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## County attorney appointed as interim administrator

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County now has a new interim county administrator. At a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Sept. 21, the board unanimously approved the appointment of County Attorney Todd Weaver as the interim county administrator. Earlier this month, former County Administrator Scott Wall informed The SUN of his intent to retire in mid-March 2022, when his contract with the county expired. However, Wall served his last day on Sept. 17 — the same day the BoCC held a special meeting to go into an executive session for personnel mat-

■ See County A8



An explosion of excitement and color highlighted the grand finale of the Aspen House and Aspen Services Color Run/Walk on Saturday.

Photo courtesy Scott Galabota

## Driver killed after semi goes off Wolf Creek Pass

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The driver of a semi was killed after the semi went through a concrete barrier at a hairpin turn on Wolf Creek Pass Tuesday morning. The cause of the crash is still under investigation, according to Colorado State Patrol Master Trooper Doug Wiersma. An email from Wiersma indicates that the semi, a 2010 Peterbilt semi tractor pulling a refrigerator trailer loaded with pet food, was traveling westbound down Wolf Creek Pass near milepost 160,

■ See Pass A8

## SJBPH responds to county's Health District Investigative Committee requests

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

San Juan Basic Public Health (SJBPH) representatives have responded to a local committee's questions regarding the public health district and services it provides. The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) recently approved a letter to be sent to SJBPH requesting information in regard to budgets and availability of certain health services that SJBPH provides to citizens in Archuleta County. The letter sent to SJBPH was drafted by the county's newly formed Health District Investigative Committee (HDIC), and the BoCC approved the letter to be sent at its regular meeting held on Sept. 7. In the letter, the HDIC requested to have a meeting with a representative or representatives from SJBPH in order to obtain information needed for the committee's research.

The HDIC requested to have a meeting with SJBPH on Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. The initial letter drafted by the HDIC was sent to SJBPH on Sept. 7, and SJBPH sent its response letter on Sept. 17. At a work session held by the BoCC on Tuesday, Sept. 21, the board discussed the response letter, which was addressed to Commissioner Alvin SchAAF. The response letter from SJBPH — signed by Board of Health President Ann Bruzzese and Vice President Karin Daniels — notes, "with respect to your request for a meeting, a meeting would need to be with the entire Board of Health which requires both coordination with the seven members of the Board of Health and public notice." Commissioner Warren Brown is serving as the liaison between the HDIC and the BoCC and he began the

■ See Response A8

## Test results show indication of COVID's impact on students

CMAS results: Percent of students who met or exceeded expectations							
	Archuleta	Alamosa	Bayfield	Durango	Ignacio	Montezuma-Cortez	State Average
Math Grade 4	19.6	28.8	15.5	22.3	15.0	20.2	28.5
Math Grade 6	17.3	13.2	20.2	17.3	*	13.6	24.1
Math Grade 8	20.0	20.0	21.9	25.6	11.6	14.4	29.5
English Language Arts Grade 3	15.1	30.5	28.7	29.9	9.7	32.3	39.1
English Language Arts Grade 5	32.1	32.5	28.7	53.6	17.1	34.3	47.2
English Language Arts Grade 7	37.0	38.3	28.7	38.9	37.5	24.4	42.6
Science Grade 8	21.8	25.2	30.5	25.4	11.4	13.2	26.4
PSAT/SAT mean score results							
PSAT Grade 9	866	810	854	906	801	792	903
PSAT Grade 10	909	880	928	970	832	888	948
SAT Grade 11	1000	969	989	1042	822	901	1011

An \* denotes a sample size too small to report.

Numbers listed above include all applicable schools within each district as provided by Colorado Department of Education.

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The results of the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS), PSAT and SAT taken in the spring of the 2020-2021 school year were recently released by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), and Archuleta School District (ASD) — like many districts around the state — saw a dip in the numbers of students who met state benchmarks. State-level data released by the CDE in August showed "significant decreases in achievement from 2019 to 2021 across all tested grades and subject areas," with fewer students tested than in typical years. "We recognize how hard students and teachers worked through the difficulties during last school year, and we know that there were reduced or disrupted learning opportunities for students, schools and districts," said Colorado Education Commissioner Katy Anthes

via a press release. "These test results give us sobering data that confirm just how hard last year was with school closures, class quarantines and remote learning." However, growth data for ASD reflects higher-than-expected growth at Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS). "What we consider to be the high-level data or ... the 10,000-foot view gives us sort of a flavor for, you know, how did the last year and a half impact our students?" ASD Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza said. Students took fewer assessments during the 2020-2021 school year, with Colorado administering the CMAS English language arts (ELA) and math tests to students in alternating grades. Third-, fifth- and seventh-grade students were required to take the ELA tests; and fourth-, sixth- and eighth-graders were required to take the math tests.

■ See Students A8



A medical helicopter takes off from the scene of a two-car head-on collision on Yellow Jacket Pass Friday.

## Three injured in head-on collision

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

A two-car head-on collision on Yellow Jacket Pass Friday sent three to area hospitals. According to Sgt. Ben Stuever with the Colorado State Patrol, the collision occurred about 1:15 or 1:30 p.m. Friday. Stuever explained that a Toyota RAV4 was westbound on U.S. 160, passing a couple of semis going up Yellow Jacket Pass.

"About the time he got to passing the back one, the back semi decided to pass the front one and kind of forced him into the eastbound lane, where he hit another vehicle that was coming down the road head-on," Stuever said. The driver of the RAV4 was airlifted to Mercy Regional Medical Center with serious injuries, Stuever reported, with the passenger transported to

■ See Collision A8

## Rose Mountain Townhome opening behind schedule

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

In the next few weeks, folks will be moving into the new Rose Mountain Townhome affordable housing project being built in downtown Pagosa Springs. At a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Sept. 14, the board heard an update from the Archuleta County Housing Authority (ACHA) in regard to the completion of the project. ACHA Board Chairman Clifford Lucero briefed the BoCC on the status of the project and was accompanied by the superintendent of the project. The superintendent explained

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## OUR VIEW

# A tradition we are proud to carry on

Inside The Pagosa Springs SUN's newspaper office you will find a wealth of history in a place that we call "the morgue."

The morgue is full of "dead" newspapers. Those dead newspaper issues go all the way back to the 1800s. They aren't all issues of The SUN — there are also issues of other newspapers that documented the history of our community prior to The SUN.

You have to look for the bound books from 1909 to find when Volume 1, Number 1 of The Pagosa Springs SUN was published.

These old newspapers are available for viewing at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, thanks to the Friends of the Library, who had them digitized several years ago.

And, if you turn to the front page of this week's SUN, you will find Volume 114, Number 1.

The volume indicates the number of consecutive years the newspaper has been published; the number is the week during the year that issue is printed.

That's a lot of years.

That's a lot of history.

And, you can find history often times repeating itself, in Shari Pierce's Legacies column next to this editorial on this page each week.

The SUN was local long before being local was cool. It takes some effort to create a sense of community. It doesn't happen without the investment of people who care about Pagosa Country. Five of our employees have diplomas from Pagosa Springs schools. One was born and raised here in Southwest Colorado.

When you work at The SUN, you become aware that you are just another caretaker of this valuable institution. There have been other staff and owners before us, and there will be others after us. We are simply "custodians of a tradition."

It is a tradition that The SUN staff members are proud to carry on.

The SUN is Pagosa Springs' original social media.

As long as parents take pride in the birth of a baby, or graduation, or marriage, or any number of life's milestones, people will enjoy reading about them in The SUN.

As long as people care about who died in our community this week, how high

our taxes may rise or who scored the winning touchdown at the high school football game — The SUN will carry on the tradition of bringing the news of Pagosa Country to you.

As long as advertisers have a message to share and public notice information needs to be conveyed, The SUN will deliver those messages and notices to you.

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Here at The SUN, we take the privilege and freedom of printing the news very seriously. We also take our role of government watchdog very seriously.

Since 1909, The SUN has been reporting on developments of town councils, county boards, water boards and school boards.

We've noticed that it makes some who serve on government boards a bit uncomfortable when The SUN makes a Colorado Open Records Act request.

We question why they are so uncomfortable when they should be doing business in the light of day. They should welcome our efforts to keep them accountable. We had one board president pay us a visit to ask us why we were "watching them so closely." Easy answer: It's our job.

One of the biggest highlights for The SUN happened in April of 2018, when former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper presented the Colorado Press Association's (CPA) Service to the First Award to The Pagosa Springs SUN staff.

"This year's winner shows you don't have to be a big organization to make an impact or have a large newsroom to keep the government accountable and residents informed," Hickenlooper said during the presentation.

"With its staff of three reporters, Pagosa Springs SUN staff have held government of all kinds and sizes accountable for conducting public business where it belongs — in public," Hickenlooper continued. "And while it's my honor to give The SUN this award, the real winner of this award is the community and residents that Pagosa Springs' newspaper covers."

The Friend of the First honor is annually one of the CPA's most contested awards, and it goes to a newspaper media organization that focuses on the

First Amendment's guarantee of a free press, including, but not limited to, fighting the threat of censorship in America, overcoming uneasiness with regard to press credibility, combating government secrecy at all levels and instilling in the public an appreciation of its need, as well as its right, to know.

The judge of the contest commented, "This is a community newspaper that is doing it right. In a blog written by the CFOIC (Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition) executive director, he said the paper has: Diligence, knowledge of the law and a devotion to watchdog journalism. Three necessary ingredients to keep government officials accountable and the public informed."

Former CPA CEO Jerry Raehal said, "The Pagosa Springs SUN is one of the premier watchdog journalism publications in the state, not just this year, but every year. They are a paper we encourage other members to emulate."

The SUN, with its print and online formats, continues to play a critical role in documenting the activities of our community and providing our readers with content representative of our community.

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Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
September 23, 1921

The heavy freeze the first of the week put the finishing touches to the gardens in this vicinity.

A fine new sign has just been painted on the south side of the Hersch Merc. Co. building.

Surveyor Robt. Howe and crew returned home Monday from the Dyke vicinity, where they have been "running" the Newton timber, lately purchased by the Henderson and Boland mill.

The fire alarm again routed Pagosa citizens from their beds about 2:30 yesterday morning, the chicken house of Chas. R. Boone, across the alley from the Baptist church, being discovered on fire by E.D. Hollowell. The fire was put out in quick order by the volunteers, though the Boone bungalow and barn had a narrow escape from the flames. The cause of the fire is unknown although it is the common belief that a would-be chicken thief had dropped a match or cigarette in some straw. The chicken house, which was a good one, was destroyed beyond repair. Also five chickens went up in smoke. The loss is estimated at \$300, with no insurance.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
September 27, 1946

All the Basin men packed fish to the upper streams and lakes of the Blanco Basin Saturday and Tuesday. The State Game and Fish Department provided the fish.

Archuleta County's proposed budget of expenditures and estimated receipts has been completed for the next fiscal year and is on file in County Clerk Frank Conner's office, it was announced early Thursday. And, while the mill levy cannot be set until after the board holds its next regular meeting in October, it was indicated by members of the county commissioners' board that a slight decrease in the levy for taxes for the coming year is in prospect. The possibility of a cut in taxes came somewhat as a surprise, since most counties appear to be calling for increases, chiefly based on anticipated hikes in costs of operation.

Benny Quintana has been elected president of the senior class of Pagosa Springs High School it was announced this week.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
September 23, 1971

The quarterly report of sales tax collections shows that retail sales are up 10.1 percent for the second quarter of 1971. Total retail sales for the quarter in Archuleta County were \$1,232,000 according to the report from the Bureau of Business Research.

A contract of approximately \$1 million has been let by the Pagosa Water and Sanitation District at Eaton International's development. This is a large contract, it was awarded to Neilson's of Dolores, and work is expected to start soon. The project will furnish water and also sewage disposal for various development areas of Pagosa. This is the first contract to be let for this work, but larger projects are expected to follow.

A forest fire burned over about eight acres in the Chub Draw region of the Upper Piedra last Thursday. Firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control after a stiff breeze died down late in the evening. The fire is believed to have started from a fallen tree that had smoldered for several days following a lightning strike.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
September 26, 1996

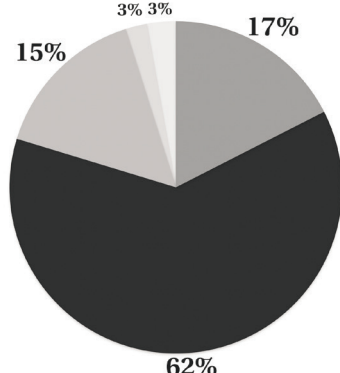
A rehabilitation project on a portion of the lower Blanco River is one of four such proposals in the state to be approved for state funding in 1997. The Colorado Non-point Source Program Task Force voted Sept. 17 to commit \$96,000 in grant funds to the San Juan Water Conservancy District. The monies will be used to restore a 2.1-mile segment of the lower Blanco River located in the southern portion of Archuleta County. The Habitat Restoration Project will involve stream bank and channel work designed to improve water quality and fish habitat. The project involves a watershed-based approach to restoring the river which includes stabilizing stream banks, re-configuring the channel to better match the existing flow rates, enhancing flood-plain functions, conducting a public education and information program and monitoring water quality improvements.

## WHADDYA THINK?

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# San Juan Water Conservancy District holds special meeting to discuss public document, hiring a public relations expert

By Jessica Hanson  
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Late last month, the San Juan Water Conservancy District held a special session in which it discussed the public posting of documents and attorney/client privilege, and a proposed request for proposal (RFP) for a public relations specialist.

Present at the meeting were board members Susan Nossaman, Bill Hudson, Doug Secrist, Joe Tedder, president and chairman Al Pfister, SJWCD attorney Jeff Kane and Executive Assistant Sally High.

One of the agenda items, dealing with the public posting and storing of board documents, was presented by Pfister.

According to information included with the agenda, the board is considering posting and storing SJWCD documents on its website, SJWCD.org, for public access, as well as determining attorney confidentiality and attorney/client privilege.

Secrist began the discussion by commenting, "I think the more information we provide the public, the better they are going to understand the issues and the more informed the public is going to be. I also have a concern, you know, when we get into attorney/client privilege information, that we have to be kind of cautious about what

information is released to the public, especially if it would violate an attorney/client privilege because once it's out there, it's out there. When we are dealing with our counsel, there are going to be times where we are going to have to have the counsel of our attorney and we are not going to want to have that information out in the public simply because there may be some issues that arise down the road that would be adverse to the District."

He continued, "Would it be possible for our attorney, Jeff, to come up with something that could strike a balance being able to provide information to the board and provide information to the public that was not subject to attorney/client privilege?"

Pfister made a motion that as part of informing the public, "that we send all materials to all parties with the exception of materials that have been identified by Jeff as part of attorney/client privilege and that we take the effort to work with Jeff to further differentiate what materials will be posted on the web."

Kane joined the discussion by stating, "The attorney/client privilege is something that is held by the client. The attorney doesn't determine whether to invoke it or to waive it. So, when I write attorney/client communication, privileged and confidential on top of a

memo, that is because in my view it meets the requirements to assert the privilege. Those requirements are, it's a communication between an attorney and a client where the client has sought legal advice and the attorney is providing legal advice. At the end of the day, it is up to you as directors whether to assert the privilege and whether it applies to a particular communication or whether to waive it, and my role for you can be to identify those communications that do have legal advice and then to help you evaluate whether disclosing that legal advice is likely to come back and have consequences for the district."

Kane offered a solution of having a confidential attorney report and a public attorney report.

"The public attorney report would focus more on the factual issues and the confidential attorney report would contain the legal advice," he commented.

When the board ended its discussion of attorney/client privilege and confidentiality, Pfister made another motion.

"Our future policy as far as posting of information packages on our website and what is included to all recipients, including the board and our standard mailing list—Joe Crabb, Justin and The Pagosa SUN—will include the entire board package with the exception of the

attorney's information, which will be separated out into factual and confidential information," he said. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

The second order of business for the board, presented by Tedder, was a consideration of hiring a public relations/outreach contractor with a revised RFP.

According to information included with the agenda, the SJWCD is looking to contract the services of a community engagement expert to develop a strategy for community education and communication on water issues that impact the region and that also promotes the ability of the SJWCD to achieve all stated goals identified in the 2021 Strategic Plan.

The Strategic plan can be found on the SJWCD website, <https://www.sjwcd.org>.

"Hiring someone to do community outreach and education will help us to address all five of our objectives," Tedder commented.

The agenda information provided highlighted the SJWCD's five strategic objectives:

- Determining what the agricultural, municipal, environmental and recreational water needs of the district are and how the San Juan River Headwaters Project and other projects might meet those needs.
  - The education of the community
- See District A4

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**Chili supper postponed**

Dear Editor:  
Due to the recent increase in Covid-19 infections, the Archuleta County Democratic Party has decided to postpone this year's Chili Supper scheduled for tomorrow, September 24. Following the science and out of concern for all those who participate in the Party's annual fundraising event, we will reschedule the event later once the threat subsides, date to be announced  
John Porco, first vice chair,  
Archuleta County Democratic Party

**Diverting fund**

Dear Editor:  
Are they serious?

I just read the article on page one this morning, September 16, 2021. The BoCC made the following statement for the diversion of funds that were to be used for work with COVID:  
"This walkway will help alleviate any possible COVID contamination between inmates and the general public."  
Perhaps prisoners are outside on the sidewalk?  
I am stunned to find out that a paved sidewalk has the potential to reduce the spread of COVID in our community. All along I thought a simple injection of a proven vaccine would do this... which, by the way, is free to the public.

Maybe the money should used to fill a few of our streets' potholes. After all, when a person's car tire hits such a hazard, it can create a gasp of air through a driver or passengers unmasked mouth into an unvaccinated body and cause... yes... COVID.  
When the BoCC wants to justify a diversion of much needed funds for the prevention and treatment of COVID, I wish they could come up with a somewhat more intelligent excuse.

Russ Widener

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# Obituaries

## Frances A. Jenkins

In loving memory, Frances A. Jenkins, aged 81, passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 10 after a courageous 10-year struggle with cancer, surrounded by family and friends who will continue to honor her by grasping each day with happiness.



Fran was born in southern California and completed her nursing degree at the University of San Diego Mercy College of Nursing. She celebrated 55 years of marriage with Jon Jenkins and raised their four daughters in North County San Diego. She was an inspiring mother, a world traveler and lover of the arts. With a calling for the mountains, Jon and Fran adventured to Pagosa Springs, Colo., in 1999 and made camp for 20-plus years. Last year, she said goodbye to her 8,000-plus-foot elevation and found her way back to her hometown San Diego in Cardiff-by-the-Sea. Forever creating, she always had a project in progress — whether it was her latest textile art, her love of doll making or tending her gardens and all that she could charm from them. And, finally, her passion for the culinary arts. She was a preservationist of family history, which revolved around our favorite foods: “Food is the link to our past, and the thread to our future.” Her first food recollection was baking her own birthday cake at 4 years old with her mother and making ravioli with her Grand-

mother Rachel. And ever since, has passed down the time-honored traditions to her family and friends far and wide, and composed them in her “Memorable Tastes” memoirs that she co-wrote with her brother David. She traveled globally with noted chefs to learn from, and eventually taught alongside them in the culinary world, earning her accolades and recognition. She helped raise funds for the March of Dimes through her tireless support of their UCSD Cancer Center Cookoffs and was a member of the American Institute of Wine and Food (AIWF) and International Association of Culinary Professionals (AICP).

The simplest pleasures brought her great joy — an ocean sunset, a mountain vista, anything red, a gin martini at the end of the day. Her favorite quote best sums up her view on life: “Live Well, Love Much, and Laugh Often.”

Fran is survived by her four daughters: Shelly Sougias, Cindy Reno, Diane Luth and Kim Jenkins, and her many brothers, sister, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Contributions can be made in care of Frances A. Jenkins to Apreva Hospice, 1565 Hotel Circle South, Suite 320 San Diego, CA 92108.

## Peggy Ann (Zesch) Laverty

Peggy Ann (Zesch) Laverty was born in the ranch home her parents built during the Great Depression in Mason, Texas. Her parents were Texas rancher Kurt Zesch and his beloved wife, Benellen. The date was April 5, 1934. As a young child, Peggy and her older brother, Gene, would make the 4-mile journey to school on horseback due to a short gas supply. They would carefully

walk the horses up the first hill to appease their mother, but once over the crest, they raced the horses the rest of the way.

Later in life, her father, Kurt, who loved to hunt — and wished to avoid the Texas summer heat — purchased a ranch in southwestern Colorado. He became one of Pagosa Springs’ first snowbirds and he brought his teenage daughter with him.

Peggy graduated from Mason High School in 1951, where she was active in cheerleading, country dances and church activities. She attended Texas Christian University for a short while, but ultimately found her way back to Pagosa in her early 20s to work as a second-grade teacher. She traded her pony in for a fancy little convertible, which caught the attention of a young man, William (Bill) Laverty, working for the U.S. Forest Service as a civil engineer.

Peggy and Bill were married in 1957, back in Texas, but soon found themselves journeying to new areas following Bill’s Forest Service assignments. They lived in several locations in western Colorado, California and New Mexico. During this time, they started a family, which included their two sons, Kurt and Steve Laverty, and their daughter, Kitzel (Laverty) Farrah.

After her husband retired from the Forest Service, Peggy and Bill settled permanently in Pagosa to manage the KOA Pagosa Riverside Campground and raise their three children. They were also founding



members of the Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pagosa Springs. Peggy had a passion for gardening. After remodeling the 100-year-old farmhouse, she planted a magnificent garden and began mowing the L-Z Ranch.

Her home and heart were always open to family and friends. The old farmhouse was always a beehive of activity. Her children remained in the area and blessed her with 15 grandchildren. Grandma Peggy was “that grandmother”; she was a peacemaker and a protector, and the glue holding together the Laverty clan. Her home was open to all those looking for cookies, sleepovers and hugs. She would prepare any meal you wanted, as long it was past 10 a.m. — you were on your own for breakfast. She also had a houseful for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner.

In their golden years, Peggy and Bill continued the family tradition of snowbirding, dividing their time between Pagosa and Mason. Peggy lost Bill after 63 years of marriage on Aug. 26, 2020. He took a piece of Peggy’s heart with him and on Aug. 24, she joined him in paradise.

Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Laverty, and her daughter-in-law Danna Laverty. Peggy is survived by her brother, Gene Zesch, and his wife, Patsy; her children, Kurt Laverty, Steve Laverty and his wife, Kim; and Kitzel Farrah and her husband Derek; her 15 grandchildren and two, soon to be four, great-grandchildren.

Peggy will be laid to rest at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mason, Texas, on Nov. 27 at 2 p.m. She chose the church she was baptized, confirmed and married in — this was her home.

## Town looks to fill planning commission vacancy

By Cindy Schultz  
Town of Pagosa Springs

The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking letters of interest from town residents to fill an open alternate member seat on the planning commission.

The planning commission consists of five regular members and two alternate members each serving a four-year term.

A typical planning commission meeting may cover commercial development projects including multifamily proposals for design

review, new subdivisions, land use permits, proposed zoning changes, and amendments to the Land Use and Development Code. You can visit [www.MyPagosa.org](http://www.MyPagosa.org) and explore the featured projects and proposed development projects sections to get a sense for the recent projects the planning commission has been involved in.

Ideal candidates will be focused on moving effectively through each meeting agenda, review development applications for compliance with the adopted codes, and committed to adaptive solutions to

facilitate successful growth and development appropriate for our community as directed by town council.

Duties and responsibilities include serving as the design review board and board of adjustment, and based on direction from town council, conduct research on specific policies and provide recommendations.

The planning commission is also currently serving as the Historic Preservation Board and those with downtown business district or historic structure redevelopment experience are strongly encour-

aged to consider this opportunity.

To be considered for appointment to this open alternate volunteer commission seat, a person must be a town resident.

Letters of interest will be accepted for consideration until Oct. 15 and may be sent to: Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Department, P.O. Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or via email to [cschultz@pagosasprings.co.org](mailto:cschultz@pagosasprings.co.org) or hand delivered to Town Hall. Please contact the Planning Department at (970) 264-4151, ext. 221 for additional information.

## District

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nity regarding critical water issues that face the district, the Southwest Basin of Colorado, and the Colorado River Basin and its tributaries.

- Conservation of limited water resources through existing programs and new programs.

- Ensuring the financial health and viability of the district through cost-effective asset management, including collaboration with new and existing partners.

- Establishing a reputation of operational excellence through communication both internally and externally with partners and the general public.

Secrist commented, “We need a professional to inform the public about this, to provide the entire story. We have had a rough history

with the public.”

The agenda information includes two objectives the SJWCD wants to accomplish by hiring a public relations expert. The first objective is for the expert to assist in the crafting of a message of engagement that can serve multiple water stakeholders by using multiple meetings of focus groups to discuss water issues and develop an engagement program that resonates with the community.

“I think getting out information about our strategic plan is good. We need someone who can reach out to the community, building a relationship with the community,” Hudson said.

The second objective the SJWCD wants to accomplish, according to the agenda information, is for

the expert to make use of the significant amount of educational and informational materials addressing water issues in Colorado to adapt for local use and develop additional materials necessary to fulfill SJWCD’s community engagement and education strategy.

The agenda information also included a timeline the SJWCD set out to accomplish the hiring of a public relations expert:

- RFP announced: Sept. 1.
- Last date to submit questions: 5 p.m. on Sept. 20.
- Response to questions (anticipated): Sept. 27. Answers given to questions submitted will be posted to the SJWCD website.
- Final proposal due date: 5 p.m. on Oct. 8.
- Interviews for finalists: week of Oct. 11.

Oct. 11.

- Contract award (anticipated): Oct. 25.

A motion was made to approve the consideration of hiring a public relations expert and to approve the timeline for the RFP. The motion was voted on and passed 4-1, with Hudson voting against.

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# Business

## Deadlines approaching for grants, funding

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is in its third round of COVID Consequence Grants and Program Related Investment Loans.

The Consequence Grant is available to 501(c)(3) nonprofit agencies. The grant is up to \$5,000 and the money can be used for projects to stabilize infrastructure or make improvements to your organization. Consider website redesign to

reach more people or social media exposure. Other projects such as virtual event enhancement capability, creating a new app or accommodating at-home workforce are a few more ideas.

The investment loan is a low-interest loan program of up to \$10,000. These funds can be used to grow a new program or enhance an existing program. If you are approved for the loan, the Community Foundation will also give you a \$2,500 grant. That is an exciting opportunity for nonprofits that need some upfront

cash infusion and can then pay the loan back over time. Applications are due by Oct. 13. Visit [www.swcommunityfoundation.org/cerf-recovery.com](http://www.swcommunityfoundation.org/cerf-recovery.com) for more information.

The Colorado Community Revitalization Grant is also due Oct. 1. This grant is for projects in creative districts, historic districts, main streets or neighborhood commercial centers. It supports projects that combine creative industry workforce housing, commercial spaces, performance space, community gathering spaces,

child care centers and retail partnerships for the purpose of economic recovery and diversification by supporting creative sector entrepreneurs, artisans and community nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit and for-profit businesses can also apply. That is why this grant is a great opportunity to collaborate and expand areas of influence and scope of work to tackle some of the issues facing our community. To find out more about this grant, visit [www.oedit.colorado.gov/colorado-community-revitalization-grant.com](http://www.oedit.colorado.gov/colorado-community-revitalization-grant.com).

## LPEA board votes to retire \$4 million in capital credits to members

By Hillary Knox  
La Plata Electric Association

The La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors voted at its meeting last week to retire \$4 million in capital credits to LPEA members. Credits from 1996, 1997 and 1998 are being retired, so members with LPEA accounts during those years will see their share of LPEA's margins (based on electric use) as a bill credit or check in November.

This retirement is in addition to the \$1.5 million retired in July to pass the benefits of Tri-State's 2 per-

cent rate reduction directly to LPEA members. Since its incorporation in 1939, LPEA has returned close to \$85 million in capital credits to its members.

"We give cash back to our members each year just before the holiday season because that's when members need it the most," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "The return of capital credits is just one of the many ways electric co-ops like LPEA are different from investor-owned utilities. When our members pay their electric bills, they are also investing in the cooperative.

We enjoy being able to return any margins on that investment to our members annually."

LPEA is a not-for-profit utility delivering electric services to its members at cost. As such, any payments made by members over what is needed to provide their electric service are placed into a capital credit account in each member's name. When LPEA is financially able, those capital credits are returned to members. The dollars become "unclaimed" after three years when LPEA cannot locate members deserving of the refund

and are then reinvested in our community through LPEA's various grant programs.

The decision to issue capital credits and the amount refunded is determined by the LPEA Board of Directors on an annual basis, as financial circumstances permit. This year, the board elected to retire capital credits using the "first in, first out" (FIFO) method, which returns the capital investment of LPEA's oldest members. More details on capital credits can be found at: [lpea.coop/capital-credit-refunds](http://lpea.coop/capital-credit-refunds).

## Tourism board votes to fulfill pickleball club request

By Jessica Hanson  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board heard a \$150,000 infrastructure request from the Pagosa Pickleball Club on Sept. 14, with the tourism board then voting in favor of contributing the funding.

The presentation was given by John Costa, a member of the board of directors for the Pagosa Pickleball Club with Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis and Steve Chaney in attendance to answer questions.

According to the presentation provided with the board packet, the local pickleball club was formed in 2010 and, with a total of 284 members, is the largest club in Southwest Colorado.

In 2018, the club became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the goal of raising funds for the construction of dedicated courts for the community, the presentation notes. Pickleball is played about nine months of the year at South Pagosa Park.

The presentation includes the economic impacts pickleball has had on Pagosa, noting the sport attracts vacationers looking for pickleball in addition to traditional outdoor activities, and tournaments bring players from all across the region.

Costa commented, "We had a tournament in May of 2019 and half of the people who attended were from out of the area; 54 percent of those people traveled more than a hundred miles just to get here to play."

According to the presentation, pickleball and RVing has become very popular, with the presentation quoting publications regarding the connection between RVing and pickleball.

The presentation also provides some examples of how pickleball tournaments support local business, including that:

- 83 percent of people stayed overnight.
- 46 percent stayed in a motel, hotel or rental.

• 17 percent stayed with friends.

• 8 percent stayed in an RV or camped.

• 75 percent ate in a local restaurant, with 67 percent eating out two or more times.

• 50 percent brought friends or family with them, with 33 percent bringing one additional person, 13

percent bringing two people, and 4 percent bringing three or more.

• 83 percent visited shops, restaurants or other business.

• 35 percent spent between \$250 and \$500, and 43 percent spent between \$50 and \$250.

The presentation also outlines ■ See Tourism A6

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# Tourism

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public support for dedicated pickleball courts.

In July, the Pagosa Springs Town Council adopted the Yamaguchi South Master Plan. Of the community members who responded to a survey, 68.6 percent of those who answered either “definitely agree” or “somewhat agree” that there should be pickleball/tennis courts.

It notes the pickleball club has also received support from the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as well as the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

On Sept. 7, the BoCC approved a letter of commitment for \$100,000 in funds out of the county’s Conservation Trust Fund to be awarded to the Pagosa Pickleball Club.

These funds are to be awarded in 2022 for the construction of eight pickleball courts at Yamaguchi Park.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained at the Sept. 7 meeting that the county will need to go through its annual budget process in order to award the funds to the in 2022, and if the county does not have enough funds in the Conservation Trust Fund for the project, the commitment letter will be voided.

According to the presentation, the club is in agreement that the location of the existing Yamaguchi Park makes sense and is a great location.

The adopted conceptual master

plan for Yamaguchi South includes pickleball courts at the current Yamaguchi Park. The park already has available land, parking, benches and restrooms.

“South Yamaguchi was originally where we kind of had targeted. As it works out, north Yamaguchi Park over by the skate park is better suited. It’s a great location,” Coats said.

Using the presentation, Costa detailed the budget estimate and funding the club is requesting. The estimated costs for eight courts is approximately \$400,000. This cost includes the engineering drawings, the pouring of the slab, an 8-foot fence around the courts, 4-foot divider fencing, the posts, nets, court surfacing/sealer, the layout and striping of lines.

Additional funds of \$50,000 were also requested for maintaining the courts, tournaments and everyday play as well as shade structures, bleachers, and windscreens.

“All three of these things would be key if we are going to host tournaments. You want to have places where people can have protection from the sun,” Costa said, adding, “That really takes the total cost up to \$450,000. We are really looking at a community partnership. The club has raised \$100,000.”

According to the presentation, the club is proposing a community partnership, sharing the cost with the community, with ongoing

maintenance costs of the courts to be shared by the town and the Pagosa Pickleball Club.

“Right now our goal is to get these courts built in 2022,” Coats said.

Five members of the tourism board voted in favor of approving the \$150,000 request contingent upon the town council and the BoCC approving the 2022 tourism budget.

Mona Cayard abstained from the vote due to missing the prior meeting.

### Other business

Tourism Executive Director, Jennifer Green gave a short update on the 2022 draft budget.

“The budget draft has not drastically changed since I presented the draft to you at the last meeting,” she said. “I think what may change is, in my conversations with April [Hessman], the town clerk, she is a little concerned about the revenue projections. I am as well. As we continue to get a couple of more months of data, we may have to make some adjustments.”

Green explained that, in talking with Hessman about the pickleball allocation of \$150,000, Hessman suggested the tourism board could present a budget to the town and county that dips into reserves, and the \$150,000 could be added to the existing \$350,000 in infrastructure.

“The town council has not seen

the budget yet; at this point it is all preliminary,” Green said. “Once the town council starts having the work session dig into the budget, that could all change.”

Green also suggested scheduling a work session with the town council, BoCC and tourism board to discuss spending out of tourism reserves.

“There is a hefty reserve balance and our revenues have been going up more than anticipated,” she explained. “Things are going to come back to earth, but I don’t know when. We have to retain a certain amount in reserves just for operating expenses. That being said, we will have at least a million dollars in our reserve balance at the end of 2021. I would like to schedule a work session with the town council, the county and this board to talk about ways that could be spent and come up with a different project, where it makes most sense, what the climate is, what people want to see. It will be sometime during budget season, so I will keep everyone updated on that. We will let all the other powers that be have their input and we will continue to evolve as needed. There is no shortage of projects.”

She added, “The one thing that I have seen from this board is being able to fund these projects, you all get so excited about that and supporting these ideas.”

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## Wildfire Adaptive Partnership requests \$15,000 from county

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

At a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Sept. 14, the board heard a request for funds in the amount of \$15,000 from the Wildfire Adaptive Partnership.

Wildfire Adaptive Partnership Archuleta County Coordinator Bill Trimarco addressed the board, providing project updates and explaining the kind of services that the organization can provide.

Trimarco noted that the Wildfire Adaptive Partnership has been able to complete 48 home assessments with detailed work plans so far this year, along with two community risk assessments.

He noted that the partnership is hoping to do more than 100 property assessments next year.

Trimarco explained that the organization will prepare work plans for property owners, and they can potentially be reimbursed for the work that is done on the property.

Trimarco gave an update on Wildfire Adaptive Partnership’s chipper rebate program, noting that 36 acres in Archuleta County

have been treated with that program. There has been \$8,000 of work put into chipper projects and \$3,000 has been reimbursed to property owners.

“This is like, a really good one,” Trimarco said of the chipper rebate program.

Trimarco also noted Wildfire Adaptive Partnership has a low-income mitigation program through which it has treated 15 acres across three different properties so far this season.

He also explained that the organization is currently working on a risk assessment and plan for the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) greenbelt area, which is approximately 850 acres.

He noted that plan could benefit anywhere from 6,500 to 7,000 residents.

Trimarco noted that the Wildfire Adaptive Partnership is looking into a grant to assist with what would be a five-year plan to do work in the greenbelt in order to protect homes from any potential wildfires.

He noted that the greenbelt area is controlled by Wyndham and that the Wildfire Adaptive Partnership would need to work with Wynd-

ham. Trimarco explained that the organization uses the strategy of creating defensible safe zones around homes, which allows room for firefighters to work by creating a gap in the fire and keeping it from spreading from the woods onto homes or other buildings.

“This work seems to be saving property and communities,” he said.

He also mentioned that in most counties across the state, there is a department dedicated to fire prevention and mitigation.

“We are doing a service that ... a lot of places in the state, is a county function,” he said.

Trimarco noted during the work session that annual administration costs to operate in Archuleta County are approximately \$40,000.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez suggested that the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) could be a source of funding for the Wildfire Adaptive Partnership as well.

“I think you ought to approach the fire district, too, and see if there’s any way they can help you,” Maez said.

Trimarco noted during the work session that the Wildfire Adaptive Partnership has approached PFPD about its programs and assistance in funding that is needed, but historically hasn’t received any assistance from the PFPD, he explained.

“They’re not used to doing this kind of work,” he said.

In an email to The SUN, Trimarco explained that the Wildfire Adaptive Partnership has tried to

participate in some cooperative efforts with both the PFPD and the Archuleta County Office of Emergency Management, unsuccessfully.

“Both the Fire Department and Emergency Management are focused on responding to crises and WAP is focused on prevention. Although the two approaches are complementary, the methods employed differ enough that there were difficulties in implementing programs, etc.,” Trimarco wrote.

Trimarco also explained in the email that Archuleta County has funded the organization in the past, but it did not receive anything in 2019 or 2020.

PLPOA Board Director Steve Schwartz was also in attendance at the work session and offered some comments on the matter.

“I would like to encourage the county to be more proactive in the fire mitigation, both with money and verbally,” he said. “A lot of people may not even know what services are available.”

Trimarco noted during the meeting that the Wildfire Adaptive Partnership’s mass media outreach program has reached over 6,000 people this year.

Trimarco explained in his email that he did not specify where the funds would come from when making the request, as he left it up to the BoCC to decide.

For more information about Wildfire Adaptive Partnership and its services, visit its website at: [www.wildfireadapted.org/](http://www.wildfireadapted.org/).  
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# COVID-19 testing changes, opportunities announced

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Over the next month, community testing sites operated by COVIDCheck Colorado in partnership with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) will no longer offer rapid CUE testing to the public.

However, the state announced Tuesday the availability of additional at-home testing as part of a revamped state program.

SJBPH announced last week the testing sites will "remain open with expanded hours and an ample supply of highly accurate, free and reliable PCR tests. These tests have an average turnaround time of 72 hours or less."

The following is the last day on which CUE tests will be available in Archuleta and La Plata counties:

- Archuleta County community testing site: Sept. 30.
- La Plata County Fairgrounds community testing site: Sept. 30.
- Fort Lewis College community testing site: Oct. 15.

The Archuleta County community testing site is located at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd. (behind the Pagosa Springs Medical Center building). It is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"COVIDCheck Colorado has decided in coordination with CDPHE to cease offering the CUE COVID-19 tests in an effort to mitigate significant logistical and operational challenges experienced by staff," a SJBPH press release explains.

The press release adds that the federal government recently announced it will invoke the Defense Production Act to increase production and supply of rapid testing.

"SJBPH is monitoring the situation and, if possible, will work to capitalize on increased rapid testing supply for Archuleta and La Plata counties," the press release states.

On Tuesday, Gov. Jared Polis announced a revamped at-home testing program provided by the state.

According to a state press release, the program will now offer rapid, at-home tests that Coloradans can use without the need for a medical professional to witness the test administration.

The state, Polis announced, purchased 2 million Binax rapid antigen tests for the program.

Individuals can sign up to have tests delivered straight to their homes at: [covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-testing-at-home](https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-testing-at-home).

"I'm proud that Colorado has the sixth-lowest COVID-19 rates in the country, but in order to lower that even further and effectively end this pandemic, our state must always have a comprehensive approach to combating this virus," Polis said, speaking about additional vaccination sites opening, COVID-19 testing at home and vaccination. "The virus is not tired of us, Coloradans, so we must use every tool in the toolbox to defeat this pandemic. But it's scientifically

proven and clear that our most effective tool in this fight is the life-saving, free and effective COVID-19 vaccine. Trust the science and get your vaccine today."

Testing continues to be a critical tool for identifying and investigating positive cases of COVID-19, preventing outbreaks and limiting the spread of the virus. SJBPH encourages residents to get tested if they are symptomatic, think they've been exposed or work in a high-contact job. There is no fee for testing at community testing sites. No appointment is needed, although preregistration is strongly encouraged.

SJBPH Director Liane Jollon noted the importance of access to tests people can take quickly and easily at home, as well as the value in knowing the rate of transmission in a community and the progression of infection.

She "strongly" encouraged those using at-home tests to follow the instructions to report test results.

She also noted that each has a different level of accuracy due to their natures.

"For asymptomatic individuals, the test type provided at the community test site is more accurate," she said.

For information on COVID-19 testing for the general public, visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing/>.

Testing resources for businesses, organizations and providers are available at <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing-options/>.

## Data shows pre-pandemic activity levels

Jollon noted that there is evidence from mobility data that, in the last few weeks since schools opened, people in Colorado have returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Mobility data, in general, shows (using de-identified, aggregate cellphone data) how much time people are at home versus how much time they are out of their home.

"It really indicates that when kids went back to school this school year, the time that we spend mobile has returned for the first time to pre-pandemic levels," she said. "So, people have really said kids are back in school, this pandemic is behind us, many of us are vaccinated."

She noted that mobility was not at pre-pandemic levels over the summer.

But, she and SJBPH COVID-19 Public Information Officer/Communications Director Chandler Griffin shared, the area continues to be on an elevated plateau in

of transmission.

Jollon and Griffin urged people to get vaccinated to lower the risk of infection, hospitalization or death, and the pair noted the importance of masking in indoor public spaces, especially with the Delta variant circulating.

Jollon added that schools and school activities increase the ways people mix, with that now showing up in mobility data.

## Local numbers

According to SJBPH, Archuleta County's seven-day cumulative incidence rate was 157.1 cases per 100,000 people — up from 142.8 a week prior.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Colorado's seven-day incidence rate was 176.2 Wednesday — down from 178.2 a week prior.

The U.S.'s one-week rate is 276, down from 295 a week prior.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH listed 1,336 total cases of confirmed COVID-19 among Archuleta County residents since late March 2020, up from 1,310 a week prior.

The agency showed Archuleta County was at 8 percent positivity Wednesday.

There continues to be two active COVID-19 outbreaks 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 Sept. 15, an outbreak was identified at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center, with Griffin reporting there are four confirmed cases among unvaccinated staff members.

The first case was on Sept. 6. No new cases had been reported as of Tuesday.

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>.

## 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), 63 percent have received at least one dose, while 59 percent have completed a vaccine series.

The state's recently launched vaccine breakthrough data dashboard is available at: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine-breakthrough>.

Moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals are currently eligible for vaccine booster shots, with Griffin explaining that includes people such as those receiving cancer treatments, and those who have received an organ transplant or stem cell transplant.

"The FDA took an important step this past Friday in recommending a booster third dose to adults 65 and older and also health care workers and potentially other frontline workers," he said, adding that SJBPH is awaiting the additional federal and state authorization needed to begin administering booster doses for that population.

The advisory board for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are scheduled to meet this week, he noted.

SJBPH also continues to watch for when vaccines may be available for children aged 5-11.

"People are really anxious to protect kids, to protect in-person learning," Jollon said, suggesting communities have seen how important it is to protect opportunities for in-person schooling.

Pfizer has submitted its data, she explained, adding that there are a number of steps to review the data and vaccine for safety and efficacy, especially in children.

She suggested that, in the meantime, SJBPH hopes kids will mask up during indoor activities to help limit the spread of the virus.

Jollon previously 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.

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# Students

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Testing was canceled in the spring of 2020 due to the COVID pandemic.

LeBlanc-Esparza noted that while she advocated for lessening the number of assessments last year, it creates a lack of knowledge for districts to know how kids are doing compared to other kids in terms of growth data.

The changes in testing also left the CDE and school officials cautioning that the interpretation of results needs to include several considerations, among them learning interruptions due to COVID-19 and lower overall participation.

But, the CDE and LeBlanc-Esparza noted, the results provide data on how to help individuals move forward.

Third- and fourth-graders at Pagosa Springs Elementary School took the CMAS tests for the first time last year, the superintendent noted.

"What I saw in our data at this point is just a snapshot of, 'How did our kids do?' not, 'How much growth did they make?'" she added, noting there's no comparison to a year not impacted by COVID for those students.

LeBlanc-Esparza explained that the tests show what the students know compared to the state's academic standards and how much work there is to get them to where they know what they're supposed to according to the state of Colorado.

"And, there's definitely some work to be done there, don't get me wrong," she said, adding later, "When I look at CMAS overall, grades three through eight, only 28, 29 percent of our kids met standard."

That, referring to the ELA tests, is lower than the state average, she noted, but not significantly.

"Math is also concerning at 18 percent," she said. "That tells me that the pandemic has definitely had an impact on our students' academic skills and we've gotta really make the

most of every moment we have to try to help kids learn their academics while at the same time recognizing that there's a whole lot more to making up for the last year than just their academics."

LeBlanc-Esparza also discussed other areas the district is looking at with the CMAS results.

"The third grade jumps out at me," she said. "The reason why I say that is we know the research says students who aren't reading on grade level by third grade need us to really work in double time to make up ground because they're transitioning in that fourth-, fifth-, sixth-grade year from learning to read to reading to learn, and if they can't read the content, that's problematic."

That, she continued, can create other risk factors in their lives.

"We had 15 percent of third-graders meet the benchmark," she pointed out.

That tells her that fourth through sixth grades will be "more critical than ever" to get the students to where they need to be to be successful academically, she added.

LeBlanc-Esparza further noted that a new English language arts (ELA) curriculum has been implemented at the elementary school level, which she noted she believes should make a big difference.

## ASD growth data

Growth rate received by ASD on Sept. 13 indicates that PSMS students showed strong growth, with LeBlanc-Esparza sharing that news with the ASD Board of Education on Sept. 14.

Growth data is not available for other grades.

The growth data, shared with The SUN Monday, shows growth in the middle school levels near or above state levels both when COVID is taken into account and against the baseline of a normal school year.

LeBlanc-Esparza explained that

the cohort-referenced median growth percentile (MGP) is a metric the state calculated based on students who took the assessment this year.

"So, in a sense, it's the COVID-impacted growth data," she explained.

The baseline-referenced MPG, on the other hand, she added, compares to the growth data from before the pandemic.

For the fifth-grade ELA test, growth data calculated for ASD students showed a cohort-referenced MGP of 45 and a baseline-referenced MGP of 40, compared to the state-wide figures of 50 and 46, respectively.

For seventh-grade ELA, ASD students logged a cohort-referenced MGP of 58, compared to 50 at the state level, and a baseline-referenced MGP of 48, compared to 40 at the state level.

For sixth-grade math, ASD students logged a 57 for the cohort-referenced MGP and a 40 for the baseline-referenced MGP compared to 50 and 33 at the state level, respectively.

For eighth-grade math, 85 ASD students logged a cohort-referenced MGP of 53 and a baseline-referenced MGP of 38, compared to 50 and 37 at the state level, respectively.

LeBlanc-Esparza noted that PSMS Principal Chris Hinger and his team modified the school's master schedule last school year in order to cohort because of COVID.

"They had a lot longer time in their English language arts classes and in their math classes than they would have normally had because normally you mix kids up in electives, but you couldn't because that would mess up the cohorts," she said, adding that students then spent more time in academics than most of their counterparts across the state. "Both Chris and I believe that's why you see our growth percentiles

being higher than the state average."

She noted she doesn't see as negative of an impact from the last year locally as she does across the state, especially in the area of math.

The ASD board is anticipated to hear more about the CMAS test results at a board meeting this fall.

## Participation rates

The CDE also cautioned that participation information must be taken into account when interpreting results.

Overall, the CDE announced, participation on all the required tests fell by about 20 to 30 percentage points from the previous year in all grades across the state.

"This year's participation rates for districts, schools and student groups are significantly lower overall than

in past years," a statement on the CMAS results reads. "As participation rates decrease and vary across student, school and district groups, challenges with interpreting results will increase."

The statement notes that lower participation may mean some student groups are overrepresented and other underrepresented.

"Participation rates and how well the students who tested reflect the district/school as a whole vary greatly across the state this year," it states. "Participation information will indicate that in some cases, conclusions should be drawn with caution or completely avoided. Due to these factors and many more challenges experienced during the pandemic, for some districts, schools and student groups, this year's data

will not support all of the cross-state comparisons and uses made with prior years' data. However, where appropriate, this year's results can be used as a temperature check to better address and track future COVID-19 school recovery efforts."

Participation rates for the ELA and math CMAS tests at the state level range from 57.9 percent to 76.2 percent, while ASD's participation rates for the same tests range from 76.6 percent to 84.3 percent.

Participation rates for the PSAT and SAT at the state level range from 72.6 percent to 79.5 percent. ASD's participation rates range from 80.8 percent to 89.6 percent.

"We had a far higher percentage of students taking the assessment than the state did," LeBlanc-Esparza said.

# Response

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discussion during the work session's time for items of mutual interest.

"As I read it [SJBPH's response letter], they're not expressing any interest in attending that meeting. Essentially, they're referring us back to their website for the information that they believe is applicable to the committee's questions," Brown said.

Schaaf commented on the response letter from SJBPH, saying, "I read it the same way. I'm not really surprised by their response."

SJBPH notes in its response letter that its board approves the budget every year and the budget is prepared by program for the entire district, spanning La Plata and Archuleta counties, and it is not specific to each county.

The HDIC requested that SJBPH provide budgets by line item in regard to the Archuleta County income and expense detail for 2019 and 2020.

"What I've seen on the website is just surface stuff and that's not what they're needing," Schaaf added.

Brown noted that the HDIC meeting that was scheduled for Sept. 21 was canceled.

He explained that he will be discussing options with County Attorney Todd Weaver in regard to any legal matters with obtaining the requested information.

"I was really hopeful that this would be a more open type of discussion," Brown said. "I'm a little bit disappointed, but we'll continue to go forward."

Brown noted that he would talk with Weaver in order to provide ad-

vice to the HDIC on how to move forward with obtaining the requested information.

SJBPH notes in its letter that "the agency budget is based on programmatic budgets which are not split by county."

The SJBPH Board of Health meets six to eight times per year and offers opportunity for public comment.

In its response letter, SJBPH explains that "the independent board of Health includes Commissioners from both La Plata and Archuleta counties by statute and design, giving the elected representatives the opportunity to gather information from, collaborate with, and influence the direction of SJBPH on behalf of their constituents."

Brown noted during the work session that the committee's deadline of the first or second week of December, to provide feedback to the BoCC, is quickly approaching.

"You're only as good as the information you're getting," Commissioner Ronnie Maez added.

SJBPH also notes in its response letter that "the SJBPH staff recognizes the importance of communicating to all constituents in the district and sends a monthly newsletter update which highlights the news, programs, and events from the public and environmental health agency for La Plata and Archuleta counties."

The HDIC also requested that SJBPH provide suggestions on how Archuleta County could bring back discontinued services.

SJBPH notes in its response letter that, "Any discontinuation of services

was decided by the SJBPH Board (current or prior). As of this date, no Board member has requested the evaluation of, or budgeting for, a specific discontinued program."

Lastly, SJBPH notes in its response letter that on Nov. 25, 2020, it sent a legal memo to Archuleta County in response to Resolution 2020-227, which requested additional services.

Some of the requests outlined in that resolution included that board members of SJBPH have a term limit of eight continuous years, board members shall be permitted to have an alternate, SJBPH shall have operational and accessible offices open in Archuleta County each business day of the week, and SJBPH shall segregate its annual budget in order to see how services are delivered to Archuleta County in relation to the revenues that are received by all sources.

SJBPH notes in its response letter that the memo, which was sent out last November, that it invited Archuleta County to a joint work session between the Board of Health and the BoCC to review service delivery and collaborate toward shared goals as it related to septic systems.

"On behalf of the Board of Health, this invitation still stands for the Board of Health to meet with the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners," the response letter reads.

The next HDIC meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Sept. 28 in the county's administration building located at 398 Lewis St.

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# County

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relating to the county administrator position.

Following that executive session, Commissioner Ronnie Maez made the following motion: "I move to accept the retirement of Scott Wall and buy out and assign the separation agreement and general release up to Tina Woodman to execute."

The motion was approved unanimously.

A separation agreement between Wall and the county was drafted and signed on Sept. 17.

The seven-page separation agreement between the county and Wall notes that at the next regular pay day, Wall will be paid a total of \$66,985.65, which is equivalent to 26 weeks of pay.

Wall explained in a previous interview that his contract with the county was set to expire in March 2022.

It is also noted in the separation agreement that Wall's employment record with Archuleta County will reflect "Retired" and that his employment as county administrator ended on Sept. 17.

Additionally, the separation agreement notes that Wall "acknowledges that he may or may not have potential legal claims against Archuleta County."

During a work session on Sept. 21, held by the BoCC, the board discussed its options in appointing an interim county administrator.

Maez suggested that the BoCC

appoint Weaver as the interim county administrator.

"My only real, I think, suggestion that I would have, on my own opinion, would be Todd Weaver," Maez said.

Maez acknowledged how that might affect Weaver's ability to stay on top of his work by taking on an additional role.

"But I think also, it puts a work load on his back," Maez added.

He went on to mention that the commissioners should try to divide the administration workload until a new permanent county administrator is hired.

Commissioner Warren Brown also voiced concerns about having Weaver serve as the interim county administrator.

"We have local candidates... that I think could do the job, and my concern is that Todd is pretty loaded down with his work," Brown said.

Brown also mentioned the county recently approved an equal employment opportunity plan in order for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office to receive a grant.

Weaver explained that if the BoCC were to appoint a candidate as the interim county administrator from the applications it has received for the position so far, then it would not be in compliance with the equal employment opportunity plan.

Weaver noted that by appointing a potential candidate for the interim position, it would be giving that candidate an unfair advantage in

pursing the county administrator position.

Weaver also noted the BoCC is responsible for the hiring and firing of two positions within the county: the county attorney and the county administrator.

During the meeting, the BoCC set a time limit of three months for Weaver to serve as the interim county administrator.

The deadline for applications for the county administrator position is Oct. 5.

## Other news

Also at its regular meeting on Sept. 21, the BoCC approved a proclamation declaring the week of Sept. 17 through Sept. 23 as Constitution Week in Archuleta County.

Also at the regular meeting, the BoCC unanimously approved Resolution 2021-75, adopting a county residential property tax incentive program.

This resolution provides the parameters for residential property owners preparing to build affordable housing to obtain a waiver of the county's portion of their property taxes, the meeting agenda notes.

Weaver noted during the meeting that there is a \$400 per year max amount of property taxes that can be waived and that eligible properties must have an appraisal value of up to \$300,000.

"It's a drop in the bucket, but every drop counts," he added.

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# Collision

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Mercy via ambulance with serious injuries and the driver of a Chevy Blazer in the eastbound lane transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center via ambulance with minor to moderate injuries.

Everyone was wearing a seat belt, Stuever reported.

The RAV4 had two occupants

from Tulsa, Okla., he added, while the driver of the Blazer was from Pagosa Springs.

Stuever reported the accident blocked a couple of lanes, and the road was closed for a little bit to allow for the helicopter, then was alternating traffic until the vehicles were removed.

The semi, which was white, con-

tinued without stopping, Stuever explained, and witnesses were unable to provide identifying information.

Stuever reported Tuesday the accident is still under investigation and no citations had been issued.

Anyone with information regarding the semi is asked to call the Alamosa Colorado State Patrol Dispatch Center at (719) 589-5807.

# Schedule

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that the project is running a few weeks behind as the initial completion date was set for Sept. 1.

However, he noted that the complex will open partially with two buildings being completed in the next few weeks. Residents will be able to move into the first two buildings while the remainder of the complex is being finished.

The complex is located on Hot Springs Boulevard and features 34 townhome units in four buildings, which are a mix of one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units.

There are four ADA-accessible units on the complex.

"It's affordable housing for the workforce," ACHA Property Manager Anissa Lucero said in an interview.

The complex accommodates residents that fall within the 30, 40, 50 and 60 percent range of the area median income, she explained.

During the work session, Com-

missioner Ronnie Maez asked what the income limit is for the units, to which Anissa Lucero noted that the income limits for the complex are based on how many people would be living in the unit, meaning that the actual dollar amount varies.

However, she noted that the income limit for one person in a one-bedroom unit is approximately \$30,500.

She also mentioned that ACHA is still taking applications for units. In an email to The SUN, she noted that ACHA has received a total of 82 applications for the units.

As for completion of the remainder of the complex, Anissa Lucero did not indicate an exact date as availability of materials might have an impact on when the project is completed, she explained.

## Applications

During the work session and the interview, Anissa Lucero explained that, although ACHA has received a

lot of applications, many have been turned down due to the income restrictions on the units.

"I'm still encouraging everybody to apply," she said during the work session.

Applications can be picked up at the ACHA office located at 503 South 8th St., or online at achousing.org. All applications must be hand delivered to the ACHA office during business hours, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All persons 18 years or older are required to fill out an application and must be able to provide a birth certificate, Social Security card and a valid state ID.

A \$40 application fee will be charged to each applicant and is due when the application is submitted. Application fees must be paid in form of a check, cashier's check or a money order. Cash and cards are not accepted.

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which is the scenic overlook curve.

"Witnesses at the scenic overlook, as well as on-scene evidence, indicated the semi was traveling at a high rate of speed when the driver failed to negotiate the sharp, left hairpin curve at the scenic overlook, impacted and traveled through the concrete barrier, and traveled over the adjacent cliff," the email states.

It continues, "As the truck and trailer rolled down the mountain-

side, the driver was ejected and died at the scene."

The driver was identified as Rifat Podzic, 54, of Glendale, Ariz.

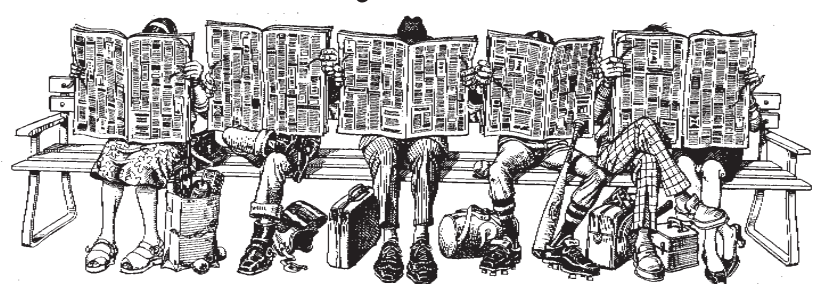
In a later email, Wiersma explains, "The truck broke into several pieces on its way down the cliff. An axle remained at the concrete wall at the overlook, the trailer made it about 300 feet down, while the engine made it almost all the way to the bottom at the base of the overlook."

Local agencies that responded

to the accident, according to Wiersma, included Colorado State Patrol, Pagosa Fire Protection District, Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS, Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, Pagosa Springs Police Department and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

According to Wiersma, CDOT had that area coned off following the accident, but the highway remained mostly open throughout the response.

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## Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for week: 268.  
 Sept. 9 — Cruelty to animals failed to provide, Susan's Place.  
 Sept. 13 — Under investigation, no location listed.  
 Sept. 13 — All other thefts, Harman Park Drive.  
 Sept. 13 — Warrant arrest, Village Drive/Pinon Causeway.  
 Sept. 14 — First-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, Bastille Drive.  
 Sept. 15 — All other thefts, first-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, Bastille Drive.  
 Sept. 15 — Failure to appear (bench warrants), Harman Park Drive.  
 Sept. 15 — Information only, Vista Boulevard/West U.S. 160.  
 Sept. 16 — Offenses related to marijuana and marijuana concentrate, Ranchland Drive.  
 Sept. 16 — State warrant, Harman Park Drive.  
 Sept. 16 — Second-degree burglary, Preservation Place.  
 Sept. 17 — Information only, Eagle's Loft Circle.  
 Sept. 17 — Cruelty to animals, Colo. 151 and County Road 988.  
 Sept. 18 — Driving under re-

straint alcohol/drug-related offense, West U.S. 160.

## Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for week: 95.  
 Sept. 12 — Motor vehicle theft, Country Center Drive.  
 Sept. 15 — Improper registration, suspended license, operated vehicle without insurance, U.S. 160.  
 Sept. 16 — Harbored vicious animal, South Pagosa Boulevard.  
 Sept. 16 — Violation of restraining order, South 9th Street.  
 Sept. 16 — Disobeyed traffic device, U.S. 160.  
 Sept. 16 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.  
 Sept. 17 — Information only, Hermosa Street.  
 Sept. 17 — Warrant arrest, suspended license, Aspen Village Drive.

## Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Sept. 13 — Gabriel Ibarra-Magallanes, failed to yield when entering roadway from any other place than another roadway, three points off, fine, costs and fees — \$116.  
 Sept. 13 — Annikah Lamery, failed to yield to oncoming traffic when making a left turn, three points off, fine, costs and fees — \$116.  
 Sept. 13 — Amit Patel, following too closely, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$146.  
 Sept. 13 — Juvenile, following too closely, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$146.  
 Sept. 13 — Wyatt Chioridi, follow-

ing too closely, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$146.

Sept. 13 — Icy Webb, following too closely, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$146.  
 Sept. 13 — Robert Fischer, following too closely, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$146.  
 Sept. 13 — Jenna Scheib, following too closely, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$146.  
 Sept. 13 — James Sawicki, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, costs and fees — \$72.  
 Sept. 13 — Ronald Martinez, following too closely, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$146.  
 Sept. 13 — John Kamrad, failed to yield when entering roadway from any other place than another roadway, three points off, fine, costs and fees — \$116.  
 Sept. 13 — Christopher Martin, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, costs and fees — \$72.  
 Sept. 13 — Charles Dolce, owner failed to display turn signal, two points off, fine, costs and fees — \$112.  
 Sept. 14 — Jordan McClure, animal running at large prohibited, fine and costs — \$60.  
 Sept. 14 — John Affeld, animal running at large prohibited, fine and costs — \$60.  
**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
 Sept. 13 — Jonathon Armendariz-Ponce, driver's license-instruction permit violation, fines and costs — \$107.50.  
 Sept. 15 — Ronald C. Seitz Jr.,

speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$344.50.

Sept. 15 — Michael Joseph Kraetsh, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$200.  
 Sept. 15 — Catherine E. Floring, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$263.50.  
 Sept. 15 — Dennis A. Schutz, driving under the influence-with prior conviction, 367 days jail (365 days suspended imposition), 13 days electronic surveillance, two years probation, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$2,595.50.  
 Sept. 15 — Jose Macias, defective vehicle-headlights, fines and costs — \$84.50.  
 Sept. 15 — Hattie M. Chavez, driving under restraint-outstanding judgment, fines and costs — \$93.50.  
 Sept. 15 — Victoria Marcella Galvan, violation-protection order-civil, resisting arrest, 90 days jail, 90 days jail, fines and costs — \$302.50.  
 Sept. 15 — Victoria Marcella Galvan, violation-protection order-civil, resisting arrest, 90 days jail, 90 days jail, fines and costs — \$302.50.  
 Sept. 16 — Irving R. Rojas-Peralta, turning improperly, fines and costs — \$105.  
**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**  
 Sept. 13 — Ryan Alexander Versaw, trespass 1-dwelling, 12 months Department of Corrections, fines and costs — \$625.71.

# Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

## Thursday, Sept. 23

**Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

## Tuesday, Sept. 28

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=dFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.  
**Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board.** 5:30 p.m., See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.  
**Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors regular meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., or join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85395501309>, meeting ID: 853 9550 1309.

## Wednesday, Sept. 29

**Town of Pagosa Springs Land Use**

## and Development Code Steering Committee.

5 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

## Pagosa Peak Open School work session.

5 p.m. via Zoom. Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=dFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 965 609 9136, passcode: 00001.

## Thursday, Sept. 30

**Pagosa Springs Town Council work session.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

## Tuesday, Oct. 5

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=dFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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## Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.

5 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

## Thursday, Oct. 7

**Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Executive Management Board meeting.** 9:30 a.m. Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186713647>, meeting ID: 718 671 3647.

## Monday, Oct. 11

**Budget Meeting for San Juan Basin Public Health.** Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375>

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# Education

## School district talks school opening, bus driver shortage and more

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) began the 2021-2022 school year with 1,520 students, Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza told the ASD Board of Education as part of her report to the board at its Sept. 14 meeting.

LeBlanc-Esparza also discussed COVID-19 and challenges facing the district to start the year.

The number of students beginning this school year is up from last year's official October count of 1,475, and there are 37 ASD students doing school fully online this year, the superintendent reported.

"The numbers are looking pretty good right now as far as that goes," she said.

The superintendent also reported to the board that the district had had five confirmed cases of COVID-19 among students so far before discussing the work of the district's new nurse in learning about and carrying on protocols set up the previous school year.

LeBlanc-Esparza noted the district continues to provide free testing to students who were exposed.

LeBlanc-Esparza further noted that new quarantine guidance was released by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on Sept. 12.

"But, where we are right now is

we do not ask our families what your child's vaccination status is. We do not ask, 'Have you had COVID in the last 90 days?' And, we do not ask, 'Were you wearing a mask last Thursday?'" she explained. "In the guidance that we get from CDPHE, it says that if a student is in a class with a confirmed case we will inform a family that your child was in class with a student who has tested positive. It is recommended that you quarantine — you know, the whole process like we did in the spring — unless if you have been fully vaccinated, if you have had a confirmed case of COVID in the last 90 days or if you had a mask on, you do not need to quarantine, don't worry about it, business as usual."

She added that, because many can continue with business as usual, ASD will keep operating in-person schooling.

"And ultimately, again, we're asking parents to make that decision for their kids, and we'll send the letters home and let them know because we don't know that and don't want to ask that at this point," she said.

The CDPHE, the superintendent noted, continues to recommend that school districts require masking.

ASD previously announced it would leave masking up to the families.

"Our community, as you heard

tonight, does continue to support our decision to allow parents to decide," she said.

She noted that if it becomes mandated by the state, the district will need to have discussions on how to move forward.

LeBlanc-Esparza then told the board about an "overwhelming challenge" facing the district early in the school year: being down seven bus drivers.

"For the last six days, I have to say, I have huge respect for and gratitude for our bus drivers," she said, adding, "It's been an overwhelming challenge so far this year."

LeBlanc-Esparza told the board of changing bus routes, late buses, a lack of completed bus contracts for students, ongoing construction and more, also noting there are no potential applicants to help alleviate the problem.

She noted staff would likely bring the board a proposal next month around recruiting and retention of bus drivers.

Otherwise, she added, there will have to be discussions about what transportation the district can provide.

"So, we're hoping to not have to get there," she said, noting they hope to be proactive.

Board member Mike Moore asked if the lack of applicants is because people are scared of restrictions or has to do with masks, with

LeBlanc-Esparza noting there's historically been a lack of applicants locally.

She further noted bus driver shortages are occurring nationwide.

In response to a question from board member Dr. Tim Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares reported the turnaround time for training drivers is about four weeks, with more training required to go over mountain passes.

As discussion continued, LeBlanc-Esparza suggested the district is looking into options, such as even talking with businesses that lessen the hours of their CDL drivers over the winter.

Board president Bruce Dryburgh noted having enough bus drivers has never not been an issue in his time on the board.

"It's challenging," LeBlanc-Esparza said, adding that it is a job that takes poise and patience.

She also indicated the drivers are taking abuse from district families, with some showing back up to the bus barn in tears.

"Our drivers are taking a whole lot of abuse," she said.

Before ending her report, LeBlanc-Esparza informed the board that San Juan Mountain School received its final approval and is now considered an approved alternative high school.

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## A tale of two school boards: Boards hear from community about masking

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Prior to the start of school for most schools with Archuleta School District (ASD), the district announced it would leave the choice of masking or not up to families, with the Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors later deciding to follow the district on masking.

Last week, for the second straight month, both of the district's school boards — the ASD Board of Education and the PPOS Board of Directors — heard from community members about that decision.

At the Sept. 14 ASD Board of Education meeting, members of the community who spoke during public comment thanked the district for its decision to leave masking up to the parents.

The first speaker thanked the ASD board for the decision to not

require masks and noted he liked that the district won't "police" the matter.

He asked the board to reconsider its stance on requiring masks on buses, suggesting that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is an advisory body and the CDC's order for masks on transportation is "unenforceable."

Others suggested the mandate for buses is not federal law.

Another community member spoke about ivermectin and perceived dangers of vaccines.

Another noted he appreciated that there had been no harassment about masks and suggested that the definitions of vaccine and pandemic have changed.

"Compliance is not science," he said.

Another told the board she hopes the district will continue its stance of leaving masking up to

parents.

The following evening, the PPOS Board of Directors heard additional pleas from parents and local physicians asking the board to reconsider its stance and mandate masks in the school.

The first speaker, who identified herself as a parent of a PPOS student, discussed how her son tested positive the day before his birthday, but that they waited to tell him of his positive test until the day after.

The child cried out of fear, the parent told the board, calling it one of the "most heartbreaking" conversations she's ever had.

She asked the board to reconsider its decision on masking, noting that even if the area were experiencing low transmission levels the minimum recommendations are not being met.

Another parent expressed disappointment in the decision and suggested that the board did not stand

up for the school's mission and that the decision was not in the board's purview according to its bylaws.

Another parent suggested that while masking is controversial for adults, it isn't for children because they know the right thing to do.

The board also heard a presentation from a trio of local doctors who presented two peer-reviewed studies to the board, on mitigation and learning loss.

The doctors also spoke of the stress on local health care resources, noting the area is seeing the same issues with tertiary care, with one noting the local hospital had to call 14 hospitals before finding a place to transfer a patient with urgent needs.

"I'm not trying to scare you, but it's scary," Dr. Corinne Reed told the board, adding that the effects of COVID on children won't be known for years.

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## WALKtober to good health: October is Colorado Pedestrian Month

Colorado Department of Transportation

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is encouraging schools to participate in Walk to School Day (WTSD) on Oct. 6 to promote and practice pedestrian and road safety among classmates, families and caregivers.

Established in 1997, Colorado WTSD is part of the International Walk to School Day program, when children from more than 40 countries walk to school on the

same day. Throughout the state, more than 150 schools participate every year.

Organizers are encouraged to register their school at walkbiketoschool.org as a way of tracking participation and showing support for active, healthy, safe transportation. Registrations also assist Colorado's ranking among other participating states.

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the need and demand for streets, crosswalks and public

spaces that support walking, biking and rolling. Across Colorado, communities are taking unique, creative approaches to WTSD, including Estes Park, which is partnering with local nonprofit Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success, a family resource center.

"We expect that for those who live too far to walk all the way, there will be a meet-up at the fairgrounds to walk to school from there," said Estes Park Grant Specialist Christy

Crosser. "We are all very excited about this event as we continue to promote the Safe Routes to School program."

Additional resources and ideas, including downloadable posters in English and Spanish, are available on the CDOT's Safe Routes to School website at: <https://www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped/safe-routes>.

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# Outdoors



## 100 percent of Pagosa Ranger District trails cleared

By Bob Milford  
Pagosa Area Trails Council

The Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest's trail crew, in partnership with the Pagosa Area Trails Council (PATC), many other trail volunteer groups and the Southwest Conservation Corps youth crews have been able to clear 100 percent of the district's trails in 2020 and 2021.

Our goal when the Clear the Trails Campaign started in 2018 was to get all Pagosa Springs area trails cleared of the spruce-beetle-killed trees that have been falling on our local trails at an epidemic rate. This goal of clearing 100 percent of the trails was achieved much sooner than originally planned.

The work of clearing and performing much-needed trail maintenance was accomplished by the amazing Pagosa Ranger District trail crew, the Southwest Conservation Corps and by local user groups and outfitters such as San Juan Outdoor Club, San Juan Back Country Horsemen, DUST2, Pagosa Trail Riders, Phantom Trail Clearers and local outfitters, who contributed over 3,000 hours of volunteer labor.

Many of these trails are located in the Weminuche and South San Juan wildernesses where cross-cut saws must be used instead of chain saws per the Wilderness Act of 1964. The Pagosa Ranger District has 485 miles of summer trails, with 175 miles located in designated wilderness areas. Between 2018 and 2021, more than 22,800 trees were cleared from district trails at an average of 5,700 trees per year.

Unfortunately, standing dead and weakened green trees continue to fall each year on the trails and likely will do so into the foreseeable future, with more than 5,000 downed trees needing clearing from trails annually. Our goal is to continue to keep these trails clear and safe each year.

In 2019, the Pagosa Ranger District and PATC jointly applied for and were awarded a Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trail maintenance grant. We received \$106,000 from the grant plus another \$13,600 for a 21CSC grant. PATC donated \$20,000 for the cash portion of the grant for a total of \$139,600. The funds for the cash portion were raised from local nonprofits, individuals, local government, businesses and local outfitters. Additional funding was also provided by the Forest Service. The grants and funds raised were critical to the successes realized thus far, without which we could not have come close to achieving our shared goals.

The Pagosa Ranger District and PATC are again in the process of



Photos courtesy Pagosa Area Trails Council


The Pagosa Area Trails Council reports that 100 percent of the district's trails have been cleared in 2020 and 2021. The work has been a combined effort of Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest's trail crew in partnership with the Pagosa Area Trails Council, many other trail volunteer groups and the Southwest Conservation Corps youth crews.

applying for a 2022 Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails grant for \$150,000 to continue trail clearing and maintenance. From local donations, PATC will provide a \$20,000 cash match for the grant, and an additional \$10,000 will be provided by the Wolf Creek Ski Conservation Fund as a cash match. The Wolf Creek Ski Conservation Fund is based on a partnership established between the Wolf Creek Ski Area and the National Forest Foundation (NFF), where local season ticket holders donate \$5, which are matched by 50 percent by the NFF, to be used for local forest conservation programs.

If we are successful in our grant

application, it will provide an extra \$180,000 for the clearing and maintenance of Pagosa trails for the next three years.

PATC has set up a website for information on local trails at pagosatrails.org. It provides detailed trail descriptions with pictures and maps of trails in our area, plus current trail conditions. It also provides "Leave No Trace" and need to know information and education for all trail users. It has been a very popular site with over 200 visitors per day during the summer season. We invite you to check it out as well as join us in our efforts to conserve this resource that is so important to our community and visitors alike.



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# Tips for wildfire preparation in the fall

By Bill Trimarco  
Wildfire Adapted Partnership

We are all grateful that we had a decent monsoon season this summer, but much of southwestern Colorado is still in severe drought conditions. As things continue to dry out and the grasses season and turn brown, we may see wildfires again before the snow flies.

Over the last few years, we have been seeing wildfires start and burn later into the fall and earlier in the spring. That firewood pile on the deck or next to the house "just for the winter" is not such a good idea anymore.

Most of our local forests have not seen a significant wildfire for over 100 years. That is a lot of time for unchecked growth of potential fuel. Without fire to thin the trees and underbrush, that excessive growth is so close together and reaching from the ground to the

tree crowns that huge fires have become the norm. There is no way of predicting how many fires we will have or whether or not one will directly impact our community, but we do have a responsibility to ourselves, our families and our neighbors to make preparations for the inevitable.

Most of the homes lost to wildfire are never directly touched by the flames. No, you did not misread that. Over 80 percent of the structure loss is caused by the blizzard of embers that blow ahead of the fire, starting spot fires outside of the area that is burning. Those embers can travel over a mile. All it takes is one ember landing on some kindling and you can have a new fire start. If those embers enter your house or find some kindling on or near your house, there is a good chance that your house will catch fire, too.

Here are some tips for fall prepara-

- Move firewood piles at least 30 feet away from structures.
- Make sure there is nothing combustible within 5 feet of the house.
- Clean the leaves and pine needles off of the roof.
- Clean the eavestroughs.
- Make sure all attic and soffit vents have 1/8-inch metal screening.
- Chimneys should have spark arrestors.
- Repair any holes or gaps in the siding.
- Crawl space vents need 1/8-inch metal screening.
- Rake up leaves and needles within 10 feet of the structure.
- Remove all combustibles on, under or near wooden decks.
- Install metal screening under the deck to keep critters out.
- Maintain decks and stairs. Dried-out wood is more flam-

mable than oil-stained or painted wood.

- Use noncombustible fencing within 5 feet of the house. (If you cannot do that, then clear the combustibles from either side of the fence for its entire length.)
- Remove any combustible plants within 10 feet of the house.
- Ornamental junipers and spruce are highly flammable.
- Within 30 feet of the house, mow grasses to a 6-inch height or less.
- If you have a second home that you are leaving for a while, put the deck furniture cushions and any doormats inside the house.
- Remember that any weeds or grasses left in the fall will be a threat next spring, too.

If you want to learn what else you can do, check with Wildfire Adapted Partnership at (970) 385-8909. Register for its E-News at wildfireadapted.org.



Photo courtesy Joanne Irons

The Special Olympic team, Pagosa Smashers, competed at the Four Corners Invitational in Farmington, N.M. They were the only team from Colorado in the Aug. 21 invitational and they captured the bronze in their division. Pictured are Dalton Walls, Diego Rivas, Zack Irons, Christopher Brown, Jason Reece, Trish Sierpieko, Wayne Walls, Nick Voelker, Jared Carstensen, Servando Ramos, Monica Archuleta, Jerry Archuleta and Chris Archuleta.

## Valle Seco Land Exchange objection period opens

Staff report

The Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange project involves the exchange of nine federal parcels of land on the San Juan National Forest (SJNF) totaling approximately 380 acres for one nonfederal parcel of land totaling 880 acres, according to a public notice printed in this week's SUN.

A draft decision notice and finding of no significant impact is available for the project. The notice states that the "Responsible Official is Kara Chadwick, Forest Supervisor. It is the Responsible Official's intention to select Alternative 3 Modified for this project."

According to the notice, objections pertaining to the project will

only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the land exchange during scoping or another designated opportunity for public comment for the land exchange project.

The notice describing the proposed activities, maps and other information is available on the project Web page at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57154>.

An objection, including attachments, must be postmarked or received within 45 days after the date of publication.

Electronic submissions are preferred and may be submitted at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57154>.

Objections may also be faxed to

(303) 275-5134, Attn: Reviewing Officer "OBJECTION: Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange."

Written objections may be submitted via mail to: USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region; Attn: Reviewing Officer; PO Box 18980; Golden, CO 80402.

Objections may also be submitted via express or hand delivery to USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region; Attn: Reviewing Officer; 1617 Cole Blvd., Building 17; Lakewood, CO 80401.

All objections will be available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

For more information about the project, contact Becca Smith at (970) 264-1521 or email [rebecca.smith@usda.gov](mailto:rebecca.smith@usda.gov).

## USDA Forest Service to waive fees for National Public Lands Day and Veterans Day

By Donna Nemeth  
Forest Service

The USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, will waive fees, where charged, at day-use recreation sites in Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota, Kansas and the Big Horn, Medicine Bow and Shoshone national forests in Wyoming for two more days this year.

Fees will be waived on National Public Lands Day, Saturday, Sept.

25. Fees will also be waived in honor of Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

The Forest Service offers several fee-free days annually to encourage Americans to explore the outdoors and visit their public lands. The fee waiver includes many Forest Service picnic areas, boat launches, trailheads and visitor centers. Fees

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# Sports

## FOOTBALL

### Pirates stomp Broncos for first win of the season

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team snagged its first victory of the season on Friday, Sept. 17, against the Kirtland Central Broncos from Kirtland, N.M.

The Pirates defeated the Broncos by a score of 41-30.

"Anytime you win it feels good, but I thought we were making a bunch of small wins throughout the last few weeks just getting better and we got better this past week also ... just fortunately the score was on our side," coach Nathan Morales said.

Morales explained that every week, the Pirates work to get better and stay focused on the things they're able to control, like their attitudes and the effort they put in.

"They keep getting better and better each week, and that's just the product of working hard in practice," he said.

The Pirates were able to get on the scoreboard in the first quarter with a 37-yard rushing touchdown from Gavin Lindahl.

Lindahl led the Pirates in rushing on the night with four touchdowns and a total of 187 yards on 22 carries.

The Pirates gave up a touchdown in the first quarter, as well, and ended the quarter trailing by a score of 7-6.

The Pirates' offense got going again in the second quarter, putting up 21 points, giving them a 27-14 lead going into halftime.

Morales noted that the Pirates were "rolling pretty good."

He also mentioned the Pirates started to work on controlling the clock with their lead.

The Pirates were able to score another touchdown in the third quarter and converted a 2-point extra point attempt.

The Broncos were unable to put up any points during the third quarter, but outscored the Pirates 16-6 in the fourth quarter.

However, that would not be enough, and the Pirates held on to win the game 41-30.

"It's always good to win and it helps the morale, but I think our morale's been the same. We're trusting the process. We know it's a process in becoming a great team and you're not always going to have success right away, and it's part of just grinding and this team buys into that. They understand the process behind it and they're just willing to work hard every day, no matter the outcome. They're willing to work and that's important," Morales said.



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Breck Wilson hauls in a touchdown reception against the Kirtland Central Broncos. The Pirates would go on to win 41-30.

Morales praised his offensive and defensive lines for their performances.

"Our O-line, D-line did a great job this week," he said. "They've been getting better every week ... They really put it on themselves this week to get better and be more physical and it was good to see. ... We knew where to go, we were physical and that led to our success."

Morales went on to explain that part of the Pirates' mindset is to treat every play of every game as if the score is 0-0.

"We treat it like a 0-0 game no matter what," he said.

He mentioned that the team tries to stay focused on the controllable factors throughout the game.

"We don't focus on what we can't control," he said. "We have a bunch of guys out there willing to work hard — that's what important."

Morales also mentioned that there were some players in new positions for the Pirates this week and that some of the younger players were able to get some playing time.

"I thought we played well, offensively and defensively. We had different guys at different positions this week and everybody did their job and that's what leads to the team success, is everybody just doing their job," he said.

The Pirates tallied a total of 400 yards of offense on the night.

Aaron Aucoin led the team in passing, completing seven of 10 attempts for 86 yards and two touchdowns.

Aucoin also had 42 rushing yards on 12 attempts.

Fabian Quezada had 52 yards rushing on four attempts.

Tommy Barker had 71 rushing yards on 11 attempts, and Hunter Pouyer had 4 rushing yards on two attempts.

Seth Aucoin made one reception for 10 yards and Breck Wilson made one reception for 3 yards.

Additional receiving stats were not available as of press time on Wednesday.

Aaron Aucoin and Wil Aucoin led the Pirates in tackles with 10 each, followed by Lindahl, who had seven tackles.

Wil Aucoin recorded two sacks. Harley Armijo and Pouyer each had five tackles.

Heath Fulbright, Barker and Seth Aucoin each had four tackles on the night.

Rhead Kay recorded three tackles for the Pirates, and Anthony Manzanares had two tackles.

Jacob Griego and Wilson each had one tackle.

Armijo had one interception for the Pirates.

Ethan Mazur made one out of four extra-point attempts.

"Everyone sees the box score and doesn't understand how hard we're working, but these guys are working their tails off and we're having success because of it," Morales said.

The Pirates have a bye this week as their next game is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. against the Alamosa Mean Moose.

The Pirates will travel to Alamosa for their first league game of

the season.

"We got two weeks to prepare for our first league opponent and that's huge. We're going to use that time to our advantage ... the bumps and bruises that we have, it's kind of the perfect time for us to heal those things and really get treatment on em' and whatnot, and that way we're ready for the last five games of the season," Morales said.

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## GOLF

### Pirate golfers head to Alamosa for regionals

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School golf team is in action today at Cat-tails Golf Club in Alamosa, with the Pirate golfers aiming to qualify for the upcoming state tournament.

The regional tournament was originally set for Sept. 21, but was postponed to today, Thursday, Sept. 23.

But, according to coach Mark Faber, the Pirates used that time to continue to improve ahead of the tournament.

"We had some things to work on that we worked on," he said Wednesday. "They're staying after it pretty good."

The Pirates played a practice round Wednesday, with Faber explaining the team was dissecting the course and formulating game plans ahead of today's tournament, including determining things like what clubs to hit on what hole.

The Pirates are being represented by Ethan Robel, Braylon Cotts, Kaison Clifford and Jack Walker.

Fourteen teams are participating in regional action.

According to the Colorado High School Activities Association, there

will be 84 state qualifiers for the 3A state tournament. Each regional tournament will advance two full teams and 13 individuals not on a team.

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## SOCCER

# Pirates tally 5-0 win against Taos

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team sailed past the Taos Tigers, winning 5-0, on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at Golden Peaks Stadium.

The first goal of the game came in the seventh minute, scored by Kaylor Christians, who was assisted by Kameron Winkler.

Winkler played the ball over the Tigers' defenders for Christians to run onto. The Tigers' goalkeeper came off his line and attempted to clear the ball at the edge of the penalty area, but missed the ball, leaving a wide-open net for Christians to pass the ball into.

Toward the end of the first half, the Pirates would score three goals within 10 minutes. In the 26th minute, Carson Young-Martinez was able to catch up to a long ball played over the Tigers' defenders, again forcing the goalkeeper to come off of his line to make a challenge for the ball. This time, Young-Martinez was able to touch the ball to the side of the goalkeeper for Clayton Hubbs to pass into an empty net.

Three minutes later, in the 29th minute, Hubbs scored his second goal, this time assisted by Christians. Hubbs was able to gather the ball from about 8 yards out from the Tigers' goal, and beat the goalkeeper with a low shot to the right side of the goal.

In the 33rd minute, Jordan Pham scored an unassisted goal from nearly 35 yards out. Pham found some space in the right side of the Tigers' midfield and chipped the ball over the Tiger's goalkeeper into the upper left side of the goal.

"It was one of the best goals of the game," coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason mentioned.

The fifth and final goal of the game came in the second half, in the 63rd minute. Pham ran the ball down the right side of the field, outpacing multiple defenders to



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**Pirate goalkeeper Christopher Young-Martinez leaps to make a save. Young-Martinez kept a clean sheet in the Pirates' 5-0 win over the Taos Tigers.**

get a cross into the penalty box, in which Christians was able to tap in for his second goal of the match.

Lindsey Kurt-Mason noted Hubbs was the player of the game, noting that he is a "student of the game" and made a goal-saving defensive play.

"He's always hustling," Kurt-Mason added.

The Pirates had trouble maintaining possession throughout the first half, Kurt-Mason explained.

"We were a bit disorganized," he said. "We could've connected more passes."

However, Kurt-Mason mentioned that the Pirates improved as the game went on and they were able to maintain possession better during the second half.

He also commented on the Pirates' defense performance, noting how at times they were playing too flat in their formation and allowing the Tigers too much space with the ball.

Christians had four shots and two goals on the day, along with one assist.

Young-Martinez had three shots and one goal, along with one assist.

Hubbs had three shots and two goals.

Winkler and Pham each ended the day with one assist.

Kelton Christians had four shots on the day.

Pirate goalkeeper Christopher Young-Martinez made seven saves in the game.

The Pirates now sport an overall

record of 7-2, with a league mark of 3-0 and remain in first place in the Southwest League.

The Pirates are set to host the 4A Grand Junction Warriors tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 24, at 4 p.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium.

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<p><b>MOBILE HOMES</b> WILL BE DISTRAINED AND RE-ADVERTISED BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021. ALL COSTS ENTAILED IN POSTING DISTRAINTS WILL BE BORNE BY THE TAXPAYER. TAXES THAT ARE NOT PAID BY NOVEMBER 2, 2021, WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE ARCHULETA COUNTY TREASURER AT 10:00 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 4, 2021 ACCORDING TO THE RULES SET FORTH THEREIN.</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTIONS</b> are not to be considered legal descriptions and should not be used to convey title. You may want to research accounts with the unique identifier - Parcel Number.</p>	<p>HOME TITLE:48E150862 SERIAL:127 YEAR:1980 MAKE:SIXP SIZE:8X40 297 STEEP PL Total Due:\$43.12</p> <p>M001830 DEESE LUCILE E Parcel:990012351830 HOME TITLE:48E085453 SERIAL:P190490 YEAR:1983 MAKE:SCHULT SIZE:14X70 91 BLUE JAY DR Total Due:\$50.54</p> <p>M001884 FERGUSON MICHAEL T &amp; CARMEN E Parcel:990012351884 HOME TITLE:48E083960 SERIAL:IPTX5241TX YEAR:1997 MAKE:PATRIOT SIZE:16X80 1190 US HWY 84 Total Due:\$209.32</p> <p>M001160 FIGUEROA LUZ A Parcel:990012351160 HOME TITLE:UNK SERIAL:GDGENE078513287 YEAR:1985 MAKE:GUERDON SIZE:16X66 315 MEADOW LARK DR Total Due:\$70.70</p> <p>M002188 FORMAN FAMILY LIVING TRUST Parcel:990012352136 HOME TITLE:002625442 SERIAL:LGS10504LBA YEAR:2019 MAKE:SKYLINE SIZE:60 X 32 825 DEER TRAIL Total Due:\$251.44</p> <p>M001203 HAVENS FITZHUGH T Parcel:990012351203 HOME TITLE:UNK SERIAL:22717978994 YEAR:1987 MAKE:CHAMPION SIZE:28X52 23460 US HWY 84 Total Due:\$74.25</p> <p>M002004 HENDERSON SHANE C Parcel:990012352004 HOME TITLE:48E095690 SERIAL:SCH01961197 YEAR:1986 MAKE:SILVERCREEK SIZE:16X80 335 COUNTRY MEADOWS PL Total Due:\$134.38</p> <p>M002043 HULL ETHIE ERAL JR LIV TRUST Parcel:990012352043 HOME TITLE:20E377321 SERIAL:106033224 YEAR:1977 MAKE:BOA SIZE:14X70 547 COUNTRY MEADOWS PL Total Due:\$50.79</p> <p>M001564 JONES SUSAN L Parcel:990012351564 HOME TITLE:48E118088 SERIAL:TXCTC971820A/B YEAR:1997 MAKE:CAV SIZE:28 X 76 400A EIGHT MILE MESA RD Total Due:\$226.10</p> <p>M001903 LAYVA NICK V Parcel:990012351903 HOME TITLE:UNK SERIAL:NEB10_A28407 YEAR:2001 MAKE:BELLAVISTA/CHEIF SIZE:30X61 182 COX CIR Total Due:\$187.45</p> <p>M000095 MARTINEZ DANIEL RAY Parcel:990012350095 HOME TITLE:48E099138 SERIAL:TKC8129HS0543 YEAR:1978 MAKE:MAJESTIC SIZE:14X80 14411 COUNTRY RD 500 Total Due:\$77.80</p> <p>M001210 MARTINEZ KRISTI Parcel:990012351210 HOME TITLE:48E131906 SERIAL:HCTXSN8594AB YEAR:1988 MAKE:TUFFANY SIZE:28X40 14926A COUNTY RD 500 #A Total Due:\$61.54</p>	<p>M002052 MILLER PATRICIA G Parcel:990012352051 HOME TITLE:UNK SERIAL:UNK YEAR:1996 MAKE:UNK SIZE:16X66 550 S 7TH ST Total Due:\$134.30</p> <p>M002054 QMAS JARED Parcel:990012352050 HOME TITLE:48E146801 SERIAL:WESL0825GA01 YEAR:2001 MAKE:STE SIZE:12X44 60 GLORY VIEW Total Due:\$76.13</p> <p>M001103 PACK WILLIAM L &amp; DIANE F Parcel:990012351103 HOME TITLE:48E058454 SERIAL:P170804 YEAR:1980 MAKE:SCHULT SIZE:28X64 625 CATCHPOLE DR Total Due:\$86.96</p> <p>M001915 PETERSON JAMES R Parcel:990012351915 HOME TITLE:UNK SERIAL:UNK YEAR:UNK MAKE:UNK SIZE:24X43 547 COUNTRY MEADOWS PL Total Due:\$50.79</p> <p>M002003 QUEZADA LORENZO Parcel:990012352003 HOME TITLE:UNK SERIAL:KSDH05E4478871A 86214134A801888 YEAR:1978 MAKE:UNK SIZE:14X70 875 COUNTY RD 600 #2 Total Due:\$63.29</p> <p>M002184 REYROAD JOHN E Parcel:990012352182 SERIAL:CAV130AZ-18-22479AB YEAR:2018 MAKE:CAVCO SIZE:26.6 X48 676 PROSPECT BLVD Total Due:\$181.68</p> <p>M000870 SELL MARIE Parcel:990012350870 HOME TITLE:48E142354 SERIAL:38A12264 YEAR:1982 MAKE:CHEIF SIZE:14 X 70 135 BROOK DR Total Due:\$62.56</p> <p>M001690 TILLAPAUGH YVONNE M Parcel:990012351690 MBL HOME TITLE:PURGED ADVALOREM 1/1/2021 SERIAL:P284506AB YEAR:1998 MAKE:SCHULT SIZE:76 X 28 29 PANORAMA PL Total Due:\$662.62</p> <p>M001538 VENTURINI JAMISON A Parcel:990012351538 HOME TITLE:48E80252 SERIAL:12526216A3 YEAR:1997 MAKE:REDMAN/TRINITY SIZE:28X46 86 WESTMAN DR Total Due:\$35.00</p> <p>M002076 WALLIS PAMELA J Parcel:990012352071 HOME TITLE:UNK SERIAL:7682-0638-K YEAR:1998 MAKE:PARK SIZE:8 X 36 229 DOWN AND OUT RD Total Due:\$58.28</p> <p>ELSA P. WHITE TREASURER OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO</p> <p>DATED AT PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO SEPTEMBER 10, 2021</p> <p>Published September 23, and October 7, 14 and 21, 2021 in <i>The Pagosa Springs SUN</i>.</p>
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## CROSS-COUNTRY

### Pirate teams take second in Bayfield, Taylor finishes first

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School cross-country teams both nabbed second at last weekend's Bayfield Cross Country Invitational, with Lady Pirate Nell Taylor notching a first-place finish.

"This past weekend was a pretty successful one. We were in Bayfield Saturday morning and, while it was a smaller meet than last week, our runners showed up ready to race," coach Rachael Christiansen wrote in the team newsletter.

The Lady Pirates fell one point behind the Centauri Falcons at the meet to take second out of the four teams present.

Taylor finished the race in 23 minutes, 17 seconds — 38 seconds faster than the next finisher — to claim first.

"For the girls, Nell raced amaz-

ingly and won the race! This was her first 1st place finish in a [high school] cross country race," Christiansen wrote.

Ruth Ann Morehouse finished fifth out of the 32 runners present with a time of 24:28.

Amber Calabaza finished eighth with a time of 24:55.

Sienna Rose followed in 10th with a time of 26:16.

Alba Marchena Gordillo came in 13th with a time of 28:14.

"I'd say this was a breakout race for her and am excited to see what she can do by the end of our season," Christiansen wrote of Marchena Gordillo.

Marie Smith crossed the line in 20th in 30:26, followed by Emma Gantt in 27th in 34:08.

"She had a tough race but showed true resilience and grit! She never ceases to impress me," Christiansen wrote about Gantt.

Caroline Smith finished 29th with a time of 34:46, followed by Carolyn Foster in 31st with a time of 34:47 and Johanna Beaird in 32nd in 37:01.

"As a team, the girls finished 2nd!" Christiansen highlights in the newsletter. "And they were only 1 point away from first!"

"As we look forward to our upcoming home meet, we are excited to race against some of these same teams (and new ones) to see how we do. I am hoping for some similar performances and think we can beat Centauri."

The Pirate guys also finished second at the meet behind Centauri.

"For the boys, we saw some great performances as well," Christiansen points out in the newsletter.

The Pirates were led by Andrew Bowles at the meet, who finished third out of 41 runners with a time of 19:44.

■ See Cross-Country A16

## VOLLEYBALL

### Lady Pirates move to 8-2 after loss to Falcons

By Jessica Hanson  
Staff Writer

Saturday's 3-0 away conference loss to the Centauri Falcons was the second in a row for the 8-2 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates.

The Pirates are ranked fourth in the Intermountain League (IML) with a 2-2 league mark and are seventh in the Ratings Percentage Index, which helps determine postseason seeding.

The Falcons have an overall record of 5-6 and are ranked third in the IML with a 1-1 league record. The Pirates went down 25-11 in the first set of the match.

"We had a very slow start, and dug ourselves into too big of a hole to get out of the first set," coach Caitlin Forrest wrote in an email.

The second set of the match was a close battle, but the Lady Pirates came up short by a score of 25-22.

The Pirates ended up dropping the third set of the match 25-13.

"The third set I switched out our beginning rotation, hoping for a more favorable matchup, but the girls seemed to lack energy and passion during the last set, and we continuously got stuck in a few

rotations," Forrest wrote. The team was also down some of its regular starters.

"We were down both our starting middles, but Jr. swing, Beatrice Carpenter, stepped in flawlessly, and Priscylla Howard was switched to the middle as well. This made for more than a few lineup changes, but I don't believe that's why we

struggled," Forrest wrote.

The team scored a total of 18 kills, but the Lady Pirates committed a total of 13 attack errors.

Senior Kori Lucero and Carpenter had five kills each. Junior Jordan Stern came away with four kills, followed by junior Lynelle Bartz with three. Howard contributed one kill.

■ See Volleyball A15

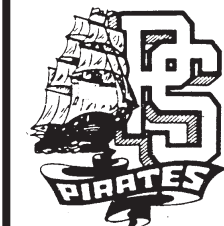
### Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

**Lynelle Bartz**  
volleyball, swimming

**Favorite subject:** English

**Comments from the coach:** "Lynelle is a true competitor, always looking to improve her play. She loves to ask for areas of her game that she can work on and what her focus should be before matches. She is a positive teammate, as she consistently encourages everyone around her to push a little harder and give a little more. That being said, she is also a peacemaker on

the team and helps us find balance whenever needed. Lynelle has an incredibly high work ethic and isn't afraid to do hard things--she consistently gives her all, even in the toughest drills. She is disciplined on and off of the court, making academics and volleyball a priority in her life. Every day I look forward to the smile on her face, and the spark of grit in her eye."





RECREATION NEWS

# Gymnastic registration now open

By Darren Lewis  
SUN Columnist

The Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations at the Ross Aragon Community Center through Oct. 3 for gymnastics ages 2-plus.

The cost is \$40 per participant. Class size is 10 per age group.

The four-week session will begin Oct. 4 and end Oct. 27. Gymnastic schedule: Monday 4 to 4:50 p.m., parent-tot 2-3 years old (parent participation required); 5 to 5:50 p.m., 4- to 5-year-olds; 6 to 6:50 p.m., 6 to 8-year-olds; and Wednesday 4 to 4:50 p.m., 3- to 5-year-olds; 5 to 5:50 p.m., 6- to 8-year-olds; 6 to 6:50 p.m., 9-plus-year-olds.

All classes will be held at Pagosa Springs Middle School. Please call the Recreation Department with any questions, (970) 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233.

# Volleyball

Continued from A14

Bartz and Lucero scored two aces each, and senior Audrey Martin scored 1 ace.

The team committed a total of four service errors during the match.

On the defensive side, the Lady Pirates scored a team total of five blocks. Howard led the team with two solo blocks. Martin contributed three assisted blocks, with Carpenter getting one.

Martin led the team with a total of 16 assists, with Ava Pargin and Lucero chipping in one assist each, for a team total of 18.

The team garnered a total of 60 receptions on serve receiving. Torrez led the way with 26 receptions, Pargin followed up with 14, and Lucero contributed 13 receptions. Freshman Aspen Pitcher notched two receptions and Bartz contributed four. Howard also helped out with one reception.

The team logged a total of 46 digs. Lucero was the leader with 11 digs. Bartz and Pargin contributed nine digs each. Torrez notched seven digs and Martin pitched in with four digs. Carpenter, sophomore Grace Betts, Stern and Pitcher all contributed one dig each.

When asked by email what the team would be working on to overcome two losses in a row and how long senior Molly Graham's ankle injury would keep her off the court, Forrest replied, "It's good to see areas we need to improve upon against stronger teams, but I believe we have to find a way to generate energy on the court when things aren't going well. I am hoping to see the girls step up on the court and show a little more leadership, which all starts in practice. Molly is predicted to be out 3-5 weeks, but I believe we have the depth to adjust to this."

The Lady Pirates were scheduled to travel to Del Norte on Friday, Sept. 24, to take on the 5-5 Tigers, who are ranked eighth in 2A/1A in the Southern Peaks League, but that game has been canceled.

"Del Norte's game is cancelled as they are dealing with a Covid Outbreak," Forrest wrote.

That means the Lady Pirates' next match will be at home against the 6-2 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers at 6 p.m. on Sept. 28.

The Panthers are ranked fifth in the IML with an 0-2 league mark.

Bayfield leads the IML with a 2-0 league mark and 6-6 overall mark. Alamosa follows in second with a 1-1 league record and 7-3 overall record.

# Public Notices

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Tel: 970.264.2400  
Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.  
Plaintiff

v. **Erlene K. Edmonds, et al**  
Defendants  
**Case No.: 2021CV30009**  
**COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to separate Mortgages recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, under the information provided in Exhibit "A". Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered June 15, 2021, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:

Owner(s) of Record:  
**Erlene K. Edmonds**  
**Don Edmonds**  
**Stephen Joseph Zorc Jr**  
**Barbara Ann Zorc**  
**Colleen N Cubberley**  
**Sean W Cubberley**  
**Alfred M Green**  
**Clara J Green**  
**Janet Martino**  
**Fredrick K White**  
**Elliott Thomas White**  
**Dorothy M Ross**  
**Jerry D Ross**

Evidence of Debt: Recorded mortgages in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, being further identified in Exhibit "A"  
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.  
Obligations Secured: Underlying note for the purchase of the Timeshare Property identified in Exhibit "A".  
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Payments Due to: Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.  
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Mortgage, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**  
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, on October 22, 2021, Sale Number: 2021-10, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, the Lender may be credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Mortgage at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
First Publication: 8/26/2021  
Last Publication: 9/23/2021  
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun

**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**  
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THE HOSEA PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:  
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

DATED at Archuleta County, Colorado, this 30th day of July, 2021.  
By: /s/ Lorena Medina  
Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
EXHIBIT A  
Platirgan Townhouses – Phase II  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: Erlene K. Edmonds and Don Edmonds  
Unit Number: 7215  
Building Number: 008B  
Unit Week Number: 37  
Loan Default Amount: \$4,487.50  
Costs: \$332.71  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$5,820.21

In Platirgan Townhouses. All as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Platirgan Townhouses as depicted on the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 153256, 156199, 136903, 159241, 179510, subject to the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Platirgan Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 153557, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Peregrine Townhouses - Phase III  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: Colleen N. Cubberley and Sean W. Cubberley  
Building Number: 7 & 8  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7813-7816  
UDI Points: 105,000 / 35,486,000  
Loan Default Amount: \$12,137.33  
Costs: \$332.71  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$13,470.04

In Peregrine Townhouses. All as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said buildings as depicted on the Plats recorded in Reception Numbers 173553-173555, 98002629, 99006555, 99011974, 20005495, 20010666, and subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 173556, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Teal Landing Condominiums  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: Stephen Joseph Zorc Jr and Barbara Ann Zorc  
Building Number(s): 14  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1411-1413, 1415-1416, 1421-1426  
Phase: I  
UDI Points: 287,000 / 63,185,500  
Loan Default Amount: \$6,577.10  
Costs: \$332.71  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$7,909.81  
Property Owners: Alfred M. Green and Clara J. Green  
Building Number(s): 11  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1111-1116, 1121, 1124-1126  
Phase: I  
UDI Points: 318,500 / 60,310,500  
Loan Default Amount: \$9,491.39  
Costs: \$332.71  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$10,824.10  
Property Owners: Janet Martino and Fredrick K. White and Elliott Thomas White  
Building Number(s): 12  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1211-1216, 1221, 1224-1226  
Phase: II  
UDI Points: 128,000 / 60,310,500  
Loan Default Amount: \$15,487.75  
Costs: \$332.71  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$16,820.46  
Property Owners: Dorothy M. Ross and Jerry D. Ross  
Building Number(s): 13  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1311-1316, 1321-1323, 1325 and 1326  
Phase: III  
UDI Points: 231,000 / 63,185,500  
Loan Default Amount: \$25,950.60  
Costs: \$332.71  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$27,283.31

In Teal Landing Condominium. All as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Numbers 20102922, 20105650, 20106879, 20203146, 20204764, 20304272, 20209496, and subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded at Reception Number 20007580, and all subsequent supplemental Plats or Declaration thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Published August 26, September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Tel: 970.264.2400  
Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Plaintiff  
v.  
Darvin Patrick, et al  
Defendants  
Case No.: 2021CV30037

**ARCHULETA COUNTY AUGUST 2021 PAYABLES**

VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	FLEET/ACSO-PARTS & SUPPLIES	1,207.51
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	1,698.20
ALPINE PORTABLE TOILETS	R&B - PORTA TOILETS	270.00
ALSCO	ACSO/DISPATCH/R&B-RUG SERVICES, UNIFORMS	719.22
ALVIN SCHAAF	CCI WESTERN DISTRICT MTG	94.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	JAIL-OFFICE SUPPLIES	472.85
AMERICAN JAIL ASSOCIATION	JAIL-MEMBERSHIP	60.00
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INS.	COUNTY LIFE INSURANCE	1,482.00
ANDREW JESKE	DHS-PER DIEM CLIENT XPORT	114.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY SOLID WASTE	FLEET/R&B-DISPOSAL	750.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY VICTIM ASST.	DHS-TANF CONTRACT SVCS 7/21	1,667.00
ARCHULETA SENIORS, INC.	COMMISS-3RD QTR GRANT FUNDS	38,750.00
AT YOUR DISPOSAL	COUNTY TRASH	926.00
AT&T MOBILITY LLC.	ACSO/DHS-CELL PHONES & CONNECTIONS	1,980.96
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	IT-DRONE SOFTWARE	3,749.00
BADGEANDWALLET.COM	JAIL-UNIFORMS	251.00
BANK OF COLORADO	EMPLOYEE HSA CONTRIBUTIONS	100.00
BANK OF THE SAN JUANS	EMPLOYEE HSA CONTRIBUTIONS	374.64
BECK PLUMBING INC.	DISPATCH-GAS CONNECT/GENERATOR	250.00
BENJAMIN FOX	DHS-CLIENT SUPPLY REIMB.	81.12
BI INCORPORATED	ACSO-ASP MONITORING	395.10
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	COUNTY GAS	872.56
BRENT ARCHULETA	B&G-LANDSCAPE REIMBURSE	90.00
BUCKSKIN TOWING & REPAIR	ACSO PATROL/FLEET-IMPOUND TOW FEES, PARTS & SUPPLIES	1,549.25
CABE'S COLLISION	FLEET - PARTS & LABOR	4,335.86
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	COUNTY COPIER CONTRACT	2,540.73
CARL MACHT	EXTENSION-1ST AID/CPR TRAINING	160.00
CARLA ELLIOTT	ASSR-CATA CONFERENCE REIMBURSE	266.00
COEERA- EMP RETIREMENT	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	100,920.67
CDW GOVERNMENT LLC.	IT-COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	1,181.94

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Atty. Reg. No.: 51651  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):**  
**EMIMA PATRICK**  
**ROBERT OWEN**  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION PLAINTIFF: SHEREE M. BALA**  
**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complainant to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing with 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.  
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado more particular described as follows:  
**LOT 17 IN LOMA LINDA SUBDIVISION UNIT ONE, according to the Plat thereof filed for record May 2, 1978 as Reception Nos 91217 and 91218**  
Respectfully submitted this 7th day of September, 2021.  
/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler  
Daniel L. Fiedler  
First publication: September 16, 2021  
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Phone Number: 970-264-8160  
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ALVIN SCHAAF	CCI WESTERN DISTRICT MTG	94.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	JAIL-OFFICE SUPPLIES	472.85
AMERICAN JAIL ASSOCIATION	JAIL-MEMBERSHIP	60.00
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INS.	COUNTY LIFE INSURANCE	1,482.00
ANDREW JESKE	DHS-PER DIEM CLIENT XPORT	114.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY SOLID WASTE	FLEET/R&B-DISPOSAL	750.00
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CABE'S COLLISION	FLEET - PARTS & LABOR	4,335.86
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	COUNTY COPIER CONTRACT	2,540.73
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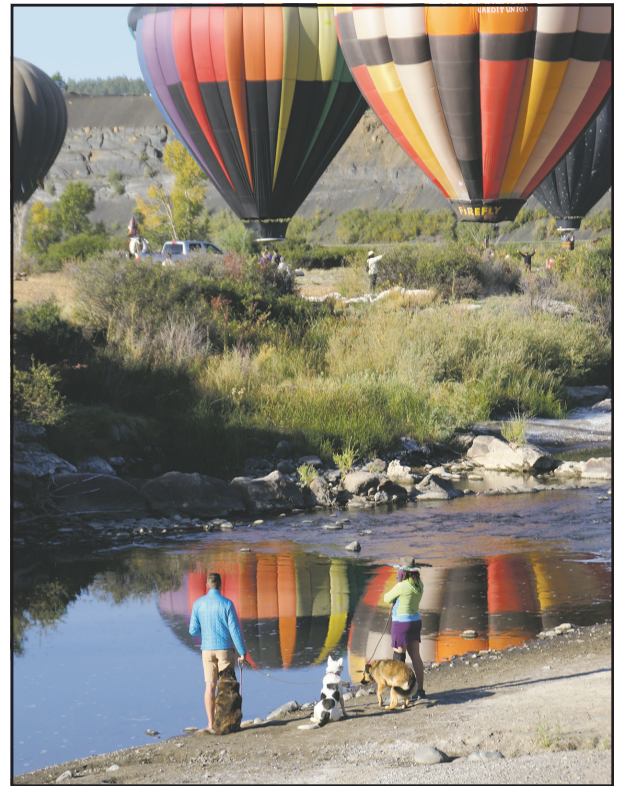
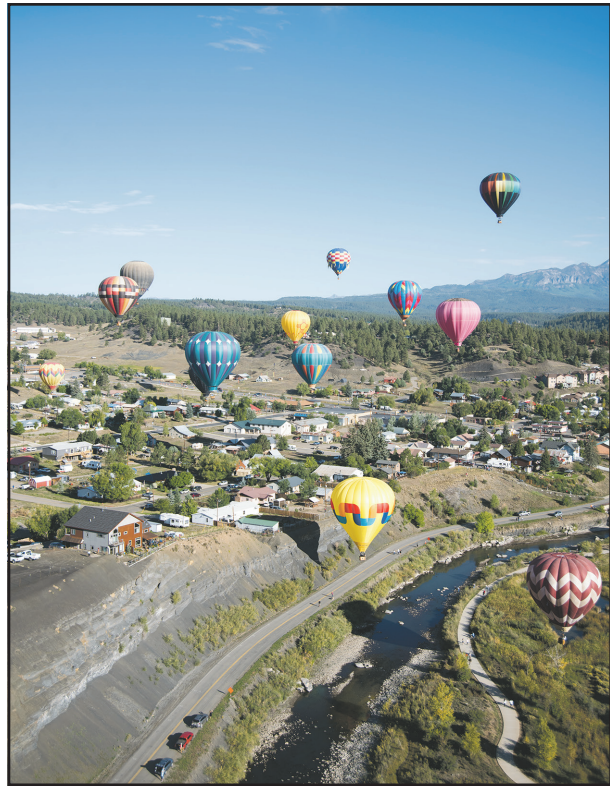
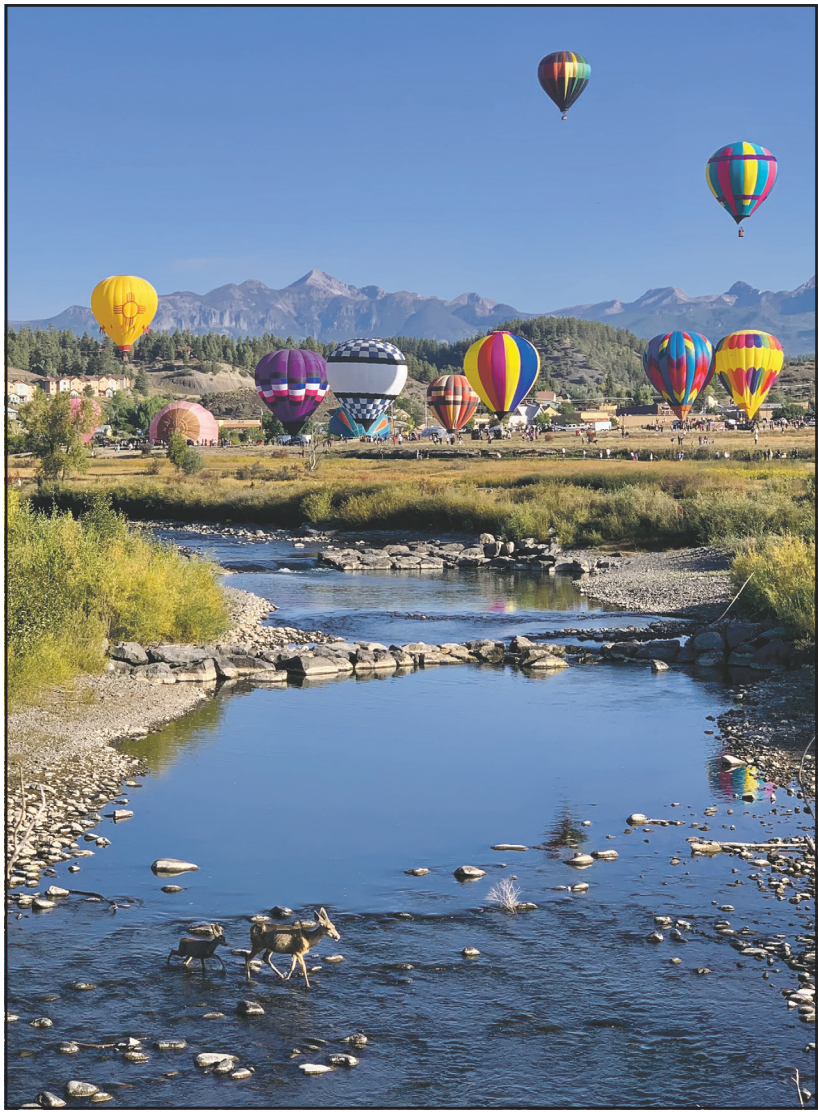
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**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION PLAINTIFF: SHEREE M. BALA**  
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**LOT 17 IN LOMA LINDA SUBDIVISION UNIT ONE, according to the Plat thereof filed for record May 2, 1978 as Reception Nos 91217 and 91218**  
Respectfully submitted this 7th day of September, 2021.  
/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler  
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# ColorFest

Photos: Terri House, Barry Knott,  
Maria Kolpin, Randi Pierce

ColorFest's balloon launch on Saturday did not disappoint. Local photographers shared photos of deer that were spotted crossing the San Juan River, pilots preparing to launch, balloon reflections in the river and more.



## Cross-country

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Christiansen points out that Bowles was only 21 seconds off of first.

"He was going for it the whole race and was close! It was also a very impressive race, considering he was sub-20 on that course!" the coach wrote.

Levi Hinger was the next Pirate across the line, taking ninth with a time of 21:10.

David Morehouse ran the course in 21:52 to take 11th, and Jesse Beck followed in 13th with a time of 22:09.

Tomas McNeill claimed 24th with a time of 24:33, and Kyle Marotta garnered 27th with a time of 25:11.

"As a team, the boys also finished in 2nd place!" Christiansen highlights. "They were 16 points off of 1st, and while that isn't as close as the girls, I still think they can beat Centauri. We just need our 5th and

6th runners to get a little closer to our 4th runner. But, with our home meet up next, anything is possible!"

Saturday, the Pirates will host the Pagosa Springs Cross Country Challenge atop Reservoir Hill.

The meet is slated to begin at 9 a.m. and will include both middle school and high school races.

"We are looking forward to running at home this weekend! It's going to be awesome," Christiansen wrote.



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# Art Above Violence

Saturday, Sept. 25.



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September 23, 2021





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Saturday's sixth annual Art Above Violence, will feature survivor stories represented through art and performance. The fundraiser will also celebrate 25 years of Rise Above Violence.

## 'Coming Together for Change': Sixth annual Art Above Violence planned for Saturday

By Ashley Wilson  
Rise Above Violence

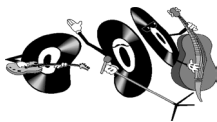
As we come together for the sixth annual Art Above Violence show and to celebrate Rise's 25th anniversary year, we are asking you to join us Saturday, Sept. 25. Come celebrate with us and honor the stories that the

art and performance represent.

This year, our theme is "Coming Together for Change"; we at Rise truly believe that if we all come together that we can see the end of relationship violence in our community. We believe that our community has the collective power to change the story, starting

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### Live Performers



**Thursday**  
Springs Resort soaking pools: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.

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

**Saturday**  
East Side Market: Steve Blechschmidt, 10 a.m.

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

**Tuesday**  
Springs Resort soaking pools: Victor Cosio, 5 p.m.

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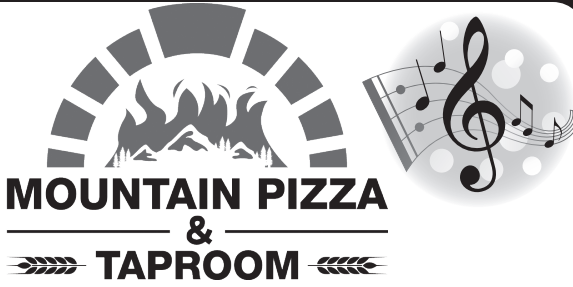
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 with youth in our community. We can change the conversation for youth, we can give them positive relationships to look up to and educate them on dating red flags.  
 Beyond youth, we each have a circle of influence in our jobs, churches, friend groups and other ways we are involved in our community. Since one in four women will experience violence in their lifetime, chances are you know someone who has experienced or is currently experiencing domestic violence.

This year, we are back in person. We do have a lovely outdoor option, weather permitting, for attendees at the Tennyson Building Event Center. VIP hour starts at 6 p.m. and tickets are \$75. VIP ticket holders get to meet artists early with smaller crowds, upgraded appetizers, one drink included and special entertainment. General admission is 7 to 9 p.m. and tickets are \$30. There will be heavy appetizers and a cash bar.

Funds raised by the Art Above Violence show supports victims and survivors in our community; because of our generous community sponsors, 100 percent of your ticket purchase goes directly back to serve our community. Funds also support our youth violence prevention programs providing important education and intervention for youth.

Rise served more than 400 victims in 2020. Your support of this event allows us to provide a wide range of support that allows victims to get on the path toward healing.

Art Above Violence is one of three fundraising events that Rise hosts every year. It is also the kick-off event for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

Other things happening for

Domestic Violence Awareness Month include proclamations by the Pagosa Springs Town Council on Oct. 5 and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on Oct. 19. Look for the purple ribbons on main street and join us for Coffee Talk on Oct. 21 at 9 a.m., held at Tennyson Building Event Center as well as on Facebook Live. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for other activities that will happen throughout the month

that show support for victims in our community.

Rise is a nonprofit organization which promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence. Rise provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving more than 350 victims each year. Rise also works to eliminate violence

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## Food Coalition seeking groups to hold monthly food drives

By Rose Chavez

Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The Food Coalition is looking for community groups, organizations and individuals to sign up to host a monthly food drive to support the six food pantries of the Food Pantry Network in Archuleta County.

As we head into the fall season and with the first frost imminent, there are community members in need of healthy food provisions. The Food Coalition is looking for one group a month to hold the food drive in collaboration with us. For additional information, please contact the Food Coalition at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com or call (401) 371-3227.

### Sept. 25 last day for Pagosa Farmers Market

The last day of the Pagosa Farmers Market is Saturday, Sept. 25.

After months of tables covered with tomatoes, beets, lush greens, jams and baked goods, the Pagosa Farmers Market season is coming to a close this Saturday, Sept. 25. The market has had a great season with a good customer turnout from locals and visitors alike.

Our vendors and our staff wish to say thank you for a successful season. This last farmers market

of the season will feature many of our favorite vendors that have been with us all season including your favorite toffee maker, fresh breads, gluten-free and vegan options, beets, squash, pasture raised chicken, pastries and more.

In addition, there will be Mirasol green chile from Pueblo, Colo., which is very meaty with a sweet flavor and medium heat.

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Take this opportunity also to stock up on the freshest home-grown produce from our local farmers and food producers. Consider canning, freezing or dehydrating the bountiful harvest for the winter ahead.

We continue to accept SNAP EBT cards and will double the value of the first \$20 purchase with free Double up Buck from Nourish Colorado to purchase Colorado grown fresh fruits and vegetables. We also continue to accept coupons distributed by Area Agency on Aging; however, this is

the last market where they can be redeemed. So, make it down and the earlier the better. We close for the season at 1 p.m.

### Community Conversation today

The community is invited to join the Food Coalition Community Conversation today, Sept. 23, from 2 to 3 p.m., when we will virtually meet with the staff from the Cultivating Bernalillo County Grow the Growers program.

This program is a comprehensive

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

The 15th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha will take place in Town Park rain or shine. The festival includes a morning trail race, a Mexican beer garden, margarita contest and green chile cook-off and tasting, all-day kids corner, and fresh green chile roasted on-site.

Sangre Joven will be returning this year with live Latin music.

Sangre Joven originated in the Northern New Mexico pueblo of Las Vegas. Their style of music consists of rancheras, cumbias, corridos, polkas and walses, traditional to their heritage for centuries.

The band began its musical journey back in 1988 when Lorenzo Miguel Gallegos and brother Daniel Lee Gallegos founded the group. Several other members have attributed to the success throughout the last two decades including artists such as Robert Gonzales, Michael Marquez y Dulzura, Joaquin Maestas of Quemoso, Bobby Madrid and Lorenzo Miguel. The result of these collaborations was 11 successful CDs. The first album was recorded in 1989 and was entitled "Sangre Joven De Las Vegas, New Mexico."



Photo courtesy Jacque Aragon

**Saturday's 15th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha, set to take place in Town Park rain or shine, includes a morning trail race, margarita contest and green chile cook-off and tasting, all-day kids corner, and more.**

Three other albums followed, "Esta Vida," "On The Run" and "Mal Ideas" which were such a huge success that they established Sangre Joven as an opening act for Los Lobos in 1994.

From these four albums, numerous original hits were produced including "Linda Morena," "Esta Vida," "Chiquitita de Mi Vida," "Triste Aqui," "Soy Musiquero," "El Carrito Chevy (55)" and many more.

During the summer of 1998, Sangre Joven released its fifth CD titled "Mala Sangre." This album boasted an impressive brass section that was added and more original songs. Sangre Joven wrote and arranged "Alegre Corazon," "Poco A Poco," "Sin tus Besos," "La Mas Hermosa" and "Besitos de Amor" (which was nominated for Best Salsa/Tropical song of the year). This CD's success

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## Food

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sive farm training and business acceleration initiative designed to attract new and emerging farmers into professional food production.

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generation of food entrepreneurs.

This conversation is intended to stimulate a dialogue amongst the community about growing more growers and food entrepreneurs in Archuleta County. Join us on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/610611222?pwd=TzdpUmI0djhDdmJYVGt4NXBjNjZkZz09>.

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## Stargazers to host 'Our Favorite Star' program tonight

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 an extremely interesting 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 Observatory on Maui.

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

You will also be able to order a beautiful 2022 Deep Sky Mysteries Calendar to be paid for when you get it in late October.

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.

## Cha Cha

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inspired and encouraged them to record a new enhanced CD entitled "Nortenisimo."

In 2006, Sangre Joven released an all-original CD titled "Sangre Joven," which consisted of 10 original songs all written by Daniel Lee Gallegos in the style of New Mexico music. Two of the original songs off the CD, "Te Me Fuistes" and "Y Que" appeared in the top five on KSLV's "Horas Latina" with Jerry Medina in Monte Vista, Colo. Also, a TV appearance on the "Anthony Segura Show" in Albuquerque in late December of that year elevated the band to new heights.

From 2009 to 2012, Daniel Lee Gallegos decided to put Sangre Joven on the back burner. He concentrated on releasing two CDs with his brothers Rey and Francisco Gallegos. The CDs, entitled "Puro, Pinche, Party" and "A.T.M." brought many nominations in several categories of the New Mexico Hispano Music Association. Daniel Lee Gallegos also released his first solo CD, "Puras Conocidas." It earned him a nomination for Corrido of the Year for Reyes Ruiz.

In 2013 the band went through a

transformation and became a five-piece group again, tying its music to its traditional roots. They released a CD called "Act Right" ("Portate Bien") and toured the southwest states of New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Arizona and Utah. They also got nominated for Salsa/Tropical Song of the Year for the song La Camisa Negra by the New Mexico Hispano Music Association.

With such tremendous success, the band released its ninth studio album titled "Que Viva La Raza" in 2014 and it catapulted them to perform over 100 shows that year at many casinos, fiestas, weddings, family reunions and private functions.

In 2015, Daniel Lee Gallegos released his second solo CD, "Hasta El Ultimo Cartucho," and he started performing with a full brass horn section, in full New Mexican style. Later that year, Los Gallegos Brozz released their third studio CD, "Puros Exitos."

In 2016, Sangre Joven released its 10th CD called "Fierce" with Bobby Madrid, and the song "Carta Jugada" hit No. 1 in Colorado (KSLV) and is on heavy rotation at all major radio

stations in New Mexico.

In 2018, Sangre Joven released its 11th CD entitled "Corridos."

In 2019, Sangre Joven released its 12th studio CD entitled "30th Anniversary 1989-2019," celebrating 30 years in the music industry with thousands of shows and a total of 19 albums combined.

Daniel Lee Gallegos was presented with the 2019 Corazon de Cultura Award in Music by the Hispanic Heritage Committee for his accomplishments with promoting and preserving Hispanic culture, history and heritage for 30 years.

The band released its 13th studio album entitled "2020" and has been well received during the pandemic with three No. 1 hits on the charts.

The band members are Manny Lucero (drums), Gerald (bass), Ray Lucero (saxophone), Bobby Madrid (trumpet), and the original band member Daniel Lee Gallegos (lead guitar/vocals).

Sangre Joven's goal is to keep New Mexico music, rancheras alive and make people happy with their God-given talent.

We hope to see you dancing at the Cha Cha.



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# Passport to Wine and Food Festival

Photos courtesy Jeff Laydon

The Passport to Wine and Food Festival, part of ColorFest, gave event goers the chance to listen to live music while sampling wines from around the world and local cuisine and helping to choose the winners of the Golden Whisk Awards.



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# Plan to be a part of It's a Wonderful Life: An Old Fashioned Pagosa Christmas

By Shari Pierce  
Special to The PREVIEW

Though the weather has been delightfully hot this summer, there are some in our community who are already looking forward to the holiday season and, hopefully, some snow.

This will be the inaugural year for It's a Wonderful Life: An Old Fashioned Pagosa Christmas. The event is planned to be a one-way stroll along the Riverwalk on Dec. 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Along the Riverwalk will be various Christmas-themed displays and activities. This is where the assistance of area nonprofits, businesses, acoustic musicians and anyone else with an idea to help our community come together to celebrate the season is requested.

A segment of the route may be adopted to provide a holiday activity, scene, music or another creative idea you may have to share the holiday spirit. Organizers

ask that there be no charge to participants to make this more inclusive to all as we encourage the spirit of giving. Donations may be accepted.

Those who adopt a segment of the route will be asked to creatively light their segment without using a power source. Luminarias or other low-impact and safe lighting are suggested.

Those who walk the route will be provided glow sticks.

If your nonprofit or business would like to participate in this event, please see more details and fill out the participation form at: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRXWYm6V3Y-SNnw8SCKNyH4ZrRHCr3wry84B0jao\\_gpMEjSw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRXWYm6V3Y-SNnw8SCKNyH4ZrRHCr3wry84B0jao_gpMEjSw/viewform?usp=sf_link).

This event is a collaboration of the Town of Pagosa Springs and The Pagosa Springs SUN.

Please help us to come together to produce a fun and festive activity for our community.

# Community Band looking for musicians

By Susy Mekeal  
Community Band

One of the hidden gems in Pagosa Springs is the Community Band. The band is a wonderful opportunity to dust off your instrument and get your chops in shape. It is also a great way to meet some new people with a passion for music. The band gathers three times a year for a concert and our fall concert is just around the corner.

The first rehearsal for the Community Band's fall concert will be Sunday, Oct. 3, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School band room. The remaining rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 2 p.m. and a dress rehearsal Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. The concert will be Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. We welcome newcomers and those that have played with us in the past for a fun time of music making.

The Community Band is a part

of the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society. The purpose of this group is to support student musicians in Pagosa Springs through music opportunities, scholarships and financial support to the schools. The Community Band also demonstrates that playing a musical instrument is a lifelong skill that lifts the spirit, enhances the community and brings people together. Come join us and support our belief that music is for life.

# New Thought topic: 'The Play of Your Divine Purpose'

By Shayla White Eagle McClure  
New Thought Center  
for Inspirational Living

The theme for our Sunday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. service will be "The Play of Your Divine Purpose." Our speaker will be Dr. Elaine Harding, inspirational counselor and author of "Be Authentic."

The SpiritHeart Band will provide live spirited music.

## Upcoming events

Meditation Circle is every Monday at 6 p.m. with Sarah Low. All are welcome.

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

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

Friday, Sept. 24: Gently used book sale fundraiser for charity, 9 a.m. to noon at the New Thought Community Center, 3505 W. U.S. 160, Pagosa Lodge, second floor.

## About us

The New Thought Community Center promotes living a spiritually centered life and recognizes the philosophies of Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers.

We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. We encourage our members to experience self-empowerment, personal growth, inner peace and feeling part of a community. Our mission is to create a world that works for all and to create a joyful life through awareness of a higher power. We are a "Good Vibe Tribe" that connects a collective spiritual journey. We advance through our music and educational classes/workshops.

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

Location: Pagosa Lodge, 3505 W. U.S. 160, second floor (elevator available). Prayer treatment requests and contact can be made by emailing [pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com](mailto:pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com); mailing to P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or texting (970) 510-0309.

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# Clubs for kids of every age beginning soon

By Frank and Connie Porter  
Child Evangelism Fellowship

Clubs for kids of every age are beginning now. Kids Kare began on Wednesday and will continue each week through April 13, 2022, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This is our ninth season of Kids Kare at Pagosa Bible Church. Kids Kare is for 3- to 5-year-old little ones who love to sing, play games, do crafts, listen to Bible stories and so many more activities they can do with friends their own age.

The club for elementary-age children is the Good News Club. It will begin on Friday, Sept. 24, and continue each week through April 15, 2022, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Good News Clubs meets at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive (behind Wells Fargo Bank). This program is for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. Our first club will be a "Super Sleuth" party with a spy theme and will include games, music, teaching time and small group time.

A Good News Club is also scheduled to begin on Oct. 1 at Amazing Grace Church in Aspen Springs. The volunteers for all clubs are screened before we invite them to join the team. The clubs are free to all kids who want to come for a

fun-filled two hours.

To register, email Connie Porter at frank.connie@coloradocef.org or call her at (303) 901-5290. You can also register by emailing Lori Schmaelzle at lori@coloradocef.org or call her at (970) 585-4147.

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## 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: tel: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. 26, our theme is "God's Gifts and Bounties."

"What blazing crowns of glory the Most Great Name, the Ancient Beauty hath set on the brows of His beloved, what bounties He hath bestowed on the hearts of those He holdeth dear, what a love he hath

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# Removing common activity barriers

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

Famously, Jane Brody provides some pithy advice that we all understand but find it hard to put into practice: “The secret to successful aging is to recognize one’s issues and adapt accordingly.”

Physical activity is well-known for improving our quality of life on so many levels. So, let’s consider what stops us from getting the level of activity that will help keep us physically fit and mentally sharp.

A new paper from the Mather Institute gives some insight into why the “majority of older adults — many of whom understand the importance of physical activity for their ongoing health and independence — do not participate in regular activity.”

A few items from the report might help to spark ideas for your setting:

- Outreach materials work as the primary motivator for adults 60 and better. If you run a fitness program that works with this audience, consider how your outreach is working. During the pandemic, with most everything shut down, have you been able to make accommodations and keep your participants active?

- Fear of injury and mobility limitations are valid concerns when individuals do not know how to exercise safely and effectively. Options include “exercising indoors when the weather is poor, resistance training, knowledge of malnutrition, intellectual training and other health-related topics.”

## Senior News

- A significant motivator can be reframing exercise as a facilitator for improved function due to the benefits that exercise brings for managing pain or chronic conditions such as osteoarthritis, extended recovery time and overall poor health.

Whatever activity you choose, it needs to be interesting and fun for the participants. As we work toward getting our own in-person health and education programs back open, you can find low-impact, online options for in-home exercise on our website through our alliance with Mather.

Our site also provides a wide variety of resources on aging, active engagement, provider and caregiver education, and information about ASI programs in Archuleta County, as well as contact information for making reservations at The Community Café for take-out and for Meals on Wheels at: <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

### 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.

### Community Café menu

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

Friday, Sept. 24 — Pork posole, baked rice, milk, fruit salad, flan and mixed nuts.

Monday, Sept. 27 — Beef stroganoff, green beans, milk, salad and cherry crisp.

Tuesday, Sept. 28 — Vegetarian Moroccan stew, roasted cauliflower, naan bread, milk and salad.

Wednesday, Sept. 29 — Roasted chicken with Herbes de Provence, caramelized butternut squash, milk, salad and cranberry fluff.

Thursday, Sept. 30 — Pork sausage with red beans and rice, collard greens, cornbread with butter, milk and salad.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up.

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

# Devotionals

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cast into the breasts of humankind, and what treasures of friendship He hath made to appear amongst all men.” — Abdu’l-Baha.

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dially 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).

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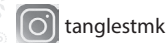


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# Preview Calendar

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

## 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@fsfearchuleta.org](mailto:community@fsfearchuleta.org) or (401) 371-3227.

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

**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.

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**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.

**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.

**San Juan Stargazers Meeting.** 6 p.m. social time, meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Community United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 434 Lewis St. We will have an extremely interesting 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 Observatory on Maui. Keil will talk about the latest research being done and possible problems we may experience on earth.

## Friday, Sept. 24

**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.** 8-11:30 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/>.

**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.

**Good News Club.** 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. For those in kindergarten-6th grade. Includes games, music, teaching time and small group time. To register, email Connie Porter at [frank.connie@coloradocef.org](mailto:frank.connie@coloradocef.org) or call her at (303) 901-5290. You can also register by emailing Lori Schmaelzle at [lori@coloradocef.org](mailto:lori@coloradocef.org) or call her at (970) 585-4147.

**Gaming.** 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video

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**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, approximately 1 p.m. There are still spaces available to participate. The cost 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/> by Wednesday, Sept. 22.

**Saturday, Sept. 25**

**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.

**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.

**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/>.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Center-

point 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 healing 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.

**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/>.

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 28**

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

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**WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) Meeting.** 11:30 a.m., Elk Trace B&B, off Piedra Road and Stevens Lake Road. All adult women are welcome. The price is \$15. RSVPs are needed; call (970) 946-1895.

**Adult DIY: Ombre Art.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Take-and-make, simple ombre art. Ombre is a painting and decorating technique where one color hue is blended into another hue. Join us in person at this DIY and we will supply the materials to create a classy-looking piece of art that you can enjoy in your home or office. Find more DIY videos at: <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-diy/>. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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**Teen Advisory Board.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to help plan library events. Let us know what you think the library should be doing for you. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**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

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**Wednesday, Sept. 29**

**Kids Kare Club.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. For kids 3-5 years old. For little ones who love to sing, play games, do crafts, listen to Bible stories and so many more activities they can do with friends their own age. To register, email Connie Porter at frank.connie@coloradocef.org or call her at (303) 901-5290. You can also register by emailing Lori Schmaelzle at lori@coloradocef.org or call her at (970) 585-4147.

**Family Storytime with Kathy Carter.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Miss Kathy will join us to share a story and lead some activities. Join us for great stories, fun games and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

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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. 30**

**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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**PALS Adult Education.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can

help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more! Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Friday, Oct. 1**

**Good News Club.** 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. For those in kindergarten-6th grade. Includes games, music, teaching time and small group time. To register, email Connie Porter at frank.connie@coloradocef.org or call her at (303) 901-5290. You can also register by emailing Lori Schmaelzle at lori@coloradocef.org or call her at (970) 585-4147.

**Good News Club.** 2-4 p.m., Amazing Grace Church, 99 Navajo Circle, Aspen Springs. For those in kindergarten-6th grade. Includes games, music, teaching time and small group time. To register, email Connie Porter at frank.connie@coloradocef.org or call her at (303) 901-5290. You can also register by emailing Lori Schmaelzle at lori@coloradocef.org or call her at (970) 585-4147.

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

**Saturday, Oct. 2**

**Cottage Foods Training.** Online event offered by CSU Extension office. Go to CSU's Facebook page or visit <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/> to register.

**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.

**Pagosa Springs Girls' Varsity Volleyball.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Alamosa.

**Monday, Oct. 4**

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

**Tuesday, Oct. 5**

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County Breakfast Meeting.**

9 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.

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## CRYPTO FUN

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to the wilderness.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 14 = E)

**A. 5 19 11 25 5 7 15**

Clue: Outdoor creatures

**B. 8 2 9 14 15 1**

Clue: Woods

**C. 19 5 1 23 9 14**

Clue: Plants, animals and landscape

**D. 14 24 20 7 2 9 14**

Clue: Look around

Answers: A. animals B. forest C. nature D. explore



# Invasive species: A threat to biodiversity

By Ethan Proud  
PREVIEW Columnist

## Extension Viewpoints

After discussing how to control invasive species for an entire summer and the tool kit available to landowners, it is time to find out why we really need to control noxious weeds.

Perhaps this article should have gone first, but it is a good note to end the season. It will make a season of hard work more fulfilling and may spur on a more aggressive plan for next year — just remember to use an integrated pest management plan for maximum results.

Invasive species may seem innocuous, pretty, good forage for your salad, etc., but the damage they do to ecosystems can be irreparable. According to the National Wildlife Federation, 42 percent of endangered and threatened species are at risk because of invasive species. When a new species is introduced to an ecosystem, it likely lacks its native predators and pathogens, and native species have not evolved to compete with it or feed on it.

Many invasive plants are not selected as forage by livestock or wildlife. Insect and plant species

often co-evolve and cannot survive without their host plant or specific pollinator. Monarch butterflies, for example, feed almost exclusively on milkweeds. When native vegetation is displaced by an invasive species, wildlife can no longer forage and they can be pushed out by the presence of a non-native plant.

Another threat invasive species pose to native ecosystems is wildfire. Annual grasses like cheatgrass, medusahead and ventenata alter the fire regime and result in more frequent and hotter fires. In Archuleta County, nobody needs to be reminded why wildfires can be bad. While they are part of the natural order, when that order is altered it can have disastrous effects on plant and animal life.

Aquatic invasive species can effectively crowd out all other native vegetation, block sunlight and

clog waterways. The recreationists who flock to the waterways each weekend and track out fragments of plant matter on propellers, fishing gear and boots often spread this species. On land, the same effect can be observed; invasive plants are excellent hitchhikers and can find a ride on your boots, your dog, your tires or your horse's manure. To prevent the spread of invasive species, use PlayCleanGo practices. Always clean your gear after recreating, use weed-free forage and report invasive species to the proper authority.

*Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.*

### 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, 4:30 to 6 p.m.: 4-H open house at the Extension office. Please visit the website, Facebook or call for times to sign up.



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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 Cassin's vireo.

This bird is one of our fall migrants, passing through on its journey from summer breeding grounds in dry, open forests of the far western parts of North America to its winter grounds in Mexico. In migration, it appears in almost any wooded habitat.

The name vireo is derived from the Latin word which translates as "to be green" and most birds in this family are colored in shades of olive green, gray and yellow. Prior to 1997, the Cassin's was included with the blue-headed and plumbeous vireos in one species known as the solitary vireo. Genetic sequencing determined that they are in fact similar but separate species.

The plumbeous vireo, which spends the summer and breeds here, is a gray bird. The Cassin's has olive-gray upper parts, a gray head, white underparts and a yellow wash on the sides and two white bars on the wings. Both of these vireos have prominent white eye rings that extend across the beak, giving them the appearance of wearing spectacles.

Like warblers, these vireos forage in trees for insects and spiders which they glean from needles, leaves, branches and twigs. However, unlike warblers which feed by flitting from place to place in the tree, vireos search slowly and methodically. Cassin's vireos most often forage at fairly low levels in the outer sections of trees. In winter, they add small seeds and fruits to their diet.

John Cassin, for whom this bird is named, published the first major book on birds of the western United States.

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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## COLOR RUN/WALK

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Scene ... a colorful run under colorful skies. Saturday's Color Run/Walk, hosted by Aspen House and Aspen Services as part of the weekend's ColorFest event, doused runners and walkers with color as they completed the course during the hot air balloon ascension.









## Two generations of talented authors in local family

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Regular readers of this “Library News” column may remember that local veterinarian and author Patty Latham has written two books that feature the adventures of a fictional Pagosa veterinarian named Dr. Josie Tate. Now, Patty’s son Jim Latham has published a collection of 12 very short stories titled “Noon in Florida,” and she has donated a copy to the library for your reading pleasure.

Known as flash fiction or micro fiction because of their brevity, the minimalist stories cover a wide variety of topics from a dying father and the value of palm trees to the immigration situation and the joy of paying off the mortgage on a cabin. They demonstrate Jim Latham’s deft skill at sketching an empathetic scene with descriptive detail using only a very few words.

A former Pagosa resident and frequent visitor to stay in touch with family and friends here, Jim Latham has moved to Oaxaca, Mexico, to concentrate on his writing. Pagosa is well-known for our high number of talented published writers, and these two Lathams are good examples. All three of the Latham books are available at your library in the local authors section.

### 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.

### LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids age 6 to 12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10 to 11 a.m. for the free LEGO Club. LEGO challenges also are posted on Facebook.

### Teen advisory board

Next Tuesday, Sept. 28, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. in the library. Sixth- through 12th-graders are invited to bring

## Library News

your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs.

### Adult DIY

Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 2 to 3 p.m. for this free in-person DIY event on simple ombre art. Ombre is a painting and decorating technique where one color is blended into another. We will supply the materials for you to create a classy-looking piece of art to display in your home or office. Find more DIY videos on your library’s website at: <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-diy/>

### Special family storytime

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us in the library garden for free in-person children’s stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move. On Sept. 29, we will have a special storytime when guest Kathy Carter will share a story and lead some activities.

Saturday’s Discovery Times continue on Facebook at 2:30 p.m. with games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more.

### Dungeons and Dragons

Join us Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. for our ongoing Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults on Google Meet. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) to learn how to join. If you don’t have Internet access, contact us anyway — we may be able to accommodate you in the library.

### How-to and self-help

“It’s Your Funeral” by Kathy Benjamin is a practical guide to planning your own funeral. “The Weekday Vegetarians” by Jenny Rosenstrach contains innovative plant-based recipes to help you cut back on meat without living on scrambled eggs and bean burritos. “Braiding Sweetgrass” by indigenous scientist Robin Wall Kimmerer is a new, enhanced edition of this guide to ecological consciousness. “Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks” is the second edition of this Fodor travel guide. “Design a Healthy Home” by Oliver Heath contains 100 ideas to create a restorative, nurturing environment in your home. “Mushroom Wanderland” by master forager and chef Jess Starwood helps you identify 25 species of mushrooms and their uses.

### Tolkien writings

“The Nature of Middle Earth” by J.R.R. Tolkien, edited by Carol F. Hostetter, is a collection of writings that reveals the thought paths the author took to better understand his creation of Middle Earth in “The

Lord of the Rings.”

### Other nonfiction

“All In” by Billie Jean King is an autobiography of this star professional tennis player and social activist. “Center Center” by James Whiteside is a collection of essays by this male principal dancer with the American Ballet Theatre who is also a drag queen and pop star. “Every Minute is a Day” by Dr. Robert Meyer and Dan Koeppe is an account of the chaos and compassion of an ER doctor in an emergency room under COVID conditions.

“Home, Land, Security” by Carla Power is an investigation into the reasons for domestic terrorism as explained by their mothers and other influencers. “Shutdown” by Adam Tooze is an analysis of how COVID changed global finance, politics and businesses. “Brothers on Three” by Abe Strep is the true story of family, resistance and hope on a reservation in Montana. “Chasing Me to my Grave” by Winfred Rembert is a memoir of an artist who uses leather tooling skills he learned in prison. “Honor Bound” by Amy McGrath is the biography of a woman combat pilot and instructor, the first female Marine to fly a combat mission in a F/A-18.

### Books on CD

“By the Neck” by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is the first in a new Stoneface Finnegan western series. “Branded” by Eric Red is a Joe Noose western. “The Return of the Wolf” by Larry D. Sweazy is a Josiah Wolfe, Texas Ranger adventure. “A Slow Fire Burning” by Paula Hawkins is written by the author of

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# The treasure we carry inside

My son nailed me to the wall. “What are you going to do with those cabins? You either have to get rid of them or fix them up. They’re falling down.”

“I know, but it’s not about the cabins, but what’s inside.”

He pushed for an answer I wasn’t ready to give.

“I’m not ready to do anything. The buildings are full of my art supplies, two mat drawers brimming over with prints. They hold hundreds of pieces of art.”

He hammered another two-penny nail into my board of reasoning. “But, you’re not painting.”

“I might paint again, but not today.”

“You won’t.”

“I might. I’m still an artist at heart. My art represents my life. For 45 years, I was filled with creative promptings and I painted almost every day. In those moments of time, I was captivated by God’s creative beauty and my heart pumped with the joy of God’s presence as I painted. I experienced the fullness of my potential as an artist.”

When is it time to let go? I guess when we can’t hold on any longer. Sounds simple, but not so easy when we are wrapped up in a person, talent or a conviction giving meaning to our existence. They are not our life, but they define our life.

Today, just like my art, I am romanced by every word I write on the page, words flow into phrases, sentences and paragraphs that cause my heart to stir. When someone responds to my words, it brings me once again into a feeling of completeness.

Several years ago, this is what happened when I invited friends to come to my house for the day. I surprised them. “Pick a painting for yourself, one that speaks to you. It’s not so much the subject as how that painting makes you feel inside when you look at it.”

I had marked a few paintings I

## Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



wanted to keep. My friends ambled through my studio/gallery, almost giddy, as they discussed each painting and where they would hang it. I gave away 17 paintings that day.

It made me happy. It was a God moment. For me to see appreciative hearts and receive a thank you and words of affirmation, it gave me the sense of “it is as it should be.” My art today is still hanging in their homes and cherished. It’s not about letting go, but giving to the ones who I painted them for, knowing or not knowing.

So when my son says, “Time to let go,” I tell him my art carries a treasure in them. I can’t just discard them, but I must pass them on to whom they are intended to be with.

Just like so many of my friends who’ve passed on to the One who has been waiting to receive them. I can’t forget how important they have been to me. They gave gifts of encouragement, prayers and words of advice, thereby imparting their love to me.

They, too, were earthen vessels and the treasure bestowed in them was the excellence of the power of God. It’s how God had touched their lives, thereby touching mine. I was changed by virtue of who they were and knowing them.

Like paintings or well-formed words in a story, our friends are a composition of beautiful colors, strokes of genius and generous hearts. They become a part of our lives to help us define who we are.

I am reminded of a man who many know in our great little town of Pagosa. If you bought a piece of lumber or a can of paint, you prob-

ably met Mark Crain.

I received a note from him. He is one of my readers. Any time I walked into the lumber company, he would holler from across several aisles. “Keep writing and don’t be too hard on Sweet Al.”

Mark did not know how those words encouraged me to keep writing. I needed to hear that someone was reading my work every week. He still encourages me from Fredericksburg, Texas.

“Dearest Sweet Betty, Greetings from Mr. Mark Crain. I hope that this finds you all well and in great spirits. Simple request, do you publish your weekly writing online or is it only in the SUN? Since we have moved to Fredericksburg, Texas, some three months ago, I have kept up with you thru the SUN online ... Wanda is a friend of yours on Facebook at your request and I read your entry today looking out the kitchen window! What a beautiful blessing as always. It would be so special to add your work into my study times. Love you as always and wish you the Best. Mark Crain”

Final brushstroke: People come along and see something in us and they make a place in their heart for us to flourish. As artists and writers, we come along and see something beautiful and when we share it with friends, we open their hearts to the treasure they carry. They are better because of us. We are better because of them.

### Readers’ comments

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

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“The Girl on the Train.”

### Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

“My Heart is a Chainsaw” by Stephen Graham Jones features a teen who is an expert on horror films. “A Slow Fire Burning” by Paula Hawkins is a book by the author of “The Girl on the Train.”

### Other novels

“The Last Chance Library” by Freya Sampson features a reclusive librarian who mounts a campaign to rescue the library.

### Large print

“Ralph Compton: Ride the Ham-

mer Down” by Terrence McCauley is a western in the gunfighter series. “The Return of the Wolf” by Larry D. Sweazy is a Josiah Wolfe, Texas Ranger adventure.

### DVDs

“The Truffle Hunters” is the story of the Italian men and their dogs who hunt rare truffles. “Mortal Kombat” is an adventure about a high stakes battle for the universe.

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First place at last weekend's annual People's Choice Car Show, which featured 25 Corvettes, went to Gary and Debbie Yale in their red 1963 coupe.

## Winning Corvettes from annual People's Choice Car Show announced

By Colleen Williams  
Colorado Springs Corvette Club

Members of the Colorado Springs Corvette Club (CSCC) and a few Pagosa residents brought their Corvette vehicles to Pagosa Springs Inn on Saturday, Sept. 18, for their annual People's Choice Car Show.

For over 20 years, CSCC has come to Pagosa Springs. Twenty-five corvettes participated and over 200 people attended and voted for

their favorite Corvette.

A 1963 C2 red split-window coupe owned by Gary and Debbie Yale had the most votes and easily won first place. Jack and Alice Hester's 2020 C8 rapid blue Z51 convertible won second place, and third place was given to a 2020 C8 accelerate yellow Z51 coupe owned by Todd and Jodie DeShepper.

Chester Pajik awarded Pete and Alta Olejnik his "Chester's Choice Trophy" for their 2002 C5 black Corvette convertible.



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Second place at the annual People's Choice Car Show went to Jack and Alice Lester in their blue 2020 hard top convertible.

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the wilderness.

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Answer: Flower

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Like some streets
- 5 Maintain
- 9 Drinking aid
- 14 Castle, in chess
- 15 Dogtag datum
- 16 Stable sound
- 17 Literary lioness
- 18 Flabbergast
- 19 Boredom
- 20 Playground fixture
- 22 Pastel hue
- 24 Say "All dogs chase squirrels", e.g.
- 26 Luxurious resort
- 28 Cave, in poetry
- 29 Ironfisted ruler
- 33 Short and to the point
- 35 Ration (out)
- 37 Place to build
- 38 Plug a product, e.g.
- 40 Barn owl's prey
- 42 Breezed through
- 43 Little bouquet
- 45 Stopwatch button
- 46 Dennis of comics, for one
- 48 Commotion
- 50 Give it a go
- 51 Words of outrage
- 54 Like some gymnastics bars
- 57 Cherry red color
- 60 Taper off
- 61 Seaweed, for one
- 63 Copies
- 64 Gastric woe
- 65 Email option
- 66 Escape slowly
- 67 A little suspicious
- 68 Quiz answer
- 69 Swirling current

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- 3 White House setting
- 4 Russian edict
- 5 Peeked-at item
- 6 Vintner's vessel
- 7 Take after
- 8 Of the kidneys
- 9 Allergic reaction
- 10 Graceland's state
- 11 Fruit covering
- 12 Malarial fever
- 13 Blender sound
- 21 Inflammation
- 23 MTV feature
- 25 Juliet's beloved
- 26 Cook, as clams
- 27 VP before Harris
- 30 Like some suits
- 31 Playful swimmer
- 32 Short-tempered
- 34 Carbonated mixer

- 36 Use a dressing room
- 39 Witch's work
- 41 Went for a spin
- 44 "Zoolander" actor
- 47 Stalk vegetable
- 49 The '70s, say

- 52 Part of math's LCD
- 53 Wipe clean
- 54 Reiser or Rudd
- 55 Up to snuff
- 56 Olympics event
- 58 Bird feeder filler
- 59 Glimpse
- 62 Safari sight

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

## WORDS

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 BOOTS  
 CAMPSITE  
 CARABINER  
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# How I learned to love maggots

By **Dave Marston**  
PREVIEW Columnist

If you're one of those people who composts everything you can think of because you want to build up your garden soil, you might — like me this summer — learn to love the maggots of black soldier flies. They put composting on speed dial.

When other volunteers planted or weeded at our community garden, I took on running two spinning composting bins. I filled both 50-gallon composters with kitchen scraps and woody material. But, surprise, two Sundays later, black soldier flies had appeared. I'd inadvertently attracted them by leaving the bins in a state of putrescence, because while I was gone for a couple of weeks, no one tended them. They stunk up the place, but the good news was that soldier flies had detected that delicious rot and moved right in.

Peering into the bin, I saw nothing but the flies' off-white larvae wriggling over each other. All that remained were pistachio hulls and wood chips. My first instinct was to call an exterminator, but after watching YouTube and seeing 200,000 fly larvae demolish a pizza, I realized the endless possibilities of maggots — and not just for gardeners.

I've come to think of the creatures as nature's high-tech answer to organic waste. Simply spread the larvae on rotting food — or animal or human poop, for that matter — and they will chew the mess into something remarkably small. (To start your own colony, check out the many YouTube videos that provide helpful tips.)

Wyoming Extension Service entomologist Scott Schell is a fan of black soldier flies. He calls barnyard flies "filth flies" because they stomp around in poop and then hop on food in our kitchens, spreading bacteria that can make people sick. Even nastier, he said, are the stable flies that suck the blood of mammals.

Black soldier flies, however, don't bite. They look something like wasps, and their wriggling larvae can chew through organic material and double their body weight in a day. You could call them the super-grubs of any compost heap.

Black soldier flies, hermetia illucens, are present on six continents and in most states. The adult flies live just two weeks, using up the vast stores of energy accumulated during their five stages of pupation. While growing, the young larvae nosh like guests at an all-you-can-eat buffet, taking short breaks to digest and poop.

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Their poop is called "frass" and it needs more time curing before it can be used as a soil amendment. Because the flies' wondrous guts break down bacteria of all kind, frass contains no pathogens such as E. coli.

For chicken farms or dairy operations that swim in animal waste (one dairy cow produces 120 pounds of manure daily), black soldier flies can seem miraculous. But there's even more to admire because the grubs themselves may be wriggling gold. With a fat content of up to 35 percent, protein up to 50 percent (depending on what they eat) and plenty of calcium, they are a super food for fish or poultry, reports Nature.com.

Because millions of acres of arable land go into cultivating food for animals, and because overfishing has harmed fish populations, the United Nations champions maggots and insect production. Last year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture authorized the sale of insect larvae to commercial fish and chicken farms.

As rural Western towns suburbanize, black soldier flies could also reduce what gets dumped in landfills, but only if kitchen waste gets separated from ordinary trash. Organic waste is a great producer of methane, aka renewable natural gas, and once you remove materials that rot from landfills, you slow climate change.

As a sign of things to come, Enviroflight, a division of Darling Ingredients, is already running a commercial-scale black flies business in Maysville, Ky. It produces pet food and recently announced plans to build a second facility.

As the West grows in population, dealing with not-in-my-backyard issues like smell and flies will move to the top of many municipalities' to-do lists. So just imagine a future where castoff organic waste is up-cycled right in the neighborhood, where it's turned into garden compost, chicken feed and, one day, even biodiesel for buses.

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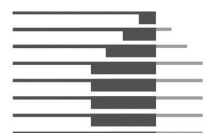


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The Homestake Creek wetlands.

# It's time to stop shipping water across the Rockies

By David O. Williams  
PREVIEW Columnist

It was 1952 when the cities of Aurora and Colorado Springs first started gobbling up water rights in a remote, high mountain valley on the state's Western Slope. The valley is called Homestake and, now, those same cities want even more of its pure water.

In western Colorado, where only about 20 percent of Colorado's population lives, all water tries to flow toward the Pacific Ocean. On the east side, where most people live, water flows to the Atlantic. To bring the water from the west side to the east side of the Rockies requires lots of money and lots of pipelines.

But money isn't much of a barrier when your population is exploding: Colorado Springs, with 478,961 residents, and Aurora, with 386,261, need more water. And they aim to get it even if it must cross under the Continental Divide and damage a fragile and ancient wetland called a "fen" in the process.

The new reservoir the two cities plan to build would be 5 miles downstream from their existing Homestake Reservoir and called Whitney Reservoir after a creek that flows into Homestake Creek. There's also a Whitney Park within the nearby Holy Cross Wilderness Area, which could lose some 500 acres if the new reservoir goes through.

But protesters are already active and conservation groups are threatening lawsuits. Meanwhile, the cities have already quietly

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begun test drilling at four possible dam sites on U.S. Forest Service land along Homestake Creek.

Obstacles, however, are popping up. The Forest Service says it won't even consider a reservoir proposal that shrinks a wilderness area and the cities would have to get that approval from both Congress and the White House.

The U.S. congressman for the district, rising Democratic star Joe Neguse, has also made it clear he doesn't support shrinking a designated wilderness or damaging wetlands.

Local leaders are also chiming in: "A Whitney Reservoir would irreparably change and harm our community," said Minturn Mayor John Widerman and Red Cliff Mayor Duke Gerber, who co-wrote a letter to the Forest Service. Both represent small towns dependent on tourism and outdoor recreation.

State Sen. Kerry Donovan, a Democrat who grew up in the nearby ski town of Vail, also wrote the Forest Service to oppose the dam: "I cannot express how sternly the citizens of my district... oppose water diversion projects to Front Range communities."

Another issue, and for some it's the most critical, is the fate of valuable wetlands. **See Range on next page**

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able “fen” wetlands that would be destroyed by a dam and reservoir.

“This is one of the finest wetlands we can find on our forest — it’s unbelievable,” White River National Forest Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams told Aspen Journalism in 2019. “You can mitigate, but you can’t replace 10,000 years of work.”

Nor can you turn the clock back to 1952, when Colorado’s population was 1.36 million, compared to 5.7 million today, and the global land and ocean temperature was 1.52 degrees Fahrenheit cooler. Climate change, scientists say, will cause the Colorado River to lose up to 31 percent of its historical flow by 2052. That prediction was a factor in a recent, first-ever federal water shortage declaration.

“When Colorado Springs and Aurora got their water right, the [Holy Cross] wilderness wasn’t there and wetlands at that time were something we were just filling in,” said Jerry Mallett, president of the local conservation group Colorado Headwaters. “Since then (wetlands) have become an extremely valuable resource because of what they can do for groundwater re-

charge, addressing climate change — all kinds of things.”

Then there’s the issue of Kentucky bluegrass, Colorado’s landscaping ground cover of choice. Kentucky gets more than 50 inches of rain a year compared to the Front Range average of 17, so why pump western Colorado’s high-elevation water through the Rockies for lawns?

Colorado photographer and conservationist John Fielder, who says he’s been just about everywhere within the nearly 123,000-acre Holy Cross Wilderness Area, wants people to just look at his images of the fen wetlands along Homestake Creek and then ask themselves these questions: “Is anything more sublime and fertile and life-giving than a 10,000-or-more-year-old fen wetland? You can’t ‘mitigate’ the loss of ancient wetlands by creating a manmade wet place somewhere else. No more water to the Front Range.”

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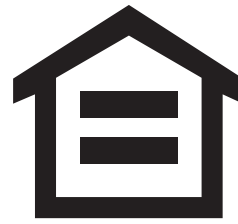
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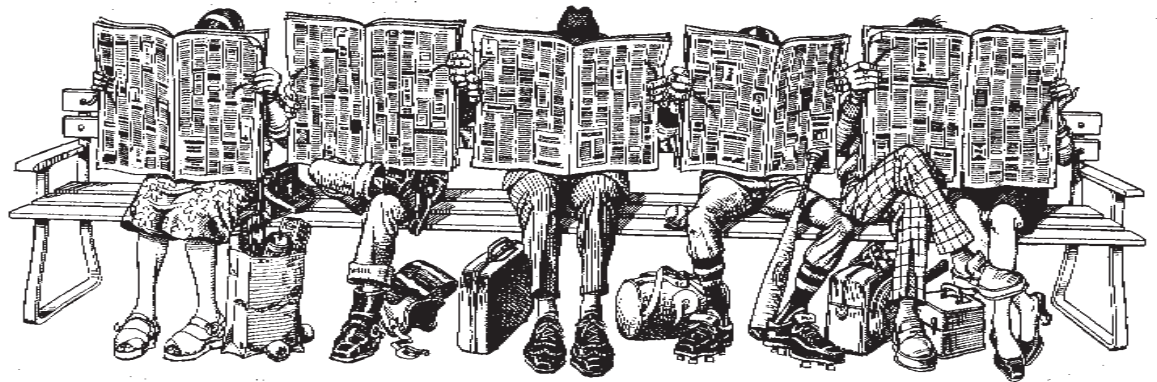


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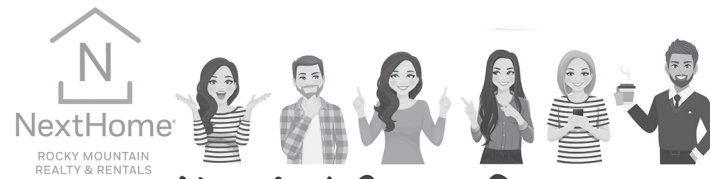
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**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has an opening for a **Coding Analyst**. The Coding Analyst possesses a solid understanding of CPT, ICD-10, and HCPCS Coding and CMS rules and regulations. The Coding Analyst audits and reviews medical documentation for appropriate coding and documentation for the purpose of reimbursement, training, education, and compliance. Gives feedback to the HIM and Patient Registration Manager, and gives suggestions for improvement initiatives. This is a part time position. Part time benefits include the following a 401A retirement plan and optional 457 plan. Compensation range for this position is \$24 to \$27 an hour. Applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's HR Director at [mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**PART-TIME AFTER SCHOOL WORK** available. Bob's LP Gas Inc. (970)264-5823.

**CNA CLASS STARTING SOON.** Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

**FULL TIME- GENERAL LABOR.** Please fill out application with Forest Health Timber Products, LLC, 452 Pagosa Street, Ste. 2A, Pagosa Springs, (970)264-5000.

**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING** a customer oriented person for a full-time cashier position. Knowledge of hardware and building materials is a plus. We offer competitive wages with Holiday pay. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING** a yard associate. Lumber experience is a plus but not necessary. Duties include helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Dr. in Pagosa Springs.

**CHAIRSIDE DENTAL ASSISTANT POSITION** available. Knowledge of dentistry preferred, but willing to train. 3 days per week, Tuesday- Thursday. Apply in person. King Campbell DDS, 228 Village Dr. (970)731-2126.

**HELP WANTED PART-TIME OR** full-time, at Pagosa Bar and Silver Dollar Liquor Store. Must be able to work weekends and nights. Apply at Silver Dollar Liquor Store.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has the following openings: Certified Surgical Technologist, Clinic RN, ED RN, Inpatient RN, Radiology Manager, Medical Technologist, Medical Assistant/ LPN, Paramedic, Registration Clerk, Phlebotomist, Scheduler, Housekeeper, PRN Sterile Processing Tech, PRN Rad /CT Tech, PRN Respiratory Practitioner, PRN Mammo Tech, PRN ED RN, PRN Inpatient RN, & PRN CNAs. PSMC's full-time positions include the following benefits: paid time off; health insurance plans with medical, dental and vision; options for Health Savings account (HSA) or Flexible Health Saving account (FSA); and a 401A retirement plan and optional 457 plan. Applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's HR Director at [mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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**JOURNALIST - THE PAGOSA SPRINGS SUN** is seeking qualified candidates for a reporter position. Must demonstrate aptitude for, and commitment to community newspaper journalism. Candidates must be prepared to handle deadlines, cover breaking news, report on sports and government and write features. Position is up to 30 hours a week. Send cover letter including salary expectations, resume, references and clips to Reporter Position, The Pagosa Springs SUN, PO Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or hand-deliver them to the paper at 457 Lewis St. Emailed submissions are acceptable ([helpwanted@pagosahun.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosahun.com)). The Pagosa Springs SUN, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

**CENTURA HEALTH IS NOW HIRING FOR** A PRN PHYSICAL THERAPIST ROLE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS! Be part of building whole person care and flourishing communities. As a PT, you will be responsible for a continuum of services providing care to patients with neuromuscular, orthopedic and other physically related disorders requiring mobility training, strengthening, modalities, specialized manual therapy and neuromuscular reeducation. PTs utilize rehab process to promote and restore optimal health and well-being of the patient. This role requires: a Physical Therapy degree, Current Colorado state licensure as a Physical Therapist and BLS from the American Heart Association. Learn more and apply at: <https://qrco.de/physicaltherapist>.

**ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website [www.mypagosa-schools.com](http://www.mypagosa-schools.com) under the "Job Postings" icon. Openings for the 21-22 school year include: High School Asst. Cheer Coach, Part-time Family School Classroom Aide, Maintenance Technician, Temporary Maintenance Technician, Bus Driver, Bus Aides, Substitutes all positions. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at [lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us).

**#GETAJOB@PEAKDELI. HIRING LINE COOK,** counter help, management. Full-time, year round work for the right motivated individuals. Stop by for an application or email resume to [peakdeli@gmail.com](mailto:peakdeli@gmail.com).

**PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE- F/T** position. No experience necessary. Competitive pay/benefits. Energetic. Dependable, multi-tasker a must. Submit resumes to Rocky Mountain PT, 35 Mary Fisher Cir.

**SERVERS, HOSTS AND BUSSERS!** Make up to \$25/ hour with our shared tips! If you know hospitality and service, join the team at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. All Team Members share tips. Apply on FB, email [info@pagosa-brewing.com](mailto:info@pagosa-brewing.com), or in-person at 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Cheers!

**SAN JUAN TRADING POST** part-time or full-time help wanted. \$14 starting pay. Computer skills and retail experience a plus. Apply in person, 635 San Juan St. (Hwy 160).



**Lube Tech**  
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**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has an opening for a **Scheduler**. The Scheduling/Pre-Registration Specialist will receive appointment requests, usually by phone, for services and procedures. The Specialist coordinates the exam times per protocol with convenience considered for the patients and departments. Responsible for the accurate and efficient pre-registration of scheduled patients by gathering and recording the patient demographic and insurance data into the computer system. PSMC's full-time positions include the following benefits: paid time off; health insurance plans with medical, dental and vision; options for Health Savings account (HSA) or Flexible Health Saving account (FSA); and a 401A retirement plan and optional 457 plan. Compensation range for this position is \$14.25 to \$16 an hour. Applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosasprings-medicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosasprings-medicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's HR Director at [mitzi.bowman@psmedical-center.org](mailto:mitzi.bowman@psmedical-center.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**SNOW REMOVAL NEEDED** for Pagosa Library. Pick up RFP at library, view at [pagosa-library.org](http://pagosa-library.org) or call (970)264-2209 for Meg. Bids due before October 19.

**FULL-TIME DRIVER NEEDED.** Must have Class B CDL with hazmat endorsement as well as current health card, be able to pass random drug and alcohol screenings, willing to work some overtime, altering weekends and on call shifts during winter. Basic computer skills are preferred. Call 264-5823 for an application or pick one up in person at 1040 E. Hwy. 160.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST WANTED** at Overlook Hot Springs. Minimum pay- \$37.50/ hour, tips- 17-18%. Full-time, part-time or on call positions available. Apply in person.



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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

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**FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION** at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

**BANK OF COLORADO- LOAN OFFICER.** Manages a portfolio of all types of loan/depository accounts. Responsible for prospecting new customers and cross-selling other banking services, management of a portfolio of all types of account relationships, reviews and approves or denies loan requests, monitors repayment activities, participates in civic and community organizations. College degree or equivalent work experience. A minimum of three years lending experience and understanding of construction lending preferred. Salary for this position is based on experience. Benefits include PTO and paid holidays, health, dental and vision insurance, 401K, basic term life insurance, LTD and other benefits. Apply online at <https://www.bankofcolorado.com/careers>.EOE.

**TIM BROWN CUSTOM HOMES** is looking for a few high quality, detail oriented craftsmen to help in the framing, interior finishing and painting of our custom homes. We have been building homes in Pagosa Springs for 23 years. Work year around with us and enjoy top pay, paid holidays, paid vacation and a retirement plan. Please call (970)731-7071 or stop by the office at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B16.

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**PONDEROSA LUMBER COMPANY** is seeking a customer service oriented individual for the office. Duties include data entry, answering phones, filing, customer service and point-of-sale. This could be a full-time or part-time position with benefits. Retail and accounting experience are a plus but not required. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs, or call Melanie at (970)731-4111.

**SAN JUAN BOCES** is looking for a Full- or Part-time School Behavioral Health Professional. Must apply online at: [www.sjboces.org](http://www.sjboces.org).

## YARD SALES

**SATURDAY, 8A.M.-12P.M. 81 RAINBOW,** Lower Blanco. MOVING SALE- TOOLS. Tool boxes, portable table saw, Troy-Bilt wood chipper, John Deere generator, bike, chainsaw, 2 chain link dog runs, some furnishings.

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## YARD SALES

**MOVING SALE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25,** 8a.m. sharp. Furniture, household items, kitchen items, cowhide, beds, bedding, rollaway beds and more. Hwy. 160 east, about 5-1/2 miles, turn left on Harman Ave., left on Swiss Village Dr., house #333. Rain or shine. AEHPAN.

**BE SURE TO CHECK** for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

**GOING OUT OF BUSINESS** Sale plus Yard Sale. See gallery and details online at [www.ponderhealth.com](http://www.ponderhealth.com).

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH,** 8a.m.-4p.m. 20 Beech Ct. Furniture, kitchen items, home decor and more!

**MOVING TO ALASKA-** Everything must go. All furniture, tools, camping, appliances, baking business supplies, industrial sink, barbecues, household, outside furniture, everything you can collect in 30 years. Friday and Saturday, 8a.m. to 2p.m. 222 Simmons Dr., Aspen Springs. (970)946-7859.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH,** 9a.m.-1p.m. 41 Aztec Dr. on corner of Hurt and Aztec. Only 3/4 mile up Hurt Dr. off Hwy. 160. Indoor, multi-family sale. Includes furniture and miscellaneous.

**BOOK SALE, GENTLY USED.** Friday, September 24, 9a.m.-12p.m. New Thought Center, 3505 W. Hwy. 160, 2nd floor. (970)510-0309.

**YARD SALE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th,** 8a.m.-2p.m. 603 Apache Street. Kitchen items, linens, antiques and much more!

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**HAY FOR SALE, ARBOLES.** Friday, 24th. \$9 a bale in field, \$11 in barn. (970)946-2126.

**HORSE HAY, BARN STORED.** Excellent quality, no rain. \$9. (970)264-6779, please leave message.

**WINTER HORSE PASTURE** and Feed: 160 acres, supervised, alfalfa and grass pasture, heated water, wind shelter, \$55 /head per month, November through early May. Also Alfalfa- grass 3x3x8 horse hay, 725# bales, \$85 each, or grain-heavy Oat Hay, 655# bales, at \$60 each. East of South Fork (719)657-0942.

**GRASS ALFALFA HAY.** Barn stored. \$8 per bale. You load it. (970)759-8151.

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**SEASONED FIREWOOD FOR SALE.** (970)317-3938.

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**TERESA FOSTER DBA BRIGHT** Earth Jewelry. Offering customized gold and silver jewelry. Ring sizing, jewelry repair and restoration. Pagosa Springs. Call (620)339-5726.

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**FAR INFRA-RED SAUNA,** 2 person, all red cedar construction. Excellent condition, W=47", D=39", H=73", \$1,200. Call (970)946-5879

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**LARGE TV/STORAGE/DISPLAY CABINET** (53Hx56Wx16D). Medium Oak. \$150. Text to (970)946-9859 for picture.

**ATTENTION CONTRACTORS AND HOME-OWNERS.** Are you remodeling or tearing down? Call Durango Salvage, we buy and sell building materials. Tom, (970)749-2271, Mark, 749-8235.

**DRYWALL CONTRACTOR MAGNUM SPRAY** rig, stilts and other tools, make offer for all. Also, corner bead, screws, nails, tape, etc. GP small 16x16 army tent with liner, poles, stakes and miscellaneous, \$900 OBO. Rims and tires, new take offs, 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 265/60/R18, \$1,000 OBO. (970)946-5329.

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**70" SOLID OAK TABLE** with 4 chairs, china cabinet, oak corner cabinet, Pro-form 490 GS treadmill, antique buffet with leaded glass doors. (970)903-0316.

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**OAK COFFEE TABLE,** 47"Wx24"Dx18"H, \$50. Sony stereo system (amplifier, center speaker, subwoofer, 2 tabletop speakers, 2 tower speakers), \$100. Trailer hitch cargo tray, 18"x38", \$25. Rug, green/ brown tones, 55"x43", \$20. Eureka upright vacuum cleaner, \$15. Richard (940)825-6422.

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### The Archuleta County Housing Authority is excited to announce applications to Rose Mountain Townhomes are still being accepted.

To receive an application, please visit our office located at 503 South 8th Street, or visit our website at [achousingauthority.org](http://achousingauthority.org). Our office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. All applications must be hand delivered to our office at 503 South 8th Street.

All applicants must provide their birth certificate, social security card, and a valid state ID. All persons 18 years or older must fill out an application.

A \$40 application fee will be charged to each applicant and is due at the time the application is submitted. Application fees must be paid in the form of a check, money order, or a cashiers check, we DO NOT accept cash.



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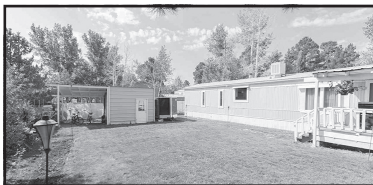


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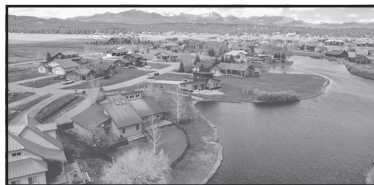


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