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Senior Center plans for the future

By Terri House
Staff Writer

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) is in the market for a new facility to further the organization's goal of providing a best-in-class resource center for seniors in Archuleta County.

According to ASI Executive Director Cheryl Wilkinson in an interview Tuesday, a new center is contingent upon funding, with a unique funding opportunity presenting itself in the form of Senate Bill 21-290, which will allow for funds for infrastructure in rural communities.

Wilkinson explained that the exact amount of the funding request remains unknown at this

point as the group is still assessing a building and performing due diligence. Decisions regarding design and renovation are also pending.

"We've been looking at the needs of the senior center for some time and this gives us the opportunity to potentially move forward in fulfilling our goal for expansion for the betterment of the community," she said.

The Pagosa Springs Town Council approved providing a letter of support for a capital funding request by ASI at its Sept. 23 meeting. The item was part of the council's consent agenda.

An agenda brief explains that ASI is seeking funding for a building to accommodate a full-service senior center. There is no funding being

requested of the town for the project at this time.

The agenda brief notes that direct service providers such as ASI that would like to access funding through the Area Agency on Aging Fund (AAAF) must work with an Area Agency on Aging for submission of a proposal.

The project proposal is being submitted through the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA).

Christina Knoell, executive director for SJBAAA, explained the funding process in an interview on Tuesday.

"ASI is one of 11 providers that have received

■ See Senior A8



Fall in Pagosa Country

Photos courtesy Shawn Prochazka

Above: Fog settles over the Upper Piedra Valley and fresh snow blankets the Rio Grande Pyramid as captured by a photographer from a vantage point on McManus Road on Tuesday. **Left:** Fall colors are ramping up in Pagosa Country. This photo was taken along Plumtaw Road on Sunday. The photographer, a self-proclaimed weather geek, noted that 4 to 8 inches of snow is predicted above timberline by late Friday, which should make for outstanding leaf peeping and picture taking first thing Saturday morning with fall colors backdropped by snow-covered peaks.

On to State!



Photo courtesy Billy Cotts

Three Pirate golfers — Ethan Robel, Braylon Cotts and Jack Walker — will compete in the 3A state golf tournament Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 4 and 5, in Elizabeth after qualifying at last week's regional tournament. For more information on the golfers and the state tournament, see related story.

Public input sought for East End multimodal transportation plan

By Cindy Schultz
Town of Pagosa Springs

A multimodal transportation plan is in the works for the Pagosa Springs East End area that will assess pedestrian sidewalk and trail connectivity, river and park access, public parking, functionality of roadways and traffic flow in the area, transit opportunities, urban design updates, and more.

The East End contains the areas along U.S. 160 east of 1st Street to the junction with U.S. 84. The plan aims to create a stronger connection between the East End and other areas of town while providing a better functioning multimodal environment that supports access to businesses and recreational

opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

In order to capture information and ideas from the public about the future vision for the area, the project team will be hosting a public open house on Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center. This open house is open to all community members and is a chance to share perceived opportunities and current challenges with transportation and connectivity in the East End.

The open house is drop-in format, so stop by anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. For more information, you may visit www.MyPagosa.org or contact the Planning Department at (970) 264-4151, ext. 221 or cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov.

Forest Service to conduct prescribed burn in Beaver Meadows, First Notch areas

By Rebecca Robbins
Forest Service

The Columbine Ranger District is planning to burn approximately 3,400 acres this autumn in the Beaver Meadows and First Notch areas of the San Juan National Forest to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and improve forest health.

The planned burn area is located approximately 14 miles east of Bayfield. Operations may begin as soon as today, Sept. 30, depending on weather conditions and availability of fire personnel and other resources.

Ignitions will take place over several consecutive days and operations may take several weeks to complete. Burning operations will be conducted by district personnel and other fire resources from the Forest Service and partner agencies using both ground and aerial ignition.

This burn unit is part of the larger Vallecito-Piedra prescribed burn project aimed at reducing hazardous ground fuels, reducing the risk of unplanned catastrophic wildfire, restoring ponderosa pine

■ See Burn A8

COVID-19: Booster doses of Pfizer vaccine now available for some

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Booster shots of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine are now available for individuals ages 65 and older, high-risk workers, people in institutional settings, and adults with underlying health conditions.

The booster shot can be administered at least six months after recipients complete the two-dose series of the Pfizer vaccine.

The booster doses are currently only open to individuals who originally received the Pfizer vaccine.

On Sept. 22, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended Pfizer's emergency use authorization to allow for a single booster dose,

with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorsing a recommendation for boosters on Sept. 24.

The vaccine — named Comirnaty — was previously authorized by the FDA on Aug. 23 "for the prevention of COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 in individuals 16 years of age and older," according to the agency.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) began administering booster doses through clinics on Sept. 24, and, according to SJBPH COVID-19 Public Information Officer/Communications Director Chandler Griffin, 117 people received their booster in Archuleta County on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Several hundred received a third dose in La Plata County, he noted.

"We were able launch those really quickly and we are seeing a good response from the community," he said.

A press release from SJBPH lists several of the "underlying health conditions" for Pfizer booster eligibility:

- Obesity.
- Diabetes.
- Chronic lung disease.
- Significant heart disease.
- Chronic kidney disease.
- Cancer.
- Other underlying health conditions.

The press release further notes there are several

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Why we need a community forum

I am not sure what I expected our country to look like in 2021, but I certainly did not expect it to be so fractured and so bogged down in hate. My oldest son was a year old on Sept. 11, 2001. The wave of patriotism following that day gave me hope for the America that my kids would inherit.

Fast forward 20 years, and that hope has been overtaken by fear. Fear that our country has become so polarized on every issue that it may not survive. In 1858, Abraham Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand". Never in America's history has this quote been truer. In 1858, Lincoln spoke about the divide between free states and slave states. In 2021, America is divided on a multitude of issues, and most of our society is determined to expand that divide rather than close the gap. We have technology and media platforms that not only created this divide but continue to drive a wedge between us. These concerns are a driving force behind the theme of National Newspaper Week — THE Community Forum, newspapers as the foundation of our communities. Let me explain the problem and then offer a solution.

We are polarized on every issue because of the information that we consume every day. We have completely lost our ability to see another point of view. We no longer accept differences of opinion, debate, disagreement or dissent. Any division in thought is met with anger and hatred. This is in complete violation of the concepts that created America.

America was founded on the ideals of freedom, tolerance and acceptance. All men were created equal with fundamental rights. People of diverse backgrounds and beliefs worked together to frame these ideas into a new country with liberty and justice for all. They compromised for the betterment of everyone. Now, we all know our country is not perfect. It never has been and never will be. These ideals have not always applied to everyone, but the beauty of our country is that it should continue to evolve. America is a concept, a target for which we are striving. Unfortunately, it feels like we are as far away from the target, as far from a perfect system, as we have ever been.

The question for all of us is, how did we get here, and how we evolve.

The 1980s gave birth to the 24-hour news networks. These "news" networks have become Entertainment TV programming with multiple networks now fighting for viewers, ratings and advertis-

ing dollars. They each appeal to a subset of viewers with a distinct political leaning. Their programming has little reporting of the actual news, focused mostly on commentary, feeding their viewers what they want to see and hear. These networks have become 100 percent entertainment, losing all their journalistic integrity. They feed us the information that they want us to have, and most of us are unaware that we are consuming propaganda rather than facts.

The 2000s saw the advent of social media networks, heralded as a breakthrough in human interaction and communication. With a mouse click, or swipe, you can connect with anyone, or any group, anywhere in the world. This modern technology has changed how we live and communicate. Unfortunately, it is being used to further the divide the American public. Social networks work on algorithms designed to show you things in which you are interested, which explains why they are so entertaining and addicting. However, many entities are exploiting these platforms to divide us.

Social media has moved beyond connecting people to the single most polarizing platform in this country. Think about the negativity, hate, fear and bullying in your feed. No matter the subject, people are attacking each other in the most vile, evil ways. There is no discussion or civil discord, just polarized ideas of right and wrong. We say things to each other that we would never say to someone's face. We treat each other without dignity or class. The technology and platforms that we entertain ourselves with are destroying the fabric of our society.

The very nature of social media is to connect people with shared interests, and on the surface, seems great. However, it connects people with like interests regardless of whether those interests are positive or negative. Social media platforms become an echo chamber of people sharing the same beliefs and same fears, regardless of what those are.

Ted Kaczynski (the Unabomber) was one man, working alone. In 2021, he would be part of an extremist social media group, spreading his thoughts and feeding off the radicalism of others in a virtual mob effect.

We need to get back to being civil with one another, treating each other with dignity. We need to listen to other viewpoints. We will not always agree, but we do not have to. Differences of opin-

ion are not bad. There can be truth on both sides of an argument. For example, masks are a huge argument across our communities right now. Is it possible that both sides could be correct in parts of their argument? Could it be that masks may help slow the spread of disease, but at the same time be detrimental to students' learning? The issue is very rarely black and white but usually in the grey area between. We need to understand that both sides of an argument can be correct and stop fighting, hating and bullying those that disagree with us.

The first step is in our own mind. We must look at the media and propaganda we are consuming. Our minds are consuming these ideas of hatred and polarization. We need to move toward civil discussion and treating everyone with respect. To do this, we must regulate our media intake. We must turn away from the ideological echo chamber of "news" entertainment and social media around us. Open-minded people are bad for business for media outlets or social media groups pushing a certain agenda.

We need a new community forum for news, entertainment and connection with our community. Every night, Walter Cronkite told you what had happened that day. He did not give you his opinion, he gave you facts. We need the facts about what is going on in our community, and we can only get that in our local newspaper. Newspapers are embedded in the community. Local news has a much bigger impact in your day-to-day life than national/regional news. City council, zoning, school board, local elections all have profound effect on our daily life. Engaging with our local newspaper makes our community better. Attend town halls and community events. Help hold our local elected officials accountable.

Local newspapers are the original community forum, disseminating essential information, holding government accountable and engaging the community in civil discourse.

We can ignite a wave of change, but we must start local. Our government and leaders reflect our values. If we want them to change, we must change. Be part of the community forum. Subscribe to your local newspaper today, in print or online. Support local journalism, engage in activities that build up your communities.

Brian J. Allfrey
Executive director,
Utah Press Association

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 30, 1921

Several Piedraites, including Rocky Farrow, Dick Farrow, Elias Hansen, Theodore Hansen, Carl Burster and Earl Ford, are shipping 220 head of cattle today.

Two carloads of watermelons were received this week by the Dickerson market from Aztec. This is the largest shipment of melons ever made in Pagosa.

Dr. A.J. Nossaman left yesterday for Arboles and will return with a quantity of exhibits from his ranch and those of his neighbors for display at the Dairymen's Institute to be held here next week.

The school telephone will NOT be answered except during the time specified below. Please do not ask for the school building except during the following hours: 8.50 to 9.35 a.m., 1.15 to 3.30 p.m. Students will not be called from classes to answer any call. If parents call for students, they will be called from study hall, but not from classes. Friends of pupils need not call for students at any time for they are too busy to waste time. If you have an important message for some student it will be taken at the office and delivered. Parents are urged to help carry out this regulation J.W. Moore, Supt. City Schools.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 4, 1946

School opened in Allison Sept. 17. Teachers are: primary department, Miss Pedwell; third, fourth and fifth grades, Miss Helen Brown; sixth and seventh grades, Leslie Sutton; eighth, ninth and 10th grades, Mrs. Betty Engler.

Erma Procaroni, Marguerite Luchini and Henry Espinosa are attending high school in Durango having completed the two year's high school course given at Allison.

Hughes-Rogers Chevrolet Co., local distributor of Phillips 66 products in Pagosa Springs, said this week that Phillips Petroleum Co. has expanded its advertising program to a point where it now includes approximately 1,000 newspapers throughout the middle west. The Pagosa Springs Sun is among the papers selected. During the past year Phillips has added a number of general merchandise lines of the conventional petroleum products sold through dealer stations.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 30, 1971

A grand opening is being held, starting this weekend, at the Hersch's Shopping Center. The Hersch Supermarket and Kennedy's Gamble Store are jointly sponsoring the event. Russ Hill is the manager of Hersch Supermarket. Glenn and Bonnie Kennedy are operators of the Gamble Store. They moved to the community three years ago and operated the Texaco station until buying the local Gamble Store last February.

Hersch is one of the pioneer names in business in the community. Hersch Supermarket built a new store several years ago and then this last year completely rebuilt the store, doubling the space, plus having space for the Gamble Store. The center is a large one and has proven to be a great asset to the community.

Homecoming is on tap for the Pagosa Springs High School this weekend. Various activities will be highlighted by a football game Saturday between Pagosa Springs and Dove Creek. The homecoming will also feature a reunion of the graduating class of 1956.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 3, 1996

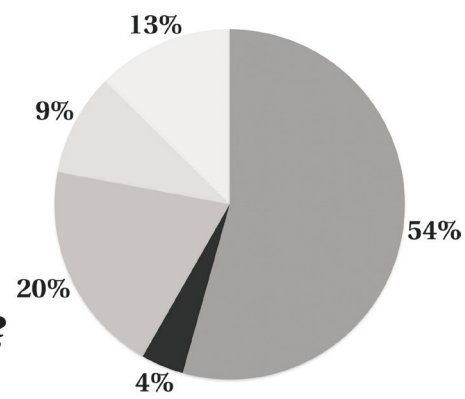
The current Archuleta County Commission is dedicated to the principle of a balanced budget. County Manager Dennis Hunt presented a preliminary 1997 budget to the commissioners on Oct. 1 and if their dedication is to prove out, the commissioners will have to trim \$1.15 million from the total amount requested by various county departments and programs. The budget Hunt presented Thursday has already been massaged and trimmed somewhat by the manager and department heads but, if approved as is, it would require a major slice out of reserves. This is unlikely to happen, said Hunt, though the commissioners can shift funds around in the budget, they are going to target some areas for the necessary cuts. "The bottom line," said Hunt, "is we have to cut \$1.15 million to balance the budget and not spend out of reserves. This county commission has basically adopted a balanced budget policy. We had to cut \$862,000 last year and we did it. We will shift some revenues; I don't think there is any doubt about that."

WHADDYA THINK?

What is your favorite thing about fall?

Poll results (127 votes)

Leaves changing color — 54 percent
Pumpkin spice everything — 4 percent
Roasted green chile — 20 percent
Football — 9 percent
Other — 13 percent



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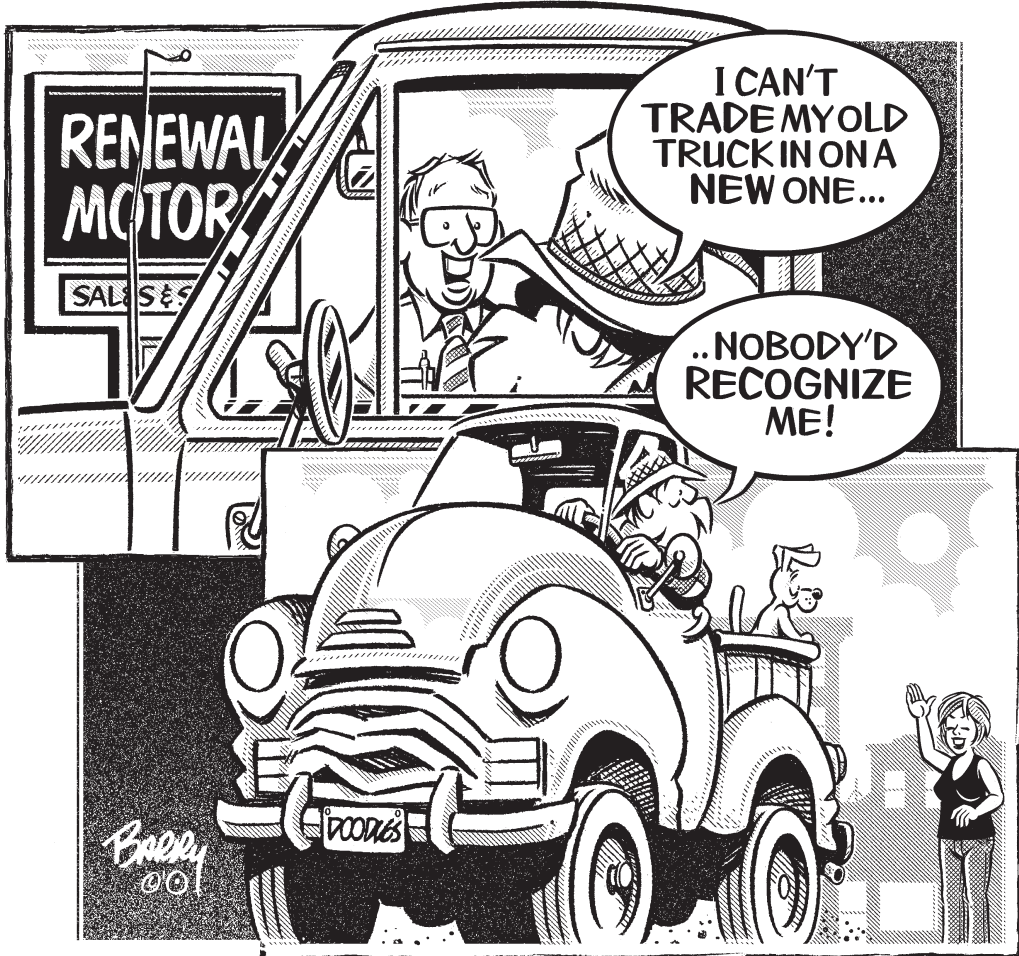
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'We believe our eyes'

Dear Editor:

There has been ample opportunity to have our anger stirred as we've watched the complete failure of the operation to surrender Afghanistan to the Taliban, but I think the thing that pains me most is the utter disregard that the Biden/Harris administration has for the intelligence of the American people.

Again and again Mr. Biden has been "Gaslighting" the American people:

We watch the evening news and can see with our own eyes the

Taliban as they beat Americans in the street as they attempt to reach Kabul International, but Biden tells us that Americans aren't trapped in Afghanistan and have had "every opportunity" to leave, and he expects us to believe him.

We watch as our Afghani Special Immigration Visa (SVI translators) have video calls to news outlets in America telling us that the Taliban is going door-to-door murdering SIV's, but Biden tells us that they have an agreement with the Taliban to evacuate such folks safely, and we are expected to believe him.

We watch our newscasts in the evening as the military solemnly removed our dead soldiers, sailors, and marines off a plane at Dover, Delaware, and Mr. Biden checks his watch after each dead person passes by and yet we are suppose to believe that he even cares about those lost (who wouldn't have been lost but for his bumbling failure to adequately plan for the evacuation.) and he expects us to believe that he cares.

We watch our TV's and see the Taliban actually flying our helicopters around Baghram Air Base, but Biden/Kirby tells us that all the materials they left behind were inoperable, and we are supposed to believe them.

Every day we see unending streams of illegal immigrants flooding across our border and yet the Biden administration keeps telling us that "The border is secure" and "The border is closed." and we are supposed to believe it.

The Biden administration, in attempting to sell its \$3.5 trillion dollar reconciliation bill has made the utterly irrational statement that this level of spending will actually "reduce inflation," when any economist will refute that assertion as utter foolishness, and as we continue to pay more for gas, food, rental cars, lumber, and housing. Companies selling their products continue to shrink the size of their packages while charging the same as they did for their former sized products as a way of coping with inflation. Anyone remember three pound bags of coffee? Half gallon ice cream containers? And yet, we are suppose to believe the Biden administration's lies.

Mr. President, we are not as stupid as you think we are. We believe our eyes, not your words.

Richard Bolland

Trump Administration, and a majority of Democratic members of Congress voted with them in a non-partisan manner. The Republicans have passed tax cuts for the wealthy in 1981, 2001, 2003, 2017 that have increased the deficit by \$trillions. Their promise was that the increase in business activity will increase tax revenue that will pay for the cuts. Just another of the Republican's big lies. Every Democratic President since Clinton has inherited a fiscal mess that Republicans created with their tax cuts and over spending. They are not the Party of fiscal responsibility. During Bush's administration, VP Cheney famously said "deficits don't matter" after the Bush tax cuts while simultaneously waging 2 wars. Then when Obama's became President all we heard from the Republicans again was, "we can't afford it" and "the deficit".

So here we are again, the Democrats are trying to do right for all Americans citizens and what we hear is the same old Republican con "the debt and deficit". What they really mean is "if it doesn't benefit our wealthy donors, we don't want it". They don't care that funding infrastructure, education and health care are investments in the future, not just short term spending. But they don't want to invest in a middle class and especially the working class. Their corporate donors want cheap labor and a populace that doesn't question authority. Name one program (not tax cuts) that was developed by, pushed by, voted on and passed by the Republican Party that benefits the majority of Americans. There are none.

Biden's proposed budget calls for increases in taxes on those who have benefitted the most from earlier tax cuts (those who make over \$400,000/yr), to pay for his proposed programs. Small increases that are not even close to rates of the past. Its time to reverse the loss of the US middle class by rejecting the ridiculous fiscal policies pushed by Republicans of tax cuts for the wealthy and privatization of government functions.

Dave Butcher

'Ghost park'

Dear Editor:

Ok Boomer.
American Baby Boomers are the

wealthiest generation in the history of human civilization. Today it's undeniable that much of their wealth was created by harming the earth and burdening future generations with obligations that can never be fulfilled, or undone. Yet while the consequences of their unchecked entitlement and greed are clear, they continue their selfish march into the dawn of their lives.

Here in Pagosa, as housing prices explode as a result of retirees flooding in to our beautiful community, they want to close the door behind them and stop any progress in town because they're ready to settle down. 'Who cares what the rest of you want or need, or what's best for the future. We got ours. So don't change anything.' Unless it benefits them.

Now the most popular park for kids and families in town, not to mention river frontage, is going to be redeveloped to take the playground from our families and give it to...drum roll please... the Boomers. All so they can play pickle ball, the fastest growing sport among Boomers over the last decade.

I can't wait to see the ghost park that we're left with in 10 years when no one plays pickle ball anymore, because the Boomers are too old and frail, and the miniature courts have no other use. It conjures images of Sarah Connor from the Terminator looking over a post-apocalyptic playground void of all life and activity.

Ok Boomer.

Jon Gait

Soldiers

Dear Editor:

I am searching for the date that the Civil War Soldiers and other bodies were removed from the Fort Lewis/Pagosa Springs Cemetery to Pagosa Springs/Hilltop Cemetery. At one time both cemeteries were called the Pagosa Springs Cemetery. Ben Baldwin and or possibly the General Ed Hatch, Post 104 of the GAR, received a government grant to do this.

My email address is annoldham-pagosa@gmail.com, post office box is 1801, Pagosa Springs, Co. 81147.

Thank you.

Ann Oldham

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LAW ENFORCEMENT IS ESSENTIAL

Cities across America are defunding their police, it's ludicrous



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Fiscal mess

Dear Editor:

After the January 6th coup attempt by the Trump Administration and the Republican Party was unsuccessful, their latest attempt to create chaos in the US, is in their refusal to vote to increase the debt ceiling. Their refusal is hypocrisy at its extreme. The debt ceiling needs to be raised in order to pay for the previous administration's spending and tax cuts, not Biden's proposed spending. Typical Trump tactic, stiff people on his debt. The Republicans didn't hesitate to raise the ceiling three times during the



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Obituaries

Patricia Lou Bell

Patricia Lou Bell's soul departed from our world at 10:20 p.m. on Sept. 11, after a 20-year battle with kidney disease.



Patricia, one of three daughters and two sons born to Margaret and John Shepherd, was born on Sept. 7, 1940, in Summit County, Ohio. The Shepherd family relocated to Southern California, where Patricia eventually met her future husband, David Richard Bell. After a two-year courtship, the couple married in April of 1958, the beginning of a glorious 63-year, six-month union.

Patricia and David worked hand in hand to create a good life for the growing family. Patricia and David have two children, Christine (Joey) Lucero and James "Jim" (Dianna) Bell.

The Bell family moved to Pagosa

Springs, Colo., in 1989. Patricia and David chose to buy acreage in Aspen Springs, where they built their dream home themselves. Patricia passed away in her home with her family by her side.

Patricia was a natural-born homemaker. She loved to celebrate her favorite holiday, Christmas Eve, by cooking large sit-down meals for the whole family. Her cookies and chocolate fudge were well-known and never to be forgotten. Pat also enjoyed cross stitching. She hand-made blankets for all of her grand and great-grandchildren.

She is now resting in the Hill Top Cemetery with provisions for David's future burial at her side. They refused to be separated in life and will not be apart after passing on.

Church and graveside services were provided by Pastor Dan Sanders, a longtime personal friend. Attending were family, relatives and friends.

"The next time we are together will be for eternity my love" — Dave.

Clarita (Valdez) Martinez

A lifelong resident of Archuleta County, Clarita (Valdez) Martinez, 95 years old, passed away surrounded by family on Sept. 22.



She was born and raised at Coyote Park, Colo., on March 6, 1926, to Jose Valdez and Maria Elena (Sanchez) Valdez. She enjoyed the outdoors and riding her horse.

In 1946, Clara met Abel, the love of her life. They were married Oct. 18, 1948, in Pagosa Springs, and together they built the family home located on 8th Street where they raised their six children. She was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary church for many years.

Clara was the best homemaker, always in the kitchen making the family's favorite meals. Later, when her kids were grown, she took on a part-time job where she enjoyed working with the ladies at Jan's Cafe and Al's West. She often spoke about how much fun she and her co-workers had.

After Abel retired, they enjoyed camping with friends and relatives in Mancos, Colo., and at Williams Lake. She also enjoyed going to the ranch in Edith, where she and

Abel planted a garden and did a lot of canning. When Abel's health declined and they couldn't go to the ranch or camping as often, you could often see the two of them enjoying a warm sunny day out on their front porch.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Abel, of 61 years; her parents; and six brothers, Pres, Fedelino, Joe A., Mave, Ruben, Speedion; and one sister, Jenny Martinez (Celestino). She will be greatly missed by her surviving six children: Ray Martinez, of Pagosa Springs; Abel Martinez (Elaine), of Pueblo; Arnold Martinez, of San Diego, Calif.; Walter Martinez, of Pagosa Springs; Priscilla Robison (Mark), of Bloomfield, N.M.; and Meliza Lane (John), of Broomfield, Colo.

She had eight grandchildren: Lynette Manzanares (Vicente), Candida Bennett (Mike), Matthew Martinez (Jessica), Alan Martinez (Jenny), Christopher Jaramillo, Michaela Martinez (Darrell), Britni Lane, Dalton Lane. Eight great-grandchildren: Meghan Hutcherson (Colton), Dylan Manzanares, Kate Bennett, Sarah Bennett, Aden Martinez, Peyton Martinez, Dominic Martinez and Olivia Martinez. One great-great grandchild, Violet Hutcherson.

A funeral service was held at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church and she was laid to rest next to Abel at Hill Top Cemetery on Monday, Sept. 27.

Coloradans to see increase to SNAP benefits

First update in more than 45 years reflects current cost realities

Colorado Department of Human Services

Coloradans participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will see their monthly benefits increase beginning Oct. 1.

SNAP serves more than 250,000 households and 499,000 individuals in Colorado each month, providing food assistance benefits to safeguard the well-being of low-income, financially eligible households.

The change will reflect a 21 percent increase from the base calculation from pre-pandemic levels. This means the amount households receive, excluding additional funds provided as part of pandemic relief, will go up by an average of \$36.24 per person per month, or \$1.19 per day. The new maximum benefit will rise to \$835 a month for a family of four.

"This increase will help ensure low-income families have access to a healthy diet, which helps prevent disease, reduces health care costs and supports children in the classroom, among other benefits," said Colorado SNAP manager Teri Chasten. "The additional money families will have to spend on food will also help Colorado's economy, especially in the agriculture industry."

The increase is the result of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) re-evaluation of the Thrifty Food Plan, which is used to calculate SNAP benefits. The resulting cost adjustment marks the first time the purchasing power of the plan has changed since it was first introduced in 1975, reflecting no-

table shifts in the food marketplace and consumers' circumstances over the past 45 years.

In its re-evaluation of the Thrifty Food Plan, the USDA considered the latest available data on the four key factors identified in Congress' 2018 Farm Bill: current food prices, what Americans typically eat, dietary guidance and the nutrients in food items.

The revised plan includes more fish and red and orange vegetables, to align with recommendations in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025. The plan also includes a modest increase in calories to reflect the latest data and support an active lifestyle.

Colorado also continues to receive the pandemic-related emergency allotment (also known as max allotment), which brings all households up to the maximum amount of monthly SNAP benefits they can receive, with a minimum of a \$95 extra benefit. At this time, the emergency allotment will end on Dec. 31, when the national public health emergency ends, or when Colorado no longer has an emergency or recovery order in place that meets the USDA's criteria to request additional assistance.

Coloradans currently participating in SNAP will not need to take any action and will receive the new amount automatically beginning with October benefit payments. Coloradans who are experiencing hunger or are struggling to afford nutritious food and are not currently participating in SNAP can apply at any time at their local human services office, by calling Hunger Free Colorado's Hunger Hotline at (855) 855-4626 or 2-1-1, or online at the Colorado PEAK website: https://peak-coloradopeak.force.com/peak/s/peak-landing-page?language=en_US.

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Letters

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The memo

Dear Editor:

Last Jan 2, John Eastman, an attorney who clerked for Clarence Thomas and a Trump loyalist, penned a six point memo outlining a process that could be employed to overturn the election of Joe Biden and install Donald Trump as president. The proposal will sound familiar to those who have followed the Jan 6 story; it involved alternate slates of electors from Republican controlled states and depended on the cooperation of Mike Pence, who needed to call Dan Quail for advise on whether he should cooperate in the overthrow of the election. (Thank you, Dan Quail, for helping to save our democracy.) When Pence did not go along with the plan on Jan 6, Trump turned the crowd on him.

This memo puts the lie to GOP claims that the events of Jan 6 were a spontaneous and unfortunate event that couldn't be predicted and also to the GOP talking point that they are just wanting to look into irregularities in the vote—clearly the plan was to overthrow the elected candidate and remain in power.

Upon the publication of this story, our former president went into his usual distraction mode, immediately launching a lawsuit against his niece and the NYT's for conspiring to publish information about his tax records. (Not libel, as he would have to prove that the tax fraud story is false.) He has demanded that Georgia's Secretary of State immediately decertify the election in Georgia because 43,000 votes are "invalid" and has called on Texas's governor to conduct an

Arizona style "audit" on the votes of four counties that Mr. Trump actually won. The Cyber Ninjas in Arizona, having completed their "audit" of Maricopa County votes, found Biden the winner by a larger margin.

All American citizens, regardless of political stripe, benefit from the development of policies that occurs when elected officials of differing political philosophies work together with respect for each other and the rule of law. Currently, if you, the reader, are a political conservative with a strong moral and ethical core, you have no party. The leadership of the GOP has taken the party down a dark path and are seemingly intent on remaining in power regardless of what the majority of voters want. The GOP leadership needs a huge dose of tough love and that entails voting them out of office. Loss of power is the ultimate lesson for a politician and avoiding that loss appears to be the only motivation, indeed, the only policy for the current GOP leadership. If conservative Americans want a party that is decent, concerned with improving and protecting the lives of all Americans, and also respects the rule of law, they need to vote the current crop out (or start a new party). That does not mean abstaining from voting; it means sucking it up, holding your nose and voting for the other party — sometimes being patriotic means doing the hard thing. Because the choice now is between our (somewhat flawed) democracy and autocracy.

Lee Stopher

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Services

Duke Sutton

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Births

The following are the July births with parents from Pagosa Springs as reported by Mercy Regional Medical Center:

Emarie Rose-Estelle, Jazelle Jones, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, 8:10 p.m., July 2. Harmony Grey, Eliza Riley and Jaime Coss Jr., 7 pounds, 6 ounces, 10:35 a.m., Aug. 4.

Lanae Eliza, Tricia and Michael Vega, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, 12:49 p.m., Aug. 14.

Josslyn Grace, Lauren Wilson and Andrew Stevens, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, 10:21 p.m., Aug. 14.

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Business

Colorado increasing the minimum wage for workers

Gov. Jared Polis' Office

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment's (CDLE) Division of Labor Standards and Statistics (DLSS) announced this week the proposed new Colorado minimum wage, currently at \$12.32 for 2021, will rise on Jan. 1, 2022, to \$12.56, or \$9.54 for those receiving enough in tips for total pay to meet or exceed the full minimum wage.

Annually inflation-adjusting the minimum wage is mandated by a section of the Colorado Constitution that Colorado voters adopted in a 2006 ballot measure (with the exception of 2017-20, when the minimum wage rose by larger amounts due to another ballot measure in 2016, raising the minimum wage by 90-99 cents annually until it reached \$12 by 2020).

"As we build back better, it's great to see Colorado workers get a decent raise on the minimum wage to \$12.56/hour as our state builds an economy that works for everybody,"

said Gov. Jared Polis. "Investing in upskilling to help workers have the skills needed to earn much more than minimum wage is one of our top priorities, so Colorado can continue to be a place where everyone can thrive."

DLSS executes the constitutionally mandated minimum wage adjustment as part of its annual wage law rulemaking. That annual process begins with publishing proposed rules by late September, followed by a comment period that ends with a public hearing, and then adoption of final rules, by late November. This year, the proposed wage rules will be published by Sept. 30, followed by a public hearing on Nov. 1 and then adoption by Nov. 10 of final versions of the rules that will take effect Jan. 1, 2022. That same rulemaking schedule will apply to other DLSS rulemaking mandated by recently enacted agricultural labor rights and responsibilities legislation.

Last week, the Joint Budget Com-

mittee members and Chair Dominick Moreno approved a plan put forward by the Polis-Primavera administration and the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing that, starting Jan. 1, 2022, direct-care workers funded with any state dollars working in-home and community-based settings are to receive a minimum wage of \$15 per hour. In Colorado, 47 percent of direct-care workers access some form of public assistance to meet their daily needs and 34 percent are involved with Medicaid.

As required by Colorado law on rulemaking, the public may provide comments on any of these matters between now and Nov. 3, either at the public hearing (in person, by phone or by remote video participation) or as written comments that may be submitted in any of these ways:

- Online submission form for comments on wage rules (not related to agriculture): https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfdWbNSbEJ9czpJ_-dKvY-WKa_HAPvVhKz-xRuxH7P5y-

BrudA/viewform.

- Online submission form for comments on agricultural labor rules: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSci49EmAsXtGTCZGT9pRMWHZxFarVopNcY5wGATdSGAvosSA/viewform>.

- Spanish-language online submission form for comments in Spanish: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd117WdPkFK26JYXzLJ7RBzhtjQPhXMQ58ZW7XvgG6jgtXeA/viewform>.

- Email to michael.primo@state.co.us or mail to CDLE Division of Labor Standards and Statistics, 633 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202.

Inflation for Colorado is calculated and published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics and because the minimum wage inflation adjustment must be published by September each year, it is based on inflation from mid-year to mid-year. The 2022 minimum wage is therefore the 2021 minimum wage increased by inflation from the middle of 2020 to the middle of 2021.

ColorFest 2021 winners announced, sign up for old-fashioned Christmas celebration

By Mary Jo Coulehan

Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

It was a wonderful, colorful weekend Sept. 17-19. See our ad in The Pagosa Springs SUN for a thank you to all the marvelous participants, volunteers, vendors, balloon pilots, lodgers, restaurants and everyone that made this event successful.

We handed out some well-deserved awards as follows: First place for the overall People's Choice Award went to Two Chicks and a Hippie. Coming in an extremely close second was Ole Miner's Steak and Chophouse, and third place went to Frosted Lilac. In the individually judged categories, the awards were: Most Original went to the Archuleta seniors and their Senior Center for an Earl Grey custard tart. The Most Flavorful award went to Gustoso's for its meatballs and bruschetta. The Best Vegetarian award again went to the Senior Center for its Moroccan stew and the Best Sweet also went to Gustoso's for its crème brûlée. The Best Decorated Booth went to Pine Mountain Toffee. The judging was difficult to say the least with such great food all night long from all of the restaurants.

On Saturday at the Bands and Brews festivities, Pagosa Brewing took home the coveted People's Choice award by a large margin. The Brewer's Choice award was a tie between Carver's from Durango and Pagosa Brewing. Congratulations to all of the restaurants and breweries

who made this year's event so successful. Maybe a few more people will be visiting the Senior Center for some delicious lunch items or, when visiting one of the other restaurants, ask for an item they highlighted at the taste. We couldn't do this event without the business support. Thank you to all and congratulations.

Old-fashioned Christmas celebration

The leaves haven't even really changed yet and we are planning for an old-fashioned Christmas to be held on Dec. 18. However, the due date to get your information into the tourism department is Oct. 8, so plan fast.

The Town of Pagosa Springs and The Pagosa Springs SUN are hosting It's a Wonderful Life: an Old Fashioned Pagosa Christmas Celebration on Dec. 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. along the Riverwalk. It will be a "parade" of sorts highlighting the spirit of giving.

There will be multiple entry points along the Riverwalk; however, the flow will move in one direction. There are multiple levels of participation: performances, volunteering, serving hot chocolate and adopting segments of the route. This adoption process can be done by businesses, nonprofits, community groups or maybe a family. The event is not intended for commercial purposes, and it is asked that there be no sales during the event.

Those that adopt a section will be responsible for illumination and

low-impact décor. If you are adopting a section for musical promotion, the sponsors of the section are asked that the music be acoustic or non-amplified. A map of the stations will be provided to the public. It is asked that the segments, of course, be creative and highlight the "Old Fashioned" theme and experience. Think about lighting your segment through luminarias, glow lighting, creative igloo or tree-lighted displays and the like. Power is limited, so be creative without power. It could be

very fun. Those that walk the route will be provided free glow sticks.

There is a sign-up form on the Chamber's website at www.pagosachamber.com under Community and Chamber News. Click on the graphic and it will take you to the sign-up form. Remember, there are a number of "duties" or entries that you can apply for during the parade. Involve your group, engage your employees for a fun team-building activity or make this a quality-time family event.

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Water district discusses draft budget, funding request

By Jessica Hanson
Staff Writer

On Monday, Sept. 20, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors met to consider its 2022 budget projections ahead of the regular October meeting.

The 2022 draft budget outlines anticipated revenues of \$93,029 and expenditures totaling the same amount. The budget anticipates a beginning balance of \$229,373, available resources totaling \$322,402 and an ending balance of \$229,373.

The anticipated revenues for 2022 are, according to the draft budget, \$47 dollars less than the anticipated revenues for 2021. Anticipated year-end expenditures for 2021 are listed at \$94,637.

"The beginning balance is approximate because we don't have final numbers yet for 2021," SJWCD treasurer Bill Hudson said in discussing the draft budget. "The numbers in Column F (2021 anticipated) are estimates, and the ending balance which serves as the beginning balance for 2022 is a rough guess based on totals through the start of September."

Hudson explained he typically uses either the budgeted 2021 amount or the anticipated 2021 amount for 2022, based on his guess of which amount was more likely for general expenditures.

Hudson further noted he had no information about plans to use the line item of Engineering/Studies/Surveys in 2022, so the \$1,000 figure is a placeholder.

The 2021 anticipated year-end expenditure for that line item is \$15,113.

Hudson also discussed increasing office rent for the district, explaining, "The office lease line item reflects the new higher rent we are now paying for the office."

The draft budget shows \$6,000 budgeted for the office lease, compared to the anticipated 2021 year-end amount of \$4,603.

The public education line item in the budget reflects the proposed community engagement consultant, according to Hudson.

Hudson also noted that the Growing Water Smart (GWS) line item has a zero amount "Because GWS will presumably be directly benefiting from the Community Engagement consultant's work."

Hudson further explained, "The total expenditures are in line with

last year's budget discussion. The draft budget is designed to spend, at most, the amount we are expecting to collect in 2022 revenue."

A fund request and a recusal

Later in the meeting, the board also heard a funding request from the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP).

"We have two participants from the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership, Mandy Eskelson and Mely Whiting," board president Al Pfister said in introducing the topic. "Mandy works for the Mountain Studies Institute and Mely works for Trout Unlimited, waiting to discuss line item 40 of the 2022 budget draft, the Watershed Enhancement Partnership. Bill, you sent out a seven-page document talking about your thoughts about the WEP and you sent it to Mandy and Mely also in addition to the board. I guess I would like to turn it over to Mandy and Mely to present their thoughts on that particular item if that is OK with the board. Any problems with that?"

"I have no problems with that, but usually when a board member recuses, they leave the room," Hudson said.

"I don't recall recusing myself," Pfister responded. "I don't see a reason to recuse myself because, I mean, if it will make you feel better, Bill, because you know if I recuse myself, I will do that, but with the caveat that if anybody participating in this meeting has a question of me, that I be called in to answer that question. What is your basis for why I should recuse myself?"

"Well, we modified the bylaws and if a director is involved in a project where they are receiving financial compensation from that project, our bylaws say that they are recused," Hudson said.

"I am not receiving compensation from this particular project, from this project that money is being requested. That is why Mandy and Mely are going to do this presentation. If it will make it go quicker, I'll leave the goddamned room," Pfister said.

"That works for me," Hudson replied.

Nossaman chaired the meeting until Pfister returned.

When asked by The SUN via email why he recused himself and if he had been paid by the WEP, the Mountain Studies Institute or Trout Unlimited, Pfister replied, "Yes, I

have been paid by Mountain Studies Institute for projects conducted under grants from the CWCB and SW Water Conservation District (primary funders, with other entities also contributing as part of the WEP. However, that is not the reason I recused myself. I recused myself so that those participating in the meeting could present relevant information about the projects the WEP is proposing and requesting grant money for, and so that all involved could have discussions about that information and not be bogged down in conflicts of interest discussions that Bill Hudson has been instigating. I have no conflict of interest in the projects that were being discussed, as I will not be receiving any money from those projects. The money being requested by WEP will be used to implement projects that will benefit the community and the river's (one of the community's 'lifelines' upon which our community depends economically) health."

The meeting resumed with Eskelson and Whiting giving a presentation and funding request to the remaining members of the board.

Hudson and Porco both expressed concern that the WEP has not fulfilled a requirement of the partnership that it have a separate stakeholders group made up of individuals that are not steering committee members and have a strong agricultural representation.

"My concern, I can't find any evidence you tracked in phase 1 with a stakeholders group, it was all steering committee, you are promising something that hasn't been delivered. When you were holding meetings, what was discussed? I haven't seen any evidence that any stakeholders are driving your decisions," Hudson said.

Porco also had concerns about the lack of a stakeholders group.

"I have to somewhat agree with Bill Hudson, I am a little concerned. It is our constituents' money," he said.

According to information provided with the agenda, the funding request from the WEP was for \$2,500 a year starting in 2022, for a period of three years, for a total of \$7,500.

The project WEP requested funding for is a project 3 miles upstream from town. The project would remove old cars that were placed on the banks for stabilization but now have become a hazard. Some channel work is also

being proposed to deepen some portions of the channel.

The board decided not to vote on the funding request due to the lack of a stakeholder group within WEP.

The 2022 draft budget includes a proposed expenditure of \$2,500 for the WEP.

Mileage reimbursement

At the same meeting, the board also discussed mileage reimbursement procedures and what amount of reimbursement per mile the board members should use to turn in on their travel documents.

"I think everybody knows the issue that I am bringing up," Hudson said. "There has been a regular assumption that travel should be reimbursed for the district based on a business deduction that is listed by the IRS in their rules for deductions. I feel we are spending taxpayers' money, not our own money. We are not running a business, we are not making a profit, and I feel like we probably shouldn't be charging the taxpayers more than I would deduct from my taxes for getting from here to there, which is 16 cents a mile. I am just throwing that out as a change to our policies."

"I strongly oppose that," board member John Porco responded. "I checked AAA to get the current price per mile and 56 cents a mile is certainly consistent with the actual cost of driving a vehicle on company business."

Pfister agreed with Porco, saying, "I contacted the South West Water Conservation District and they used the business rate of 56 cents a mile. And I would agree with John also on opposing the 16 cents a mile."

"When I talked to Bill, I had asked him if he had looked at the member manual and he said he hadn't," said board member Susan Nossaman. "The manual states that directors are entitled to be compensated for mileage."

Hudson then made a motion that the board reimburse directors that are traveling to a conference to be reimbursed at their actual costs for their travel. The motion died because it was not seconded.

Pfister then made a motion to reimburse directors traveling on business to meetings to be reimbursed at the IRS rate of business travel for travel outside of Pagosa Springs.

The motion was seconded and passed 4-1, with Hudson voting against it.

Pagosa Rotary reaches out to underprivileged communities

By Jim Garrett
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is well-known in our community for its local activities, from funding scholarships granted annually to graduating high school seniors to sponsoring events highlighting the community social calendar like the Barn Dance.

But did you know that Pagosa Springs Rotary also participates in activities of benefit to peoples throughout the world, especially in underprivileged communities in places like South America, Central America and sub-Saharan West Africa?

According to David Smith, chairperson of the local club's International Service Committee, it tallies a substantial list of projects aided over the last seven years in Argentina, Nicaragua, Senegal and Niger. The diverse projects supported have involved provision of wheelchairs to disabled children, sanitation and clean water for rural villages, and support of science education in high schools.

Smith reports the total cost of these primarily Pagosa-sponsored projects has exceeded \$400,000. About 20 percent of the total is from members of the local club.

Local contributions stretch far, he added, often being joined by funds from Rotarians in Colorado, other states and even Europe. Member contributions are matched dollar for dollar by funds from the Rotary District organization, then 80 percent more is added to the total by the Rotary

Foundation.

All funds together comprise project support in the form of a Global Grant issued through the Rotary Foundation. Project administration in the host country is supplied by volunteers from an in-country Rotary Club. Thus, through Rotary International, dollars from Pagosa Springs grow to provide increased value to people in need throughout the world.

Worldwide, Global Grants by the Rotary Foundation totaled \$86 million in 2018, the last year for which the amount is currently available. A total of 91 percent of funds contributed to the foundation is spent on projects. Rotary International includes approximately 35,000 clubs in 220 countries, so support for international activities from the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is well above average.

The local club currently has a Global Grant project under development in cooperation with another club located in Westlake Village, Calif. The new project will be implemented in cooperation with a Rotary club in Niamey, Niger.

The project will develop two acres of vacant land near a village in rural Niger by leveling the ground and digging a well to supply irrigation. Women of the village will receive training in growing high-value vegetables as cash crops and they will do the gardening. Some of the anticipated proceeds will reward the villagers' effort and the rest will support a local school.

The concept is "well-conceived and proven elsewhere," Smith said. Previous projects between the



Photos courtesy Pagosa Springs Rotary Club
Science teachers learn teaching methods on LED lighting and a junior high student assembles a simple electromagnet as part of science education project in Senegal.

Pagosa Springs Rotary Club and the host club in Niamey, Niger, has led to their designation as "Twin" Rotary Clubs. Smith added, citing a recent project to supply desks to an elementary school in rural Niger.

The host club's "energy and dedication" will again add real value to the upcoming project, he observed, ensuring that good works from Pagosa Springs will take root in another corner of the world.

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Education

School district approves strategic plan mission, vision, priorities

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Sept. 14, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education unanimously approved the mission, vision and five priorities of the district's strategic plan.

In introducing the topic at the meeting, ASD Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza told the board staff will bring forward more pieces of the plan, relating to its goals, in the next few months.

Those portions approved in September are as follows:

- Vision: "The Archuleta School District will be an exemplary learning community whose graduates excel in a complex, interconnected, changing world."

- Mission: "The mission of Archuleta School District 50 Joint is to empower students and staff to achieve personal and academic successes in a safe and appropriate learning environment while providing them with the tools to effectively navigate the 21st century."

- Priority 1: Provide a high-quality, well-rounded, safe and healthy educational experience for ALL students that is engaging,

rigorous and real-world relevant.

- Priority 2: Build strong, healthy relationships with families and the community in order to build collective responsibility for the success of all students.

- Priority 3: Ensure that every classroom has a highly effective educator, supported by strong leadership and staff.

- Priority 4: Align resources to support our priorities and be fiscally responsible to ensure community trust.

- Priority 5: Plan systematically and strategically so that Archuleta School District continues to succeed and thrive into the future."

While discussing the strategic plan prior to the vote, board member Dr. Tim Taylor focused on the second priority and how it relates to preschool education, asking LeBlanc-Esparza for her opinion on how the district could contribute to or get involved with preschools.

LeBlanc-Esparza noted that Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares meets regularly with the local preschools.

LeBlanc-Esparza also suggested she's seen programs work elsewhere where a career and technical

education program within the high school gives students training in early childhood fields while also providing child care for kids age zero to 5, which also helps with staff recruitment and retention.

"Will that work here? I don't know," she said, noting if that couldn't work here, perhaps a partnership could be created with existing child care facilities.

She added later the area is considered a preschool desert and a child care desert by the federal government.

She noted it is an expensive program, but is less expensive than recruiting and could pay off in the end by having local students who want to be educators in the school district.

Taylor also focused on the third priority, suggesting that is one of the things "cutting-edge schools" do and is something that is not easy.

Other business

In other business at the meeting:

- Heard from a parent who voiced concerns over the viewing of "The Crucible" in a mixed-gender high school English class given some of the movie's content.

- Heard a brief financial report from Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Director Angela Reali-Crossland, who highlighted that the school saw an \$82,000 increase in its fund balance.

She further told the board renovations to the charter school's building will begin in May.

Board of Education president Bruce Dryburgh commended the charter school for its improvement in getting grants, with Reali-Crossland explaining much of that relates to PPOS facilities, such as a \$1.4 million matching BEST grant to renovate the school's building for educational occupancy.

That work, which she noted should be complete by the start of the next school year, will include upgrades for ventilation, fire and safety, bathrooms and a commercial kitchen.

- The board discussed approving a resolution expressing the board's commitment to affordable housing. Dryburgh noted that, while he

has nothing against resolutions, he has seen things like that for years and would like to do something.

He also reiterated a point from the board's meeting the previous month, suggesting that if ASD does something with its students, he doesn't want ASD to share that success with anyone else.

Following discussion on the matter, the board opted to incorporate more into the draft resolution concerning committing to action and short-term rentals contributing to the issue.

- Took action relating to a number of policies.

The board took action to repeal a number of policies where the content is available elsewhere, approved legal and formatting changes to some, approved a number of policies relating to district transportation, and approved other special policy updates.

The special policy updates included policies on topics such as superintendent recruitment, pay, how time is counted in distance learning, concurrent enrollment, administering medications to students, immunization exemptions and entrance age requirements.

In discussing the policy on administering medication to students, LeBlanc-Esparza noted the policy includes medical marijuana.

If the board were to enact the policy and not suspend it, the district could lose \$1 million in Project AWARE grant funding, she explained, noting the board is allowed to suspend it if the policy would impact federal funding.

She added suspending the policy would mean the district can't designate a staff member to administer medical marijuana.

The board is anticipated to suspend the policy relating to medical marijuana at the policy's second reading.

Later in the policy discussion, Taylor suggested that the policies be specific about what medical practitioners are included when referring to licensed physicians.

For more information on the policies and changes, visit: <https://go.boarddocs.com/co/asdco/Board.nsf/Public#>.
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Photo courtesy Eric Smith

Saturday, Sept. 25, marked the first annual Ian's Memorial Skateboard Competition at Yamaguchi Skate Park. Pictured here are the under-16 medalists. Eric Smith won first place. Also pictured are Xavier Haynie and Taylor Hancey, who won second and third, respectively. There was also an adult division.

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Heartfelt thanks to the Archuleta County commissioners for their support, acknowledgment and proclaiming Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week in Archuleta County at their regular meeting on Sept. 21. The proclamation was endorsed with a round of applause by those in the meeting room and photo. The

ever-guiding document is now 234 years old and was drafted by the 55 delegates at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and signed on Sept. 17 of that year. The Daughters appreciate the commissioners' time. Tanice Ramsperger, regent, Sarah Platt Decker Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Pagosa Springs-Durango

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Senior

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an invite to apply for the funds," Knoell said.

She clarified that this is state funding.

"It is \$15 million and there is no limit. There are 16 Area Agencies on Aging in the state of Colorado, and the advantage for our region, our Southwest Colorado Region, is we don't have to adhere to the funding

formula, which based on population," Knoell said.

She added, "The bill says the priorities are infrastructure, new construction, existing buildings, renovation ... It's really almost like a dream come true for our region, being able to apply for something that's really going to be able to impact the provider network in Southwest Colorado." ASI has occupied the approxi-

mately 3,200 square feet of leased space in the northern wing of the Ross Aragon Community Center since it was constructed, according to the agenda brief. If the Senior Center moves out of the building, there will be a loss of approximately \$31,000 per year in rental revenues to the town. The town has not raised the rental rate since it began leasing to the Senior Center.

The agenda brief notes in the project description that ASI is requesting funding through Colorado SB 21-290 for:

- "A dedicated center building in Pagosa Springs that meets the criteria set by our Risk Committee and Board in order to continue to provide and expand critical, unduplicated services to older adults in our area in Southwest Colorado.

- "Installation of appropriate equipment to assure the building meets ADA standards and kitchen requirements."

The project is planned to achieve the following impacts:

- "Improve program resiliency and the longevity of the senior center for Archuleta County.

- "Meet existing and evolving community need — demand for our services has increased 250% between 2014 and [2021-22]."

- "Support County and Town economic development and community resilience plans."

Major long-term benefits are noted in the documentation as:

- "Allows us to maintain AND increase numbers served."

- "We can expand programming options."

- "This building will allow us to become more financially resilient, depending less on agency and foundation funding over time because the project allows us expanded social enterprise income opportunities — for which ASI has a proven track record of success."

- "The building is available at a price well below replacement cost."

Wilkinson declined to comment Tuesday on what the potential new building is, because there is no signed contract in place at this time.

Overall benefits of the project presented in the agenda brief are listed as:

- "Supports stakeholder goals for a healthy community and demonstrates support regardless of social status."

- "Program and outreach expansion that ensures we support the most at-risk in our community."

- "Significantly impacts our capacity to serve consumers 60 and better, many of whom are at high risk due to financial and/or physical and mental health factors."

The following are cited in the documentation as "Ongoing Infrastructure & Other Funding Issues":

- "ASI is a non-profit entity administering a County-wide center that does not enjoy the same support as other regional providers. Most senior facilities are County-funded."

- "Demand for services increased by 250% between 2014 and [2021-22]."

- "Center Operating Costs increased 200% between 2014 and 2021-22."

- "During this same period, government support for operations decreased from 80% to 43%."

- "We remain the ONLY center

that is not provided with infrastructure and sustainable funding by its town, county, and state area agencies. We are one of only two senior centers that pay rent in our region (the other pays less than half our cost).

- "If we have to conduct a capital campaign for infrastructure funding, this puts us — at minimum — 3-5 years out for a new building, which means we cannot meet existing needs and we will be competing with funds for operations, which are increasing year-on-year."

- "If we have a mortgage for a new building, grantors do not allow for mortgage payments under grants — they only allow for lease or rent. It is clear to everyone in Archuleta County that a mill levy for a senior-focused center will not pass."

ASI's operating budget history is listed at \$655,000 for 2021, \$431,520 for 2018, and \$298,780 for 2014.

The following funding sources for ASI in 2021 are documented for the brief, with the county at 23.7 percent, SJBAAA at 29.7 percent, social enterprise at 7.5 percent, program income at 6.8 percent, Town of Pagosa Springs at 0.8 percent, local corporate and private donors at 0.8 percent, and foundation grants at 30.7 percent.

Expenses for 2021 were documented as general and administrative at 9.3 percent, grant and donor management at 5.8 percent, social enterprise expenses at 4.6 percent, nutrition and meals programs at 78.7 percent, monitoring and activities at 1.6 percent.

The breakdown of the population served by ASI provided to town council reflects the following:

- "Adults 60 and better (35% of area population; 10% disabled)"
- "County-wide, 13% of residents 60+ live below the poverty level"
- "Many have limited social interactions, educational programs, and other opportunities."

Also included in the documentation are the results of ASI's "2021 Consumer Survey":

- "90% of Meals on Wheels consumers report that participating allows them to have enough food"
- "100% of Café meal consumers and 95% of Meals on Wheels consumers report the meals meet their health needs"
- "100% of Café meal consumers and 95% of Meals on Wheels consumers report the program as Good or Excellent"
- "100% of caregivers report that the services provided by ASI are helpful to them"
- "Our caregivers report that services help them feel supported, make it easier to care for their loved one, and make it easier to keep that loved one in their home"
- "In 2020, we served more than 19,000 takeaway/delivery meals (nearly double pre-pandemic demand), including 7,100 Meals on Wheels"

"100% of those requesting services are being served — a significant factor in the face of funding declines relative the notable increase in demand for our services."

Additionally, ASI's 2019-2024 strategic goals "are listed below and are reflected in our program goals, objectives, and evaluation metrics:

"1) Continue to provide services to our existing foundational base of consumers;

"2) Program and outreach expansion to ensure we support the most at-risk in our community to significantly improve our capacity to serve consumers 60 and better, at least 80% of whom are at high risk due to financial and/or physical and mental health factors;

"3) Continue to diversify our funding sources to support organizational stability and County and Town Plans for Economic Development and Community Resilience; and

"4) Continue to strive for quality improvement and best practices alignment across all programs."

The letter, signed by Mayor Don Volger in support of the project, reads in part: "On behalf of the Town Council of the Town of Pagosa Springs, please consider this letter of support for Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI)'s request for capital funding under SB 21- 290. ASI has leased roughly 3,249 square feet of space in the northern wing of the Ross Aragon Community Center—the 'senior center'—for several years. Through the rented office space, gathering area, and commercial kitchen, ASI provides key services to older adults in the Pagosa Springs/Archuleta County community. They provide prepared meals and programming through the Center, which helps seniors to have nutritious food and positive, regular social interaction.

"Since 2017, ASI has been seeking a larger facility to accommodate the growing need for their services and to expand their programming. As you are likely aware, the Archuleta County demographics show a growing trend towards an aging population and having a facility that will meet those needs into the future is important for residents and visitors. The Town has no desire to change the current rental arrangement with ASI and will support them staying at the Community Center at their current highly subsidized rental rate for as long as they like. However, we understand their goal of having an independent facility that is larger and will meet their future needs. We are happy to support them in their quest for expanded and improved space to serve our community's seniors."

Knoell noted that the due date for applications is Dec. 1. The Department of Human Services State Unit on Aging is anticipated to make a final decision in early January 2022.

Editor's note: For full disclosure, staff writer Terri House's sister, Shari Pierce, serves on the town council.

COVID-19

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other groups eligible for a Pfizer booster, including people in institutional settings or at high risk of occupational exposure to COVID-19:

- Health care workers.
- Teachers and day care staff.
- Grocery workers.
- People in long-term care facilities, homeless shelters, prisons or other congregate settings.
- First responders.

"Studies show that after getting vaccinated against COVID-19, protection against the virus may decrease over time and be less able to protect against the Delta variant," the CDC's website states. Although COVID-19 vaccination for adults aged 65 years and older remains effective in preventing severe disease, recent data ... suggest vaccination is less effective at preventing infection or milder illness with symptoms. Emerging evidence also shows that among healthcare and other frontline workers, vaccine effectiveness against COVID-19 infections is decreasing over time. This lower effectiveness is likely due to the combination of decreasing protection as time passes since getting vaccinated (e.g., waning immunity) as well as the greater infectiousness of the Delta variant."

"The CDC, FDA, and the scientific research now support boosters as a way to provide additional protection for our more vulnerable populations. We hope that eligible individuals will jump on this opportunity to build more immunity right away," said Liane Jollon, SJBPH executive director, via the press release. "Residents who have been fully vaccinated are still well protected, especially against hospitalization and death, but evidence shows that a booster dose will provide even more protection. Our top priority continues to be people who have yet to receive a single dose of vaccine—answering their questions and providing easy access to the COVID-19 vaccine."

Moderately to severely immunocompromised people ages 12 and older continue to be eligible for a third dose of an mRNA vaccine.

For the immunocompromised, additional doses should be administered at least four weeks after the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, according to SJBPH.

Immunocompromised individuals are advised to seek the same mRNA vaccine that they originally received. If the matching vaccine type is not available, immunocompromised individuals may receive the alternative mRNA vaccine.

als will be asked to self-attest for eligibility at the time of vaccination for the additional dose. If you are immunocompromised, consult with your primary care provider to discuss if an additional dose is recommended for you.

"It remains critical that all eligible residents and youth finish their vaccination series and receive both doses if receiving a two-shot vaccine," the press release states. "Anyone who is overdue for their second dose should find a clinic that matches their original vaccine type, sign up for an appointment, and bring their vaccination record card. Studies have shown completing the two-dose regimen is the best way to ensure protection against COVID-19, and especially the Delta variant."

How to get a booster dose

"Individuals who are eligible for the Pfizer boosters are advised to seek out a vaccine clinic or provider at their earliest convenience," the SJBPH press release states.

SJBPH clinics operated in partnership with Jogan Health Solutions will now administer booster shots at all scheduled clinics, as well as offering first and second doses of vaccine to those who have not completed their initial vaccine series.

The press release notes that SJBPH has set up a recurring clinic in Archuleta County, as well as one in La Plata County, to accommodate a higher volume of patients seeking a booster dose.

The recurring Archuleta County clinic is being held at Pagosa Springs Middle School, located at 309 Lewis St., on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Appointments are recommended.

Residents can also access booster doses of Pfizer through other enrolled providers in the region.

"Individuals are encouraged to verify with the provider in advance that they have adequate supply of Pfizer vaccine and are able to administer the booster," the press release notes.

Additional information about the COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots, clinics and enrolled vaccine providers can be found on SJBPH's website: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

What about Moderna, Johnson and Johnson boosters?

Additional federal and state review is needed before the population eligible for boosters expands

to include people who originally received Moderna or Johnson and Johnson vaccines, according to the SJBPH press release.

Griffin noted SJBPH is monitoring closely for when people who originally received those vaccines may be eligible for boosters, as well as when additional populations may be eligible for a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

Local numbers

According to SJBPH, Archuleta County's seven-day cumulative incidence rate was 192.8 cases per 100,000 people — up from 157.1 a week prior.

According to Griffin, between Sept. 7 and Sept. 27, 20 percent of confirmed cases were in school-aged children 5 to 18 years of age, meaning 15 of 75 confirmed cases over that period of time.

"Across the health district we have seen an increase in cases with the school-age kids," he said.

Griffin also noted an increase among individuals 20 to 40 years of age over the same period.

According to the CDC, Colorado's seven-day incidence rate was 162.7 Wednesday — down from 176.2 a week prior.

The U.S.'s one-week rate is 232.4, down from 276 a week prior.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH listed 1,365 total cases of confirmed COVID-19 among Archuleta County residents since late March 2020, up from 1,336 a week prior.

The agency showed Archuleta County was at 7 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.

As of Sept. 29, that outbreak was six students and one staff member.

On Sept. 15, an outbreak was identified at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center, with SJBPH reporting four confirmed cases among unvaccinated staff members.

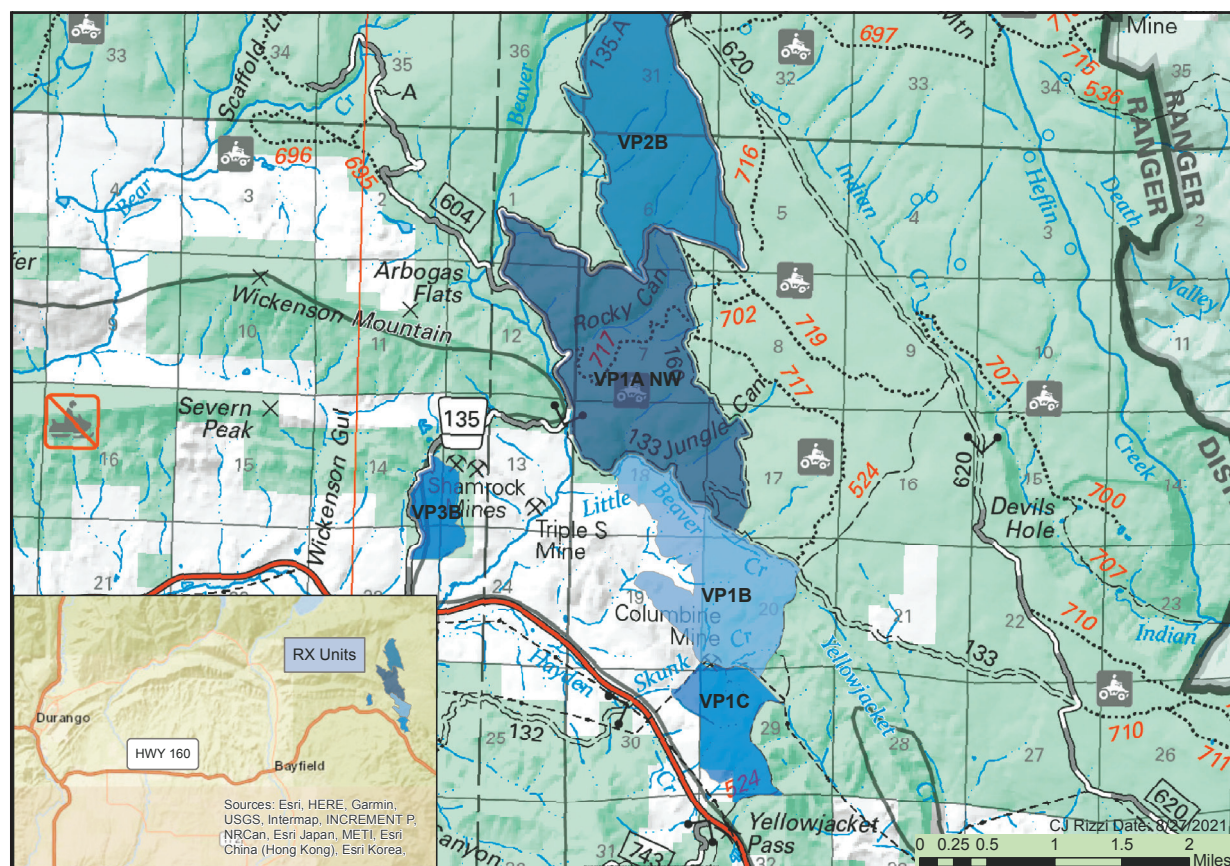
The first case was on Sept. 6. On Sept. 29, Griffin reported that outbreak includes five staff members, with one case being a vaccinated individual.

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>.

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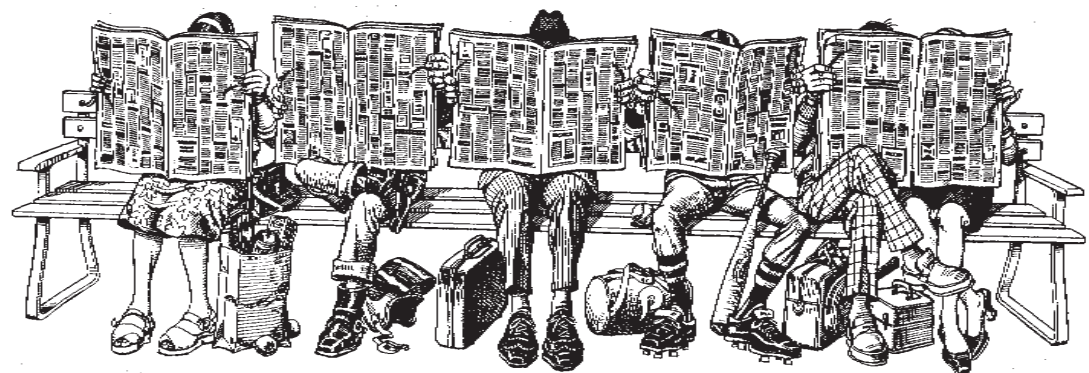
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The Colorado Supreme Court will issue an opinion no later than Nov. 1.

The final plan can be viewed or downloaded at: <https://colog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=4f4b78fcd8a340f38c8434f840776b55>.

The plan was approved by a vote of 11 in favor and 1 opposed, fulfilling the constitutional requirement that a final map must be approved by a supermajority of eight of the 12 commissioners, including at least two unaffiliated commissioners. The approved final plan was unofficially titled Staff Plan 3 Coleman Amendment and will now be titled the Final Approved Plan.

"The thousands of public comments from Coloradans, diligent map-making from the staff, and thoughtful discussions from the commission are all what led us to this moment and it has been an honor to chair the first Colorado Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission and hope we've set a standard for other states to follow in the future," acknowledged chair Carly Hare.

Due to population growth documented by the 2020 census data, Colorado gained an eighth congressional district.

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

- Have equal population, justifying each variance, no matter how small, as required by the U.S. Constitution;
- Be composed of contiguous geographic areas;
- Comply with the federal "Voting Rights Act of 1965," as amended;
- Preserve whole communities of interest and whole political subdivisions, such as counties, cities and towns;
- Be as compact as is reasonably possible; and
- Thereafter, maximize the number of politically competitive districts.

Districts cannot be drawn for the purpose of:

- Protecting incumbents or declared candidates of the U.S. House of Representatives or any political party; or
- Denying or abridging the right of any citizen to vote on account of that person's race or membership in a language minority group, including diluting the impact of that racial or language minority group's electoral influence.

Legislative plan

The Colorado Independent Redistricting Commission staff released the second version of the state legislative staff plan on Sept. 23.

The second legislative staff plans can be viewed or downloaded at: <https://redistricting.colorado.gov/content/staff-legislative-2>.

The state Senate and state House plans were prepared using 2020 census data, public comments and input from the legislative commission.

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

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

- Have equal population, as required by the U.S. Constitution, with a population deviation of no more than 5 percent between the most populous and the least populous district in each chamber;
- Be composed of contiguous geographic areas;
- Comply with the federal "Voting Rights Act of 1965," as amended;
- Preserve whole communities of interest and whole political subdivisions, such as counties, cities and towns; however, a division of a county, city, and county, or town is permitted where a community of interest legislative issues are more essential to the fair and effective representation of residents of the district. When the commission divides a county, city, city and county, or town, it shall minimize the number of divisions of that county, city, city and county, or town;
- Be as compact as is reasonably possible;
- Thereafter, maximize the number of politically competitive districts.

Colorado Congressional Districts (Third Staff Plan)

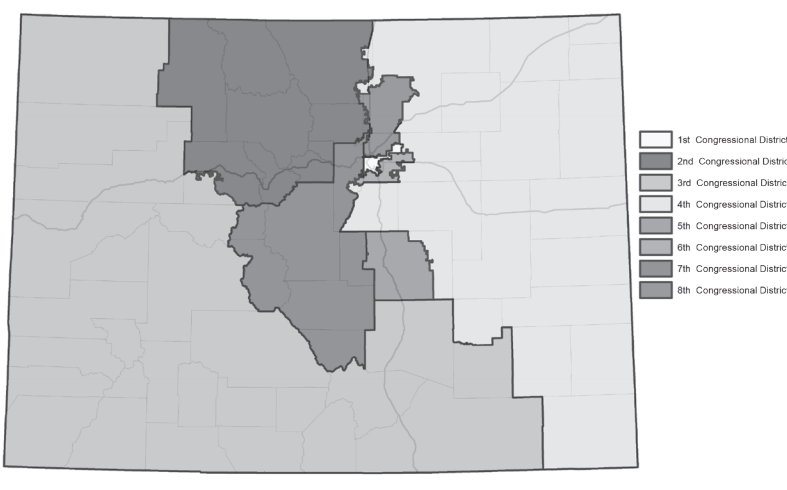


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Colorado Senate Districts Statewide (Second Staff Plan)

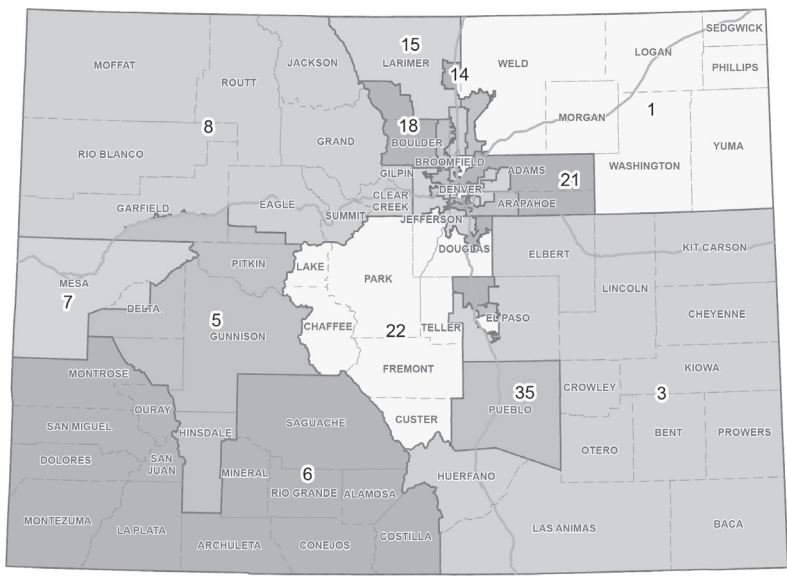


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Written public comments will remain open and available throughout the consideration of final plans by visiting: https://redistricting.colorado.gov/public_comments/.

To be adopted, the plans must be voted on and approved by eight of the 12 commissioners, including two unaffiliated commissioners. The plans must be adopted by the commission by Oct. 11 and submitted by nonpartisan legislative staff to the Colorado Supreme Court by Oct. 15.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Sept. 30

San Juan Basin Public Health Board of Health special meeting. 9 a.m., Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84364813757>, or call (312) 626-6799 or (408) 638-0968 and use meeting ID: 843 6481 3757.

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=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County admin-

istration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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.

Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasun.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.



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Outdoors

October events planned at Chimney Rock National Monument

By Nadia Werby

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

There's still time to experience Chimney Rock National Monument. Fall is a beautiful time here in the Four Corners, and now you can see the colors from on top of the Chimney Rock mesa.

Self-guided tours and monthly special events will be available to the public through Oct. 15. All tours begin at the visitor cabin where fees are collected. Then guests drive in their own vehicles to the high mesa. Tours are first-come, first-served and reservations are not required. Prices for self-guided tours are \$12/adult and \$6/child (ages 5-12).

October special events at Chimney Rock National Monument

- Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tours: Every Tuesday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:15 to 9:45 a.m.; no tour available on Saturday, Oct. 2.

- Geology Tour: Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 8:10 to 11 a.m.

- Night Sky Stars and Galaxies Program: Friday, Oct. 8, 8:15 to 10:30 p.m.

- The Personal World of Nature — A Sketching Class: Oct. 14 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) offers the Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour every Saturday morning and Tuesday afternoon. This engaging two-hour tour is led by a trained CRIA tour guide. The tour will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago.

You will learn about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chaco culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House and the day-to-day lives of the inhabitants of Chimney Rock.

You will walk both the Mesa Village and Great House Pueblo trails, learning about the structures along each trail, including their significance and uses. You will be treated to the stunning views of the surrounding countryside and asked to imagine what it must have been like for the people who once called Chimney Rock their home.

The tours will be conducted in the quiet off-hours of the monument. Bring your curiosity, camera, sturdy shoes and water. Check our website for tour times. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12).

The Geology Tour will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 6. This is a 2.5-hour guided tour that explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the ancestral Puebloans who lived at Chimney Rock. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and learn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area. No prior knowledge of geology is needed.

The last Night Sky Stars and Galaxies program of the season will take place on Friday, Oct. 8. Guests must arrive for check-in between 7:30 and 8 p.m. The program begins at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). Guests will proceed to the amphitheater for the first part of the program, an introductory talk including topics such as how the ancient people who periodically inhabited the site used the unique landscape of the Chimney Rock area to view the sky and what special astronomical events they might

have seen.

All Night Sky programs are designed to include telescope viewing by attendees and we hope restrictions will be lifted in 2021 to allow this activity. But, since the virus can be spread by the moisture of the eye contacting a telescope eye piece, we may need to omit this activity for the safety of all. Also, weather conditions may occasionally prevent telescope viewing on a particular date.

If telescope viewing is planned, you'll then drive to the High Mesa parking lot, where volunteers await with telescopes. At the viewing area, each telescope will focus on a different feature and volunteers will change that focus periodically during the viewing time. If we are not able to use the telescopes, expert volunteers will give an expanded talk about how the ancient people who periodically inhabited the site used the unique landscape of the Chimney Rock area to view the sky, what special astronomical events they might have seen, or other topics relevant to this special place.

The Personal World of Nature — A Sketching Class on Thursday, Oct. 14, is part art, part reflection, part nature study and a little visit to Chimney Rock National Monument — all rolled into one. Guests will start at the herradura at the head of the Mesa Village Trail. After becoming oriented, guests walk down to the Great Kiva to sit on blankets or chairs we bring. Our goal is to become centered with the site and focus in on a specific item of nature. Using sketchbooks and drawing materials provided, we will examine the item of nature selected and watch how it magically appears on a page in our sketchbook. Afterward, there will be a sharing with each other of what



Photo courtesy Howard Rowe/Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Self-guided tours and monthly special events at Chimney Rock National Monument will be available to the public through Oct. 15.

we have learned. No art talent is required, just a desire to be open to suggestions and willing to try a hand at self-expression. Check-in time is 3 to 3:15 p.m. Program starts at 3:15 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

To make reservations for these special programs, contact the CRIA office directly at (970) 731-7133 or officemgr@chimneyrockco.org. Tickets are \$16 for ages 13 and up, \$8 for ages 5-12, under 5 free.

For tickets for any of these special programs, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs.

Include Chimney Rock in your plans this fall. This ancestral Puebloan cultural site is located 17

miles west of Pagosa and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. To view the Chimney Rock National Monument 2021 calendar of events, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest.

Turkey Springs Vegetation Management decision authorized

By Rebecca Robbins

Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District released the final decision authorizing the Turkey Springs Vegetation Management project in Archuleta County.

The project aims to improve forest resilience in the face of disturbances like drought and wildfire, and improve wildlife habitat in the 23,580-acre Turkey Springs landscape located west of Pagosa Springs near the Pagosa Lakes, Wildflower and Aspen Springs subdivisions.

"Vegetation treatments in the Turkey Springs Area are of particular importance because of the proximity to communities," said District Ranger Josh Peck. "This decision provides the Forest

Service additional opportunities to continue managing vegetation and fuels conditions, providing for more safe and effective wildland fire management. This decision authorizes potential treatments over the next 20 years. We plan on starting with some of the initial work this coming spring."

Activities will include thinning, mowing, mastication and tree harvests. Project activities will provide wood products for commercial and noncommercial uses, including for the commercial timber industry and firewood for individuals. This is a high-priority area due to the dense growth of trees and shrubs and important wildlife habitat.

The Forest prepared an environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA) that reflected public comments received during the scoping period in early 2021 and the comment period in the spring of 2021. The final EA and a draft decision notice were released in April 2021. The final decision notice supports a Finding of No Significant Impact under NEPA and is consistent with the Forest Management Plan.

For more information about the planning of this project, view the project Web page at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59146> or contact the Pagosa Ranger District office at (970) 264-2268.

All offices on the San Juan National Forest are currently conducting business and providing services virtually. For information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874.

Fading, off-color pine needles normal in autumn

By Teddy Parker-Renga

Colorado State Forest Service

Although thousands of evergreen trees in Colorado's high country, foothills and communities are beginning to display fading yellow or brown needles, most are simply going through a natural shedding process — they are not being damaged by bark beetles or any specific tree insect or disease.

Colorado evergreens shed their older, interior needles as part of an annual growth cycle. Needles on the lower portions of the crown or closest to the trunk are most commonly shed, but trees stressed due to drought or root damage may shed more needles to keep the tree in balance with its root system. Soon-to-be-shed needles typically yellow first, then they turn reddish-orange or brown color before dropping off. Trees can have varying levels of needle shed, even within the same property or general area.

In Colorado, ponderosa and lodgepole pines, as well as some spruce and fir species, are the trees that are most commonly reported to be shedding needles in September and October.

Evergreen trees that shed fall needles have a different appearance

than trees infested by bark beetles. The needles on a beetle-infested tree typically change color throughout the entire tree (as opposed to only the older needles in healthy trees), initially starting with an off shade of green and turning to reddish-orange by the following summer. In addition to changing needle color, bark-beetle-infested trees will show other signs of attack, such as popcorn-shaped pitch tubes on the trunk, boring dust resembling fine sawdust collecting in bark crevices

and at the base of the tree, and regular woodpecker activity.

This fall needle drop is frequently mislabeled as "needle cast," but the term actually refers to a fungal disease of spruce and fir trees. There is no need to spray or otherwise chemically treat pines and other evergreens exhibiting normal fall needle drop.

For more information about tree and forest health, contact your local Colorado State Forest Service field office or visit csfs.colostate.edu/forest-management/.

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Recent storms help river flows, snow in the forecast

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the San Juan River was flowing at a rate of 41.6 cubic feet per second (cfs) in Pagosa Springs as of 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29.

This is up from last week's instantaneous reading of 22.3 cfs.

Based on 85 years of water records at this site, the lowest recorded flow rate for this date is 12 cfs, recorded in 1953.

The highest recorded rate for this date was in 2014 at 1,120 cfs. The average flow rate for this date is 153 cfs.

As of 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, the Piedra River near Arboles was flowing at a rate of 43.2 cfs, which is up from last week's instantaneous reading of 32.9 cfs.

Based on 58 years of water records at this site, the average flow rate for that date is 192 cfs.

The highest recorded rate for this date was 1,490 cfs in 2014. The lowest recorded rate was 13.3 cfs in 2018.

Water report

According to a Sept. 27 press release from the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Manager Justin Ramsey, Hatcher Lake is now 41 inches from being completely full. Last week, it was listed at 34 inches from full.

Stevens lake saw no change in its water level compared to last week's press release and is listed at

27 inches from full.

Pagosa Lake dropped 1 inch compared to last week's report and is now at 7 inches from full.

Village Lake is listed at 8 inches from full.

Lake Forest's water level remained the same compared to last week's report at 3 inches from full.

Total diversion flows remain at 5.5 cfs.

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

Water production from Sept. 17 through Sept. 23 was listed at a total of 17.54 million gallons, the same amount as last week's report.

The Snowball water plant contributed 3.66 million gallons, while the Hatcher plant contributed 6.37 million gallons and the San Juan water plant contributed 6.52 million gallons.

Last year, total water production was listed at 13.64 million gallons for those dates, the same as last week's report.

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

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

Ramsey notes that PAWSD is continuing to request voluntary odd/even watering days, "requesting that if your address is an odd number only irrigate on odd cal-

endar days and vice-versa for even number addresses."

There are no other mandatory water use restrictions in place, besides limiting irrigation to after 6 p.m. and before 9 a.m.

Drought report

The National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) was last updated on Sept. 21.

The NIDIS website indicates 100 percent of Archuleta County is abnormally dry. This is up from the previous report of 95.27 percent.

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

The NIDIS website also notes that 42.68 percent of the county is in a severe drought stage, which is consistent with the previous report.

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

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

No portion of the county is in exceptional drought.

For more information and maps,

visit: <https://www.drought.gov/states/Colorado/county/Archuleta>.

Weather outlook

According to the National Weather Service, today, Sept. 30, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 62 degrees and low of 38 degrees with scattered rain/snow showers likely throughout the day.

For Friday, Oct. 1, the forecasted high is 60 degrees and the low is 34 degrees. There is an 80 percent chance of showers during the day and a 10 to 40 percent chance of thunderstorms throughout the night.

For Saturday, Oct. 2, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 68 degrees and a low of 34 degrees with mostly sunny skies throughout the day and a slight chance of storms at night.

For Sunday, Oct. 3, the forecasted high is 80 degrees with clear skies. The forecasted low for this day is 39 degrees with mostly sunny skies during the day and a slight chance of storms at night.

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

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More changes proposed for county's Land Use Regulations

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Planning Commission has drafted a few more proposed changes to the county's Land Use Regulations (LUR).

The changes are largely in regard to the county's ability to withhold permits on properties which are in noncompliance with the county's LUR.

Other proposed changes are related to the allowable time frame for people to be able to camp on their own private property either in a tent or a recreational vehicle (RV).

At a regular meeting held on Aug. 25, the commission discussed the new language proposed by Development Director Pamela Flowers.

Along with a number of grammatical corrections, like the use of Oxford commas, Flowers has proposed changes to the language in Section 1.4.3.1(1)(2).

The proposed additional language includes, "The County may deny or withhold all approvals, certificates, or other forms of authorization on any land, or structure, or improvements owned, operated, or being developed by a person who owns, operates, has developed, or has otherwise caused an uncorrected violation of these Regulations until the violation is corrected."

Other additional language being proposed is in regard to allowable time frames for people to camp on their own private property, either in a tent or a RV, which is found in

Section 3.2.4.3.

Flowers explained in previous meetings that the existing LUR addresses time limits for people to stay in a RV on their own private property, but it does not have any language in regard to if tent camping is allowed or not on private property.

Also included in this section is language that states that, "At no time shall solid and liquid wastes be discharged or otherwise disposed of on the surface of the ground, buried in the ground in any way, or dumped into any well, cave, open ditch, stream, lake, or reservoir."

The commission is proposing that RVs and tents are allowed to be occupied and used for non-commercial camping purposes on residential property for up to 14 consecutive days after the approval of a no-cost permit, or for up to 120 consecutive calendar days by obtaining a temporary use permit.

Flowers also proposed changing the language in Section 1.1.5, dealing with interpretation of the county's LUR.

The proposed language by Flowers states, "The Director of County Development, or designee, shall be responsible for interpreting these Regulations, unless otherwise specifically stated."

Flowers did not indicate as to when the proposed changes to the LUR would go before the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners for final approval.

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No-cost assistance available for Medicare open enrollment

By Christie Schler
San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging

The Medicare open enrollment period to sign up for 2022 Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage Plans begins on Oct. 15 and will continue through Dec. 7.

During open enrollment, San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging's SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) is offering personal counseling to all Medicare-qualified individuals.

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By Cynthia Purcell
San Juan Conservation District

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Sports

GOLF

Three Pirates qualify for next week's state golf tournament

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Three Pirate golfers will represent Pagosa Springs High School at next week's state golf tournament in Elizabeth, both as individuals and as a team.

The three Pirates — senior Jack Walker, senior Ethan Robel and junior Braylon Cotts — placed in the top 20, with the Pirates finishing third out of the 14 teams present.

"It was really good," coach Mark Faber said, but noted that the worst outcome is to have three qualify and one not. He added, "They worked hard and they executed what they've been working on, and it showed, without a doubt."

According to the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA), there are 84 state qualifiers for the 3A state tournament, with each regional tournament advancing two full teams and 13 individuals not on a team.

However, on Monday, CHSAA released the list of state-qualifying individuals and teams, with the Pirates being listed as a team for the state tournament after three individuals qualified.

Walker led the Pirates at the regional tournament, shooting an 81 on the par-71 course to finish seventh overall.

"Jack continues to play better and better," Faber said. "The hard work he's putting in is paying off."

Robel followed in 11th with an 84, and Cotts finished 17th after shooting an 87.

It is the first time for each of the

"They all qualified for it, and now is the time to take a breath and not be satisfied with just getting there. Let's go see what we can do."

Coach Mark Faber

Pirate golfers to advance to the state tournament.

Kaison Clifford finished 25th out of the 59 golfers competing after shooting a 93.

"He's been a big part of it the whole year," Faber said of Clifford.

The Vail Mountain Gore Rangers took first in Region 1 with a score of 229. The Lutheran Lions took second with a team score of 237, and Pagosa finished third with a team score of 252.

"They all have worked hard. They've come a long way this year," the coach said, adding, "They've worked hard enough to get there."

Leading up to next week's state tournament at Spring Valley Golf Club, Faber explained the team will mostly play, relax and try to enjoy it to be ready.

"I want 'em to play because I want 'em to stay in the tournament mode," he said, explaining he wants them to stay in that mindset.

On Sunday, the team will travel and play a practice round before tournament action takes place Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 4 and 5, Faber explained.

The state course, he noted, is a "very nice golf course" that the Pirates will enjoy.

"They're already successful," Faber said. "They all qualified for it, and now is the time to take a breath and not be satisfied with just getting there. Let's go see what we can do."
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Photo courtesy Billy Cotts

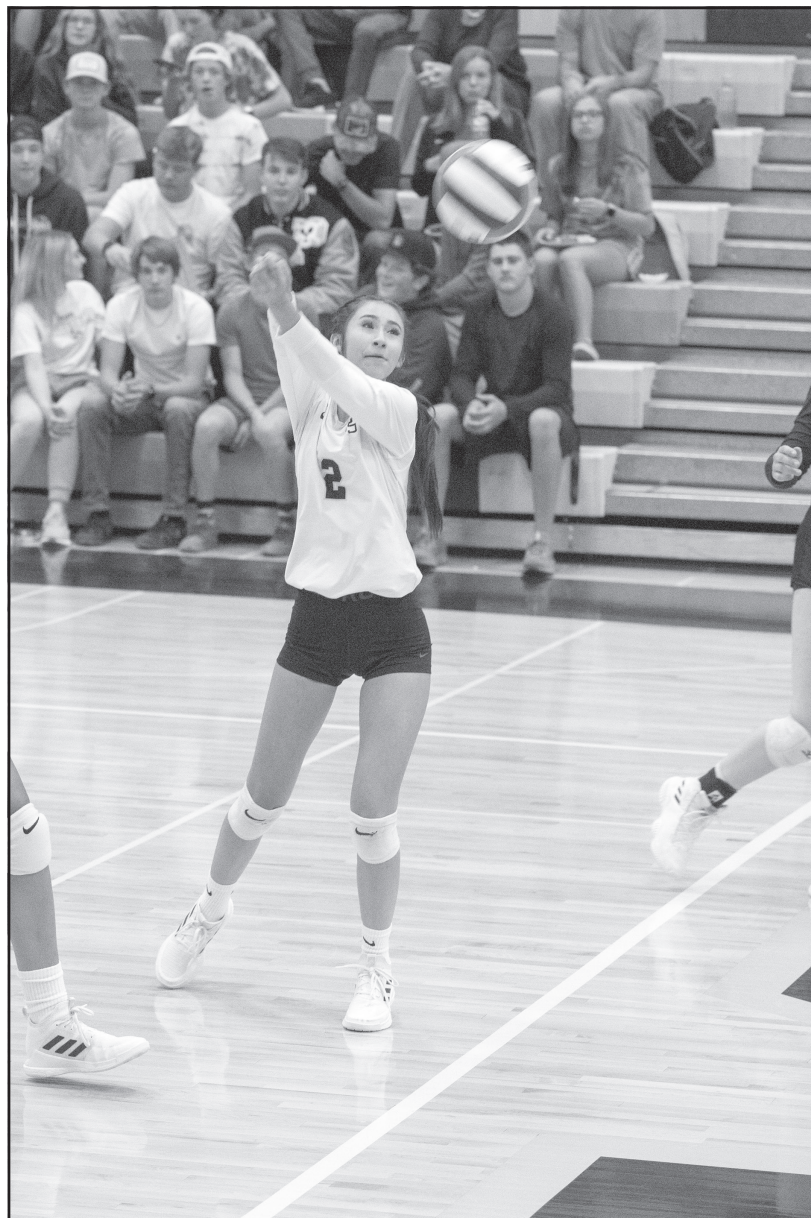
The Pirate golf team poses at last week's regional tournament in Alamosa. Pictured, left to right, are Ethan Robel, Braylon Cotts, coach Mark Faber, Jack Walker and Kaison Clifford. The Pirates finished third as a team at the tournament.

VOLLEYBALL



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Priscylla Howard sends the ball over the net during the Pirates' league matchup with the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers. The Panthers won 3-0.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Keira Torrez lines up the ball for a teammate during Tuesday evening's loss to the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers. The Lady Pirates are now 8-3 on the season.

Lady Pirates fall prey to Panthers

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team fell prey to the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers Tuesday night.

The loss leaves the Lady Pirates with an 8-3 overall record and a 2-3 mark in the Intermountain League (IML). The team has dropped its last three matches.

The Lady Pirates are currently the No. 16 team in Colorado 3A volleyball according to the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), which helps determine postseason seeding.

The Panthers beat the Pirates in three consecutive sets to claim the victory: 25-22, 25-16 and 25-20.

"I think we are all frustrated with the outcome of last night's game," coach Caitlin Forrest wrote in an email Wednesday. "It's a team we should have beat, and have beaten before."

Pagosa previously defeated Montezuma-Cortez 3-1 on Sept. 11.

Despite the loss, Forrest highlighted two aspects of Tuesday's affair with the Panthers, writing, "It was good to have Chantelle Caldwell (Middle Blocker) back on the court, and our serve receive passing was good."

"We need to continue on defense against big hitters at Alamosa, Bayfield, and Durango all have similar strong offenses."

Coach Caitlin Forrest

Lynelle Bartz led the team in kills on the night with six of Pagosa's 24. Caldwell, Jordan Stern and Priscylla Howard followed with four each. Kori Lucero contributed three, Audrey Martin logged a pair

of kills, and Aspen Pitcher had one.

Pagosa notched five serving aces in the game, with Caldwell logging two, and Grace Betts, Ava Pargin and Lucero each adding one.

"Unfortunately, we weren't able to earn points off of kills or aces," the coach noted.

Pagosa committed 12 serving errors on the night.

Bea Carpenter was the only Lady Pirate to log a solo block on the night. Bartz and Caldwell each had two assisted blocks, while Martin and Carpenter each had one.

Lucero led the team with 15 of Pagosa's 58 digs against the Panthers, with Keira Torrez logging 11. Martin, Bartz and Caldwell each had seven. Pargin and Howard each had five, and Carpenter had one.

Martin had 21 assists in the game, and Pargin had one.

Lucero and Torrez each had 24 receptions in the game, with Pargin adding eight. Bartz and Carpenter each had one reception.

The Lady Pirates had seven receiving errors in the contest.

The Panthers are now 7-4 on the season and 1-4 in IML action, placing them fifth in the league. They sit as the No. 16 team in the RPI standings.

The Lady Pirates will be looking to right the ship over the next week with both league and nonleague matches.

"I think we are in a bit of a mid-season slump, and we need a bit of a reset moving forward," Forrest wrote.

This weekend, the Lady Pirates will host the Alamosa Mean Moose, with varsity action scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The Mean Moose, who sit as the No. 7 team in the RPI standings, own a 2-1 league record and 8-3 overall mark.

The Lady Pirates have defeated the Mean Moose twice so far this season — 3-2 in a league matchup on Aug. 27 and 2-0 in a nonleague, tournament matchup on Sept. 4.

Then, on Tuesday, the Lady Pirates will travel to Durango for a 6
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CROSS-COUNTRY



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Lady Pirates Amber Calabaza and Ruth Ann Morehouse keep pace with a pair of visiting runners during Saturday's home cross-country meet. The team finished second, with Calabaza finishing ninth and Morehouse garnering 12th.

Pirate teams take fourth, second at home meet

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams hosted the Pagosa Springs Cross Country Challenge atop Reservoir Hill Saturday, with the Pirate boys finishing fourth and the Lady Pirates garnering second.

The Pirate teams now have three meets remaining before regionals.

The Pirate boys' squad finished fourth out of six teams at the event, finishing behind teams from Zuni, N.M., Monticello, Utah; and La Jara.

"On the boys' end, I was happy with their performances," coach Rachael Christiansen wrote in an email to The SUN. "Each runner improved from last year's home race. The boy's meet was more competitive this year, so a 4th place finish among that competition is good."

Andrew Bowles led the Pirates on the day, finishing 13th

overall with a time of 21 minutes, 20 seconds.

"On the boys side, Andrew went out strong and ended up 13th amongst some very tough competition, even taking a minute off his time from last year!" Christiansen notes in the teams' newsletter.

David Morehouse was the next Pirate across the line, finishing 17th out of 51 runners with a time of 22:02.

"David ran a great race, I think the best one of the season so far, taking off almost a minute from our home race from last year," the coach highlights in the newsletter.

Jesse Beck followed in 20th with a time of 22:18.

Running the race in 23:18 was Levi Hinger, who finished 24th overall despite, the coach explained in the newsletter, that he was battling side stitches the whole race.

Kyle Marotta finished 44th with a time of 26:46, with Chris-
■ See Cross-country A15

SOCCER

Near misses and missed chances: Pirates fall to Grand Junction Central

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team hosted the 4A Grand Junction Warriors on Friday, Sept. 24.

The Pirates lost in overtime by a score of 1-0.

"It's hard when you lose like that ... we did all right. We did what we could," coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason said.

The Pirates had a number of opportunities throughout the match, tallying a total of 18 shots.

"Any one of those shots could've gone in," Kurt-Mason added.

About halfway through the first half, Jordan Pham took a shot from about 25 yards out which bounced off the crossbar of the goal, straight down to the ground, nearly crossing goal line.

Pirate goalkeeper Christopher Young-Martinez made multiple saves in one-on-one situations, which helped keep the Pirates in the game.

"Christopher had a really great game," Kurt-Mason said. "He's a good goalkeeper. We found a gem in him."

Kurt-Mason also spoke about the Pirates' effort during the game, noting that the whole team put forth a great effort.

"We kept playing the whole time ... everybody was giving maximum effort," he said.

The Pirates played in a new formation for the first time this season, Kurt-Mason explained.

He noted that the Pirates lined up five defenders, staggered with three back-line defenders and two central stopper defenders in front of the back line.

Previously the Pirates have been playing with four defenders with three on the back line and one in the central stopper position, Kurt-Mason explained.

"That was a learning experience, and that was good," Kurt-Mason added.

He explained that was to have the two central stoppers push up the field more and try to gain better control of the midfield.

Kurt-Mason also noted that the Pirates were able to hold a good shape in that formation and were able to gain more control over the ball and the game in the second half, once the players settled into their positions.

He praised Pirate defender Gabe Gallegos for his performance, noting, "he's such a strong player" and was able to make an impact in the central stopper defensive position.

Kurt-Mason also spoke about how the Pirates weren't able to spread the Warriors' defense out as much as they would've liked to.

"What we didn't do is take it to



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Carson Young-Martinez makes contact with the ball in front of the goal during last week's matchup with Grand Junction Central. The Pirates lost the affair 1-0 in overtime.

the corners enough, ... so they didn't have to spread their defense out," Kurt-Mason said.

Regulation ended scoreless as the match went into overtime. In accordance with Colorado High School Activities Association rules for regular-season games that end regulation in a tie, two overtime periods of 10 minutes are played under the golden goal rule, meaning that the first team to score in overtime wins. If a goal is scored in the first overtime period, the match is over and the second overtime period is not played.

The Pirates maintained possession of the ball for the first five minutes of the first overtime period.

However, the Warriors were able to generate a quick counterattack that left the Pirates' defenders in a three-on-two scenario with the Warriors.

In the seventh minute of overtime, the Warriors were able to run the ball down the right wing of the Pirates' half and crossed the ball on the ground into the Pirates' penalty box to a wide open Warriors' attacker, who was able to beat Young-Martinez on his right side from about 6 yards out.

Young-Martinez made 10 saves on the day, including two saves in one-on-one situations with a Warriors' attacker from about 10 yards out.

Pham ended the game with three shots.

Kaylor Christians had a total of six shots and Kelton Christians had three shots.

Carson Young-Martinez also

had three shots on the day.

Jose Alfredo had two shots and Alex Pham had one shot.

The Pirates earned three corner kicks and committed one foul.

The Warriors earned two corner kicks, were called offsides twice and committed five fouls.

The Warriors are now 5-3 on the season.

Match result changed

On Sept. 11, the Pirates traveled to Alamosa to face off against the Mean Moose.

The Pirates initially won the game by a score of 1-0.

However, due to an ineligible player participating for the Pirates, the result of that match has been changed to a forfeit for the Pirates.

With that match result changed and after last week's match, the Pirates now sport an overall record of 6-4, and have a league mark of 2-1.

The Pirates remain in first place in the Southwest League.

Upcoming games

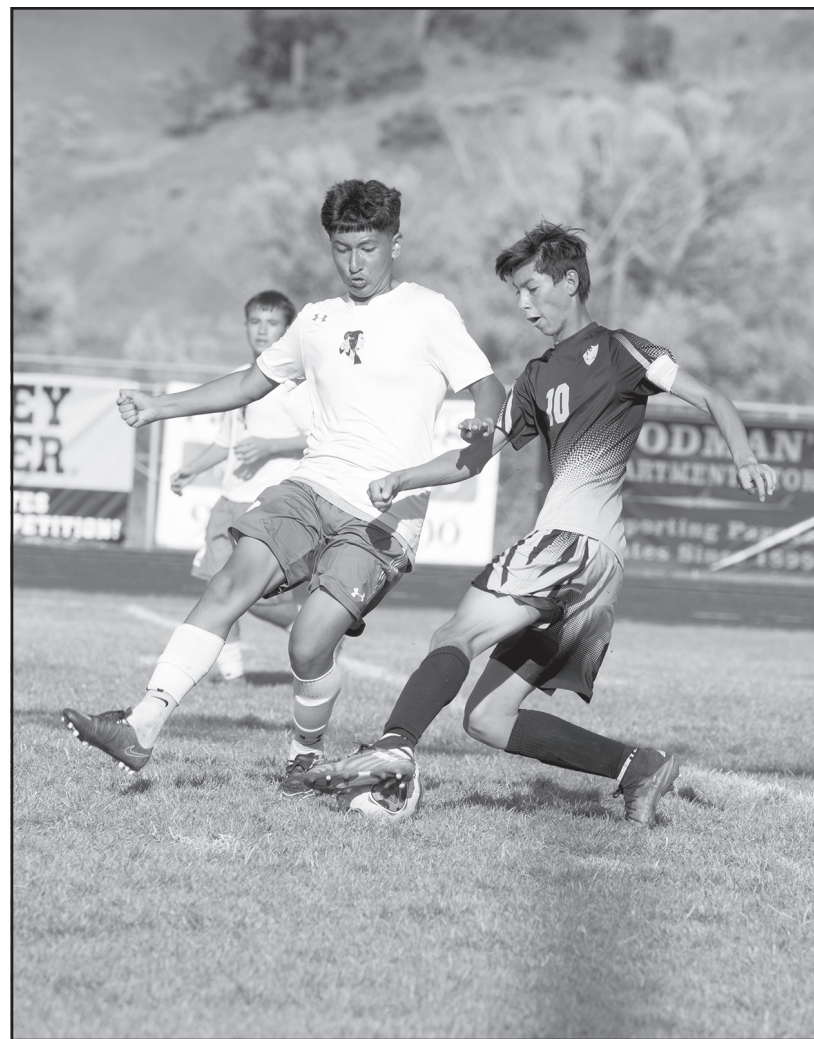
The Pirates are set to host the Mean Moose this Friday, Oct. 1, at 4 p.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium.

The Mean Moose are 1-2 in league play and 3-4 overall.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Pirates will travel to Gunnison to take on the Gunnison Cowboys at 1 p.m.

The Cowboys hold a 4-3 record on the season.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, the Pirates will face off against the Bayfield Wolverines at 4 p.m. in Bayfield. clayton@pagosahun.com



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Pagosa's Jordan Pham looks to maneuver the ball away from a Grand Junction Central defender during Pagosa's 1-0 overtime loss to the 4A Warriors. The Pirates are 6-4 on the season.



Photo courtesy Dawn Robel

Ethan Robel lines up a putt at the Sept. 23 regional tournament in Alamosa. Robel finished 11th overall with a score of 84 and qualified for next week's state tournament in Elizabeth.

Volleyball

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p.m. matchup with the 4A Demons.

The Demons are 3-5 on the season and are the No. 33 team in the 4A RPI standings.

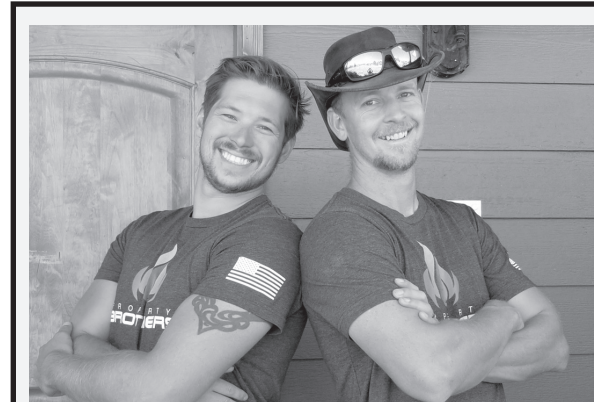
"We need to continue on defense against big hitters," the coach wrote, "as Alamosa, Bayfield, and Durango all have similar strong offenses."

Pagosa is currently in fourth place in the IML.

Bayfield leads the league with a 2-0 league record and 6-6 overall record. The Wolverines are 25th in the RPI standings.

Alamosa is second, followed by Centauri, who is 2-1 in league play and 6-6 overall. The Falcons are No. 17 in the RPI standings.

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DUST2 Pagosa Springs mountain bike team takes second in Snowmass

By Todd Bergdolt
DUST2

The second race of the year for the Colorado High School Cycling League was held in Snowmass Village last weekend. DUST2 Pagosa Springs, which competes in the Piedra Division, raced on Sunday of the two-day event.

This race was a traditional mass start, with all riders from their respective class starting at the same time. All racers competed for two laps, totaling 9.6 miles and 1,496 feet of climbing on the tough ski area race course. There were 284 total racers.

The team continued its momentum from the first round, where it placed third overall in its division and improved at this race finishing second overall as a team in the Division 3 category, which includes all teams with less than 12 racers.

The racing kicked off at a very chilly 8:30 a.m. with freshman Braden Terry. The start was steep and loose and unfortunately Terry got caught up in a crash right off the start, forcing him to hop off his bike and run up the hill. After remounting, he was toward the back of the pack, but rode a very strong race passing many riders to finish 21st out of 61 racers with a time of 57 minutes, 54.66 seconds.

The five JV boys raced next against 92 racers and put on quite a show. Junior Ethan Bergdolt was having an amazing race, sitting in the fourth position on the first lap as they started the downhill back to the start, when he snapped the chain on his bike. Bergdolt rode

the rest of the way down with no chain, then ran his bike uphill to the finish line, where coaches were waiting and were able to get him on a replacement bike for the second lap. Bergdolt was still able to cross the finish line after the second lap in fifth place, but was assessed a five-minute penalty, per league rules, for receiving outside assistance. This put his overall finish back to 30th place with a time of 53:04.58. On the plus side, Bergdolt won the Yeti Skills course competition, which is a timed, highly technical course designed to test riders bike-handling skills over and around obstacles.

The rest of the Pagosa JV racers all had much better luck, putting in their best finishes of the year. Senior Sawyer Blakemore rode extremely strong, finishing 10th overall with a time of 48:54.93. Junior Carter Kasson had one of his best races ever, finishing 15th place, after passing 29 riders in 49:53.93. Junior Tucker Mashue finished 27th with a time of 51:57.25, and senior Davis Parker finished 45th with a time of 56:13.29.

Our girls' race saw both Hadley Phillips and Rylie Carr on the podium this week. In the sophomore girls' category, Phillips finished in fifth with a time of 1:07:28.48 and Natalie Mashue dusted herself off after a big crash right before the finish to come in 10th with a time of 1:11:02.70. Freshman Rylie Carr took third in her class, putting her on the box with a time of 1:03:40.12.

The last race of the day was sophomore boys, where Bradley Lamoreaux got out front early and led most of the race. The pace was



Photo courtesy Jessica Carr

Members of DUST2 celebrate their team's second place finish on the podium.

extremely fast, but he ultimately ended up third after getting passed late in the race. He finished with a time of 45:56.68.

Lamoreaux, after collapsing at the finish line, said "I gave it my all. I just had nothing left in my legs late in that second lap."

Jack Hittle finished 29th with a

time of 57:23.50.

"I'm super impressed, and even more proud, of the level of effort every one of our kids put forth at the race this week. It's rare you get such a big group who is willing to leave it all out on the course like that. Amazing job," said coach Todd Bergdolt.

Cross-country

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tiansen writing in the newsletter that she believes Marotta "is starting to embrace the pain that comes with racing."

Tomas McNeill was the team's sixth runner, finishing 47th overall

with a time of 27:19.

"I would like to see our 5th and 6th runner get closer to 4th, but we are still working on that," Christiansen wrote in the email.

The Lady Pirates finished second out of seven teams, with the

coach calling second place "a good showing."

"We saw 2 of our girls in the top 10 which was awesome," she wrote.

Nell Taylor was the first Lady Pirate across the line, with Taylor finishing fifth out of 62 runners with a time of 25:17.

Amber Calabaza finished ninth with a time of 25:38.

"Amber Calabaza had an amazing race and is really coming along as a runner," Christiansen wrote in the email.

Ruth Ann Morehouse followed in 12th with a time of 26:10, and Sienna Rose finished 16th with a time of 26:45.

Lucy Taylor finished in 27:33 to claim 28th as the Lady Pirates' final scoring runner.

Alba Marchena Gordillo finished 34th in 28:35, and Marie Smith followed in 37th with a time of 29:56.

Caroline Smith finished 52nd in 33:34, Carolyn Foster finished 54th in 33:47, Amelia Berndt finished 57th in 35:30, and Johanna Beard finished 60th in 37:58.

"The efforts put forth by these ladies ended up putting them into 2nd place, only 13 points behind Durango. It was truly impressive and I'm excited to see each one of these girls run for the final 3 meets of the season," the coach highlights in the newsletter.

She added in the email, "It was also great to see them finish ahead of Centauri, as we had missed out on 1st place last weekend in Bayfield due to 1 single point. We beat them by more this week, which was great."

This weekend, the Pirate teams will head to Alamosa for the Inter-mountain League meet, with action scheduled to kick off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2.



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Pirate Andrew Bowles keeps pace at Saturday's home cross-country meet on Reservoir Hill. Bowles finished 13th to help the Pirates to a fourth-place finish.

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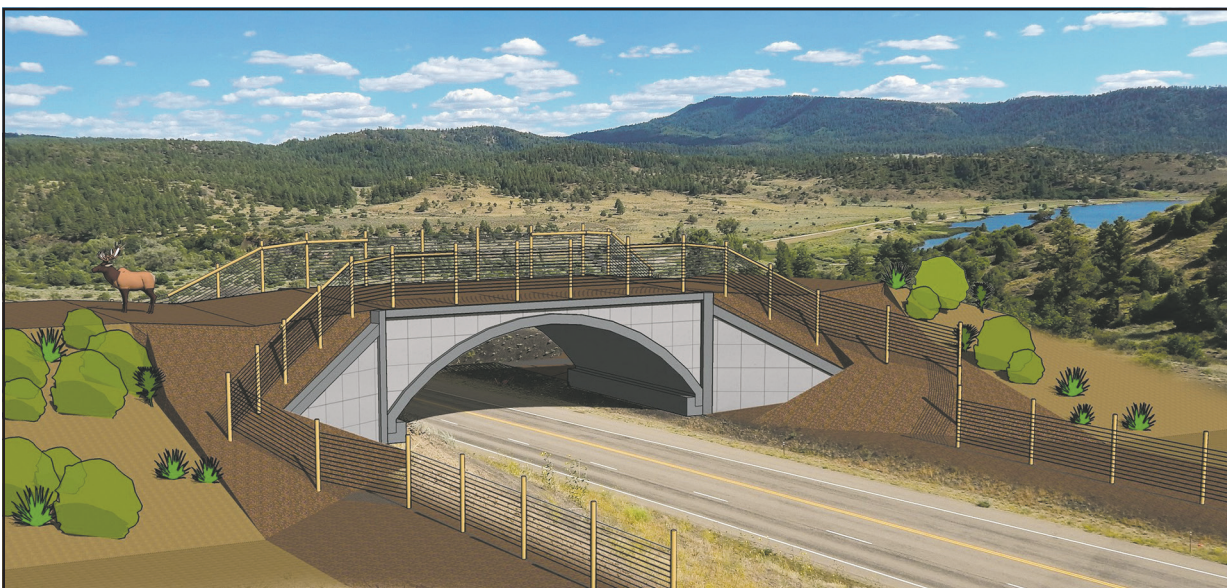
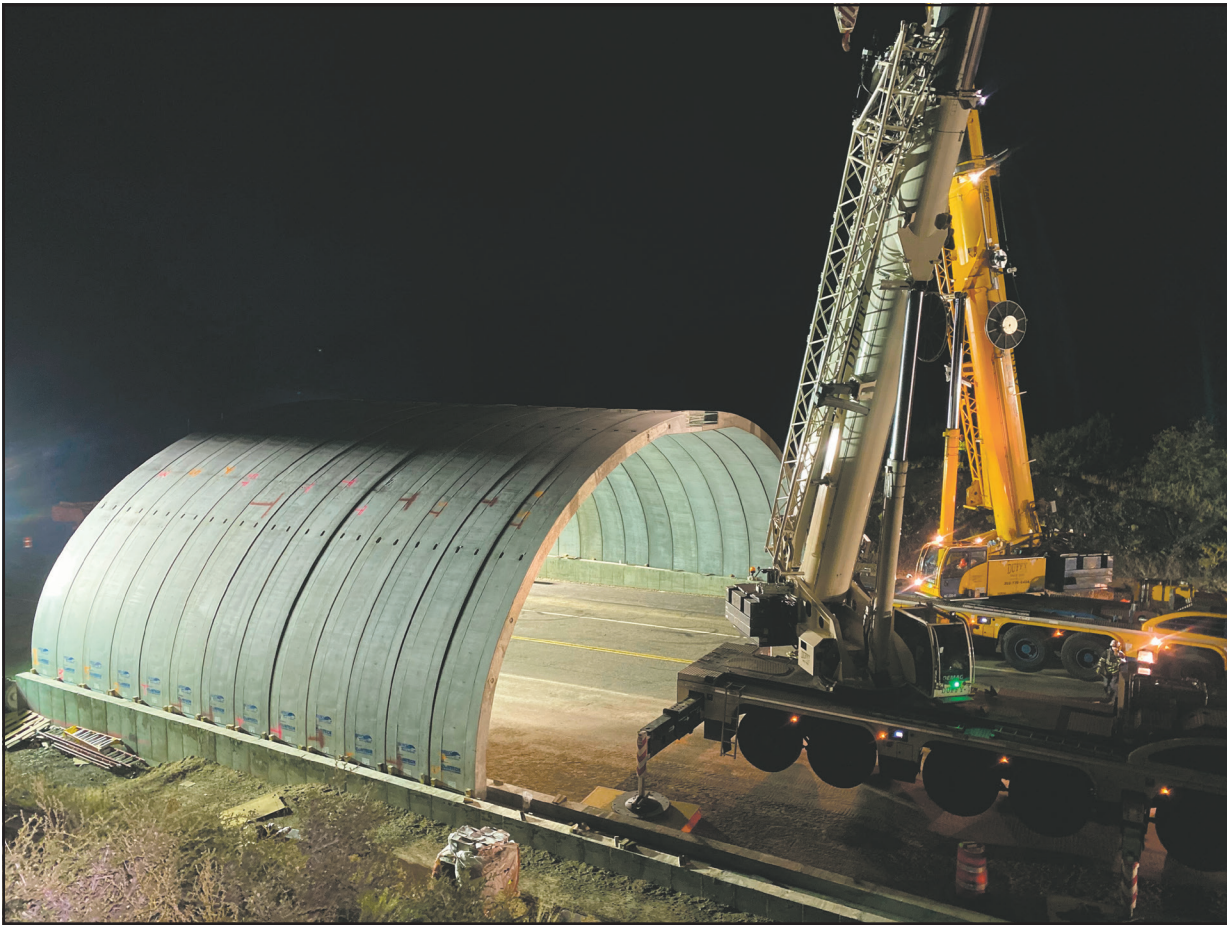




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This past week's full overnight closures on U.S. 160 resulted in the placement of 25 precast concrete forms set into place over the roadway. This structure will become a big game wildlife crossing once completed later this year. Wildlife-vehicle collisions make up more than 60 percent of crashes in the planned area. The \$11.3 million project is expected to reduce those collisions by at least 80 percent. The wildlife mitigation treatments will provide benefit for approximately 75 years and will continue to function effectively as traffic volumes increase over time. The road is open with one lane of traffic guided by a temporary signal. Travelers can expect short delays and a reduction of speed in the work zone.

New safety features for motorists and animals will include: a wildlife underpass, a wildlife overpass, an 8-foot-tall exclusion fence along both sides of U.S. 160, earthen escape ramps and deer guards, extension of the existing westbound passing lane on U.S. 160, construction of a left-turn acceleration lane on U.S. 160 at the Colo. 151 intersection, and pavement resurfacing along a 2-mile stretch of U.S. 160.



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Habitat for Humanity



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Rotary supports Habitat for Humanity

By JoAnn Laird
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

It goes without saying that the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club and Habitat for Humanity are all about helping those in need. Recently, when these two non-profit organizations came together with a generous, giving spirit, much was accomplished.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club chooses a monthly, local purpose to better our community. It could be supporting our school teachers with mini-grants, helping the town with the Fourth of July parade or a myriad of other projects. September was chosen to assist the worthy cause of the local Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat is building its 28th home in Pagosa for a single mother with two sons in the hope that their home will be ready for them by Christmas. It takes a village to pull this off. Or a small Colorado town of mighty volunteers.

It was a beautiful day. A day when it would have been

easy for all these workers to enjoy the great out-of-doors with their families or do chores around their own homes. Instead, they strapped on tool belts, armed themselves with paint brushes and did the small-town, neighborly thing. They volunteered. They helped someone in need. They went home at the end of the day with a deep satisfaction of the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

In this ever-changing world, the one constant is that it feels darn good to be of help to those that need it. Maybe now more than ever. Not monetarily, but by simply the giving of one's time.

If you have the inclination to be of help and feel good about yourself as a bonus, visit either the Rotary club, www.pagosaspringsrotary.org, or Habitat, www.habitatarchuleta.org, to explore how you can be of help to your community.

So, whether it's building houses, picking up highway trash or stuffing backpacks for the Feed the Children Program, there is always something one can contribute with a generous, giving spirit.

Plan to be a part of An Old Fashioned Pagosa Christmas

By Shari Pierce
Special to The PREVIEW

The beginning of autumn, ushered in with a bit of rain and cooler temperatures over the weekend, is a reminder of the winter season and festive holidays to come.

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-SNnw8SCKNyH4Z-rRHCr3wry84B0jao_gpMEjSw/viewform?usp=sf_link.

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Purple is the color of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Ashley Wilson
Rise Above Violence

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Rise Above Violence has partnered with local businesses, the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County to help raise awareness for victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Purple is the color for domestic violence awareness. Purple ribbons will line main street, Hot Springs Boulevard and 8th Street to bring awareness about this important issue in our community.

Businesses downtown will be participating with Youth Rise to display statistics about domestic violence. We would love to hear from you which ones surprised you. Reach out on Facebook and share which one was the most impactful.

As well, the Town of Pagosa Springs is joining with Rise to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Pagosa Springs on Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. The county proclamation will be during the commissioners' meeting on Oct. 19 at 1:30 p.m. Join us at these meetings to stand with victims and survivors in our community.

While awareness of the issues is important, we need you to take action. Three ways you can take actions today:

1. Believe survivors — if someone chooses to tell you about what is happening to them, listen.

2. Take a stand by being a voice for those who do not have one — call out the victim blaming, call out the jokes and behaviors that minimize women and other groups, do not tolerate the talk of violence against a partner even in jest.

3. Participate with Rise. You can give a gift to support survivors (www.riseaboveviolence.org), you can give time by volunteering to be a crisis volunteer, you can come to events and show your support.

Last year, Rise Above Violence served 400 victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault and answered 204 hotline calls in our community. Rise can help you with counseling, housing and resources to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Rise is our community's local domestic violence and sexual assault organization. Our hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (970) 264-9075. If you would like to know how you can do more in your community to help, call us today at (970) 264-1129. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. We need all volunteers from direct advocacy work to helping with behind-the-scenes projects and events.

Did you know that, nationally,

one in four women and one in seven men will be a victim of domestic violence in their lifetime? Did you also know that nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the U.S.? That is more than 10 million women and men per year.

Do these facts frighten you or make you feel a little uneasy? If

your answer is yes, but you don't know what you can do about it, then you can start by acknowledging that these facts happen and you, too, can help to raise awareness about abusive relationships. Human nature is for us to pretend that it doesn't happen in our community and that it doesn't happen

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Local group to hold Yes Fest viewing

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

Thursday, Oct. 7, and Friday, Oct. 8, will be an incredible opportunity for all people who want to make a difference in this world.

Yes Magazine is presenting what is called a Yes Fest entitled “A Better World Rising,” originating in Seattle, Wash., and presented free online for two days. All speakers will be recorded with copies available for free to those who register for free for Yes Fest 2021.

There will be lively discussions about the solutions and ideas that go into building a more equitable and sustainable world. There will be many ideas presented on how you can help. You may need to take some time to adjust your thinking because some ideas will be new and different and that is called “personal growth.”

If you can register and view at home, that is the easiest way, but also on Thursday, Oct. 7, there will be an opportunity to gather in the Ruby Sisson Library large meeting room from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to view this world-changing program together. (A light lunch will be available.)

On day one, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., will be an important panel discussion titled, “How Far We’ve Come and Where We Go From Here.” It will be moderated by Vandana Shiva, a scholar and activist and will include Sarah Van Gelder and David Korten, co-founders of Yes Magazine.

If the name Korten sounds familiar, Drs. David and Fran Korten were the inspirations for the Pagosa Earth Community (which has not been meeting because of COVID-19.)

The Pagosa Earth Community

started in 2015 after a successful march against Monsanto and studying David Korten’s two books. If you are interested in the history, mission statements and some of its activities, you can check out the website at: pagosaearthcommunity.org. Fran Korten has also spoken at our library in Pagosa in 2016, 2017 and 2019. She will be back in Pagosa when COVID sufficiently subsides.

Other speakers for “Yes Fest” include Alicia Garcia, Adrienne Maree Brown, Fania Davis, Dallas Goldtooth, the Rev. Dr. LizTheoharis, Amanda Alenander and Mariah Parker.

On Friday, Oct. 8, the main topic will be transformative justice and it will be online from 1 to 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (2-6 p.m. MST). On Friday, we will not gather unless we decide to and secure a location, since the library is already booked.

Awareness

■ continued from previous page to people we know. So, it is important that we know red flag warning signs of abuse and what to do if we recognize that it is happening.

Does your partner:

- Expect you to spend all of your time with him/her or to “check in” with and let them know where you are?
- Act extremely jealous and/or possessive of you?
- Isolate you by controlling where you go, who you see and talk to, what you wear?
- Treat you with disrespect and put you down?
- Put down your friends and family, your dreams, ideas and/or goals?
- Lose his/her temper frequently over little things?
- Make you feel as if you are walking on eggshells to keep the peace?
- Make threats to hurt you, leave you, hurt your pets, destroy your property and/or commit suicide if you don’t do what he/she wants?

- Play mind games or make you feel guilty?
- Refuse to take responsibility for his/her actions? Blames you,

Understanding what domestic violence is and that it can happen to any race, religion, gender or economic status is the first step of awareness.

drugs or alcohol, their boss, parents, etc. for their behavior? (Cited: www.newhopeforwomen.org.)

These are some of the warning signs of domestic abuse. If you

see that this is happening to you or someone you love, there are resources to help you. Understanding what domestic violence is and that it can happen to any race, religion, gender or economic status is the first step of awareness.

Thank you to our community partners that stand with us during October. Your support lets victims know that their community supports them and may even help end their silence.

Rise is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving more than 350 victims each year. Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential, including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs. Visit www.riseaboveviolence.org for more information or call (970) 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today.



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St. Patrick's to hold Blessing of the Animals Sunday

By Nancy Crouse
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Join the people of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church for a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 11:30 a.m. in the church parking lot. Or, drop by the Riverwalk at Town Park with your favorite furry, scaled or hooved creature to receive a blessing on Sunday between 1 and 2 p.m. All creatures and their humans are welcome.

On St. Francis Day, we remember St. Francis' deep affinity with and joy in the natural world, and his commitment to love all creatures. Francis preached to birds, befriended wolves and rescued worms from axes. His example moves us to rejoice in the love that comes easy and stretch to extend the bounds of our love and hospitality.

Wren Blessing, the priest at St. Patrick's, said, "Again and again, St. Francis crossed lines that defined who or what was lovable in his culture, embracing lepers, seeking out wolves and living with great simplicity in order to share what he had."

We gather on St. Francis' Day to give thanks for the many gifts of our natural world that sustain our lives, including the companionship of our pets.

The 11:30 a.m. outdoor blessing at St. Patrick's will include song, prayers and an individual blessing for each animal in attendance. Commemorative certificates will be available as well. The 1 to 2 p.m. "walk-by blessing" at Town Park will be a simple stroll-by experi-



Photo courtesy St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

On Sunday, Oct. 3, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will hold a Blessing of the Animals in the church parking lot, as well as a "walk-by blessing" along the Riverwalk at Town Park.

ence. For more information, email St. Patrick's at st.patrickspagosa@gmail.com.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located at 225 South Pagosa Blvd. Regular Sunday worship is at 8 and 10 a.m. All are welcome.

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, Oct. 3, our theme is "Invocation — Prayers from the Scriptures of World Religions."

"Blessed is the spot, and the house, and the place, and the city, and the heart, and the mountain, and the refuge, and the cave, and the valley, and the land, and the sea, and the island, and the meadow where mention of God hath been made, and His praise glorified." — Baha'u'llah.

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Celebrate National Astronomy Day Oct. 9 with out-of-this-world activities

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

Saturday, Oct. 9, is National Astronomy Day sponsored by the National Astronomical League, celebrating its 75th year of service to residents of planet Earth.

The San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club is one of over 250 clubs across the U.S. taking part. The Stargazers will be at the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Look for our beautiful new banners: “San Juan Stargazers” and “Astronomy Day.” Everyone is invited to attend since there will be something for everyone to learn regardless of your age or skill level.

There will be activities for adults, including viewing lessons about amazing Hubble photos and improving telescope skills. People will be able to select a 20- to 30-minute lesson on a topic of your choice. And, you will have a chance to ask about anything related to astronomy that has you curious with a team of the best astronomers in Pagosa, who will try to answer. We will also have a few books on hand.

There will be lots of hands-on activities for children of all ages. In the past, it has been special fun for family members to work on an astronomy activity together. Parents or grandparents and children make good teams. Among the many activities, you will be able to make glow-in-the-dark stars and constellations.

We have colorful flashcards with

constellations and Messier objects and two exceptional booklets called “Star Atlas” and “Our Milky Way” that are for sale, as well as a model of the solar system and inflatable globes of the earth, making exciting Christmas gifts that are reasonable to mail.

There will be refreshments and time to hang out with some interesting and caring people. We are certain that you will learn something new about our amazing universe and you will have an enjoyable, relaxing time.

You can also place your order for your 2022 Deep Space Mysteries Calendars, which will arrive later in October. You can pay upon receiving. These also make wonderful gifts that are meaningful and easy to mail.

The year is winding down at Chimney Rock National Monument and for the Stargazers, with only two scheduled events remaining. On Friday, Oct. 8, will be the last Night Sky Program with the gate opening at 5:45 p.m. and the program starting at 6:30 p.m. We have reservations from a nearby good-sized high school group, so we will be including both presentations on our solar system and stars and galaxies after you first learn about the ancient people at Chimney Rock.

A generous club member has offered to cover the cost of any Pagosa Springs High School student who attends (just come, identify yourself and no reservation is

needed). We will end our program with the popular Tour of the Night Sky prepared by Judith Jubb and presented by Aaron McCracken. I am also inviting all club members with telescopes to simultaneously set them up in the upper parking lot (weather permitting).

Our last scheduled Chimney Rock event will be our end-of-the-year celebration (after 10 successful and amazing Night Sky Programs and our ninth anniversary dinner on Saturday, Oct. 16. The free dinner (reservations required by Saturday at noon; call Joan) will be served at 4 p.m. in the amphitheater so that some of our members who do not like night driving can attend and be home before dark.

Other members who love dark night skies will end with an “all night” (just teasing) star party with telescopes in the upper parking lot. We will also be having short-notice, members-only night sky parties in October and November, whenever road construction and the weather allows. We need practice. Watch for club blasts.

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, you will also receive Reflector Magazine, which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25/family. You can join the club at any **■ See Astronomy on next page**

Devotionals

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bracing world religion founded on the principle of unity. It recognizes humanity’s spiritual nature and the innate nobility of every human soul. Among the teachings of the Baha’i Faith are the investigation of truth; the oneness of God; the oneness of mankind; justice;

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

To learn more about the Baha’i

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

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



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UUs to offer a Blessing of the Animals

By **Pauline Benetti**
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

What an amazing church we are; last month in a service led by Michael Demchak, we celebrated the pagan sabbath Mabon. This month, we will celebrate St. Francis, the Catholic saint. As we say at the beginning of our service: "We cherish diversity."

After a hiatus of a couple of years, Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship will once again offer a Blessing of the Animals service.

A word about St. Francis, who as the patron saint of ecology, is an early advocate for the UU seventh principle — respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part: He is an old saint, canonized in 1228 and celebrated in the town of Assisi, Italy, in the Church of St. Francis of Assisi and around the world. Oct. 4 is his birthday.

Francis was born into wealth and after a not-very-promising beginning. By age 14, he had left school and was a rebellious teenager who

frequently drank, partied and broke the city curfew — he was captured as a prisoner and spent a year in jail waiting for his ransom. That year was pivotal. There, he heard the voice of God and upon his release became a devotee of the Christian faith.

During his life he also developed a deep love of nature and animals and became the patron saint of the environment and animals; his life and words have had a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe. Each October, many animals the world over are blessed on his feast day. And that is what we will do during the service on Oct. 3.

Here are the particulars: everyone is invited to bring their beloved "critter" of whatever variety. We ask only that you are in control or, if you are doubtful, you can bring a photo. Also bring a photo if your beloved has passed. The service will be outside, which will help to keep the peace; however, we will be in October, so take a good look at the weather and dress accordingly and

expect the unexpected. Given the circumstances, planning will take us only so far. Pauline Benetti will be the circus leader. You are invited to bring something to share as we join for coffee or tea and conversation following the service.

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

Religious Exploration (RE) classes will not be resumed until more normal conditions exist. For more information about RE, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis_@hotmail.com.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Join us. For further information about the Pagosa UU Fellowship, visit pagosauu.org.

New Thought topic: 'The Highest Attitude of Mind'

By **Shayla White Eagle McClure**
New Thought Center
for Inspirational Living

All are welcome to join the New Thought Community Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m. for our presentation: "The Highest Attitude of Mind."

"God has created you for a glorious future. Dare to fling into mind the greater assurances about yourself," — excerpt from "Creative Mind" by Dr. Ernest Holmes.

Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

There will be live spirited music by SpiritHeart Band.

Upcoming events

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

Band practice is every Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. We welcome mu-

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Astronomy

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Our Night Sky Program on Oct. 8 will be exceptional, and Astronomy Day on Oct. 9 in town at the Visitor Center should be an enjoyable time to learn and appreciate our amazing universe. And our end-

of-the-year celebration and ninth anniversary dinner with telescopes will be the grand finale of our 2021 season. Members and guests are welcome at these events.

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Earning the right to live here

Loving and living in Pagosa Springs is like enjoying a good marriage for the long haul. There have been times we wanted to throw in the towel, but we knew we had something too good to let go of. So, we hunkered down and, by faith, tackled life as it was being thrown at us.

Pagosa Springs has become a hot spot for newcomers. Visitors have come to the mountains, snatched up houses and settled into our little town. The honeymoon is still in high bloom and their love is abounding in the heavenly clouds. They have entered a relationship that will try them at every turn. Some will call it quits. Others will sink down in the snow and mud season and hold on.

Their romance is infused as the area colors change from green to yellow and red, and every place looks like a picture postcard. The first snow will take everyone outside to catch a snowflake or two and make angels in the snow. All will be too good to be true.

Winter will test honeymoon love. Roots of character will be forced to dig deeper. More than 45 years ago, my Sweet Al and I moved our family from the city to the mountains. We missed paved roads and sidewalks. But, soon came the day we gladly forfeited rocks on our fingers for rocks on

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



the road, a nice luxury sedan for a four-wheel-drive truck and high heels for work boots.

When leaving the Lower Blanco was a matter of life and death, we buckled ourselves in and held on as we negotiated icy roads, avoided swerving into a nearby ditch and felt frigid temperatures.

Then came the mud in the early spring when cabin fever checked in and we wondered if winter would ever go away.

I was reminded of "The McGregor Saga," a story of a young man coming of age. Jim Craig, 17, lived in a small town set in the mountains near Melbourne in the Snowy River backcountry of Australia.

His father was killed in a logging accident. Instead of feeling sorry for Jim, the mountain men living in the wilderness said to him, "You have to earn the right to live up here." In other words, you must prove yourself before you belong here.

Jim worked as a laborer on a big

ranch and proved what it took to live there. He grew into a fine man and was known as "The Man from Snowy River."

Just like building a good marriage, my Sweet Al and I both agree that our love for living in the mountains has been tested beyond ourselves. We have gone through trials and problems, but we can say, "We have earned the right to live here."

Our children also know what it takes to call Pagosa home. Recently, our daughter and son-in-law planned a shrimp boil. Forty-six guests were to arrive at their home in three hours when their well ran dry. No water. No showers and no bathrooms.

The family, along with their out-of-town guests, all showed up at our house for showers and water. I told them, "We can always count on an upset in the weather, electricity or water, but we've never let a good party go to waste."

And they didn't. They met their guests of the evening with excitement and told them that with a twist of the wrist and a gallon of water, they could flush the commode. The guests took it in stride as a matter of "that's how it is in the country." The water situation was not a problem. They ate to their fill and played Wiffle ball. The guests

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sicians and singers to join. Please text Bruce at (970) 507-0739 for information.

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

Library

The New Thought Center has a large library of inspirational and spiritual books. To borrow or donate a book, please come to the New Thought Community Center prior to Sunday service or Meditation Circle.

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

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Chile Cha Cha margarita, green chile winners announced

By Jen Pitcher and
Jacque Aragon
Special to The PREVIEW

This year's Mountain Chile Cha Cha Margarita Contest didn't disappoint.

With a line of anxious tasters, we opened at noon with 15 strong entries by nine local restaurants and bars.

Entries in the Flavored category included: Rosie's, Kip's, Neon Mallard, Gustoso's, Chavolo's, The Den, Riff Raff on the Rio, Riff Raff OG and Ole Miner's.

Six of those — Kips, Neon Mallard, Gustoso's, Chavolo's, The Den and Riff Raff on the Rio — also chose to enter in the Traditional category.

The margaritas this year were assessed by both the public and a panel of three expert judges. Awards were first through third place in both the Traditional and Flavored categories.

Without further ado, the winners were:

Judged Traditional

First place: T1 by Riff Raff Rio.

Second place: T2 by Kip's.

Third place: T3 by the Neon Mallard.

Judged Flavored

First place: F3, spicy melon margarita by Neon Mallard.

Second place: F5, Tamarindo jalapeño margarita by Chavolo's.

Third place: F1, cucumber strawberry margarita by Riff Raff Rio.

People's Choice Traditional

First place: T5 by Chavolo's.

Second place: T2 by Kip's.

Third place: T1 by Riff Raff on the Rio.

People's Choice Flavored

First Place: F5, Tamarindo jala-

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went home happy and it was as if the lack of water meant nothing to the day.

Our little town is full of faithful people. So, how did we earn the right to live here? When our love for the mountains was tested, we surrendered to the harshness of the winter by fighting to stay and we added another log to the fire.

Final brushstroke: Love for each other gives us staying power. We look out for our friends as we pull a stranded neighbor's vehicle from a ditch. When we find ourselves knee-deep in mud, or our car is high centered in a snow bank, we know we are standing on common ground. We fight to stay because we love where we live. We have earned the right to live here.

Readers' comments

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Representatives of the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution pose with the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor Don Volger following proclamations in honor of Constitution Week recently.

Town, county and Daughters of the American Revolution honor U.S. Constitution during Constitution Week

By Linda Hobbs

Daughters of the American Revolution

The Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution honors the U.S. Constitution during the annual commemoration of America's most important document, the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution was signed on Sept. 17, 1787, in convention (it was ratified on June 21, 1788).

In 1955, the Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually to be dedicated to the observance of the U.S. Constitution, thereby setting in motion an annual Constitution Week. The resolution was adopted by the U.S. Congress

and signed into Public Law No. 915 on Aug. 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The Sarah Platt Decker Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, organized communities of Pagosa Springs, Durango, Bayfield, Ignacio, Archuleta County and La Plata County to commemorate Constitution Week with proclamations, preambles recited, library displays, bell ringing and banners flown.

Many thanks to the libraries and local governments for acknowledging the U.S. Constitution and the importance it plays in our daily lives.

If you are interested in information about the Daughters of the American Revolution, please email spdregent@gmail.com.

Online Pagosa Farmers Market launched

By Pauline Benetti

Southwest Organization for Sustainability

The Pagosa Farmers Market ended its 12th successful season last Saturday with thanks to all our local customers and vendors.

As the season puts an end to one venue, another is winding up. We encourage the community to go to the Pagosa Farmers Market Online and connect with our online vendors at this year-round venue.

The online market — www.pagosafarmersmarket.net — during the off season will include products that are different from the summer market as it must, since the abundance of fresh vegetables that represent the “soul” of the live market, is sadly reduced to a trickle.

We offer the venue as a great way for our local food entrepreneurs to add to the family budget without incurring expense. We encourage anyone interested in starting down this path to take the Cottage Food



Photo courtesy Southwest Organization for Sustainability

Pagosa Farmers Market vendors and volunteers pose for a photo as the 12th season of the market comes to a close. Last Saturday was the last day of the in-person market this year.

Training offered by Colorado State University as an introduction to the possibilities. The next class is Oct. 2. Sign up at www.archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/cottage-food-class/. In addition, we invite our local farmers who are producing cheese, meats, eggs and poultry to consider the online market place.

Money spent locally benefits our community and adds to the economic vitality; that means we all thrive, and to the degree that we can build on our local production engines, we are increasingly resilient and sustainable, and our tread on the planet is just that much lighter.

Winners

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peño margarita by Chavolo's.

Second place: F7, strawberry green chile margarita by Rosie's.

Third place: F1, spicy strawberry cucumber margarita by Riff Raff Rio.

Over 3,000 tastes were served and around 500 votes were cast. Thank you to everyone that came out and made the event spectacular this year.

Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic

Winners of the 13th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic have also been announced:

Home Cooks Vegetarian

First place: Isabelle Herrera, V4.
Second place: Sarah Saraceno, V2.
Third place: Diana Aragon, V6.

Home Cooks Meat

First place: Ron Martinez, M29.
Second place: Diana Aragon, M25.

Third place: Jen Pitcher, M26.

People's Choice

First place: Malicia Thatcher, M32.
Second place: Colorado Roadhouse, M4.
Third place: James Jolley, V3.

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Learning Express Library an excellent free online resource

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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The Learning Express Library helps you prepare for job and career opportunities, GED, military and college entrance exams. Elementary, middle school and high school diagnostic testing is also available. Test preparation, instant scoring and engaging self-paced courses are offered.

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To access this amazing resource, go to your library's website at <https://pagosalibrary.org>. Click on the Online Resources Box on the top banner. Scroll down to Learning Express Library (the various online resources are listed alphabetically).

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Please feel free to contact Brad, our adult services librarian, if you need help.

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

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usual alert (email, phone call or text) before coming to pick it up.

Teen book club

We invite sixth- through 12th-graders to join the free in-person teen book club next Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. for a lively discussion of this month's book, "Look Both Ways" by Jason Reynolds, and help us choose what we'll read next.

In-person gaming

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

Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted Oct. 4 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

Special family storytime

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

On Oct. 6, we will have a special storytime when Lisa Baker and her friend Fluffy Dog will entertain youngsters with puppets and silly stories.

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

Dungeons and Dragons

Join us Tuesdays 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 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.

Tech Time

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

ESL

Free in-person evening classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m. Beginning and intermediate students are encouraged to attend from 4 to 6 p.m. and advanced students from 6 to 8 p.m. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others

in our community who would be interested.

Las clases gratuitas se llevan a cabo en persona los martes y jueves de 4-8 p.m. Los estudiantes principiantes e intermedios deben asistir de 4-6 p.m. y los estudiantes avanzados de 6-8 p.m. Por favor, ayúdanos a correr la voz sobre estas clases a otros en nuestra comunidad que tienen interés.

Adult education hiatus

Our free PALS session generally takes place in person Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m., when Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Note there will be no PALS in October.

Activities calendars

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

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Celebrate resident rights in October

By Kay Kaylor
PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in skilled nursing and assisted living residences as the Region 9 long-term care ombudsman employed at the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA). Some of the many aging and care concerns will be addressed here.

The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care annually designates October to honor residents in long-term care facilities, along with people receiving care in their homes and long-term services and supports in their community. It is a chance to celebrate the dignity, respect and rights of every one of these individuals.

“Reclaiming My Rights, My Home, My Life,” this year’s Residents’ Rights Month theme, “acknowledges the impact of this past year on residents and highlights the need for residents’ rights to be recognized, recovered and reasserted. It emphasizes the recognition of the long-term care facility as the residents’ home and the importance of residents reclaiming

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their own lives,” Consumer Voice advocates state.

The intent is to raise awareness of the federally mandated rights of residents, including quality of care, safety, treatment with respect and the need for self-determination.

When advocating for residents, ombudsmen focus on empowering them and educating all those involved in their care on specific rights under the authority of the 1965 Older Americans Act and its amendments passed by Congress for decades. Additional important rights are individualized care, the right to visitation, the right to privacy, the right to complain without retaliation and the right to make independent choices.

One of the tools for self-determination and person-centered care is a sheet created by the Consumer Voice and available on

theconsumervoice.org titled, “My Personal Directions for Quality Living.”

Residents, their friends, or family members can fill out details for caregivers about the residents’ life story, chosen room belongings, how residents want to start their day, clothing they like to wear for different occasions, how they prefer to relax and prepare for sleeping, and activities and foods they enjoy. The sheet also has room for things residents do not like; what makes them laugh, anxious or calm; religious, spiritual or cultural traditions; and end-of-life preferences.

The Consumer Voice offers on its website a free downloadable enrichment booklet or you can buy hard copies at its online store titled “Staying Engaged.” Its activities include puzzles, word searches, prompts for writing and trivia questions.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or with Medicare; see sjbaaa.org. For further information and assistance, call (970) 264-0501 and listen to the recording to select an extension.

Library

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teens and adults.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

“19 Yellow Moon Road” by Fern Michaels is a Sisterhood mystery.

Other novels

“The Paper Palace” by Miranda Cowley Heller is a story set in Cape Cod that unfolds over 24 hours and across 50 years.

How-to and self-help

“Raising Resilient Kids” by Dr. Rhonda Spencer-Hwang discusses eight principles for bringing up children who can thrive in spite of adversity. “The Little Book of Zen/second edition” is a compilation of Eastern and Western advice. “Free-Range Kids/second edition” by Lenore Skenazy is a guide for parents and teachers on how to let children learn and explore for themselves. “Raising Feminist Boys” by clinical psychologist Bobbi Wegner is a guide to talking with your child about gender, consent and empathy. “Sub-par Parks” by Amber Share looks at America’s most extraordinary national parks via beautiful illustrations juxtaposed with short, humorous one-star reviews by visitors.

Other nonfiction

“The Old Farmer’s Almanac 2022” is the latest version of this classic guide. “Paradise” by Lizzie Johnson is an in-depth look at the nation’s deadliest wildfire in a century. “Once More in the Sky” by Scott Raab and Joe Wool-

head is a collection of essays and photographs that documents the rebuilding of the tower at ground zero. “Beautiful Country” by Qian Julie Wang is a memoir of a young Chinese immigrant who comes to America from a privileged family and is seen here as an illegal. “The Reckoning” by Mary L. Trump, trauma psychologist and Donald Trump’s niece, explores how we can begin to heal in the midst of extreme divisiveness.

DVDs

“In the Heights” is the new movie version of Lin-Manuel Miranda’s Broadway musical hit. “12 Mighty Orphans” is the inspiring true story of an orphanage football team.

Books on CD

“Miss Kopp Investigates” by Amy Stewart is a Kopp Sisters mystery featuring four strong women who find unique ways to support themselves after World War I. “The Shadow” by James Patterson and Brian Sitts is a thriller.

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Fall is the time to plant garlic

By Kathy Kunemund
PREVIEW Columnist

Fall is the perfect time to get a jump on planting crops in your garden that you will harvest next summer.

You might want to think about planting garlic. Garlic is very easy to grow and perfect for beginner gardeners. Garlic needs to be planted by the end of October and will be ready to harvest by July of next year.

Fall provides many opportunities to plant perennials. Plants can direct their energy to developing vigorous root growth instead of producing growth on top. As the air begins to cool in fall the soil will stay warm, providing additional ideal conditions for root growth. Overall, cooling temperatures place less stress on plants as opposed to extreme heat during summer months.

Garlic is considered a hardy perennial that can overwinter in the ground. It is grown as an annual, however, because you will harvest it in its first year of growth. Garlic will grow roots until the ground freezes and then goes dormant. It will start to produce green foliage in March or April as temperatures begin to warm. The garlic will be

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ready to harvest between June and August, depending on the variety selected.

A garlic bulb consists of several small cloves that are covered in a parchment-like exterior covering. The cloves are situated around a sturdy but modified flower stem. These immature flower stems are referred to as scapes. Scapes will begin to form in midsummer and need to be removed so the plant can put more energy into its bulb production. This will result in a larger bulb forming. Garlic scapes should be pinched or cut off just above the top leaf of the garlic plant. The good news is scapes are edible and are most tender if they are removed when they begin to curl.

You first must consider what type of garlic you would like to grow. Now is the time to purchase your bulbs from a garden center, seed catalog or online distributor. You might be thinking I will just

purchase some at the grocery store. I highly discourage you from doing so as it is often treated with anti-growth products that will prevent them from developing.

There are two types of garlic varieties: hardneck (*ophioscorodon*) and softneck (*sativum*).

Hardneck

This is the most cold-hardy of all garlic types. It is called hardneck because the garlic cloves surround a stiff central stem that curls as it grows. This is known as a scape, which looks like a curly spike with a bulbous end. Hardneck garlic usually have larger cloves and are very flavorful. There are three main groups of hardneck garlic: rocambole, porcelain and purple stripe.

Softneck

Softneck garlic is most commonly found in supermarkets. They tend to be more flexible and have softer stems than the hardneck varieties. Most softneck garlics have been bred not to produce scapes. It typically does well in warmer climates and they produce

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nations into the drop box at the library — not at City Market, which is reserved for returns.

Quotable quote

“Doing something active when you are feeling sluggish will actually increase your energy, not consume the little that you have. Researchers at the University of Georgia found that just 10 min-

utes of low- or moderate-intensity exercise gave study participants a noticeable energy boost.” — Reader’s Digest.

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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.

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

Free Vaccine Clinic. 3-6 p.m., Sisson Library, 811 San Juan St. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) provided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last.

or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

English as a Second Language. 4-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-6 p.m., and intermediate students are encouraged to attend from 6-8 p.m.

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

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/>.

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.

Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson
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Nov. 3: ServSafe for restaurant workers.

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more information: <https://www.facebook.com/CSUARCHCTY>.

CPR and first aid classes

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

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MOUNTAIN CHILE CHA CHA

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Scene ... celebrating the season at the 15th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha. Each year, the festival celebrates the fall season with a margarita contest, green chile contest, live music and more.





PAGOSA SCENE . . .

ART ABOVE VIOLENCE

Photos courtesy Rise Above Violence
Scene ... honoring survivors of relationship violence at Rise Above Violence's sixth annual Art Above Violence. The show, with the theme of "Coming Together for Change," also served as a celebration of the 25th anniversary of Rise, a nonprofit organization that helps victims.



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Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Springs Boys' Varsity 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.

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/>.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis 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., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Weekly meeting for those experiencing the death of a spouse, child, parent or other family member or friend.

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

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

Sunday, Oct. 3

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Blessing of the Animals. 11:30 a.m., St Patrick's Episcopal Church parking lot, 225 South Pagosa Blvd. The outdoor blessing will include song, prayers and an individual blessing for each animal in attendance. Commemorative certificates will be available as well. For more information, email St. Patrick's at st.patricks.pagosa@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals. 1-2 p.m., Town Park. The walk-by blessing will be a simple stroll-by experience. For more information, email St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at st.patricks.pagosa@gmail.com.

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://sjbpublichealth.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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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

This is one of the more elegant birds that stops in our area during spring and fall migrations. They are most common in the southeastern parts of the United States, but after breeding season, they range widely before heading south for the winter.

Standing over 3 feet tall on long, black legs, this white bird grows long plumes on its back during breeding season which are raised in courtship displays, primarily by the male. In flight, it is graceful, tucking its long S-curved neck back and trailing its legs behind.

Great egrets are tied to wetlands, either freshwater, brackish or salt-water, where they forage in shallow water while wading or standing still and jab at prey with a long, orange, dagger-like bill. They feed primarily on fish, but will also take amphibians, reptiles, small mammals, birds and invertebrates. The anatomy of the digestive tract limits it to small prey.

During much of the year, they are solitary birds, but they breed in large, noisy colonies, often with other wading birds. Like other herons, they build nests of sticks high in trees or shrubs and often over water. When food is scarce, nestlings compete fiercely to be fed and dominant chicks may kill weaker, smaller siblings.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, great egrets were slaughtered in huge numbers since their plumes were prized to decorate hats. More than 95 percent of the population in North America were killed for this trade. Concerned citizens banded together and formed local Audubon societies working to promote legislative banning of the trade in wild bird feathers. The great egret is the symbol of the National Audubon Society.

For information on activities, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to employment.

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Answer: Payroll

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Karate blow
- 5 "Roots," e.g.
- 9 Carrots' partner
- 13 Part of BYOB
- 14 Give a nudge to
- 15 Leader of the pack
- 17 Start to freeze?
- 18 Yarn spinner
- 19 Out in the sticks
- 20 Periodical seller
- 23 Roadwork marker
- 24 Prayer's end
- 25 Oscar hopeful
- 27 Place for a pint
- 29 Type of guess
- 32 Like some muscles
- 34 Birth-related
- 38 With skill
- 39 Legendary Bette
- 41 Mosaic piece
- 42 Assurance
- 44 Revolutionary War figure
- 46 Lacking a melody
- 48 Draw to a close
- 49 Party provisioner
- 52 It may be checkered
- 54 ___ and above
- 55 Kind of parade
- 60 Pole-lowering dance
- 62 Slot feeder
- 63 Ridesharing service
- 64 Become narrower
- 65 "Hamlet" has five
- 66 Plumber's job
- 67 Junction point
- 68 ___ the Great (boy detective)
- 69 Bingo relative

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- 5 Magnificent
- 6 Operatic piece
- 7 Hockey score
- 8 It may give you a rush
- 9 Links standard
- 10 Explain fully
- 11 Cook's wear
- 12 Classic Alan Ladd western
- 16 Sheltered, nautically
- 21 Consider to be
- 22 Decompose
- 26 Restroom sign
- 27 Sounds from the meadow
- 28 Palindromic pop group
- 30 Part of HUAC
- 31 Trivial objection
- 33 Pearl diver's destination
- 35 Schedule
- 36 Arkin or Alda
- 37 Do banker's work
- 40 Fiction genre

DOWN

- 1 Ink cartridge color
- 2 Improve
- 3 On the surface

- 43 1956 film, "___ Miss Brooks"
- 45 Peter, for one
- 47 Surfing site?
- 49 Indy footballer
- 50 Pertaining to birds
- 51 Beat
- 53 Word in a classic Band-Aid jingle
- 56 ___-Cola
- 57 Catwoman of 60's TV
- 58 Lowly laborer
- 59 Conclusion starter
- 61 Mine find

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Teen Book Club. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 6th-12th grades. Join the free in-person teen book club for a lively discussion of this month's book, "Look Both Ways" by Jason Reynolds, and help us choose what we'll read next.

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Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs: Soul Travel. 6:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Tap into the wisdom of your inner worlds — the great frontier — through soul travel. Join us for three one-hour book discussions on the topics of past lives and reincarnation, dreams and soul travel. During these in-person discussions, you will have the opportunity to share your experiences and ask questions about these topics. Book and discussions are free. Find the Spiritual Experiences

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Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving chicken cacciatore 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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Pueblo Bonito in New Mexico's Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

Chaco Culture National Park is under siege

By **Bruce Babbitt**
PREVIEW Columnist

It is not an exaggeration to say that New Mexico's Chaco Culture National Historical Park is under siege. A surge of oil and gas development threatens this ancestral site, recognized as one of the architectural marvels of the world and revered by Native Americans who consider it a living presence.

If you visit the area, you will immediately see the blight that comes from all-out oil and gas production: More than 30,000 wells have been drilled throughout the region, yet 10,000 of those are inactive and many will never be plugged and reclaimed. Sacred landscapes have been transformed into an industrial wasteland littered with rusting tanks and drill pads and connected by now-abandoned roads and pipelines.

Almost as troubling is that, in 2014, NASA satellites detected clouds of methane gas from thousands of leaking wells and pipelines. The party responsible for the ongoing destruction is a federal agency — the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). It administers public lands extending for many miles around Chaco.

The BLM has a long history of deferring to industry and handing out concessions to oil and gas companies. But left out from these deals with private companies are the tribes and their desires to protect ancestral sites from harm.

With the arrival of the more open Biden administration, newly invigorated tribal governments — including the All-Pueblo Council of Governors, the Navajo Nation and the Hopi tribe — are calling for a thorough reform of BLM oil and gas leasing and sales.

The demands of the tribes are basic: to be consulted in advance

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of leasing proposals and to participate as active partners in the management of their ancestral lands.

E. Paul Torres, former governor of Isleta Pueblo, calls Chaco "a vital part of our present identity through active pilgrimage, story, song and prayer passed to us from ancestors whose footsteps we follow today."

And Brian Vallo, the governor of Acoma Pueblo, adds, "If the department brings the tribes into planning and decision making about oil and gas leasing early and often, our irreplaceable ancestral resources will be better protected."

In a report just released by Archaeology Southwest, a nonprofit based in Tucson, Ariz., archaeologist Paul Reed describes in detail the failure of the BLM to meet its trust responsibility to Native Americans. Tribal governments are generally ignored or consulted only at the last moment, Reed found, and when it occurs, "key decisions have been made, leaving the tribes to suffer the consequences of prior agency decisions."

The Reed report recommends including tribal governments at every step of the leasing process. In addition, he recommends that tribal members and their cultural experts should be empowered to conduct field surveys to identify cultural sites, to look at alternatives to proposed oil and gas development, and to recommend any mitigation measures.

A final recommendation goes to the essence of what meaningful regulation and enforcement

requires: Oil-gas operators should be prohibited from disturbing the land in any way "until all tribal concerns are identified and successful." See Writers on next page

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Resolving medication safety issues for low-vision clients

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist



Most older people with vision impairment or blindness are not aware that they can access services or devices that can make daily tasks more straightforward and, in some cases, simply safer.

Medications — something often prescribed for low vision, vision impairment or other vision conditions — are one of these areas where a little assistance can go a long way toward providing privacy and independence.

Communicating drug information is a necessity. Blindness and vision impairment increases in adults, especially after age 75 (Prevent Blindness America, 2002).

“People age 80 years and older currently make up 8 percent of the population but account for 69 percent of blindness” (Eye Diseases Prevalence Research Group, 2004).

Safety and nonadherence issues arise for these consumers. The lack of a national standard for labeling for

this consumer base compromises their ability to read labels and information sheets, as well as determine color, shape, markings and measuring devices and the number of refills left on a prescription. This problem is recognized by the U.S. Veterans Affairs Office, which mandates that Audible Prescription Reading Devices are required to be provided for veterans needing this assistance. We could not locate in an online search a local or regional pharmacy that advertises this type of service and the related devices.

Useful sites for those wishing to pursue improved services for loved ones or other individuals in their care:

- ScripTalk Talking Prescription Labels are designed to help pharma-

cists better serve low-vision or blind patients using a smartphone app or a ScripTalk Station Reader. A tag that uses RFID technology is placed on the bottom of the container that allows patients to hear all their vital prescription information and is available in 25 languages.

- Accessible Pharmacy is a fairly new service, kicked off in 2020, where accessibility and reduction of barriers are the primary focus combined with a sense of hospitality. The company offers services, including assistance from those who can see and free home delivery for prescriptions, medical devices and over-the-counter medications. A packaging and labeling menu for prescriptions includes Braille, large print, and audio — all free of charge. Talking medical devices are also available, such as blood pressure cuffs, thermometers, blood glucose meters and monitors.

- The American Foundation for the Blind and its component for older consumers have embarked on the Rx Label Enable campaign.

- The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Foundation develops practical interventions for improving medication use in the older adult population.

- U.S. Veterans Affairs provides guidance and fact sheets for all low-vision services, including ScripTalk.

ASI’s website 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.

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Monday, Oct. 4 — Vegetarian spinach pie, Greek avgolemono soup, milk, salad and apple pie.

Tuesday, Oct. 5 — Chicken crepes, green peas, milk, salad and chocolate cake.

Wednesday, Oct. 6 — Pork green chili stew, bacon green beans, jalapeno cornbread with butter, milk and salad.

Thursday, Oct. 7 — Seafood chowder, buttered corn, biscuit 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. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days. Due to COVID-19, food supplies have been affected. Substitutions will be made accordingly.

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For example, in 2019, the New Mexico congressional delegation sponsored legislation to establish a cultural protection zone within a 10-mile radius around Chaco. There, oil and gas leasing on federal public lands would be banned.

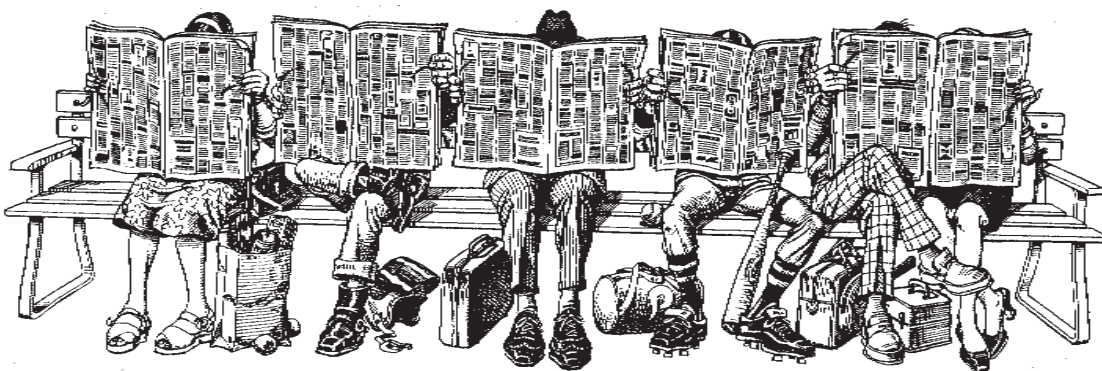
The legislation passed the House by a vote of 245 to 174, only to die in the Senate. Prospects for action in the present Congress remain uncertain. Meanwhile, a new pathway to reform has opened up. President Joe Biden’s appointment of Native American Deb Haaland as interior secretary is a first in the department’s history. She is an enrolled member of Laguna Pueblo and, as a former New Mexico congresswoman, co-sponsored the failed 2019 Chaco protection legislation.

Haaland has powerful management tools granted by the 1976 Federal Land Planning and Management Act. That act authorizes the secretary to close tracts of public lands from all forms of mineral leasing for up to 20 years. That sets the stage for Haaland to protect Chaco by doing what Congress has failed to do — establishing a 10-mile buffer zone around the magnificence that is Chaco.

All she needs is an affirmative “let’s go” from the president. The tribes have been waiting for a very long time.

Bruce Babbitt is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent non-profit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is a former secretary of the Interior Department and also served as governor of Arizona. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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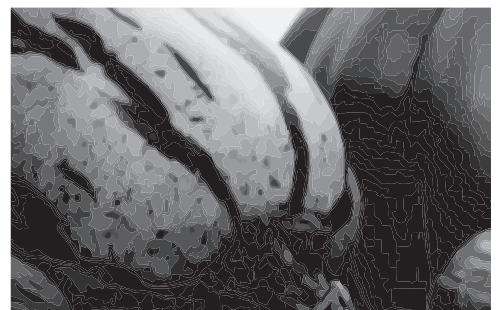
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested persons that a Petition for Inclusion of additional real property into the boundaries of the Town of Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District ("District") has been filed with the Board of Directors of the District. A public hearing on the Petition shall be held Tuesday, the 5th day of October 2021 at the hour of 5:00pm, and on Thursday the 21st Day of October 2021 at the hour of 5:00pm, at 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The name(s) of the Petitioner(s) is/are: Eric Hittle. The property requested to be included into the District is described as follows: RURAL Sec: 17 Twn: 35 Rng: 1W 35-1W SEC 17 1A ML IN NW4NW4; 17-35-1W 196/37-39. All interested parties may appear at such hearing to show cause why such Petition should not be granted. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. By: /s/ April Hessman, Secretary. Published in The Pagosa Springs Sun September 30, 2021.

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AL-ANON TRADITIONAL FAMILY GROUP. Mondays, 7p.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail. Contact (970)903-9690.

AA PAGOSA M-W-F 5:30P.M. Sunday at 10a.m. Noon meetings everyday. 315 N. 2nd Street, County Road 200 (.2 miles off 160). Online: Sunday at 10a.m. Zoom ID is 858-319-763, Password 754-234. Friday at 7p.m. ID 899 6048 4578, Password 532-306. Information call Marcia (970)946-8475, Kathi (970)946-1482 or Central Office 24hrs (888)333-9649.

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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 or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's HR Director at mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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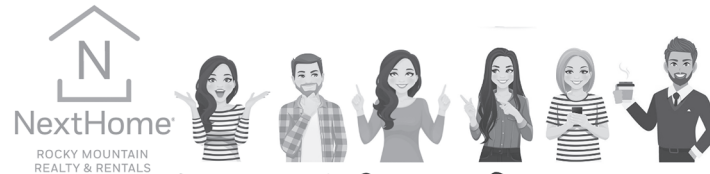
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YARD SALES

OCTOBER 9, FIRST SOUTHWEST BANK, 249 Navajo Trail Drive, 8a.m. Breakfast and Yard Sale Fundraiser for Jeri (Gurule) Shively.

MOVING SALE, FRIDAY and Saturday, 8a.m. sharp. 705 Scenic Ave. Hwy. 160 to either Dichoso, Scenic or Meadows. Household and barn items, tools, furniture, camping and much more. Half price Saturday. Sale is at the barn. By The Organizers.

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CONDO SOLD SO CONTENT needs to go. Saturday, October 2, 8a.m. sharp. Household, kitchen items, furniture, bicycles, tools, patio stuff and more. Hwy. 160 west, right on N. Pagosa, left on Park, house #278B. Rain or shine. AEHPAN.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1. Like new washer, \$350. Dryer, \$75. Queen bed, \$400. Antique dresser, \$250. Bookcases, \$50 each. Dresser, \$75. Full size keyboard, \$100. And lots more! 9a.m.-1p.m. 41 Aztec Dr., corner of Hurt and Aztec.

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BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

1672 HERSCH AVENUE. Saturday, 8a.m.-3m. Household items, camping equipment, fabrics.

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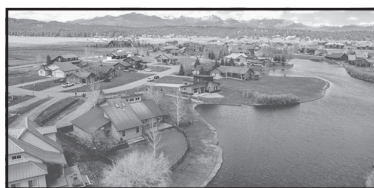


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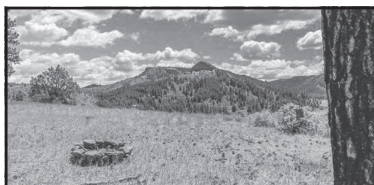
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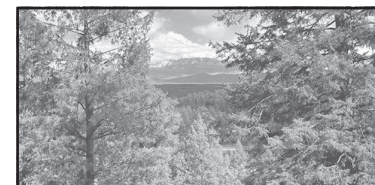
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