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## Backcountry mission: Multiple agencies, helicopters help in rescue

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

Personnel from six entities spent several hours Sunday rescuing a man who fell off his horse in the backcountry and was left with spinal and head injuries.

According to Mike Le Roux, director of emergency operations for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), a father and son from Texas were heading in for a hunt and were on horseback approximately 7 miles in on the West Fork Trail — about three-quarters of the way up a set of switchbacks that go over a saddle—

■ See Mission A8



A National Guard rescue technician and helicopter hoist a victim during a backcountry rescue Sunday along the West Fork Trail.

Photo courtesy Dustin English

## Town council hears update on McCabe Creek project, approves geothermal and utility work

By **Jessica Hanson**  
Staff Writer

Mike Coggins, of Rocksol Consulting group, who is the project engineer for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) McCabe Creek Culvert replacement project, presented an update to the Pagosa Springs Town Council at its Sept. 7 meeting.

"We did a really good job of messing up traffic today," Coggins told the council. "We had traffic backed up to Piedra Road in the eastbound direction and Hot Springs Boulevard in the westbound direction. For the most part, we are getting people through in about 15 minutes. The plan, starting tomorrow — we took

■ See Town A8

## County to consider incentives for owner/renter-occupied homes under \$300,000

By **Clayton Chaney**  
Staff Writer

At a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Sept. 14, the board discussed a potential new resolution on providing incentives for owner/renter-occupied homes that are priced under \$300,000.

County Administrator Scott Wall indicated during the work session

that Paralegal Mary Helmski drafted a resolution to provide tax incentives for residential units priced below \$300,000.

In a later interview with Commissioner Ronnie Maez, he stated, "It's not a tax incentive; it's designed for more housing incentive."

During the work session, Wall noted that the county's share of taxes for a residential unit that is

■ See Incentives A8

## BoCC approves \$280,000 from COVID relief funds for walkway between jail, courthouse

By **Clayton Chaney**  
Staff Writer

At a special meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Sept. 14, the board approved a change order with Nunn Construction to have a secured walkway constructed that will connect the new courthouse building to the county jail.

The BoCC approved the change order unanimously in the amount of \$280,806.01.

The funds were approved from the county's portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds awarded by the federal government.

The meeting's agenda notes,

"This walkway will help alleviate any possible COVID contamination between inmates and the general public."

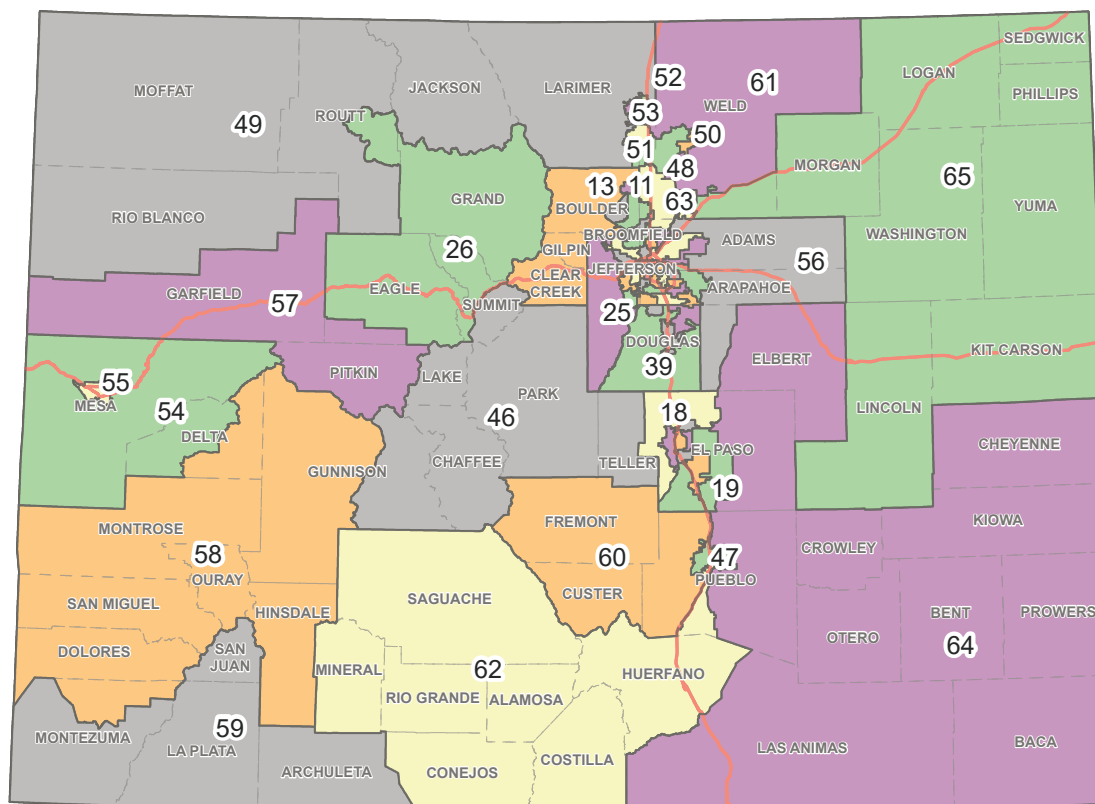
The agenda also explains that the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) requested a change order to the Nunn Construction contract to add a connecting walkway between the detention center and the justice facility, which is currently being built.

At a work session held earlier that day, Commissioner Alvin Schaaf commented on the matter, saying, "You get one chance usually to do it. There's no sense in trying to revisit it later because we all know that won't happen."

■ See Walkway A8

## Colorado Independent Redistricting Commission releases first legislative staff plans

### Colorado House Districts Statewide - First Staff Plan



Colorado Independent Redistricting Commission

The Colorado Independent Redistricting Commission released the first legislative staff plans on Sept. 13.

The plans can be viewed or downloaded at: <https://redistricting.colorado.gov/content/staff-legislative-1>.

The Colorado Independent Redistricting Commission state senate and state house plans were prepared using 2020 census data, public comments and input from the legislative commission.

The legislative commission must approve the final plan by Oct. 11.

As stated in the Colorado Constitution, the new legislative districts must:

- Have equal population, as required by the U.S. Constitution, with a population deviation of no more than 5 percent between the most populous and the least populous district in each chamber;

- Be composed of contiguous geographic areas;

- Comply with the federal "Voting Rights Act of 1965," as amended;

- Preserve whole communities of interest and whole political subdivisions, such as counties, cities, and towns; however, a division of a county, city, city and county, or town is permitted where a community of interest's legislative issues are more essential to the fair and effective representation of residents of the district. When the commission divides a county, city, city and county, or town, it shall minimize the number of divisions of that county, city, city and county, or town;

- Be as compact as is reasonably possible;

- and thereafter, maximize the number of politically competitive districts.

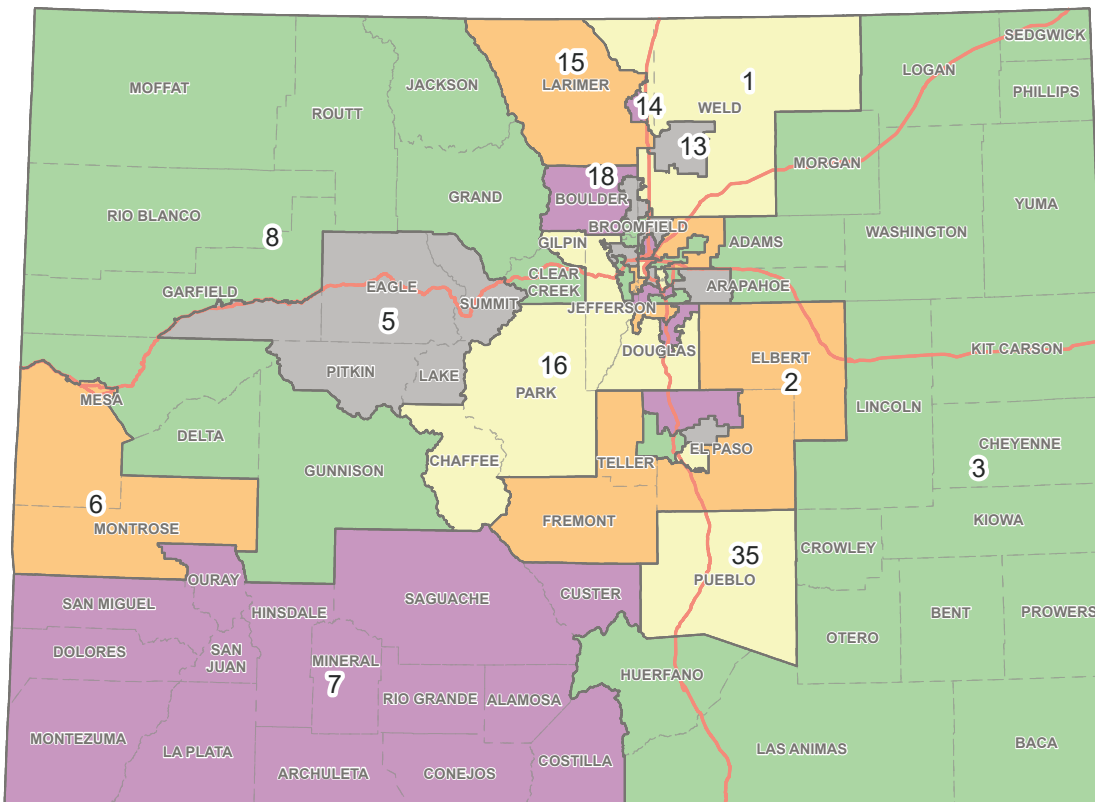
Districts cannot be drawn for the purpose of:

- Protecting incumbents in or declared candidates for the Colorado General Assembly or any political party; or

- Denying or abridging the right of any citizen to vote on account of that person's race or membership in a language minority group, including

■ See Redistricting A8

### Colorado Senate Districts Statewide: First Staff Plan



Maps courtesy Colorado Independent Redistricting Commissions Staff

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## OUR VIEW

# Celebrating small business

Celebrating resilience and renewal is the theme of this year's National Small Business Week celebration.

While many small businesses are still building back from the economic crisis created by the pandemic, they still face multiple obstacles.

President Joe Biden's proclamation declaring this National Small Business Week reads, "The American entrepreneurial spirit is a defining quality of our Nation which time and again has lifted us to new heights and carried us through our greatest challenges. Small businesses are not only the engines of our economic progress — they are the heart and soul of our communities. During National Small Business Week, we celebrate our Nation's small businesses — the pillars of their neighborhoods."

"When the COVID-19 pandemic first struck last year, it posed a historic challenge to America's small businesses. From coast to coast, in big cities, small towns, rural enclaves, and Tribal communities, small business owners and workers demonstrated remarkable courage and resilience, adapting to sudden changes in our way of life and stepping up to serve their communities. Across the country, small businesses extended helping hands to their neighbors during the pandemic's darkest hours, all while entrepreneurs and employees worked tirelessly around

the clock to keep their businesses afloat, make payroll, and ensure the safety of their teams and customers."

There are promises in the proclamation "to grow Federal contracting with small, disadvantaged businesses by 50 percent, translating into an additional \$100 billion over 5 years. By ensuring that more disadvantaged small businesses can compete for and win federal contracts, we can boost job opportunities and economic prosperity in every corner of America."

Right now, we believe small businesses would rather have a complete staff of qualified employees. Small businesses desperately need supply chains to open up, and prices to stabilize and stop soaring.

The keynote speaker for this year's National Small Business Week virtual summit was entrepreneur, investor and philanthropist Mark Cuban, who offered four tips for succeeding in small business during the pandemic and beyond. Among other successful business endeavors, Cuban stars on the popular Shark Tank television series and he owns the Dallas Mavericks professional basketball team.

His first tip for succeeding in small business was a reminder to be agile. He pointed out that no one could have seen COVID-19 coming, yet continuing to adapt is what helps small business keep going. A lot of businesses have had to pivot to get through the pandemic.

"Learn new things because learning is your skill set," said Cuban.

Next, Cuban reminded small business owners to communicate honestly and authentically. He shared the story of how someone in one of his companies had gotten hacked when clicking on a bad link and became the victim of a phishing scam that cost the business half a million dollars.

Cuban advised the company to be transparent while dealing with the problem.

"You have to be honest, you have to communicate, and you have to go back to work," he encouraged.

Cuban's next tip was to love your product.

He explained that "if you have that love and think what you're selling will improve the lives of others, you can easily find the necessary motivation — and provide a positive model for other employees and salespeople in your company."

Lastly, Cuban reminded us that we must keep up with the future and technology.

"Change is inevitable," Cuban said. "You could build a competitive advantage by leaning in to the latest technology."

After the changes small business has experienced these past two years, resilience and renewal are definitely worth celebrating.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
September 16, 1921

A.S. Candelaria took a load of fine cabbage to Pagosa Junction last week.

County Roadoverseer Sorenson and crew are now camped on the Yellow-jacket divide, where they are working both ways from the top and putting the road in good shape.

Mike Pargin and Chas. Mason have been employed by the forest service to build a trail connecting the upper Pine river country with Pagosa, to be known as the First Fork trail.

Monday evening at the Sullenberger ranch Mrs. Pedro Ocana Sr. fell from a load of hay onto a pitchfork, the tines badly lacerating her right arm. It is believed there will be no ill effects from the injury.

Most every Pagosaite who could get away attended the Durango Fair and Jubilee at least a day or two.

Our recent article on the Chimney Rock ruins has been widely copied in other newspapers, besides numerous extra copies being sent out by our subscribers, thus assuring wide publicity for this new venture.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
September 20, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lynch of Pagosa Springs have purchased the Woodard Confectionery known until recently as the Bussing Drug Store and will take formal possession of their new business Monday, Sept. 23. Mr. Lynch has been a resident of the community since he started to school here as a child. He served three years in the U.S. Army during World War II and was overseas two years of that time in the Pacific. Mrs. Lynch, whose home was in Oklahoma, has been a resident of Pagosa for about five years.

Fidel Martinez drove 1500 head of sheep down from Mill Creek mountain range Tuesday. He estimated he had lost about 82 head to ravaging bears.

Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Farrow have moved to Durango and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Farrow are living on the Farrow ranch.

Members of the Woman's Civic Club opened the season, following a summer recess, Friday afternoon with a potluck luncheon served at the Hersch cabin, east of Pagosa Springs.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
September 16, 1971

Fire danger is high in this area at present and there is need for all possible precautions to prevent the start of any forest or grass fire. Streams are very low, with the San Juan River at town being about as low as many can remember. All Forest Service officials ask those in the woods to take precautions and warn against leaving unattended warming fires.

A hunter was lost in the Upper Piedra area and several groups of men were in the area searching. The lost hunter was finally spotted by a Colorado Game, Fish and Parks Department airplane and he was not suffering any ill effects from the ordeal.

The Pagosa Pirates toppled Del Norte 46-0 last Friday night at Del Norte. The Pirates go to Sanford this Friday afternoon to take on another top team from the San Luis Valley.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
September 19, 1996

A contract was signed Wednesday signaling the start of work on a new sewage treatment facility for the Pagosa Springs Sanitation District. The district provides wastewater treatment for the town of Pagosa Springs as well as some surrounding areas. The contract was signed with Gardner Excavation Inc. of Alamosa. The work will begin within a week and will result in a new three-cell aerated lagoon system, located at the site of the existing district treatment facility on Fifth Street in South Pagosa. The construction follows a mandate from the state of Colorado. As a condition of a discharge permit issued three years ago, the Colorado Department of Health and Environment demanded the outdated treatment facility be rebuilt.

Thanks to persistent moisture and declining temperatures, snow has fallen in the high country of the San Juans. The first appearance of the white stuff brought a glimpse of orange state highway department's plows on Wolf Creek Pass Saturday night and returned again Tuesday night to bring a gleam to the eyes of skiers and snow board riders.

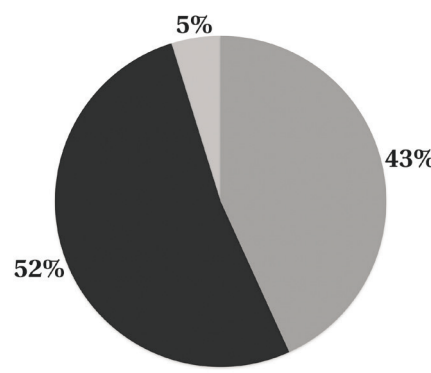
## WHADDYA THINK?

Should U.S. 160 be one lane in each direction with turn lanes all the way through downtown and on Put Hill?

Poll results (125 votes)

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No. — 52 percent  
I don't know. — 5 percent

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## LOOKING BACK



From the July 25, 1974, Pagosa Springs SUN. 4-H MEMBERS ON TOUR — Five Archuleta County 4-H members recently returned from an exchange trip to Canada. They also visited points of interest in the United States while on the trip. Those making the trip were: Gene and Barbara Haning, Terry Muir, Marsha Valdez, and Louella Sanchez.



# Letters

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## Constitution Week

Dear Editor:  
Constitution Week is the commemoration of America's most important document. It is celebrated annually during the week of September 17-23 to commemorate September 27, 1787, the date on which the Constitution was signed in convention. (It was ratified on June 21, 1788.)

This celebration of the Constitution was begun by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in 1955 when the DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated to the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was adopted by the U. S. Congress and signed into Public Law #915 on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## Community members invited to apply for open position on SJBPH Board of Health

By Chandler Griffin  
San Juan Basin Public Health

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is seeking a qualified individual to serve on its board of health.

The Board of Health Appointments Committee will choose a member of the public who lives in Archuleta or La Plata county and has education, experience or a combination of both in finance or a public health discipline such as environmental health, health education, epidemiology, social and behavioral health, biostatistics or public health administration. A board position currently representing Archuleta County is opening at the end of this calendar year.

Board members serve five-year staggered terms. Board membership is a voluntary position. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to [clerk@sjbpublichealth.org](mailto:clerk@sjbpublichealth.org) no later than Oct. 15. Interviews will be scheduled for the week of Oct. 25. SJBPH is a district public health

More a concise statement of National principles than a detailed plan of governmental operation, the Constitution has evolved through Amendments to meet the changing needs of a modern society profoundly different from the eighteenth-century world in which our forefathers lived. To date, the Constitution has been amended 27 times, most recently in 1992. The first ten amendments constitute the Bill of Rights.

Constitution Week is a great time to learn more about this important document and celebrate the freedoms it gives us. Not only is America a beautiful country with a rich heritage, it is a country where democracy works and we can live in freedom, peace and security. Let's all make a personal commitment to honor our country and its Constitution.

Joanne McCoy

## Take action

Dear Editor:  
When I was young fellow my Grandfather always seemed to have a great sense of wisdom. One of his favorite sayings was "how many times do you need to be warned that something bad could happen before you finally take action."

"The normalcy bias, or normality bias, is a belief people enter when facing a disaster. It causes people to underestimate both the possibility of a disaster and its possible effects, because it causes

organization established by a joint resolution between La Plata and Archuleta counties. The resolution also secured a seven-person board of health to oversee SJBPH, with one county commissioner from each county serving as an ex-officio voting member.

Over the course of an historic pandemic responding to COVID-19, and for decades prior, SJBPH has delivered on its mission to improve public and environmental health in southwest Colorado. Maternal and child health programs, infectious disease control, health inspections, youth outreach and water quality testing are just a few of the services provided by SJBPH.

To learn more about SJBPH Board of Health members' responsibilities, time commitment, selection criteria and other information, visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/boardofhealth/>.

For more information about SJBPH and the public and environmental health services delivered in La Plata and Archuleta counties, visit the SJBPH website: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/>.

people to have a bias to believe that things will always function the way things normally function."

My next door neighbor has a saying that: "You must participate in your own rescue".

James R. Sanders

## Hunting season

Dear Editor:  
Every Saturday evening, I tune in to the "rfd" channel and that is my Saturday night entertainment. Recently, they wuz talkin' 'bout th diffrence tween a big city zoo and a small country zoo. They said that the big city zoos have a metal tag on the front of the cage telling all about the animal while the small town country zoos have a metal tag on the front with a recipe. Hee-hee. Thought you'd enjoy that one.

Happy Hunting. Ya'll stay safe.  
Patty Tillerson

## Letters

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# Obituaries

## LuEtta Mae Dodge (né Wilford)

LuEtta Mae Dodge (né Wilford) died on Aug. 27 in Riverside, Calif. She was 91.

LuEtta was born on Aug. 16, 1930, in Maysville, Mo., to her parents, Truman and Hazel Wilford. She graduated from high school in 1949. She married the father of her sons in Cameron in 1950, and they welcomed Gerald and Richard shortly after. Life and work eventually took LuEtta to Riverside, Calif., where she met her husband, Edward Dodge. They married on Valentine's Day in 1979 and were together until his passing.

LuEtta worked at JC Penny in Riverside, Calif., in furniture sales for 20 years. After her retirement and Edward's passing, she lived in various locales, including in Pagosa Springs, Colo., where she worked in sales at Old Town Gifts and Terry's Ace Hardware.

She is survived by her sister, Marie Madden, of Riverside, Calif.; her sons, Gerald Bennett, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Richard Bennett (Ellie), of Riverside, Calif.; her granddaughters, Julia Bennett (Schuyler) and Jessica Bennett, of Riverside, Calif.; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward Dodge, her parents and her sister, Violet O'Brien.

LuEtta asked that no funeral be held. Her ashes will be scattered in Pagosa Springs, Colo., where she loved the greenery, fresh air, wildflowers and beautiful wildlife, and in Fresno, Calif., at Lake Shaver. The family asks that in lieu of condolences, to please donate books in her name to your local Little Free Library or your local senior center.



her husband, Jim Downing, moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., in 2001 and remained here until her death, on Sept. 11. Andrea was 81.

She is survived by her husband, Jim, and her three sons, Jim Jr., Keith and Craig. She is also survived by her daughters-in-law, Shawna, Marnie, Diane and Rachel; her seven grandchildren; and her great-grandchildren; her sister, Lynn Moffett; and her brother, Bill Moffett; plus nieces and nephews galore.

Service will be held Monday, Sept. 20, at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave., Pagosa Springs.

## Jo Ann Jehnzen

Jo Ann Jehnzen, 85, of Rodney, Mich., passed away Monday, Aug. 30, at Royal View Retirement Community in Canadian Lakes.

She was born Nov. 18, 1935, in Mecosta, the daughter of Warren and Opal (Warner) Adams and graduated from Mecosta High School in 1953.

On June 11, 1955, she married the love of her life, Harold Jehnzen. For over 25 years, Jo Ann worked at Ferris State University in the Business office. Harold and Jo Ann wintered in Lake Havasu, Ariz., for 20 years, where she played volleyball in the pool at least three times a week. She loved flowers and created many beautiful flower gardens around her house over the years. According to her children and grandchildren, she made the best homemade bread in the world.

Jo Ann is survived by her children, Lynne (Matt) Bridges, of Rodney; Mark Jehnzen, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; and Greg (Laura) Jehnzen, of Mecosta; six grandchildren, Stacey Lewis, Kelly Laner, Jack Bridges, Megan Caler, Kyle Jehnzen and Katie Boyce; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Her children, grand-



children and great-grands, as she called them, were her pride and joy. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; her daughter, Lori Lee; two sisters, Eleanor Sterling and Ruth Gladding; and brother Wayne Adams.

A celebration of Jo Ann's life will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Big Rapids Aerie Eagles No. 2535. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or stjude.org/donate.

## Charlotte Renee Keane

Charlotte Renee Keane died Sept. 7 at her home in Bayfield, Colo., surrounded by family and loved ones following a long struggle with PAP, and finally, pulmonary fibrosis.

She was born Oct. 25, 1967, to John and Jeanette Keane in Fort Worth, Texas. She grew up in the Upper Piedra and Pagosa Springs, graduating from Pagosa Springs High School in 1987.

Charlotte will be remembered most for her sweet smile and caring eyes. She was kind and generous and loved others unconditionally. Her courage and loyalty were undeniable.

Cooking and sharing recipes were two of Charlotte's passions. She also enjoyed watching scary movies.

Her greatest joy in life was her two granddaughters, Nichole and Natalie Chavez.

Charlotte is survived by the love of her life, David Chavez; son John (Felicia) Chavez; grandchildren Nichole and Natalie; her loving father, John Keane; devoted sister Michelle (Shawn) Curvey and nephew Cody Keane; stepchildren Jonnaci, Danny and Shaylee Chavez; step-nephew Zack Curvey; and her beloved pet, Angel the "Pupmaster."

Charlotte was preceded in death by her mother, Jeanette Keane, grandparents Jack and Jean Keane and Herbert "Doc" and Mary Thompson.

"God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so he put his

arms around you and whispered 'come with me.' With tearful eyes, I watched and saw you pass away, although I love you dearly, I could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest. God broke my heart to prove to me, he only takes the best." — Anonymous.

In lieu of flowers, a GoFundMe account has been set up to defray expenses and to set up a trust fund for Charlotte's grandchildren: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/9w4z2k-remembering-charlotte>.

A potluck picnic in celebration of Charlotte's life will be held Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Debs Schoolhouse in the Upper Piedra. All are welcome to attend. Bring your own beverage. Tables and chairs will be provided, but bring a chair if you can.

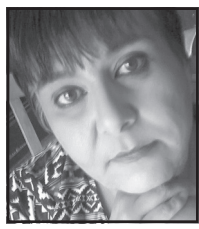
## Pricilla Martinez

Pricilla Martinez, age 56, passed away on Sept. 7 at the ICU in Colorado Springs after a devastating battle with COVID.

She was born on Feb. 3, 1965, to Fred and Pilar Martinez, at home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., the same home that she lived in most of her life. In 1991, Pricilla had her only child, Audrey. She loved her job at Jackisch Drug (Selah Mountain Pharmacy), where she worked for over 29 years. Pricilla spent her days crocheting, dancing, cooking and spending time with her best friends; she loved her two granddaughters most of all.

Pricilla leaves behind her daughter, Audrey Martinez; granddaughters Yareli and Daleysa and their father, Manuel Gutierrez; brothers Anthony (Dixie) Rivera, Phillip (Heidi) Martinez and Ricky Martinez; nieces and nephews, Laura, Nacole, Leo, Amy, Valerie and Tony; as well as numerous great-nieces and nephews, aunts, cousins and friends. Pricilla is preceded in death by her parents.

A rosary will be held Friday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. and her funeral will take place Saturday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m. with lunch to follow, all at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Pagosa Springs, Colo.



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## County supports U.S. Forest Service acquisition of V Rock property

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a letter of support to be sent to the U.S. Forest Service supporting funding for the Forest Service to acquire the V Rock property off of Forest System Road 663 (Buckles Lake Road).

The letter of support was approved at the board's regular meeting held on Tuesday, Sept. 7, as part of the meeting's consent agenda.

The V Rock property is located off of Forest Road 633, also known as Buckles Lake Road, and is the only private property accessed off of the road.

The letter approved by the BoCC notes that the property is a 160-acre inholding that is surrounded by San Juan National Forest.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained in a later interview that the Forest Service approached the county about acquiring the land due to property taxes.

"If the national Forest Service acquires it, it goes from private property to public property, and that's property taxes that aren't coming to the county anymore," Weaver said.

He indicated that there is not much infrastructure on the property.

Weaver also mentioned the county is in support of the Forest Service's request, as the amount of property tax being paid to the county on that property is merely a "drop in the bucket."

The letter approved by the BoCC states, "Development of the property, and the associated year-round access, would further fragment the lower elevation wildlife habitat in and around the area."

The letter explains the property provides habitat for a diversity of wildlife including resident and

migratory birds, coyote, mountain lion, black bear, elk and mule deer.

The letter also notes that the property "is located in a critical migration corridor for elk and mule deer migrating from the San Juan Mountains."

Additionally, the letter explains that the landowner is working with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation on an option contract to hold the property until the San Juan National Forest has sufficient funds to acquire it.

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## Correction

In the Sept. 9 edition of The SUN, in the article "Habitat for Humanity requests funds from county," it was incorrectly reported that the Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County (HHAC) is planning to work with a company called Indy Dwell. The correct name of the company HHAC is planning on working with is indieDwell. The SUN regrets the error.

## Local

### Harrison Rivera

Harrison Rivera, of Pagosa Springs, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2021 President's List. Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic GPA of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the term.

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# Business



## Urban Renewal Authority holds public listening sessions

By Jessica Hanson  
Staff Writer

Last month, the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (URA) held multiple listening sessions and invited the public to ask questions and comment on topics such as new infrastructure, workforce housing, blighted areas and new developments.

The Pagosa Springs URA was formed in the fall of 2019.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips began a Thursday, Aug. 19, listening session by introducing the presenter, Andrew Arnold from Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH), a planning and design firm located in Durango.

Phillips also gave some background information on the town's URA and URAs in general.

"We have an 11-member board. Seven of those members are the current mayor and town council and the other four seats are generally from the community. We have not yet engaged on a specific project, but we are very excited about moving forward to do that. That's why we are excited to have you here today. We want to hear from you on how we can do some community-minded development here in our community," Phillips commented.

She later added, "An urban renewal authority is actually authorized within Colorado state statute. It's been an allowance within the statute since 1958 and, believe it or not, all 50 states have some type of authorizing legislation that allows for this type of public/private partnership. There's over 60 communities in Colorado that have an urban renewal authority and they have been doing some pretty neat things for their communities through that vehicle."

Arnold, who is with the Planning Division of SEH, began his presentation by speaking about what his role at SEH is.

"A little bit of background on me: I am an AICP-certified planner," he said. "The majority of my time is spent on economic development. I focus especially on public/private partnerships. I work with a number of URAs across the state of Colorado and also the country doing some work in the Great Lakes area as well. We have had some great turnout. I am very excited to be working with the community. There is incredible opportunity to build what I call creative alliances in Pagosa Springs."

Using a presentation that can be found on the SEH website under the heading "How Colorado Communities Can Benefit from an Urban Renewal Authority," Arnold explained, "A URA is a great vehicle to enact public/private partnerships in your community. If done successfully, I call the creative alliances — an alliance between the public sector and the private sector that should be

bringing about a development that is community-minded, not just a highly profitable development that has a great return on investments, but something that is going to be profitable for the private sector, but is also going to advance the needs and the wants of the community."

The first slide of Arnold's presentation points out four of the benefits of a community having a URA to expand the reach of infrastructure, which can lead to the redevelopment of a struggling or blighted neighborhood, which would attract new businesses and would encourage those new businesses to build affordable housing projects within the community.

**"If you are really trying to make apartments more attainable, you know, workforce attainable, it helps to have a project area that has commercial uses because the commercial uses are going to like the fact that rooftops are nearby."**

Andrew Arnold  
Short Elliot Hendrickson

Arnold's presentation continues by explaining what makes a URA important for the community.

The four factors that go into making a URA successful, according to Arnold's presentation, are the economic and business developers of the community, local taxing bodies, elected officials, and community development and planning staff.

According to Arnold's presentation, the crucial steps to forming a successful URA are identifying blight, communicating with taxing entities and organizing public participation.

Arnold's presentation includes three steps that would help create a successful URA. The first one is the creation of a public outreach campaign to help educate the public and the community about the benefits of a URA while also addressing the local issues and concerns of the community. This will help the URA develop the mission or vision for the projects that the local community needs to address. Reaching out to the local community will help the URA understand the local needs and concerns.

Some examples of concerned members of the community that would require public outreach, according to Arnold's presentation, could be a neighborhood group concerned about school safety, a school district concerned about providing affordable housing for its teachers, a business improvement district concerned about being able to attract businesses that will offer high-paying jobs or local elected officials who want to improve the town's infrastructure to encourage new development.

The second step included in Arnold's presentation discussed the process of forming a URA — including a signed petition, conditions survey and vote to establish a URA — which has already been completed in Pagosa Springs.

The next step is to form the URA's board of commissioners. The governing body designates itself to the URA board, according to the presentation. Board members or staff of other major bodies, such as the local school district and the county, as well as the county assessor, are invited to serve as board members. The composition of the board should reflect the community's preferences.

Arnold's presentation states that once the URA is formed, three reports must be completed before a project can be started. The urban renewal plan outlines the project area, defines its boundaries and describes the proposed actions and incentives that will be used on the project.

The second report needed, according to Arnold's presentation, is a conditions survey. This supplements the urban renewal plan. The conditions survey will mark the boundaries of the proposed project area and highlight any blighted conditions.

The final report needed, according to the presentation, is the impact report. This report is required by Colorado law if the URA is going to use tax-increment financing (TIF) as its main incentive in the project.

TIF, the presentation explains, is used by local governments to divert part of a business' taxes to be used for infrastructure improvements and future developments in a designated business district in a community.

This report, the presentation notes, will help to forecast future development by estimating the amount of property and sales tax to be generated from properties and businesses in designated areas. The report will also help to estimate how much of the tax generated will be used for existing development and how much will be used for urban renewal. The impact report should be able to forecast revenue for each taxable body within the project area.

The URA can use these forecasts to negotiate with taxing entities to determine the amount of taxes that will be diverted by the URA for a

project instead of to the taxing entity. These negotiations are critical in incentivizing urban renewal projects and are also known as TIF agreements, the presentation explains.

The presentation includes the fact that the impact report serves the local community and the URA in another way: The impact report also serves to highlight the positive as well as negative impacts on the project development area as well as the community itself. The impact report also allows the URA commission to strategically use incentives in negotiating with potential developers.

Once Arnold finished his presentation, he invited members of the public to ask or submit questions via chat.

The first question submitted by chat was read by Phillips: "Would the city of Pagosa Springs bring utilities into an area at the city's expense to help get the project off the ground?"

Phillips commented, "I think that is a really good question because we do have a lot of areas within the community that could be ripe for workforce housing development or commercial development, but they're lacking infrastructure. And just so everyone is aware, lacking infrastructure is one of the 11 blight factors that a URA can engage on."

Arnold responded to the chat question on infrastructure by saying, "In a lot of areas across the state, there has been developments that have approached local urban renewal authorities and there might be a situation where, all right, like you were the last development in and we are going to have to ask you to do off-site improvements. Maybe there is a big sewer retention area that they need to develop or improve a road. In some cases, and again it is a case-by-case basis, the URA working in conjunction with the city or town has waived that requirement. They will say, 'You know what? We are go-

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# Archuleta County sees fourth death among COVID cases

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) recorded Archuleta County's fourth death among COVID-19 cases last week.

SJBPH confirmed the death to The SUN on Sept. 8.

"An adult passed away at a hospital outside of SJBPH's jurisdiction," an email from SJBPH COVID-19 Public Information Officer/Communications Director Chandler Griffin states. "The individual was unvaccinated for COVID-19. We send condolences to the friends and family of the deceased."

## Outbreaks

Two active COVID-19 outbreaks have been identified in Archuleta County.

An outbreak was confirmed at Pagosa Peak Open School on Sept. 8 with five confirmed cases — four students and one staff member.

Griffin reported Wednesday there have been no new cases at PPOS.

On Wednesday, an outbreak was identified at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center, with Griffin reporting there are four confirmed cases among staff.

From information collected by SJBPH and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Griffin said, all four cases were unvaccinated individuals.

He noted there have been zero hospitalizations and zero deaths associated with the outbreak.

Griffin noted that SJBPH is serving as a supporting agency to the CDPHE in the investigation, but noted Pine Ridge "has been a great partner" working through the investigation.

An outbreak is identified as five cases associated with a single facility in a 14-day period, or two cases in a 14-day period in congregate settings.

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

## Local numbers

Archuleta County's COVID-19 case incidence rate is now below both the state's and nation's.

According to SJBPH, Archuleta County's seven-day cumulative incidence rate was 142.8 cases per 100,000 people — down from 150.0 a week prior.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Colorado's seven-day incidence rate was 178.2 Wednesday — up from 182.7 a week prior.

The U.S.'s one-week rate is now 295, up from 268 a week prior.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH listed 1,310 total cases of confirmed COVID-19 among Archuleta County residents since late March 2020, up from 1,285 a week prior.

The agency showed Archuleta County was at 6 percent positivity Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Archuleta School District Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza told the Board of Education the district has had five confirmed cases so far since the school year began on Sept. 7.

## Vaccinations continue, SJBPH awaiting news on boosters, kids' vaccine

As of Wednesday, 55 percent of Archuleta County's total population had received at least one dose of a vaccine, with 52 percent of the population having completed a vaccine series.

Of the eligible population (those 12 and older), 62 percent have received at least one dose, while 58 percent have completed a vaccine series.

Griffin explained that, since Jan. 1, 77 documented breakthrough cases have been identified in Archuleta County, out of 822 confirmed cases in that time frame.

While the vaccines are not 100 percent effective, he added, they are effective at preventing hospitalization and death.

Last week, the state launched a vaccine breakthrough data dashboard, which is available at: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine-breakthrough>.

Immunocompromised individuals are currently eligible for vaccine booster shots, and Griffin and SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon noted SJBPH continues to watch for announcements on who may be eligible for booster shots soon.

SJBPH is also watching for when vaccines may be available for children.

"San Juan Basin Public Health is monitoring for updates on vaccine eligibility for younger children," Griffin said, explaining that Pfizer has data to be able to apply for emergency use authorization for its vaccine for kids 5 to 11 years old.

Griffin explained Pfizer could apply for emergency use authorization in the next week or two, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Food and Drug Administration reviewing the data and application sometime in late October.

If authorized, he noted, SJBPH would be prepared to quickly work with its partners to provide the vaccines.

He acknowledged that timeline is subject to change, indicating that the vaccine is an important tool for protecting in-person learning, which is important for kids for many reasons.

Griffin added that 12- to 17-year-olds can currently receive the Pfizer vaccine.

Jollon noted there are about 1,000 children in that age group in Archuleta County.

A list of vaccination clinics, including links to register, are available on SJBPH's website.

## Testing changes on the horizon

Griffin explained Wednesday that community testing sites operated in partnership with COVIDCheck Colorado will no longer be offering the rapid molecular Cue tests after Sept. 30.

Griffin explained that the decision was made by COVIDCheck Colorado in coordination with the state and is due to significant challenges experienced with using the tests.

Griffin noted the test sites will remain open and will continue to offer PCR testing, with COVIDCheck Colorado looking into options for rapid testing in the future.

Griffin also noted that part of the Biden Administration's updates to its COVID-19 response plan is invoking the Defense Production Act to increase the supply of rapid tests.

For more information on area testing, visit SJBPH's website.

## School guidance updated

On Sept. 10, the state updated its "Practical Guide for Operationalizing CDC's School Guidance" to reflect updated best practices and guidance for schools to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In the updated guidance, the CDPHE recommends local public health agencies and school districts implement mask requirements for all

individuals entering K-12 schools in Colorado including students, staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status or level of community transmission.

"This is especially important in settings where vaccination rates are low and where many students are not yet eligible for vaccination. Even when not required by local public health or a school district, staff and students may choose to wear masks. Schools and school districts should ensure that every classroom is a welcome environment for students and staff who choose to protect themselves in this manner," a press release from the state reads.

The update also provides additional guidance on improving ventilation.

"COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses are spread through respiratory droplets that are produced when we breathe, talk, sneeze, or cough. Improving ventilation by increasing air exchanges and filtration assists with the dilution of contaminants that might be present, including respiratory droplets," the press release states.

The guidance continues to recommend that vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine following an exposure. Unvaccinated students can also avoid quarantine following a typical classroom exposure if both the infected individual and the exposed student were correctly wearing masks, or participating in weekly screening testing.

In response to stakeholder feedback, the new guidance removes one of the community level metrics that previously recommended that quarantine for exposed students could be avoided if county vaccination rates were higher than 70 percent.

Another metric, relating to school level vaccination rates remains but was increased from 70 percent to 80 percent, according to the press release. If at least 80 percent of individuals age 12 and older within a school community have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, no one, including unvaccinated individuals, needs to quarantine following a typical classroom exposure to a case. In areas with low vaccination rates and high case rates, schools must work with their local public health agency to determine quarantine requirements when cases of COVID-19 are identified.

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Panels depicting former Native American boarding school life, at the clocktower on the Fort Lewis College (FLC) campus, were removed Sept. 6 after the school's History Committee found them to be "inaccurate and disrespectful." FLC leaders say the boarding school sought to "disrupt the identity of thousands of children and erase Indigenous cultures and languages."

# After years of calls to correct whitewashed history, Fort Lewis College is owning up to its past as an Indian boarding school

By Paolo Zialcica  
CPR News

The origin of Fort Lewis College in Durango is a dark stain on American education and the state of Colorado. The school's own leaders have said as much.

Once a post-Civil War Army post, the land was converted into a federal, off-reservation Native American boarding school, which forced tribal students to abandon their cultural identities and adopt western culture. The campus was situated on ancestral land stolen from several Native American tribes.

The process was often violent. And while there is no current evidence that Fort Lewis had a direct role in student deaths, mass unmarked graves of indigenous children have been found at former boarding schools across the continent.

Forced assimilation continued at the school for 20 years, until the land was transferred to the state in 1911 to become a university. The deal was made on the grounds that Native American students would get free tuition.

Panels in the middle of Fort Lewis College's campus, right underneath its iconic clock tower, are supposed to depict this history, but the version

on display is incomplete. While they include its time as an Indian boarding school, it portrays the time as peaceful and unproblematic. Photos show indigenous students participating in sports and the marching band.

"The school received high praise for its 'extremely good literary instruction' and its 'excellent work' in all industrial departments," one panel said.

But, according to the school's own Center for Southwest Studies, all aspects of the students' Native culture, "spoken, written, even gestured," were strictly forbidden. Records show some students burned down barracks as an act of rebellion against the school.

These days, a third of the college's population is indigenous, with 170 tribal nations represented on campus. Indigenous students, activists and leaders have pointed out the panels' whitewashing of history for years. Last week, the pieces finally came down.

In a ceremony attended by students, tribal leaders and university officials, Fort Lewis President Tom Stritikus described the college's past as part of a "cultural genocide."

While the ceremony mourned the college's past, leaders described it as the beginning of a healing period.

Melvin J. Baker, chairman of Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

"I think, as we move forward, we can do better," Baker said. "We can always be better tomorrow."

Skyhawk Nation, a drumming group composed of indigenous students, played music during the removal. First was a grieving song, which the group sang in the Ponca language to memorialize the students taken from their homes.

"It's talking to Osages, it's saying all you Osage, look at your children," said Noah Shadlow, the group's leader. "It's not just look at them, it's take care of their every need, watch over them, protect them from all harm."

Shadlow and company followed that with a victory song and an intertribal song to celebrate the removal of the panels.

"I look at it as the day of a celebration, like correcting the record, I would say," he said. "Making sure that we all know that this history is real and that it affected real people."

The college says it hopes to continue its commitment to Indigenous students by accurately retelling its history and expanding its curriculum to reflect the diverse makeup of its students.

"We will have a student who will be working with those panels to tell the history of the boarding school

in a more accurate way involving Native American students and non-Native American students," Stritikus said. "We'll continue to do curricular work. We've been recently supported by a large grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation to build a curriculum around the boarding school, to do historical work around the issues related to boarding schools."

Eventually, Fort Lewis will remove the remaining nine panels underneath the clock tower and display them at the Center for Southwest Studies. Fort Lewis' History Committee hasn't decided what to do with the space left behind, but members say they won't move forward without student input.

"One thought is to create some panels, possibly with indigenous artwork or additional information that we can provide for guests and visitors," Bitsóí, a Navajo citizen, said.

Colorado as a whole has been taking steps to address the systemic oppression of Native Americans within the state. In August, Gov. Jared Polis officially ended proclamations that incited the Sand Creek Massacre. But the state still has not made good on its promise to rename Mount Evans and other landmarks named after figures who used their power to oppress Native Americans.

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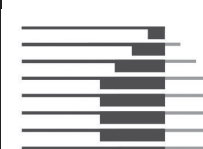
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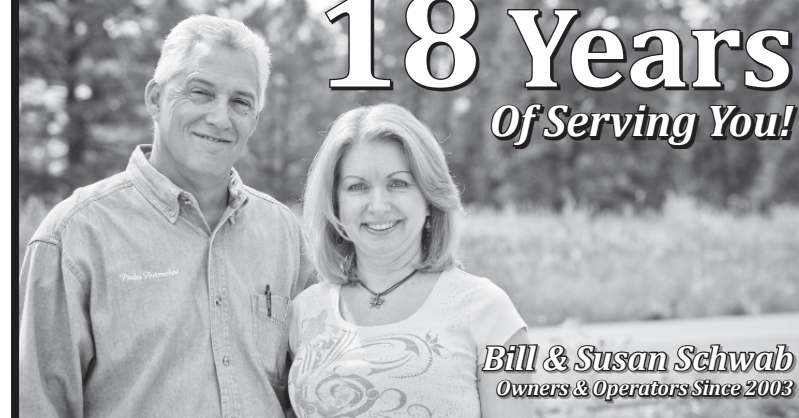
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# Outdoors



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Junior Ethan Bergdolt sprints to the finish line.



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Senior Davis Parker finishes strong.

## DUST2 Pagosa Springs team proves strong in Nathrop

By Janine Emmets  
DUST2

After a year without racing, the DUST2 Pagosa Springs team participated in its first race of 2021 with the Colorado League this past weekend in Nathrop.

The racers competed in a time trial to place them amongst their peers in their respective categories. Every rider had to complete two laps of the 6.3-mile course.

In the JV boys' category, out of 102 riders, junior Ethan Bergdolt was the first to cross the finish line at 24th place with a time of 1 hour, six seconds. Senior Sawyer Blakemore finished in 32nd place with a time of 1:01:04. Junior Tucker Mashue came in 40th with a time of 1:03:10. Junior Carter Kasson finished in 58th place with a time of 1:06:57. Senior Davis Parker finished 73rd with a time of 1:10:11.

In the sophomore boys' category, Jack Hittle came in 41st with a time of 1:15:43. Bradley Lamoreaux showed his strength by coming in fourth and finishing in 57:26.

"Bradley has been itching to race since he was in seventh grade.

Last year was finally going to be his year to race and then COVID messed that all up. It was so great that he finally got his chance and got to prove what he could do out there on the race course. We're excited to see what Bradley can do this year," said coach Janine Emmets.

In the sophomore girls' category, Hadley Phillips finished in 10th place with a time of 1:27:30. Natalie Mashue finished strong with a sprint to finish line, passing another rider in the last 100 feet. She finished 16th with a time of 1:35:20.

In the freshman boys' category, Braden Terry finished in 21st place with a time of 1:12:48. In the freshman girls' category, Rylie Carr finished sixth with a time of 1:22:01.

"This is the biggest group of racers we've ever had in the last few years. All the students were so excited to kick off the season with a time trial race. There was a bit of nerves as well, but all of the coaches assured the kids that they were ready. They've been putting in the work and we knew they would all do well," said Emmets.



Photo courtesy Jake Emmets

Sophomore Natalie Mashue starts her second lap on the 6.3-mile course.



Photo courtesy Darryl Saffer

A ring-necked duck in the Riverwalk wetlands.

## Riverwalk Naturalist Tours to end Sept. 28 for the season

By Josh Pike  
Pagosa Wetland Partners

Throughout the summer, the Riverwalk Naturalist Tours have entertained and educated residents and visitors by offering free guided naturalist tours of the Riverwalk wetlands.

The program aims to educate participants about the unique characteristics of the Riverwalk wetlands.

Over the last two months, we have introduced more than 100 people to the natural beauty and wildlife of the wetlands. Through the season, participants have enjoyed seeing waterbirds nest and their babies mature, seen the landscape of the wetlands change as the cattail and reed banks grow, and learned about the unique ecology of the area.

However, as fall approaches, the touring season is coming to an end. The program's last tour will be offered on Tuesday, Sept. 28. This means that there are only six more opportunities over the next two weeks for interested people to join a tour this season. During the final two weeks of tours, participants will be able to see a wide variety of birds currently undergoing their fall migration as well as the beginnings of fall changes to the wetland vegetation, and an increasing number of bats on the cooling and darkening evenings.

Tours are offered starting at 8 a.m. on Friday and Saturday mornings and 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. No reservations

are required; just show up when you want to join us. Each tour will last between one and 1.5 hours and will involve an approximately 1.5-mile walk on a paved trail. People of all ages, abilities and identities are welcomed to join us. Tours will meet at the Habitat Hero Native Plant Garden in Centennial Park behind the courthouse near the geothermal greenhouse domes. Tours will then follow the Riverwalk trail through the wetlands, ending near Town Hall. At the end of the tour, participants will have options for their walk back to their lodgings or vehicles.

Bringing binoculars and a water bottle is recommended, as many wetland animals, such as birds, are more easily seen with binoculars and the trail can be quite warm, even in the fall. We ask that you leave your furry friends at home, as their presence will often disturb wildlife on the trail and reduce the number of things we can see; however, service animals are always welcome.

Each tour is quite different, as the wildlife and situations encountered vary greatly across different days and times of day. Therefore, coming to multiple tours is encouraged to get the full portrait of the Riverwalk conservation area. We look forward to exploring the wetlands with you for the rest of September.

Contact us at [pagosawetlands@gmail.com](mailto:pagosawetlands@gmail.com) if you have questions. Otherwise, we will see you on the trail for another two weeks of tours.

## Charter school students experience hands-on learning at Southern Roots Farm

By Emily Murphy  
Pagosa Peak Open School

"I caught two blue dragonflies," Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) third-grader Lennon said, explaining the highlight of his recent field work at Southern Roots Farm.

Second-grader Tenzin chimed in.

"Dragonflies are pollinators," he said. "They move from flower to flower, pollinating along the way."

This was the next phase of the students' project, "Secret Life of Pollinators." Grades 1-3 at PPOS were learning the ins and outs of the importance of pollination with hands-on work at the farm.

After a tour of the greenhouse and the field operations, students shared notices and wonders about perennial and native

plants. They then looked for pollinators and examined them using magnifying glasses.

Discussions revealed the fruits of pollinator labor as students investigated the food growing around them. Students harvested potatoes, cucumbers and tomatoes before exploring other parts of the farm and experiencing farm jobs like collecting eggs from the farm's chickens.

"We got the kids outside, where they made their own observations of plants and pollinators," PPOS first-/second-grade teacher, and owner of the farm, Kelle Bruno said about the trip.

The students are looking forward to collecting their learning in a book they will share in October with the Mountain High Garden Club: another group of pollinator-lovers and plant-growers.



Photo courtesy Kelle Bruno

Pagosa Peak Open School students observe pollinators they catch at Southern Roots Farm.



Photo courtesy Kelle Bruno

Lillian helps collect eggs during a field work experience at Southern Roots Farm.

# BoCC and elected officials look at ways to improve communication, increase employee pay

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

At a joint meeting with the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and elected county officials, held on Tuesday, Sept. 7, the group discussed how to improve communication between county departments and ways to increase employee pay.

Commissioner Warren Brown directed the meeting since Commissioner Alvin Schaaf was not present.

Brown began the meeting by noting that, "This is not a Board of County Commissioners' meeting, this is not my meeting, this is an elected officials' meeting."

The first item on the agenda, introduced by Brown, was "How to improve long-term communication working relationships."

Brown acknowledged there have been communication difficulties within the county in the past and mentioned improving that is one of his top priorities.

"Again, I think that communication is the key, and I would like to try to make communications a top priority, at least for me," Brown said.

He explained that he believes the BoCC and the other elected officials should be meeting with each other more frequently.

Brown noted that there is "value in new perspectives."

Commissioner Ronnie Maez also addressed communication difficulties faced in the past.

"Historically, I think we can change things too, because I know in the past there were meetings being done and a lot of them were under ridicule, scrutinizing ... and I think that's why the previous meetings fell to the wayside," Maez said.

Maez added that it is important for the group to get past the drama and work together.

"I think the better we work together ... the better we make more progress for this county," Maez added.

"We all get beat up enough," Brown said. "We don't need to cannibalize one another."

Brown added that when presenting issues, it helps if there is a solution presented as well.

"It's good to be open and to be able to have this kind of communication," Assessor Johanna Elliot said.

"We do have to remember that ... we need to put on a united front, not just a front, but let everybody know that we're transparent, we're working together and we can openly communicate well with each other," she added.

Sheriff Rich Valdez mentioned that this is only the third meeting between the BoCC and the other elected officials that he has been to.

He explained that the feedback from the previous meetings indicated that the other elected officials were "beating em' [the BoCC] up."

However, he mentioned that he felt the meetings were productive and was disappointed to see the meetings not being continued

regularly. "It was frustrating on that part," Valdez added.

He noted that it was good to see that the BoCC is trying to improve communication throughout the county's different departments and is looking to meet with the other elected officials more often.

"It's extremely important, because ... it opens up a lot of opportunity for people to make assumptions, and we definitely need to stop that," Valdez added.

He explained that the ability to converse with each other will help put a stop to assumptions being made.

The group also discussed ways to increase its employee pay and offer room for growth within their departments.

Elliot spoke about how there are multiple employees in her department who aren't eligible for pay increases, but she feels they deserve it.

"I have employees that I think deserve raises, but they haven't been able to get them," Elliot said.

She explained that under the current pay structure for the county, it is difficult for employees to advance in their position without obtaining a college degree or other certifications.

"Let's get real. That's not going to happen," she added. "I feel like there's no room for any growth for my appraisers."

Elliot indicated that she would like to have the county change the


language for its positions to include the term "and/or" in reference to education and job experience for employees who have sufficient experience in their department to be eligible for wages increases and promotions, without being required to obtain a college degree.

"We'll have to really put our heads together," Maez commented.

Elliot also mentioned that county departments have been told in the past that they do not have control over their respective department's payroll.

Brown stated that he is a "strong believer for pay for performance" and that the county should be conducting annual evaluations which can justify either why or why not an employee is eligible for a wage increase.

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The new law also adjusts the process for renewing driver's licenses online. Now Coloradans who are older than 21, but younger than 80, must attest that they have had an eye examination within one year before renewing their driver's license online. Previously, Coloradans had to attest to having had an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist within the last three years.

Additionally, Coloradans who are older than 80 and renewing their driver's license electronically will need to obtain a signed statement (DR 2402) from an optometrist or ophthalmologist attesting that the person renewing their license has had an eye examination within six months and the results of the examination. This statement will need to be uploaded as part of the online renewal application process.

Prior to the public office closures and under emergency guidance from Gov. Jared Polis, the DMV opened up online renewals to Coloradans 65 and older on March 10, 2020. From March 2020 to August 2021, about 136,000 Colorado seniors renewed their license or ID online.

By continuing online renewals to

seniors, the DMV was able to serve thousands of Coloradans without the need to visit a state driver's license office.

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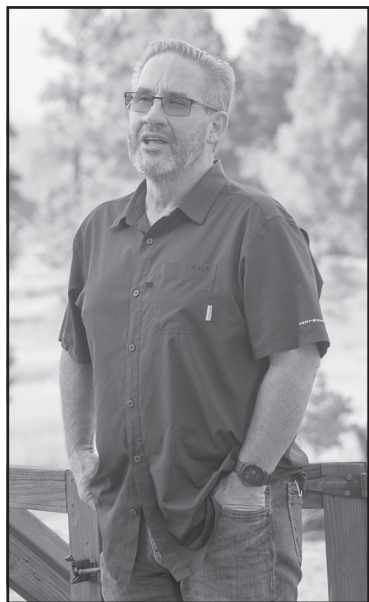


# Never forget

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First responders and community members gather to commemorate and pay tribute to those who lost their lives and those who responded to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Local first responders hosted ceremonies and a 5k walk to honor the 20th anniversary of the attacks.





SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Left, William Coffee addresses a gathering of first responders, dispatchers, family and more, expressing his thanks for the work each did in helping to save his life in May. Right: Coffee poses with his family and some of those involved in helping him after he went into cardiac arrest. The call was the first instance of emergency medical dispatch used in Archuleta County, where dispatchers give bystanders directions on how to begin medical care while waiting for emergency personnel. Coffee became part of the 9 percent of people who survive the type of cardiac arrest he experienced.

## Archuleta County man arrested after incident with tenant, deputy

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

An Archuleta County man was arrested on 10 charges on Aug. 31 following an incident that occurred while a deputy from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) was performing a civil standby.

According to an ACSO incident report, an ACSO deputy was informed shortly after 2 p.m. on Aug. 31 that a man was requesting a civil standby, with the man explaining to the deputy he needed to move his property out of a residence on County Road 166, but that he and his friends were "afraid" to go on the property because the property owner was confrontational.

After being contacted by the deputy, the incident report outlines, the suspect — Timothy Paul Hine, 52, of Archuleta County — explained that he was upset because he had terminated the man's employment, but the man's horse and belongings were still on the property.

The report indicates the deputy tried to explain landlord/tenant laws and the eviction process, but

the report notes the man was wanting to leave.

A short time later, the report indicates, the deputy provided a civil standby for the man while he retrieved his belongings, with the man telling the deputy that Hine had "made a hand gesture to him of cutting his throat" before the deputy arrived.

As the deputy, the man and a friend walked toward the residence where the belongings were, the report indicates, the suspect was "irate and yelling," including yelling racial insults and profanity at the deputy.

The report indicates Hine commented that the deputy had no authority on his property and threatened to hit the deputy's patrol vehicle with his tractor.

As the incident progressed, the deputy indicates in the report that he heard "about six shots fired," which he thought at the time were fired toward the man there to pick up his belongings.

"The shots appeared to be in close proximity because I was able to feel the blowback of each shot, which terrified me," the deputy

wrote.

As the deputy began to walk toward the area where the suspect was and where he heard the gunshots originate from, the report explains, he could hear the tractor accelerate and come toward them.

The deputy notes in the report that his firearm was drawn when the suspect appeared on the tractor, with the suspect seeing the deputy and "abruptly" stopping the tractor.

As the incident continued, the report indicates Hine got off his tractor with his hand near his waist, with the deputy then noticing a gun strapped to the suspect's waist.

The deputy notes the suspect "approached me with his right hand on his gun and his body in a bladed stance. He was positioned aggressively as if he was going to draw the gun and shoot me."

The deputy indicates the suspect then started to charge toward the officer with his hand on the gun while "screaming" profanities.

The report then explains a ranch hand intervened, and the deputy feared for his life.

As the situation progressed, the suspect then removed his gun from its holster and threw his firearm toward the deputy on the ground, according to the report.

When the deputy approached Hine to take him into custody, the report notes, Hine resisted by pulling away, but the deputy was able to take control of Hine and escort him to the patrol vehicle, though the report indicates the suspect resisted further.

Arrest charges listed in the incident report include attempt to influence public servant, resisting arrest, child abuse, obstructing governmental operations, bias-motivated crimes-intimidation, obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, harassment by phone or computer-threatened bodily injury or damage property, reckless endangerment, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, and prohibited use of weapons.

According to Undersheriff Derek Woodman, the suspect bonded out following his arrest and being booked into the Archuleta County jail.

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## The Blotter

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**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**  
Calls for service over week: 293.  
Sept. 6 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, USFS 12.  
Sept. 7 — Warrant arrest, Prospect Boulevard/Homestead Drive.  
Sept. 8 — Warrant arrest, South 2nd Street.  
Sept. 9 — Warrant arrest, West U.S.

160.  
Sept. 9 — Warrant arrest, Echo Lane.  
Sept. 9 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), Coyote Drive.  
Sept. 9 — Warrant arrest, Bastille Drive.  
Sept. 9 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, County Road 166.  
Sept. 10 — Information only, Oakridge Drive.  
Sept. 10 — Intimidating a witness or victim, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Raccoon Drive.  
Sept. 11 — Child abuse, reckless

endangerment, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, careless driving, West U.S. 160.  
Sept. 11 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, George's Court.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**  
Calls for service over week: 121.  
Sept. 5 — Warrant arrest, South 6th Street.  
Sept. 6 — Trespass warning, East Pagosa Street.  
Sept. 6 — Warrant arrest, Majestic Drive.  
Sept. 6 — Criminal trespass, South 7th Street.  
Sept. 8 — Assault, Country Center Drive.  
Sept. 8 — Information only, U.S. 160.  
Sept. 9 — Information only, U.S. 160.  
Sept. 9 — Information only, South 9th Street.  
Sept. 10 — Information only, Mesa Drive.  
Sept. 10 — Disorderly conduct, Country Center Drive.  
Sept. 10 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
No report.

**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
Sept. 1 — Amanda Nicole Woodley, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$322.

Sept. 1 — Bilan Fasil Wood, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.  
Sept. 1 — Jose Nandayapa-Depaz, unsafe U-turn, fines and costs — \$170.  
Sept. 1 — Charadee Calee Muniz, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$322.

Sept. 1 — Jonathan B. Laborde, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$263.50.

Sept. 1 — Keith Darner, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Sept. 1 — Joanna Caroline Isenhower, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$255.

Sept. 1 — Jessica Brittain Hayes, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.

Sept. 1 — Alexina Christel Garcia Chavez, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.

Sept. 1 — Ethan Becker, lane usage violation, fines and costs — \$202.50.

Sept. 1 — Alejandro Coateras Mercado, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.

Sept. 1 — Stacy Leona Thompson, dog at large, fines and costs — \$151.

Sept. 1 — Brandie Herrera, violation/bail bond conditions-misdemeanor, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$864.50.

Sept. 3 — David H. Moore, speeding 25-39 over in construction zone, fines and costs — \$632.50.

Sept. 9 — Jacob Andrew Kovacs, obstructing a peace officer, 113 days jail, fines and costs — \$258.50.

Sept. 9 — Amber Lynn West, driving under the influence, careless driving resulting in injury, 64 hours community service, five days jail suspended imposition, one year probation, one year probation, fines and costs — 2,145.50.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**  
No report.

## Democratic Club to hear about broadband progress

By Lynn Frederick  
Archuleta Democratic Club

The Archuleta Democratic Club will meet on Sept. 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse. The speaker will be Eric Hittle, who will talk about the future of high-speed broadband in Archuleta County.

If you are frustrated by slow Internet speeds, by intermittent service or by the lack of choice in providers, come to this meeting to find out if there will be any solutions to these problems soon. All are welcome to attend.

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, candidates for local and national office, and to hear about topics of timely interest.

Because of the high incidence of COVID-19 in Archuleta County and in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations, masks will be required. For more information, call Becky Herman at (970) 903-0788.

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# Sports

## GOLF



Photo courtesy Mark Faber

The Pirate golf team poses after claiming first place at the Tony Perea Golf Tournament in Monte Vista on Sept. 10.

## Pirate golfers take first in Monte Vista

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team took first at the Tony Perea Golf Tournament in Monte Vista on Sept. 10, with five Pagosa golfers finishing in the top 10.

The Pirate golfers took part in three tournaments over the course of a week, completing the regular-season portion of their schedule. "They're making improvements. We're better than we were when we started, so that's good, right?" coach Mark Faber said with a chuckle.

Pagosa logged a team score of 249 on the day, placing them ahead of Monte Vista (251), Salida (272), Del Norte (280) and Alamosa (282).

Jack Walker led the Pirates on the day with an 81, putting him in third place overall out of the 29 golfers competing.

Kaison Clifford tied for fifth with an 83, and Brayton Cotts tied for seventh with an 85. Ethan Robel took ninth with an 88, and Keaton Robel took 10th with a 91. Samson Wiens notched a 102 on the day to finished 18th.

Faber noted the Pirates were very consistent in their play in Monte Vista.

"As a group, it ended up working out," he said. "It was fun. It was fun to watch them. That's kind of where they started believing in themselves a little bit. ... And, it's always nice to win."

Monday and Tuesday, the team took part in a pair of tournaments in the Durango area that featured 3A, 4A and 5A competition.

"We were competing against a lot of 4A and 5A teams from New Mexico and Colorado," Faber said. "And I think if you look at the 3A teams that were there, we were pretty competitive with most of them."

Faber noted the golfers again seemed to believe in what they were doing and be more consistent.

"Probably the best of both days

was they seemed to have a lot more fun playing like this," Faber said. "It's fun to play better, there's no doubt."

Monday, the team took part in the Durango Hillcrest Open at Hillcrest Golf Course, which included 10 teams, with the Pirates finishing seventh.

Walker was again the top Pirate finisher, scoring an 84 to take 25th out of 65 golfers.

Cotts tied for seventh with an 88, and Keaton Robel, Clifford and Ethan Robel all tied for 40th with 89s.

Tuesday, the team was in action at Dalton Ranch Golf Club for the Durango Dalton Ranch Invitational.

Pagosa finished eighth out of 14 teams on the day.

Walker finished the tournament tied for 18th out of 75 golfers with a score of 86, and Cotts and Clifford tied for 30th with 89s.

Ethan Robel scored a 91 to finish tied for 39th and Keaton Robel finished tied for 48th after shooting a 93.

"Dalton is a test for them," Faber said, noting this year's team played the course as well as he's ever had a team play it, which he expressed he feels shows how much more the Pirates are believing in themselves.

The Dalton Ranch tournament was the final regular-season tournament for the Pirates.

"I think the things we've been working on are starting ... to make a difference, and so the consistency is getting better," Faber said, adding later it's the right time of year to see the improvement.

He added, "That part is exciting to see, it really is."

Faber noted Walker has made the biggest jump forward this year, though all the Pirates are playing well and continue to have great attitudes.

Tuesday, Sept. 21, the team will head back to Alamosa for the regional tournament in hopes of advancing to state Oct. 4 and 5 in Elizabeth.

"The biggest thing is they've played it this year, which is good," Faber said of the Alamosa course, adding the team will also play a practice round Monday.

He noted the team will really try to dissect the course and figure out a game plan Monday.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Lady Pirates move to 8-1 on season

By Jessica Hanson  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team went 2-1 over the last week, logging its first loss of the season.

The Lady Pirates are now 8-1 on the season and 2-1 in Intermountain League (IML) action, putting them in second place behind the Bayfield Wolverines.

### Dolores Bears

On Thursday evening, the Lady Pirates hosted the Dolores Bears, winning the nonconference match 3-0.

"With school starting, this was a long hard week, and the girls proved that they were not going to let outside distractions get in the way of their goals," coach Caitlin Forrest wrote in an email to The SUN.

The Lady Pirates took the first two sets by scores of 25-17 and 25-11, respectively, and fought a close third set and came out victorious by a score of 26-24.

Forrest wrote, "We took Delores [sic] in 3, which was our goal. Even though the last set was the closest in score, the girls did a great job of finishing. They made minimal errors and made excellent plays."

The Pirates served up a team total of 17 aces. Juniors Lynelle Bartz and Ava Pargin contributed five aces each. Senior Kori Lucero got two aces and senior Molly Graham contributed three aces. Senior Audrey Martin and junior Chantelle Caldwell logged one ace each.

The Lady Pirates had 29 kills, with senior Pryscylla Howard, Lucero, Caldwell and Bartz all getting five kills each. Graham led the team with six kills and Martin contributed two kills. Senior Keira Torrez contributed one kill.

"Our Middles (Molly Graham and Chantelle Caldwell) hit exceptionally well and continue to improve alongside our setter, Audry Martin [sic]. Their connection has made a huge difference in our overall level of play," Forrest wrote.

When it came to ball handling in the match, the Pirates had a team total of 26 assists with no errors. Martin led the team with a total of 24 assists and Lucero followed up with two.

The defense of the Pirates notched a total of three blocks during the match, with Caldwell getting one solo block and two assisted blocks. Bartz and Howard each came up with one block assist.

Lucero led the team with 11 digs, followed by Bartz, who had 10 digs, and Torrez, who had eight. Caldwell pitched in with six digs and Pargin contributed five. Graham and Martin each contributed three digs, and Howard contributed two. The team logged a total of 48 with no errors.

### Montezuma-Cortez Panthers

On Saturday, Sept. 11, the Pagosa Lady Pirates traveled to Cortez to take on the Panthers, with Forrest explaining the team went in with the same game plan: "serve aggressive and pass nails. The rest will fall into place."

The Pirates won their away conference match 3-1, giving the team an eight-game win streak.

"Saturday was a great match to



Lady Pirate Chantelle Caldwell goes up for the kill against the Dolores Bears on Sept. 9. The Pirates defeated Dolores 3-0.

test our composure after a set back," Forrest wrote.

Pagosa took the first two sets, 25-18 and 25-12, but dropped the third set 25-22. The Pirates bounced back to take the fourth set 25-20.

"Though we lost the 3rd set, the girls remained unphased and fought hard for the 4th," Forrest wrote. "The outside hitter was on in the 3rd set, so we made a few minor adjustments and eliminated her ability to get easy swings."

The Pirates had a team total of 29 kills. Graham led the team with six kills. Howard, Lucero, Bartz and Caldwell each contributed five kills, with Martin getting two kills and Torrez logging one.

Bartz and Pargin led the team with five aces each. Graham got in three aces and Lucero contributed two, with Martin and Caldwell getting one ace each for a team total of 17 aces.

"Keira Torrez's defense was outstanding, and our overall serving was aggressive as we had 17 total aces," Forrest wrote.

On the defensive side of the match, Caldwell got one solo block and two assisted blocks. Howard and Bartz contributed with one assisted block each for a team total of three blocks.

The Lady Pirates scored a team total of 48 digs with no errors during the match. Lucero led the team with a total of 11 digs and Bartz chipped in with 10. Torrez contributed eight digs, with Caldwell getting six and Pargin getting five. Martin and Graham tallied three digs each, and Howard contributed two.

When it came to ball handling during the match, the Lady Pirates didn't commit any errors and got a team total of 26 assists. Martin got a total of 24 assists and Lucero contributed two assists.

### Bayfield Wolverines

On Tuesday, Sept. 14, the Lady Pirates suffered their first loss of the season, falling 3-1 to the Wolverines.

"We knew we needed to go in humbly, respecting that they are a good team and have a solid program," Forrest wrote. "We also knew we needed to go in hungry for a win and that it was going to be a fight."

The Pirates won the first set 25-23 before dropping the following two sets by scores of 25-11.

"I think we lost a bit of that fight in the 2nd and 3rd match," Forrest wrote. "It was good for us to experience playing from behind and being rattled--it revealed some weaknesses that we need to improve upon."

The Pirates lost the fourth set 25-21.

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## CROSS-COUNTRY

### Several Pirate harriers set new personal records in pair of meets

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School cross-country teams took a strategic approach to last week's busy schedule, which featured two sets of races in two days.

First, the teams set out for the Coal Ridge Invite in New Castle, which was held on Sept. 10 on what will also be the course for the upcoming regional meet. The following day, the teams headed to Alamosa for the Joe I. Vigil XC Invitational, which features competition from 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A schools.

"The game plan going into back-to-back races was to have our varsity runners pace a JV runner on Friday," coach Rachael Christiansen explained in an email. "This allowed them to do a little coaching themselves while getting a good shake out run before Saturday, but not tapping into their race pace and wearing them out. It also gave those varsity runners the opportunity to preview the regionals course so they can mentally and physically prepare for that race in October. Then, we only took those 7 varsity from each team to Alamosa on Saturday. The JV runners all got to rest and sleep in."

Due to the Pirates' strategy in

Coal Ridge, the boys' squad logged an eighth-place finish out of the eight teams present, while the Lady Pirates only took part in the girls' JV race.

The Pirates — David Morehouse, David Tsosie, Kyle Marotta, Tomas McNeill, Andrew Bowles, Levi Hinger and Jesse Beck — finished 47th through 53rd, respectively, at the event, with times ranging from 27 minutes, 6.40 seconds to 27:08.40.

"Friday was a very special race," Christiansen wrote in the team's weekly newsletter. "Varsity wasn't racing, but instead helping the rest of the team improve their times. While the boys got dead last overall, they helped David T. run the entire race and setting a new PR [personal record]! They even helped a freshman from another team finish his first 5k of the season! That was awesome to see the way they encouraged Tyler, from Socorro. I think he's going to remember that race for the rest of his life."

On Saturday, the Pirates placed 16th out of 20 teams in Alamosa, with the Lady Pirates finishing 13th out of 19 teams.

Hinger was the top Pirate on the day, finishing 65th out of 161 runners with a time of 18:55.50.

In the newsletter, the coach noted Hinger set a new PR at the meet and it was his first time to break the 19-minute mark.

Bowles finished close behind in 67th with a time of 18:55.90, which the coach notes was seven seconds off his PR.

Morehouse was the next Pirate across the line, finishing 87th in 19:42.80 in his first sub-20-minute race of the year.

Beck finished 110th with a time of 20:29.40 — a new PR.

Marotta finished 146th in 23:37.20 (a PR), while McNeill finished next in 23:37.90 (more than two minutes faster than the previous week).

Tsosie finished next in 23:41.70, with the coach noting the harrier set a new PR two days in a row.

"The boys were fairly close in scoring to Gunnison, who placed 2nd at regionals last year," Christiansen wrote in the newsletter. "We need to make a few adjustments and get our 5th-7th runners closer to our 4th in order to catch them, but we believe it's possible!"

For the Lady Pirates, Nell Taylor was the first across the line, finishing 39th out of 158 runners with a time of 21:43.50 in what the coach called her best race of the season.

The coach noted that Taylor took off almost two minutes compared to the previous week.

Amber Calabeza finished 72nd and set a new PR with a time of 23:18.40.

Ruth Ann Morehouse finished 84th with a time of 24:02.10.

Sienna Rose was the next Lady Pirate to cross the finish line, claiming 100th with a PR time of 25:00.20.

Emma Gantt followed in 120th with a time of 26:36.10, and Marie Smith finished 129th in 27:34.80. Both set new PRs.

"I think last week went very well," Christiansen wrote. "We had so many runners set new personal records and show a lot of growth. Every single runner took time off of previous weeks!"

On Saturday, the teams will head to Bayfield for the Bayfield Cross Country Invitational, which is scheduled to kick off at 9 a.m.

"Looking ahead to Bayfield, I believe both teams can earn 2nd place as a team," Christiansen wrote in the email. "Aztec will certainly be bringing the competition, but I believe if we can get our 5th, 6th, and 6th [sic] runners moved up and closer to our 4th runner we can pull off 2nd place."

## SOCCER

### Pirates in first place in Southwest League

By **Clayton Chaney**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team is currently in first place in the state's 3A Southwest League after coming away with two league matchup victories over the past week.

On Saturday, Sept. 11, the Pirates traveled to Alamosa to take on the Mean Moose, winning by a score of 1-0.

This was the first match between the two teams this season. Last season, the Pirates and the Mean Moose faced each other twice, with the Pirates losing both matches.

This year, the Mean Moose entered the match with an overall record of 0-2, while the Pirates sported an overall record of 4-2.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason described it as "a really tight game."

The first half of the game ended scoreless.

Kurt-Mason explained that the Pirates' goal came off a corner kick by Carson Young-Martinez, served into Alamosa's penalty box, which was struck on a onetime volley by Kaylor Christians to put the Pirates up 1-0.

The one goal would prove to be enough for the Pirates to earn their second league victory.

Kurt-Mason explained that the key to the Pirates' victory was staying spaced out and generating attacks from the wings of the field.

Christopher Young-Martinez made four saves on the day.

The Pirates earned 11 corner kicks during that game, were called offsidess once and committed four fouls.

Alamosa earned four corner kicks, was called offsidess once and committed six fouls.

Additional stats were not available by press time Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Sept. 14, The Pirates hosted the Bayfield Wolverines. This was also the first match between the two teams this season.

Last season, the Pirates won both matches they played against the Wolverines.

"They got some good players,"

Kurt-Mason said of the Wolverines.

The Pirates were able to get on the scoreboard first, in the 11th minute, with a goal from Christians, who was assisted by Joah Dunn de Pulido.

Dunn de Pulido sent a through-ball right behind the Wolverines last defender for Christians to run onto and finish.

The Wolverines were able to tie the game just before halftime, in the 40th minute.

The second half ended with the same score, with both teams missing multiple scoring chances.

In accordance with the Colorado High School Activities Association rules, for regular season matches that end regulation in a tie, the game is decided by playing two additional 10-minute periods in which the golden goal rule is enforced, meaning that the first team to score in overtime wins the match.

The Pirates were defending in their half of the field about five minutes into the first overtime period when Dunn de Pulido was able to clear the ball into the Wolverines' half of the field.

The clearance went over the Wolverines' defenders, leaving Christians in a foot race with a Wolverine defender.

Christians was able to outpace the Wolverine defender, leaving him one-on-one with the Wolverines' goalkeeper.

From about 12 yards out, inside the Wolverines' penalty box, Christians faked a shot with his left foot and pulled the ball back across his body to get a shot off with his right foot, which went through the goalkeeper's legs to win the game.

Kurt-Mason mentioned that off-the-ball movement was crucial to the Pirates' victory.

He also noted that the game plan for the Pirates was to continue their approach of quick two-touch offensive play.

"We got away from that a couple of times, but I think they came back to it towards the end," Kurt-Mason said.

He also noted how the Pirates were able to find seams in the Wol-



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

**Kelton Christians rises up to win a header against a Wolverine defender. The Pirates won the match 2-1 in overtime.**

verines' defense, allowing them to play productive through-balls.

Christians ended the game with nine shot attempts and two goals. Dunn de Pulido was credited with two assists and had one shot attempt.

Carson Young-Martinez took four shots and Jordan Pham had one shot.

Clayton Hubbs took two shots and Kelton Christians had six shots.

Christopher Young-Martinez made six saves on the day.

The Pirates earned seven corner kicks during the match.

The Pirates now have a league mark of 3-0, putting them in first place in the Southwest League, followed by Bayfield in second place and Alamosa in third place.

The Pirates' overall record is now 6-2 as they look forward to their next match against the Taos Tigers from Taos, N.M.

On Tuesday, Sept. 21 the Pirates will host the Tigers at Golden Peaks Stadium at 4 p.m.

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# Hatcher Lake down almost 3 feet

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

According to a Sept. 13 press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Manager Justin Ramsey, Hatcher Lake is now almost 3 feet from full.

Hatcher Lake's water level dropped 5 inches from last week's report, bringing the current water level to 34 inches from full.

Stevens Lake dropped 6 inches from last week's report and is now at 27 inches from full.

Meanwhile, Lake Forest's water level rose 2 inches from last week's report and is now at 3 inches from full.

Pagosa Lake saw no change from last week's report and remains at 5 inches from full.

Village Lake is the only one of the five local lakes that is full and has been for seven consecutive weeks.

Total diversion flows remain at 5.5 cubic feet per second (cfs).

The West Fork diversion flow is listed at 2.5 cfs and the San Juan diversion flow is listed at 3 cfs.

Water production from Sept. 3 through Sept. 9 was listed at a total of 16.79 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 3.9 million gallons, while the Hatcher plant contributed 7.16 million gallons and the San Juan water plant contributed 5.73 million gallons.

Last year, total water production was listed at 17.59 million gallons for those dates.

The district remains in a Stage 1 drought per its drought management plan, according to the press release.

Ramsey notes that the primary driver of this drought stage is the San Juan River flow in conjunction with the U.S. Drought Monitor, which indicates our area is in a severe to moderate drought.

Ramsey notes that PAWSD is continuing to request voluntary odd/even watering days, "requesting that if your address is an odd number only irrigate on odd calendar days and vice-versa for even number addresses."

There are no other mandatory water use restrictions in place besides limiting irrigation to after 6

p.m. and before 9 a.m.

## River report

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the San Juan River was flowing at a rate of 23.7 cfs in Pagosa Springs as of noon Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Based on 85 years of water records at this site, the average flow rate for this date is 165 cfs.

The highest recorded rate for this date was in 1970 at 2,000 cfs. The lowest recorded rate was 13.5 cfs, recorded in 2018.

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As of noon Wednesday, Sept. 15, the Piedra River near Arboles was flowing at a rate of 24 cfs.

Based on 58 years of water records at this site, the average flow rate for that date is 123 cfs.

The highest recorded rate for this date was 2,650 cfs in 1970. The lowest recorded rate was 13.3 cfs in 2002.

## Drought report

The National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) was last updated on Sept. 7.

The NIDIS website indicates 95.27 percent of Archuleta County is abnormally dry, this is down slightly from the previous report of 95.29 percent.

The percentage of the county in a moderate drought remains at 67.47 percent, consistent with the

previous report.

The NIDIS website also notes that 42.68 percent of the county is in a severe drought stage, which is up slightly from the previous report of 41.75 percent.

Additionally, the NIDIS website notes that 9.12 percent of the county remains in an extreme drought, mostly in the southwestern portion of the county, consistent with the previous report.

The NIDIS website notes that under an extreme drought stage, large fires may develop and pasture conditions worsen.

No portion of the county is in an exceptional drought.

For more information and maps, visit: <https://www.drought.gov/states/Colorado/county/Archuleta>.

## Weather outlook

According to the National Weather Service, today, Sept. 16, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 82 degrees and a low of 41 degrees with clear skies throughout the day and night.

For Friday, Sept. 17, the forecasted high is 81 degrees with a low of 41 degrees. Sunny skies are forecasted during the day, with clear skies at night.

For Saturday, Sept. 18, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 82 degrees and a low of 45 degrees with clear skies throughout the day and night.

For Sunday, Sept. 19, the forecasted high is 81 degrees with clear skies. The forecasted low for this day is 46 degrees with partly cloudy skies at night.

Additional detailed weather reports and forecasts can be found online at: <https://pagosaweather.org/>.

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# preview

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# ColorFest

Sept. 17-19



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# ColorFest set to kick off Friday

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

The 2021 ColorFest activities will be swinging into action beginning Friday evening, Sept. 17, with the Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival.

The food festival kicks off at 6 p.m. in the athletic field at Town Park on Hermosa Street. Tickets for this event are sold out. However, for those who did purchase tickets, there will be a special check-in area for reserved seating, sponsors and pilots. General admission ticket holders will proceed to the main entrance gate, where you will be admitted, receive your wine glass and move onto enjoying great food, wines and music. Dreem Machine will be the entertainment all evening long. Bring your taste buds as you will be voting for the coveted “People’s Choice” award. Food and desserts as well as a large selection of wines will be on hand.

On Saturday morning, beginning at about 7:30 a.m., over 35 hot air balloons will take to the skies in the downtown area. They will launch from the vacant lot adjacent to the resort hotel facility and the bank. Spectators will be able to view the balloons from numerous locations around town. Do not park on Hot Springs Boulevard and block traffic. There is plenty of parking downtown to enjoy the balloons.

Aspen House and Aspen Services will be hosting the Color Run, which starts off in Town Park with registra-

tion at 7 a.m. and the event starting at 8 a.m. This fun run/walk is along mostly paved walkways downtown along the San Juan River. Watch the balloons launch as you get doused with color at five stations. The more white you wear, the more colorful you’ll be. You can register the morning of the event.

Saturday afternoon brings the Bands and Brews event beginning at 4 p.m. Local and regional breweries will share their craft brew creations and also vie for the “People’s Choice” and “Brewer’s Choice” awards. There will be a special check-in area for those people who bought their tickets in advance. Same-day registrants will check in and can do so with cash or credit card. ID will be checked for the beer-tasting tickets. Beer-tasting tickets are available for \$30, which includes a taster glass. If you do not want to sample the beers but would like to still attend, general tickets are \$10. Attendees can also purchase wine by the glass. Children can have a great time at the bounce house that will be at the event and there will be an array of food vendors to satisfy your hunger.

The musical lineup starts off at 4 p.m. with Lisa Saunders and the Caborado Band. Their range of musical talent and energy will wow you. At 6 p.m., Felix y Los Gatos will perform and close out the evening. Another high-energy group with a wide range of musical talent will get you dancing. The hot air balloon night glow will start forming a little after 7 p.m. Viewing of the hot air balloons can be seen from Hot

■ **See ColorFest on next page**



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### Friday

**Mountain Pizza & Taproom:** Lisa Saunders and the Caborado Band, 6 p.m.

### Saturday

**Colorfest Bands and Brews:** Lisa Saunders and the Caborado Band, 4 p.m.

**East Side Market:** Emily Tholberg, 10 a.m.

**Springs Resort fountain:** Loki Moon 7 a.m.

**Springs Resort soaking pools:** Terry Rickard, 5 p.m.

### Wednesday

**Coyote Moon Bar and Grill:** Karaoke, 8 p.m.

### Tuesday

**Springs Resort soaking pools:** Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.

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# Winter Clothing Giveaway set for Saturday, Sept. 18

By Lynne McCrudden  
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

It is finally here, the weekend you have been waiting for — the St. Patrick's Clothing Giveaway.

This annual event is a not-to-be-missed shopping spree. Everything is free, the choices are terrific and there are clothes for everyone in your family.

St. Patrick's is located at 225 S.

## Piecemakers to meet Saturday

By Suzanne Shideler  
Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild

The monthly business meeting for the Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild will be held this Saturday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m.

The meeting will be held in the pavilion behind Centerpoint Church. Bring your show-and-tell to share. All are welcome.

## ColorFest

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Springs, Hermosa or the sidewalks along U.S. 160.

Sunday morning concludes the ColorFest activities with another hot air balloon morning launch, this time on the west side of town. Beginning again at about 7:30 a.m., the balloons will launch in the areas of the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Recreation Center, Crossroad Christian Fellowship, and vacant lots and parking lots around the area.

The weekend is filled with music, fun and lots of activities. However, there is time to try and get a drive in to view some colors. Although the colors are not in full gear, they are peeking out and changing a little bit on the surrounding passes.

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, visit [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com) and click on the ColorFest graphic under Chamber and Community News.

Pagosa Blvd., which puts it right between the hospital and the Catholic church. The event will take place in our parking lot, but there will still be places to park and people to help load your winter treasures into your car.

This Saturday, Sept. 18, the

event starts at 8 a.m. and runs until noon. We will have shopping bags for you to load up, so load up the car with your family, friends and neighbors. Please remember your masks because we don't want anyone going home sick. See you on Saturday.

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This year's family-friendly Color Run, part of this weekend's ColorFest festivities, will be hosted by Aspen House and Aspen Services, with proceeds going toward the supports needed to build a home for adults with developmental disabilities in the community.

## Aspen House and Aspen Services to host ColorRun Saturday, Sept. 18

By Cyndi Carr

Aspen House and Aspen Services

It's time for Aspen House and Aspen Services' first annual ColorFest Color Run, a family-friendly fun run/walk/stroll.

### Sarah Platt Decker Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution to meet Sept. 18

By Tanice Ramsperger

Sarah Platt Decker Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

The Sarah Platt Decker Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet Saturday, Sept. 18, at 10:30 a.m. at the Summit Church, 2917 Aspen Drive, Durango, Colo.

The speaker will be Laurie Meininger, president of the League of Women Voters, Durango.

Membership in the DAR is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence.

For more information, contact Tanice Ramsperger at (970) 731-4824.

As participants venture out on the course, colorful balloons will be filling the skies along the entire Color Run route as part of that morning's balloon ascension. Color Run participants will be transformed into a running rainbow with vibrant colors sprayed from the five stations they pass.

This untimed, noncompetitive event is for everyone—from young to the young at heart. Add some color to your life and come out for a colorful good time.

All proceeds from the Color Run will go toward the supports needed to build a home for adults with developmental disabilities in our community. Aspen House and Aspen Services' mission is to cultivate an environment of

success for adults with developmental disabilities in their community.

The event begins at 8 a.m. in Town Park on Saturday, Sept. 18. Registration opens at 7 a.m., but to guarantee your event T-shirt, we recommend you register early at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/color-run-2021-tickets-165802986195A](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/color-run-2021-tickets-165802986195A) (also located on our Facebook event page and website).

Call (970) 398-1636 or visit our website at [aspenhousepagosa.org](http://aspenhousepagosa.org) for more information.

The route is mostly flat with all paved roads or sidewalks and very few slopes and small inclines.

Don't forget to wear white. The more white you wear, the more we can color you with love.

## NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 2.8 of the Pagosa Springs Town Charter, that as of Aug. 3rd, 2021, there is one vacancy on the Pagosa Springs Town Council ("Council"). The council seat is an at large seat. During a public meeting to be held on October 5th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., at Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd, the Council will consider the appointment of one new Council Member to fill the vacancy.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that any elector of the Town of Pagosa Springs interested in serving on the Town Council may submit a completed application, found on the town website, with the Town Clerk, April Hessman, at Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd or PO Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, on or before September 27th, 2021.

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# Stargazers, Dr. Stephen Keil to present 'Our Favorite Star' Sept. 23

By Joan Mieritz  
San Juan Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club monthly meeting is on Thursday, Sept. 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. sharp at a new location, the Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 434 Lewis St.

If you would like coffee/tea, cookies and some stimulating conversation, you can arrive shortly after 6 p.m. for our social time. Because we are indoors, it may be necessary to again wear masks depending on local COVID conditions. It is so much easier to be safe than sorry.

We will have a fabulous program about "The Sun, Our Favorite Star"

with guest speaker Dr. Stephen Keil, former director of the National Solar Observatory at Kitt Peak and consultant for the next National Solar, which is on Maui and will be fully operational this winter.

Keil received his BA at U.C. Berkeley and his Ph.D. in physics and astronomy at Boston University. He also served in the U.S. Air Force. Now he is enjoying his retirement in Pagosa.

He will talk about the latest research being done and possible problems we may experience on earth. He will share things that are exciting and reassuring and answer any questions.

You will also be able to order a

2022 Deep Sky Mysteries Calendar to be paid for when you get it in late October (\$15). It is so beautiful, so educational and is a fundraising project for the club's scholarship fund. Every family and all Pagosa Springs grandchildren should have one.

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/family. You can join the club at any of our events.

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

We welcome everyone to learn more about our amazing universe and its most important star. Hope to see you.

# Literary Ladies Book Club to discuss 'Midnight at the Pera Palace: The Birth of Modern Istanbul'

By Marilyn Stroud  
Literary Ladies Book Club

"Midnight at the Pera Palace: The Birth of Modern Istanbul" by Charles King is this month's book for the Literary Ladies Book Club.

This book evolves from the Ottoman Empire into modern day Istanbul by a variety of international people meeting and living at the famous hotel known as the Pera Palace in Istanbul. It is a social history of one of the world's intriguing cities with interesting characters

including Trotsky to Hemingway, singers, a future pope and European Jews on their way to Israel.

The author is a professor of international affairs and government at Georgetown University. The Literary Ladies will meet on Friday, Sept. 24, from 10:15 a.m. to noon under the ponderosa pines at Marilyn S.'s home located in the Pagosa in the Pines neighborhood.

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## Pagosa Christian Women's Retreat announced

By Janet Kubelka  
Pagosa Christian Women

The Pagosa Christian Women's Retreat will take place Friday, Sept. 24, through Sunday, Sept. 26, at Sonlight Christian Camp.

Arrival time is between 4 and 5 p.m. on Friday and the retreat runs until after lunch on Sunday (approximately 1 p.m.). There are still spaces available to participate.

The theme for this year is "Our True Female Identity: From Child to Woman to Warrior," with Courtney Weir as the main speaker. She lives in Pagosa Springs and wrote several books, including "Faith and Where to Put It." Weir has also written several Christian songs and serves on the worship team at Centerpoint Church.

In addition to the speaker, the committee members who plan and run the retreat have a special surprise

event scheduled for Saturday night for the participants, as well as plenty of time to personally connect with God in a beautiful setting.

The cost of the retreat is \$150 and includes all meals, sleeping arrangements, speaker and more. Registration and payment can be done on the website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/pagosachristianwomen/>. Women who want to come have until Wednesday, Sept. 22, to fill out the forms online so the committee can prepare everything by arrival time. Scholarships are available because no woman should miss out on this great event due to finances.

For any questions or to request a scholarship, contact the committee at [pcwreat@gmail.com](mailto:pcwreat@gmail.com). One of the committee members will do her best to get back to you as soon as possible. We also have a Facebook page entitled Pagosa Christian Women Fall Retreat where messaging is possible.

## 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 various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces.

This Sunday, Sept. 19, our theme is unity.

"O ye children of men! The fundamental purpose animating the faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human race, and to foster the spirit of love and fellowship amongst men." — 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](http://www.bahai.org). Our local contact is [archuletabahais@gmail.com](mailto:archuletabahais@gmail.com).

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

## New Thought topic: 'Your Divine Purpose, the Harvest of the Soul'

By Shayla McClure  
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

"Each of us was born to fulfill a Divine Purpose. As we open our hearts and minds to a new way of being, the purpose of our lives unfolds organically." — Iyanla Vanzant.

All are welcome to join us at the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, Sept. 19, at 10 a.m. for our presentation, "Your Divine Purpose, the Harvest of the Soul." Our presenter will be Shayla White Eagle McClure, who invites you to a Harvest Medicine

Circle Ceremony.

There will be live spirited music with Spirit Heart Band led by Bruce Wayne.

### Upcoming events

Meditation Mondays at 6 p.m.  
Tuesdays: Spirit Heart Band practice, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday: Music lessons with Erika Seuker for all ages, vocal and instrumental, by appointment.

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for more information and registration.

### About us

The New Thought Center For Inspiration is located at the Pagosa Lodge, 3505 W. U.S. 160 on the second floor. Make prayer treatment requests and contact us at [pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com](mailto:pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com), mailing address: P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or (970) 510-0309.

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The 13th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic, part of the upcoming Mountain Chile Cha Cha, will feature a cook-off and tasting.

# Get ready to cha cha

**By Jacque Aragon**  
Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic

The 15th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, in Town Park in downtown Pagosa Springs.

This no-admission, all-day fall celebration features a free concert, a green chile cook-off and tasting, a morning trail race, a margarita contest and a Mexican beer garden.

Much in the same way that Easterners equate the smell of pressed apples with the coming of fall, southwesterners know it is autumn by the smell of roasting green chiles, usually the Hatch variety from New Mexico, but sometimes big Jims, which are commonly grown

around Grand Junction.

The 13th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic cook-off and tasting will start at 12:30 p.m. and will give spectators an opportunity to sample dozens of varieties of green chile from some of the area's finest amateur and professional cooks. Up for grabs will be \$600 in prize money, awards and medals. Register at: [lovegreenchile.com](http://lovegreenchile.com).

There will also be a commercial margarita contest and tasting, food trucks and cold Mexican beer in the cantina. Hatch green chile will be roasting on-site and for sale by the bag or the bushel.

Sangre Joven, a Latin-influenced band, is returning this year and will be live on stage at 1:30 p.m. and

will go until approximately 5:30 p.m., with a short break in between sets to announce the cook-off and margarita winners.

The Mountain Chile Cha Cha is a rain-or-shine event. For more information or to sign up, visit [lovegreenchile.com](http://lovegreenchile.com).

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## ‘Past Lives, Dreams and Soul Travel’ in-person discussion group to meet in September, October

By **Laurah Brock Young**  
Eckankar

Have you ever felt you lived before? Have you ever asked God or a higher power why life is so difficult? Or how you might change your life for the better? I have — along with many of you.

Have you had out-of-the-ordinary dreams and wondered how to understand them? I empathize. I have dreams. They are not about ordinary, everyday stuff. When I was younger, I sometimes dreamed in Spanish and although I had not taken Spanish classes in school, I understood what was being said. Many dreams were very difficult. What could this mean?

As I grew older, I realized that there was more to life than what I knew. I began to search metaphysical books and visited various religions and spiritual groups. I was certain I had lived before.

When I found the teachings of Eckankar, many of my questions

about past lives and dreams were answered by reading Eckankar books and going to discussions. What I found most comforting and exciting was that I could prove for myself that I had lived before by focusing on my dreams and what are called the spiritual exercises of ECK or contemplations. It has been a wonderful spiritual journey.

We are fortunate to have the teachings of Eckankar in Pagosa Springs. We offer many group discussions through our Pagosa Springs Spiritual Experiences Meet-up Group. In September, we are excited to begin offering an in-person book discussion called “Past Lives, Dreams, and Soul Travel.” We will be using three small books: “ECK Wisdom on Karma and Reincarnation,” “ECK Wisdom on Dreams” and “ECK Wisdom on Soul Travel.”

Soul travel is simply shifting our state of consciousness. Some people experience soul travel as an out-of-body experience.

All three books are provided and

classes are free.

The first discussion, about past lives and reincarnation, will be held Wednesday, Sept. 22, at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. The clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave., across from the PLPOA administration office.

The second discussion, on dreams, will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 29, and the third discussion, on soul travel, will be held Oct. 6. You can attend any or all of them. All discussions will be held at the clubhouse at 6:30 p.m.

You are welcome to attend without an RSVP. However, we would appreciate it if you could RSVP through our Meetup site so we can be prepared. We will have extra books either way.

RSVP on Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/events/>.

Click on the red attend button in the event to RSVP.

We’ll see you there.

## Second annual Steamroller Printmaking Event Sept. 18 in Creede

Creede Arts Council

Join us for the second annual Steamroller Printmaking Event on Sept. 18, hosted by the Creede Arts Council, a nonprofit organization in Creede, Colo.

This event takes place outdoors on Main Street Creede during the Cruisin’ the Canyon Car Show. Our goal is to fulfill our mission to promote the arts and humanities in our community through education, exhibition and performance, and to foster local artistic talent.

The event will take place on the intersection of N. 1st Street and N. Main Street in Creede during the Cruisin’ the Canyon car show from

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Artists have created and carved woodblocks of their own original design. The day of the event, with volunteers from the Arts Council, the artists and the community, the boards are inked by hand, placed on the street with paper placed over the boards where a steamroller (road bed compactor) will roll over them, pressing the paper onto the board. The resulting outcome is a colossal fine art print.

All works will be offered for sale the day of the event with 50 percent going to the artist and 50 percent to support the Creede Arts Council programs. Artists will be present the day of the event to discuss

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Dance Academy

The Pagosa Springs Dance Academy will now operate under Expressions School of the Arts, a new area nonprofit.

## Dance organization announces Expressions School of the Arts

By **Katrina Thomas**  
Expressions School of the Arts Inc.

The Pagosa Springs Dance Academy (PSDA) has been a fixture of our community for five years now, and we are humbled by the growth we have seen during that time. From 40 students in 400 square feet to where we are today is truly a dream. To all of you who have made PSDA come alive and been a part of our dance family, we cannot thank you enough. We've decided it is time to expand our horizons and make an exciting change by transitioning to a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization: Expressions School of the Arts, under which PSDA will operate.

PSDA has long operated similarly to a nonprofit as we prioritize people over profits. Our goal in creating Ex-

pressions is to better serve our dancers by expanding our scholarship programs, keeping dance affordable and accessible, and offering quality instruction in dance and other forms of art with the support of donors and grant funding.

The core values of PSDA will live on as a safe and empowering space for young artists to thrive, but we are thrilled to create a new, more sustainable program providing dance and arts opportunities for our beloved community. We invite you to join us on this journey as we pursue artistic excellence and continue to serve this amazing dance family we have nurtured.

We are thrilled to welcome Katrina Thomas as our executive director. Many of the teachers you know and love will continue

at the studio, as well as advise the nonprofit board of directors. We wholeheartedly invite your input as we develop this endeavor.

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# Kids in the Mountain program sessions draw to a close, food demonstrations planned

**Rose D. Chavez, MPH**  
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The wonderment and awe expressed by the children when they learned (by harvesting, cooking, and sharing stories) about where their food comes from tells us that the children were able to make many garden-to-table connections during the Kids in the Mountain Garden Education program this summer.

Each week, the education program served between 15-20 children along with a family member. During the weekly sessions, the children had the opportunity to spend time in the garden learning about how plants, similar to their own bodies, need nourishment and care. They harvested vegetables and learned to prepare meals from a variety of Hispanic and Mexican dishes. They asked to learn how to make tortillas — they learned an indigenous way of preparing ground maize and cooked their own tortillas.

At the end of each session they shared with their families the taste and the joy of the meal. Pagosa locals brought their rich heritage of Archuleta County and shared them with the children and their families. The experience was grounded in community, nutrition, culture, place, health and gardening.

We are grateful for the support the community showed for this inaugural program and look forward to partnering in the future to support similar educational efforts.

## Upcoming food demonstrations

The Food Coalition would like to invite the community to the upcoming food demonstration that will be held at St. Patrick's Episcopal food pantry on Thurs-



Photo courtesy Food System/Food Equity Coalition

**A youngster shows off freshly harvested beans. Each week, the Kids in the Mountain Garden Education program served between 15-20 children along with a family member, teaching them about where food comes from and how to prepare meals with freshly harvested vegetables.**

day, Sept. 23, at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. from 10 to 11 a.m. Local chef and community member Wendy McAllister will be leading the demo and will be featuring a recipe of savory local vegetables on the grill. Please register for the demonstration and to receive a food bundle of ingredients to take home to prepare the recipe after the demo.

Visit and "like" the Food Coal-

ition 4 Archuleta on Facebook and Instagram to learn more about the work of the Food Coalition and to participate in our local efforts to support an equitable food system for everyone in Archuleta County. For more information and to register for the food demonstration please contact the Food Coalition at [community@fsfearchuleta.org](mailto:community@fsfearchuleta.org) or call (401) 371-3227.

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# The effects of vision and hearing loss

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

Vision and hearing loss affect our brains. When these changes go untreated, it becomes harder for us to comprehend what our eyes are seeing and our ears are hearing. This impact takes an unfortunate toll on cognitive function and our emotional and physical well-being. The loss does not have to be profound to make a significant impact.

The additional work the brain has to do to process information in a new way is taking a real toll:

- Untreated hearing and vision loss can increase the risk of dementia, as well as reduction in attention, language use, memory, and the ability to identify and locate objects in space.

- Depth perception and the capacity to distinguish contrast (light/dark) make it harder to accomplish daily tasks.

- These factors increase the risk of falls.

- Declining cognitive function in turn leads to less awareness of whether hearing aids or glasses are effectively correcting the loss.

Conversely, correcting or supporting vision and hearing loss is good for our brains and by extension our long-term well-being. Moderators are new cues that we can use in our daily environment to improve how we live our lives and

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better manage with our changing eyes and ears. Steps you can take include simple solutions, such as:

- Regular vision and hearing exams — every year is best — or more often if your doctor recommends it due to a specific risk factor, such as glaucoma or diabetes.

- High-contrast strips on stairs, dark-colored toilet seats that improve contrast and use of mugs that are in high contrast to the liquid being served.

- Low-vision rehabilitation, which is like physical therapy with the purpose of developing “strategies to maximize or substitute for diminished sight in order to maintain independence and a sense of self-worth.”

- Access to audiobooks for those who become unable to read the written word.

- Speak face-to-face with people and reduce background noise whenever possible.

Think bigger as well — when someone falls due to poor vision and has a major health impact, the medical and social costs to

that individual and their family far outstrip the effort needed to make smaller accommodations before an accident occurs.

Our website provides a wide variety of resources on aging, active engagement, provider and caregiver education, and information

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about ASI programs in Archuleta County, as well as contact information for making reservations at The Community Café for takeout 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.

## 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, Sept. 16 — Vegetarian Moroccan stew, roasted cauliflower, naan bread, milk and salad.

Friday, Sept. 17 — Roasted chicken with herbes de Provence, zucchini, tomatoes and onions, milk, salad and chocolate croissant.

Monday, Sept. 20 — Baked salmon with lemon butter sauce, wilted spinach, milk, salad and strawberries Romanoff.

Tuesday, Sept. 21 — Beef meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner roll with butter, milk and salad.

Wednesday, Sept. 22 — Vegetarian rigatoni with pumpkin cream sauce, yellow squash casserole, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad.

Thursday, Sept. 23 — Chicken crepes, green peas, milk, salad and chocolate cake.

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.

Due to COVID-19, food supplies have been affected. Substitutions will be made accordingly.

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Alice Chavez leads a food demonstration of tacos de calabacitas recently. Another food demonstration is planned for 10 to 11 a.m. on Sept. 23 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

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**EVENTS**

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**Durango Office:** Wednesday, September 22nd | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Pagosa Office:** Thursday, September 23rd | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

More details: [lpea.coop/2021-member-lunch](http://lpea.coop/2021-member-lunch)

*Virtual*  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Prizes! Live Q&A! Overview of 2020 accomplishments and finances.**

Wednesday, October 6th | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Pre-registration required: [lpea.coop/annual-meeting](http://lpea.coop/annual-meeting)

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# That one last shot

The last trip of summer proved to be one of the best trips of our lives. Our family members traveled from Colorado, northern California and Arizona, and convened in Los Angeles to see the premiere of our grandson's first featured film, "Space Waves."

For three nights, we were entertained, challenged and blown away by the quality of this coming-of-age film. It was a project four years in the making, one riddled with trials and lessons learned.

Each night, an aerial shot crawled across the northern California sky and focused on its intended landing. A radio tower and images of two young men flashed against a white wall. Dynamic music consumed the space with wavebands connecting audience and film. With energized pumping hearts, the crowds erupted and I felt I had entered Rocky's training montage and his world of boxing.

Better than that, my front-row seat transported me into the world of "Space Waves," a coming-of-age, full-length feature film. We delighted in an evening of sparkly purple, turquoise and nostalgia.

The story of "Space Waves" reflects our grandson's own coming of age. Now 25, my Sweet Al and I experienced his moments of anticipation that were met with conflict and unexpected detours. Being the "man of the hour" was eclipsed by the realities that cause us to examine our own minute-by-minute existence.

One of the crew members said, "On set, nine times out of 10, we would wrap our filming for the day later than scheduled, not for lack of enthusiasm, but because Spencer was determined to get that perfect shot. Most often, that 'one last shot' would be the one that made the

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



final cut."

"Throughout the entire 'Space Waves' journey, our motto has been, the best things are worth waiting for ... and worth pushing a car uphill in 100-degree summer weather for!"

How exciting it has been to see our grandson grow from a young man with big ideas to someone who has fought and pushed his way through his own uncharted territory, a journey that earned him the right to be known as an accomplished director.

Supporting our grandson, creating a red-carpet experience, Tiffany Dawson, our granddaughter, designed merchandise, developed a website and a social media presence. The three-night showing was filled to capacity. As the production designer, she designed sets and costumes.

I heard a comment about our granddaughter: "Some artists are all over the page, not Tiffany. For someone with enormous creative talent, she has such a sense of organizational skills. She viewed each scene with sensitivity to the characters and their involvement in the story. She gave attention to every detail."

I write this only because I saw my grandchildren come into their full potential during the making of this film. I value these days God has been so generous to give us.

I reminded my Sweet Al of a scripture that tells us God allots 70 years to a man and by reason of

strength, he gives him 80. Perhaps God has been generous and has given us more. Psalm 90:10 (NKJ).

These coming-of-age stories are not just personal, but ones shared across generations. We've come to see and know God's promise through our children and grandchildren as they have moved in and out of their own seasons. How many last shots would we have missed for the final cut if God had not waited?

Final brushstroke: Most often, that last shot is the one worth waiting for. Truth is, these moments take shape at various times over the course of a lifetime. The beauty is in seeing things unfold and watching maturity and wisdom be developed in a person. That would have not been possible had we not been given time to appreciate the trials of a moment.

### Readers' comments

Send your comments to [betty@bettyslade.com](mailto:betty@bettyslade.com).

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

**Thursday, Sept. 16**

**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 freshly prepared hot meals 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://sjobpubhealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

**Archuleta Democratic Club.** 11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse. Eric Hittle will speak about the future of high-speed broadband in Archuleta County.

**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., Sis-

son 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://sjobpubhealth.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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Friday, Sept. 17**

**Riverwalk Naturalist Tour.** 8 a.m., Riverwalk, Centennial Park. Tour

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### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

**Here's How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to acne and skin. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15 = I)

A. 20 15 2 20 24 1

Clue: Skin inflammation spot

B. 8 1 11 3 1 12 12

Clue: Skin irritation

C. 15 8 8 15 13 25 13 15 22 3

Clue: Product of inflammation

D. 12 5 15 3

Clue: The largest organ

Answers: A. pimple B. redness C. irritation D. skin



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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](mailto:pagosawetlands@gmail.com).

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. 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/>.

**Pagosa Springs Stitchers.** 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 with all of your friends and family. Call (970)264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Springs Boys' Varsity Football.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Kirtland Central.

**Saturday, Sept. 18**

**Color Run/Walk.** 7 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. race starts, Town Park athletic field. Hosted by Aspen House and Aspen Services. Not a runner? Not a problem. You can hop, skip or stroll your way through the course. Adults \$20, children \$15, children 6 and under free. The event begins at 8 a.m. and registration opens at 7 a.m., but to guarantee your event T-shirt, we recommend you register early at [www.eventbrite.com/e/color-run-2021-tickets-165802986195A](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/color-run-2021-tickets-165802986195A) (also located on our facebook event page and website).

**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](mailto:pagosawetlands@gmail.com).

**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.

**St. Patrick's Clothing Giveaway.** 8 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Clothes for men, women, children and babies. For more information, call (970) 731-5801.

**Free Vaccine Clinic.** 9 a.m.-1 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/>.

**World Wellness Weekend.** 9-10 a.m., Springs Resort, mother spring patio, 323 Hot Springs Blvd. A session of breath work, stretching, meditation and Tibetan singing bowls.

**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.

**Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild Meeting.** 10 a.m., pavilion behind Centerpoint Church. Bring your show and tell to share. All are welcome.

**Sarah Platt Decker Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Meeting.** 10:30 a.m., Summit Church, 2917 Aspen Drive, Durango. The speaker will be Laurie Meininger, president of the League of Women Voters, Durango. For more information, contact Tanice Ramsperger at (970) 731-4824.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Weekly meeting for those experiencing the death of a spouse, child, parent or other family member or friend.

**Discovery Time.** 2:30 p.m. Facebook. For all ages. New videos are posted to Facebook each Saturday. View to explore new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Sunday, Sept. 19**

**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 promo-

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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.

**Monday, Sept. 20**

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**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](mailto:medicare@sjbaaa.org).

**Tuesday, Sept. 21**

**HER Story.** 8:30-9:30 a.m., PMAB + Movement, 140 Country Center

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 Drive, Unit 2. A women's group providing a safe, supportive space to grow and heal as you share your story. An opportunity to meet other women in your community in a peer-supported group focused on healing from trauma, abuse or violence. Email any questions to [contactus@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:contactus@riseaboveviolence.org).  
**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 799-8387 for more details.  
**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson

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**Pagosa Springs Boys' Varsity Soccer.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Taos.

**Teen Book Club.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 6th-12th grades. In-person discussion of the books you've read recently and the ones you're interested in reading in the next few months. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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## Bird of the Week

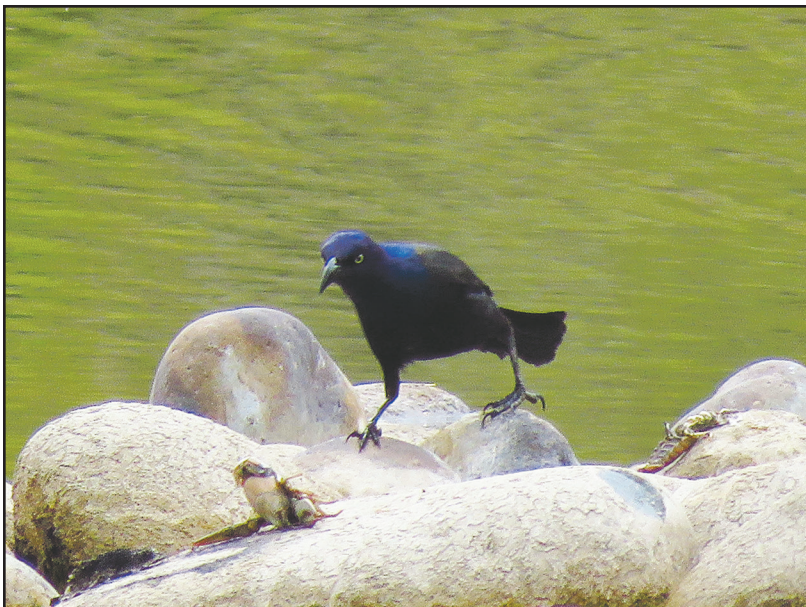


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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the common grackle.

In a group of blackbirds, the longer, taller, common grackle stands out. These noisy, gregarious birds are often found foraging on the ground with other blackbirds, cowbirds and starlings. They inhabit landscapes altered by humans and are common in agricultural fields and city parks. In winter, they are found in large communal flocks, numbering in the millions of birds, with other blackbirds.

These omnivores subsist mainly on seeds, especially those of agricultural grains. Large flocks pose a real economic threat to corn farmers. They also consume sunflower seeds, acorns, fruits and garbage. In summer, they rely on a carnivorous diet and eat beetles, grasshoppers, spiders, caterpillars, fish, frogs, mice and even other birds.

These are among the birds, including the flicker, which practice a cleaning habit known as anting. By lying down next to an ant hill, they encourage ants to crawl over their bodies and feathers. The ants secrete formic acid, which kills parasites on the birds. Common grackles have also been observed using walnut juice, lemons, limes, marigolds, chokecherries and mothballs to achieve the same result.

Seen in the right light, the iridescent bluish head and bronze tones on the body make the male common grackle a beautiful bird. Long legs, a long tail, a long, heavy bill and golden colored eyes are identifying marks. Females are a less glossy version of the male. Both sexes sing a not-so-beautiful song described as being like the noise of opening a rusty gate.

The common grackle is not a common bird here, but is spotted in summer months.

For information on activities, visit [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

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## Wednesday, Sept. 22

**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.

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Guest Lisa Baker and her friend, Fluffy Dog, will provide fun puppet storytelling. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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**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](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) for details on how to join.

**Eckankar in Pagosa Springs Spiritual Experiences Meetup Group.** 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. "Past Lives, Dreams, and Soul Travel" in-person book discussions. You are welcome to attend without an RSVP. However, we would appreciate it if you could RSVP through our Meetup site so we can be prepared. RSVP on Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/events/>. Click on the red attend button in the event to RSVP.

## Thursday, Sept. 23

**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.

**Food System/Food Equity Coalition Seasonal Food Demonstration.** 10-11 a.m. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S Pagosa Blvd. In partnership with the Archuleta Food Pantry Network, demos involve a garden-to-table talk, nutrition tips, cooking skills and a tasting session. Featured recipes highlight the rich heritage of Archuleta County. Participants who register take home garden-fresh produce and pantry staples to recreate the dish at home. For more information and/or to register, please contact the Food Coalition at [community@fs-fearchuleta.org](mailto:community@fs-fearchuleta.org) or (401) 371-3227.

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving freshly prepared hot meals 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.

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**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Literary Ladies Book Club.** 10:15 a.m.-noon, under the ponderosa pines at the home of Marilyn S. We will be discussing "Midnight at the

Pera Palace: The Birth of Modern Istanbul" by Charles King. This book evolves from the Ottoman Empire into modern-day Istanbul by a variety of international people meeting and living at the famous hotel known as the Pera Palace in Istanbul. It is a social history of one of the world's intriguing cities with interesting characters including Trotsky to Hemingway, singers, a future pope and European Jews on their way to Israel.

**Pagosa Springs Stitchers.** 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 with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Christian Women's Retreat.** 4 p.m. Sonlight Christian Camp. Camp runs from arrival time at 4 p.m. until after lunch on Sunday.

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## Saturday, Sept. 25

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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.

**Homebuyer Education Class.** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Tired of renting? Join HomesFund for Pagosa's Homebuyer Education Class and learn what it takes to become a homeowner. Topics covered include budget, credit, insurance, lending, down payment assistance programs, real estate, inspection and home maintenance. Space is limited. To register, please visit: [www.homesfund.org](http://www.homesfund.org). A \$15 workbook

fee will be collected at registration. Questions can be directed to (970) 259-1418.

**Pagosa Springs Coed Varsity Cross-Country.** 9 a.m., Reservoir Hill. Pagosa vs. multiple opponents.

**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.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Weekly meeting for those experiencing the death of a spouse, child, parent or other family member or friend.

**LEGO Club.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Discovery Time.** 2:30 p.m. Facebook. For all ages. New videos are posted to Facebook each Saturday. View to explore new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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**Sixth Annual Art Above Violence: 'Coming Together for Change.'** 6 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bringing help, hope and heal-

ing to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault through the arts. Tickets are \$25-\$75. For more information, visit [www.riseaboveviolence.org/art-above-violence](http://www.riseaboveviolence.org/art-above-violence).

## Sunday, Sept. 26

**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.

## Monday, Sept. 27

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**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@sjbaa.org](mailto:medicare@sjbaa.org).

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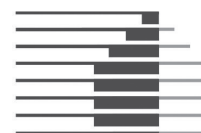
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# Colorado Proud's recipe of the month for September: Pueblo chile cornbread

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

September brings us to the cusp of fall, and the Colorado Proud recipe of the month is bringing a warm and savory classic. We are taking the world-famous Pueblo green chile and adding it to a cornbread to complement your main entree.

The Pueblo chile is both a staple in Colorado and comes with a bit of competition with our neighbors in New Mexico. The Pueblo chile pungency ranges between 5,000 and 20,000 Scoville heat units, the measurement method used to rank chile heat. Pueblo chiles are comparable to moderate jalapeno peppers and are usually a little warmer than cayenne peppers.

The growing conditions in southeastern Colorado produce some of the best chiles available. Hot, dry, sunny summer days, combined with our rich soils and pure Colorado water, yield some of the hottest and most flavorful chiles. Watch out for the little ones — they tend to pack the most heat (according to the Pueblo Chile Growers Association). The meaty and flavorful chiles add a local tasty flare to any recipe, so get your jam and butter ready for this tasty Colorado Proud- style cornbread.

Each month, the Colorado Department of Agriculture features a different ag commodity to highlight the variety and quality of products grown and raised in our state. For September, Chef Jason Morse brings us a savory treat for fall.

## Extension Viewpoints

Morse said, "Fire up the grill and let's roast off those Pueblo chiles. Next, we take those amazing chiles and create a cornbread that will be the envy of your next dinner party. Packed with corn, cheese and chile, this is the life of the party!"

### Pueblo chile cornbread

#### Dry ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cup cornmeal, coarse or fine ground
- 1 1/2 cup flour, all purpose
- 1 teaspoon salt, kosher or sea
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, dry, packed

#### Wet ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup Mexican crema
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup Pueblo chiles, roasted, peeled and diced
- 1 cup Colorado corn kernels
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 stick butter, salted, room temp

#### Directions:

- Wash all tools prior to use.
- Clean and sanitize all cutting boards and prep surfaces prior to use.
- Read all manufacturer's in-

structions before using ovens, grills or cooking tools.

#### Cooking directions:

1. Grill and roast your Pueblo chiles until desired doneness is achieved. Here you can find a simple way to roast chiles at home if you have not already purchased them roasted. Chef's tip: After roasting chiles, place into a bowl and cover with plastic wrap; that will help steam off the charred parts, leaving the chile intact.

2. Heat oven to 400 degrees F.

3. While the oven is heating up, line a 10-inch cast iron skillet with parchment paper and lightly spray.

4. Add all the dry ingredients into a bowl. Mix well to combine.

5. Using a new bowl, place the softened butter and crema into the bowl and mix until combined. Add the milk, diced chiles, corn kernels and cheese. Mix until combined. Allow to rest for approximately 5 minutes.

6. Carefully add half of the wet mixture into the dry mixture and stir until combined.

7. Add the rest of the wet mixture into the dry mixture and mix until fully incorporated and just mixed.

8. Pour this mixture into the cast iron skillet and level out if needed.

9. Place into the oven at 400 degrees.

10. Cook for 35-45 minutes or until desired doneness is reached, checking for doneness at the 35-minute mark. Check for doneness by inserting a clean, dry tooth-

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pick into the center and removing it clean.

11. Using heat-proof gloves, carefully remove the cornbread and bring it into the kitchen. Rest for a minimum of 10 minutes to allow the cornbread to cool and firm up.

12. Serve with honey butter if desired.

13. Store any leftovers loosely covered overnight; do not refrigerate.

14. Devour.  
Visit ColoradoProud.org for a complete list of recipes.

## Upcoming events

Oct. 2: Cottage Foods Training — an online event. Please go our Facebook page or website to register or call the office for more information.

Oct. 19, 4 to 6 p.m.: Shred it. Bring up to three boxes of paper

and make a donation to support 4-H. Downtown TBK parking lot.

Oct. 20: 4-H open house. Look next week for more details.

Nov. 3: ServSafe for restaurant workers.

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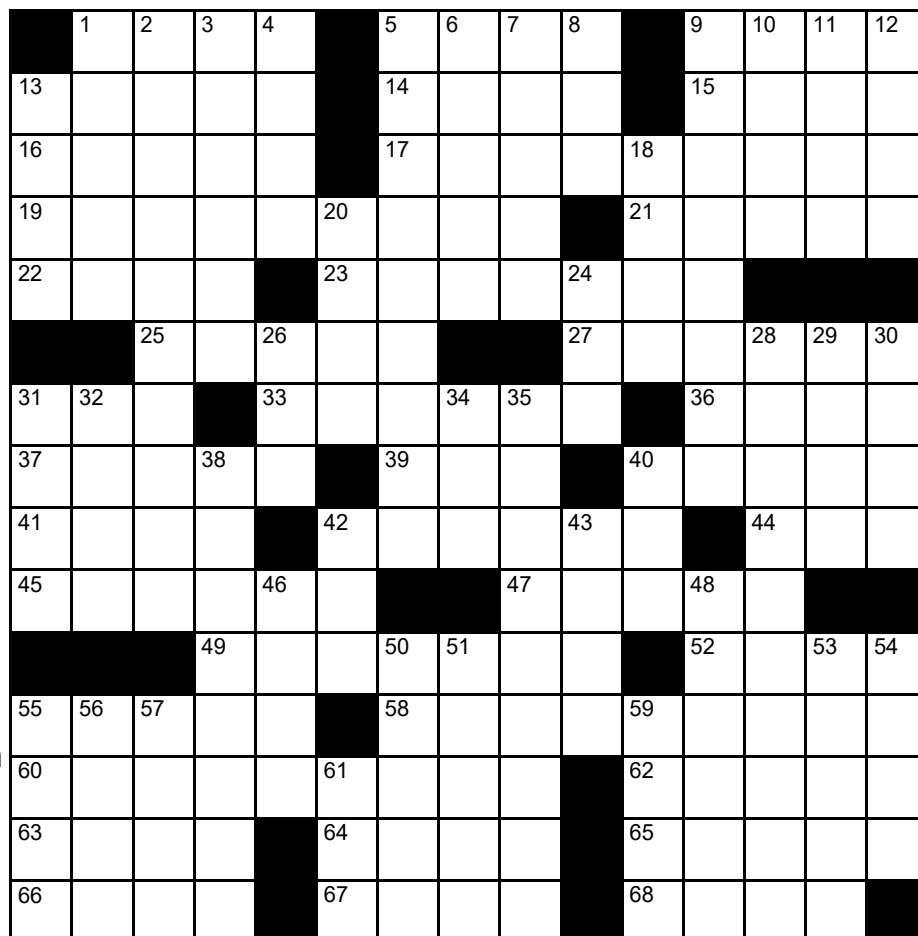
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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Street fleet
- 5 1999 film, "10 Things I \_\_\_ About You"
- 9 Norwegian king
- 13 Excel shortcut
- 14 Roswell sightings
- 15 Barn topper
- 16 Stomach lesion
- 17 Oscar, for one
- 19 Place for petunias
- 21 News media
- 22 Notability
- 23 Hearing range
- 25 Hog the mirror
- 27 Puzzling problem
- 31 Ind. neighbor
- 33 Gary who portrayed Churchill
- 36 Dinner, e.g.
- 37 \_\_\_ terrier
- 39 Hightailed it
- 40 Past or present, in grammar
- 41 Anagram for "cone"
- 42 Energetic person
- 44 Barely manage, with "out"
- 45 Phonograph feature
- 47 Large-eyed primate
- 49 Hand over, as for sale
- 52 Big bash
- 55 MGM opening?
- 58 Kind of drill
- 60 Mistaken
- 62 Cordial flavoring
- 63 Gets ripe
- 64 Rihanna nickname
- 65 False gods
- 66 Turn's partner
- 67 Smart-\_\_\_
- 68 Zebra feature



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- 2 Crook's helper
- 3 Milwaukee player
- 4 Like bad losers
- 5 Agriculture
- 6 Pitt flick, "Burn \_\_\_ Reading"
- 7 Pond hoppers
- 8 OH time zone
- 9 Paycheck fattener
- 10 Behind schedule
- 11 Picnic pests
- 12 Bank charges
- 13 Hand-warmer
- 18 Familiar with
- 20 Film spool
- 24 Farm female
- 26 Long, long time
- 28 Baby Boomer or Millennial
- 29 Mardi Gras wear
- 30 Safe, on board
- 31 Clickable image
- 32 Track assignment
- 34 Word before and after "oh"
- 35 Tylenol, e.g.
- 38 Disaster-aid group
- 40 Jones who sang "It's Not Unusual"
- 42 Cubby hole?
- 43 Waiter's handout
- 46 Crazy as a \_\_\_
- 48 Kenya's neighbor
- 50 Go bad
- 51 Get used (to)
- 53 Cotton thread
- 54 High cards
- 55 Vegan no-no
- 56 For that reason
- 57 Half of seis
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# September is library card sign-up month

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

September is library card sign-up month. Although it's likely that most readers of this "Library News" column already have a card, staff at your library are happy to get you one if you don't.

With a library card, you can check out physical items, download other items and have access to our nearly 30 online resources. Some of these resources include tools to help you learn a new language, repair your lawnmower or car, stream an independent film, take a class online, find an author or book by new authors similar to those you already like, and much more.

Meg Wempe, director, says that your library card provides access to technology, multimedia content and fun educational programming that transforms lives and strengthens communities.

"A library card provides opportunity for discovery and access to a rich and diverse world. It empowers you to enjoy new stories and experiences," she said.

Here's a little-known fact: There is no minimum or maximum age limit for library cards. Everyone from babies to seniors is welcome. So if you have friends or family who don't have library cards, invite them to sign up for one during September — or do it for them if they are babies or youngsters.

## 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. to 6 p.m. That's one additional hour on Fridays.

- 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.

## Teen book club

We invite sixth- through 12th-graders to join the free in-person teen book club next Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 4 to 5 p.m. for a lively discussion of the books you've read recently and the ones you're



interested in reading in the next few months.

## In-person gaming

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect on Fridays from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

## Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted Sept. 20 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

## 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 Sept. 22, we will have a special storytime when guest Lisa Baker and her friend, Fluffy Dog, will provide fun puppet storytelling.

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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## Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Brad will help you resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices.

## ESL

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.

Las clases gratuitas se llevan a cabo en persona los martes y jueves de 4-8 p.m. Los estudiantes principiantes deben asistir de 4-6 p.m. y a los estudiantes intermedios de 6-8 p.m.

## Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) session takes place in person Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m., when Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Note there will be no PALS Sept. 23.

## Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free library activities available to you and your family, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — children, teens and adults.

## Diverse nonfiction political books

"The Authoritarian Moment" by Ben Shapiro showcases the author's belief that the authoritarian left has taken over not just the Democratic Party, but also corporations, universities, scientific establishments and cultural institutions and are using their newfound power to silence the opposition. "Landslide" by Michael Wolfe explores the last days of the Trump Administration with insider stories of events in the Oval Office after the president was not re-elected. "The Cruelty is the Point" by Adam Serwer is a collection of Atlantic magazine articles and new essays that explores white nationalism, the political power of police unions, myths about migration and the many faces of anti-Semitism.

## Large print

"Killing the Mob" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard traces the history of organized crime in the U.S.

## DVDs

"Here Today" is a comedy starring Billy Crystal and Tiffany Haddish. "Luca" is a Disney Pixar film set on the Italian Riviera.

## Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"The Guide" by Peter Heller is a thriller featuring a guide at an exclusive fishing lodge in Colorado. "Intimacies" by Katie Kitamura is set at the international court at The Hague.

## Other novels

"Night Music" by Jojo Moyes features a woman forced to move with her family when her husband dies and leaves her in debt. "Chasing Manhattan" by John Gray follows the adventures of a woman, her boyfriend and faithful dog. "Her Heart for a Compass" by Sarah Ferguson is a coming-of-age story in Victorian England. "Songbirds" by Christy Lefteri explores the darker side of migrants' lives on Cyprus. "The Women of Troy" by Pat Barker continues the modern recasting of the Greek classic. "Holdout" by Jeffrey Kluger is a sci-fi story set on the International Space Station. "Starlight Enclave" by R.A. Salvatore is book one of the new trilogy featuring characters from Dungeons and Dragons.

## Short stories

"Afterparties" by Anthony Veasna So is a collection of short stories

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# 20-year commemoration of 9/11 held

By Richard Walker  
Archuleta County Vets for Vets

On Saturday, Sept. 11, local emergency response agencies held a commemorative event at the Veterans Memorial Park on Vista Boulevard in recognition and remembrance of the tragic events which occurred 20 years ago on that date.

A procession of official vehicles made its way from the high school over to the park and, upon its arrival, the official events began. The American Legion Honor Guard performed a flag ceremony followed by a 21-gun salute from their firing team.

Just as the thunder of the rifle volley subsided, three planes from the San Juan Squadron appeared over the park in a tight formation. The planes performed a 360-degree rotation of the park, then roared away, only to reappear and

buzz overhead, then depart this time in a split formation, flying off in three different directions.

Deputy Chief Karn Macht, of the Pagosa Fire Protection District, acted as the master of ceremonies and opening speaker.

Following Macht's initial remarks, the American Legion chaplain, Lee Voorhies, gave an invocation in which he asked for the Lord to bless and keep close to him all the victims of the 9/11 attacks, as well as the brave men and women of the fire departments, police departments and other emergency workers who rushed into danger to help their fellow man. He also asked the Lord to bless and keep all our brave service members serving in harm's way.

Continuing with the ceremony, we heard heartfelt comments from Fire Chief Randy Larson, Police Chief Bill Rockenstock and Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez.

Following remarks by these of-

ficials, Niara Isley, Air Force veteran and member of the Pagosa Springs Vets for Vets organization, performed "Amazing Grace." As Isley hit her last note, a bagpiper began to play the mournful tune again, accompanied by a Highlander drummer.

Macht then told the assembled crowd about the tradition held by fire departments across the nation, of originally using the telegraph to signal when a firefighter had been killed by sending five dashes, followed by a pause and repeating this three times. This tradition is now symbolized by the ringing of a bell five times, then a pause, five times, pause and five more times. A firefighter then rang the bell, just so, signaling the conclusion of our ceremonies.

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### Quotable quote

"I don't think teaching is about showing students what they should know; rather, it is about guiding students through the process of meaning-making on their own. Showing them how to decipher opinion from fact. Demonstrating skill building for them and practicing it with them." — Andie Harbut, science teacher, Long Beach, Calif.

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# Welcome to Yosemite, the new Pyrocene park

By Steve Pyne  
PREVIEW Columnist



The Pleistocene epoch that began 2.6 million years ago sent ice in waves through Yosemite.

Glaciers gouged out great valleys along the Merced and Tuolumne rivers, ice sheets rounded granite domes, cirques sculpted the High Sierra. John Muir traced virtually every landscape feature of Yosemite to its legacy of ice.

Now the residual ice is melting, the streams and waterfalls are drying and the living landscape is burning. In 1990, the A-Rock fire closed the park for the only time in its history so far. The 2013 Rim fire burned around the Hetch Hetchy reservoir; the 2018 Ferguson fire burned along the park's Wawona Road. Where the fires didn't spread, their smoke did.

Add in the industrial combustion of fossil fuels, with its climatic impacts, and virtually every management issue of Yosemite today traces back to fire.

Humans have always used fire: It's our ecological signature.

The end of the last glaciation allowed us, a fire-wielding species, to interact with an increasingly fire-receptive planet. Our pact with fire was mutual. Fire allowed us to flourish; in return, we have taken fire everywhere, even to Antarctica.

The pact had to operate within boundaries set by living landscapes. After all, fire was a creation of life, which furnished its oxygen and fuel and established ecological barriers. Then we discovered an immense reservoir of combustibles buried in geologic time. It was as though we had found a new world — a fossilized, "lithic" landscape — we could work the way we did living landscapes. The only constraints were those people chose to impose on themselves.

Add up all the burning that people now do in living and it would

seem we are refashioning the earth with the fire-informed equivalent of an Ice Age, complete with a change in climate, rising sea levels, a mass extinction, major shifts in biogeography and smoke palls. Little on earth is unaffected.

Fire is driving off the last vestiges of the Pleistocene, from its ice to its mammoths. We have been creating a Pyrocene for millennia, but binge-burning fossil fuels put the process on afterburners.

Fifty years ago, Yosemite recognized that its fire scene was out of whack. The problem then was not too much of the wrong kind of fire, but too little of the right kind. The park sought to restore presettlement fire regimes. Among targeted sites was Illilouette Creek, an elevated basin southeast of Glacier Point.

The park recognized that suppressing fire had stockpiled fuels from the foothills to the crestline, caused Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove to overflow with invasive conifers that blocked views, and prevented the fabled sequoias from regenerating. The park introduced prescribed fire and learned to loose-herd wildfires. The Illilouette Basin shuffled toward something like its former fire regime.

No place has the fire program it wants, but Yosemite seems better positioned than the national forests and private lands around it to cope. The issue is no longer to restore natural fire, but to find the right mix of fires suppressed and prescribed, and of wildfires managed, to ward off the megafires that are plaguing everywhere else.

Yosemite deals with fires that can

threaten small and not-so-small villages. Its specialty is working with wildland fire.

By Aug. 20 of this year, the park had coped with 54 fires, 43 from lightning and 11 from people. Some were put out. Some were confined within natural barriers. And a few burning in Illilouette Basin were tweaked as nature's invisible hand massaged them into five decades of layered burning. The legacy of past fires had altered the conditions for the fires that followed, softening the shock of tougher, meaner burns.

Yosemite has long been celebrated for distilling into near-crystalline state the magnificence of the western landscape. As it moves from ice to fire, it is showing that it may also serve as a proxy for some of what the earth needs to do to survive our deepening fire age. There is no way we can't not manage fire.

Steve Pyne is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, [writersontherange.org](http://writersontherange.org), a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively debate about the West. He is the author of "The Pyrocene. How We Created an Age of Fire, and What Happens Next." Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

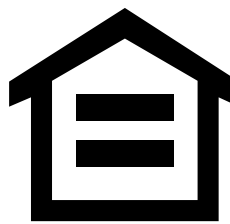
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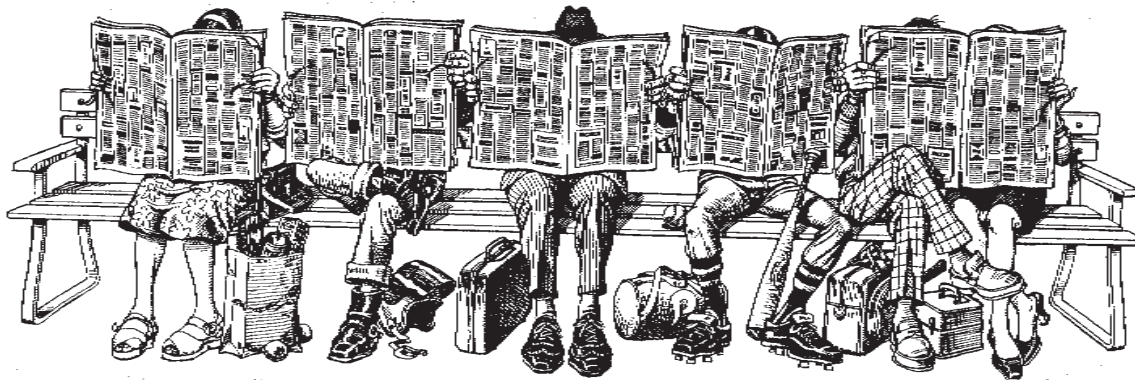


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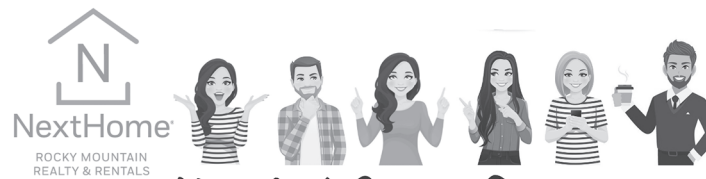
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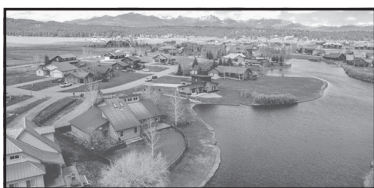


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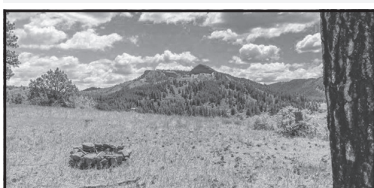
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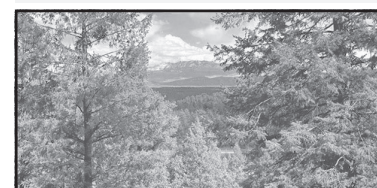
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