's

gross domestic product (GDP) increased 1.4 percent year over year, while personal income, businesses in good standing and dissolution filings are also on the rise.

Different regions, different results

While the overall recovery in the state trends positive, the impact on the various regions in Colorado has varied. Employment recovery in the Colorado Springs and Fort Collins metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are leading the state, while employment recovery in Boulder and Greeley MSAs are lagging.

Unemployment in the state remains at 6.2 percent, ranking 35th in the country. While Colorado's labor force growth ranks 23rd in the U.S., labor force participation rate is third strongest in the country at 68.5 percent.

"The high participation rate indicates many Coloradans are employed or actively seeking employment," said Richard Wobbekind, senior economist and faculty director of the Leeds Business Research Division. "This trend could lead to a full jobs recovery from the recession in 2022."

Colorado remained down 99,900 jobs from the January 2021 peak. Jobless claims in the state are hovering at around 5,000 per week.

Business leaders in Colorado expressed record optimism in the economy ahead of the third quarter. The Leeds Business Confidence Index was 67.3 ahead of the third quarter and remained elevated looking to the fourth quarter (65.4). A score of 50 is neutral.

Colorado DMV adds trio of online services, giving drivers more reasons to skip the trip

Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles

The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) recently announced the addition of three new online services to myDMV. Colorado.gov:

- Upload and pay a traffic citation or ticket.
- Obtain a vehicle record online.
- Request a hearing.

The new services, which are available now, give Coloradans even more reasons to skip the trip to the DMV and use its online offerings to save some time and travel hassle.

Pay and submit citations

This new online service improves upon its predecessor, which only allowed Coloradans to pay for a traffic citation if the ticket had been logged with the DMV.

However with the new "pay and submit citations" online service, that's no longer the case. Coloradans can now upload a citation and pay the expected fees if the ticket has yet to be logged as long as the timeframe to pay the citation hasn't expired.

The DMV manually reviews all uploaded citations and contacts customers once their submission has been reviewed.

Additionally, drivers younger than 18 can now pay a traffic ticket as long as they upload either the signed and notarized citation, or a filled out copy of the Penalty Assessment Notice Minor Affidavit (DR 2334) form.

It should be noted that not all tickets are payable to the DMV or the Colorado Department of Revenue. Coloradans are encouraged to consult their citation to determine where the payment should be directed.

Vehicle Record Search

The newly added online Vehicle Record Search improves upon how title and registration record searches were previously requested.

The new online offering allows Coloradans to complete the transaction entirely online, no printing and uploading required, in less than 20 minutes.

To use the new service, users will have to have an online account, which can be created through myDMV.Colorado.gov from the record search option.

Once the request is processed and approved, a link will be sent via email to the requester. It should be noted that if more than one record/history is returned in the search, the requester may be asked for additional funds as each result is \$2.20. Certified copies are also available for an additional 50 cents per record/history.

Before the update, Coloradans had to print and mail a Motor Vehicle Requestor Release Affidavit of Intended Use (DR 2489A) form or visit the DMV's Lakewood office at 1881 Pierce St.

Colorado State law and the Fed-

eral Driver's Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) state that the division shall not disclose or otherwise make available to any person or entity personal information about any individual obtained by the department in connection with a motor vehicle.

For a person to purchase a record other than their own, they must declare their intended use of that record or they must have the signature of the record holder authorizing them to receive the record.

Request a hearing

With the third new DMV online service, Coloradans, or their attorneys, can request hearings for a variety of reasons, including express consent, administrative insurance and hit-and-run suspensions.

Once a request for a hearing is made, the DMV processes it and will notify the person who requested the hearing by email.

If a license was suspended due express consent, administrative insurance or hit-and-run violations, Coloradans can request a temporary permit while they await their hearings. The temporary permit can be securely sent directly to the customer via email for immediate use.

The new online offerings are part of the DMV's efforts to provide digital convenience to Coloradans by expanding online services. This effort will continue to grow DMV online services, allowing the division to serve thousands of Coloradans without the need to visit a DMV office.

Currently, the DMV offers many online services, including license and ID card renewals, vehicle registration renewals, paying a traffic ticket, motor vehicle records, first-time vehicle registration and many more.

The DMV encourages Coloradans to "Save Time, Go Online" by using DMV online services. Visit DMV.Colorado.gov/Save-Time for information, direct links and more about DMV online services.

Remember, the next time you need to visit the DMV, use DMV.Colorado.gov/Save-Time.

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Redistricting

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Porco then explained that both counties are served by the same health department, San Juan Basin Public Health.

"The fourth area is water," he continued, "and this is an area that is of specific interest to me, because I am on the board of the San Juan Water Conservancy District.

"Both counties are in the San Juan River Basin. The San Juan River flows through Archuleta County, but three major tributaries, the Pine River, the La Plata River and the Animas River flow through La Plata County. Counties to the east are in the Rio Grande Basin.

"The fifth area, and maybe the most important, is the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, which is in La Plata and Archuleta County. This proposed preliminary map splits the reservation into two senatorial districts."

Porco ran out of his allotted three minutes for testimony, but one of the commissioners requested that he continue and make his final point.

"The sixth point was connectivity," he added. "Archuleta and La Plata County are connected by a dense web of highways from U.S. [160] down to dirt roads. The only way to get from Archuleta to the San Luis Valley, as I think was mentioned earlier, is over the 11,000-foot Wolf Creek Pass. That's the only connection, which is a formidable obstacle, particularly in the wintertime."

After waiting for over an hour to testify, Archuleta County resident Deborah Schulte thanked the commissioners for their hard work when it was her turn to speak.

"A lot of people have already expressed some of the things that I had wanted to state and that is really Archuleta County is really tied with La Plata County. We share each other's interests. We come over here for a day or whatever to do our errands and day trip and people from La Plata come over to Pagosa as well for the springs or skiing or whatever.

"There are many organizations that comprise southwest Colorado; there's not just La Plata and Archuleta, it's also Montezuma, Cortez. We really are Southwest Colorado. It is a region and it is a culture. So, I think those points have been made. They are really important.

"One of the things that I noticed as I was going through the maps is the population, and I was surprised that you said that that was actually the No. 1 kind of thing ... I'm talking about the Senate district by the way. It looks like 34 has a population of 230,000 people in it, whereas

everybody else, the population goal seemed to be 165,000. I think actually Archuleta and Mineral County probably should be considered as well, and I say that because half of Mineral County is divided by the Continental Divide and along with Hinsdale and that really is a physical barrier that prevents interaction.

"I was a mediator, I did mediations in Alamosa as well as Pagosa Springs, and I couldn't do it in the wintertime. You have to shut your business down from at least November through April. And so anyway, I think there can be a lot of changes in the numbers, that's the No. 1 criteria that actually puts us together in a more common, where you know, common interests can actually continue to stay together."

Next up to testify was Archuleta County resident Greg Schulte, who testified as a private citizen. He started off his testimony by explaining that he was there to state his opposition of moving Archuleta County into the proposed senatorial district in the San Luis Valley.

"We've talked a lot about communities of interest and I would also like to reiterate some of those points, but also I think I'd like to talk about partnerships, collaboration and also governance," he said.

He continued, "And to give you context for that and where I'm coming from, is I have served as the county administrator for Archuleta County. I've also been the town manager for Pagosa Springs. And, I currently serve as chairman of the board of directors for Pagosa Springs Medical Center, which is the Title 32 health services district. And last, I am also a commissioner for the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority.

"So, we have some people talking about the connections between Pagosa and Archuleta and going west, but I'd like to add some other ones. San Juan Basin Public Health, Archuleta County and La Plata County are the two entities in that we are also part of the Southwest

Colorado Council of Governments, so we're a member and a paying member of that. We are also a member and paying member of the Southwestern Colorado Transportation Planning Region 10, or TPR, which is the advisory body," he said, suggesting that there may be decisions that need to be made with CDOT.

"We are also part of the Sixth Judicial District, it was mentioned. So, our district attorney which we fund, meaning actually Archuleta County with La Plata County and San Juan County, and the courts are also shared between the two.

"Furthermore, the state of Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) division of local government includes us in their Southwestern regions ... John Porco talked about the Conservancy District, but we also have the South Western Water Conservation District, as well, that we're a member of in Archuleta County, along with all the ones to the west.

"Pagosa Ranger District is part of the San Juan National Forest. And that is administered as part of the San Juan Public Lands Office here in Durango."

He added that the proposal to put Archuleta County in with the San Luis Valley would split up the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

"In my mind, splitting the sovereign nation between those two things is very unwise," he added.

He concluded by stating that the local medical center's interests and transports are with Mercy Regional Medical Center in Durango.

Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado Executive Director Laura Lewis Marchino spoke to the commission on behalf of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, whom she stated had other obligations with the county fair being the same day.

"I did submit to staff a map showing the planning and management regions across the state, there are 14 regions in Colorado. And all of those regions have an assigned council of governments and economic development district, and just in your deliberation I hope you consider that because they're really important as to how state agencies just disperse funds for various services by region, and how governments work together. Greg Schulte kind of alluded to some of the regions like the CDOT planning region, the DOLA regions. We also have a housing region that's our five counties. We also have workforce regions. And so keeping those as together as possible I just want as a broad sense to kind of think about that, because that's how governments in different agencies are already working."

Marchino continued, "We represent 17 governments — the five counties, the 10 cities and towns, and two tribes. We have no objection as Region 9 to the congressional redistricting proposal. We do think keeping the Western Slope contiguous — we understand the population parameters and what you have shared. We believe that there's many shared commonalities with public land management, recreation and just keeping diverse economies, the ag, as well as we work closely with our counties to

the north.

"I am representing Archuleta County commissioners today, for the proposed Senate District 7 ... they would like to request inclusion of Archuleta in Senate District 7 for many of the reasons you've already heard, basically to keep our working region whole, which would be Region 9.

"You've heard about CDOT. We want to prevent splitting tribal land, the sovereign nation, we want to keep our workforce regions, our local affairs region, soil conservation districts, river basin, housing services, health department and judicial district together," she said.

In early May, a group calling themselves Southwest Colorado Redistricting Alliance based in Durango submitted a letter to the Colorado Legislative Redistricting Commission citing, "A unified Southwest Colorado district is much more cohesive geographically, is much easier to travel, and in our estimation is more conducive to effective representation."

The letter also cites items that residents and representatives testified to on Saturday and addresses tourism, outdoor recreation and commerce: "The communities of Southwest Colorado share a very interwoven and cooperative economy with many businesses, customers, and employees sharing common economic goals and resources. The Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad inextricably connects the towns of Durango and Silverton. Tours of Mesa Verde National Park are initiated by tour groups and lodging providers from throughout the region. The various outdoor amenities of the San Juan Mountains and the Weminuche wilderness interlink several popular tourist destinations attracting hikers, mountain bikers, skiers, and other recreational pursuits."

The letter also addresses competitiveness: "While political 'competitiveness' is superseded by geographic criteria in drawing maps by the state's constitution, competitiveness is a consideration. The southwest Colorado region once leaned Republican. Today, it is highly competitive. A House District consisting of Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan and much of Montezuma County would be among the most competitive in the state.

"Our state's constitution requires the Legislative Redistricting Commission to ensure the following in drawing districts: minimize splits to counties, cities, and com-

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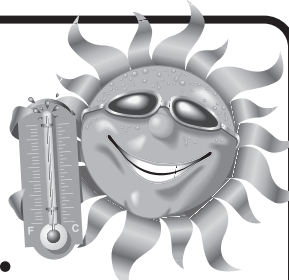
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She also informed the board there had been 44 breakthrough cases since Jan. 1, and, currently, less than 30 percent of Archuleta County's youth aged 12-17 are fully vaccinated.

For more information on COVID in the community, see related article.

She pointed out that anyone wanting to be fully vaccinated prior to the start of school should have begun their vaccine series last week.

She added that, as of last spring, 78 percent of the district's educators were vaccinated.

The Colorado High School Activities Association, she pointed out, is currently planning to allow districts to follow local health authority guidance.

On Aug. 2, LeBlanc-Esparza sent a letter to district families welcoming them back to school and outlining her recommendation to the board that masks be a family choice.

Then, on Aug. 9, the district sent a survey to families regarding masking, with LeBlanc-Esparza going over preliminary results of that survey with the board.

She told the board that within the first two hours there were 300 responses from parents and 40 from staff, with that up to more than 600 on Tuesday.

She then provided results of some of the questions asked, including if parents/staff agreed with the district's approach at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year where it recommended masks for those who were unvaccinated, but left the choice up to families.

Just over 81 percent of parents expressed agreement, according to the presentation, and 82 percent of staff agreed.

Through the survey, between 35 and 40 percent of parents who answered that they planned to send their child to school with a mask at the beginning of the upcoming school year, with nearly 24 percent of staff who responded expressing plans to wear a mask.

LeBlanc-Esparza then delved into a brief look at the guidance issued for schools, explaining that the state issued about 13 pages of guidance.

She noted that her takeaway was that the state wanted kids in classrooms "at all costs."

After noting that Colorado's current public health order, which requires face masks in certain settings, does not apply to school, LeBlanc-Esparza told the board she recommends leaving masking up to families.

"We feel like that's the right

choice," she said.

In response to a question from board member Dr. Tim Taylor regarding outbreaks in the schools, LeBlanc-Esparza explained that if SJBPH confirms a cluster of cases, the district will be informed and the issue will be looked at on a class-by-class basis.

She further noted that the recommended distancing in classrooms is 3 feet.

In addition to questions regarding a federal order that requires masking on mass transit, including school buses, has been challenged and that there was a "real possibility" it could change.

The board then heard from 16 members of the public, most of whom centered on masking in schools.

Those members of the public suggested, among other things, that masks are ineffective, are a medical treatment and the school district cannot mandate them, that mandates are unlawful, and that the board members and school staff took an oath to uphold the Colorado and U.S. constitutions.

Others, including a student, suggested the school respect choices and that making those who are unvaccinated wear masks is discrimination.

Some suggested that masks are detrimental to the health of those wearing them, and others suggested they intend to hold the school district responsible if it upholds mandates.

Multiple audience members suggested COVID cases should not be counted, with one calling it a cold and another alleging the Delta variant is easier to catch, but less intense.

Following the public comment portion of the agenda, board president Bruce Dryburgh reiterated the intention to begin the school year as the last one ended — with masks optional — until something changes.

He noted he doesn't like seeing kids in masks, while board member Bob Lynch pointed out that there will be some people who want their child to wear a mask.

Guidelines and recommendations

In late July, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance recommending that individuals in areas with high or substantial COVID-19 transmission levels wear face coverings in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status.

Archuleta County falls into the high transmission category per the CDC's guidelines, having a transmis-

sion rate higher than 100 new cases per 100,000 population in a seven-day period.

That recommendation was then echoed at both the state and local levels.

On Aug. 1, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) put out its "Practical Guide for Operationalizing CDC's School Guidance," with that document updated on Aug. 10.

The CDPHE guidance suggests, "Communities with higher rates of transmission and low vaccination rates should continue to take heightened COVID-19 precautions. Local public health still has the authority to enforce local public health orders, which may include quarantine requirements."

The Colorado Department of Education's website on the recommendations states, "As of July 27, 2021 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends universal masking for all teachers, staff and students regardless of vaccination status in schools."

"CDPHE recommends local public health agencies and school districts consider either mask requirements for all unvaccinated individuals or all individuals in schools, particularly in higher-risk environments."

According to the state, the following criteria constitute higher risk:

- The community has a vaccination rate under 70 percent among individuals age 12 and older.
- The school has a vaccination rate under 70 percent among staff and students age 12 and older.
- The community's transmission rate is above 35 cases per 100,000 people over a seven-day period.

The state's guidance also considers areas such as distancing, vaccinations, ventilation, cleaning and more.

For more information on the state and local advisories and recommendations, visit:

- <https://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolguidance21-22/bestpractices>.
- <https://covid19.colorado.gov/practical-guide-for-operationalizing-cdc-school-guidance>.
- <https://sjbpublichealth.org/advisories-and-orders/>.

Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School, the district's charter school, already began the 2021-2022 school year and, as of Tuesday, required that all adults wear masks, according to its school director, Angela Reali-Crossland.

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Boundaries

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multiple residents are concerned. She also mentioned that the two counties currently have a mutual aid agreement between them that allows for Archuleta County to invoice Hinsdale County for emergency services rendered in Hinsdale County.

"We are committed to a partnership together. We do have an agreement between Hinsdale County and Archuleta County. That agreement includes an opportunity for financial compensation through an invoicing process and we have yet to receive a single invoice from Archuleta County for any of the services rendered for first response," Borchers said.

She explained that Hinsdale County would like to follow that agreement that is in place through the next few busy months and then look to reevaluate the agreement to see what changes could be made to better accommodate both counties.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented, "I think that we're all just looking at a way that we can make this a workable situation for everyone included."

Borchers also indicated that there are some funding opportunities coming down from the state, specifically in relation to search and rescue teams, that both counties could potentially receive.

"I really think we could develop a good partnership that meets your needs with the funding and ours

with the timing of first response," Borchers said.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf acknowledged that the county may not have been sending invoices for payments for emergency service responses in Hinsdale County.

"I think we all want to see the same outcome that the people are served without the burden being placed so much on our people," he said.

Borchers mentioned that the "bigger, broader" conversation related to the issue is that Hinsdale County citizens often have the notion that "Hinsdale County is often the playground of Archuleta County."

Then, at a regular meeting held by the BoCC on Tuesday, Aug. 3, the board approved a mutual aid agreement with Hinsdale County for law enforcement and emergency services to be provided by Archuleta County in the southern portion of Hinsdale County.

The agreement notes that any expenses incurred by Archuleta County or the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) "while performing a service that qualifies as an emergency under the Agreement, so long as the service does not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), will be fully reimbursed by Hinsdale County within forty-five (45) days of invoice, as set out in Archuleta County's periodically published standard rates."

Highway

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a formal concurrence, as part of the project files, so that CDOT as well as the Town of Pagosa are on the same page moving forward."

Council member Nicole Pitcher asked Phillips if there was an update on the traffic study that the town was going to do prior to the CDOT downtown corridor master plan. Pitcher was interested if the re-striping project was included in the traffic study.

Phillips responded that she had spoken with the traffic engineer from CDOT about the issue, but, "the town [has] not yet gone out for bids, so we would need to find a contractor that both of us are comfortable with, both CDOT and the town."

Council member Shari Pierce asked about concerns the council had in regard to Eagle Drive and Piedra Road that had been discussed

at a previous meeting and that she did not see anything in this proposal about that.

Phillips informed the council that, "My understanding is that all of that would be outside the scope of this project for the re-striping and so CDOT is not willing to take that on at this time. I think it would be something the town would have to sponsor to study that. Which is why when we did a follow-up meeting with the CDOT staff. We took the comments from town council's July 6 meeting and basically said that if you close Trinity Lane right now without having studied all the impact on all of those other areas, it could be potentially a difficult move to make at this point."

Phillips then asked CDOT's Toledo if she would like to add any further information to the discussion. Toledo informed the council of

The agreement also explains that any emergency service expenses that initially exceed more than \$1,000 must be approved by a member of the Hinsdale County commission, the Hinsdale County Sheriff's Office or the Hinsdale County administrator.

Additionally, the agreement notes that "When the expense of any Emergency Services provided by the ACSO (including hired helicopters) exceeds three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) in any one calendar year, the Hinsdale County Board of County Commissioners must approve any excess."

The agreement was approved as part of the meeting's consent agenda and no additional discussion was held on the matter.

Also at the Aug. 3 meeting, the BoCC approved a letter of acceptance for an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$51,000.

The grant was awarded to Archuleta County from the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

The meeting's agenda notes that the EMPG is "the primary source of federal funding directed to state, local and tribal governments to support all-hazards emergency management programs through personnel, planning, training and exercises."

The letter of acceptance was also approved as part of the meeting's consent agenda and no additional discussion on the matter was held.

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Fairgrounds

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was given to them to complete the improvements.

"That's the only way I would advise to move forward," Weaver said. "We have to be a safeguard of the county's taxpayers' dollars."

Commissioner Ronnie Maez proposed a new completion date of June 1, 2022.

JR Ford indicated that the WHEC's goal is to have the improvements completed by Aug. 1, 2022, in time for next year's county fair.

However, he noted that the WHEC would be hesitant to commit to a hard date given the difficulties faced with being able to obtain the necessary supplies — something affected by COVID.

Matt Ford also spoke about how additional funds, donated by R.D. Hott, have been brought into the equation since the initial purchase agreement between the county and WHEC was drafted.

Matt Ford explained that Hott had specifically donated money for after his passing "to preserve western heritage in Archuleta County."

Matt Ford explained that the WHEC has multiple phases of improvements planned at the fairgrounds with the help of the funds donated by Hott.

He noted that the WHEC is planning on using part of those funds to make improvements to the existing livestock building, like adding a kitchen and concessions stand, remodeling entrance doors and resurfacing the dirt floor in the building.

He noted that the improvements to the livestock building are dependent upon the Hott funds. However, representatives of Hott are not willing to free up those funds until an agreement is in place that outlines how the Hott funds will be used, specifically to "manage, maintain and improve rodeo grounds for the benefit of the community."

"On the completion of this, it was supposed to be done already by now, the other part is that I'm

grateful to R.D. Hott and the money coming in for that because I think that's going to help expedite this a lot quicker. The only other part of it is, what would've been done had he not left that money? Would it ever be completed?" Maez said.

"It almost sounds like to me you guys would rather have the \$150,000 and walk away. Is \$150,000 the issue?" JR Ford said. "We want to move forward. Does the county?"

Maez replied, saying, "No, it's the building not being completed, the issue."

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if it were possible for the WHEC to be able to provide monthly updates on the project, similar to how a project manager provides reports.

JR Ford mentioned that WHEC plans to hire a construction manager for the project who would be able to provide the county with regular updates.

"I appreciate that ... but it sounds to me like the lack of regular communication on whomever's part is, I think, a large part of why we're here today," Brown said.

WHEC Board Member Lisa Scott mentioned that WHEC has recently received the first shipment of metal panels for the Hughes Pavilion and that a second shipment is on the way.

She also reminded the BoCC that the WHEC is a small nonprofit group of volunteers and that "This is not an easy undertaking."

"Let's be honest, we're behind ... let's go past that," JR Ford added.

"I'm not so concerned about the money as I am with the project. The project is what, I think, this is all about," Brown said.

He explained that he believes it is a good idea and "well worth it for the community" to move forward with the improvement projects at the fairgrounds.

Brown added that open and consistent communication between all parties involved is crucial to moving the projects along.

"We do want this building completed. I want this building completed, we all want it completed," Maez said.

Matt Ford mentioned that the Hott funds seems to be the "key part" of the issues that have arose.

"The county knows full well what's going on with the funds," JR Ford said.

He explained that there have been discussions and meetings between all three parties for the better part of six months now.

Matt Ford explained that the WHEC has multiple plans for improving the fairgrounds, which include relocating historic buildings to have an aesthetically pleasing "Old West town type of display."

Other projects discussed at the work session included the completion of a new loop road off of Mill Creek, adding a new courtyard area, installing memorial signage and other beautification of the grounds.

In a later interview, Scott indicated that an addendum will be added to the purchase agreement in regard to completion of the initial projects that included the installation of metal panels on the Hughes Pavilion.

She noted that the county may include a hard date for completion, but that the WHEC may negotiate the terms of the addendum.

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COVID-19: Health department continues to recommend masking in schools

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

As area kids, teachers and staff head back to school or prepare to soon, San Juan Basin Public Health continues to recommend that everyone in school settings be masked to help protect against COVID-19, among other safety measures.

"I think everybody's just ... trying to kind of figure out ... what the right thing to do is," said Brian Devine, SJBPH environmental director and deputy incident commander for the agency's COVID-19 response. "Our advisory, of course, not only advises that people wear masks, but advises that schools, along with other kinds of indoor establishments, require masks for entry."

That recommendation, Devine explained, has been made to the schools, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommending that everyone in schools be masked.

"And that's obviously because that's where we have the lowest vaccination rate, is in that school setting where we have lots of people who aren't even eligible to get vaccinated yet," he said.

He added that SJBPH will continue to recommend masking directly to the area school districts as well as through its written advisory.

Devine noted that Archuleta School District's announced intention to not requiring masks is not consistent with that portion of its advisory.

"We're continuing communication to our school districts and our independent schools around what we recommend and what the CDC recommends," he said.

He later noted, "We don't have a perfect sense of how transmission is going to change once the schools are back for in-person learning. The one thing we do know is the contact rate is going to go up."

Masking is one of several strategies schools can use, "and should be using," to mitigate that increase in the contact rate, he noted.

What that increased contact rate will result in in terms of cases, hospitalizations and fatalities is unknown, he pointed out, clarifying that SJBPH will investigate issuing an order — the next step up from an advisory — if it becomes necessary.

"Our hope is that enough schools and school districts will do the right thing, and enough families in our school districts ... do the right thing

that we get through it with a minimal increase in cases," he said.

He pointed out that Tuesday showed the most new cases in a single day since the winter surge across SJBPH's jurisdiction despite schools not yet being in session.

Devine indicated that certain schools across the state will have serial testing programs to help keep COVID out of schools, and community testing sites will continue to operate to allow for rapid testing for those in schools that are not participating in the serial testing.

"With the Delta variant, there are some early indications — although research is certainly ongoing — there are some early indications that younger age groups are more likely to be symptomatic than in previous variants," he said, which could make it easier to identify children who need tested.

Quarantines in schools, he indicated, will be determined more through algorithms than a definition of a close contact and will take into account several factors such as ventilation, distancing and masking.

Devine explained that, on average, it takes fewer viral particles to become a case with the Delta variant than with other variants.

"If you want kids to remain in in-person learning, the way to maximize that is to reduce the number of quarantines," he said, explaining that the number of close contacts needs to be reduced to reduce quarantines. "And the way to reduce the number of close contacts is to maximize ventilation and masking through policy."

Masks, he added, are not a "substitute" for in-person learning, but are an "assurance" of in-person learning because they lower the contact rate and the number of quarantines.

For more on SJBPH's advisory, visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/advisories-and-orders/>.

Local numbers

Archuleta County's COVID-19 case incidence rate remains above the state's, but below the nation's.

According to SJBPH, Archuleta County's seven-day cumulative incidence rate was 228.5 cases per 100,000 people — up from 164.3 on Aug. 5.

According to the CDC, Colorado's seven-day incidence rate was 93.3 Wednesday — up from 86.4 on Aug. 5. The U.S.'s rate was 232.1 Wednesday, up from 177.9 on July 29.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH listed 1,190 total cases of confirmed COVID-19 among Archuleta County residents since late March 2020, up from 1,157 a week prior. Thirteen cases were identified among permanent Archuleta County residents on Aug. 10.

The agency showed Archuleta County was at 9 percent positivity Wednesday, up from 8 percent the previous Wednesday.

SJBPH reports that Archuleta County has had three deaths among COVID cases, while the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment lists Archuleta as having two deaths among cases.

Devine previously noted that the time delays and data audits can account for the different figures.

Over half of the county's total population (53 percent) had received at least one dose of a vaccine as of Wednesday, with 49 percent of the population having completed a vaccine series.

Of the eligible population (those 12 and older), 60 percent have received at least one dose, while 56 percent have completed a vaccine series.

Devine noted SJBPH is seeing the number of vaccines given per week "slightly rising."

Two outbreaks continue to be reported for Archuleta County.

The state's outbreak information is available at: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid19-outbreak-data>.

Hospitalizations on the rise

"Hospitalizations statewide have started to increase again," Devine noted.

He explained that there was a

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Aug. 12

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

Monday, Aug. 16

San Juan Water Conservancy District meeting. 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

Tuesday, Aug. 17

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=dIFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=dIFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885.

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period there were a lot of new cases on the West Slope, but hospitalizations overall were not going up because things "were good" on the Front Range.

Now, he noted, some of those cases are translating into hospitalizations, though Colorado's hospitalizations are not going up as steeply as in some states.

"Hospitalizations are growing, and that's really concerning, obviously," he said. "Hospital capacity is what everyone's most concerned about at the state level."

He added that the situation is "quite grave" in a lot of states and is a national situation.

He added later that area hospitalizations have been pretty steady, though it fluctuates day to day.

Vaccine clinics, promotions continue

In addition to local providers continuing to offer vaccines, multiple vaccine clinics offering both the Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson continue to be scheduled and will offer vaccine incentives while supplies last.

The two-shot Pfizer vaccine is available to those 12 and older, and the one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine to those 18 and older.

Minors must have a signed parental consent form, which can be completed online when registering or at the clinic.

For more information on the vaccines, area vaccine providers or area vaccine clinics (including making an appointment or seeing others that have been scheduled), visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

For more information about vaccine types, safety and eligibility, call (877) 268-2926. To speak to SJBPH call handlers, call (970) 247-5702.

Testing available locally

Testing continues to be available through multiple providers, and SJBPH provides free COVID-19 testing in partnership with COVIDCheck Colorado from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday behind the Pagosa Springs Medical Center building at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

For more information on COVID-19 testing and more, visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org>.



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When a call for service or "emergency call" is placed by a citizen it goes to a Patrol Deputy. Patrol is the "backbone" of a department, and for good reason. It is the answer to calls for help in the community and the frontline crime deterrent patrolling our neighborhoods and county roads. As your Sheriff, I will make patrol and the public safety of our community a priority. One Deputy on duty cannot patrol 1350 sq. miles and maintain public safety. No Deputy will work alone on my watch, I will be out on the streets whenever needed, a working Sheriff leading by example and passing on my experience.

Deputies of the patrol division are out patrolling the community for criminal activity and public safety. One Deputy on duty cannot properly patrol the entire county and respond to calls for service. If they are responding from one call to the next there is no patrol deterrent because there is no patrolling. A lone Deputy is a safety issue for the community and the Deputy on many levels. If the Deputy is on one end of the county and receives a call for service on the other side of the county, they have an extended response time even driving code (lights and siren). If they are at Alpine Lakes (Hwy 84 and CR 335) and receive a call for service in Arboles, that is approximately 45 miles to travel. Under the best conditions, it's over a 40-minute response time, and in an emergency every second counts. When you add our winter road conditions, wildlife on the roadway, our high volume of tourist traffic, and

numerous other factors that response time can be well over an hour.

The patrol division under the present administration has not grown with the community and its needs, instead it has been cut back. The patrol division at this time consists of only 2 Sergeants and 8 Deputies when fully staffed and at this time there are only 7 patrol Deputies. This is down several Deputy positions that have been reassigned for jail staffing and other uses. This leaves only one Deputy on the streets from 2 AM to 2 PM on most days. That is 12 hours a day with only one Deputy responding to calls and patrolling the entire county. One Deputy alone responding to an in-progress call of domestic violence or a disturbance is outnumbered and it puts the victim and Deputy in danger.

This is a management of resources issue, not a budget issue. My patrol plan is to restructure the entire division to better serve the community and use the resources we already have. I will have 3 patrol Deputies on duty 24 hours a day. I will divide the County into 3 patrol districts: West, Central, and East district. There will be a supervisor on each shift to lead and continuously train. With 3 Deputies on duty, they can safely and properly respond to all calls for service. Deputies can have the time to patrol the county that is so sorely needed to deter crime, promote public safety, and be active in the community.

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Food coalition will be topic of meeting

By Lynn Frederick
Archuleta County Democratic Club

The Archuleta County Democratic Club will meet Aug. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The speaker this month will be Pauline Benetti of the Archuleta Food Coalition.

The goals of the coalition are to expand awareness of community-based food sources, to work to provide food access and equity, and to expand the viability of local food sources.

Come to the meeting and learn

more about these and other goals. In accordance with new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, masks will be required.

The Archuleta County Democratic Club meets every third Tuesday of the month. The club gives local Democrats the opportunity to meet with other Democrats and to hear speakers from the community, to meet candidates for local and national offices and to hear about topics of timely interest. All are welcome to attend.

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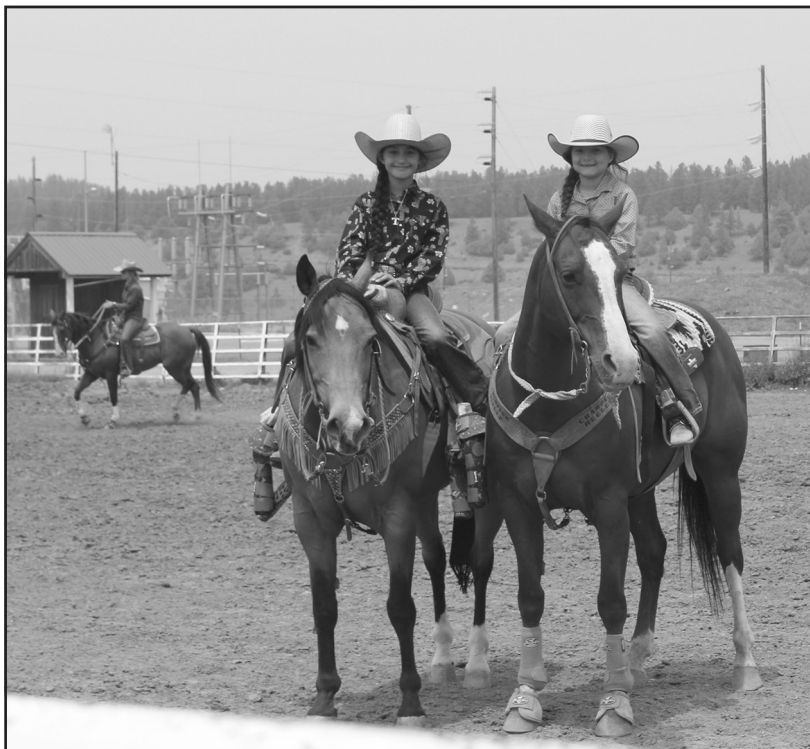
The 70th anniversary of the Archuleta County Fair brought the community together to celebrate a timeless tradition in Archuleta County. There was something for everyone: rodeos, the Chuckwagon Dinner, contests, horseshoe pitching, music, demonstrations, exhibits, dancing, livestock events and plenty of fun for all who attended.



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County sheriff looks to provide rightful pay for deputies

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) is looking to make some changes in regard to how its deputies are paid for additional contract work, like providing security for special events.

At a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Aug. 3, the board heard from Sheriff Rich Valdez and Undersheriff Derek Woodman.

County Administrator Scott Wall briefed the board on the topic, explaining that, traditionally, ACSO deputies and employees have either been paid their regular hourly rate or a time-and-a-half rate to work extra security gigs outside of their normal work week.

Valdez explained that the ACSO operates on a 80-hour pay period and, currently, ACSO employees are paid time and a half for working additional events that fall on their days off.

He noted that if an employee does not meet the full 80 hours within the two-week pay period,

for reasons like a vacation or sick days being taken, and then work an additional security shift on their regularly scheduled day off, that employee only gets paid their regular hourly rate, instead of time and a half.

"It's added into work hours, so if there is a day off, it goes into hourly pay," Valdez said.

He went on to mention that the ACSO charges \$50 an hour to provide security for special events.

Woodman indicated that the highest time-and-a-half rate currently being paid by the ACSO is approximately \$37 an hour.

"Technically, the county is actually profiting for them doing the work," Woodman said.

He explained that, currently, the county absorbs the excess revenue generated from ACSO employees working additional hours outside of their normal pay schedule for special events.

Woodman proposed that the county amend its policy so that every ACSO employee is paid the same rate for working additional hours at special events.

"It would give them more incen-

tive to want to go out and do the additional work," Woodman said.

He indicated that the ACSO had trouble finding enough employees to volunteer for shifts at the county fair.

Valdez mentioned that changing the way staff would be paid to work additional events would hopefully incentivize employees to voluntarily sign up to work extra shifts outside of their normal schedule.

"I think it's a travesty that the county's been making money off of deputies trying to do better for their family and working their days off — their time off — and I think that has just been wrong. That's just been wrong that the county has been using them as a source of unexpected revenue," Commissioner Warren Brown said.

Brown also commented on the rate of \$50 an hour being paid for additional security shifts, noting that he believes that rate could be raised.

"I think it needs to be equitable that if these journeymen are performing a service, that it should be a rate that is equivalent to, or much closer to a journeymen rate of pay,

for any trade," Brown said.

Brown mentioned it is nearly impossible to find a plumber to perform an hour of work for less than \$100.

Valdez clarified later in the discussion that this additional pay for employees working extra security shifts for special events is outside revenue coming into the county and that the costs do not come out of the ACSO current budget.

"Extra duty is always to be funded by an outside source," Woodman added.

Commissioner Alvin Schaa explained that a portion of the pay for ACSO employees working additional shifts would be retained by the county for insurance purposes.

He indicated that costs would translate to be approximately \$5 or \$6 an hour.

"I think it's a great idea," Schaa added.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez also indicated that he is not opposed to making changes to the ACSO pay process in order to ensure employees are receiving fair pay.

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The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over two weeks: 580.

July 26 — Warrant arrest, South 5th Street/San Juan Street.

July 26 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), Park Avenue and Eagle's Loft Circle.

July 26 — Unlawful ownership of vicious dog — Great West Avenue.

July 26 — Harassment by phone or computer, violation of restraining order, stalking, domestic violence — Quien Sabe Street.

July 27 — Harassment-follows in public place, Canyon Circle.

July 27 — Cruelty/animals/neglect/mistreat, Gun Barrel Road.

July 27 — Agency assist, South 7th Street.

July 28 — Agency assist, Harman Park Drive.

July 28 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, Navajo Court.

July 29 — Agency assist, Crestview Drive/Brookhill Drive.

July 29 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Valley View Drive.

July 30 — County warrant, Eaton Drive.

July 30 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, criminal mischief, Rifle Place.

July 30 — Drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, child abuse, West U.S. 160/Oakridge Drive.

July 31 — All other thefts, criminal possession of a financial device, second-degree burglary, unauthorized use of financial transaction device-\$500 to \$15,000, identity theft-uses financial device, Steamboat Drive.

Aug. 1 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Rob Snow Road/West U.S. 160.

Aug. 1 — Agency assist, Pinon Causeway/West U.S. 160.

Aug. 1 — Warrant arrest, Quien Sabe Street.

Aug. 1 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Lake Street.

Aug. 2 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Aug. 2 — Computer crime-felony, criminal impersonation, Teal Circle.

Aug. 2 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, false imprisonment, third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, Simmons Drive.

Aug. 3 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), Roxanna's Court and Fritz and Mabel's Place.

Aug. 3 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, West Golf Place/Backswing Drive.

Aug. 3 — Warrant arrest, Roxanna's Court.

Aug. 3 — Violation of restraining order, Hilltop Drive.

Aug. 3 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, Hilltop Drive.

Aug. 3 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Scenic Ave.

Aug. 3 — Agency assist (search and rescue), U.S.F.S. 634/U.S.F.S. 633, Mineral County.

Aug. 4 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Aug. 4 — Defacing public/private property, County Road 600.

Aug. 4 — Bait advertising, unauthorized use of financial transaction device-misdemeanor, computer crime-misdemeanor, criminal impersonation, crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-theft no force, Flintlock Place.

Aug. 4 — Missing person reports, West U.S. 160.

Aug. 4 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), Hills Circle.

Aug. 5 — County warrant, Harman Park Drive.

Aug. 5 — Information only, Big Sky Place.

Aug. 5 — Information only, West Peregrine Circle.

Aug. 5 — Theft-from building, second-degree burglary, possession of weapons by previous offenders, Chestnut Court.

Aug. 6 — Information only, Badger Place.

Aug. 6 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Aug. 6 — Harassment-public place-obscene language or gesture, domestic violence, Colorado State Parks, Arboles.

Aug. 7 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard/Bastille Drive.

Aug. 7 — Cruelty to animals-abandonment, Colo. 151.

Aug. 7 — Information only, Pineview Road.

Aug. 8 — All other thefts, U.S. 84.

Aug. 9 — Agency assist, Harman Park Drive.

Aug. 9 — Sexual assault (when victim and offender are the same or opposite sex), Holiday Lane.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for week: 110.

July 25 — Driver operated vehicle without insurance, following too closely, U.S. 160.

July 26 — Third-degree assault, Aspen Village Drive.

July 27 — Missing property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 27 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 27 — Animal at large, South 8th Street.

July 27 — Animal at large, East Pagosa Street.

July 27 — Third-degree assault, criminal mischief, South 7th Street.

July 28 — Found property, Harman Park Drive.

July 29 — Warrant arrest, East Pagosa Street.

July 29 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, South 9th Street.

July 29 — First-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, reckless driving, Crestview Drive.

July 29 — Remained in park between dusk and dawn, San Juan Street.

July 30 — Identity theft, East Pagosa Street.

July 30 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 31 — Hit and run, failed to notify police, following too closely, Pagosa Street.

July 31 — Warrant arrest, Pagosa Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

July 27 — Les Demille, animal running at large prohibited, fines and costs — \$60.

July 27 — Linda Rivas, animal running at large prohibited, fines

and costs — \$60.

July 27 — Cody Bass, disorderly conduct, fines and costs — \$185.

July 27 — Kelly Gilbert, disorderly conduct, fines and costs — \$135.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

July 28 — Brinda N. Jacques, speeding 10-19 over limit, moving violation in construction zone (sentence enhancer), fines and costs — \$345.50.

July 28 — Adrian Antonio Ortega Flores, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$135.

July 28 — James D. Navarro, speeding 20-24 over limit, moving violation in construction zone (sentence enhancer), fines and costs — \$479.50.

July 28 — Curdell Wauneka, driving under the influence, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, one year alcohol evaluation and supervision probation updated, fines and costs — \$1,320.50.

July 30 — Max H. Ferraro, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

Aug. 4 — Dakota Dalton Beckel, driving under the influence, five days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, one year probation, fines and costs — \$1,920.50.

Aug. 4 — Kimberly Heather Pierce, dog at large, fines and costs — \$151.

Aug. 4 — Chase C. Bilazzo, careless driving, fines and costs — 88.50.

Aug. 4 — Izack W. Joe, speeding 1-4 over limit, fines and costs — \$95.50.

Aug. 4 — William Wolfert III, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

Aug. 4 — Jan S. White, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$344.50.

Aug. 4 — Derek Macguffie, turning improperly, fines and costs — \$172.50.

Aug. 4 — Shai Dawn Beletso, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — 263.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

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GriefShare: Learn how to move from mourning to joy

By Marie Rascoe
GriefShare

GriefShare is a network of thousands of small support groups meeting worldwide to provide a safe place for those experiencing the death of a loved one. With GriefShare, you will learn how to walk through the journey of grief with others as we learn how to move from mourning to joy.

This is a 13-week, nondenominational session which is open for someone to start at any time. GriefShare offers biblical concepts for healing from your grief in the death of your loved one.

The support group meets weekly and provides a welcome environment for those grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, or other family member or friend. Centerpoint Church is offering this program to our community on Saturday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Session dates are Aug.

28 through Nov. 20.

Three key elements work together to assist you in the healing process: a video segment on grief-related topics, a discussion facilitated in a group setting and a personal workbook for you to use as you choose. Regardless of how long it has been since your loved one passed, the grieving process is vital to healing.

Centerpoint Church is located at 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Jon Duncan is the pastor. There is no cost. For more information, call (970) 946-9379 (leave a message) or (970) 731-2205. You may also register or learn more about GriefShare by visiting its website: www.griefshare.org. Click on "Find a Group" and follow the prompts to register online or you may register at the first meeting.

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Education

PPOS welcomes students back into the building

By Emily Murphy
Pagosa Peak Open School

After five weeks away and a year of many COVID-19 restraints, Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) opened its doors on schedule Aug. 2 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Students were met with old and new features: a communal lunch space where classes eat together, visible teacher smiles, welcoming games and school-wide norm-setting.

Middle school students were excited to learn that, starting this year, they will begin choosing elective classes.

"As our middle school students take on more responsibilities and independence in life, we strive to also reward these developments with more choices," School Director Angela Reali-Crossland said. Students will have choices between restorative practices, world languages, art, yearbook and the teacher assistant program.

Eighth-grader Hevon is applying for the teacher assistant position, where middle schoolers assist in the elementary school classrooms twice a week.

"I love hanging out with children, helping to walk them up the stairs of maturity and growth; to become great adults in their community," he said in his application.

Middle school students are also eager to take their learning outside the classroom with the first camping trip of the year at Big Meadows Campground. After their rock cycle rafting experience in Moab last June with middle school teacher Kelsey Scott, students are ready to show their camping knowledge with PPOS's new middle school humanities teacher, Brooks Letchworth.

"I'm grateful to be at a school that cares about and values the outdoors, where character traits and life skills have real-life applications," Letchworth said.

This first trip includes team-



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School science and math teacher Kelsey Scott takes her students down the Colorado River near Moab, Utah.

building opportunities, as well as a reconnection with Audubon Society through an extension of its High Alpine Tundra project. Students will continue their study of pikas, their environment and behavior.

"I'm excited to get back into this work with my students after a year of having it on hold," Scott said. Keith Bruno will be leading students through their pika work at Big Meadows this year and students are eager to continue their research with this local expert.

PPOS's project-based curriculum continues in all the classes and students across PPOS are looking forward to applying their learning inside the classroom and out in the community.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School students fifth- through seventh-graders enjoy a run down the Colorado River in Moab, Utah, during a school camping trip in June.

Casey Crow receives \$30,000 Rotary Global scholarship

By Shellie Peterson
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is excited to announce that Casey Lynn Crow has been selected to receive a scholarship in the amount of \$30,000 to continue her education toward a Ph.D. in public health and policy from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Crow holds a bachelor's in political science and global studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's in international development and humanitarian emergencies from the London School of Economics. As a second-year doctoral student, her research explores access to sexual and reproductive health care in humanitarian crises, particularly for refugees and people with disabilities.

Apart from her research, Crow is a dancer, choreographer and local business owner and is passionate about merging art and activism. Having worked with refugees in Kenya, Jordan, Lebanon, Mexico and Greece, she has witnessed the transformational power of the arts to improve mental health and promote hope, healing and connection for survivors of trauma.

Crow founded Beyond Words International in 2018 with the hope of collaborating with artists, therapists and those serving in their communities to increase opportunities for healing, empowerment and positive



Casey Lynn Crow

expression.

Crow was endorsed to the Rotary District 5470 by the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Hampstead. The award has been approved for funding by The Rotary Foundation. Rotary looks forward to encouraging Crow and watching her continue to pursue her passions.

When Crow was notified about being awarded this scholarship, she said, "I am unspeakably honored and grateful to be chosen as a Rotary Global Grant Scholar. This award will allow me to continue my studies and conduct my fieldwork in the largest refugee camp in the world, Bidi Bidi Camp in Uganda, next year. I am thrilled to represent Rotary as I continue my research and do my best to make a difference in the world. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs for their incredible encouragement and support!"

Discussion to focus on the 'Spiritual Gift of Family Relationships'

By Laurah Brock Young
Pagosa Springs Spiritual Experiences Group

Parenting is a unique spiritual adventure — a real hero's journey. Many parents today are looking for how to give their children a spiritual education. Spirituality can be more than a Sunday event. It is about how to bring divine love into every moment of life.

One of the ways we learn about love is through our relationships with our family. And sometimes finding love and harmony with family members is our greatest challenge.

You are invited to attend a spiritual discussion especially for families. This Meetup will be held on Sunday, Aug. 22, at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom and is about the "Spiritual Gift of Family Relationships."

Some of the topics we will explore are:

- Loving yourself first, then loving others.
- How do karma and past lives affect our relationships?
- Keys to gratitude and forgiveness.
- Spiritual exercises you can use to live a happier, more fulfilling life.

This group, sponsored by Eckankar as a community service, is a spiritual resource for people of all faiths and beliefs. Eckankar is the "Path of Spiritual Freedom." It is an individual, creative practice to experience and explore our own unique relationship with the divine. All are welcome to join us Aug.

22 at 10:30 a.m. for this discussion. Register by going online to <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>, scroll to this event, open the event and press the red attend online button ahead of time. Meetup will place the Zoom link on the event page and you will receive a reminder before the discussion.

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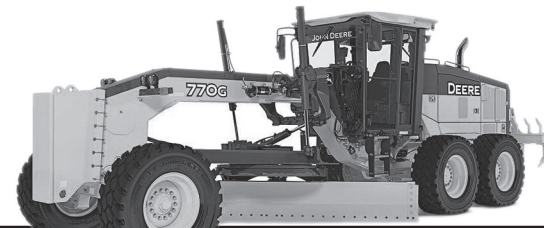
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Library requests funds from county for capital campaign project

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation has put together a capital campaign project to raise money for improvements and additions to the current library building.

At a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on July 20, Library Director Meg Wempe and Foundation Director Cindi Galabota made a request for funds from the board.

"We are respectfully requesting the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners to consider a donation of \$100,000, at \$20,000 per year for five years," Galabota said.

Galabota noted the estimated total costs of the project are approximately \$4 million.

She explained that \$2,996,835 of that would be for costs associated with new building, parking and

site improvements, renovation of the existing building, furniture, technology and signage.

A proposed addition of a reading garden makes up for \$543,165 of the estimated total cost.

The remaining anticipated costs are attributed to professional fees, miscellaneous expenses and contingency.

Wempe briefed the BoCC on what the library currently offers and the planned additions.

"The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library envisions mountains of opportunity to inspire ideas, enrich lives and create community," Wempe said.

She explained that the library offers an abundance of resources for residents and visitors like tech services, entertainment and recreational opportunities, and provides a safe and welcoming space for everyone in the community.

"A stronger library leads to a stronger community," Wempe said. The proposed additions to the

library include a new community room with a capacity of 150 people that would also allow for after-hour usage.

Wempe also spoke about addition of an exploration garden for children that would be a contained outdoor space in which reading and storytimes could be conducted.

Other planned additions to the library include a children's discovery room, a teen hub, a collaboration lab and expanding the reading garden to the west of the current building.

Galabota spoke about how much the community has grown since the library originally opened in 1989.

Galabota stated that the community in Pagosa Country has grown by 150 percent since 1989 and is expected to grow another 15 percent by 2030 and another 65 percent by 2050, according to the Colorado State Demography Office.

"So, we know that there's growth

in our community and all of these spaces will allow for that growth to be supported through the library," Galabota said.

She also indicated that some costs could be saved by having the reading garden constructed as a community volunteer project.

"I can really see that garden being built by the community," she said.

Galabota also mentioned that the library has a variety of donor recognition opportunities available.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented during the work session, saying, "I think it's a vital thing to our community," but he was unsure about available funding right now.

Galabota provided some statistics in regard to how many visitors the library serves.

She indicated that, in an average year, the library sees approximately 6,500 visitors a month, or 250 people a day.

Yamaguchi South Master Plan coming into focus

By Jessica Hanson
Staff Writer

Darren Lewis, Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation director, presented for possible adoption the Yamaguchi South Master Plan at last week's Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.

Lewis stated that, "Parks and Recreation have been working on this proposal for over a year to come up with a design and to identify the uses for the Yamaguchi south. We had four public outreach meetings, a virtual open house, and went to all the boards, parks and recreation, tourism, Archuleta School District, as well as speaking to the town council in early June."

The main goal of the public outreach sessions was to focus on parks and tourism.

The consensus was that the

input given went toward a sports complex concept.

"I really feel that we did our due diligence in regards to this project. We tried to get as much input as possible from the community on this and we had some tremendous feedback," Lewis said.

The amenities that were requested from the public had to be looked at from a staffing perspective and some adjustments to the project had to be made, according to Lewis.

The pickleball courts were one of the adjustments that had to be made to the project.

"There is a tremendous backing for pickleball courts in this community, so I really knew we needed to build these, but we really didn't have room at Yamaguchi South based on the other amenities that we had heard from the community about," Lewis said.

After discussions with the town council and staff in early June, it was determined that the pickleball courts can be moved to the current Yamaguchi Park.

"With financial support I feel from the county, tourism, the town and the Pickleball Club, I am very optimistic that those could actually be built next year," Lewis commented.

Tennis courts were also included in the concept layout of the Yamaguchi South project.

Lewis pointed out that the last time he addressed the town council about the Yamaguchi South Master Plan that "the tennis community were really pushing their money toward Wyndham and investing there to try and get something going up there. However, I think because there was such backing for tennis courts, staff felt that it was important that we at least recognize that there is potential down the road that group could come back and request tennis courts."

The spokesperson for the consulting group THK was unable to be present at the town council meeting to answer any questions, but Lewis noted he would attempt to address any questions the town council might have about the project plan.

"I really feel THK did a really good job to really finding out the best use for Yamaguchi South and then going that direction, based off all the community input and board input, and finally to come up with this concept. Staff is very pleased with what is in front of you right now," Lewis commented.

"This particular plan is going to be subjected to change as time goes on. It's got to be in stages. We are not going to do this all next year, we all know this. So, we are going to have to decide on what to go with first," Mayor Don Volger said as the council began discussions and questions about the project proposal.

Lewis informed the council that all of the amenities included in the proposal — multipurpose area, developed park, playgrounds, exercise areas and pickleball courts — are all of what the community requested to be in the park based on all the feedback.

A motion was put forth to adopt the master plan for Yamaguchi South. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

For more on the master plan, see the town's website.
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Town council set to discuss how to fill vacancy

By Jessica Hanson
Staff Writer

The six members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council are anticipated to discuss how to fill the vacancy on the council next week.

In an update to last week's announcement of town council member Rory Burnett's resignation from the council, April Hessman, town finance director/clerk provided information on finding Burnett's replacement.

Hessman explained she would be speaking to the town council about this issue at the meeting on Aug. 19.

That meeting will be at 5 p.m. in the council chambers at Town Hall. For information on how to attend remotely, see the town's website.

Hessman further stated that the process and schedule would be laid out as to what town council is want-

ing in terms of filling the vacancy. Burnett was elected in April of 2020, with his term set to expire in 2024.

He resigned at the end of the town council meeting on Aug. 3.

He stated in the meeting his reason for resigning was due to unforeseen circumstances that would cause him to miss too many council meetings.
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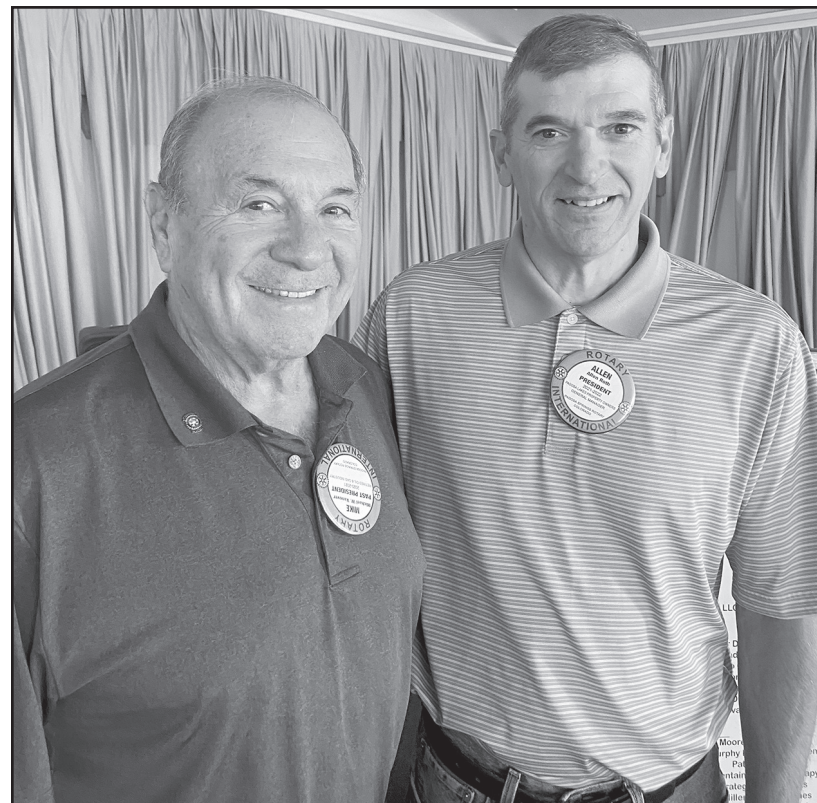


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Pagosa Springs Rotary Club celebrates the transition into the 2021-2022 year with Mike Vanover (left), outgoing club president, passing the gavel to Allen Roth (right), incoming club president. The club has 56 members and participates in a variety of community service activities. Weekly meetings feature speakers on a variety of topics of interest as the club strives to provide programs to keep members informed and enlightened on the community and world. Meetings are Thursdays at noon at the Tenyson Event Center and the club is always welcoming those interested in learning more about becoming a member. Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta, from Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, urged members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

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Sports

GOLF

Golf team tees offs season in Cortez

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team hit the links Tuesday in Cortez, teeing off the 2021-2022 fall sports season for the school.

According to coach Mark Faber, 16 kids are on the team this year, with the team again having a mix of golfers new to the sport and those

who have played before.

"It's going to be a growing year," he said.

The first day of practice for the team was Aug. 2, and several of the team's returners delved back into action Monday for a dual against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers at Conquistador Golf Course.

Junior Braylon Cotts was Pagosa's top finisher, tying for third with a score of 93 on the par-72

course.

Junior Kaison Clifford followed in fifth with a 94.

Seniors Jack Walker and Ethan Robel tied for seventh, with both shooting a 96.

Sophomore Keaton Robel finished tied for 10th, shooting 102.

The Panthers outshot the Pirates on the day, besting Pagosa 242-280.

"For the first tournament this quick, I was really proud of them," Faber said, noting the Pirates played some really good holes and struggled on others.

The tournament also showed the golfers what they need to work on early in the season.

"We'll see what we can do by the end of the year," he said.

Schedule

The following schedule was up to date as of Tuesday, but is subject to change.

The Pirates' next action will be a tournament in Alamosa on Aug.

20, giving the team more dedicated practice time following this week's quick start to the season. Action that day is set to begin at 9 a.m.

The following week, on Aug. 25, the Pirates will host a tournament at Pagosa Springs Golf Club beginning at 11 a.m.

On Sept. 2, the team will be back in Cortez for a tournament that is slated to begin at 9 a.m.

On Sept. 10, the team will take part in a tournament in Monte Vista beginning at 9 a.m.

On Sept. 13 and 14, the Pirates will head to Durango to play on a pair of courses — Hillcrest Golf Course and Dalton Ranch Golf Club, respectively.

Action on Sept. 13 will kick off based on tee times, with Sept. 14's action kicked off at 9 a.m.

Regionals will take place Sept. 21 in Alamosa, with the state tournament set for Oct. 4 and 5 at Spring Valley Golf Club in Elizabeth.

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Hunter education traditional course set for Aug. 21-22

By Don Volger
Special to The SUN

A traditional hunter education class will be held Friday, Aug. 20, and Saturday, Aug. 21. Classes will be held from 5 until 9 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday at the San Juan Ranger Building, 302 San Juan St. The cost is \$10.

This class is limited to 20 students. Students should bring a completed consent form to the first session on Friday evening. The form must be signed by a parent or guardian of students 17 years of age or younger.

Classroom activities will be held on Friday evening and Saturday morning, with the live-fire portion of the class on Saturday afternoon. Students and parents should be aware that San Juan Basin Public Health has issued an advisory that people in closed spaces, whether vaccinated or not, should maintain a 6-foot distance from others and wear masks. The decision to abide by this advisory will be left up to each individual attending. Students must attend all sessions to successfully complete the class and receive a hunter education card on Saturday.

There is no minimum age re-

quirement, but we strongly suggest that students be at least 9 years old because most of the reading material is written at this level. Parents should accompany younger students. Those not needing a hunter education card should not register.

Students should register online by going to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) website, clicking on "LEARN" at the top of the face page and following the directions. Since the class size is limited to 20 students, it is important that you register as soon as possible.

Disposable, in-ear plugs will be provided. If you can bring your own eye protection, please do so. Single-use eye protection will be available for those who don't have any. Firearms and ammunition will be provided. No personal firearms will be allowed.

All programs, services and activities of CPW are operated in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you have further questions or need accommodation due to a disability, please contact Don Volger at (970) 264-2197.

These courses are sponsored by CPW with support from the Town of Pagosa Springs and the San Juan Rangers.

WOLF to sponsor wilderness first aid course

By Darcy DeGuise
Winter Outdoor Learning Fund

For the past six years, the Winter Outdoor Learning Fund (WOLF) has been busy fostering outdoor awareness throughout southwestern Colorado.

Most of WOLF's involvement has been in the form of providing scholarships for Avalanche 1 courses each winter, which makes sense as many of our board members spend that time as ski patrollers, making sure that the Wolf Creek Ski Area is safe for all winter enthusiasts. They know the importance of being knowledgeable and prepared in the snowy backcountry and want to pass that along to our community.

This August, however, WOLF will focus on the medical side of the outdoor/recreational industry by hosting a Wilderness First Aid and CPR course. This course, conducted by Desert Mountain

Medicine and led by one of our very own Wolf Creek ski patrollers, Elsie Hume, will provide students with the tools needed in the event of an emergency while hiking, biking, hunting or rafting in the great outdoors. The course takes place on Tuesday, Aug. 23, and Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School, room B-24.

There are 15 spots available for this course and the cost is \$200. Ten scholarships for this course are also available through WOLF. Anyone interested in registering for the course or applying for a scholarship can email Darcy DeGuise at ddeguise77@gmail.com for more information. The deadline to sign up for the Wilderness First Aid/CPR Course is Monday, Aug. 16.

More information on the course can be found at: <https://desertmountainmedicine.com/course-information/?eid=364>.



Photo courtesy John Smith

Johnathon Smith won the JGAC (Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado) 11-13 Series Championship held at the Coyote Creek Golf Course in Fort Lupton, Colo., over the weekend. Smith fired rounds of two under par (69) and four over par (75) to beat the field by two strokes. He qualified for the event by placing in the top 21 golfers in the JGAC 11-13 Series season-long points race. With the win, Smith finishes ninth in total points won with more than 100 golfers statewide. Smith is 13 years old and will be an eighth-grader at Pagosa Springs Middle School. He is pictured here with his parents, Ginger and John Smith.

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Notice of Annual Meeting 2021
The annual meeting and election of directors for Western Heritage Event Center, Inc. (WHEC), also the organizer and sponsor of the annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo, will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at the WHEC Building, 344 Hwy 84. Only registered members of record as of June 11, 2021 will be entitled to vote. Proxy votes must be in writing designating the person who is to cast the vote (who must also be a registered member of the corporation) and have the signature of member and date. Proxies must be presented at the beginning of the annual meeting at registration. The maximum number of proxies any individual can represent is five. Current board members are: Brian Keegan, President; Twyne Regester, Vice President; Pennie DeClark, Treasurer; Lynn Johnson, Secretary; Keith Jacobson, Lisa Scott, and Diana Talbot, all Directors.
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The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "SKETCH Major Design Review" for the construction of an additional two (2) density bonus residential dwelling units on a .52 acre parcel, located at 180 Lewis Street. The Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 5:30 pm to consider the SKETCH Design Review Application. The public hearing will be conducted at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and will be available to attend remotely as well as this Zoom meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/91425469027> or by telephone at: 1-669-900-6833 with Webinar ID: 914 2546 9027. To access the meeting agenda, staff report and proposed development application, click the Meetings and Agendas tab on the left-hand side on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov and then select the Planning Commission meeting date to view the agenda and associated documentation. You may also view the application on our website under Departments -> Planning -> Pending Land Use Development Projects or on MyPagosa.org.
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Outdoors

Ethan Proud receives 2021 Conservationist of the Year award



Photo courtesy San Juan Conservation District

The San Juan Conservation District honors Ethan Proud with the 2021 Conservationist of the Year award. Tim Vail, San Juan Conservation District supervisor, presented Proud with a plaque at the Archuleta County Fair this past weekend.

By Cynthia Purcell
San Juan Conservation District

The San Juan Conservation District honored Ethan Proud with the 2021 Conservationist of the Year award. A plaque was presented to Proud at the Archuleta County Fair last weekend.

Proud has hit the ground running since moving to Pagosa and assuming the role of weed and pest supervisor for Archuleta County. He goes above and beyond to help educate and assist landowners with weed management — often staying late or coming in early to accommodate them. He also helps promote conservation best management practices beyond weeds through his column in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

Through hard work, dedication

to the land and a willingness to share his experiences with others, we commend Proud on his conservation ethics.

The San Juan Conservation District was formed in 1947. It is one of 76 districts throughout the state. Conservation districts were organized to get soil and water conservation on the land. The focus has now been broadened to address all the natural resources as well. The San Juan Conservation District encompasses Archuleta, and parts of Hinsdale and Mineral counties.

The San Juan Conservation District board consists of five elected landowners representing different sections of these counties that volunteer their time to help get conservation on the ground and improve our natural resources.

WRITERS ON THE RANGE

Two Western states act to control methane

By Tim Lydon
SUN Columnist

New Mexico, the third-ranking U.S. oil producer, has moved to curtail methane pollution from the oil and gas industry, moving it closer to neighboring Colorado's leadership. Methane is a dangerous greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change and also damages human health.

With the United States among the world's top methane polluters and the Biden administration promising tighter nationwide rules, these two Western states set a bar for other states to follow.

For decades, the oil and gas industry has freely discharged the colorless pollutant from tens of thousands of wells as a cost-savings measure. Then this March, New Mexico banned the wasteful venting and flaring of natural gas, which is comprised almost entirely of methane. New Mexico is only the third state, after Colorado and Alaska, to ban the practice.

This May, New Mexico also proposed a final rule to staunch leaking of methane from across the state's oil and gas supply chain, which includes part of the mammoth Permian Basin it shares with Texas. The leaking occurs at well pads, pipelines, com-

pressors, storage facilities and more. It's a system-wide problem that generates methane plumes large enough to detect from space.

The proposed rule on leaking, now up for public comment, improves upon a December draft that offered broad loopholes. When it's made final, it will require regular inspection and repair of leaky equipment, which today goes largely unmitigated as yet another industry cost-savings measure.

The state effort means New Mexico is catching up with Colorado. In 2014, Colorado became the first state to regulate methane and has twice strengthened its original rule. Colorado has also modernized its oil and gas regulatory agency's mission so that it includes safeguarding public health. And it is reworking oil and gas bonding requirements so taxpayers don't get burdened with plugging leaky "orphan wells" abandoned by producers.

Colorado's rules were a model for the first national methane regulations, implemented under President Obama in 2016. Unfortunately, the Trump administration dismantled those rules.

Controlling methane is a climate imperative. Because the gas has 80 times the heat-trapping potential of carbon dioxide, it's a potent driver

of climate change. NASA says it has fueled a whopping 25 percent of the human-caused global warming that today increasingly jeopardizes Western water, agriculture and recreation.

Research also shows that methane is entering the atmosphere from sources such as wetlands or thawing permafrost. In the latter, warming tied to methane begets more methane. It is the ominous type of feedback loop that global warming alarmists have warned us about for decades.

But the good news is that methane only survives in the atmosphere for about 10 years, unlike the centuries-long lifespan of carbon dioxide. Consequently, methane rules today could produce swift returns on climate as the world grapples with the harder problem of carbon dioxide.

But methane and associated pollutants also contribute to harmful ground-level ozone, which is linked to premature birth, respiratory sickness and other illnesses. New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham made this part of her campaign for regulation, pointing out that poor air quality disproportionately harms poor communities.

That concern helped build support from indigenous and other groups, outweighing fears that new regulations would detract from drilling royalties, which provide over a third of New Mexico's revenue for education, health and other services. Part of the New Mexico governor's

strategy in winning support for methane control was focusing on fiscal accountability. Venting, flaring, and leaking — all monumentally wasteful practices — send an estimated \$43 million in potential state revenue into New Mexico's thin air every year.

At the national level, President Biden campaigned on restoring federal methane regulations rolled back under Trump. Biden issued executive orders on his first day in office that set a September goal for proposing a new strategy. Crafting new federal rules are expected to take years, but New Mexico and Colorado now offer strong examples. By applying rules to both new and existing oil and gas infrastructure, they exceed the original Obama regulations, which only addressed new permits.

Today, Western states, along with heavy oil producers Texas and North Dakota, offer only a patchwork of tax incentives and voluntary targets. Limited rules, however, often tilt in industry's favor. Now, with fossil fuel production ramping back up and global temperatures rising, New Mexico and Colorado show that tougher regulations are the way to go.

Tim Lydon is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He writes from Alaska. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

Nearby National Wildlife Refuges featured at Weminuche Audubon meeting

By Jean Zirnhelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

The Weminuche Audubon Society is excited to announce a presentation by Deb Callahan, board president of The Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges, at our August meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Callahan is the board president of The Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges, formed in 1999 as an independent nonprofit.

Many of us make a yearly spring trip to Monte Vista to view the spectacular assemblage of sandhill cranes who stop to fuel up on their northern migration. The Friends, along with the refuge staff, the Monte Vista Chamber, Rio Grande County and the city of Monte Vista, plan and operate the annual Monte Vista Crane Festival, which brings thousands of visitors from all over the world to the refuges.

To date, the Friends have contributed to the building of the Meadow Lark Trail on the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, the Discovery Room at the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, many years of Kids' Crane Festivals and Fishing days (alas, fish disease and drought has stopped this activity). They also assist the refuge with the yearly Friends and Neighbors Picnic that brings the neighbors of the refuge up to date on the refuge happenings. Friends members worked hard to advocate for the establishment of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge in 2005. In 2021, the Friends received a \$15,000 grant to improve a critical parking area on the Monte Vista Refuge, wildlife camera installation and an educational kiosk.

Callahan received her bachelor's degree and master's in earth sciences from the University of Northern Colorado. Her master's thesis was funded by the U.S. Geological Survey in Idaho's Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Later, she combined her mapping, spatial abilities and computer skills

to learn GIS (geographic information systems) working for the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver. She was fortunate to be involved in several projects involving the recovery of endangered species in New Mexico and throughout the west.

She has now retired in Monte Vista and still loves camping, hiking and skiing in the west. Taught by her parents the importance of public service, she has served on the boards of the Evergreen Parks and Recreation Board, the Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society (10 years of Breeding Bird Surveys), Wild Connections (roadless area mapping and preservation), and now the Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges.

Our meeting will be conducted over Zoom. The meeting link may be found on the events tab of the website, www.weminucheaudubon.org. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

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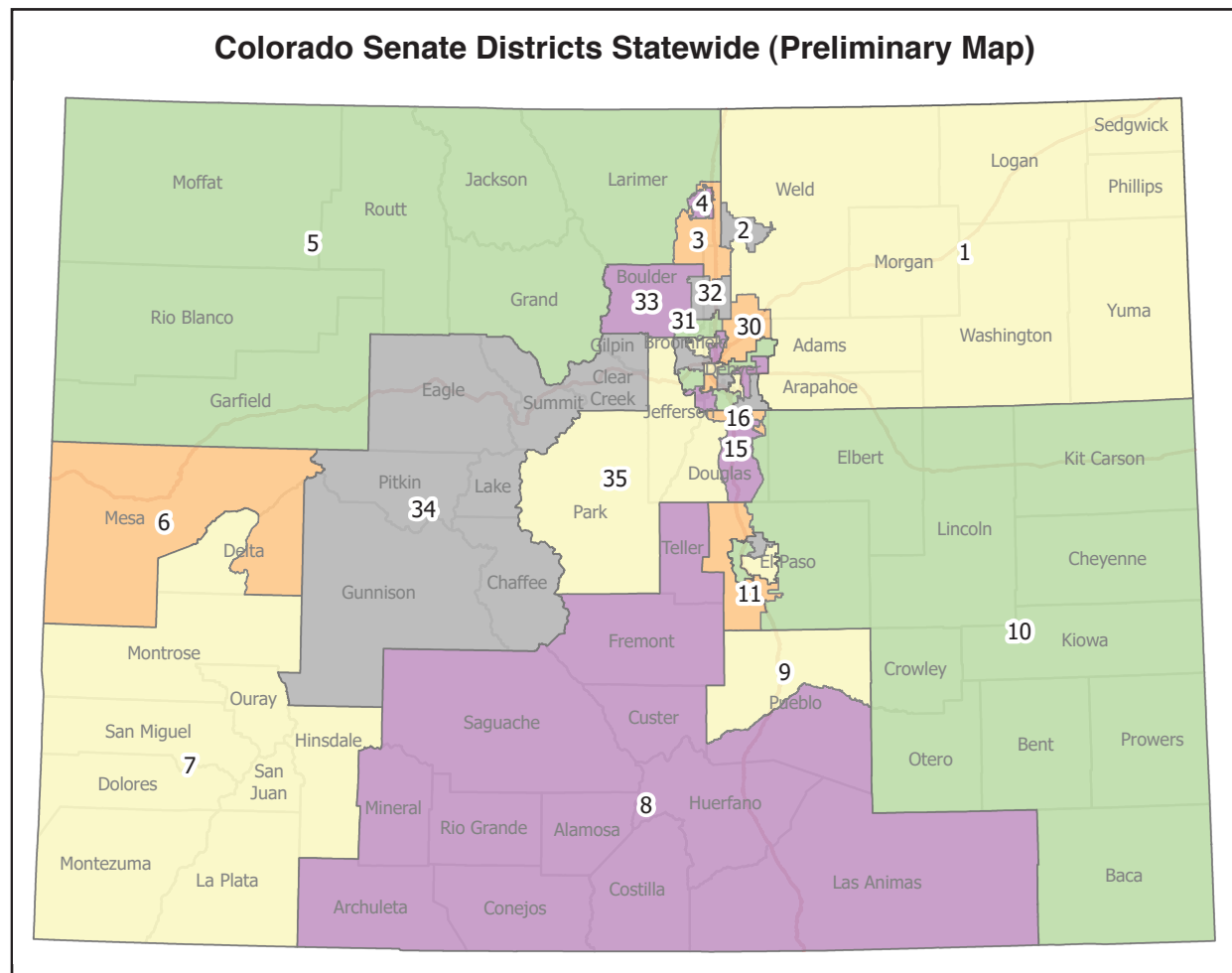
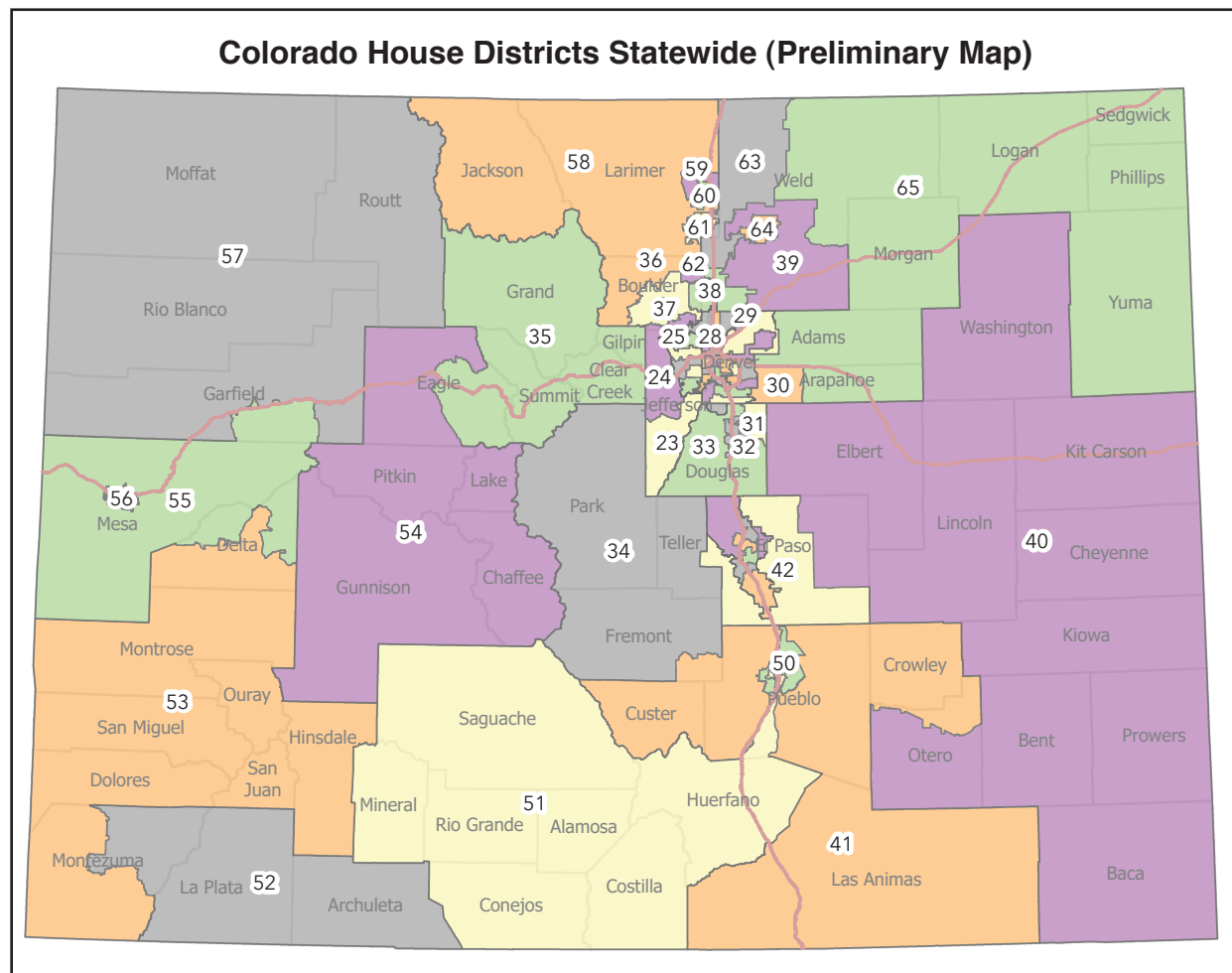
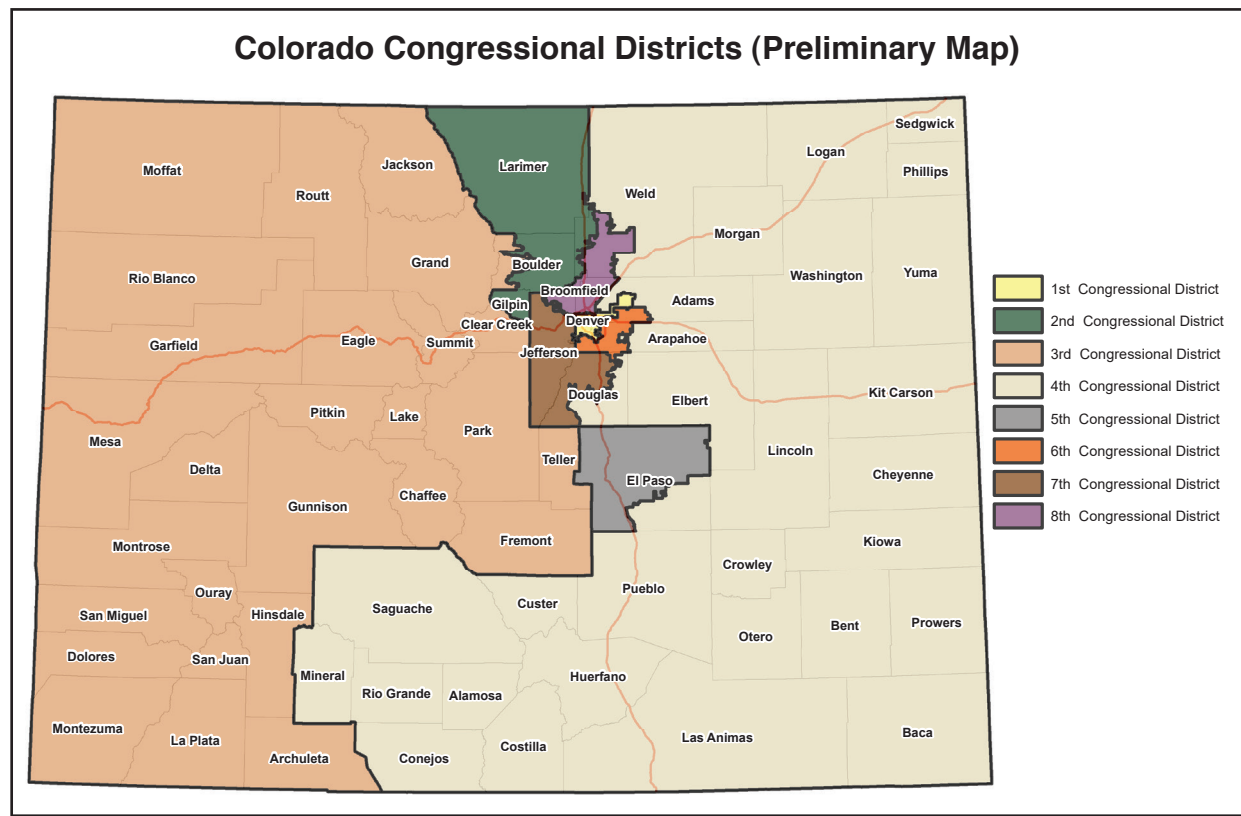
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Public input is being accepted on preliminary redistricting maps as presented by the Colorado Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission.

Redistricting

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munities of interest; maximize compactness; and, where possible, draw competitive districts. Configuring a House District entirely within Southwest Colorado maximizes compliance with these criteria.

“For these stated reasons we respectfully request that serious consideration be given to eliminating the 2011 political gerrymander of Southwest Colorado and creating a House District fully contained in Southwest Colorado.”

Residents will have the opportunity to testify at upcoming meetings being held throughout the state or can submit written public comments regarding the proposed realigned districts. The public can also draw and submit their own maps to the commission.

Public comment can be submitted at: https://redistricting.colorado.gov/public_comments/new.

A list of future meetings can be found under the “Meetings” tab at <https://redistricting.colorado.gov>.

The goal is for the commission to submit a final redistricting plan to the Colorado Supreme Court by Oct. 1.

The current schedule, according to the commission’s website, is as follows:

- Aug. 16: This is the anticipated date when the U.S. Census Bureau will release its final decennial census data in legacy format. Upon receiving the final data, nonpartisan staff will begin processing and tabulating that data for use in plans.
- Sept. 5: Nonpartisan staff posts the first staff plan online. This plan will include the processed and tabulated final census data.
- Sept. 6: Nonpartisan staff presents the first staff plan to the commission.
- Sept. 7-11: During this time frame, the commission holds additional hearings in each existing congressional district to allow public input on a map drawn using final census data. Hearing details will be forthcoming. Once these ad-

ditional hearings are complete, the commission could approve a final plan for submission to the Colorado Supreme Court at any time.

- Sept. 15: Nonpartisan staff posts the second staff plan online (if necessary).
- Sept. 16: Nonpartisan staff presents a second staff plan (if necessary).
- Sept. 23: Nonpartisan staff posts the third staff plan online (if necessary).
- Sept. 24: Nonpartisan staff presents a third staff plan (if necessary).
- Sept. 28: Deadline for the commission to approve a final plan or the unamended third staff plan is submitted to the Colorado Supreme Court.
- Oct. 1: Deadline for nonpartisan staff and outside legal counsel to prepare and file the final plan with the Colorado Supreme Court.

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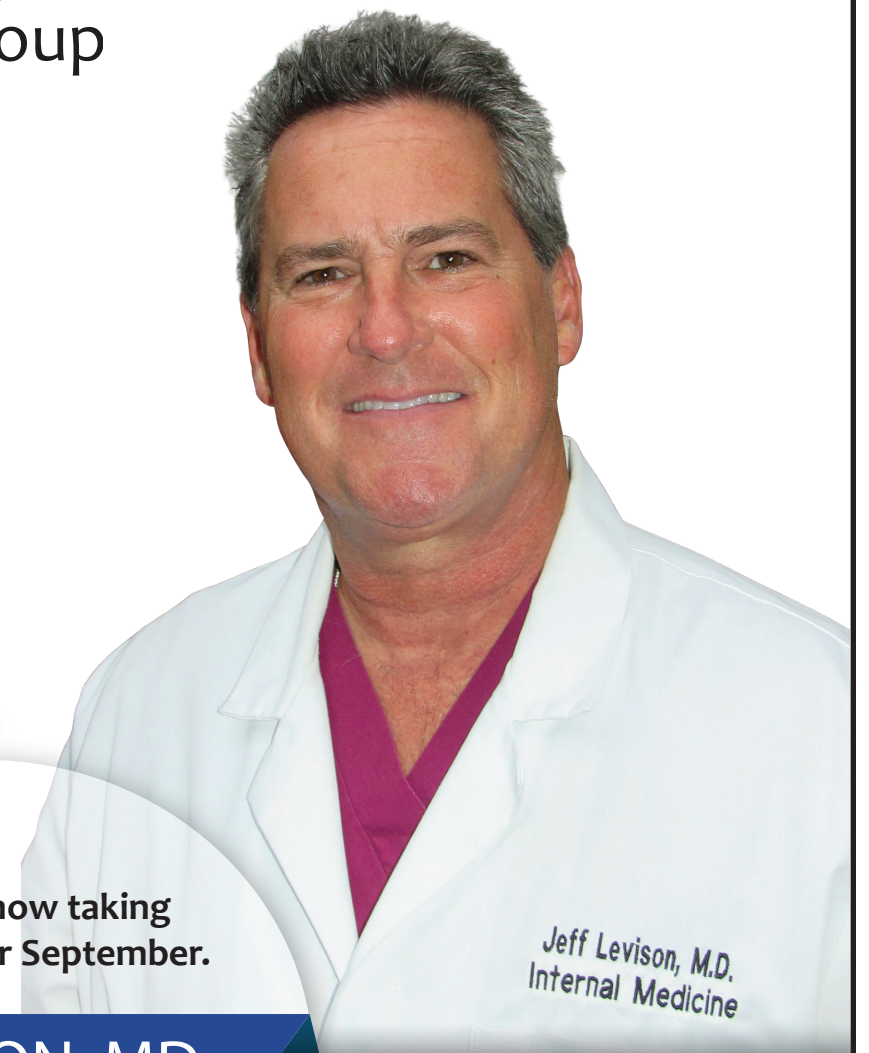
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Friday, August 13



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Aspire's Barn Bash set for Friday

By Marcy Mitchell

Aspire Medical Services and Education

Aspire Medical Services and Education invites the Pagosa Springs community to celebrate life, love and fellowship at our Barn Bash on Friday, Aug. 13.

Located at Paradise Ranch, Aspire is combining its successful mystery box event with the annual banquet. Each \$75 ticket includes delicious barbecue, dessert, a drink ticket, dancing and live music by Bo DePena.

Tickets are on sale at: <https://aspirepagosa.org/upcoming-events/>. If you would like to get a box or ticket with a credit card, you will need to order them online. Due to limited Wi-Fi and Internet, only cash or check will be accepted the night of the event.

As part of the evening fun, Aspire will also sell mystery boxes that contain a prize in each box. One of the boxes contains the ultimate golden ticket, which allows the winner to choose one of five paid trip selections, including airfare, lodging at a luxury resort and more. The trip selections are as follows:

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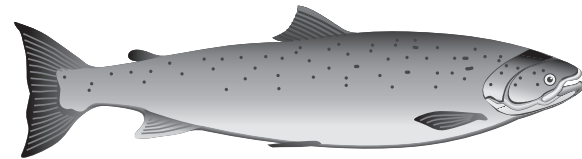
All proceeds from the event will benefit Aspire's affordable prenatal care program and parenting classes. Aspire currently provides services to more than 80 percent of all pregnant women in Archuleta County, which include pregnancy tests, early ultrasounds, prenatal care, prenatal and parenting education, and STI/STD testing and treatment.

Over the past few years, our prenatal clinic has helped lower the preterm birth rate and low birth rate percentage in our area by allowing disadvantaged women to see a quality MD for prenatal care up to 36 weeks. The low birth weight rate for babies born to our prenatal care clients in the last 12 months is only at 5.8 percent compared to a state average of 8 percent.

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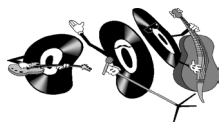
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Rugby's Rescue House announces community dance featuring Cuarenta y Cinco

By **Shane Lucero**
Special to The PREVIEW

After six years, Cuarenta y Cinco is back. Local nonprofit dog rescue Rugby's Rescue House, <https://rugbysrescue.com/>, is announcing a community dance in Town Park on Aug. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m., featuring New Mexican music band Cuarenta y Cinco.

Cuarenta y Cinco is one of New Mexico's top groups. The traditional sound of New Mexico is what people think of when they hear Cuarenta y Cinco play its upbeat music. Known for its high-energy dance music, Cuarenta y Cinco has long ruled northern New Mexico and been a favorite of many people throughout the southwest. Cuarenta y Cinco has had much success by the blend of rancheras, cumbias, bales, boleros, country/

western, oldies and modern rock they perform. The ability of the band to go from hard-core rancheras to country to rock and back again is what makes them one of New Mexico's best-known variety bands.

Bring your camping chairs, blankets and dancing shoes and be ready for a good time. There will be a cash bar and food avail-

able. This is a family-friendly event. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 13. There are no advance ticket sales. Tickets are available at the gate. Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds go toward Rugby's Rescue House, a local nonprofit dog rescue that focuses on rescuing dogs from surrounding reservations.

Food Coalition to hold veggie Vista garden tour

By **Rose Chavez**
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The community is invited to join the Archuleta Food System Food Equity Coalition and Vista neighbors for an afternoon tour of multiple veggie gardens this Saturday, Aug. 14, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the beautiful Vista neighborhood.

Get inspiration, ideas and advice from local gardeners on how to grow vegetables in small spaces.

The timing for the event is as follows:

At 4 p.m., meet at 51 Homestead Drive to enjoy snacks and arrange carpooling. At 4:30 p.m., we will depart for a tour of several local veggie gardens. At 5:45 p.m., we will arrive back at 51 Homestead Drive for a free barbecue.

Participants will also hear about the Garden on the Trail project at PLPOA and provide ideas for the future community garden and park space. For more information, contact the Food Coalition at community@fsfearchuleta.org or (401) 371-3227.

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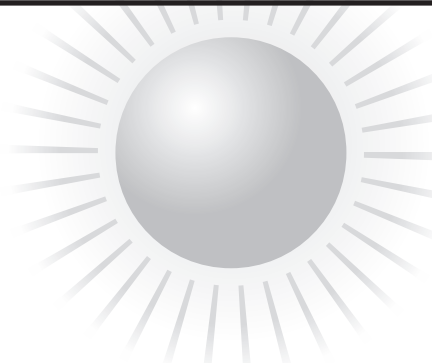
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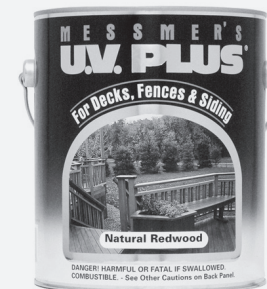
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The 12th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show will be held Aug. 13 and 14 along Lewis St., and is slated to include not only more than 100 cars, but also live music, voting for awards, a slow cruise and more.

12th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show this weekend

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

Start your engines for the 12th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show to be held Aug. 13 and 14. An array of classic cars, trucks and motorcycles will fill Lewis Street, where the show will be held both days. Admission is free and you can bring the whole family for hours of fun.

The Party on Lewis Street begins Friday evening at 5 p.m. Live music with the San Juan Mountain Boys, a beer and wine garden, and fabulous food vendors will kick the event off.

Spectators will be able to get their first glimpse of the classic cars. The show concludes about 8 p.m., when the cars will then take to the highway for a slow cruise. Slow is the operative word here, so don't expect burnouts or drag racing. However, do expect a parade of stunning vehicles. If you didn't have time to come earlier to see the cars, you can catch them as

they cruise the highway showing off their grace and beauty.

On Saturday, the Show and Shine will begin at 9 a.m. This day is important in that spectators can vote for their favorite vehicle, which will then determine the People's Choice award. Lewis Street will be packed with classic hot rods, shiny metal and knowledgeable vehicle owners all proud of their entries and ready to talk about their entry. More than 100 cars are slated to fill the street.

Come early and enjoy breakfast burritos and coffee from the Knights of Columbus. Live music from The Retro Cats will also jump-start your day. Take a break and enjoy the new park area by the bell tower park as more food

vendors will be serving delicious food and shaved ice will cool you down during the day. The beer garden will be serving throughout the day. There will also be a kids' area where youngsters can color and engage in some fun activities. The awards will be held at 2:30 p.m. honoring cars in all the categories as well as the major award winners: People's Choice, Best in Show and Chamber Pick.

Delicious food, beverages, live music, fun and, of course, those classic cars. It's entertainment for the whole family and right downtown.

Note: Lewis Street will be closed to the public beginning at noon on Friday, Aug. 13, and reopen Saturday after 3 p.m.

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Meteor shower viewing at Chimney Rock available tonight

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

You have one more night — tonight, Thursday, Aug. 12 — to be part of the first scheduled Perseid meteor shower viewing at Chimney Rock National Monument. The gate will be open from 7 until 8:30 p.m. to purchase a pass. Reservations are not needed.

There is no doubt that meteor showers have been viewed at Chimney Rock for thousands of years by thousands of people. Hopefully, they were viewed with joy and excitement since they can be fun to watch and cause no harm.

We have tried to create a safe and fun night for our guests. While it is light, we have astronomy and art activities for both children and adults. There also are 15-minute tours to the Great Kiva and excavated pit-house. Activities must be completed from 8:30 to 9 p.m. so everyone can return to their assigned viewing location. After dark, there is no walking around allowed, except to go to your vehicle to leave, due to the dangerous drop-offs near the upper parking lot.

People will have choices for their viewing location and then will be assigned a specific location. Safety is our biggest concern. You will be able to view from your car at a location depending on your group. You might also pick a special paved place to walk to, then put your folding chair for a full-sky view. There will also be an area for blankets and cushions

so people can lie down for relaxed viewing. Stargazers can bring their telescopes for club practice.

This will not be like the finale at the July Fourth fireworks. This will be a silent, relaxing time at Chimney Rock under a dark sky with occasional bright streaks of particles burning up as they enter our atmosphere. Every August as the earth revolves around the sun, it enters the debris field of the comet Swift-Tuttle and we get an extra display of “shooting stars.” The later you view a meteor shower, the better the display, so we are planning on staying until after midnight, but you can leave any time you want.

Other Stargazer activities

Friday, Aug. 13, will be the Night Sky Program at Chimney Rock — Our Solar System. Visitors are encouraged to come even if you don't have a reservation since the magnificent amphitheater is quite spacious.

Thursday, Aug. 26, is our next San Juan Stargazer Astronomy Club meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center on Hot Springs Boulevard near the San Juan River. If you would like a drink and some stimulating conversation, you can arrive after 6 p.m. for our social hour. Our program, at 7 p.m., is titled “Learning Basic Astronomy by using the Space Mysteries Calendars,” which we sell each year. Bring your calendar. You will be able to put in an early reservation for a 2022 calendar.

Aug. 27 will be a members-only

telescope viewing and training at Chimney Rock. The gate will open at 6 p.m. If you don't have a telescope, we have several extra available. Our club goal is to increase the number of deep-sky objects our members can find. Steve McAllister from the Westcliff Observatory will be our guest astronomer and he will especially help all interested members learn to use our two 10-inch Dobsonians and all of us will later practice expert “star-hopping.”

At all of our events, we will follow the COVID regulations for Archuleta County and Colorado for that date. Always bring a mask to be safe.

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, you will also receive Reflector Magazine, which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25 per family. You can join the club at any of our events. To all members: Your 2021-2022 dues are due. Use an envelope with your name and amount of cash or check made to Joan Mieritz.

The San Juan Stargazers Club is part of the National Astronomical League celebrating its 75th year of service, which includes over 250 clubs from all over the U.S. Our local group also has a website, www.sanjuanstargazers.org. Check it out.

We welcome everyone to come to learn more about our amazing universe. Hope to see you.

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You have only three more weekends to see “Sylvia,” the hilarious and poignant canine comedy at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. It’s a story about a dog and her new owner, a middle-aged man who brings her home to live in his apartment in New York City, much to his wife’s distress. Here, cast members (left to right) Polly Seale, Carl Morrow, Laura Moore and Rodney Holmes take their bows to applause from the audience. Order tickets at pagosacenter.org or phone (970) 731-SHOW (7469). Tickets are \$35.

Only three more weekends left to see Thingamajig’s popular ‘Sylvia’ comedy

By Carole Howard
Thingamajig Theatre Company

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Back by popular demand, “Sylvia” was the highlight of Thingamajig’s first season in 2011 when Laura Moore played the part of “Sylvia” to

huge acclaim. Now she is receiving rave reviews and standing ovations as she reprises the role through Aug. 29 in honor of the theater’s 10th anniversary. Tim Moore directs the production.

The Moores are the co-founders of the local professional theater. Tim Moore is the theater’s artistic director, and his wife, Laura, is the executive director.

The ‘Sylvia’ cast

In addition to Laura Moore, three actors make up the “Sylvia” cast.

Carl Morrow, who plays the man who brings Sylvia home, is

known to Thingamajig audiences for his roles in “A Few Good Men,” “West Side Story,” “Legally Blonde” and “Little Shop of Horrors.” Polly Seale, a new resident of Pagosa Springs with an impressive acting resume, plays his wife. And Rodney Holmes, who performed in Thingamajig’s productions of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” “Tarzan,” “The Secret Garden” and “Damn Yankees,” plays three parts in the production.

You can find the dates and times of “Sylvia” and order tickets for the show on the theater’s website at pagosacenter.org or by phoning (970)

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The importance of staying connected

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

There is a beautiful story related through an elder in the Mi'kmaq Indigenous community, Danny Paul, who said, "We're kind of like trees. On the surface, every tree looks like it stands alone. Beneath the surface all the trees in a forest are connected."

Loneliness and social isolation are now considered diseases, and rightfully so. They are key factors in aging and related illness.

Kaiser states individuals who report social isolation and loneliness are more than nine times more likely to experience poor health, nearly 20 times more likely to have a poor quality of life, 22 times more likely to have mental health issues (expressly depression and anxiety) and 5.7 times more likely to have insufficient funds to buy food.

Yet, during this pandemic, research reveals that adults 60 and better are experiencing less pandemic-related depression and lower levels of loneliness than younger adults. According to a recent study, some seniors have been able to broaden their social support networks.

Senior News

If you or someone you love is not finding the connections that boost their resilience, remember that seemingly small things make a big difference. Identify a trusted neighbor or friend who can visit regularly and can serve as an emergency contact. Try reviving an old hobby or learn something new — there are easy options for participating in learning opportunities on our website. Just getting into the out of doors can make a big difference for those with mobility issues — scheduling time to get a friend out on their porch or volunteering to help someone who cannot get out are both useful solutions. And homebound consumers who have home-delivered Meals on Wheels report significantly less loneliness.

You can find more tips on staying connected at: <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/loneliness-and-social-isolation-tips-staying-connected>.

ing-connected. And our website provides caregiver resources and information about ASI programs in Archuleta County, as well as contact information for making reservations at The Community Café for take-out and for Meals on Wheels at: <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

Volunteers

The Community Café in the Pagosa Springs Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with the lunch desk. Please call (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

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Comedy

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731-SHOW (7469). Tickets are \$35.

The actors will not be wearing masks, but they all are vaccinated. Masks must be worn by unvaccinated persons during performances.

Please note: Strong language is used in the production. The facility, bar, gift shop and gallery open one hour before the performance. Seating opens 10 minutes before the performance. There is a 15-minute intermission.

10th anniversary for Thingamajig

Thingamajig is celebrating its 10th anniversary with this summer season.

"We can't imagine a better way

to commemorate this milestone than being able to reopen the theater with 'Sylvia' after the long COVID closure," said Tim Moore.

Restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic required Thingamajig — like theaters around the world — to go dark on March 15, 2020. That resulted in a 15-month closure of Pagosa's esteemed local professional theater.

Thingamajig Theatre Company is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Its talented actors, directors and designers come from across the U.S. and around the world to produce musicals, comedies and dramas year-round — COVID permitting, of course.

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Those who know arrive early to the Pagosa Farmers Market and still stand in line for buffalo steak and tomato varieties. The Pagosa Farmers Market runs Saturdays until the end of September from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the east end of downtown on the mountain side of the East Side Market.

Senior

■ continued from previous page Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers approximately 3,000 fresh and frozen meals a year. We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents to help them stay healthy and independent in their own homes.

This program is vitally important because many seniors have little to no access to nutritious meals. They are often too frail or have health complications that prevent them from preparing meals for themselves or from using the Senior Center's Community Café drive-thru meals pick-up site Monday through Friday.

The Senior Center needs volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers for one day a week (or become part of our substitute driver team). Please join us as part of our driver team and build wonderful relationships with the seniors in our community. Call (970) 264-2167.

Dishes and china

Have old dishes or china that you no longer want to use or store? The Community Café is accepting donations of old dishes or china. Please call (970) 264-2167 for more information or to donate.

Take-out meals continue at Senior Center

In order to continue providing meals, the Senior Center is offering take-out hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

These meals will be available

Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a \$4 suggested donation for lunch for those age 60 and better. If you need to have your meal delivered, please call (970) 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread.

Please call (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

There will be no games, classes or presentations during this time. The staff will be available by phone. If you need to speak to a staff member, please call (970) 264-2167.

Community Café menu

Thursday, Aug. 12 — Spinach and mushroom quiche, sauteed zucchini, tomatoes and onions, milk, salad and lemon cream cake.

Friday, Aug. 13 — Lemon chicken, asparagus with walnuts, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad.

Monday, Aug. 16 — Shrimp and grits, broccolini, milk, salad and pecan pie.

Tuesday, Aug. 17 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans with almonds, garlic bread, milk and salad.

Wednesday, Aug. 18 — Moroccan stew, roasted cauliflower, naan bread, milk and salad.

Thursday, Aug. 19 — Chicken with mushroom cream sauce, wilted spinach, milk, salad and chocolate eclair.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reser-

vation at (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to drive through and pick up a meal.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with reservations receives a meal and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

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Let's grow old together

By Jan Davis
PREVIEW Columnist

I have scoured through countless bookstores, YouTube videos and podcasts in a futile attempt to find a manual on "How to Grow Old Together."

Hundreds of self-help books line the shelves, while YouTube and podcasts provide countless online information.

We find pregnancy books with step-by-step expectations and pictures which include the baby's growth in the womb.

Children's tutorials guide us through potty training and tantrums. Textbooks and videos for parents of elementary to middle school children offer creative ideas on how to start open-ended discussions with a quiet first-grader and a know-it-all middle schooler.

Pamphlets cover sex education, bullying, teenage rebellion, the quiet treatment and how to dish out tough love.

Newlyweds plan a home together as they watch podcasts from mainstream evangelists with goal-setting directives. Empty nesters watch DIY shows on how to "take back" space. Spare bedrooms are converted into offices and exercise rooms. Retirees cuddle on the couch and scan through travel brochures and dream of faraway places and second honeymoons.

I assumed life got easier after years of marriage, but I discovered otherwise. Like Rip Van Winkle, I woke up one morning to realize I am married to an older version of the person I started this journey with. When did the transformation occur?

The man who completed my sentences and knew my every thought seems to wander down his own rabbit trail. He jumps from one idea to another without warning and I catch myself saying, "What are you talking about?" He starts a conversation and I jump in and say, "Where is this coming from?"

I can't keep up with more than one back and forth at a time. A simple exchange about the rainy road conditions leads to a comprehensive overview of new tires. The weather reminded Mike the tires are a little threadbare and need to be replaced before winter. To him, everything makes sense.

It's easy for me to stray off on my own, with Mike's banter as background noise.

In my mind I fingered through the clothes in my closet for just the right outfit to wear for our date night, when he ambushes me with an online order for groceries to pick up on our way home. I didn't have time nor desire to go through the pantry and make a grocery list. I was preoccupied mulling over which pair of shoes to wear.

The date was one for the memo-

A Matter of Faith

Here we go again. Same song, second verse.

ry book. Soft music laced its way in and out of our conversation while we enjoyed the lights of the city. From our table situated close to the window on the sixth floor, we recognized the steeples of historical churches. Skyscrapers lit up like Christmas trees cast soft shadows on the streets below. Rail cars were loaded and awaited shipment to some unknown destination.

These points of interest were intertwined into our conversations. The companies that occupied the various buildings and the people who worked inside. The parishioners who worshiped on Sunday mornings in the churches. The workers on the railroads who made sure needed commodities made it to their destination. We relaxed in the comfortable atmosphere.

With the quiet, back-and-forth motion of the windshield wipers, I leaned my head back and reflected on the delicious dinner we enjoyed. The steak melted in our mouths and a scrumptious dessert topped off the evening.

The sound of the gentle rain on the highway beckoned me to close my eyes.

Tires and groceries were the last thing on my mind as we drove home with full tummies and the lingering effects of a nice glass of wine. Did I mention it was our anniversary date? Thirty-seven years and about the time we start to achieve the hang of married life, a curve ball is thrown our way and we understand we are no longer a young couple. Somewhere along the way, we grew old.

A voice in the background disturbs the tranquility. "Gotta drive a little slower than usual. It's dark outside, the streets are wet and these tires don't have as much traction as they should."

Here we go again. Same song, second verse.

I wish I could blame Mike for all of life's newfound woes, but truth is some of the fault lies at my feet. Somewhere along the way, I

became a nag and Mike's quirky personality creates little annoyances and messes with my peaceful solitude.

I am a perpetual planner and organizer. I make lists and schedules. I plan out our day. Mike is the driver and I am the navigator. Together we make a good team. But, in a season when calendars are vital to our mere existence, schedules and lists have taken a backseat. Tomorrow isn't as important as today.

On the other hand, afternoon naps, though never planned, replace any sense of urgency. A last-minute lunch and easy back-and-forth banter births a creative idea and we head to the nearby greenhouse or home improvement store. We live in the spur of the moment and embrace life.

Maybe, just maybe, that's the way God intends for us to live: one day at a time.

As we grow older, we are not always on the same page, but manage to stay in sync as we continue to read the Bible — the best "how to book" ever written. Guidelines for a successful marriage fill its pages.

"Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." — James 4:14 (NKJV).

I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

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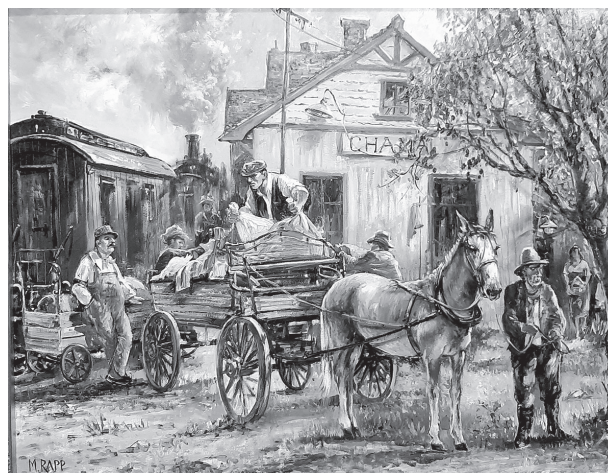
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"A Fresh Eye on Mountain Living"



New Thought Center to hold outdoor service and potluck

By Lisa Burnson

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

“The spiritual journey is individual, highly personal. It isn’t true that everyone should follow one path. Listen to your own truth.” — Ram Dass.

All are welcome to join the Pagosa New Thought Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, Aug. 15, at 11 a.m. for our presentation, “The Joyful Journey of a Spiritual Warrior.” Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure. A potluck lunch will follow. Please call for location. Please notice we are starting an hour later than our usual service.

There will be live music.

Upcoming events

Meditation Circle is now every Monday at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

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

Thursday, Aug. 12, 5 p.m.: Outdoor concert to benefit Rise Against Violence featuring the RetroCats. Please bring snacks and a chair or blanket.

Thursday, Aug. 26, 5 p.m.: Outdoor concert to benefit Habitat for Humanity, featuring Bob Hemenger.

Sept. 9-11: Men’s gathering.

Please call/text (970) 510-0309 or (970) 309-6067 for information on upcoming events.

About us

The New Thought Center promotes living a spiritually centered life and promotes the philosophies

of Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine.

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

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

Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha’i Faith

By Paulette Heber

Baha’i Community of Archuleta County

The Baha’i Community of Archuleta County hosts weekly devotionals every Sunday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. All are welcome.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09>, call-in number: (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and vari-

ous sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, Aug. 15, our theme is giving.

“To give and to be generous are attributes of Mine; well is it with him that adorneth himself with My virtues.” — Baha’u’llah.

The Baha’i Faith is an all-embracing world religion founded on the principle of unity. It recognizes humanity’s spiritual nature and the innate nobility of every human soul. Among the teachings of the Baha’i Faith are the investigation of truth; the oneness of God; the oneness of mankind; justice; universal peace;

the conformity between science and divine revelation; the equality of women and men; and the abandonment of racial, religious, worldly and political prejudices. It is in this spirit of community that we cordially invite you to our devotionals.

To learn more about the Baha’i Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha’i Faith at www.bahai.org. Our local contact is archuletabahais@gmail.com.

To obtain the passcode for our Sunday devotionals, call Paulette Heber at (970) 731-8610 or email to the above email address.

Psalm 91

- ¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*
- ²I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”*
- ³Surely he will save me from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.*
- ⁴He will cover me with his feathers, and under his wings I will find refuge; his faithfulness will be my shield and rampart.*
- ⁵I will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,*
- ⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.*
- ⁷A thousand may fall at my side, ten thousand at my right hand, but it will not come near me.*
- ⁸I will only observe with my eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.*
- ⁹If I say, “The LORD is my refuge” and I make the Most High my dwelling,*
- ¹⁰no harm will overtake me, no disaster will come near my tent.*
- ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning me to guard me in all my ways;*
- ¹²they will lift me up in their hands, so that I will not strike my foot against a stone.*
- ¹³I will tread on the lion and the cobra; I will trample the great lion and the serpent.*
- ¹⁴“Because he loves me” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.*
- ¹⁵He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.*
- ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation”*

Yes and Amen!

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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Aug. 12

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park, South 8th Street and Apache Street. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving chicken enchiladas with fruit and dessert to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) provided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last. Contact (970) 247-5702 or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

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

Free Vaccine Clinic. 3-6 p.m., Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public

Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) provided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last. Contact (970) 247-5702 or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

The Personal World of Nature — A Sketching Class. 4-6 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Part art, part reflection, part nature study and a visit to Chimney Rock National Monument. Guests will start at the herradura at the head of the Mesa Village Trail. Our goal is to become centered with the site and focus in on a specific item of nature. Using sketchbooks and drawing materials provided, we will examine the item of nature selected. Afterward, there will be a sharing with each other of what we have learned. Tickets are \$16 for ages 16 and up, \$8 for ages 5-12, under 5 free. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

English as a Second Language. 4-8 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 4-6 p.m. and intermediate students are encouraged to attend from 6-8 p.m.

PALS, GED and College Prep Assistance. 5-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services can help you earn your GED, prepare for college entrance exams, prepare for vocational tests and

other education requirements. Mark will work with you to develop an achievable plan to complete your goals. Earning your GED is possible at any stage in life, and we can help. Call (970) 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org

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Kent Blazy. 6-9 p.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Blazy will perform an intimate listening concert sure to give goose bumps and laughs as he shares his long history of incredible songwriting.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Virtual Lecture Series. 7 p.m., Zoom. Emily J. Brown will discuss “Pre Hispanic Musical Instruments from the American Southwest.” Brown will describe the various types and what we know of their development and distributions in the context of the history of the Pueblo cultures of the region. To join the lecture, visit www.chimneyrockco.org/lecture. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

Perseids Meteor Shower Viewing. 7 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A family-friendly way to experience nature’s nighttime wonders in serenity and silence. For this event, visitors will drive to the upper mesa parking lot to designated areas for optimum viewing. Bring a chair, cushion or blanket to sit or lie down outside your car. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at (970) 903-9690, or Nate at (970) 507-1004.

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Riverwalk Naturalist Tour. 8 a.m., Riverwalk, Centennial Park. Tour lasts approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Pets should be left at home. This conservation area is rich in natural history and full of ecological treasures. Meet your tour leader at the Habitat Hero Native Plant Garden on the Riverwalk by the geothermal domes. For more information, contact pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

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Free Vaccine Clinic. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,

East Side Market, 225 E. Pagosa St. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) provided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last. Contact (970) 247-5702 or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Pagosa Peak Open School, 7 Parelli Way. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) provided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last. Contact (970) 247-5702 or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

Pagosa Springs Stitches. 1:30-3:30 p.m., 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.

Free Legal Clinic by Appointment. 2 p.m., via Zoom. Registration required. Privately meet with a volunteer attorney via Zoom to ask legal questions in all areas of civil law. To schedule an appointment, call (970) 264-2209 or send an email to ruby@pagosalibrary.org.

Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. There will be a maximum of four participants in the gaming room. Masks must be worn at all times inside the library and social distancing must be maintained throughout the program. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Night Sky: Our Solar System. 7:15-10 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is present in the sky but not fully illuminated. This enables us to enjoy the night sky unimpeded by artificial lighting or the brightness of a full moon, and see many of the brighter objects that are visible. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Saturday, Aug. 14

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 7:15-9:45 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This engag-

ing early-morning tour is led by a trained tour guide. The tour will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. You will learn about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House, and the day-to-day lives of the inhabitants. Bring your curiosity, cameras, sturdy shoes and water. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park, South 8th Street and Apache Street. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one. Round-robin format on Saturdays.

Pagosa Springs Car Show Show and Shine. 9 a.m., Lewis Street. More than 100 cars are slated to fill the street. Spectators can vote for their favorite vehicle. There will also be food, beverages and live music.

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. East Side Market. A wide variety of locally grown produce and food products. For more information, call (970) 264-5232.

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Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

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Geology Tour. 8:10-11 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans. Rock types impact structure, pottery, tools and soil productivity. Reservations are encouraged. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. Masks are required unless you have proof of COVID vaccination. For more information, call Beverly at (970) 264-2064.

Medicare Counseling by Appointment. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Are you turning 65 or confused about Medicare? The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging offers counseling through the State Health Insurance Assistance Program. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Christie at (970) 264-0501, ext.4 or send an email to medicare@sjbaaa.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 17

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park, South 8th Street and Apache Street. Weather permitting. Loaner

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HER Story. 8:30-9:30 a.m., PMAB + Movement, 140 Country Center Drive, Unit 2. A women's group providing a safe, supportive space

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Seeds' board announces Lynne L. Bridges Education Center following director's retirement

By Dee McPeck
Special to The PREVIEW

On Saturday, Aug. 7, a large crowd of well-wishers gathered to honor Lynne Bridges on the culmination of over 30 years of caring for the children of Pagosa Springs.

Current and former Seeds' families, board members and donors joined her many friends and family to celebrate the next chapter in her life and the life of Seeds of Learning.

Her first day of retirement was a chance to celebrate and remember the people and events that shaped her 18-plus years as executive director. A video loop of photos brought back many memories. Staff trainings and parties, events like A Little Black Dress Affair and Dancing with the Pagosa Stars and parenting classes were featured. Many of the

photos captured Bridges with the students. When the stresses of raising money while directing staff and a high-quality educational program become overwhelming, she would search out the loving company of the kids. Whether sitting quietly with a child and a book or hugging every child at graduation, Bridges found solace and her sense of purpose for another day.

The Board of Directors announced the building that houses Seeds of Learning will be named the Lynne L. Bridges Education Center in her honor. All entering the school will be reminded of the woman who devoted herself to giving every young child the best start possible in life. Many Seeds graduates, as

well as kids that grew up in Bridges' home day care, have matured into responsible, caring members of our community. The stable, consistent, determined care Bridges provided over decades was a key element in making the town of Pagosa Springs what it is today. She will be missed but never forgotten.

Thank you, Lynne.

Photo courtesy Jacque Aragon

Lynne Bridges recently learned that the building that houses Seeds of Learning will be named the Lynne L. Bridges Education Center in her honor.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the black-throated gray warbler.

This is the only black and white colored warbler which may be regularly seen in the west. The limited range of the black-throated gray warbler does not extend much further east and north of Colorado, except along the Pacific Coast, where it occurs north to British Columbia. It winters south into Mexico.

Prior to this bird being described by the American ornithologist John Kirk Townsend in the early 1800s, it was known to, and had been named by, the Chinook tribe of the Northwest. Despite this long history, relatively little is known about the habits of this warbler.

Unlike many wood warblers, which spend their time in the tops of tall trees, this one is most often found in the middle and lower levels. It inhabits open pine forests with oaks, and pinon-juniper woodlands in semi-arid country. Its feeding habits are slow and deliberate as it looks for insects on needles, leaves and branches.

Named to describe its appearance, this small warbler has a gray back and distinctive black streaks on its sides. Males have a black throat, but this trait is diminished in the paler females. Bold black and white stripes and a small yellow spot in front of the eye mark the face.

Fires to the west of us which make our skies heavy with smoke also affect birds. According to the National Audubon Society, "Wildfires are known to force early migration movements from bird species and the smoke can poison the air while decreasing visibility."

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Noxious Weed of the Month: Dalmatian toadflax

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Most in the northern half of the Archuleta County are familiar with yellow toadflax, but there is another toadflax on the Colorado Noxious Weed List. Both are escaped ornamentals.

Dalmatian toadflax boasts flowers similar to its yellow relative: yellow, snapdragon-esque flowers with a spur. The main difference between yellow and Dalmatian toadflax is in the leaves. Yellow toadflax leaves are narrow and give the plant a bottlebrush appearance, while Dalmatian toadflax leaves are spade-like and have a blueish-green hue. Dalmatian toadflax should not be confused with native goldenbanner, whose flowers will have a banner and keel like other plants in the pea family.

Both plants are perennials with a creeping root system, making manual removal a poor control method. Chemical control, solarization or biological control agents are better options. Each plant can produce up to 500,000 seeds which can lay dormant in the soil for up to 10 years.

Scattered Dalmatian toadflax plants have been reported in Archuleta County, though there are no established populations. You can help keep it that way by reporting any sightings of this species to the Weed and Pest Department at (970) 264-6773.

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Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and associated members are invited. Social distancing is required at this time. Contact (970) 799-8387 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.

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Archuleta Democratic Club. 11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Avenue. The speaker will be Pauline Benetti of the Archuleta Food Coalition. Masks are required.

Pickleball. 1:30-4 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Adult DIY: Paper Chain Wall Hangings. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Brad will go over the basics of creating paper chain wall hangings using coloring pages and a few other household supplies. Take-and-make kits will be available Monday, Aug. 16, for those who cannot attend. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 3-6 p.m., Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) provided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last. Contact (970) 247-5702 or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.
English as a Second Language. 4-8

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 4-6 p.m. and intermediate students are encouraged to attend from 6-8 p.m.

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 4:30-7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This engaging tour is led by a trained tour guide. The tour will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. You will learn about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House, and the day-to-day lives of the inhabitants. Bring your curiosity, cameras, sturdy shoes and water. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at (970) 903-9690, or Nate at (970) 507-1004.

Riverwalk Naturalist Tour. 7 p.m., Riverwalk, Centennial Park. Tour lasts approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Pets should be left at home. This conservation area is rich in natural history and full of ecological treasures. Meet your tour leader at the Habitat Hero Native Plant Garden on the Riverwalk by the geothermal domes. For more information, contact pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Aug. 18

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one. Beginner clinics are usually held on Wednesdays.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park, South 8th Street and Apache Street. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Special Family Storytime with Alan Powdermaker. 10 a.m. Sisson Library garden. For all ages. Join us as Alan talks about financial literacy for kids. Help your children begin thinking about money with this fun program. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., First Southwest Bank, 249 Navajo Trail Drive. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) pro-

vided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last. Contact (970) 247-5702 or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. Noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., the wooded area behind the parking lot, at the wooden cross. A docent is available for a guided tour of the Chartres-design labyrinth.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 3-6 p.m., Turkey Springs Trading Post, 11497 W. U.S. 160. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) provided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last. Contact (970) 247-5702 or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-6 p.m. For teens and young adults. Join us on Google Meet for our ongoing game. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join.

Weminuche Audubon Society Meeting. 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. The meeting link may be found on the events tab of our website, www.weminucheadubon.org. All interested parties are welcome to attend. Presentation by Deb Callahan, board president of The Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges.

Thursday, Aug. 19

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa

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Call for Nominations for School Board Directors



The Board of Education of Archuleta School District 50 JT in the Counties of Archuleta and Hinsdale, State of Colorado, calls for nomination of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

At this election three (3) directors will be elected representing Director District One (1), and Director District Four (4) for a term of office for two years and Director District Five (5) for a term of office of four years. To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months before the election and a resident of the director district which will be represented. Legal descriptions of the Director Districts are available at www.mypagosaschools.com under the "School Board" tab, or at the Administration

Office located at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. A person is ineligible to run for school director if they have been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be candidate for school director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 50 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election.

Nomination petitions may be obtained at the Archuleta School District Administration Office located at 309 Lewis Street beginning August 11, 2021. Office hours are 8 am to 4 pm, Monday thru Friday. Completed petitions should be submitted to Robyn Bennett, the School District's designated election official, no later than 2:00 pm on August 27, 2021.

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Park, South 8th Street and Apache Street. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving ham and au gratin potato casserole with vegetable sticks, bread and dessert to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) provided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last. Contact (970) 247-5702 or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

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

Free Vaccine Clinic. 3-6 p.m., Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) provided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last. Contact (970) 247-5702 or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

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PALS, GED and College Prep Assistance. 5-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services can help you earn your GED, prepare for college entrance exams, prepare for vocational tests and other education requirements. Mark will work with you to develop an achievable plan to complete your goals. Earning your GED is possible at any stage in life, and we can help. Call (970) 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org for more information.

Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at (970) 903-9690, or Nate at (970) 507-1004.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Sylvia.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The touching comedy about a dog and her new owner, a middle-aged man who brings her home to his apartment in New York City, much to his wife's distress. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Friday, Aug. 20

Riverwalk Naturalist Tour. 8 a.m., Riverwalk, Centennial Park. Tour lasts approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Pets should be left at home. This conservation area is rich in natural history and full of ecological trea-

sures. Meet your tour leader at the Habitat Hero Native Plant Garden on the Riverwalk by the geothermal domes. For more information, contact pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park, South 8th Street and Apache Street. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., East Side Market, 225 E. Pagosa St. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) provided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last. Contact (970) 247-5702 or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Pagosa Peak Open School, 7 Parelli Way. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health.

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Pagosa Springs Stitches. 1:30-3:30 p.m., 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.

Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. There will be a maximum of four participants in the gaming room. Social distancing must be maintained throughout the program. Call (970) 264-2209 for more

information.

ComFest. 5:30-8:30 p.m., Town Park. The Town of Pagosa Springs presents free outdoor concert featuring the Tim Sullivan Band. Call (970) 264-4152 for more information.

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Sylvia.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The touching comedy about a dog and her new owner, a middle-aged man who brings her home to his apartment in New York City, much to his wife's distress. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to learning.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Cathedral topper
- 6 Be slack-jawed
- 10 Flightless flock
- 14 Office supply
- 15 Cruise's "_____ Good Men"
- 16 Tiny pest
- 17 Cabinet wood
- 18 Sale item, maybe
- 20 Rider's grip
- 21 At the peak
- 22 Island greeting
- 23 Aerobic bit
- 25 Jane Austen heroine
- 27 Lingering flavor
- 31 Mummy's locale
- 35 Egypt's capital
- 36 Ben Affleck superhero flick
- 38 Skedaddle
- 39 Go off course
- 41 OH to CT direction
- 42 Stormy, as weather
- 44 Mockery
- 46 Research results
- 47 Like some parties
- 49 LeBlanc of "Friends"
- 51 Part of the foot
- 52 Soiled spot
- 55 The "U" in I.C.U.
- 58 Swamp stalk
- 61 Like "Ozark" money
- 63 Bibliography entry
- 64 Creole veggie
- 65 Notary's mark
- 66 Enola Gay's payload
- 67 Salty drop
- 68 Get a glimpse
- 69 Train station

DOWN

- 1 Hollywood sighting

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- 2 Fishing need
- 3 Not clear
- 4 Go back in
- 5 Miss the mark
- 6 Horse's walk
- 7 Bushy hairdo
- 8 Commit, as a crime
- 9 Meadow mother
- 10 Try to be like
- 11 Feline friend of Otis
- 12 Bryce Canyon locale
- 13 Medical fluids
- 19 Leg, in old slang
- 21 Address abbr.
- 24 Whittle away
- 26 1998 film, "_____ Joe Black"
- 27 Bitter
- 28 Regional animal life
- 29 Shue's "_____ in Babysitting"
- 30 New Orleans player
- 32 A bit much
- 33 Kind of pie
- 34 Run in the wash
- 37 Put aside
- 40 Spew
- 43 Layered
- 45 Credit, as a source
- 48 Kind of race
- 50 Here-now link
- 52 Token taker
- 53 Bit of filming
- 54 Mystical glow
- 56 Semimonthly tide
- 57 In a lazy manner
- 59 "Blondie" boy
- 60 Financial worry
- 62 WNW's opposite
- 63 Small amount

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- AVERAGE
- CLASSROOM
- COURSE
- EDUCATION
- EXAM
- FAIL
- GOALS
- GRADES
- GRADUATE
- HOMEWORK
- KNOWLEDGE
- LEARNING
- MEMORIZE
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Visitors and locals keep your library busy

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

“Wow! It definitely is summer at your library and the numbers show it!” That was the reaction of Meg Wempe, library director, as she reviewed the usage statistics for the last three months.

The door count, which was 3,944 in May, jumped to 5,407 in June and 5,443 in July. We issued 43 new cards in May, which then increased to 73 in June. Computer usage is up also — from 660 in May to 818 in June. It remained high in July, with 850 computer usages over the month.

“With a fair number of people vaccinated and traveling again, plus our local patrons returning to their usual schedules, we’re seeing a dramatic increase in people coming in to the library,” Wempe said. “Our summer months are our busiest months and this year is no exception.

“Our annual Summer Reading Program that includes increased programs and weekly challenges brings more local people in. We also see additional traffic from the greater number of visitors and tourists in town.”

Local author’s second novel set in Pagosa

Regular readers of this column may remember that local veterinarian and author Patty Latham wrote a book titled “Colorado Blood,” which she donated to your library in 2017. Now she has written a sequel called “Pagosa Tears.”

This book is a good read because Latham is an accomplished storyteller. And it’s especially fun

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for local readers to spot familiar geography like lakes, trails, restaurants, ranches and other favorite locations as the tale unfolds.

The story centers on the adventures of a Pagosa veterinarian named Dr. Josie Tate. While Tate is a fictional character, it is clear from the highly detailed and believable text that the author’s experience and expertise as a long-time vet have been passed on to her heroine.

This definitely is a book for animal lovers, as the heroine rushes to save abused animals and care for her creature clients whenever she is needed. The sanctity of animal life and the importance of conservation initiatives are vital themes that flow through the book.

There also is a romantic element to the story, as Tate meets and falls for a conservationist named Charlie, who is involved in the reintroduction of lynx to our local mountains. Charlie is vital to helping Tate find and rescue her horse, Woody, who goes missing under highly suspicious circumstances after a riding accident.

The author is generous with her praise for local officials and friends who were helpful to her with advice and support as she wrote. Among those mentioned in the acknowledgments are Wes Laverty, deputy of emergency op-

erations for the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office; Nolen W. Berry, a legal expert and former associate judge; Tim Sullivan, well-known singer-songwriter and head of a popular country music band; Greg Wells, furrier and guide to the best high-country horse camps; and the staff at Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), especially Jacob Ivan, biologist in the CPW Nongame Mammal Conservation Section who is an expert on lynx.

Latham has donated a copy of “Pagosa Tears” and its prequel “Colorado Blood” to your library. Each stands alone as a good story — or you can read them together. Both will remind readers why we love living in the Pagosa mountains.

In-person activities

We are delighted that the robust local vaccination program for our community means that most of our programs now can happen in person. Also, our hours have returned to pre-COVID levels — and even more on weekdays:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the library is open 9 a.m.

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• Tuesdays and Thursdays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. That's one additional hour each day.

• Saturdays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. That's two hours fewer this day — but a total of 55 hours open each week, as compared to 54 in pre-COVID times.

For those uncomfortable coming into the building, curbside service continues. Phone (970) 264-2209 when you are in the parking lot so staff can bring the items out for you. If you put a hold on something, please wait for your usual alert (email, phone call or text) before coming to pick it up.

Legal clinic tomorrow

The free legal clinic each month is happening by appointment tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 13, from 2 to 3 p.m. The volunteer attorney can phone you at home or you can come into the library and meet privately via Zoom.

To schedule an appointment, send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic," with your first name and phone number, to ruby@pagosalibrary.org, or phone or stop by the library. The volunteer attorney's time is limited, so it's first-come first-served. Visit <http://checkerboard.co/> anytime to find many legal forms and other legal information.

In-person gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect on Fridays from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. There will be a maximum of four participants in the gaming room at a time and social distancing must be maintained.

LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids ages 6 to 12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. for the free LEGO Club. LEGO challenges also are posted on Facebook.

LENA start orientation

Learn how to use talk to build your child's brain from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17. Sign up at your library by Aug. 16 to join a parent group centered on language and literacy for babies ages 0-3. This free program is available in English and Spanish.

Cardboard creations for kids

We'll have cardboard galore on Tuesday, Aug. 17, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. ready to be transformed by kids, tweens and teens into anything they can think up.

Adult DIY

Join us on Tuesday, Aug. 17, from 2 to 3 p.m. for this free in-person DIY event. Brad will go over the basics of creating paper chain wall hangings using coloring pages and a few other household supplies. Take-and-make kits will be available beginning Monday, Aug. 16, for those who cannot attend. Find more DIY videos on your library's website at <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-diy/>.

Special family storytime

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

On Aug. 18, we will have a special storytime when Alan Powdermaker, local author and philanthropist, will talk about financial literacy for kids. Help your children begin thinking about money with this fun program.

Saturday's Discovery Times continue on Facebook at 2:30 p.m. with games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more.

Dungeons and Dragons

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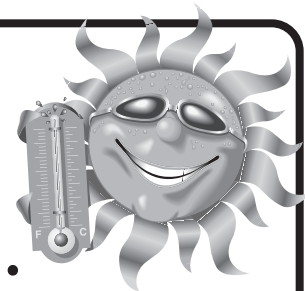
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Free in-person classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4 to 6 p.m. and intermediate students from 6 to 8 p.m.

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Nonfiction

"New Women in the Old West" by Winifred Gallagher tells the story of the brave and persistent multi-racial women who created homes and built communities between 1840 and 1910. "Spanish Grammar Handbook" is a Berlitz guide. "First Friends" by Gary Ginsberg explores the ties between U.S. presidents and their closest friends and confidants. "How I Saved the World" by Jesse Watters is a memoir of this TV host and champion of right-wing thinking. "Perversion of Justice" by Julie K. Brown documents the life of Jeffrey Epstein as he evaded prosecution for his crimes over the decades. "Every Tenant's Legal Guide" is a Nolo guide written by lawyers to help renters.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Just One Look" by Lindsay Cameron features a temp who becomes fixated on her boss's pri-

vate emails with his wife. "Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Treachery" by Brian Freeman is the latest in the Jason Bourne series. "Final Girl Support Group" by Grady Hendrix focuses on six women who survived massacres.

DVDs

"Sex, Lies and Butterflies" is a Nature documentary about the lives and skills of butterflies. "Kipo" is an animated film about a young girl thrust into a fantastical post-apocalyptic world. "Infinity Train: Book One" contains 10 episodes.

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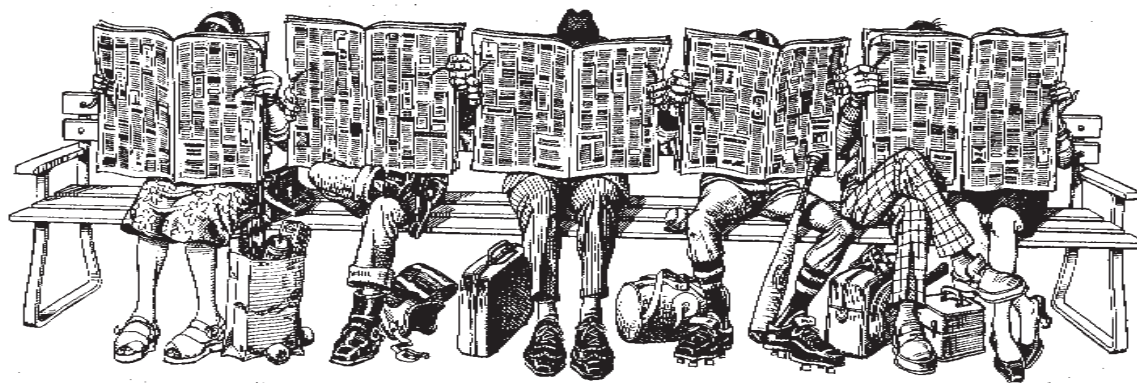
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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL is hiring for two positions: a janitor to clean the school daily, and an elementary aftercare supervisor (Monday- Thursday from 3 to 5:30 and Friday from 1:15 to 5:30). For more information, please call Leah (816)585-2892.

LABORER NEEDED AT NORTHEAST Mini Storage. Part-time, flexible hours. Email nemini-storage@gmail.com or call (970)264-3333.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

CAFETERIA WORKERS NEEDED at Upper Rio Grande School District C7. Must have high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or willing to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at (719)657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co.

PRESSROOM ASSISTANT — WILL TRAIN – Position open immediately. Must be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods. 30 hours a week. Must have a clear driving record. Email resume to helpwanted@pagosahun.com, drop resume to, or fill out application at, The Pagosa Springs SUN, 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted. No phone calls, please.

EARLY MORNING BATHHOUSE CLEANER: Cleaning takes place between 6a.m. and 8a.m. before we open. DOES NOT involve draining or cleaning pools- just regular cleaning duties. 2-4 days/week, schedule to be determined. May be possible to combine with laundry attendant for more hours. Includes soaking privileges for you and your family! Download an application at www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or pick one up at Healing Waters Resort & Spa, 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

HOUSEKEEPERS: Full- and part-time positions available at Motel SOCO. Competitive wages, bonuses, tips and employee perks. Great team and a great work environment! Must work weekends and holidays. Apply in person at 651 W. US Hwy 160, call (970)264-1492 or email info@motelsoco.com.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a customer oriented person for a full-time cashier position. Knowledge of hardware and building materials is a plus. We offer competitive wages with Holiday pay. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

SMALL MOTEL AND RV PARK. Help wanted: part-time maintenance person. 20-25 hours a week. Spa/ pool knowledge helpful but not necessary. Landscaping, lawn and garden knowledge, general maintenance and repair knowledge. Contact 731-5345 for details.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR: Full time, must be proficient with ranch equipment, tractor, backhoe, skid steer. Apply with Pagosa Cattle Company, (970)264-5000 or frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com.

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DEDICATED CLEANERS, UP TO \$17/ hour. Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

FULL/FLEX TIME- GENERAL MAINTENANCE. VIP Vacation Services is seeking help taking care of the homes we manage. Many types of duties and support services. \$17/ hour. Email resume or work history to Stuart@vipcompaniesinc.com, (818)963-0836.

MONGO'S WOOD AND PLOW is hiring for woodcutter and plow driver. Wood Cutter: WEEKEND WORK or no set schedule for wood cutting. Must have experience with a chainsaw and log splitter, must be over the age of 21 and have a valid driver's license. Paid per load of wood. Plow Driver: Must have experience in snow removal, not necessarily in plow truck driving, must be over the age of 21, and have a valid drivers license. Please send resumes to PagosaAdventure@gmail.com or call (817)253-5284 for more information.

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND GREENHOUSE PAGOSA are looking for happy, enthusiastic people to join our budding business. We are willing to train the right candidate if you're committed to being a part of this continually growing industry. Please send a copy of your resume to employment@jandjinc.net along with a copy of your **Colorado M.E.D. Badge.** A new program from the **State of CO** offers **\$1,600 bonuses until May 29, and \$1,200 from May 30-June 26 to move from unemployment to a job.** Must meet certain conditions.

ROOF LABORER NEEDED. MUST have some metal experience. \$18-\$30 per hour depending on experience. Call San Juan Roofing, (970)749-0830.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is accepting applications for a **Diagnostic Imaging Manager**. The Manager plans, organizes, manages and directs the operation of Pagosa Springs Medical Center's Diagnostic Imaging Services Department. Recommends, develops, implements and evaluates goals, objectives, policies, and procedures related to Diagnostic Imaging. Organizes and leads monthly staff meeting and provides staff support and selects, trains, supervises, disciplines and evaluates subordinates, in accordance with PSMC policy. Participates in direct patient care and the on-call schedule of the department as needed. This is a full time position with a salary range of \$80,000 to \$100,000. PSMC's full-time positions include the following benefits: sign on bonus of 5% of the annual salary, paid time off; health insurance plans with medical, dental and vision; options for Health Savings account (HSA) or Flexible Health Saving account (FSA); and a 401A retirement plan and optional 457 plan. Applications may be downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's HR Director at mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

N. PAGOSA MARATHON (SHELL) gas station hiring for full-time cashier. Also hiring full-time deli cook. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

MASSAGE THERAPIST WANTED at Overlook Hot Springs. Minimum pay- \$37.50/ hour, tips- 17-18%. Full-time, part-time or on call positions available. Apply in person.

CONSTRUCTION HELP NEEDED. Many different phases of work. Equipment operator/ labor needed. Must have driver's license. Please call UCAL, Inc. at (970)946-1169 and leave a message or email at donaldford51@hotmail.com.

PAINTERS, FRAMERS AND LANDSCAPING. Good pay, based on experience. (970)403-2228.

HELP WANTED PART-TIME OR full-time, at Pagosa Bar and Silver Dollar Liquor Store. Must be able to work weekends and nights. Apply at Silver Dollar Liquor Store.

THE UPS STORE IS HIRING! We are searching for a Mailroom Associate and a Retail Associate to work in our fast-paced, multi-tasking store. The Mailroom Associate is responsible for receiving deliveries, checking packages into inventory, distributing mail, and assisting our mailbox customers. The Retail Associate will serve the public with their shipping, supplies, printing, and all other needs. Customer service dedication and the ability to lift 50 lbs. are musts. Flexible hours, 401K match and free health insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person. Located 3 doors to the left of City Market.

PAGOSA BAKING COMPANY is seeking full-time and part-time barista, full-time dishwasher and part-time evening floor cleaning. Our great team is fast paced, fun and supportive. Call (970)264-9348 or come in to 238 Pagosa Street to apply.

LOOKING FOR HELP at 50 acre ranch. Livestock, horse care and groundskeeping/ landscaping. Housing available. Experience with hauling horses and livestock needed. Construction experience a plus. Phone (505)897-1000, text (505)506-3354.

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DENTAL ASSISTANT WANTED- willing to train. Join a team of hard working professionals! Weekends and holidays off, beautiful facility, modern equipment, excellent pay. Gain the satisfaction of helping people! email resume to PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com.

HILLSIDE INN IS LOOKING for a responsible, friendly team player to join our housekeeping staff. Must be able to work on weekends and holidays. Employee has the choice of pay: per hour (\$15) or per room (\$7). Monthly performance bonuses are given as well. Please send your resume to Natalie@hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com or stop by the hotel to pick up an application.

CITY HALL CAFE looking for line cook, server and dishwashers. Call (970)398-0355.

BUCK FRISBEE LANDSCAPING COMPANY is seeking seasonal workers for landscaping and irrigation installations. Experience is a plus! Must have reliable transportation. Call (970)946-0996.

THE JICARILLA SERVICE UNIT – SEEKING AMBULATORY NURSES

The Jicarilla Service Unit is a Certified Patient Centered Medical Home accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). The Jicarilla Service Unit (JSU) is an Indian Health Service, outpatient facility, specializing in family medicine located in the beautiful northwest region of New Mexico on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation located in a rural community. The Jicarilla Service Unit primarily serves American Indian/Alaskan Natives.

- JSU Offers:
- Federal Salaries
 - Loan Repayment Programs: National Health Service Corps and Indian Health Service
 - Weekday Schedule 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
 - No On-Call
 - No Weekend Coverage
 - No Holiday Coverage

The purpose of this position is to provide comprehensive care to pediatric, adolescent, adult and geriatric patients at the Jicarilla Service Unit. This position reports to the Director of Nursing at the facility. This announcement covers nursing vacancies for outpatient nursing.

- Perform physical assessments and health histories as indicated
- Provide health promotion, counseling and education
- Administer medications/immunizations, wound care, and numerous other personalized interventions
- Interpret patient information and make critical decisions about needed actions
- Coordinate care, in collaboration with a wide array of healthcare professionals
- Directs and oversees care delivered by other healthcare personnel such as nurse aides / assistants
- Manage studies in support of improved practice and patient outcomes
- Conduct quality improvement activities in an effort to improve care

If you have additional questions or to learn more about the position please contact LCDR Reyna Garcia at 575-759-7229

Reyna.garcia@ihs.gov

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LABORERS- HIRING FOR DEMO and construction on ranch house remodel. \$17/ hour. Ask for Robert (970)946-4615.

CHAIRSIDE DENTAL ASSISTANT POSITION available. Knowledge of dentistry preferred, but willing to train. 3 days per week, Tuesday- Thursday. Apply in person. King Campbell DDS, 228 Village Dr. (970)731-2126.

FULL-TIME IMMEDIATE OPENING for a Front Counter Clerk. Must have positive customer service skills, multi task and willing to learn retail and sales. Will train. Please apply in person, Buck Stops Here. Serious inquiries please.

CDL/ TRUCK DRIVER NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. Minimum 1 year experience. Forestry equipment knowledge helpful. Must pass drug test. Local driving only. Send resume to PO Box 4490, Pagosa Springs CO 81157 or email: frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com. EOE.

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- Bus Driver (RPT)
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- Human Resources Admin/Generalist (RFT)



For position and application details www.ArchuletaCounty.org

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JOURNALIST - THE PAGOSA SPRINGS SUN is seeking qualified candidates for a reporter position. Must demonstrate aptitude for, and commitment to community newspaper journalism. Candidates must be prepared to handle deadlines, cover breaking news, report on sports and government and write features. Position is up to 30 hours a week. Send cover letter including salary expectations, resume, references and clips to Reporter Position, The Pagosa Springs SUN, PO Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or hand-deliver them to the paper at 457 Lewis St. Emailed submissions are acceptable (helpwanted@pagosason.com). The Pagosa Springs SUN, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. Starting pay \$15 an hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com.

HOUSEKEEPING: Healing Waters Resort & Spa. Part & full time positions available. Soaking privileges for you and your family included! Download an application at www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or pick one up at Healing Waters Resort & Spa, 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

COLORADO DREAM HOMES is Adding to Its Great Team! We are looking to add additional framing, roofing, concrete, siding and painting crew members/ leads. Experience is strongly desired, but willing to take on individuals who want to begin a career in construction with an established team. Pay ranges from good to great depending on your level of experience and position. We offer full-time steady work, weekly pay, paid time off/ holiday pay, performance and annual bonus. Swing by our offices at 2283 Eagle Drive to fill out an application or call (970)731-3071 for more information.

NEW OPENING FOR FULL-TIME Massage Therapist also Opportunity for Part Time! We know you have a lot of options when it comes to where to work. And while we are a busy little resort, we like to offer a bit more of a laid back and relaxing atmosphere for our guests and our therapists. If you are a massage therapist who enjoys what you do, are genuinely interested in your client's health and well-being, and looking for a place that's the right fit, we'd love to talk to you. Medical or sports therapy background is a plus! Email Kanaka at sales@pshotsprings.com or drop your resume by Healing Waters Resort & Spa at 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

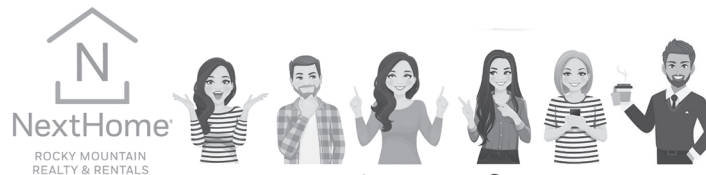
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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER has an opening for **Certified Surgical Technologists**. The Surgical Technologist will work directly with the surgeon and the circulating registered nurse. Assists surgeon during gastroenterology endoscopy, operative and invasive procedures with a working knowledge of sterile and aseptic technique. Assures operating suite is adequately prepared and maintained for procedures. Monitors inventory of surgical instruments and supplies. Cleans, reprocesses and sterilizes surgical instruments. Participates in departmental staff meetings and performance improvement activities. This is a full time position. PSMC's full-time positions include the following benefits: paid time off; health insurance plans with medical, dental and vision; options for Health Savings account (HSA) or Flexible Health Saving account (FSA); and a 401A retirement plan and optional 457 plan. Compensation range for this position is \$21.75 to \$26.75 an hour. Applications may be downloaded at www.pagosapringsmedicalcenter.org or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's HR Director at mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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NEW OPENING: ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER? If you are a self starter, with the ability to multi-task, The Pagosa Springs SUN has an opportunity for you with our multimedia organization. We are currently taking applications for a part-time advertising and business development position up to 30 hours per week. Position offers salary, plus commission. Reliable transportation is a must. If you like getting out in the community, meeting new business owners and developing relationships, this is the perfect job for you. We offer a fun and challenging, team-oriented work environment. Email your resume to helpwanted@pagosason.com. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

CERTIFIED FLAGGERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. \$14.50/ hour. Project in Pagosa Springs. Must be 18 years old. We can certify. EOE. Call Alert Traffic Control Inc. at (970)884-0578, or jennyw@alertraffic.com.

FRONT DESK ATTENDANT: Healing Waters Resort & Spa would like to add one more excellent part-time member to our team! Shifts may include mornings, evenings and weekends. If you have strong hospitality skills, smile regularly, and multitasking is your super power, we'd love to talk with you. Comfort with computers is important! Includes soaking privileges for you and your family! Download application at www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or pick one up at 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

FULL TIME- GENERAL LABOR. Please fill out application with Forest Health Timber Products, LLC, 452 Pagosa Street, Ste. 2A, Pagosa Springs, (970)264-5000.

CONSTRUCTION LABORER/ CARPENTER NEEDED. Starting pay \$20/ hour. Work year around and position will accrue advancement opportunities. Call today: (970)946-8660.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER has an opening for a **Pre-Certification Patient Account Representative**. The Representative follows up on assigned accounts after claim submission. Responsible for accurately and timely collection of claims billed to third-party payers as both primary, secondary, tertiary. Etc. Required to maintain AR at the departmental goal as well as other departmental goals: Cash collections, AR Days, aging of accounts receivable greater than 90 days, etc. Responsible for obtaining authorizations for order services on assigned accounts, timely and accurately, to ensure reimbursement for services. Responsible for providing complete documentation of clinical information to payers in support of healthcare service to be authorized. This is a full time position. PSMC's full-time positions include the following benefits: paid time off; health insurance plans with medical, dental and vision; options for Health Savings account (HSA) or Flexible Health Saving account (FSA); and a 401A retirement plan and optional 457 plan. Compensation range for this position is \$18 to \$22 an hour. Applications may be downloaded at www.pagosapringsmedicalcenter.org or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's HR Director at mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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YOU CAN HELP THE SUN SHINE — Now hiring customer service specialist. Must type a minimum of 40 words per minute, be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods of time. Good work ethic, accuracy and ability to meet deadlines important. Excellent customer service skills necessary. Newspaper experience not required. Email resume to helpwanted@pagosason.com. Successful applicants will be contacted for interview. No phone calls please.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a customer service orientated person for a driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL License is a plus but not necessary. Duties include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Dr. in Pagosa Springs.

PART OR FLEX TIME HOUSEKEEPING- \$20/HOUR. If you are good, why not get paid the best! VIP Vacation Services. Email resume or work history to Stuart@vipcompaniesinc.com, (818)963-0836.

CABE'S COLLISION AND CUSTOMS LLC now hiring all positions including automotive refinish painter, painter's helper/ body shop helper, front office positions. Pay depending on experience, willing to train the right motivated, hard working team member. (970)731-4600.

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WOULD YOU LIKE A NEW CAREER? Pagosa Smiles is currently hiring for **DENTAL ASSISTANTS**. We are willing to give you hands on training! Holidays off and work Tuesday through Friday! Join an amazing team that offers **bonuses, 401K, paid holidays, dental benefits, great pay** and a sense of serving your community! email resume to PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com.

LANDSCAPE EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY management at a small ranch, near downtown Pagosa. Could be part/ full-time. Ken (970)264-6262 or (970)799-0769.

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Openings for the 21-22 school year include: High School Asst. Cheer Coach, High School Computer Science Teacher, High School Math, High School Paraprofessional, San Juan Mountain School Special Education Teacher, Middle School Language Arts, Elementary half-time Spanish Teacher, Elementary Special Education Paraprofessionals, Family School Part-time Spanish Teacher, Part-time Assistant Cooks, Elementary School Crossing Guard, Bus Driver, Bus Aides, Substitutes all positions. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a yard associate. Lumber experience is a plus but not necessary. Duties include helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Dr. in Pagosa Springs.

FULL TIME- HANDY PERSON/ Repair Person. Please fill out application with Pagosa Cattle Company, 452 Pagosa Street, Ste. 2A, Pagosa Springs, (970)264-5000.

SERVERS, HOSTS AND BUSSERS! Make up to \$25/ hour with our shared tips! If you know hospitality and service, join the team at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. All Team Members share tips. Apply on FB, email info@pagosa-brewing.com, or in-person at 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Cheers!

DENTAL HYGIENIST: San Juan Dental is seeking a caring and compassionate dental hygienist to join our team. Please email resume to dreicmsmithdds@aol.com or stop by our wonderful office and meet the team, 308 Pagosa St. (970)264-9436.

CULTIVATION HELP: Pagosa Therapeutics is looking for entry-level help in our award winning cultivation. Grow helper: This is a full-time position. Responsibilities include cleaning, checking reservoirs, pruning plants, transplanting, etc. This is a physical job. You must be able to work on your feet all day, work on a ladder, and carry equipment up and downstairs. The ideal candidate will be willing to learn, pay attention to details, and have good problem-solving abilities. No experience needed. M-F 8:30a.m.-6p.m. with overtime available. Please email a copy of your resume to employment@jandjinc.net. A M.E.D. Badge is required.

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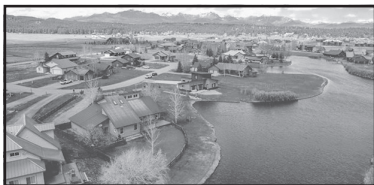


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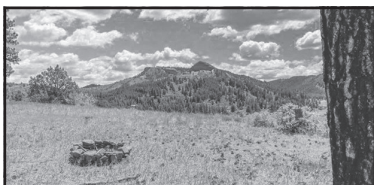
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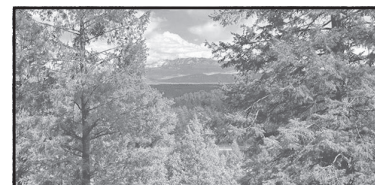
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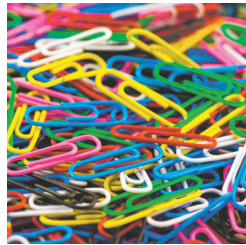
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District Priorities

- Provide a high-quality, well-rounded, safe and healthy educational experience to all students that is engaging, rigorous and real-world relevant.
- Build strong, healthy relationships with families and the community in order to build collective responsibility for the success of all students.
- Ensure that every classroom has a highly effective educator, supported by strong leadership and staff.
- Align resources to support our priorities and be fiscally responsible to ensure community trust.
- Plan systematically and strategically so that Archuleta School District continues to succeed and thrive into the future.

From the Office of the Superintendent

Dear Families and Community of the Archuleta School District,

I am so grateful for the opportunity to welcome you to the 2021-22 school year! After joining the Archuleta School District as superintendent and spending my first year in the community ensuring our students and staff were safe and helping our community navigate the pandemic, I got a very unique look at our staff, our families and our community. I am incredibly grateful for the support that our community gave us as we worked to develop learning models to support kids in safe and healthy ways. I am also looking forward to an awesome, amazing, normal school year.

Even with all the work the team and I had to do to ensure staff and students were safe, we still were able to accomplish a great deal. Our students attended school in person for over 60% of the school year. Student athletes were able to participate and compete successfully in four different sports seasons. Our students made it to the postseason in multiple sports and even won a state championship in wrestling. Staff pioneered new learning management platforms in order to provide families a consistent place to find calendars, assignments and resources. The Archuleta School District was also awarded over \$4.4 million in competitive grant funds to support 21st century teaching and learning, Career and Technical Education and post-pandemic needs of all our students. We were able to graduate one of the largest classes of students with 100 students crossing the stage this year. This included 16 graduates from San Juan Mountain School, our new alternative high school. Finally, we were able to launch our listening tour. We received feedback from over 600 students, staff and community members around what we believe the learning experience should and could be. We asked participants to share what they wanted our students to know and be able

to do in order to succeed and thrive. We also asked about what we do well and where we could improve. The input we received helped us to craft five district priorities that will become the backbone of our strategic plan. The priorities that will guide our district work include:

- Provide a high-quality, well-rounded, safe and healthy educational experience to all students that is engaging, rigorous and real-world relevant.
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This year, our leadership team will engage with school staff to develop goals around each of these priorities. District goals, school goals and leadership goals will all align with our vision, mission and the above priorities. We look forward to engaging with stakeholders throughout our community to share this work and help us guide our district over the next five years so that all of our students have the knowledge, skills and competencies they need to be successful citizens of the 21st century.

We look forward to partnering with you to ensure your children have an amazing year!

In gratitude,

Kym LeBlanc-Esparza

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Call for Nominations for School Directors

The Board of Education of Archuleta School District 50 JT calls for nominations of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

At this election three (3) directors will be elected representing the following director districts, Director District One (1), Director District Four (4) and Director District (5). Candidates must have been a registered elector of the Archuleta School District 50 Jt for at least 12 consecutive months before the election and a resident of the director district which will be represented. Legal descriptions of the Director Districts are available at www.mypagosaschools.com under the "School Board" tab, or by contacting the County Clerk's office. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be a candidate for school director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 50 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election.

Nomination petitions may be obtained at the Archuleta School District 50 Jt Administration Office, 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO. Office hours are 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

Completed petitions shall be submitted to Robyn Bennett, DEO, 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO, no later than 2:00 pm on August 27, 2021.

Meeting Schedule

Regular scheduled meetings start at 6 p.m.
Meetings will be held at
Pagosa Springs Middle School Library, 309 Lewis Street.

August 10, 2021
September 7, 2021
October 12, 2021
November 9, 2021
December 14, 2021
January 11, 2022
February 8, 2022
March 8, 2022
April 12, 2022
May 10, 2022
June 14, 2022

Agendas can be viewed at <https://go.boarddocs.com/co/asd.co>



From the Office of the Assistant Superintendent



Greetings returning and prospective ASD families. We are thrilled to be planning our 21-22 school year and we are happy to know that you are interested in being part of our learning community. On behalf of our district, I would like to extend a welcome and share that I am available for questions relating to enrollment and student services. ASD schools are open to all students who meet the age requirements (age 5 on or before September 15th). Students who live outside the school district boundaries may apply for admission before October 1. Any requests for admission after October 1 will require Superintendent or designee approval.

To complete enrollment, please gather the appropriate documents and know that schools will be reopened on August 16th, to receive your student's information and set appointments with school counselors when needed. Necessary documents may include:

- Enrollment packages, which may be located on our website, www.mypagosaschools.com -> resources for parents -> enrollment
- Proof of student's legal name and birthdate (birth certificate or other approved document)
- Immunization record (www.cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines.com)
- If student has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for special education services, a copy of the current/latest plan
- Name and address of student's previous school to request academic records
- If student is not living with both biological parents, a copy of legal paperwork (custody/guardianship) may be necessary
- A free or reduced lunch application

While ASD is required to collect documents that show age and other requirements, we do welcome students who have unusual circumstances, such as homeless and foster youth, immigrants, refugees, migrants, and students who are not U.S. citizens. Please contact me directly for assistance if enrolling a student for whom standard documentation is not readily available due to this type of situation as certification is needed. Know that the schools shall not make any distinction on the account of race, color, sex, religion, national background, marital status, disability or handicap of any student who may be in attendance or who seeks admission to any school maintained by the district in the determination or recommendation of action. More than anything the district is looking forward to an academic year where we can engage in learning activities that challenge and inspire students. Please let me know if there are questions or concerns as I am happy to help.. Y, además, soy hispanohablante y siempre me da gusto comunicar con las familias que preferían hablar en español.

Laura Mijares
 Laura Mijares
 Assistant Superintendent

Enrollment is OPEN

Archuleta School District welcomes your child(ren) for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. For more information or to enroll your child, contact your child's school or visit the District's website www.mypagosaschools.com to find enrollment forms. Forms can be returned to the school office.

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Careers that shape lives.

Join our team.

We invite you to explore career opportunities with a school system dedicated to providing the very best services to our students, our families, and our community. Job listings are published on the district website: mypagosaschools.com under job postings.

Bus drivers

Know that we are actively recruiting for bus drivers, with paid CDL training provided by our staff. Our transportation department is made up of a diverse group of passionate professionals, including community members, parents, and retirees. Whether you are interested in the flexible time off or the excellent paid benefits, there are opportunities for everyone. For example, if bus driving is not your thing, there are other opportunities within transportation, like bus assistant and non-CDL driver.

Substitutes and guest teachers

Lastly, we are always accepting applications for substitutes or guest teachers. Guest teaching can be a rewarding job, and often assists aspiring teachers in gaining the experience needed to lead their own classroom. It also provides a flexible job schedule where you determine the days you will work. When the regular teacher is absent, guest teachers play a significant role in maintaining a stable classroom.

Consider working for Archuleta School District as a wonderful way to be involved in the education of our terrific youth.

For more information contact:
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Archuleta School District Calendar 2021-2022

JULY 2021						
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- 4 Independence Day
- 5 District Closed

- 17 MLK Day- No school
- 21 End of Second Quarter
- 24 Professional Development- No students

JANUARY 2022						
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- 26- 27 New Teacher Orientation
- 30-31 Professional Development – No students

- 21 Presidents' Day – No School
- 28 Parent-Teacher Conferences (4:00-6:30 pm)

FEBRUARY 2022						
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SEPTEMBER 2021						
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- 1-2 Professional Development – No students
- 3 Professional Development – No Students
- 6 Labor Day – No School
- 7 First Day of School

- 1-2 Parent-Teacher Conferences (4:00-6:30 pm)
- 4 No School
- 21-25 Spring Break

MARCH 2022						
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- 11-13 Parent-Teacher Conferences (4:00-6:30 pm)
- 15 No School
- 28-29 Elementary PD – No School for Elementary Students

- 1 End of Third Quarter

APRIL 2022						
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- 5 End of First Quarter
- 22-26 Thanksgiving Vacation

- 2 Professional Development – No students
- 30 Memorial Day – No School

MAY 2022						
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- 20-31 Christmas Vacation

Color Code Key for Calendar:
 Green - Holidays/Vacations – No School
 Bright Pink– Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Light Pink – No School for Elementary Only
 Blue – End of Quarter
 Yellow – Professional Development Days – No School
 Gray - Student Days
 Peach = Graduation

- 3 End of Fourth Quarter/End of Year Graduation
- 4

JUNE 2022						
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Stay Connected

The Archuleta School District is committed to staying connected with you in many different ways as we navigate our year together.

Infinite Campus

Grades, attendance, and student information



Infinite Campus is used to communicate urgent messages and special events directly with you via email, text, and phone message. The Infinite Campus

Messenger sends alerts to your home phone, cell phone, or via text message. Choose the delivery option that works best for your family. Please contact the main office at your child's school to make sure that we have your current cell phone number, email, and emergency contact information for your child.

Schoology



Schoology is a 21st Century virtual learning environment to create, manage, and share academic content. The cloud-based learning management system (LMS) provides tools needed to manage an online classroom, supporting our

move into 21st century academic challenges.

Students can:

- take charge of many learning tasks
- be responsible during days of remote learning
- maintain in contact with school during remote learning days

Parents can:

- review assignments
- check grades
- create messages
- review upcoming goals for multiple students

Teachers can:

- contact students with homework
- post daily reminders or updates
- message students, manage the assignment calendar and put up new assignments

Mobile App

Archuleta School District is launching our new ASD mobile app to make home to school communications quick and easy.



School Websites

Keep track of changes and ongoing school and district wide information when you bookmark school and district websites. Find calendar of events, news, resources and important school information for parents and students on these websites:



Archuleta School District
mypagosaschools.com



Pagosa Springs Elementary School
elementary.mypagosaschools.com



Pagosa Springs Middle School
middle.mypagosaschools.com



Pagosa Springs High School
high.mypagosaschools.com



Pagosa Family School
family.mypagosaschools.com



San Juan Mountain School
sanjuanmountain.mypagosaschools.com

Social Media

Facebook, Instagram and now Twitter communicate up-to-date information, announce events, and share in celebrations.

Archuleta Schools Facebook Pages

Like and Follow district and school Facebook pages to stay connected to your student's school.



- Archuleta School District 50 JT
- Pagosa Springs High School
- Pagosa Springs Middle School
- Pagosa Springs Elementary School
- Pagosa Family School

Instagram



Pagosa Springs High School
@pagosaspringspirates

Twitter



Archuleta School District 50 JT
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Pagosa Athletics
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New Hires for the 2021-22 School Year

New hires as of July 2021

San Juan Mountain School

Jami Harms Language Arts Teacher

I am a proud Pagosa Springs High School graduate and have had the honor of working in the district for the last 8 years. I taught at the high school level for 2 years and have been a language arts teacher at Pagosa Springs Middle School for the past 6 years. I am beyond excited to take on this new challenge and can't wait for the opportunity to work one-on-one with this amazing population of students.



Myron Carr Counselor

My wife and I moved to Pagosa Springs in 2005. We were living in the mountains of North Carolina and I had just received a M.A. in College Student Development & Counseling at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. I worked six years as a Counselor with the Department of Human Services in Pagosa Springs, before joining the Middle School in September of 2011.

Pagosa Springs has become a very special place for us. We continue to enjoy the vast outdoor opportunities that we are exposed to daily as well as the great community and friends we have made. I feel fortunate to be able to raise our kids in an area like Pagosa and to work in the school district with so many amazing staff and students. I am very excited and looking forward to working with the staff and high school students of San Juan Mtn. School this upcoming year. My goal at San Juan Mtn. School is through empowerment and support, I will assist students in successfully navigating any existing barriers and uncertainty in order to realize their full potential.



Pagosa Springs Elementary School

Sally Geren Admin Assistant

Sally comes to Pagosa Springs from Bentonville, Arkansas. She grew up on a small farm appreciating the "bare" necessities of life – going bare foot and riding horses bare back! She worked in the Bentonville School District for 13 years. She enjoys working with children of all ages. Making a positive difference in the lives of others is her goal. This is one reason she authored and published a children's book to help children with fears of "fitting in" and building self-worth. Sally and her husband, Gene, have four daughters and three grandchildren. She loves spending time with family, hiking, kayaking and soaking up the beautiful views Pagosa offers! She joins Kendra as another warm and welcoming face of PSES!

Rachael Christiansen 3rd-Grade Teacher

Rachael Christiansen was born in Mesa, Arizona then moved to Portland, Oregon after graduating high school to escape the sunshine and the heat. After almost a decade of vitamin D deficiency, she decided to follow the sunshine and her parents to Durango, Colorado. After visiting Pagosa Springs in 2016 through the Boettcher Teacher Residency Program, she fell in love with the town and decided to do her residency at Pagosa Springs High School. She was fortunate enough that a position became available for the 2017-2018 school year.

Rachael has always loved the outdoors and enjoys running with her dog in town, hiking in the woods, four-wheeling in her Jeep, skiing in the mountains, soaking in the hot springs, and any other way to take advantage of the beautiful place we live in.

Rachael joins the third grade team to apply her amazing instructional talent.

Pam Monteferrante Title I Teacher

Mrs. Monteferrante (a.k.a. - Mrs. Monte) has been teaching at Pagosa Springs Middle School for sixteen years after moving from New York in 1999 (one week before 2000). She began her career with a strong desire to be a kindergarten teacher, but made it to middle school first. She coached track, swimming and volleyball. She is the

mother of Nikolas (medical school), Sierra (finding her niche in life), and Cameron (H.S. Senior and avid lacrosse player). She loves Pagosa Springs, but returns to New York every summer so she doesn't lose her N.Y. accent. She is joining PSES as an interventionist and will pour into the lives of our children all her wisdom and experience as a language arts teacher.

Rebecca Tenpenny Art Teacher

Rebecca was born and raised in Tennessee, but has called the Rocky Mountains home for six years. She is married with two dog children, Hank and Wayne. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 2008 from Biola University in Los Angeles, CA, specializing in darkroom photography. Rebecca also comes to PSES with a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction. "Learning new things and creating artwork is so exciting, and I love encouraging that same mindset in my students. I want them to know that my room is a safe place to explore, take risks, and learn through experimentation."

Her favorite thing about Colorado is the ability to enjoy so many outdoor hobbies such as snowboarding, running, rock climbing, hiking, backpacking, and paddleboarding.

Rebecca strives for a warm and inviting environment where students aren't afraid to take risks and make mistakes. "The goal is to learn as much as we can about ourselves and the world around us through the lens of art, whatever the medium."

Kara Assid Special Talents Teacher

Kara comes to PSES with a dedication to teaching and advocating for exceptional learners and their families. "I believe that abilities outweigh disabilities and that every person can learn." These main ideas drive her work as a special education teacher.

Her experiences and education include working one to one with people from birth through adult in schools and adult community day programs, two years of research through the national LEND program (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities), undergraduate work in local, state and federal governments, advocating for children at the state and local levels, chairing the SD Behavioral Health Advisory Council, earning a Masters in Special Education K-12 multi-categorical and an Early Childhood Special Educa-

tion endorsement. Her hobbies are research on educational interventions and disabilities, learning new languages (Spanish and ASL), providing respite care for children with disabilities, hiking and skiing with her husband, snowboarding, knitting, reading and playing tug-o'-war with her new puppy, Echo. Kara also raised three children as a supermom.

Kelly Vining Assistant Principal

Mrs. Vining spent six years in the U.S. Navy as a Chinese linguist and afterwards, she came to the classroom as a preschool and kindergarten teacher in Fort Collins, Colorado. Mrs. Vining moved to Pagosa Springs in 2014 and taught second grade at Pagosa Springs Elementary School before teaching first and second grade at Pagosa Valor Academy, where she had a more flexible schedule with her young children. Mrs. Vining and her husband, Brian, have five children, Lorelei (13), Ellie (10), Hennessey (4), Finnick (3), and Pepper (1). Mrs. Vining enjoys being with her family, watching the Colorado Avalanche, reading, continuing her education, and translating Chinese military encyclopedias into English! PSES is fortunate to have this well-rounded educator join us to assist Mr. Cowan in operating the best 9-month summer camp a student can attend.



Pagosa Springs Middle School

Ron Stevens 8th-Grade English Language Arts Teacher

Ron is a native Texan, but following high school he quickly moved on to the mountains of Colorado for the active outdoors lifestyle as well as his undergraduate studies at Colorado State University. Upon completion of graduate school at Gonzaga University in Washington State, he began his professional career in law. He also had the fortunate opportunity to live and work in Continental Europe as a legal recruiter and consultant for almost a decade, and more recently he has been teaching English as a foreign lan-



guage in various European and Asian countries. When Ron isn't teaching, he enjoys running, reading, listening to music, spending time with family and friends, learning, and embarking on new travels and cultural experiences.

Carol Holleran 6th Science

Mrs. Holleran was born in Phoenix, Arizona. Following high school graduation, she began studying Agri-business. Realizing that her first love was working with children, she switched her major to elementary education. She has been teaching since 1991 and loving every minute of it! Living in a rural farming community, she and her family were involved in 4-H and raising livestock (goats, chickens, turkeys, lambs, calves, and horses). She and her husband moved to Pagosa Springs in 2020. In addition to her passion for teaching, Mrs. Holleran enjoys spending time with her family, crafting, camping, fishing, kayaking, and ATVing.

McKayla Miller 6th ELA

Our newest 6th grade English Language Arts teacher is McKayla Miller. As a Pagosa Native, she is excited to be teaching 6th grade language arts at Pagosa Springs Middle School. She has dreamed of becoming a teacher since first grade; and now has the opportunity to come back and start her teaching career at the Middle school that helped shape who she is today. As a graduate from Fort Lewis College, she is honored to teach with an emphasis in cultural awareness and admiration. She is thrilled to venture through the art of reading and writing with the students who enter her classroom!



Natalie Baca 7/8 Counselor

Natalie says "I love Pagosa! I had the amazing experience of being a Pagosa Pirate in middle school and high school, and I am very fortunate to give back to a community that has given so much to me! I know what it is like to grow up in Pagosa Springs. I have spent the previous 6 years working as an ELA teacher, and I am excited to start my career as a 7th and 8th-grade school counselor. In my free time, I love most things outside,



reading, and playing games. I also love spending time with my husband and dog, Teddy Rose. I have so many ideas for this position, and I am excited to implement them next year!"

Pagosa Springs High School

Kelly Lewis High School Art

Kelly Lewis is an artist who has worked as a production printmaker, art director, painting instructor, NYC tour guide, and photographer and is the former art teacher for the elementary school. She moved to Pagosa from Austin, Texas and loves to spend her time mountain biking, snowboarding, creating art, and hanging out with her husband, son, and dog.

She teaches passionately about creativity, craftsmanship, risk-taking, and persisting through art using a TAB art curriculum. She attended Baylor University for her BFA in Printmaking and holds a Master of Arts in Teaching Degree from Liberty University.



Chris Walker High School Math

I was raised in the suburbs of Chicago where I enjoyed playing hockey and lacrosse, but moved to Colorado shortly after finishing high school. I enjoyed teaching ski lessons and swim lessons for the first few years in Colorado, but I soon finished my undergraduate degree in Physics at the University of Northern Colorado. I then pursued my teaching license in a Masters in Education program through Colorado State University. I completed my student teaching in Commerce City, just outside of Denver and received my first teaching position in Parachute, Colorado, teaching Math and Science to 7th and 8th graders. I moved down here to Pagosa at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year with my wife and two lovely children (1 & 3 years old). We have enjoyed the close access to our favorite outdoor activities like skiing, biking, rafting and hiking. We recently adopted a dog from the humane society named 'Copper', and he is proving to be a very good boy. I am thoroughly inspired by everything to do with math and science, so I apologize for 'nerding out' on you, and I look forward to sharing my love of math with you!

Chantelle Jordan Assistant Principal and Athletic Director



Mrs. Jordan began her career in education by teaching 5th grade at Pagosa Springs Intermediate School for 10 years. She then served as a district GT coordinator, an elementary school assistant principal, and an elementary school principal. Her love of learning and supporting others in their learning adventures all started as a ranch kid in Eastern Oregon where she attended public school and participated in athletics, 4-H, and FFA. Mrs. Jordan has an undergraduate degree in nutrition and food management and a masters in curriculum/instruction/Ed leadership. She is passionate about supporting teachers to ultimately help all students get what they need. Mrs. Jordan lives near Pagosa Springs with her husband, Joe, and two sons, Nolan and Rhead. She is an outdoor enthusiast and an avid triathlete. When Mrs. Jordan is not at school, you will likely find her running or biking on a nearby trail.

Archuleta School District

Ricardo Esparza Project Aware Grant Manager



Ricardo was born and raised in south central Washington State. His parents were migrant farmworkers who strongly encouraged him to value the power of education. He graduated from Grandview High School and attended Central Washington University where he earned his bachelor's, master's, and administrative credentials. Ricardo has over 30 years of experience serving as an educator at the elementary and high school levels.

Ricardo served as the principal of Granger High School from 1999-2008. Granger High School in 2004 and 2006 was selected as the model high school for Washington State because of its improvements in academic achievement and parental involvement. In 2007 and 2008, Granger High School was also selected as one of 25 high schools to present at the Breaking Ranks National High School Showcase Conference. A strong partnership involving parents, staff, and community helped Granger High

School students reach their academic and social potential. He has a strong belief that all children can learn regardless of their economic or ethnic background.

Joshua Sanchez Career and Technical Education (CTE)/ Maintenance Director



Mr. Sanchez moved to Pagosa Springs when he was in the 6th grade. Mr. Sanchez graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 1994. The summer of 1994, he and his now wife, Nicole, moved to Greeley, CO to attend the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) to pursue a teaching degree. That same year, Mr. Sanchez and Nicole welcomed their first child, Colten. In December of 1998, Mr. Sanchez graduated from UNC with a BA in Mathematics. Just a few short months later, he and Nicole welcomed their second child, Breanna.

Mr. Sanchez began his educator career at St. Michael's High School in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He taught there for the 1999-2000 school years teaching pre-Algebra, Algebra, and Geometry. It was an amazing experience. At the end of the school year, he and Nicole decided to move to Seattle, WA.

In the fall of 2000, Mr. Sanchez began teaching 7th grade math at Timbercrest Junior High in Woodinville, WA. Mr. Sanchez had the opportunity to teach at an outstanding school for four years. There, he also coached football, basketball, and baseball. In 2004, he completed his Masters degree in Education Leadership. Mr. Sanchez became an Assistant Principal at Leota Junior High in Woodinville, WA. He was at Leota for four years. In 2008, he became the principal at Northshore Junior High in Bothell, WA. In 2015, Mr. Sanchez transferred to Kenmore Junior High and was principal there for two years.

In 2017, Breanna graduated from high school and moved to California. With their son also in California, Mr. Sanchez and Nicole decided it was time to come home and move back to Pagosa Springs. In the fall of 2017, both returned home to Pagosa Springs and are excited to be a part of the community again. Mr. Sanchez taught two years of 7th Grade math at Pagosa Springs Middle School (2018-2020) and was the Assistant Principal at Pagosa Springs Middle School for one year (2020-2021).

GO PIRATES!!

Student Support Services

Whole Child Supports

Archuleta School District is focusing attention around whole child supports because we know it will improve academic outcomes and is critical to achieving our vision that every child succeeds. We provide environments where students are healthy, supported, engaged, challenged, safe and socially and emotionally intelligent.

Our elementary and middle schools receive federal dollars that support the identification of students' learning gaps and the acceleration of learning.

Special Education

ASD strives to ensure that all students with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education. We work hand in hand with the San Juan Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to provide individualized evaluations, special education instruction and related services designed to meet students' unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living.

Language and Cultural Equity

ASD is dedicated to engage, equip and empower English language learners/multilingual learners with the English language skills and cultural understanding they need to succeed academically as established by national and state standards for English language acquisition. Our ELL specialist serves English language learners/multilingual learners whose native or dominant language is not English. The district offers a K-12 program supporting the development of listening, reading, speaking and writing skills aligned to grade-level

content instruction and language proficiency levels as measured by World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Consortium's assessment system.

Gifted & Talented

All gifted students in ASD are identified by their strength areas and needs. Educational programming is designed and implemented to match their identified needs. Student progress and achievement are monitored through standards based advanced learning plans. At different grade levels, coordinators of gifted students participate in professional development to increase knowledge, skills and understanding of gifted students and required instruction.

Transition Services

Post high school programs serve students who have completed the high school portion of their program of study, yet continue to have transition needs in the areas of employment, post-secondary education/training, independent living and community connections. Ms. Cyndi Figaro leads our transition program and offers concrete training at Mojo's coffee shop (Pagosa Springs High School). In addition, with the support of Aspen House, Ms. Figaro is able to offer transition experience through Froyo's Frozen Yogurt Shop and through a computer-recycling program.

Career and Technical Education Pathways

We are excited that we have the opportunity to offer students courses that will help prepare them for post-secondary education and the workforce, all while pursuing a high school diploma. Pathways students follow a curriculum that includes the following: rigorous academic coursework as well as career oriented courses, participating in project based learning activities, and research-oriented community projects. This academic structure provides students the opportunity to increase the depth and rigor of their education while giving them the freedom and flexibility to select which Pathways they choose to experience.

Currently, our CTE program consists of five main Pathways:

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Building Trades
- Business
- Computer Science
- Health Science

We have dedicated educators that have worked or are working within each of the industries. They have a passion for wanting to see students have these experiences that will help prepare them for life after high school. Together, we are building a vision to create CTE Pathways that allow students to earn specialized certification, endorsements, and significant progress towards an Associates Degree in a career field. Additionally, we provide students the opportunity to participate in a community-based learning internship in their chosen career path. We hope students will take advantage of the Pathways offerings

as we believe it can truly help prepare them with the 21st Century skills they can use immediately after high school. The Pathways approach has taken root in an estimated 8,000 high schools across the country and we hope to offer a full spectrum of career options in the years to come.

We have begun working with community leaders and partners to help our vision come to fruition. Build Pagosa has been a true partner in supporting the Archuleta School District towards the development of building trades pathways. This past school year, Build Pagosa and the Building Trades Pathway were able to help raise over \$40,000 in the 3rd Annual Charity Auction. This illustrates the overwhelming support of our Pagosa Springs Community. Both the Archuleta School District and Build Pagosa have the vision of a state-of-the-art Building Trades facility to expand our programs.

We look forward to the future and what we can offer students for the years to come.

Go Pirates!



Joshua Sanchez
Joshua Sanchez
CTE Coordinator

What is CTE?

CTE means...

Career & Technical Education

Today's CTE is cutting-edge, rigorous & relevant. It prepares youth & adults for a wide range of high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers.



WHAT IS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION? Let's break it down...

- ◆ Integrates with academics in a rigorous and relevant curriculum.
- ◆ Features high school & postsecondary partnerships, enabling clear pathways to certifications & degrees.
- ◆ Prepares students to be college- and career-ready by providing core academic skills, employability skills, and technical job-specific skills.
- ◆ Educates students for a range of career options through 16 Career Clusters and 79+ pathways.
- ◆ Fulfills employer needs that are high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand.
- ◆ Includes high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges, 4-year universities, and more.
- ◆ 92% of high school students are part of CTE, plus millions of postsecondary students

– ACTEonline.org

8 years after their expected graduation date, students who focused on CTE courses while in high school had higher median annual earnings than students who did not focus on CTE.

–US Dept. of Education

CTE OPTIONS @ PSHS:

AGRICULTURE, FOOD & NATURAL RESOURCES

- ⇒ Intro to Outdoor Careers
- ⇒ Animal & Vet Science
- ⇒ Ag Mechanics

BUILDING TRADES

- ⇒ Technical Drawing
- ⇒ Woodworking
- ⇒ Building Trades I, II, & III

BUSINESS

- ⇒ Microsoft Office & Google Suite
- ⇒ Intro to Business
- ⇒ Hospitality & Tourism

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- ⇒ Computer Science Principles
- ⇒ 3D Game Design

CULINARY ARTS

- ⇒ Food 411 / Catering

HEALTH

- ⇒ Intro to Healthcare
- ⇒ Medical Terminology
- ⇒ Physiology**

**Possibly offered 21-22



MORE CLASS OPTIONS COMING SOON...

Preparing Students for the 21st Century

What is the difference between Informational Technology (IT) and Educational Technology (ET)?

You and your students have used a lot of technology over the last year and a half, but do you know what is behind the setup and upkeep of your student's device and all those programs/platforms they use for learning? There are two departments at ASD that are very instrumental in keeping these essential items up and running. So what is the difference between these departments?

Informational Technology, or IT, is the setup and upkeep of all the devices that are used by everyone in the district. That's a lot of devices to take care of! It also includes making sure that the internet is installed and working properly, as well as making sure our keys work to get into the buildings.

Educational Technology, or ET, includes the enrollment of students, teachers and other staff members in the teaching and learning platforms we use (think Happy Numbers, Starfall, Schoology, etc.), teaching all of them how to use those platforms, as well as helping teachers to incorporate the classroom technology (Promethean panels, document cameras, chromebooks, and platforms) into their lessons.

Meet the Staff:

Michael Fuchs is an integral part of the IT department. He just completed his first year with the district and he is quite the techno-wizard! His duties include:

- Setting up all new student and teacher chromebooks that are purchased.
- Troubleshooting and fixing any that are not working properly. He replaces screens and keyboards as well.
- Troubleshooting internet issues.
- Setting up computers and cameras that are used at sporting events or other extracurricular activities.
- Providing technical support for many other types of issues.
- Planning for replacement of out-of-date technology.
- Inventorying district devices.

Melanie Cowan is the head, and sole member of the ET department. She just completed her 20th year in the district and loves helping students and teachers use their technology in fun and exciting ways! Her duties include:

- Setting up all new teaching devices, such as Promethean panels, document cameras, projectors, etc.
- Training teachers and other staff to use their classroom technology, to include the programs and platforms they use with their students.
- Planning for replacement of out-of-date classroom technology.
- Inventorying district classroom technology.
- Learning about new, cool technology and how to use them in the classroom.



Jesse Morehouse
IT Director

Archuleta School District is committed to adequately preparing all students with the essential 21st century knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in life, career and citizenship.

21st Century Skills:

- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Citizenship



1-1 Device Initiative to Start School Year 2021-2022

Starting with the 2021-2022 school year, Archuleta School District will begin phasing in their 1-1 Device Initiative. Each year, the initiative will provide the upcoming 5th graders and Freshmen with a Chromebook they are issued and use the 4 years they are at the middle school and high school respectively and then are allowed to keep as they exit that school.



Welcome to your school.

Care Reigns Here. This motto encapsulates everything I know about our staff as people, as teachers, as professionals. With that idea in mind, we're always mindful about how to connect with each child here and purposefully build relationships with each and every one that first month. Through our Morning Meeting and Advisory Period, each student is well-known by a specific teacher that advises, mentors, and builds character through teamwork activities. These activities are created by our school counselors and taught by our teachers. We teach a goals-setting paradigm in our mentoring program. We are ever-mindful that relationships, a sense of belonging, and CARE is our starting point with our students.

PSES incorporates components of STREAM (science, technology, recess, engineering, arts, math) in a culture of growth mindset. We value every aspect of the STREAM concept and, as such, we embed classes and activities into our master schedule to ensure high levels of learning in these areas. Additionally, we operate a Response to Intervention Model--we have WIN (What I Need) clubs in math and reading to fill gaps in every student's education.

As the school's instructional leader, I work with staff to increase the academic growth and personal growth of our students. We work as collaborative teams to implement specific professional development on Hattie's and Marzano's Best Practices. We are a school on the rise and after implementing a 3-year institutional plan in 2015, attained the

"performance" rating from our state--the highest a school can be rated, in only the second year of implementation. Our growth now exceeds the state's growth cutoffs. I am incredibly proud of our kids for reaching deep down, persevering and taking on the challenges the PSES staff put before them. Additionally, I am very proud of the staff for implementing the initiatives that ensure our kids learn at high levels and result in this astounding improvement.

We are a Healthy Schools Champion (4 years running!) in our great state and want to continue driving to win that award again. To that end, we value physical activity and a healthy lifestyle and our schedule reflects that. Co-curriculars include PE, Health, Rec, Fitness, Spanish, STEM, Art, and Music. Each grade level also has adventure-learning and service-learning components to look forward to as students advance.

I am excited to walk this journey in which we form new relationships and I'm grateful for the opportunity we have to educate your children together.

Best to all of you this school year.

Justin S. Cowan

Justin S. Cowan
Principal

"There is nothing in this world that compares to education's ability to unlock the enormous potential in every human being. Education reaches out its hand; a person just needs to grasp the opportunity it offers."

--J. Cowan

Kindergarten

7:45-8:10	Morning Mtg
8:10-8:40	Math
8:40-9:00	WIN Literacy
9:00-9:35	Recess
9:35-10:05	Open Court ELA
10:05-10:45	WIN Math
10:45-11:10	Lunch
11:10-11:30	Recess
11:30-12:30	Enrichment/Centers
12:30-1:30	Open Court ELA
1:30-1:45	Recess
1:45-3:10	Specials
3:10-3:15	Wrap Up/Board Buses

Class Schedules

First Grade

7:45-8:10	Morning Mtg
8:10-8:40	WIN Literacy
8:40-9:40	Open Court ELA
9:40-10:00	Recess
10:00-10:30	Open Court ELA
10:30-11:10	Science/SS
11:10-11:30	Lunch
11:30-11:50	Recess
11:50-12:50	Math
12:50-1:20	WIN Math
1:20-1:45	Recess
1:45-3:18	Specials
3:18-3:20	Announcements
3:20-3:30	Board Buses

Third Grade

7:45-8:10	Morning Mtg
8:10-9:10	Math
9:10-9:40	WIN Math
9:40-11:10	Specials
11:10-11:40	WIN Literacy
11:40-12:00	Lunch
12:00-12:20	Recess
12:20-1:50	Benchmark ELA
1:50-2:10	Recess
2:10-3:18	SS/Science/Tech
3:18-3:20	Announcements
3:20-3:30	Board Buses

Fourth Grade

7:45-8:10	Morning Mtg
8:10-9:40	Specials
9:40-11:10	Math
11:10-11:40	WIN Math
11:40-12:00	Recess
12:00-12:20	Lunch
12:20-1:50	Benchmark ELA
1:50-2:20	WIN Literacy
2:20-2:40	Recess
2:40-3:18	SS/Science/Tech
3:18-3:20	Announcements
3:20-3:30	Board Buses

Second Grade

7:45-8:10	Morning Mtg
8:10-9:10	Open Court ELA
9:10-9:30	Recess
9:30-10:00	WIN Literacy
10:00-11:10	Math
11:10-11:30	Lunch
11:30-11:50	Recess
11:50-1:20	Specials
1:20-1:50	Math
1:50-2:20	Open Court ELA
2:20-3:18	SS/Science/Tech
3:18-3:20	Announcements
3:20-3:30	Board Buses



Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I am truly privileged to work alongside Mr. Cowan and the rest of our staff as the Assistant Principal at Pagosa Springs Elementary School. At Pagosa Springs Elementary School, we always put kids first! Care Reigns Here! My belief is that all students can learn. As educators, we continue to discover how each child learns in order to differentiate our instruction to support diverse learning styles. In a collaborative effort, we want children to thrive in all ways possible. My hope is that all children will love school. Our teachers nurture a learning environment that is positive, safe, warm, caring, as well as a fun place to learn and grow.

I am a firm believer in a strong home-school connection, and by working together, we will continue providing our students with a truly enriching school experience. Our teachers understand that part of our students' success relies heavily on support offered both at school and at home and we realize that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. I am certain that our common responsibility for our students will provide fruitful outcomes as the year progresses, no matter the challenges. We are always open to finding ways to continue to involve parents and guardians to help create engaging learning environments that will promote success in our children. Thank you for your support as we work together as a school community inspiring our children to strive for and achieve their goals.

Here is to another great school year!

Kelly Vining

Kelly Vining
Assistant Principal, PSES

**Building relationships, engaging learners,
pushing boundaries, and creating paths along
the learning journey.**





2021-2022 School Supply Lists

Pagosa Springs Elementary School

Kindergarten

- (4) Boxes of 24-count Crayola crayons
- (12) #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga yellow or Dixon)
- (2) Pink Pearl Erasers
- (6) Elmer's Glue Sticks
- (1) Elmer's Glue
- (1) Box Mr. Sketch Markers (12 count)
- (1) 9 x 12 Folder
- (2) Boxes of Kleenex
- (1) Box of Ziploc
(Girls: gallon-size Boys: quart size)
- Backpack big enough to hold a 9 x 12 folder
- *** Refillable water bottle***

First Grade

- (2) 24-count Crayola crayons
- (2) Pkg. 4-count black dry erase markers (EXPO brand)
- (1) Box of Kleenex - the softer the better
- (1) Large backpack clearly labeled with child's name
- (1) 8 x 5 in. plastic supply box - can be found at the dollar store
- (1 pkg.) Large pink erasers
- (4) Glue Sticks
- Boys- 1 box of gallon ziploc bags
- Girls- 1 box of quart OR sandwich ziploc bags
- Headphones or Earbuds (can be found at the dollar store)
- *** Refillable water bottle ***

Second Grade

- (24) Dixon or Ticonderoga pencils
- (1) Wide-ruled composition notebook
- (4) Wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- (4) Mead plastic pocket folders
- (2) Large containers of disinfecting wipes
- (2) Glue sticks
- (1) Box Crayola colored pencils
- (1) Box Crayola markers
- (1) Box of 24 Crayola crayons
- (2) Sharpie permanent markers
- (2) Boxes Kleenex
- (1) Pair of earbuds not headphones
- (2) Packs of baby wipes or disinfectant wipes - Must be BLEACH FREE
- (2) Large pink erasers
- (1) Pack of pencil top erasers
- Girls 1 box of quart size & 1 snack size Ziploc bags
- Boys 1 box of gallon size & 1 sandwich size Ziploc bags
- *** Refillable water bottle***

Third Grade

- (4) Heavy duty hard plastic pocket folders
- (1) Pack of 12 markers
- (1) Box of 24 Crayola Crayons
- (1) Box of colored pencils
- (1) Personal pencil sharpener
- (2) Dozen Ticonderoga pencils
- (4) Glue sticks
- (4) Wide Ruled Spiral notebooks
- (2) Boxes of Kleenex
- (1) Pair of earbuds/headphones for Chromebook

- (1) Pack of 4 black dry erase markers
- (2) Pink Pearl erasers
- (1) Pack Ziploc bags - sandwich size boys/quart size girls
- (1) Scissors
- (1) Pencil pouch/box for personal supplies
- *** Refillable water bottle***

Fourth Grade

- (1) Pair of earbuds or headphones to connect to Chromebook
- (3) Single subject spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
- (1) Composition notebook
- (1) 1-inch binder
- (1) Dividers (pack of 5)
- (5) Pocket folders
- (3) Dozen #2 pencils
- (1) Box colored pencils
- (2) Expo dry erase markers
- (2) Sharpies
- (1) Highlighter
- (1) Box markers
- (1) Small pencil sharpener with lid
- (2) Large boxes of Kleenex
- (1) Disinfectant wipes - Must be BLEACH FREE
- Pencil bag
- Girls: (1) box of quart size Ziploc bags
- Boys: (1) box of gallon size Ziploc bags
- *** Refillable water bottle***



Dear Pagosa Springs Middle School Families,

I want to warmly welcome students and parents back to school. It is with great excitement that we approach returning to a more normal school year after navigating all the challenges last year. We want to return to that strong, well-rounded educational programming that we are known for. We've already begun making fall adventure learning plans to Ghost Ranch in New Mexico for 5th grade, the Great Sand Dunes for 6th grade and Arches National Monument in Utah for 8th grade. We plan to offer your child an educational experience that is like none other.

We will be operating in a modified block schedule with longer class periods to enable our teachers to develop learning activities that will take students deep into projects, outdoor learning experiences, science labs, and learning activities that have a strong purpose, relevance, and student agency. We want to create lessons that foster and embed the following essential skills: problem solving, critical analysis, communication, collaboration, citizenship and character. Our students will set personalized learning goals, manage their progress, evaluate their work, and showcase it to the public. The result will be deep, retained knowledge where

students develop real mastery and can apply their thinking, ask thoughtful questions and teach others. These are Ted Dintersmith's PEAK principles of education, and they align with the core educational values that we are striving to implement this school year at Pagosa Springs Middle School.

I am confident that after this school year both students and parents will say, "That was the best school year ever!" We have a talented group of educators that strive to be the best, to improve their craft, and how they teach children. We start by building a strong rapport with students and families. We bolster this relationship through our dynamic advisory program where we actively coach children through the middle years. Please join us in creating the most incredible school year ever. We look forward to partnering with you and the amazing Pagosa community to develop an educational experience that empowers our students to navigate the future. Go Pirates!

Sincerely,

Chris Hinger

Chris Hinger

Empowering students to navigate the future through learning and problem-solving.

Whole Child Educational Focus

Pagosa Springs Middle School takes great pride in offering a dynamic, well-rounded educational experience for all our students. This whole-child educational approach ensures that our students grow and develop academically, physically, and socially/emotionally. Our mission is to empower students to navigate the future through learning and problem-solving.

Our highly trained and caring staff engage students in relevant and dynamic ways to meet and exceed the Colorado Academic Standards. We embrace our community values and spectacular location in our academic pursuits and often venture outside the classroom to learn and explore. We operate in a modified block schedule with longer class periods to enable our teachers to develop learning activities that will take students deep into projects, outdoor learning experiences, science labs and learning activities that have a strong purpose, relevance, and student agency. We want to create lessons that foster and embed the following essential skills: problem-solving, critical analysis, communication, collaboration, citizenship, and character. Our students will set personalized learning goals, manage their progress, evaluate their work, and showcase it to the public. The result will be deep, retained knowledge where students develop real mastery and can apply their thinking, ask thoughtful questions and teach others. These are Ted Dintersmith's PEAK principles of education, and they align with the core educational values that we are striving to implement this school year at Pagosa Springs Middle School.

Fitness/Health & Adventure Learning

In addition to our strong academic program, student health and wellness is a top priority at Pagosa Springs Middle School. As a three-time Healthy School Champion and Governor's Award Winner, we have been recognized for our well-developed, systemic approach to embedding best practices at all grade levels. All our students have the opportunity to participate in daily health and physical fitness classes and have many opportunities to learn life-long fitness activities.

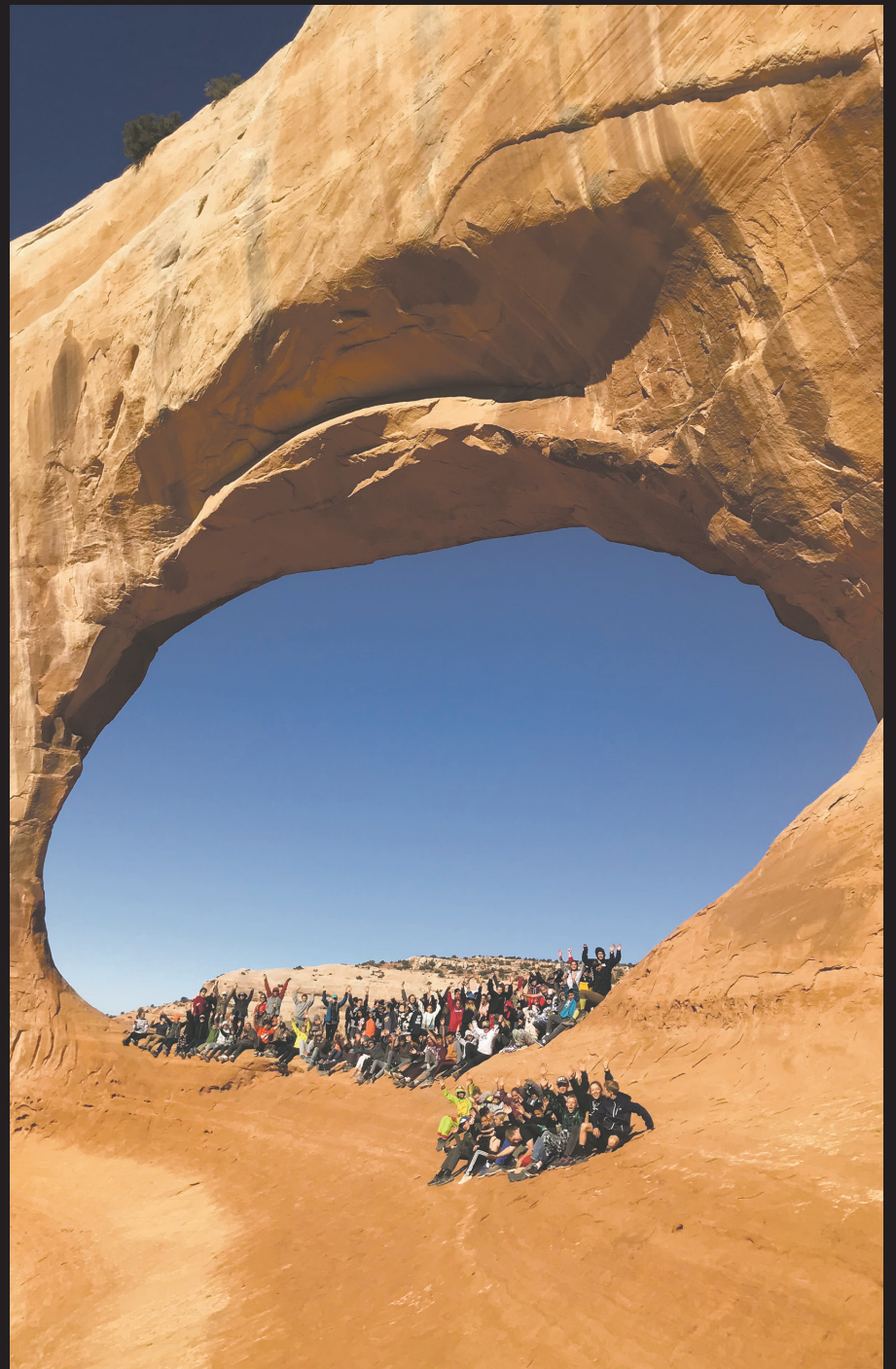
Also, we've created adventure learning opportunities in all grades to bolster fitness and learning as well. Some highlights include our overnight trip to the Great Sand Dunes National Monument (6th), the Bandelier National Monument Trip (7th) and the Arches National Monument Trip (8th). All students have the opportunity to participate in the Wolf Creek Ski Program and learn to ski or snowboard as well.

Positive School Culture

Finally, our middle school develops a strong positive school culture through a daily advisory program—Pirate Time. Through this program, staff and students build a strong rapport and purposefully make those human connections that provide the foundation for our educational program. We strategically utilize a Positive Behavior Intervention & Support model to create the kind of school that kids want to attend, enjoy, and thrive in.

Adventure Learning

Over the past few years, we have worked hard to expand and refine our adventure-based learning trips. Dreams have become reality with the hard work and dedication of our staff and the support of our community. Our school embraces experiential learning and capitalizes on our amazing location to enhance learning opportunities for our students. We believe the outcomes to these learning experiences include: enhanced motivation, real-world learning opportunities and stronger rapport between staff and students. Students have the opportunity to explore locations in northern New Mexico, Utah and Colorado during their middle school years. Each of these trips purposefully incorporates high-level academic



Pagosa Springs Middle School

learning before, during and after the students return.

Fifth-grade students take three-day trips that include: a new fall trip to Ghost Ranch in northern New Mexico, a soil and water conservation trip to the local Rafter T Ranch and a snow science day on Reservoir Hill. Teachers incorporate strong academic lessons that accompany these experiential learning opportunities, capitalizing on the high level of student engagement and motivation.

Sixth-grade students experience their first overnight adventure when they travel to the Great Sand Dune National Park near Alamosa, Colorado. Students summit the High Dune and rotate through various stations studying the dynamic dune environment and ecology of this spectacular national treasure.

Seventh-grade students culminate an integrated unit of study in the spring and explore Bandelier National Monument and Los Alamos, New Mexico. The class spends three days and two nights on this expedition. Students learn about the amazing geological history surrounding this area and visit to the impressive Valles Caldera. They learn how native people used their knowledge of geology to survive. They study the changes that have taken place in Northern New Mexico from the ancestral Puebloan culture to the important role this scientific community played in the outcome of WWII. Students read *The Gadget* in preparation for the visit. Every academic subject is devoted to this unit of study including our physical education classes preparing for the hikes, mountain biking, disc golfing and swimming.

Eighth-grade students go on the longest adventure spending four days and three nights exploring and studying Arches National Park near Moab, Utah. Students hike to various arches and study the climate differences between Moab and Pagosa Springs. This learning culminates in a scientific paper upon return. Students also enjoy kayaking, paddle boarding, mountain biking, rock climbing and hiking the Fiery Furnace or Fisher Towers.

Advisory Program Overview

All staff purposefully develop a strong, positive school culture through a daily advisory program called Pirate Time. This class meets Monday through Thursday for approximately thirty minutes. Through this program, staff and students build strong rapport and make those human connections that provide the foundation for our educational program. Students engage in team building, fun activities, social-emotional learning (SEL) activities and form strong character traits. We utilize the Second Step advisory curriculum for social-emotional learning once per week with a monthly topic of focus for each grade level. Our counselors lead our advisory program and work with grade-level teams to develop weekly agendas that are posted in the classes. Our teachers use cognitive coaching strategies to assist students in developing a growth mindset, ownership of their education and overall growth. Additionally, teachers facilitate service-learning projects, work to connect their students with the community, and the future. Advisory teachers are responsible for parent-teacher conferences and will closely communicate with parents as they coach their students through the middle years.

We strategically embed the five elements of the Developmental Relation-

ships Framework as outlined by the Search Institute - express care, challenge growth, provide support, share power and expand possibilities. We also utilize the Developmental Asset Survey developed by the Search Institute every other year to monitor how our staff relates to our students. The purpose of running an advisory program at Pagosa Springs Middle School are as follows:

- To provide an organizational structure in which one small group of students identifies with and belongs to one educator, who nurtures, advocates, mentors, communicates, and shepherds through school the individuals in that group.
- To foster rapport, trust, friendship and team building within the group.
- To make it possible for students to belong, meet their need to affiliate with a group, and make caring manageable for a teacher, enabling the teacher to express concern in a personally satisfying way to a small number of individuals and parents.
- To create team-building events together throughout the year to provide common opportunities and experiences to get to know each other in a deep, meaningful way.
- To provide a specific time during the school day to teach lessons that focus on the social/emotional development of middle school students.
- To provide structured time when items of importance, sometimes unexpected, can be discussed thoroughly by small groups with a higher level of trust and concern than is found in the regular classroom.
- To facilitate regular monthly meetings where teachers will coach and monitor the progress of each advisee – academic growth, social-emotional growth, and attendance.
- To foster and facilitate formal and informal communication between parents and the school, including conducting parent-teacher conferences.
- To organize and facilitate numerous service-learning opportunities throughout the school year as well as make connections with the community.

Nurturing a Teacher Advisory Program by Claire Cole





Dear Pagosa Springs High School Families,

It is with great pleasure and anticipation we welcome students and parents back to school this year. The staff at Pagosa Springs High School is looking forward to getting back to a more normal school year. Unfortunately we were not able to do so many of the things that make the high school experience special last year. We are ready to bring back the culture building and fun activities that help each student feel connected to school.

This spring, we rolled up our sleeves and began to define how the learning experience could look different for the students at PSHS. This year, we are committed to finding opportunities in all of our classes to create more real-world, relevant learning activities. That, paired with best instructional practices, will help us to work towards our mission of preparing for success by continuously improving.

We have also been working to expand and strengthen our CTE opportunities for our

students. We are excited to be adding a Game Design class to our computer science pathway. Also, we are ready to begin utilizing the newly built grow dome to offer an expanded horticulture/plant science program. These new offerings, along with the other Career and Technical Education offerings at PSHS, are examples of our commitment to helping each and every student make progress towards their postsecondary goals.

We look forward to strengthening our partnership with you throughout this school year to help your student become successful and work towards determining a plan for their next step after graduation.

With warmest regards,

Sean O'Donnell

Sean O'Donnell
Principal
Go Pirates!!

Mission : Preparing for Success by Continuously Improving

Vision: Preparing all of our students to succeed after high school in the college or career pathway they choose by building community, inspiring contribution, challenging to grow, and embracing diversity.



Advanced Programs



Advanced Placement (AP) Program

The AP program is designed to help students who want a stronger academic challenge within our core curriculum classes. Students will make a choice as to whether they will choose AP courses during spring registration. AP courses are challenging and a contract signed by both the student and parent/guardian will be required before students will be registered for the class. Students should expect to complete reading and/or writing over the summer, as well as an increased workload during the school year. AP courses will be designated as such on the transcript and use a weighted 5.0 GPA scale. Both weighted and unweighted GPAs will be listed on students' transcripts.

Concurrent Enrollment

Concurrent enrollment partnerships provide high school students the opportunity to take college credit-bearing courses. We have several classes that provide concurrent enrollment opportunities in math, English, and art departments. You register in your classroom at the beginning of the semester.

Gifted Education

The secondary gifted program seeks to develop an understanding of rigor and depth in self-directed academic endeavors. Participating students will complete one original, long-term project per year. Students will begin developing their Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) with the Gifted Coordinator the first 30 days of a school year and set an initial goal regarding a project. A student will choose this project based on his/her own interests and it should address topics that are

outside or beyond the curriculum. Periodically there will be group meetings of students (monthly for middle school students, quarterly for high school students). During the group meetings, students will discuss and troubleshoot their projects with other students. Also, the Gifted Coordinator and students will create a rubric for the development and evaluation of each project. Rubrics will cover such elements as timelines for original research, development of ideas, presentation, oral practice, audio-visual components, etc. Students will be instructed in Bloom's Taxonomy to help develop expectations of academic rigor. The last group meeting of the school year will be used for project presentations.

Students will not receive school credit or a grade on their transcripts for participating. However, completed projects may be included in the middle school resume, college applications, or Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP). Students may receive credit on extended classroom assignments as teachers see fit.

PSHS Class Schedule

M-Th		Friday	
1	8:15-9:45	1	8:15-9:25
2	9:50-11:20	2	9:30-10:40
Adv	11:25-12:05	3	10:45-11:55
Lunch	12:05-12:35	Lunch	11:55-12:30
3	12:40-2:10	4	12:35-1:45
4	2:15-3:45		

Pagosa Springs High School Counseling

The School Counselor's Role

School counselors focus their efforts on designing and implementing school counseling programs that promote academic, career and social/emotional success for all students. School counselors acknowledge they may be the only counseling professional available to students and their families. Thus, school counselors:

- Deliver instruction that enhances awareness of mental health;
- Provide students with appraisal and advisement addressing their academic, career and social emotional needs;
- Provide short-term counseling and crisis intervention focused on situational concerns such as grief or difficult transitions;
- Provide referrals to school and community resources that treat mental health;
- Advocate, collaborate and coordinate with stakeholders to meet the needs of the whole child;
- Seek to continually update their professional knowledge regarding the students' social/emotional needs, including best practices in universal screening for mental health risk.

How do you make an appointment to see a counselor?

- Self Referral (sign up on the clipboard outside of Mr. Thompson's door)
- Friend Referral
- Teacher Referral
- Parent Referral



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High School Performing Arts



Concert Choir

This group is open to anyone who wants to sing, regardless of past experience. Four-part harmony (SATB) is the primary focus and all genres of music are covered. This class meets in the fall semester. Performing opportunities include a Fall Concert, Fort Lewis College Choir Camp, Homemakers Christmas Luncheon and a Christmas Concert. There is a focus on ear training and music theory for all students.

Concert Band

For those students who have played previously on a band instrument, this class is the next step in playing together as a group. Brass, woodwind and percussion instruments comprise the concert band. Students develop their advancing skills on individual instruments and learn to blend and balance with the whole group to produce an incredible sound. This fall semester class has performing opportunities for both the fall and Christmas concerts. For those students interested, there are band festivals at local colleges that one can audition.

Jazz Band

This group is made up of the standard jazz instrumentation: saxes, trumpets, trombones, guitar, bass, keyboard and drum set. This is designed for those students who have had experience on any one of these instruments. This class is offered in the spring semester. We work on standard jazz arrangements and learn all the styles. Swing, rock, Latin, ballads, and funk are all part of the repertoire. We work to prepare charts and then perform at the Fort Lewis Jazz Festival as well as the spring concert.

Piratones

This is our 12-voice show/jazz choir. This spring semester group is comprised of advanced singers, usually sophomores, juniors and seniors. Previous choral experience is needed. An audition is required to make it into Piratones. We learn advanced songs with tight harmony and complex rhythms. Often, our pieces are choreographed which requires dancing skills to some extent. This group performs at graduation as well as other events.



Choral and Band Festivals

Several choir and band festivals are available throughout the year. Most are sponsored by the area colleges. These events require an audition, usually submitted in the fall semester. In addition, there are All State opportunities in both choir and band, as well as orchestra. An audition is also required. Making it into these groups allows a student to perform with the best vocalists and instrumentalists in the state.

Spring Musical

Each spring, we perform a musical. Auditions are usually held in January and the performances are in mid-March. This is open to students wanting to learn the craft of putting together singers, dancers, musicians along with a full technical crew. The result is five nights of incredible performances.

Pagosa Springs High School AMERICANA

The Americana Project is an elective class that was added to the PSHS course offerings in 2008. The class is performance-based, self-driven and it encourages students to write original music as well as perform solo to band performances of popular and American roots music. Each year students in the highly attended Americana program work with professional musicians who teach them the craft of songwriting and performance as well as sharing the stage together for evening concerts. Students are also active in performing for fundraisers and community events. Although they may never pursue music as a living, the skills of performing, self confidence, self expression, creativity and working with others will last a lifetime.

Pagosa Springs High School Musical Theatre

The high school musical is always a fun learning experience. This will be a great opportunity to learn and grow as actors, singers, dancers, musicians, and theatre technicians. We will explore all aspects of putting a show together, from sound and lighting, to singing and dancing, and everything in between. Theatre is a fun way to learn, grow, and connect with other people while creating and making music and art together.

PSHS Clubs & Activities

As we begin the 2021-2022 school year, we will be offering all of our clubs and activities.

These activities will be meeting in person this year!

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Knowledge Bowl

TBA

Mountain Biking Club

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Pagosa Springs High School Athletics



PSHS Athletics PagosaAthletics.com

Parents and athletes will find current information about PSHS Athletics on the homepage in the image blurbs and Announcements sidebar. Practice schedules, play guidelines, and an event banner across the page gives you current news at a glance. To find out more about your sport, select the season the sport falls under on a normal year in the black menu bar, choose your sport, then select your child's level. If they're a freshman or new, select Varsity to get details, then click on one of the menu options to learn more about the coach, current news, and schedule.

2021-22 CHSAA CALENDAR

FALL SPORTS

Sport	Practice	Post Season	State finals
Cross Country	8/9	Regionals completed by 10/23	10/30
Boys Golf	8/2	Regionals completed by 9/25	10/4-5
Football	8/2	Begins 11/6	11/27
Boys Soccer	8/9	Begins 10/27/21	11/12-13
Girls Volleyball	8/9	Regionals completed by 11/6	11/11-13

WINTER SPORTS

Sport	Practice	Postseason begins	State finals
Basketball	11/15	Begins 2/24	3/10-12
Competitive Spirit	8/9	N/A	TBA
Sideline Spirit	8/9	N/A	TBA
Girls Swimming	11/15	TBA	TBA
Wrestling	11/15	Regionals: 2/12-13	2/18-20

SPRING SPORTS

Sport	Practice	Postseason begins	State finals
Baseball	2/28	Regionals completed by 5/20	6/3-4
Girls Soccer	2/28	Begins 5/11	TBA
Track & Field	2/28	N/A	5/19-21

ACTIVITIES

Activity	First Contest	Number of contests	CHSAA-sponsored events
Music	N/A	4 in-state, 2 out-of-state marching band dates exclusive of state	Solo & Ensemble Festivals: January-April Large Group Festivals: April
Debate	10/1	22 per individual	Festival: TBA State Tournament: TBA
Student Leadership	N/A	N/A	Summer Conference: 7/9-11 Spring Conferences: 3/1-4/24
Esports (pilot)	TBA	TBA	TBA

Sports Physicals

PlanetHS.com

To be eligible for athletics at PSHS, all forms must be completed at PlanetHS.com PRIOR to the first day of practice. In addition to completing all of the forms online, a current physical must be uploaded to the site, as well. Physicals are good for 365 days from the date of the examination. If your current physical is still valid, you will be able to select that physical from last year and roll it over to this year. If it has expired, or will expire during your season, you will need to upload a new physical examination form.

A Physical Examination Form and a Medical Eligibility Form must be completed and signed by your physician and uploaded as your physical in PlanetHS.

Instructions for completing the online registration and the physical forms can be found at pagosaathletics.com under the "Announcements" section.

Colorado High School Activities Association

CHSAANow.com

PSHS is a member of the Colorado High School Activities Association. The CHSAA sets the guidelines for the state on all sponsored activities and athletics. Please continue to check their site for updates on season dates and the most up to date COVID guidelines regarding athletics and activities.



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Hello Pagosa Pirates!

I am honored to step into the position of assistant principal/athletic director at Pagosa Springs High School. I look forward to supporting students, educators and families as we work together to prepare for success now and in the future.

As I reflect on my 20 years with Archuleta School District, I find it appropriate and invigorating that I am moving up to the high school, just as our students do.

I am excited to reconnect with many students and families that I have had the pleasure of working with in the past, and I look forward to getting to know students and families that I have yet to meet.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns or ideas. Together we can make great things happen for everyone at PSHS.

Here's to a fantastic 2021-2022 school year.


GO Pirates!

Sincerely,

Chantelle Jordan

Chantelle Jordan
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

SAN JUAN MOUNTAIN



SCHOOL

**AN ALTERNATIVE
OUTLOOK
ON LEARNING**



I am thrilled to welcome our staff and students back for the second year of the San Juan Mountain School. I believe we each felt last year was a truly awesome experience, as we had the privilege to design our school from the ground up. The students and staff came together to create an educational environment where students thrived and felt a sense of pride. But we each know this year will be equally as exciting and successful.

There are so many new and impressive goals to work toward together. We have the honor of welcoming some of the best and most highly effective teachers in our district on board to support even more students, and we will open our new building for the first time. We are also looking forward to our first overnight adventure-learning trips. These will not only focus on engaging students in healthy practices but also on increasing their investment in education and supporting learning applicable to the real world.

We work closely with families to make sure each of our students has the support needed to graduate from a public high school in the Archuleta School District. We have our own graduation ceremony, designed completely by our seniors, and allow students to participate in extracurricular activities and on-site classes offered at Pagosa Springs High School. Please reach out if you have any questions or think San Juan Mountain School might be a good fit for you or your student.

Stewart Bellina
Stewart Bellina
Principal

Mission: An alternative outlook on learning. Respecting. Supporting. Producing.





“I’m so excited for a new adventure at San Juan Mountain School. In a year when education has been completely turned on its head, there will obviously be many challenges. But I also see a whole new set of opportunities to re-imagine what school looks like and create a system that better serves students in our community.”

— Andy Guinn
math and science teacher

Our education community is committed to ensuring every student has the ability to graduate from the Archuleta School District. In order to reach this goal, we created San Juan Mountain School, an alternative high school campus adjacent to the campus of Pagosa Springs High School, with teachers and administrators focusing specifically on helping students who need more support to graduate.

Credit Requirements

Students must acquire 22 credits to graduate from San Juan Mountain School.

- 7 STEAM - Science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics
- 7 Humanities - Languages, English, social studies, and fine arts
- 2 Physical Education - These can be obtained through our adventure-based learning programs
- 1 Capstone - This is the senior graduation project
- 5 Electives

New GED Opportunity

SJMS is excited to offer students who are seeking alternatives to the typical diploma a chance to take the high school equivalency examination starting this fall!





Pagosa Family School offers a dynamic educational environment connecting homeschool, private school, and public school families as they learn together in enrichment courses.

Pagosa Family School is excited to welcome students and staff to our 6th year at Pagosa Family School and the beginning of the 2021-22 school year! We will be entering the classroom starting September 14th as we begin this year's journey of Learning Together.

Pagosa Family School is a program open to homeschool, private school and public school students and we are dedicated to providing high-quality, and engaging educational enrichment classes for the students of Archuleta County in a safe and dynamic environment.

This year, PFS plans to offer classes in art, music, choir, sewing, outdoor education, P.E., dance fitness and more. PFS will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 2-5 at the Pagosa Springs Middle School and serves Kindergarten through 8th grade students.

As we begin to feel the excitement of preparing for our year and welcome students back into the classrooms, we are also excited for the return of some of our most popular community events through Pagosa Family School such as the Winter Showcase and the End-of-the-Year Celebration. Building meaningful relationships through highlighting and celebrating our students' successes is one of our top priorities at Pagosa Family School. These events give us the opportunity to highlight our students' successes as well as cultivate and celebrate relationships within our PFS community of learners and their families.

Pagosa Family School is pleased to announce that all of our highly effective and dedicated teachers are returning for the 2021-22 school year. PFS

teachers and staff have poured their hearts and efforts into creating a fun year of engaging, high-quality, enriching curriculum for your students to enjoy!

Again, we are so excited to start this year Learning Together as we continue to provide an educational experience that will support students' success as they Learn Together at Pagosa Family School.

Thank you for entrusting us to be a part of your child(s) exceptional educational experience,

Jane Parker

Jane Parker
Principal, PFS

In one testimonial, a homeschool mom writes, "PFS has been a great experience for us! Not only have my children grown in their artistic and musical skills, we've gained an awesome community of fun and friendly peers and caring, skilled teachers!"

Pagosa Family School Course Descriptions

Art (Elementary) - Full Steam Ahead

Mrs. Lutomski and Miss Mattie

Mrs. Lutomski's art classes introduce kids to art in a hands-on exploration of materials and ideas from many cultures and periods in history. STEAM programs use Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics to explore our world! So, with a focus on fun, exploration, creativity and art, let's engineer some projects that include STEAM components! We will be using our digital cameras, doing some native basketry and weaving, exploring papermaking, botanical illustration, working with metal... and more!!!!

Art (Middle School)

Mrs. Rose and Ms. DeEtte

Art Instruction — Mrs. Rose and Mrs. DeEtte:

During this course, students will be guided in teacher-led project-based learning to learn various techniques with the following mediums: drawing, watercolor, acrylic, charcoal, print-making, and various 3-D art. Students will also learn more about color theory, composition, line, value, pattern, shape and form. In addition, students will learn about select artists and examine their works for art education and appreciation. Students will learn that art is a healthy way to express thoughts and feelings.

Studio Art — Mrs. Rose and Mrs. DeEtte: This is more of a student-driven course where teachers partner with students to help them create artistic goals and then come alongside them to help them achieve their artistic vision. Students who love art and want to work longer on their own projects or that want specific instruction/tutoring in skills not covered in class are given studio time to set their own pace and make their own calls concerning the use of their studio time. Specialized instruction and special interest projects are welcomed here!

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Music (Elementary)

Mrs. Thomas

PFS Elementary Music is a very hands-on general music course. We explore music in a variety of ways including music theory basics, creative movement, keyboarding skills, singing, and music appreciation. We also explore history and world cultures through music by studying the lives of composers and how music changed through time periods as well as cultural variations of music around the world. This year we will also explore the orchestra and its instruments.

Choir (Middle School)

Mrs. Thomas

This course for 5-8 graders will teach students to sing and read music. Members will sing in groups with solo opportunities for those interested. Different styles of music will be performed, including some choreography. In the spring, the choir will be collaborating with art and sewing to present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" musical. Music history, theory, and ear training will be part of this class. Students will perform in a minimum of two concerts. Honor and All-State Choir tryouts are possible.

Dance Fitness & P.E.

(Elementary & Middle School)

Mr. Dale, Ms. Ali and Ms. DeEtte

Dance Fitness will be just one part of exploratory this year. We will explore a fun way to exercise and stay fit in different ways of moving. How to properly stretch before and after a workout and how to exercise without running laps or working out in a gym. Dance fitness will explore how to have fun cleaning the floor, or just enjoying time in the park with a fun dance beat and getting in a good cardio workout.

Sewing (Middle School)

Mrs. Wiggers

Once again Family School sewing plans to expose students to very basic sewing skills and gradually add more advanced techniques. Instruction will include hand sewing, basic layout and cutting of patterns, fabric identification, use of steam iron, seam gauge, seam ripper, etc. However, this year we will collaborate with the Family School music/drama/art classes as they pursue a production to be performed in the Spring. We will be involved in constructing costumes and set design. Other sewing class projects may be, pencil cases, snap happy pouch, travel pillows, drawstring backpack, gym bag, Little Dresses/Britches for Africa.



JOIN THE FUN

Pagosa Family School enrollment is OPEN for all homeschool and private school students.

Enroll now for the 2021-2022 school year. Course offerings for the upcoming school year will include art & STEAM, music, Outdoor Ed/P.E., dance fitness, choir, sewing as well as fun and interesting exploratory classes.



Pagosa Family School classes are held at Pagosa Springs Middle School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-5pm.

Find an enrollment form online at family.mypagosaschools.com.



Contact Jane Parker for more info:

jparker@pagosa.k12.co.us or call 970-264-2228 x5408

Food Service



Todd Stevens
Food Service Director

We, in food service, look forward to the new school year. It is with immense gratitude we reflect on the challenges of the past year. With those challenges we saw the food service staff rise to the occasion. Taking on spur-of-the-moment school schedule changes, remote learning meals, supply chain issues and staff quarantines while always pushing to offer the best meals possible in any situation. None of this would have been possible without our committed and positive staff.

As we look towards next year, and the return towards normalcy, we intend to return to the pre-COVID path. Students will see the return of the salad bars, cleaner less processed menu items served in the cafeteria. Items like pulled pork street tacos with mango pico and three-cheese lasagna made in our kitchens will be back on the menu. We will move back to more environmentally sustainable reusable trays and back to fiber trays when needed. I hope that this will be the last of the foam trays, and we will see fresh foods and fresh salads on the horizon.

We are extremely excited to get back to engaging with students via culinary classes, nutritional education and class visits. These moments often spark an interest in cooking and increase awareness as to the effects of what we eat has on our

bodies.

We will continue to focus on our staff as well. The wellness program for staff will offer fresh and convenient meals for everyone that cares for your students. The well-being of the staff is as important to the learning environment as the curricula they teach or services they provide.

This will be a landmark year, as the meals to students this year will be FREE OF CHARGE. The USDA has approved funding for all student meals regardless of income as our country works to bounce back from this challenging period. While all meals will be free, we ask that EVERY FAMILY fill out and return a "Free and Reduced Meal Application." THESE APPLICATIONS AFFECT THE COMMUNITY STATUS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR NUMEROUS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT SO MANY DESPERATELY NEED. During COVID the application return rate was extremely low and if this continues, the aftereffect will harm those that need it most. Children's meals depend on this effort so PLEASE help by turning yours in.

Thank you for your support and patience over the last year and let's continue to look after and support each other in this amazing community that we live in.



Project Aware offers more supports for ASD students

Dear Families and Community of the Archuleta School District,

I am honored to have been selected as the Project Aware Coordinator. Project Aware (Advanced Wellness and Resilience Education) is designed to improve school climate, safety, and social emotional learning. The Project Aware work will be done using the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS).

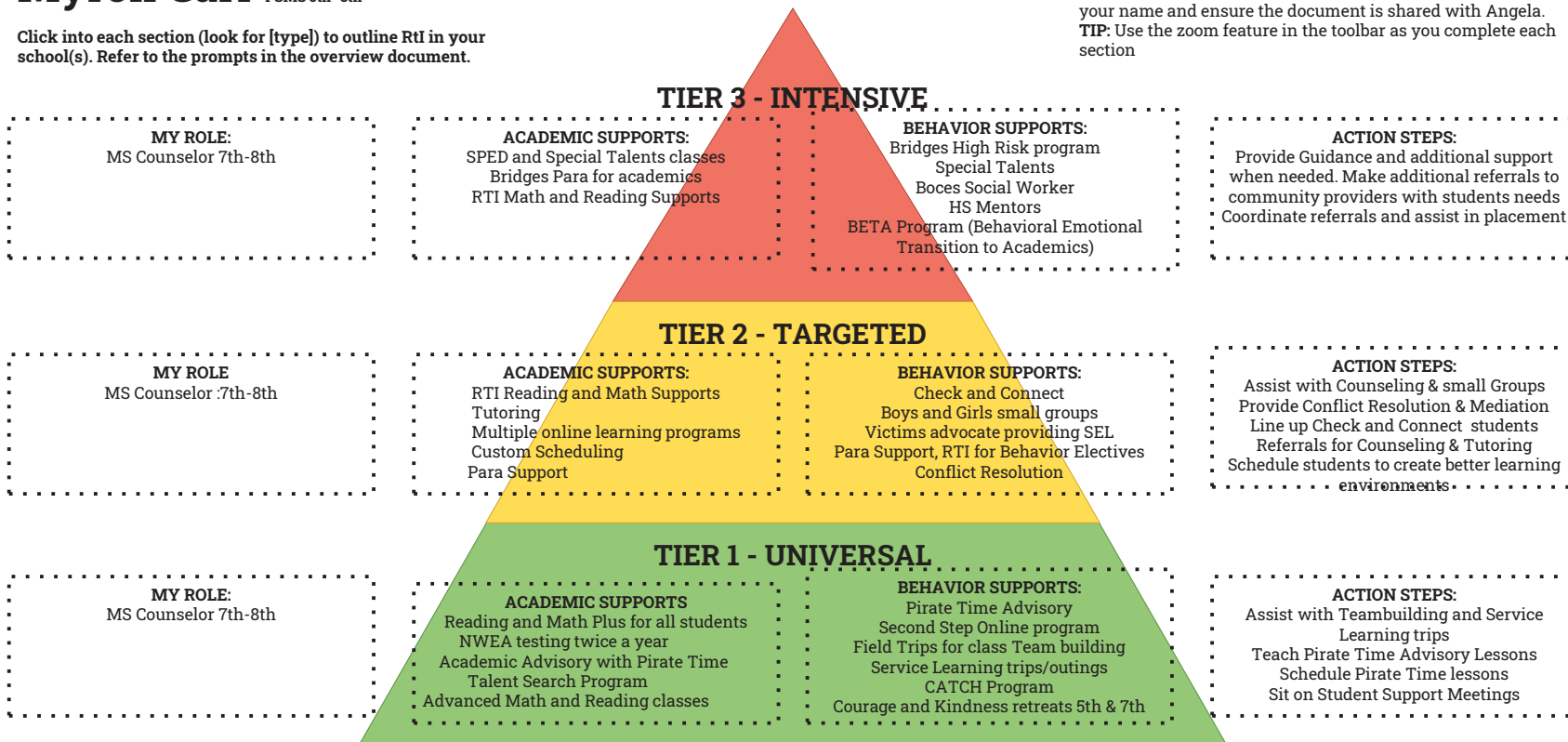
The Multi-Tiered System of Support is a systemic, continuous-improvement framework in which data-based problem solving and decision-making is practiced across all levels of the educational system for supporting students. The framework of MTSS is a “way of doing business,” which utilizes high quality evidence-based instruction, intervention, and assessment practices to ensure that every student receives the appropriate level of support to be successful. I am attaching the MTSS model currently being used at Pagosa Springs Middle School as an example:

Multi-Tiered System of Support

Myron Carr PSMS 5th -8th

Click into each section (look for [type]) to outline RTI in your school(s). Refer to the prompts in the overview document.

NOTE: Please replace [NAME] in the document header with your name and ensure the document is shared with Angela.
TIP: Use the zoom feature in the toolbar as you complete each section



The Project Aware funding will help us implement and begin the planning for two new programs, Discovery and Avid for the 2021-2022 school year.

Discovery is considered a Tier 2 support where students are taught positive social-emotional skills necessary to thrive at school, home, and at work. Students learn these skills through direct instruction, teacher modeling, student practice, and positive feedback. As students become better communicators, they gain clarity and discover a renewed sense of optimism. The core of the Discovery Program is a student-centered, no nonsense, skill-based curriculum taught in six sequential units. We currently have 31 staff members registered to take a four-day workshop to learn, plan, and implement Discovery grades 6-12.

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is considered a Tier 1 support system addressing learning/achievement, building positive, effective relationships with students, and implementing a college and career readiness culture. Teachers will be going through an extensive professional development period in academic language and literacy, highly engaging teaching practices, and establishing culture of college and career readiness expectations. The 2021-2022 school year will be used for planning and staff development. The plan is to launch AVID in the 2022-2023 school year 5-12 and include the elementary school the following school year.

Please feel free to email me at resparza@pagosa.k12.co.us or call me at the middle school 970-264-2794 if you have any questions or suggestions for the improvement of our school programs.

Sincerely,
Ricardo Esparza, Project Aware Coordinator

School Bus Schedules

ES ROUTE 1			
AM	PICKUP	E. HWY 160 / CLOUD CAP / N APT. / ROCK RIDGE	PM DROP OFF
	NO PICK UP	FAWN GULCH & E HWY 160	4:05
	6:40	ALPINE & E HWY 160	4:07
	6:42	SWISS VILLAGE & HARMAN	4:09
	6:43	ELK MEADOWS RV PARK	4:10
	6:53	ANGELA'S FLOWERS (EAGLE DRIVE)	3:33
	6:54	TRINITY LANE & EAGLE DRIVE	3:34
	6:57	HANDICAP TRAILER PARK	3:38
	7:01	BUTTE & ASPENGLow	3:42
	7:03	DAYSRING & MONUMENT	3:43
	7:03	FIESTA & MONUMENT	3:44
	7:04	GALLOP CT & CLOUD CAP	3:45
	7:04	LOFTY CT & CLOUD CAP	3:45
	7:05	848 CLOUD CAP	3:46
	7:16	ROCKRIDGE STOP 1	3:57
	7:17	ROCKRIDGE STOP 2	3:57
	NO PICK UP	RAINBOW & TERRACE	3:30
	NO PICK UP	BROOKHILL & CRESTVIEW	3:29
	NO PICK UP	BIENVENIDO CIRCLE	3:28
	NO PICK UP	651 CEMETARY ROAD	3:26
	7:19	FLORIDA & N 7TH	3:22
	7:20	N 5TH & JUANITA	3:24
	7:25	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3:20

ES ROUTE 2			
AM	PICKUP	ASPEN SPRINGS / W. HWY 160	PM DROP OFF
	6:58	IRONWOOD DR & W HWY 160	3:37
	6:59	OAK DRIVE MAILBOXES	3:39
	7:00	DEER TRAIL & W HWY 160	3:40
	7:01	10855 W HWY 160	3:40
	7:02	BUTTERCUP MAILBOXES	3:42
	7:04	STOLLSTEIMER MAILBOXES	3:43
	7:07	BEUCLER & STOLLSTEIMER	3:48
	7:08	OAK RIDGE MAILBOXES	3:52
	7:10	HAPPY CAMPER	3:53
	7:11	8880 W HWY 160	3:54
	7:12	ASTRADDLE-A-SADDLE	3:55
	7:13	HERSCH & W HWY 160	3:56
	7:17	DICHOSO & W HWY 160	4:00
	7:27	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3:20

ES ROUTE 4			
AM	PICKUP	HATCHER / LAKE FOREST / PARK & HOPI / WALMART	PM DROP OFF
	NO PICK UP	MAJESTIC DRIVE & PIEDRA (PIEDRA ESTATES)	3:26
	6:42	FALCON & N PAGOSA	3:31
	6:42	PEBBLE CIRCLE #2 & N PAGOSA	3:31
	6:43	HILLS #1 & N PAGOSA	3:32
	6:43	HIDDEN & N PAGOSA	3:32
	6:44	SADDLE CIRCLE #1 & N PAGOSA	3:33
	6:45	HILLS #2 & N PAGOSA	3:34
	6:45	SADDLE CIRCLE #2 & N PAGOSA	3:34
	6:53	CORONADO CIRCLE & N PAGOSA	3:42
	6:56	ESCOBAR & N PAGOSA	3:45
	6:56	CAPITAN & N PAGOSA	3:45
	7:00	ANTELOPE & LAKE FOREST	3:49
	7:01	DUTTON DRIVE & LAKE FOREST	3:50
	7:02	WILDERNESS & LAKE FOREST	3:51
	7:03	ARROWHEAD & LAKE FOREST	3:52
	7:04	MARTINEZ & LAKE FOREST	3:53
	7:05	WOODSMAN & LAKE FOREST	3:54
	7:06	LAKWOOD & LAKE FOREST	3:55
	7:08	STEAMBOAT & N PAGOSA (SOUTHSIDE OF N PAGOSA)	3:57
	7:09	PARK & HOPI	3:58
	7:11	PINERIDGE NURSING HOME	4:00
	7:13	CHOKE CHERRY	4:02
	7:15	MCCABE ST & ALPHA DR	4:04
	7:16	ASPEN VILLAGE DRIVE & COTTAGES	4:06
	NO PICK UP	CORNERSTONE PLAZA (ABBA EYECARE)	4:07
	7:22	N 8TH & FLORIDA (HICKORY RIDGE APTS)	3:23
	7:25	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3:20

ES ROUTE 3			
AM	PICKUP	VISTA / TRAILS / HOSPITAL	PM DROP OFF
	6:54	GILA & SAM HOUSTON	3:36
	6:56	PIONEER CT & ROOSEVELT	3:38
	7:01	PROSPECT & BONANZA	3:43
	7:02	HIGHLAND & PROSPECT	3:44
	7:03	LYN & CANYON CIRCLE	3:45
	7:04	HIGHLAND & CANYON CIRCLE	3:46
	7:06	LAKE & BONANZA	3:47
	7:07	FIRESIDE & BONANZA	3:48
	7:08	FORTUNE & BONANZA	3:49
	7:09	FORTUNE & FIRESIDE	3:50
	7:10	SANDLEWOOD & VISTA	3:51
	7:11	BROOK & VISTA	3:52
	7:12	PORT & VISTA	3:53
	7:15	HOSPITAL	3:57
	NO PICK UP	SEMINOLE DR (DOLLAR GENERAL)	3:31
	NO PICK UP	1ST SOUTHWEST BANK	3:29
	NO PICK UP	BOSS HOGGS	3:28
	7:25	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3:20

ES ROUTE 5			
AM	PICKUP	MEADOWS / PARK AVE / BACKSWING / ACE COURT	PM DROP OFF
	6:54	GREENBRIAR PLAZA (CHAVOLO'S)	3:28
	6:55	STEAMBOAT & N PAGOSA (NORTH SIDE OF N PAGOSA)	3:29
	6:56	LAKEVIEW ESTATE APARTMENTS	3:30
	6:59	EDGEWATER MAILBOXES	3:31
	7:00	LAKESIDE #2 & N PAGOSA	3:34
	NO PICK UP	953 PARK AVE (FORREST TAILS)	3:35
	7:04	EATON & PARK	3:36
	7:04	REC CENTER / 1135 PARK AVE	3:36
	7:05	WESTWIND CONDOS II	3:37
	7:05	HIGHER GROUND COFFEE SHOP	3:37
	7:07	ASPENWOOD CONDOS & DAVIS CUP DR	3:39
	7:09	CARLEE & PARK	3:41
	7:09	MIDIRON & PARK	3:41
	7:10	HOLIDAY & PARK	3:42
	7:10	PAR PLACE & PARK	3:42
	7:11	PINES & PARK	3:43
	7:12	SUNDOWN CIRCLE #2	3:45
	7:14	HANDICAP & PIEDRA	3:47
	7:16	BACKSWING & PIEDRA	3:48
	7:17	ACE COURT & PIEDRA (COYOTE MOON)	3:49
	7:24	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3:20

ES ROUTE 6			
AM	PICKUP	CHROMO / HWY 84 / SOUTH APARTMENTS / TAEKWONDO	PM DROP OFF
	6:33	CR 391 & CR 359 (EDITH BRIDGE)	4:15
	6:34	7390 CR 359 (TURNAROUND)	4:17
	6:35	TALAMANTE RANCH	4:17
	6:51	CHROMO STORE	4:00
	7:06	DARCIE PL & HWY 84	3:45
	7:07	CR 339 & HWY 84 (AT LAST RESORT)	3:44
	7:09	CR 335 (LOWER BLANCO)	3:44
	7:11	CATCHPOLE & HWY 84	3:42
	NO PICK UP	WHISPERING WOOD DRIVE & HWY 84	3:41
	7:14	SQUAW VALLEY & HWY 84	3:39
	NO PICK UP	WILDLIFE PARK	3:39
	NO PICK UP	ECHO CREEK DRIVE	3:38
	7:16	TERRY ROBINSON RD / RIVER FOREST RD & HWY 84	3:37
	7:16	3275 HWY 84	3:37
	7:17	WHITAKER PL & HWY 84	3:36
	7:18	STAGECOACH & HOLIDAY	3:35
	7:19	EASY STREET & HWY 84	NO DROP OFF
	NO PICK UP	COUNTY GARAGE	3:32
	NO PICK UP	BOOTHILL & HWY 84	3:32
	NO PICK UP	EXTENSION OFFICE (FAIRGROUND)	3:31
	NO PICK UP	TRACTOR SUPPLY	3:30
	NO PICK UP	RIFF RAFF BREWING (NEXT TO SKI & BOW RACK)	3:29
	NO PICK UP	HEADSTART	3:25
	NO PICK UP	S 7TH & DURANGO	3:23
	7:24	335 S 9TH STREET (SOUTH APARTMENTS)	3:22
	7:26	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3:20

The Transportation Department for Archuleta School District is very anxious to start another wonderful school year with the anticipation of seeing lots of smiling faces on the first day of school. We are excited to share with the parents in our district the changes that have taken place over the summer. We are implementing the Tyler Drive system on the buses. This system is a routing and tracing system for the buses and the students. With this new system, we have a few changes to share with you, the parent/guardian.

We will continue to have students register at the bus barn prior to them riding a bus. We need to have time to add the students to the bus rosters and notify the drivers. The students will be issued a card that they will be responsible for bringing with them every day and swiping the card in order to get on the bus as well as get off the bus. With this procedure, the parents will be able to download the Ride 360 app and be able to see where the bus is and if their student got on/off the bus at the appropriate locations, or if the bus is running late due to traffic or inclement weather.

Please be aware that stop locations and times may change depending on who is taking advantage of the bus system. To contact the Bus Barn call 970-264-0392 ext. 600.

AM PICKUP		K-12 ROUTE 7 TRUJILLO RD / CR 500	PM DROP OFF
	6:38	CR 500 & CR 551 (JUANITA BRIDGE)	4:50
	6:42	19894 CR 500	4:42
	6:44	17685 CR 500	4:35
	6:45	ESTATE CIRCLE & CR 500	4:32
	6:47	15020 CR 500	4:27
	6:49	15241 CR 500	4:26
	6:51	14736 CR 500	4:23
	6:53	12800 CR 500	4:18
	7:23	1131 CR 500	3:47
	7:24	S 10TH & APACHE	DROP AT S 9TH & ALLEY
	7:26	634 S 5TH ST	3:27
	7:27	HIGH SCHOOL TRANSFERS	3:40
	7:29	658 S 5TH (SHONDA'S DAYCARE)	DROP AT 634 S 5TH
	7:30	534 S 6TH ST	3:28
	7:31	535 S 5TH ST	3:29
NO PICK UP		COMMUNITY CENTER	3:25
NO PICK UP		THE SPRINGS RESORT	3:24
	7:35	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3:20
	7:36	MIDDLE SCHOOL	3:35
		534 S 6TH ST (MS DROP OFF)	3:37
		535 S 5TH ST (MS DROP OFF)	3:38
		PICK UP ELEMENTARY TRANSFER AND TAKE TO HS & MS	3:34
		S 9TH ST & ALLEY	3:46

AM PICKUP		MS ROUTE 8 E. HWY 160 / CLOUD CAP / N APT.	PM DROP OFF
NO PICK UP		FAWN GULCH & E HWY 160	4:15
	6:55	ALPINE & E HWY 160	4:17
	6:57	SWISS VILLAGE & HARMAN	4:19
	6:58	ELK MEADOWS RV PARK	4:20
	7:08	ANGELA'S FLOWERS (EAGLE DRIVE)	3:43
	7:09	TRINITY LANE & EAGLE DRIVE	3:44
	7:12	HANDICAP TRAILER PARK	3:48
	7:16	BUTTE & ASPENGLow	3:52
	7:17	29 MONUMENT	3:53
	7:18	DAYSRING & MONUMENT	3:53
	7:18	FIESTA & MONUMENT	3:54
	7:19	GALLOP & CLOUD CAP	3:55
	7:19	LOFTY & CLOUD CAP	3:55
	7:28	848 CLOUD CAP	3:56
	7:31	ROCKRIDGE STOP 1	4:07
	7:32	ROCKRIDGE STOP 2	4:07
	7:34	FLORIDA & N 7TH	3:37
	7:35	N 5TH & JUANITA	3:39
	7:37	MIDDLE SCHOOL	3:35

AM PICKUP		MS ROUTE 9 ASPEN SPRINGS / W.HWY 160	PM DROP OFF
	7:07	IRONWOOD DR & W HWY 160	3:47
	7:08	OAK DRIVE MAILBOXES	3:49
	7:09	DEER TRAIL & W HWY 160	3:50
	7:10	10855 W HWY 160	3:50
	7:11	BUTTERCUP MAILBOXES	3:51
	7:13	STOLLSTEIMER MAILBOXES	3:53
	7:17	BEUCLER & STOLLSTEIMER	4:01
	7:20	OAK RIDGE MAILBOXES	4:05
	7:23	ASTRADDLE-A-SADDLE	4:08
	7:25	HERSCH & W HWY 160	4:09
	7:29	DICHOSO & W HWY 160	4:13
	7:31	CAPRICHIO & S PAGOSA	4:15
	7:41	MIDDLE SCHOOL	3:35

AM PICKUP		MS ROUTE 10 VISTA / TRAILS / HOSPITAL	PM DROP OFF
	7:11	GILA & SAM HOUSTON	3:49
	7:13	PIONEER CT & ROOSEVELT	3:51
	7:18	PROSPECT & BONANZA	3:56
	7:19	HIGHLAND & PROSPECT	3:57
	7:20	LYN & CANYON CIRCLE	3:58
	7:21	HIGHLAND & CANYON CIRCLE	3:59
	7:22	LAKE & BONANZA	4:01
	7:23	FIRESIDE & BONANZA	4:02
	7:24	FORTUNE & BONANZA	4:03
	7:26	SANDLEWOOD & VISTA	4:05
	7:27	BROOK & VISTA	4:06
	7:28	PORT & VISTA	4:07
	7:31	HOSPITAL	4:12
NO PICK UP		SEMINOLE DR & NAVAJO TRAILS (DOLLAR GENERAL)	3:44
NO PICK UP		1ST SOUTHWEST BANK	3:42
NO PICK UP		BOSS HOGGS	3:41
	7:39	MIDDLE SCHOOL	3:35

AM PICKUP		MS ROUTE 11 HATCHER / LAKE FOREST / PARK & HOPI	PM DROP OFF
	6:59	HATCHER CONDOS	3:59
	7:00	FALCON & N PAGOSA	4:00
	7:00	PEBBLE #2 & N PAGOSA	4:01
	7:01	HILLS #1 & N PAGOSA	4:01
	7:01	HIDDEN & N PAGOSA	4:02
	7:02	SADDLE CIRCLE #1 & N PAGOSA	4:03
	7:03	HILLS #2 & N PAGOSA	4:03
	7:03	SADDLE CIRCLE #2 & N PAGOSA	4:04
	7:11	CORONADO #2 CIRCLE & N PAGOSA	4:11
	7:12	CAPTAN #1 & N PAGOSA	4:12
	7:14	PONY PL & N PAGOSA	4:14
	7:14	ESCOBAR & N PAGOSA	4:14
	7:14	CAPTAN #2 & N PAGOSA	4:14
	7:18	ANTELOPE & LAKE FOREST	4:19
	7:19	BUFFALO CT & LAKE FOREST	4:19
	7:20	DUTTON DRIVE & LAKE FOREST	4:20
	7:20	WILDERNESS & LAKE FOREST	4:20
	7:21	ARROWHEAD & LAKE FOREST	4:22
	7:21	MARTINEZ & LAKE FOREST	4:22
	7:23	WOODSMAN & LAKE FOREST	4:24
	7:24	LAKWOOD & LAKE FOREST	4:25
	7:24	840 N PAGOSA	4:25
	7:25	STEAMBOAT & N PAGOSA (SOUTH SIDE OF N PAGOSA)	4:26
	7:27	PARK & HOPI	4:28
	7:28	PINE RIDGE NURSING HOME	4:29
	7:30	CHOKE CHERRY & VILLAGE	4:31
	7:31	PAGOSA SPRINGS INN & SUITES	4:32
	7:33	MCCABE & ALPHA	4:34
	7:34	ASPEN VILLAGE DRIVE & COTTAGES	4:35
	7:40	8TH & FLORIDA	3:37
NO PICK UP		CORNERSTONE PLAZA (ABBA EYECARE)	4:36
NO PICK UP		MAJESTIC DRIVE & PIEDRA	3:40
	7:41	MIDDLE SCHOOL	3:35

School Bus Schedules

MS ROUTE 13			
AM	PICKUP	PM	DROP OFF
	7:14	GREENBRIAR PLAZA (CHAVOLO'S)	3:42
	7:15	STEAMBOAT & N PAGOSA (NORTH SIDE OF N PAGOSA)	3:43
	7:16	LAKEVIEW ESTATE APARTMENTS	3:44
	7:19	EDGEWATER MAILBOXES	3:45
	7:20	LAKESIDE & N PAGOSA	3:48
	7:23	EATON & PARK	3:50
	7:23	REC CENTER / 1135 PARK	3:50
	7:24	WESTWIND CONDOS I	3:51
NO PICK UP		HIGHER GROUND COFFEE SHOP	3:52
	7:26	ASPENWOOD CONDOS & DAVIS CUP DR	3:53
	7:28	CARLEE & PARK	3:55
	7:28	MIDIRON & PARK	3:56
	7:29	HOLIDAY & PARK	3:56
	7:30	PINES & PARK	3:58
	7:32	SUNDOWN CIRCLE #2	3:59
	7:34	HANDICAP & PIEDRA	4:01
	7:35	BACKSWING & PIEDRA	4:03
	7:36	ACE COURT & PIEDRA	4:04
	7:40	MIDDLE SCHOOL	3:35

MS ROUTE 14			
AM	PICKUP	PM	DROP OFF
	6:47	CR 391 & CR 359 (EDITH BRIDGE)	4:31
	6:48	7390 CR 359 (TURNAROUND)	4:33
	6:49	TALAMANTE RANCH	4:32
	7:05	CHROMO STORE	4:16
	7:20	DARCIE PL & HWY 84	4:01
	7:21	CR 339 & HWY 84 (AT LAST RESORT)	4:00
	7:23	9903 HWY 84	3:59
	7:23	CR 335 (LOWER BLANCO)	3:58
	7:25	CATCHPOLE & HWY 84	3:56
PICK UP AT CATCHPOLE		WHISPERING WOOD DRIVE & HWY 84	3:55
	7:28	SQUAW VALLEY & HWY 84	3:53
NO PICK UP		WILDLIFE PARK	3:53
NO PICK UP		ECHO CREEK DRIVE	3:52
	7:30	TERRY ROBINSON RD / RIVER FOREST RD & HWY 84	3:51
	7:30	3275 HWY 84	3:51
	7:31	WHITAKER PL & HWY 84	3:50
	7:32	STAGECOACH & HOLIDAY	3:49
	7:33	EASY STREET & HWY 84	3:48
NO PICK UP		COUNTY GARAGE	3:46
NO PICK UP		BOOTHILL & HWY 84	3:46
NO PICK UP		EXTENSION OFFICE (FAIRGROUND)	3:45
NO PICK UP		TRACTOR SUPPLY	3:44
NO PICK UP		RIFF RAFF BREWING (NEXT TO SKI & BOW RACK)	3:43
NO PICK UP		HEADSTART	3:38
NO PICK UP		S 7TH & DURANGO (TAEKWONDO)	3:36
	7:38	335 S 9TH ST (SOUTH APARTMENTS)	DROP OFF AT HEADSTART
	7:41	MIDDLE SCHOOL	3:35

HS ROUTE 15			
AM	PICKUP	PM	DROP OFF
	7:35	HANDICAP TRAILER PARK	3:55
	7:44	HATCHER CONDOS	4:16
	7:45	FALCON & N PAGOSA	4:17
	7:45	PEBBLE #2 & N PAGOSA	4:18
	7:46	HILLS #1 & N PAGOSA	4:18
	7:46	HIDDEN & N PAGOSA	4:19
	7:47	SADDLE CIRCLE #1 & N PAGOSA	4:20
	7:48	HILLS #2 & N PAGOSA	4:20
	7:48	SADDLE CIRCLE #2 & N PAGOSA	4:21
	7:56	CORONADO #2 & N PAGOSA	4:28
	7:57	CAPITAN #1 & N PAGOSA	4:29
	8:10	HIGH SCHOOL	3:50

HS ROUTE 16			
AM	PICKUP	PM	DROP OFF
	7:38	IRONWOOD DR & W HWY 160	4:14
	7:40	OAK DRIVE MAILBOXES	4:15
	7:41	DEER TRAIL & W HWY 160	4:17
	7:41	10855 W HWY 160	4:17
	7:42	BUTTERCUP MAILBOXES	4:18
	7:44	STOLLSTEIMER MAILBOXES	4:20
	7:45	BEUCLER & STOLLSTEIMER	4:21
	7:46	TURKEY LANE	4:22
	7:49	OAK RIDGE MAILBOXES	4:25
	7:52	ASTRADDLE-A-SADDLE	4:28
	7:54	HERSCH & W HWY 160	4:30
	7:58	PROSPECT & BONANZA	4:07
	7:58	LAKE & BONANZA	4:06
	7:58	FIRESIDE & BONANZA	4:06
	7:59	FORTUNE & BONANZA	4:06
	8:00	BROOK & VISTA	4:05
	8:00	PORT & VISTA	4:04
	8:03	HOPI & PARK	3:59
NO PICK UP		SEMINOLE DR (DOLLAR GENERAL)	4:02
NO PICK UP		BOSS HOGGS	4:01
	8:13	HIGH SCHOOL	3:50

HS ROUTE 17			
AM	PICKUP	PM	DROP OFF
	7:14	CR 391 & CR 359 (EDITH BRIDGE)	4:38
	7:15	7390 CR 359 (TURNAROUND)	4:39
	7:16	TALAMANTE RANCH	4:38
	7:32	CHROMO STORE	4:23
	7:47	DARCIE PL & HWY 84	4:08
	7:48	CR 339 & HWY 84 (AT LAST RESORT)	4:07
	7:48	9903 HWY 84	4:05
	7:50	CR 335 (LOWER BLANCO)	4:05
	7:52	CATCHPOLE & HWY 84	4:02
	7:55	SQUAW VALLEY & HWY 84	4:00
NO PICK UP		WILDLIFE PARK	3:59
NO PICK UP		ECHO CREEK DRIVE	3:58
	7:57	TERRY ROBINSON RD / RIVER FOREST DR & HWY 84	3:58
	7:57	3275 HWY 84	3:57
	7:58	WHITAKER PL & HWY 84	3:57
	7:59	STAGECOACH & HOLIDAY	3:56
	8:00	EASY STREET & HWY 84	3:55
	8:05	HIGH SCHOOL	3:50

HS ROUTE 18			
AM	PICKUP	PM	DROP OFF
	7:38	ANTELOPE & LAKE FOREST	4:04
	7:39	WILDERNESS & LAKE FOREST	4:05
	7:41	MARTINEZ & LAKE FOREST	4:07
	7:43	WOODSMAN & LAKE FOREST	4:09
	7:44	LAKWOOD & LAKE FOREST	4:10
	7:44	LAKEVIEW ESTATES APT	4:10
	7:45	STEAMBOAT & N PAGOSA	4:11
	7:47	EATON DR & PARK	4:13
	7:47	REC CENTER / 1135 PARK AVE	4:13
	7:50	MIDIRON & PARK	4:16
	7:51	HOLIDAY & PARK	4:17
	7:52	PINES & PARK	4:18
	7:55	BUTTE & ASPENGLow	4:21
	7:57	DAYSRING & MONUMENT	4:23
	7:57	FIESTA & MONUMENT	4:23
	8:02	SUNDOWN CIRCLE #2 & CLOUD CAP	4:28
	8:04	HANDICAP & PIEDRA	4:30
	8:06	BACKSWING & PIEDRA	4:32
	8:07	ACE CT & PIEDRA	4:33
	8:13	HIGH SCHOOL	4:40



Pre-K Programs

About the Colorado Preschool Program and Early Learning Opportunities

The Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) is a state-funded early childhood education program administered by the Colorado Department of Education. Each year the General Assembly provides partial funding for a number of children considered to be at-risk for later school failure to attend preschool. CPP is managed by local school districts and their preschool advisory councils. Here in Archuleta County our council helps manage and account for funds which flow to one of three early childhood centers. All three programs are under strict quality monitoring and many layers of educational accountability.

Seeds of Learning

Seeds of Learning empowers and inspires a diverse population of young children, nurturing lifelong learning, as they become successful adults. Seeds provides opportunity for a high quality education to all children by reserving a minimum of 51% of its enrollment for low-income or at risk children. A sliding scale tuition is based on family income. Approximately 80% of families enrolled are low-income or at risk.

Mardel Gallegos Head Start

Tri-County Head Start operates the Pagosa Springs Head Start Center in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. This program has been a fixture in the community for generations, helping many children and families of Archuleta County prepare for kindergarten. Head Start is excited to welcome young learners to our friendly, safe, and nurturing center.

Wings Early Childhood Center

Wings is a brand new early childhood center that is nature and play-based. Wings is always offering natural materials to help children build on their knowledge of the natural world while also learning social-emotional skills, fine and gross motor skills, making friends, and so much more! With our focus in child development and play, Wings hopes to help the community educate our little ones in a new and different way.

Thank you Archuleta County for voting in favor of the District's Mill Levy Override

The Mill Levy
Override
that was
passed
in 2018
has enabled
the school
district to:

- Recruit and retain high quality staff
- Provide full-day kindergarten for all families
- Increase and improve upon security in our school district



Mitch Guffy
Archuleta County Sheriff's Office



Dylaina Gauvey
Archuleta County Sheriff's Office



Austin Gartman
Pagosa Springs Police Department

One component of our MLO enables the district to employ three full-time School Resource Officers to continue to provide an extra layer of safety and security at our schools.

An SRO is one who is selected, specially trained, and assigned to protect and serve the education environment.

Research shows that:

- Learning is most effective when schools are a safe and welcoming environment for all students and adults.
- SROs play an integral role in ensuring the physical safety of a school building and all inside, and these SROs can be an important resource to welcome, counsel, and mentor students.

Our officers are a great fit for our schools, who engage with youth in a relationship-building way.

Archuleta School District welcomes three full-time School Resource Officers (SRO). Our district SROs are a welcome addition to the ongoing efforts of ASD staff to ensure the safety and security of students, staff, and everyone connected to our schools.

Community Support

Partners in Education (P.I.E.)

Mission statement: Partners in Education (P.I.E.) strives to bring families, schools, and communities together to help children be successful.

We can reach our goals with all the pieces of the PIE

P.I.E. Goals:

- Create and plan fun and successful events that benefit the school, students, and families
- Raise funds for events, activities, and other needs of the school, students, and families
- Provide positive and regular communication to the students and families
- Help maintain high morale levels of the teachers and staff
- Raise school spirit by involving the community in the school

Get involved: pagosa.pta@gmail.com

Pirate Athletics Boosters

Mission statement: The mission of the Pagosa Springs Athletic Booster Club is to raise funds through sales of concessions, business membership and other revenues at the Pagosa Springs High School home games.

In doing so, they strive to help all athletes at Pagosa Springs High school excel in their sport by helping pay for uniforms, large equipment and other essential items needed to play and help offset the cost that the school district pays.

Contact Booster President Chantelle Jordan (cjordan@pagosa.k12.co.us) to become involved.

FACE: Foundation for Archuleta County Education

FACE is a nonprofit organization that supports programs to enhance academic opportunities for students K-12 in Archuleta County, Colorado.

FACE makes grants available to teachers to supply “gap funding” to help support and enhance curricular and extra-curricular activities provided in local schools and related entities.

FACE is for all groups or individuals who have innovative or established educational programs are encouraged to submit proposals to the FACE board of directors for consideration.

For more info visit: www.facepagosa.com



Archuleta School District
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