



Pumpkin contest

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library joined in the seasonal fun on Oct. 29 with its Halloween party and pumpkin-decorating contest. The party offered spooky and fun crafts while the all-ages pumpkin contest was judged. Awards were given for each age division, as well as judges' choice.



Council to consider using part of lodgers' tax for workforce housing, excise tax also being considered

By Melanie Mazur
Staff Writer

Amid some residents questioning if town council is the proper forum to address workforce housing issues, members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council on Tuesday indicated they want to move in that direction.

Looking at three taxing options, the most popular one discussed at the meeting was a reallocation of the lodgers' tax. Currently, 51 percent of the tax revenue is spent on marketing. The current rate for the lodgers' tax is 4.9 percent. Along with local sales tax of 4 percent and state sales tax of 2.9 percent, the total tax rate that lodgers pay within town limits is 11.8 percent.

Repealing some of the language in the allocation means the council could spend some of that money on workforce housing, as well as improving town infrastructure.

Council members heard from several members of the public, including Bill Hudson and Glenn Walsh, who have considered circulating petitions for citizen-led ballot measures in support of raising funds for workforce housing.

There are concerns with each funding mechanism the council is examining, Mayor Don Volger explained at the beginning of the meeting.

One is that the lodgers' tax revenue is "volatile and elastic," so it might not provide the steady stream of funding that council members said

they want, Volger said.

With an excise tax, particularly on vacation rentals, there are concerns property owners will change their fees, or encourage cash payments from guests, to avoid paying the extra tax.

Employers also are considering their own plans to provide housing to workers, Volger explained, noting a request from the owners of The Springs Resort that the council discussed later in their meeting.

"We don't want negative consequences on sales tax," Volger noted, since that tax provides the lion's share of the town's annual funding.

Archuleta County Commissioner Ronnie

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Traffic delays expected Tuesday as historic building is moved

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Traffic impacts are expected on Tuesday, Nov. 9, as crews move the historic R.G. Gomez Store building through town.

According to a public notice submitted to The SUN, the building is slated to be moved from its current location at 85 Harman Park Drive to the Archuleta County Fairgrounds/Western Heritage Event Center rodeo grounds at 344 U.S. 84.

Impacts are anticipated to occur from approximately 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to the notice. "The large building (measuring 24 feet wide by 56 feet long by 18 feet tall), will require heavy duty

moving equipment and be considered an over-size load when it travels through town to its new home," the notice explains. "The move will also require close coordination and associated work with state/county/municipal agencies, multiple utility companies, local schools, and all area residents, visitors, and businesses."

The notice also outlines that, due to the size of the building and complexity of the move, "there will be potential minor, but temporary disruptions in traffic patterns and associated travel delays."

The notice indicates that there will be Colorado State Patrol escorts and Colorado Department of Transportation-certified pilot cars providing traffic control.

A map of the planned route indicates that the building will be moved via U.S. 160 from Harman Park to Pagosa Springs Elementary School, at which point it will be taken on South 10th Street, Piedra Street, 8th Street and Apache Street to Light Plant Road. From there it will be taken to U.S. 84 and to the site at the rodeo grounds/fairgrounds.

According to the notice, if additional information is required, Doug Schanz with Pagosa Cattle Co. Inc. should be contacted at dschanz@pagosalandcompany.com or (973) 714-7669.

"Everyone's understanding and cooperation is appreciated," the notice states.
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Recent flights over Pagosa area confirmed to be military training

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Staff at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico confirmed that pilots from the base recently performed training flights over Pagosa County.

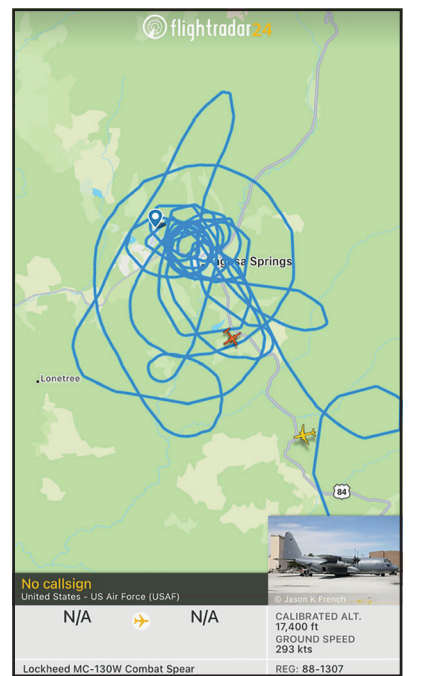
Flight trackers showed the U.S. military flights originating in New Mexico and circling the Pagosa Springs area.

Cannon Air Force Base is located near Clovis, N.M.

"Cannon Air Force Base routinely conducts flight training above or near towns and cities throughout New Mexico and Southern Colorado where airspace is open," states an email from Misty Mercado, chief of media relations for the 27th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs.

In a phone call, Mercado indicated that pilots are required to

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Screenshot courtesy Kim Bristow

COVID-19: Vaccines available for kids

High school moves to remote learning

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine is now available for kids aged 5-11, following federal authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration last week and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) this week.

Tuesday's CDC recommendation for the vaccine for kids came shortly after Gov. Jared Polis announced that 80 percent of Colora-

do's adult population had received at least one dose of a vaccine.

He also announced that Colorado currently has the fifth highest transmission rate in the country.

"We hit an amazing accomplishment in the fight against COVID-19 yesterday by reaching 80 percent of adults vaccinated across Colorado with at least one dose of the lifesaving and free COVID-19 vaccine," Polis said Tuesday. "But this

■ See COVID-19 A8

Finalists named for county administrator position

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) selected three finalists for the county administrator position at a special meeting held Monday, Nov. 1.

The three finalists are Colorado Transportation Region 8 Commissioner Mark Garcia, Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman and CSU Extension Director

Robin Young. All three finalists are Pagosa Springs locals.

Garcia holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of New Mexico.

According to Garcia's resume, he has served as an interim town or city manager for Ignacio, Silverton and Monte Vista.

Garcia also served as the Pagosa

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Veterans Day ceremonies

By Richard Walker
American Legion

On Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, the American Legion will perform a flag ceremony, invocation and rifle salute at the Veterans Memorial Park. There will also be a fly over salute from our own San Juan Squadron, joined by the "Chili Squadron" from New Mexico, for a total of eight aircraft.

The ceremonies will commence at 11 a.m. Come early for best viewing positions.

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OUR VIEW

Stick with San Juan Basin Public Health, but insist on doing better

We've followed the county's Health District Investigative Committee's (HDIC) efforts with great interest.

The committee has been tasked with evaluating whether or not Archuleta County should break away from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and start its own public health department or join a different public health department.

This past week, in what appears to be an effort to move through their "investigative" process quicker, the committee voted to hold meetings in violation of the Colorado Open Meetings Law by three of the committee members meeting at a time to share information outside of publicly noticed meetings.

The Open Meetings Law (OML), which is part of the Colorado Sunshine Law, requires any state or local governmental body to discuss public business in meetings that are open to the public. A gathering of a quorum or three or more individuals of a local body constitutes a meeting.

As an advisory committee to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, all of the HDIC meetings should be held in public, in accordance with OML.

We continue to hear the committee members say that they haven't received information they requested from SJBPH, when hundreds of pages of documents were provided by SJBPH to the HDIC, and it doesn't sound like those documents have been reviewed when you listen to the

meeting conversations.

Not only were hundreds of pages of documents provided to the committee, but an incredible amount of information is also available on SJBPH's website.

One committee member kept complaining in the last meeting that the health department wouldn't answer questions, when on Oct. 13, SJBPH Board President Ann Bruzese and Vice President Karin Daniels met with the committee and answered every question put before them by the members. SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon was in attendance and also fielded questions. We counted about seven additional members of the health department staff on hand who were also made available to answer anything asked of them.

At no time in that meeting did the HDIC ask the board and staff for any additional documents or information that wasn't provided.

Prior to that meeting, Archuleta County Commissioner Alvin Schaaf, who sits on the board of health, was interviewed by the committee, with no substantial questions being asked of him.

For this committee to say that they don't know what SJBPH offers in terms of services at this point simply makes no sense.

We heard one committee member request information about job openings and offering to teach SJBPH how to advertise for those openings, saying that we have job shortages here in Archuleta County.

We don't believe that is true or relevant to what this committee has been charged to investigate.

The committee has held seven public meetings according to the county's website, yet there are only three meetings documented with minutes posted on the site.

From the outside looking in, it seems that this committee is in over its head. To properly investigate the needs of this community, where public health is concerned, is a monumental task. We don't mean to negate the work that has been done by this small group, but additional resources are needed to properly complete this effort.

Most importantly, if you want us to trust the work that the HDIC is doing, this evaluation should not be done out of the light of day and in violation of the law.

For many years, Archuleta County was seemingly treated different than La Plata County by SJBPH and that has been made more clear since the pandemic began. We are hopeful that the SJBPH board and staff have heard the concerns of our community and will be less La Plata-centric in the future.

Perhaps in order to be better represented as a community, we need to demand more from those representing our county on the SJBPH board, because we feel there is great value in Archuleta County staying with SJBPH.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

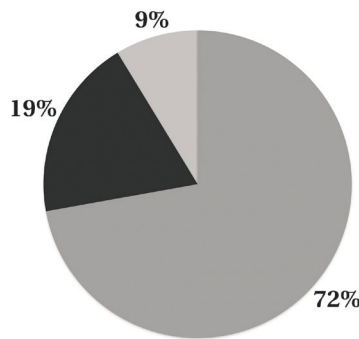
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LOOKING BACK

From the Sept. 12, 1974, Pagosa Springs SUN. CORNERSTONE — Harold Schutz, Chairman of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, laid the cornerstone for the new addition to the Court House Monday. The addition adjoins the main building on the west side, will provide space for a Commissioner's meeting room, Welfare Department offices, and other space. Hessler Construction Co. is the contractor and the building is scheduled for completion in early November. Cost is \$85,000, with the funds coming from federal revenue sharing program.



LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 4, 1921

Monday evening little Laura Hansen got a piece of slate pencil in her nose and had to be taken to Bayfield to have it removed by a physician.

Hallowe'en passed rather quietly in Pagosa Springs, though there were the usual number of pranks played upon the unsuspecting. Window washing was the favorite occupation Tuesday morning.

Whitney Newton returned Saturday from Denver, where he last week shipped his steers. While there he purchased 60 head of yearling steers and three pedigreed bulls to add to his herd in Archuleta county.

W.D. Ewing and family left today by auto for Delta, where they will visit relatives for a time. They will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Prewitt of Bayfield, parents of Mrs. Ewing. Later they will proceed to Rochester, Minn., in quest of treatment at the Mayo Bros. hospital for their little daughter, who has been an invalid since birth. That the journey may result in a complete recovery for the little girl is the wish of their many friends.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 8, 1946

While almost none of the most severe part of the storm last week struck Pagosa Springs, heavy damage to timber on Wolf Creek Pass and in Blanco Basin was reported. In the Basin, an unusually high gale Saturday night and Sunday cut a swath a hundred yards wide through the J.O. Jones ranch. It felled over 200 large spruce trees and left the road to the Jones house impassable. Telephone lines were down in the Basin following the two-day storm. On the Pass, according to a report by R.K. Blacker, of the forest service, the area on the west side of the Pass from the state highway camp to the top of the Divide was ripped by heavy wind. Much of the spruce is suitable for house logs, and, if salvaged before next spring, will be available at a considerable saving in cutting and skidding. Blacker suggested that persons interested in securing these logs should notify the forest service at once.

The Pagosa Springs Buccaneers traveled to Bayfield last Friday and avenged a defeat handed them the week before. The final score of the touch football game was 6-2 in favor of the Bucs.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 4, 1971

Snowfall on Wolf Creek Pass the past week totaled 48 inches, bringing the season fall to date to 85 inches. Chain stations were open most of the weekend, travel was slow but highways on the Pass are again in excellent condition. Main delay in traffic was caused by visibility, or by stalled vehicles.

There are always a few simple-minded jerks around that get enjoyment in wanton and malicious vandalism. Some of these pinheads have visited the airport and the football field. In both cases they drove out over muddy and soft areas and the result was a great deal of damage to both facilities. These know-nothings must have a very warped mind to indulge in such acts of vandalism.

A cattle truck lost its semi-trailer early Tuesday morning on Wolf Creek Pass. The trailer came loose from the truck, slid a short distance and stopped. It was loaded with cattle. None of the animals were injured and were loaded into another truck to be transported on.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of November 7, 1996

A record number of Archuleta County voters Tuesday agreed to build a new high school in Pagosa Springs and selected two county commissioners to serve four-year terms. While local voters turned out in record numbers, the percentage of voters going to the polls was lower than in the 1992 general election. There were 3,527 votes cast in Archuleta County Tuesday, or 68 percent of 5,187 eligible voters. The School District 50 Joint Referendum 3A passed by a margin of 2,087 to 1,047, with 66 percent of the voters approving the construction of a new high school. The school is scheduled for completion in 1998. Republican Ken Fox won the seat as Archuleta County Commissioner for District 2. He received 2,172 votes. Democrat Mitch Appenzeller received 1,152 votes in the race. Republican Bill Tallon returned to the county commission to represent District 1. Tallon ran unopposed and received 2,529 votes.

Letters

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Freedom

Dear Editor:
"The Covid 19 vaccine means the freedom to do all the things we love." A cheery Facebook post from our local health department.

Freedom that I once took for granted and is guaranteed by our bill of rights. Freedom that bureaucrats have taken away only to use as a weapon of manipulation.

Their boldness grows as they wield their new religion, a cult that preaches a gospel of fear that only drives me further away.

No Independent thought or right to choose is tolerated as the engineers conduct their treason.

And gleefully try to destroy anyone who won't climb a board their train. Fully indoctrinated, their car already rolling the true believers who have already boarded. Face masks firmly in place, they stand in line like lambs to slaughter.

Their faith so blind and embedded, I wonder how long before they realize what they've given up to get on a freight train that some one else is driving.

A train that you can't get off. A cult is a group of people who have either lost or given away their will—an exercise of submission. Their leaders will brainwash you into believing you're a murderer unless you take their poison. They can also brainwash you into murdering someone else if they won't swallow the same poison.

What is left of your freedom if you have lost the right to decide what enters your body? What next potion will they make you ingest?

"Get your vaccination and enjoy your freedom again.

It's easy, all you have to do is drink the Kool-Aid.

Dan Englund

Traffic flow

Dear Editor:

There is currently a road and bridge project nearing completion on N. Pagosa Blvd. The neighborhood along N. Pagosa is residential. We strongly suggest that "heavy" traffic be restricted from accessing the PLPOA using N. Pagosa. Additionally, while the new sidewalk is welcomed its placement has now presented additional dangerous crossings. Currently, it is routine to witness traffic far exceeding safe speeds. The current posted speed limit is too fast and with added crossings presents an extremely dangerous situation. Furthermore, justifying the need to establish the safer and more logical alternative to accessing the PLPOA, County Road 500. We recommend this "more logical route" because that area of the community is not residential.

Our entire state is currently undergoing major development changes, and our community is no exception. We hope that serious consideration will be given to our recommendation. We understand there is an apparent notion of self-interest. We don't deny that, however, these recommendations are intended to improve the quality of life in Pagosa Lakes while also planning more effective traffic flow and avoiding future expenditures on road repairs.

Celia and Tony Medrano

Disasters

Dear Editor:
As is no secret, our country has lurched from one disaster to another since the beginning of the year. One example of this is the skyrocketing price of food, gasoline, propane, etc. This problem is caused by the Biden regime's foolish plan to stop oil and gas drilling in our country which has

caused the U.S. to lose 2 million barrels of oil production. Thus natural gas, propane, gasoline etc. become more expensive because there is less of it available. Biden response is to start begging Russia to produce more oil so that the price would come down. This is incredible. Biden's Democrat party has claimed for years that Russia is our enemy. Now he'll enrich Russia by having them produce more oil for our country?

Another disastrous example is the invasion of our southern border. Yahoo News reports that 1.7 million illegal immigrants have been arrested in the last year. There are estimates that an additional 400,000 have escaped capture and are now loose in our country. How many of them are COVID carriers? How many are terrorists? The Biden regime has no idea. Biden's response is to fly these people to cities all over the country in the middle of the night. Thus, he is spreading possibly COVID positive people and possible terrorists all over our country.

Another disaster is Biden's dereliction of duty in abandoning Americans and our allies in Afghanistan. These people face possible torture and death on a daily basis. Couple that with the possibility of starvation (as reported by the Wall Street Journal) and their survival is questionable. Biden's response? He has none.

Biden and the Democrat party control the presidency, the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House. The above disasters are the results thus far. The good news is that, according to the latest Gallup poll, 52% of Americans now disapprove of Biden's presidency. This will translate into the Republicans taking over the U.S. House and perhaps the Senate in next year's election. So, there is an end in sight for the damage our country is suffering. The real question is what kind of new disasters will the Democrats brew up between now and then.

Charles Newton

Tailgating

Dear Editor:

I have noticed quite a few drivers here in Pagosa Springs tend to be tail-gating other cars, following too closely. The common sense

rule is to follow one car length for every ten miles per hour. If you are going 20 mph you should stay two car lengths behind the car in front of you. At 50 mph, five car lengths (100 feet).

I was once tail-gating in Dallas, and the car in front of me suddenly stopped, and I hit him. When I got out to look at the damage to my VW Bug, I bent over and split the seat of my pants. Luckily I was working in a lab, and had my knee-length lab coat in my car. So, nobody at work noticed the problem. I used to tell my students that [experience] may be the best teacher, but the tuition may be very high.

John Pentec

CDOT: 'Do the right thing'

Dear Editor:

On July 29th my home and property suffered extensive flood damage during a rainstorm that afternoon. My home is located directly adjacent to US 160. The floodwater came off of US 160. Later research of how this water ended up in my house and on my property showed that the "Bar Ditch" did not perform as it was designed and as it had worked previously. As a result of this I filed a claim with the Risk Management Department of the State of Colorado. In response to that claim the Colorado Department of Transportation sent employees to examine the situation. My wife and I had the opportunity to visit with those employees. We were told that their examination of the situation showed it was clearly their fault, as several of their drainage culverts were plugged up and not functioning. Additionally, other drainage devices were not functioning as they were covered up by debris from the highway. At that time I was warned by the CDOT employees that I shouldn't expect anything from the state, as they typically deny such claims. After being told that, I explained to those CDOT employees that I was not looking for any money from the state, I just wanted the problem fixed and the damage to my driveway fixed. I also expressed that position to the Claims Adjuster assigned to my claim.

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Robert L. Albright

After a long illness, Robert L. (Bob) Albright, 77, passed away peacefully on Oct. 21 at the Mercy Hospice House in Durango, Colo. He was born on July 1, 1944, in Ft. Myers, Fla., to the late Richard J. (Dick) and Jean Deckard Albright.



Bob grew up in Clarks Hill, Ind., graduating from Laura-mie High School in 1962 and Evansville College in 1966. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Capt. Albright served from 1966 to 1972 first as a scout pilot in the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in South Vietnam, where he survived being shot down four times, then as part of the Special Ammunition Support Command at Rhein-Main AFB in Frankfurt, West Germany. He was the recipient of many medals and awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star. He was a member of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association and the American Legion.

He owned and operated Albright Oil Company in Albuquerque, N.M., for over 20 years. It was here in 1980 that he met LaVerna Phillips, who eventually became his lifelong friend and partner. They married on April 24 of this year. In 1993, following the sale of the business, Bob spent time in Colorado and soon settled in Pagosa Springs, where he worked as a Realtor for several years.

He leaves behind his wife, LaVerna, a daughter from a previous relationship, France Dominique Louie, of Grenoble, France; two grandchildren, Jules and Clovis; a sister, Margaret (Peg) Mellady and her husband, Tom, of Lafayette, Ind.; seven nephews; two nieces; four great nephews; and three great nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jim and two sisters, Susan and Judy.

Bob loved God and his country. He was a good man and a generous friend to many. He will be missed. Military honors and burial in a VA National Cemetery are planned for the spring.

Jack Thomas Alexander

1941-2021
Jack Thomas Alexander, age 80, passed away on Oct. 22. He was born in Seminole, Texas, but his family moved to New Mexico, where they lived in Hope and Artesia, where he grew up around ranching. After graduating from Artesia High School, he continued working on ranches, where he already formed his first love of the cowboy way of life. Jack would rodeo when he could. He went on to pursue truck driving and hauled everything from oil, feed and then livestock, eventually owning his own trucks for a time. In later years, he became a certified welder before returning to his first love, working and living on ranches. Jack's love of country and cowboy lifestyle led him to live in Colorado, Wyoming and finally settling in New Mexico again, where he was able to share his time between working on the ranch and enjoying his great-grandchildren. Jack will forever be remembered as the cowboy with the biggest smile, storytelling, his love of animals and passion for the simple way of life.



Lois was preceded in death by his son, Kyle Alexander; wife Becky Alexander; parents Luke Alexander and Florence Evens Alexander; and brother Leon Alexander. He is survived by his daughter, Jackie Alexander Goodson and her husband Kenneth Goodson; his son, Luke Wade Alexander; his grandchildren, Jo Goodson, Shawnae Goodson and Dustin Goodson; his great-grandchildren Mariah Scherer, Kyle Goodson, Shawn Goodson, Taylor Goodson and Cooper Goodson.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date to be announced. He will be cremated and no public viewing or services will be held.

The family would like to thank all the nurses and doctors at UNMH, all the staff at Romero Funeral Home and to all the friends and family that have reached out with love, kind words and support. Please sign Jack's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com, Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Lois 'Ma' Vawter Ball

Lois "Ma" Vawter Ball was born in Topeka, Kan., on Sept. 11, 1926, the day of her mother's 16th birthday and near the onset of the Great Depression. The family's constant moving to create home in challenging circumstances spawned in Lois a lifelong gift for creating beauty wherever she lived, through family, art, music and writing.



Lois died in Glendale, Ariz., on Oct. 16, with her family at her side. She was 95.

Lois graduated from nursing school in Texas, where she was working when she met Perry Ball, a medical student, on her shift in a psychiatric ward. He questioned her count of meds, she bristled, and they resolved the conflict, to be married Dec. 19, 1947.

Perry established his medicine practice while Lois focused on raising "one beautiful daughter and three frisky sons." Lois was gorgeous and between pregnancies and diapers, competed in local beauty contests. Lois and Perry moved to Durango in 1958 to practice medicine, cowboy and raise the family.

In Durango, Lois expanded her love of creating art. She read and took copious notes on the complete set of Great Books. She wrote a musical. She learned the piano. She experimented with watercolors and acrylics.

Lois had a deep and "simple" faith in Jesus, which she embodied as pure love and hospitality. She became a spiritual mother to college-aged people, many of whom Lois and Perry invited to live in their home at 100 Mesa in Durango. Lois earned the name "Ma," which everyone close subsequently called her. Lois and Perry took mission trips to Mexico and served several years as medical missionaries on multiple continents with Mercy Ships (YWAM).

Lois and Perry moved to Pagosa Springs in 1995.

Lois's ability to make any space a home took on mythical proportions for her 11 grandkids, whose stories of Gramma range from sleepovers and hidden treats under pillows to never-forgotten birthdays, home-baked pies and unconditional love.

Lois self-published three books, "Gramma's House," about her lifelong pursuit of home; "Tales of the East," about a long RV trip; and "Pete and the Horsey Gang," a children's book, complete with her own

illustrations, based on a true family story. Lois's daily journals may be her greatest opus, chronicling decades of ordinary joys and trials with humor, honesty, compassion and faith.

Lois and Perry retired in Wick-eburg, Ariz.

Lois was preceded in death by her mother, father, sister Dorothy Westmoreland, and daughter-in-law Cynthia Ball. She is survived by her husband, Perry; her daughter, Amy Malick (Larry); and sons Bill (Kate Errett), David and Joe Ball; and her beloved grandchildren Sara, Matt and Andy Wood, Hannah Mancini, Jesse Ball, Lindsay Errett-Cohen, Emma and Eddie Ball, Amberlyn Lake, Chelsilyn Shalomon, and Shandiyn Ball; 13 great-grandchildren; four nieces; three nephews; and her dog, Josie.

A family memorial celebration will take place at a later time. The family invites your thoughts, prayers, stories and photos on the Lois "Ma" Ball memorial Web page at: <https://murial.life/lois-ball>. Contributions can be made to Rancho Santa Marta, Bethesda Teaching Ministry, P.O. Box 20028, El Cajon, CA 92021-0900.

Karen Renee Edmonds

Karen Renee Edmonds, loving wife, mother, sister and daughter, passed away peacefully on Friday, Oct. 29. Karen was born in Garden Grove, Calif., on April 24, 1963, to John M. and Edna Ruth Motter.



About age 7, Karen, her parents, and her siblings, Neola and Steve, moved to Colorado Springs, Colo. Later, Karen moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., in her early teens to live with her dad, John, and graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 1981.

Karen's family grew in 1984 when her dad married Vicki and added three siblings, Scott, Holly and Matthew Cunningham.

Karen attended Brigham Young University before serving on a mission in France. After her mission, Karen joined her dad and family in Marble Falls, Texas, where she met her future husband, Bruce Edmonds. She later graduated from BYU with a degree in English and married Bruce Edmonds on May 5, 1989, in the Manti Utah Temple of The Church of Latter-Day Saints. The had two beautiful daughters, Alyssa Renee and Lydia Annabelle.

Following in her father's footsteps, Karen became a prolific writer. After taking numerous trips to Europe researching the Reformation, Karen authored two books in a planned historical fiction series called "Shining City on a Hill." Karen devoted most of her time to her husband and daughters. She loved hiking and camping in the San Juan Mountains. She also had a passion for mountain biking with her family.

Karen is survived by her husband, G. Bruce Edmonds; her daughters, Alyssa and Lydia; her parents, John and Vicki Motter; her siblings, Neola Motter, Steve (Carla) Motter, Scott (Terri) Cunningham, Holly (Mark) Everett and Matthew (Millianne) Cunningham. She is also survived by her nephews, Andrew, Evan, Cole (Monika) Everett; Bryson (Abigail), Hayden, and Hudson Cunningham; nieces Anne Everett and Gracen Cunningham; a grandmother; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Karen was preceded in death by her mother, Edna Ruth Motter.

"What a Beautiful Life Services" will be held on Friday, Nov. 5, at the Bayfield Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 11 a.m. The chapel is located at 2011 U.S. Highway 160B, Bayfield, CO 81122.

Merel Marschall

Merel Marschall joined the legions of angels, where her brilliant light continues to shine, on Sept. 27, while at her home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., with her beloved husband, Thomas, by her side.



Merel's devotion to God, her divine connection and service to love inspired her life of learning, meditation, healing and teaching. Feminine strength with a regal countenance were her signature bearings. Her lovely radiance shone brightest whenever she generously shared her bountiful wisdom.

Merel was born June 9, 1942, in Chichester, England. She spent most of her young life through the age of 17 on the island of Fiji, which was a British colony at that time. She pursued higher education in New Zealand, where she earned a RN degree in 1964. While working as a nurse in a hospital in New Zealand, she was recruited by Air New Zealand for her nursing skills aboard international flights and became check flight attendant for the airline until she married. A married woman could not be a flight attendant in those days even though she had a salaried position and frequently worked from an office. Merel and her husband, William Sunde, moved to Germany, where she became a lead nurse at a Royal Airforce Hospital. They later moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where they lived until 1991 until he passed when Merel was 51 years of age. The sudden and tragic loss of her true love propelled Merel into a personal intensive healing journey spanning 10 years.

In 2001, as fate would have it, Merel and Thomas Marschall were introduced by a mutual friend at a spiritual retreat taking place at the Taj Mahal in India. The stars aligned with the help of divine guidance and despite the geographical challenges posed by Merel living in LA, Calif., and Thomas living in NY, N.Y., thus began their sacred work together. They married on Nov. 8, 2003, at the home of friend's in LA. They lived their lives together in service, consecrated with God's love for 20 years. They shared their time between homes in Pagosa Springs, Colo., St. Augustine, Fla., and Hot Springs Village, Ark. Merel loved travel and the pleasures of gardening. She spent the last year enjoying their home in Pagosa and watching the unfolding of nature in the English garden she nurtured for 15 years. In Thomas' words, "Their relationship is a Sacred Union with each other and their Heavenly Father that remains even though Merel no longer resides on the physical plane."

Meditation and ascension guidance were the core of her agreement of service with her Heavenly Father. She continued to expand her healing modalities throughout her life, mastering most with ease and grace. Once mastered, she began to share her knowing as a master teacher of reiki, reflexology, color therapy, universal brotherhood minister and more.

Merel is survived by husband, Thomas, his son Scott, his wife Kim, his daughter Nicole and her husband Rick. She also had six siblings living in Fiji, Australia and/or New Zealand.

An open-house celebration of life will be held at the Tennyson Event Center on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 4 to 7 p.m., with refreshments, light appetizers and dessert. There will be an opportunity for people to share Merel memories or tributes. In lieu of flowers, Thomas requests that you share it forward with a gift of food to a person or family in need, which was one of Merel's favorite ways to share the abundance of God's love.

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BoCC discusses idea of excise tax on short-term rentals

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a work session held on Oct. 26, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the possibility of an excise tax being placed on vacation rentals.

"The town has been having discussion about whether they should put another tax, or an excise tax, on vacation rentals, or reach out for the town tourism money," Commissioner Ronnie Maez said.

Maez began the discussion and voiced his thoughts on the matter. "I've given it a lot of thought, and I just want to voice my opinion about it. I don't think any of those choices are going to be a good, solid long-term fix," he added.

He spoke about how the Town of Pagosa Springs and the county need to be cautious about imposing another tax or diverting funds from the combined tourism board to go toward workforce housing solutions.

"I think we need to figure out a sustainable, long-term, continual fix for this, if the voters approve of it," Maez said.

He noted that with the permit fees currently in place, another cost to property owners that operate a short-term rental (STR) could push them not to rent the house at all, either long-term or short-term.

"If I was a short-term rental, and I had a second home here I was renting out and I got hit with an excise tax, I'd quit renting it, I'd quit doing it," Maez said.

He explained that majority of

STRs would be too expensive to rent long-term for workforce housing.

"If they're wealthy enough to have a second, or even a third home here, they just won't play the game, and I think it'll be more of a deterrence than it would be a help," Maez said in regard to imposing an excise tax on STRs.

Maez suggested the town and county work together in order to find a sustainable, long-term solution.

"I think we ought to look into maybe even a sales tax, one the town and the county could get together on, and half of that sales tax go to workforce housing, and building and growth," Maez added.

Commissioner Warren Brown noted that finding solutions is going to take time and highlighted what the county has done over the past nine months to address the issue.

He also noted the county, and Pagosa Springs, have historically had housing troubles.

"It's taken us a long time to get to the point where, I think this has brought it to the boiling point, and now it's in everybody's faces and it's in most conversations," Brown said.

Brown mentioned that he agrees with Maez in regard to majority of STRs not being affordable long-term rentals, noting the rent prices would be high.

"Those properties are far beyond what can be used as a long-term rental," Brown added.

Brown also mentioned that the BoCC has funded multiple projects and organizations over the past

nine months to address workforce housing.

"We have put a lot of time, effort and money towards addressing this in nine months," he said.

Brown mentioned the BoCC funded the Archuleta County Housing Authority and Archuleta Housing Corporation for facility repairs.

He also highlighted the Rose Mountain Townhome project that is almost complete, providing 35 affordable housing units.

"I think we need to be very wise on how we go about finding solutions and funding sources for this project," Brown said.

He also noted the BoCC approved funding for Aspen House to address adults with disabilities in the community.

He further reminded that the county recently raised registration fees for non-owner-occupied STRs and committed 50 percent of overage revenues from STR fees received by the county to go toward workforce housing solutions.

He mentioned the county has even offered tax abatements for developers who decide to build and sell at a lower price point, under \$300,000.

"We have put so much effort and money towards this and I know the town is doing the same. It's going to take a bit," Brown said.

He reiterated the county needs to be careful about making long-term financial commitments.

"I think we need to be careful where we are putting long-term financial commitments," Brown said in regard to diverting tourism funds. "Because whether folks like

it or not, we are a tourism town."

"We need that," Maez commented.

Brown went on to explain that the community needs, and he would like to see, more economic diversity.

However, in the meantime, "We will have to have tourism and want to make sure not cut that stream of revenue off," he said.

County Attorney Todd Weaver interjected, clarifying that, according to state statutes, the county can legally only use lodging tax revenues to go toward tourism promotion.

He mentioned that counties around the state are currently working on drafting a bill that might change that statute, but "Until that passes, there is no option for the county, period," he said.

"Even if we could, I wouldn't want to discuss it," Maez said in regard to diverting tourism funds.

Maez spoke again about how the voters will be the ones who determine if another tax gets approved. "I don't think it's your government's problem, it's your people's problem, but if the people choose to vote to fix this problem, I'll support it 100 percent," he said.

He also reiterated that the community needs a long-term solution and not just another "Band-Aid" put on the problem.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf concurred with Maez and Brown, noting the BoCC has spent a decent amount of time and money over the past nine months to address workforce housing in the community.

"We've done quite a bit in nine months," he said.

Schaaf noted that Archuleta County has historically been a second-home community and if more fees or taxes are placed on those operating STRs, then those homes might end up sitting vacant for even longer than they do now.

"We're going to push people out of the business," he added.

Maez concluded the discussion by suggesting we are in the midst of an economic cycle.

"We're almost at the peak," he said.

He mentioned again that the county needs to "be careful" because there is a "hell of a drop" approaching with that cycle.

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Town council examines draft 2022 budget

By Melanie Mazur
Staff Writer

With a surge in local sales tax collections, members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council are looking at increasing budget numbers for 2022.

At a council work session on Oct. 28, board members examined the draft budget, which has \$19.8 million in projected revenues, including the carryover from 2021.

Total expenditures are projected at almost \$13 million. Cash reserves are pegged at \$6.8 million.

Sales tax revenues are projected to bring in \$8.8 million in 2022, Town Manager Andrea Phillips told council members at the start of the discussion.

That would be the biggest source of income for the town, with revenues estimated to be \$8.92 million in 2022.

The town might look at paying off some debts early, Phillips explained, which could help boost the town's credit score.

The town has 54.5 full-time

equivalent employees.

She recommended adding some employees, including an administrative analyst, and combining the building and planning departments to create a Community Development Department.

"This should streamline procedures for customers," Phillips said, hoping that the department could become a "one-stop shop" for developments and additions.

Another officer will be hired in the police department.

Regarding compensation for employees, Phillips recommended larger raises for the town's lowest-paid employees, arguing that they need to earn a livable wage.

The town council is directing \$455,000 from the General Fund and \$45,000 in vacation rental surcharges to be spent on workforce housing, an increase from the \$216,295 spent in 2021.

The funds can be used to pay for tap fees, property purchases or other objectives, according to the proposed budget.

Funding for local service organi-

zations is set at \$132,000, which is 3 percent of the estimated 2022 sales tax.

Some council members questioned the town's \$25,000 expenditure to fund the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC).

The CDC director's position has been a "revolving door," said Mat deGraaf, noting that the corporation's functions and achievements aren't clear to many people.

"I need to be convinced we're spending this money wisely," he said.

Council member Shari Pierce agreed, saying the CDC should be able to fund its own expenses now, since it was founded in 2010.

At the start of the budget session, the board heard about the tourism fund budget, which primarily comes from the lodgers' tax fund, which is projected at \$1.36 million for 2022. Expenditures were estimated at \$1.47 million. The budget lists \$1.33 million in cash reserves.

The council will have another budget work session on Nov. 8.

Letters

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Last month I received a letter from the Claims Adjuster from Choice TPA LLC who the state retained to work my claim. The letter advised me that my claim was being denied because of the Colorado Government Immunity Act. I was told that my claim "does not fall within a waiver area" of that legislative act. In effect, what I was told was that because I had not made the State of Colorado/CDOT aware of the situation and it's potential dangers, my claim did not qualify for any reimbursement. I completely understand the logic used when this law was enacted. There is no doubt that government entities face frivolous lawsuits on

a regular basis and an act like this was needed. However, all I was asking, was for the State of Colorado to do the right thing. Instead, they chose to hide behind a law to avoid rectifying a situation that they clearly created. In fact, the bar ditch has still not been repaired. Since July 29th there have been additional rains that the bar ditch has run water into my property.

So a word to the wise, if your property borders any government property, in particular property belonging to the State of Colorado, inspect it for any dangerous conditions. If you find any, make sure you make the proper Agency/Department aware of it. Don't expect the State to be a good neighbor and act responsibly and do the right thing.

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County unemployment rate back at pre-pandemic levels

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

According to an Oct. 22 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), Archuleta County's unemployment rate for the month of September dropped to 3.7 percent after being listed at 4.4 percent for the month of August.

This is the lowest unemployment rate in the county since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. Unemployment was listed at 3.5 percent for February 2020.

Before the pandemic, Archuleta County saw its lowest unemployment rate in 44 years in December 2019, when it was listed at 2.6 percent.

After the start of the pandemic, the county's unemployment rate rose to 6.2 percent in March 2020, and then again to 15.1 percent in April 2020.

Since, the unemployment rate for the county has been on a steady decline.

The county's unemployment rate has declined each month so far this year, with the exception of June, when it was reported at 5.3 percent after dropping to 4.8 percent in May.

From August to September, Archuleta County's labor force shrunk from 7,846 to 7,777.

For the month of September, there were 7,487 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release.

This figure is down slightly from August's report of 7,499 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for September was Pueblo County at 7 percent, followed by Huerfano County at 6.5 percent.

Next is Las Animas County at 5.8 percent, followed by Fremont County at 5.7 percent, then Adams County and Bent County at 5.5 percent.

Pueblo County had the highest unemployment rate for the month of August as well at 7.9 percent.

The state's unemployment rate dropped from 5.9 percent in August to 5.6 percent for September.

The state's labor force grew from 3,195,524 for the month of August to 3,211,153 for September.

The press release notes, "According to the survey of households, Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell three-tenths of a percentage point in September to 5.6 percent. The national unemployment rate declined by four-tenths of a percentage point to 4.8 percent."

Employers in Colorado added 5,100 nonfarm payroll jobs from August to September, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado

to 2,741,100.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector added 8,400 payroll jobs and the government sector shed 3,300 jobs.

The press release notes that, over the past 17 months, Colorado has gained back 297,900 of the 375,800 nonfarm payroll jobs that were lost between February and April of last year.

"That translates to a job recovery rate of 79.3 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 77.8 percent," the press release states.

Private-industry sectors with significant job gains in August included:

- Leisure and hospitality at about 3,800.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities at about 2,400.
 - Professional and business services at about 1,100.
 - Other services at about 1,100.
- Significant private-sector job losses over the month occurred in education and health services at about 1,600.

"Since September 2020, non-farm payroll jobs have increased 102,100, with the private sector growing by 92,700 jobs and government adding an additional 9,400 jobs," the press release notes.

Since September 2020, the largest private-sector job gains include:

- Leisure and hospitality at about 41,800.
- Professional and business services at about 23,500.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 17,400.

Over the same period of time, the largest private-sector job losses occurred in:

- Manufacturing at about 800.
- Construction at about 600.

The press release notes that Colorado's rate of job growth over the past year is 3.9 percent, compared to the U.S. rate of 4 percent.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 32.9 to 33.5 hours, while average hourly earnings increased from \$31.02 to \$32.46, a dollar and sixty-one cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$30.85." clayton@pagosasun.com



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Sixth-graders and teacher Terri Lindstrom from Pagosa Springs Middle School's newspaper elective visited The SUN's offices and press room for a tour on Thursday, Oct. 28, with the students also sharing their newspapers with the SUN's staff.

County planning commission denies two appeals on vacation rentals

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Planning Commission denied two appeals at its regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

One appeal was in regard to Development Director Pamela Flowers' revocation of a vacation rental permit (VRP), while the other appeal was in regard to fines for an unpermitted vacation rental.

Flowers briefed the commission on the first appeal, being made by Karen Poquiz, in regard to her VRP permit being revoked.

Flowers explained that county staff became aware that Poquiz had rental advertisements for two units on her property, the main house and a garage guest house, but only had one VRP.

The VRP was registered for the main house on the property, Flowers noted, meaning Poquiz would need an additional VRP to operate the garage unit.

Flowers indicated that after further investigation, staff discovered that there was no building permit issued by the county for the garage building at all, let alone a permit for the conversion of the building into a living unit.

"It's a complicated situation," Flowers said.

According to the county's Land Use Regulations (LUR), if a property owner has a building violation

on their property, then the county can withhold issuing or revoke any permits until the violation is corrected, Flowers explained.

She mentioned that the county first suspended the permit and communicated with Poquiz and her property management company.

Flowers explained that a compromise was reached which allowed Poquiz to continue to rent out the house, but block off the garage unit and work on getting the building permit for the garage.

Poquiz explained that she reached out to an engineer to see what would need to be done to get an after-the-fact building permit issued. She noted she was quoted costs of approximately \$300,000 to have the garage be repaired to be able to get it permitted.

Flowers explained that Poquiz then requested that the county allow her to operate her STR in the main house until her current permit expires at the end of next January and deal with the garage at a later date.

Flowers noted that Poquiz would be operating for almost five months with a violation, which Flowers noted was too long of time to be "comfortable" allowing the STR to operate without "actively working towards correcting the building permit."

She explained that Poquiz received a notice in July that her VRP was suspended.

Flowers noted that it is common for property owners to purchase property that has a violation on it that has gone unknown.

"I don't put the blame on her," Flowers said. "It's not my goal to punish people ... as long as I see them taking the steps and working towards resolving it, especially when we're asking them to do something that's going to cost quite a bit of money to do, we don't want to shut down the income stream that they have if there's a way to allow them to rent a portion of the property."

Flowers noted that, according to LUR, she can withhold a permit, but is not required to.

She explained that in this particular case, there had been too much time allowed to operate with no plans to resolve the violation.

"We couldn't really allow this to continue to operate with no plan at all to move forward on the garage," Flowers added.

Poquiz explained that she does not live in Pagosa full-time and has been trying to coordinate with the contractors and other entities involved in order to correct the violation.

She explained that she has owned her property for almost six years here and that she has no issue with complying, but noted that it has been an extensive process trying to coordinate everything that

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November reminders: Join in the community spirit

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

There are lots of activities and deadlines happening in November and the beginning of December. Businesses, nonprofit agencies and individuals need to make some decisions and mark your calendars now.

First on the "get it done now" list is for our nonprofit agencies. The annual Festival of Trees will be occurring on Dec. 2 and 3. If your agency is interested in participating in this festive event, you need to get your application in ASAP. Applications were actually due Nov. 1, however, the Ross Aragon Community Center will accept a few more.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our nonprofit agencies to describe their organization through their creativity in decorating a tree. You can certainly "traditionally" decorate a tree or highlight your organization through ornaments, color and accessories. Contact Jamie Carothers (970) 264-4152, ext. 521 or jcarothers@pagosaprisings.co.gov for more information and to obtain an application.

Then gather supports, family and friends and attend one of the days the trees will be displayed. The trees will be open for public viewing on Dec. 2 from noon until 6 p.m. Santa will be there along with hot drinks and voting for your favorite tree. The ticketed event will be held on Dec. 3, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. A cash bar and appetizers will also be included. Mark this date down on your calendar for an evening of fun and community support.

Nonprofits can also start preparing for the annual Penguin Plunge to be held during WinterFest. The dates set for WinterFest 2022 are Jan. 21-23, 2022, with the Penguin Plunge

taking place on Jan. 22, 2022. Pledge forms are already available on the Chamber's website under Activities and Events and then under the Chamber Events tab and WinterFest. Print out your forms now, let us know that you will be participating so that we can help promote your organization. Start collecting pledges now as some people may want a tax break for 2021. For more information, contact Mary Jo Coulehan at the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

Sadly, this year the annual Holiday Bazaar will not occur. The Chamber has been receiving calls from vendors and shoppers alike. If any organization is interested in taking over this event for future years, they can contact the Pagosa Springs Area Association of Realtors at (970) 731-4015 for more information.

The deadline for a Chamber member business owner to self-nominate for the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors 2022 election is Wednesday, Nov. 10. Interested individuals can obtain a nomination form from the Chamber website, www.pagosachamber.com. It is listed under the graphic under Community and Chamber News. If you would like more information about the board position, requirements or time commitments, please contact Coulehan at (970) 264-2360. This board position is a three-year term with monthly meeting attendance and other event commitments throughout the year. The Chamber looks to engage a variety of businesses since our constituency is made up of all different kinds of businesses, including individual members. We hope that you will consider joining our team of board members.

One more deadline is for residents and businesses to enter the 2021 Lighting Contest. Applications can also be found on the Chamber website, www.pagosachamber.com, on the

homepage under Community and Chamber News. Click on this link to get your application. Residential winners will be awarded \$1,000, \$500 or \$250 for their entries. Business winners will be awarded the same denominations in advertising credits in The Pagosa Springs SUN. Applications are due Nov. 17.

All those entering the contest are asked to have their houses or businesses lit from Nov. 26 to Dec. 31 so that residents and visitors alike can view the lights throughout our beautiful community during the busy holiday season. There are always some beautifully decorated establishments. Why not try and recoup some of your investment by entering the 2021 Lighting Contest?

Once more reminder is regarding the "Old Fashioned Christmas" walk that will be occurring on Dec. 18 along the Riverwalk. Businesses, families, nonprofit agencies or even individuals can adopt a section of the Riverwalk and promote a family-friendly parade route. Hand out hot chocolate or other nonalcoholic beverage, provide some acoustic music or other entertainment, have a festively lighted booth and welcome people as they walk the Riverwalk. There are no commercial booths at this event; however, you can promote your business or organization through some beautiful decorations and engage in the community spirit. Perhaps your business would like to participate as a team-building event. Contact Jennie Green at sales@visitpagosaprisings.com if you are interested. There may still be space available. But for the general public, mark your calendars for this event on Dec. 18 in the evening.

There is so much to engage in as a spectator or participant in Pagosa Springs. Be a part of the community spirit, especially at this time of year.

Online platform accepting donations to support local charities

By Tracy Pope
Community Foundation
serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado spearheads a regional effort to promote local participation in Colorado Gives Day, which is Dec. 7. Donors may schedule their donations in advance in support of causes they care about through swcogives.org.

Southwest Colorado Gives is a safe, secure and easy platform for donors to contribute online to local nonprofits. Last year on Colorado Gives Day, \$50 million was donated

statewide, with almost \$500,000 going to nonprofits in our five-county region. The regional platform, swcogives.org, features more than 100 nonprofits from Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties. This year, the local giving goal is to exceed \$525,000.

Thirteen nonprofits on the site are located in Archuleta County: Aspen House and Aspen Services, Aspire, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Geothermal Partnership, Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County, Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Loaves and Fishes, Rise Above Violence, Ruby Sisson Li-

brary Foundation, Seeds of Learning, Sonlight Adventures, Thingamajig Theatre Company and Vets 4 Vets.

"Over the past 20 months, we have seen a tremendous amount of generosity in response to various pandemic impacts — from housing and food security to animal protection, arts and culture to youth support — all sectors are seeing increased demand," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "We anticipate a high level of need and a high level of giving to continue throughout 2021 in support of upcoming Giving Tuesday, Colorado

Gives Day and year-end appeals."

The Community Foundation encourages charitable giving that keeps dollars local. Southwest Colorado Gives is an opportunity for donors in our region to support the nonprofits that are making a difference in local communities. The site, swcogives.org, offers donors a well-vetted array of nonprofits to choose from. Scheduled donations will run from Nov. 1 for about six weeks until Colorado Gives Day on Dec. 7.

For more information, visit www.swcogives.org or call (970) 375-5807.

Appeals

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needs to be done while being out of town.

Poquiz also spoke about how part of the reason why her family chose to purchase property here is because they love the people and they love living on "Pagosa time."

"It was a kick in the gut," she said in regard to receiving the VRP suspension notice.

She also noted the county's new permitting process has made things a little more strict for those who were renting before there was a permit process.

"We're just trying to find our way through, and I think we need a little bit of time to process everything that's happened since the regulations were passed in May," Poquiz said.

She requested that the county allow her to continue to operate her STR in the main house with her current permit, and be given a year to resolve the building violation.

She also noted that the county has been collecting taxes on the property for years and never complained about the unpermitted garage.

Planning commissioner Mont McAlister prepared to make a motion to allow Poquiz to continue to

operate a STR in her main house, but more discussion was held.

Public comment was taken on the matter from Veronica Medina, Bill Hudson, Janice Lindell and Mike Branson.

After more discussion and public comment was heard, commission chair David Parker made a motion to deny the appeal.

The motion was approved with a split vote of 3-1, with Parker, commissioner Richard Vihel and commissioner Anita Hooton voting to approve the motion.

McAlister voted against the motion.

"I think we have to differentiate fairness and justice," Vihel said.

The next appeal heard by the commission was made by Michael Devloo in regard to fines for an unpermitted vacation rental.

According to the staff report that is attached in the meeting's agenda, Devloo has been fined approximately \$50,000 at a rate of \$100 per day for operating a STR since Aug. 24, 2019, without a VRP.

Flowers explained that the property owner received a notice in March 2020 notifying him that his VRP fees were overdue.

In June 2020, the county imple-

mented a new software system, called MUNIREvs, for property owners to use to register their STR.

Flowers noted that Devloo received another notice during that time reminding him that his VRP was not yet finalized.

On Sept. 10, the county posted a "Stop Use Order" on the property.

The fines on the property began accumulating on April 30, 2020, according to the agenda documentation.

Devloo noted during the hearing that the county is "creating a lot of pain" for property owners to be able to operate a STR.

"It's a slap in the face," Devloo said of the fines.

Devloo also mentioned it costs \$200 just to be able to have a hearing with the planning commission

and it would cost him another \$200 to make another appeal to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

Hooton commented that the planning commission does not make the rules and encouraged Devloo to attend the next BoCC meeting and voice his opinions during the public comment period, which is free.

The commission unanimously approved a motion to deny Devloo's appeal and uphold Flower's decision to apply fines of \$50,000 for operating a vacation rental without a permit.

McAlister abstained from the vote, citing that the appellant is his neighbor.

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COVID-19

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milestone is nowhere near signaling that COVID-19 is over. Instead, Colorado is in the middle of record COVID-19 case transmission levels and close to record hospitalization rates largely coming from the unvaccinated minority in our state, who make up the vast majority of hospitalizations in all age groups. Currently, one out of every 51 Coloradans is infected with the virus. It's critical now that every Coloradan takes advantage of every tool available to slow and stop the spread of COVID, with the most effective tool being the vaccine."

Dr. Rachel Herlihy, state epidemiologist, noted that the last two weeks or so Colorado has seen a pretty rapid acceleration in cases, with Tuesday's 1,254 hospitalizations being the highest the state has seen since December 2020.

Vaccine available for kids, boosters continue to be available

According to a San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) press release, the public is now able to make vaccine appointments for 5- to 11-year-olds for Thursday, Nov. 4, or a later date.

"The CDC voted unanimously to authorize the Pfizer vaccine for 5 to 11-year-olds on Tuesday, November 2nd, citing a thorough review process for safety and ef-

ficacy," the press release states.

Youth ages 5 through 17 are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine, with the dose for those who are 5 to 11 years old being smaller and administered with smaller needles.

"It is important that residents verify the Pfizer vaccine is being offered when signing up minors for COVID-19 vaccine appointments or walking into a clinic," the press release states. "Families have options and are encouraged to either sign up for a community vaccination clinic, contact their pediatrician, or reach out to their preferred vaccine provider. ... The public is encouraged to continue checking the SJBPH website for available clinics for 5 to 11-year-olds.

"The eligibility of 5- to 11-year-olds for COVID-19 vaccine is a really positive step for our community, and one that families have been waiting for. We hope that families will take advantage of this opportunity as soon as possible," said Liane Jollon, SJBPH executive director, via the press release. "Getting more of our youth vaccinated will help ensure in-person learning is as safe as possible and protect kids in their extracurriculars, sports, and day-to-day lives. SJBPH has been preparing for this moment by ordering pediatric Pfizer doses in advance and coordinating a range of clinics and providers across Archuleta and La Plata counties to

meet the needs of families."

According to data provided by SJBPH, there were 61 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among 5- to 18-year-olds between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31.

Upcoming community vaccination clinics in Archuleta County offering the Pfizer vaccine include:

- Thursday, Nov. 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St.

- Thursday, Nov. 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

- Saturday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.

- Sunday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.

Chandler Griffin, SJBPH COVID-19 public information officer and communications director, explained that all of its Pfizer clinics will have what they need to administer the vaccine to the younger age group.

SJBPH notes that although advance registration is strongly encouraged, walk-ins are welcome at upcoming clinics.

Parents and guardians are required to provide consent for minors to be vaccinated. The vaccine is free, and no ID is required.

"SJBPH urges families to make appointments as soon as possible

since it can take five or more weeks from the date of the first dose of Pfizer to reach full immunity," the press release notes.

"It is critical that all residents and youth finish their vaccination series and receive both doses if receiving a two-shot vaccine," the press release notes. "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 the Delta variant of COVID-19. SJBPH urges all residents, regardless of vaccination status, to continue to follow public health precautions such as wearing a properly fitted mask in public indoor settings and washing hands often."

In addition, booster shots continue to be available to those who meet the criteria.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines, current eligibility, details on vaccine clinics and providers, or to make an appointment, visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

School cases

The outbreak at Pagosa Springs Elementary School was added to SJBPH's data dashboard Wednesday, with the outbreak announced

by Archuleta School District Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza last week.

The superintendent explained last week that class, a kindergarten class, was moved to remote learning for 10 days, while the rest of the school continued with in-person learning.

Griffin explained the first case was identified on Oct. 20. As of Oct. 27, five cases had been identified.

Griffin reported eight cases, all students, as of Wednesday, Nov. 3.

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.

In a message to high school families sent Tuesday, the school district announced that, due to a rise in COVID-19 cases, Pagosa Springs High School would move to remote learning beginning Wednesday, Nov. 3.

The message sent to families notes the remote learning will continue through Tuesday, Nov. 9, and the school aims to return to in-person learning on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

The letter further notes that all after-school activities are canceled until in-person learning is resumed.

Griffin pointed out that, at this point, the decision to move the high school to remote learning is coming from the district and

no outbreak has been identified, though case investigation is underway.

"Their leadership is aware of several possible cases," he said.

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

Local numbers

According to SJBPH, Archuleta County's seven-day cumulative incidence rate was 336.6 cases per 100,000 people Wednesday — down from 350.0 a week prior.

According to the CDC, Colorado's seven-day incidence rate was 353.4 Wednesday — up from 309.7 a week prior.

The U.S.'s one-week rate is 157.7, up from 143.7 a week prior.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH listed 1,556 total cases of confirmed COVID-19 among permanent Archuleta County residents since late March 2020, up from 1,506.

The agency showed Archuleta County was at 12 percent positivity Wednesday, even with the previous week.

SJBPH continues to list four deaths among cases for Archuleta County.

SJBPH's public health advisory related to COVID-19 can be found at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SJBPH-Third-Amended-Advisory-10.5.2021.pdf>.

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Share your project ideas for San Juan, Blanco, Navajo watersheds

By Al Pfister

Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership

The Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP) has been working under the Colorado Water Plan to develop a stream management plan (now referred to as an integrated watershed management plan) for the Upper San Juan, Blanco and Navajo River watersheds.

The past three years of efforts have emphasized identifying the environmental, recreational and agricultural infrastructure needs of these three watersheds and what enhancements in the watersheds might be made. This has been accomplished via field data gathering, interviews and surveys with different user groups, stakeholders and landowners, under the guidance of a steering committee representative of the agricultural, environmental, municipal and recreational water interests of the community.

In June, the WEP initiated its

third and final phase of a planning process to develop a local water plan that includes project opportunities that support river health and our community's ability to rely on rivers for multiple uses, now and in the future.

For example, several projects have already been identified by or shared with WEP with the potential to enhance the efficiency of irrigation infrastructure, recreational opportunities and improve the health of the rivers.

We hope these will just be the start of many project ideas community members can consider and add their own ideas for projects or actions to develop a shared list of on-the-ground opportunities to support the agricultural, environmental, municipal and recreational water use needs in the San Juan, Blanco and Navajo watersheds.

The WEP hopes to offer multiple options for community members and visitors to participate and inform this water planning process.

First, we hope you will join our next public meeting on Dec. 8 from

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (virtual or in-person to be determined depending on COVID-19 guidelines).

Second, you can take one or all three of the WEP's watershed surveys (upper San Juan, Blanco and Navajo) to share your opinions and project ideas, including options to mark on maps specific areas or locations you are concerned about or want to suggest an improvement project idea.

Third, you can sign up as an individual or small group to discuss your water-related values, concerns or project ideas with members of the WEP.

Details on how to join our Dec. 8 public meeting, links to watershed surveys and to the project discussion sign-up sheet can all be found at: <http://www.mountainstudies.org/sanjuan/smp>.

If you would like to learn more about the WEP and the planning process, visit www.mountainstudies.org/sanjuan/smp and contact Al Pfister (westernwildscapes@gmail.com) or Mandy Eskelson (mandy@mountainstudies.org).

Town

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Maez requested the town work with the county to create a "good, solid, long-term fix," noting that the county has one of the lowest sales tax rates in the state.

"Let's do it together, let's do it right, and let's do it once," he recommended to the council.

Council Member Jeff Posey advocated for the sales tax increase because it spreads the expense across the board to all taxpayers.

"Everybody should pay a little bit for that," he said.

Council member Nicole Pitcher opposed the idea, noting that sales taxes are regressive and hit the lower-wage earners the town is trying to help.

Speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting, Walsh encouraged council members to try to find a way to start dedicating \$1 million annually for workforce housing, noting that it's comparable to the amount the town has in reserve funding.

In its proposed 2022 budget, the town has \$500,000 in a new, pro-

posed Housing Division Fund, noted Town Manager Andrea Phillips, along with another potential \$343,000 from the Tourism Fund infrastructure line item. That could cover \$843,000 that the town could start working with, and that's before any changes in the tax code.

Council member Shari Pierce noted she was not in favor of the excise tax on vacation rentals, unless it was done in partnership with Archuleta County.

Council member Matt DeGuise agreed.

"The county has the largest share of short-term rentals," DeGuise said. "I would like to work with them."

Later, the council directed Phillips and Town Attorney Clay Buchner to write proposed ballot language for the spring municipal election on April 5. Along with allowing a reallocation of the lodgers' tax marketing budget, council members asked for language to establish an excise tax, as well. The ballot language could be discussed at the council's next meeting on

Nov. 18.

In another discussion of workforce housing, David Dronet of Olympus Real Estate Group presented a letter to council and staff asking for a town code provision for a concept they have to provide housing, Olympus, which owns The Springs Resort, wants to investigate purchasing modular units to use as lodging for three years, then donate the units to a nonprofit housing organization or trust.

The buildings would then have to be moved before they could become workforce housing, he noted.

Council members suggested they were interested in the concept, although Pierce noted that finding land with infrastructure for the buildings could be challenging.

In other action, council members heard first readings of ordinances to vacate pedestrian access easements at the Riverwalk Townhomes on 6th Street, along with procedures and guidelines on the installation and use of small cell wireless communication equipment.

Finalists

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Springs town manager/land use administrator from 1994 to 2008.

Woodman has more than 37 years of experience in law enforcement in Colorado and has been with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office since 2018.

Woodman also has a certificate of occupational proficiency from Colorado Mountain College.

According to his resume, Woodman owns and operates two fitness centers in Dillon.

Young holds a bachelor's degree in forestry from Northern Arizona University and a Masters of Agriculture in Extension Education from Colorado State University.

According to her resume, Young has more than 25 years of experience working with and for government organizations, including Archuleta County and the national Forest Service.

County Attorney Todd Weaver is currently serving as the interim county administrator, after former administrator Scott Wall announced his retirement in August.

According to the county's website, the county administrator is responsible for preparing the county budget; providing the BoCC with the information it needs for making decisions; implementing policies adopted and approved by the BoCC; and acting as a liaison between the

BoCC and other county departments, governmental entities and the business community.

The county administrator is also responsible for managing and supervising the county's departments which include the Airport, Building and Grounds, Department of Human Services, Finance, Fleet, Human Resources, Planning and Building, Road and Bridge, Senior Programs, Special Projects, Solid Waste, Transportation, Veterans Services, and Weed and Pest Control.

Human Resources Director Tina Woodman indicated in an email to The SUN that interviews with the BoCC and the finalists are currently being coordinated.

Flights

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maintain certain numbers of training hours in a variety of circumstances.

"One of the reasons that we do training in those particular areas is because of the terrain," Mercado explained in a phone call. "So, our pilots are required to maintain certain numbers of training hours in a variety of terrains and also for certain times of day, and that maintains their qualifications."

Much of the training, she noted, is similar to what would be seen when "deployed downrange."

"So, it emulates environments that our flying crews would have to navigate when they're in a deployed situation," she said.

Those situations, she added, may include mountainous terrains, desert environments, isolated areas and civilian areas.

"So, when any of our air crews fly, we map out these particular types of training ... environments in order to kind of simulate what we would see in a deployed environment," she said.

In an email, Mercado further

explains, "To prepare for real world special operations, we train over a variety of areas that offer challenging elevation and terrain features for our crews to retain proficiency and is an extremely valuable asset to maintaining readiness," Mercado wrote. "A variety of factors such as weather, air traffic control authorities, FAA guidance and airspace availability go into the specifics of where and for how long we can conduct training. In instances near populated areas, our aircraft mitigate noise and disturbance to our communities by using the highest altitude allowable by conditions to provide cost effective and safe training."

Mercado further explained that the flights are in areas approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and flight plans are pre-recorded and preauthorized.

"We're no different than any type of commercial airline in that we have to be able to record those particular flight plans," she said.

Her email further explains, "The FAA is responsible for the development and enforcement of rules for aircraft flights, ensuring the safe and

efficient use of U.S. airspace, and all of our flights are conducted within those rules and guidelines."

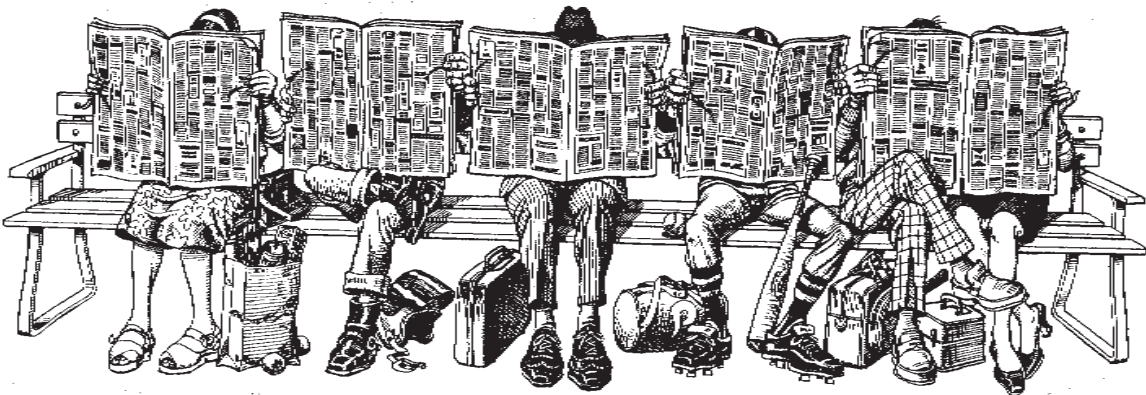
The email continues, "Cannon aircraft abide by established restrictions designated for the area in question by the FAA and any documented local flying restrictions. When a military pilot makes a request to orbit or hold over a specific area that is not within the published Special Activity/Special Use Airspace, local flight management will immediately determine approval, taking in to account any and all limiting factors."

Mercado acknowledged Pagosa Springs is surrounded by Air Force bases and suggested residents are welcome to visit <https://www.cannon.af.mil/> or the websites of the other area bases to send emails inquiring about the training or to send a noise complaint.

"We are committed to following up on all of them," Mercado said of the noise complaints, adding that the other bases are as well, and the offices work together regarding complaints that may be sent to the wrong base.

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PAWSD no longer in Stage 1 Drought

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors voted to exit the Stage 1 Drought, as defined in its drought management plan, at its regular meeting held on Oct. 28.

The board initially voted to enter the Stage 1 Drought on July 19.

District Manager Justin Ramsey explained during the meeting that the primary driver of the district's drought management plan is the San Juan River flow in conjunction with the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Ramsey noted that the district has met conditions to exit the Stage 1 Drought for almost a month now.

He explained that since the only restriction was irrigation times, and not many people are still irrigating this time of year, he didn't feel the need to call for a special meeting for the board to vote on exiting sooner.

According to a Nov. 1 press release from Ramsey, total diversion flows are listed at 3 cubic feet per second (cfs).

The West Fork diversion is flow is at 2.5 cfs.

The press release notes that PAWSD was given permission to pull 0.5 cfs from the Four Mile diversion on Oct. 27.

Hatcher Lake dropped 2 inches from last week's report and is now at 49 inches from full.

Stevens Lake remains at 27

inches from full for the third consecutive week.

Lake Pagosa is listed at 6 inches from full, also for the third consecutive week.

Village Lake remains at 4 inches from full for the second consecutive week.

Village Lake previously rose 22 inches from Oct. 18 to Oct. 25, according to Ramsey's reports. For the week of Oct. 18, Village Lake was at 26 inches from full.

However, Ramsey indicated in an email to The SUN that the gauge was likely incorrect for that week.

Forest Lake also remains at 4 inches from full for the second consecutive week.

Water production from Oct. 22 through Oct. 28 was listed at a total of 10.02 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 2.85 million gallons, while the Hatcher plant contributed 7.17 million gallons.

Last year, total water production was listed at 9.87 million gallons for those dates.

Snow report

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Water and Climate Center's snow pack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 3.2 inches of snow water equivalent as of 10 a.m. on Nov. 3.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River Basins were at 106 percent of the Nov. 3 median

in terms of snow pack.

The USDA website notes that readings "may not provide a valid measure of conditions" in regard to the basins.

River report

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the San Juan River was flowing at a rate of 68.7 cfs in Pagosa Springs as of 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Based on 86 years of water records at this site, the lowest recorded flow rate for this date is 22 cfs, recorded in 1956.

The highest recorded rate for this date was in 1987 at 657 cfs. The average flow rate for this date is 116 cfs.

As of 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, the Piedra River near Arboles was flowing at a rate of 53.2 cfs.

The highest recorded rate for this date was 800 cfs in 1987.

A new lowest recorded rate was recorded this year for this date, earlier in the day at 37.5 cfs.

Based on 59 years of water records at this site, the average flow rate for that date is 146 cfs.

Drought report

The National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) was last updated on Oct. 26.

The NIDIS website indicates 100 percent of Archuleta County is abnormally dry.

The percentage of the county in a moderate drought is listed at 70.79, which is up slightly from the

previous report of 69.81 percent.

The NIDIS website also notes that 47.66 percent of the county is in a severe drought stage, consistent with last week's report.

Additionally, the NIDIS website notes that 10.33 percent of the county remains in an extreme drought. This is up slightly from last week's report of 9.12 percent.

No portion of the county is in exceptional drought.

Weather outlook

According to the National Weather Service, today, Nov. 4, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 61 degrees and low of 26 degrees, with clear skies throughout the day and night.

For Friday, Nov. 5, the forecasted high is 64 degrees with a low of 26 degrees and clear skies.


For Saturday, Nov. 6, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 66 degrees with sunny skies and a low of 28 degrees with sunny and clear skies.

For Sunday, Nov. 7, the forecasted high is 64 degrees with mostly sunny skies during the day. The forecasted low is 29 degrees with mostly clear skies at night.

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Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program opens for season, accepting applications

By Madlynn Ruble
Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), a federally funded program that helps eligible Coloradans pay a portion of their winter home heating costs, opened for the season on Nov. 1 and will accept applications through April 30, 2022.

LEAP helps eligible individuals and families in Colorado pay energy costs by making a onetime payment directly to the utility company on behalf of each LEAP-eligible household. Last season, 77,500 LEAP recipients received an average benefit of \$550.25.

"Data from the U.S. Energy In-

formation Administration shows heating bills increasing this winter between 6 and 54 percent depending on the heating source," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager. "LEAP can help Coloradans by offsetting these increased costs. We encourage anyone who thinks they may be eligible to apply and take advantage of LEAP's many benefits."

To qualify for LEAP, Coloradans may have an income up to 60 percent of the state median income level, which equates to a household income of less than \$64,000 a year for a family of four. Additionally, LEAP recipients must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord as part of their rent, be a resident of Colorado

and have at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S. living in the household.

In addition to home heating bill assistance, LEAP recipients may be eligible to receive furnace repair and replacement in heat-related emergencies in addition to weatherization services pending the results of a home energy audit.

Currently, LEAP recipients are also eligible for two temporary programs that are part of the American Rescue Plan.

The Utility Assistance Program provides funds to assist with paying down past-due accounts for a home's primary heating source and supportive fuel while funding is available.

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) serves eligible Colorado households who pay a water vendor directly and whose account is either in arrears or shut off. LIHWAP provides funds to make a onetime payment to the water vendor directly on behalf of eligible households as long as funding is available.

To access the LEAP application and apply for the program, visit: www.colorado.gov/cdhs/LEAP. Online applications are processed through the Colorado PEAK system. You can also call the HEAT HELP line at (866) HEAT-HELP [(866) 432-8435] to receive an application via mail or email.

Local control: accept it or make a difference

We talk a lot about local control and we believe that government works best when it's closer to the people. It sounds good and seems to work well unless you disagree with your local government or school board.

Recently, focus has been on federal government issues, but local government and specifically school board issues have also risen in the eyes of the public. I've received calls from constituents that express strong opinions about mask-wearing, vaccinations, critical race theory, sex education, and pandemic-induced trauma, to name a few. These are genuine concerns, especially when constituents feel strongly enough to pick up the telephone or email, hoping that I can help them. Whether I agree with them or not is not the issue. Concerned citizens seek any direction or possible solution. Unfortunately, deferral to "local control"

doesn't always provide a solution to their liking.

Many parents and taxpayers are beginning to understand precisely what local control in their community is and what they can do to influence change. For example, people are showing up at local school board meetings. It's happening across the congressional district that I represent and across all of Colorado. School boards are listening to their communities more than ever and it's not always comfortable. Learning about and understanding the duties and responsibilities of a local board has been enlighten-



Joyce Rankin
State Board of Education

ing for community members and sometimes provides clarity for those already serving. As long as things are going well, we seldom pay attention. When we disagree and discuss resolutions, change can happen.

I've spent five years on the state board and one of the most turbulent eras is currently playing out. During the pandemic, some students were learning online at home. Parents took an interest and became educated about the curriculum, textbooks and what was being taught. Community groups formed, attended local school board meetings and voiced their concerns during public comment. As a result, new candidates have come forward to run for local school board elections.

I've been traveling around the district informing constituents about the "Science of Reading."

Reading proficiency in the

early elementary grades needs to improve. The legislature (Senate Bill 19-199) has provided free teacher training, an evidence-based approved curriculum and a timeline for both to be implemented by the fall of 2022. Some teachers and schools have embraced the Science of Reading and students in those classrooms are improving. Have your teachers been trained?

If you're interested in what is happening in your local school district, get involved, attend school board meetings and talk to your neighbors.

Joyce Rankin sits on the State Board of Education representing the Third Congressional District. You can reach Joyce at: joycesrankin@gmail.com.

Presentation to be offered: 'Casas Grandes: Escaping Pueblo Space'

By Rusty Chamberlain
San Juan Basin Archaeological Society

The San Juan Basin Archaeological Society invites the public to a Zoom presentation on Wednes-

day, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m.

After a brief business meeting, Dr. Stephen H. Lekson will present "Casas Grandes: Escaping Pueblo Space."

He will present his perspective on Paquimé, the 14th-15th century

capital of the Casas Grandes region in northern Chihuahua.

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WRITERS ON THE RANGE

A Japanese-American internment camp has much to teach us

By Paul Zaenger
SUN Columnist

"While other children were sent to day care, when I was 3 years old, I was sent to a Japanese-American prison," Carlene Tanigoshi Tinker, now 82, told the Washington Post recently.

She was one of some 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who were forcibly imprisoned during World War II, a time when racist fears swept the country.

After traveling in a railroad car from the West Coast, Tanigoshi and her family arrived at a prison camp close to Kansas that became known as Amache. The military-style barracks were laid out on a barren landscape in lightly populated eastern Colorado. It was one of 10 such prisons hastily erected in America during the 1940s.

Now, thanks to a bill that passed the House and is now before the Senate, there's a good chance that Amache will become a new national historical park, telling its story of mass hysteria, hardship and survival.

Tanigoshi, who I met at Amache recently, said that the people imprisoned were patriotic Americans and after men in the local town of Granada joined the military and labor became scarce, camp prisoners filled in at harvest time, mostly as volunteers. The need to harvest the main crop of sugar beets set the stage for camp residents and locals to trust each other.

Once Amache Director James Lindley got to know the incarcerated families, he began to relax restrictions, opening the door for a new community to form. Teachers were allowed to move into the camp to be closer to their students. He also allowed internees to work at other jobs in Granada, 1 mile away, and permitted camp residents to go to town for social activities such as seeing a movie or going to a soda fountain. According to reports told of the camp, Amache was humanely run, the place internees in other camps wanted

to transfer into.

Living conditions, however, were grim for the approximately 7,000 people who were never allowed to protest their incarceration. Still, 441 men from the camp served in our military during World War II.

When the camp was closed after three years, its origin story was mostly neglected. But in 1993, Granada High School teacher John Hopper asked his students if they'd like to do some volunteer work, helping to restore the camp's water tower and signs and any structures that remained standing. The students were enthusiastic, he said in an interview, and so began the Amache Preservation Society that continues to maintain the site today, along with other volunteer groups.

"Generations of kids and their parents have worked to keep Amache's history alive," said Hopper, who is now school principal. "Students travel all over, including Japan, to tell the story of how the camp came to be and what it was like."

Another frequent visitor is Bonnie Clark, archaeologist at Denver University. Since 2008, she and her team, some descendants of internees, have been researching life at the camp.

When I visited the camp and its museum, one of her team, Greg Kitajima, showed me butterflies made from tiny seashells that his mother made when she was an internee. The layered shells give shape to the insect forms; the pastel stripes of the shells add delicate color to the shapes.

Kitajima also tells me stories he heard from his grandparents, strawberry farmers in San Jose, Calif., who suffered severe discrimination as war fever swept through America. They, too, were sent to Amache. His eyes well up as he shares the memories. It is painful to hear. My eyes tear up, too.

I believe that the move by four Colorado congressmen to designate Amache a national historic

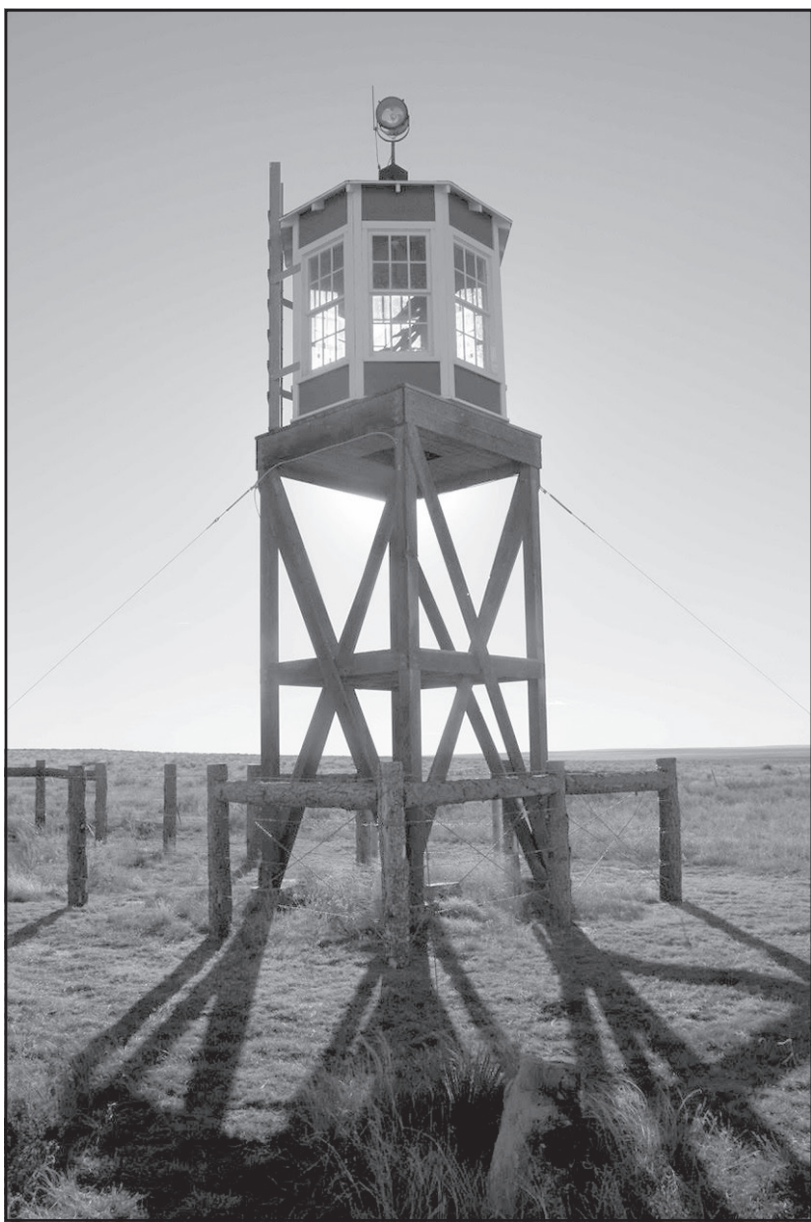


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The Amache Watchtower in Eastern Colorado.

site is one that can bring us together. This place of deprivation, yet community, needs to be preserved.

Late in the day, when I'm walking around the camp's recreation hall, bunkhouse and a guard tower, the setting sun mellows the landscape. I think about what Kitajima told me, about how his family feels linked to this place. They were people who made the best of a bad situation — the best they could.

Amache's power is that it invites

us to listen and learn from the past, to renew our sense of humanity. Perhaps Amache can help to heal our nation's troubled soul.

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EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Learn to grow with the Colorado Master Gardener Program

By Robin Young
SUN Columnist

Gardening is a popular hobby and leisure activity that provides outdoor physical activity, contact with nature and sharing with others. For many gardeners, digging in the soil, pulling weeds and harvesting fresh fruits and vegetables is comforting to the soul and make the taste buds happy. Nurturing the plants can help you unwind and turn a stressful day into one that can be quite rewarding. Spending quality time in the garden allows the gardener a chance to slow down, be creative and enjoy simple pleasures.

If you have a love of gardening and would enjoy sharing your passion with others, perhaps you should begin thinking about becoming a Colorado Master Gardener. Those that have transplanted to the San Juan Mountains from the Front Range or other states might find gardening at 7,000 feet a challenge. It tests our gardening skills and sometimes tests our patience. Do not despair; the Master Gardener Program will help you gain the knowledge, skills and ideas necessary to turn your yard into a fantastic home garden.

To become a Master Gardener, your only prerequisite is to have a passion for gardening. The term "Master Gardener" does not mean that you have expertise in all subject matters related to gardening. The hands-on expertise comes from the 50-plus-hour apprenticeship. The apprentice program furthers your knowledge with ongoing continuing education opportunities, information provided by Colorado State University (CSU) Extension and from the knowledge shared by other Master Gardeners. If you are interested in learning without the volunteer commitment, you can complete the program with a Colorado Gardener Certificate.

The Colorado Master Gardener program is specifically designed to use the services of trained volunteers who have horticultural knowledge gained through the program and a willingness to share that knowledge with other county residents. Many newcomers and inexperienced gardeners in Colorado are in great need of gardening advice. The Master Gardener training will give you the skills needed to diagnose and solve gardening problems and give you the confidence to share your expertise with others.

Master Gardeners provide the following types of services to Archuleta County:

- Answer gardening questions that come into the Extension Office.
- Design programs related to gardening.
- Participate at the Archuleta County Fair and plant clinics.
- Demonstrate new gardening techniques.
- Help educate children about gardening.
- Participate in many other exciting community gardening projects.

There are plenty of opportunities to develop public speaking skills, interact with the public and develop areas of expertise. All of

these activities are very rewarding and the feeling of accomplishment Master Gardener volunteers receive through the service they are providing is very gratifying.

The Master Gardener program and training is conducted by CSU Extension via distance technology and face to face. The Master Gardener training courses are taught by CSU Extension professionals and local experts. The program covers the challenges specific to gardening in southwestern Colorado. A sample of topics covered includes:

- Soils, fertilizers and soil amendments.
- How plants grow.
- Mountain gardening.
- Vegetables.
- The science of planting trees.
- Lawn care.
- Weed management.

If you would like to learn more about successful gardening in Archuleta, be sure to call the CSU Extension office in Archuleta County today at (970) 264-5931. To register for the 2022 Colorado Master Gardener Program, which tentatively begins mid-January, please go to www.cmg.extension.

colostate.edu. Applications will be accepted until Dec. 15.

The Master Gardener program is innovative and flexible in its outreach and works to match volunteer skills and schedules. Each year, Colorado Master Gardeners all over the state help people make the right choices for their garden care. Anyone who would like to play an active role in the education of gardeners of all ages is invited to join our Colorado Master Gardener team. Apply today.

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Carbon cycling and the Riverwalk wetlands

By Josh Pike
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In the fall, the Riverwalk wetlands fill with dead vegetation as the reeds die back for the winter and the surrounding trees drop their leaves. This dead matter serves many ecological functions in the wetlands, providing cover for winter residents and fertilizing plants within the wetland boundaries.

In addition, this vegetation plays a role in a worldwide functioning of the carbon cycle, a cycle which touches almost all life on earth and which has profound significance to human life and society.

The carbon cycle, explained simply, starts with photosynthesis in plants, a process where plants use the energy of sunlight to take carbon, in the form of CO₂, from the atmosphere and add it to their own structures. This carbon, in a variety of molecular structures, goes on to form the physical structures of plants.

Whether these plants are consumed to sustain the lives and growth of the creatures that eat them or simply die on their own, the carbon they took from the atmosphere eventually ends up in the soil. Here, microbial decomposers break down the carbon contained in the dead plants, animal corpses, and waste into CO₂, which is released into the atmosphere. Here, the carbon circulates in the air until it is taken up again by photosynthesis.

There are many processes and features that complicate the seemingly simple progression of the carbon cycle. One of these compli-



Photo courtesy Holly Matthews

A fall seedhead in the Riverwalk wetlands.

cations is the existence of carbon sinks. These sinks are ecosystems, organisms or other features that intake more carbon than they release, thus trapping the carbon and preventing it from re-entering the cycle for a time.

Wetlands, like those along the Riverwalk, are one of the most effective types of carbon sinks, alongside forests and oceans. Their effectiveness as sinks is driven by their extraordinary productivity and by the water that saturates their soils. Wetlands are densely populated by large and fast-growing plants like reeds and cattails, which take in large amounts of carbon to grow during the spring and summer. This growth means that, during the summer, large amounts of carbon are trapped in the wetland plants,

temporarily unable to re-enter the cycle.

The water that saturates the hydric wetland soil transforms the short-term carbon sink of the seasonal wetland plants into a long-term sink in the wetland soil. As these plants die back in the fall, the debris sink onto the pond bottom or drop onto the water-saturated soil. The omnipresent water drastically slows the rate of decomposition by severely limiting the amount of oxygen that is available for use by decomposer microbes.

This slow rate of decomposition means that one year's detritus is unlikely to be fully broken down before the next year's falls. Thus, a reserve of carbon slowly grows in the wetland soil, a long-term car-

bon sink that continues to expand as long as the wetland's health is maintained.

Carbon sinks are especially crucial as human activity continues to accelerate other portions of the carbon cycle. Through deforestation and extraction of fossil fuels, we have drastically accelerated the addition of carbon to the atmosphere, breaking down sinks of carbon that took centuries or millennia to form in a matter of years or decades. Since the uptake of carbon by plants has not increased, and in many cases has decreased due to decreases in vegetation cover and quality, these rapid additions have increased the store of carbon in the atmosphere, warming the planet through the greenhouse effect and significantly altering global climate patterns.

Natural carbon sinks, like wetlands, are a crucial natural tool in our ongoing struggle to mitigate climate change. By preserving current sinks and promoting new ones, we can slow the addition of carbon to the atmosphere and increase its uptake by plants. By preserving and promoting wetlands, we can make significant steps toward mitigating climate change and improving our global future.

So, as you walk through the Riverwalk wetlands and look over the dying vegetation, take the chance to look beyond its natural beauty to consider the impact this wetland has on the global climate and on our lives today and tomorrow. If you want to learn more or get involved in protecting the Riverwalk wetlands, please contact Pagosa Wetland Partners at pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

Commissioners discuss repaving North Pagosa Boulevard next summer

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

At an Oct. 26 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the possibility of resurfacing North Pagosa Boulevard from U.S. 160 to Village Drive next summer.

County Attorney/Interim County Administrator Todd Weaver briefed the board on the topic, noting that he was filling in for Road and Bridge Manager Tim Hatch, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Weaver explained that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is planning on resurfacing U.S. 160 next summer, from downtown Pagosa Springs to either Vista Boulevard or Trails Boulevard.

"A good stretch of 160 is getting resurfaced next year," he said.

He explained that Hatch was approached by CDOT during a regular monthly joint meeting with the Town of Pagosa Springs and the county about the possibility of getting the North Pagosa Boulevard intersection resurfaced when CDOT resurfaces U.S. 160.

If the county could come up with some money, CDOT could help with resurfacing the U.S. 160 and North Pagosa Boulevard intersection, Weaver explained.

He noted that an exact cost has not been determined yet.

However, he explained that the county may only have to pay for materials, since CDOT crews and equipment will be here to resurface U.S. 160.

"If you come up with the money, we'll take care of resurfacing [North Pagosa Boulevard], possibly up to Village as part of the project," Weaver said, indicating that was CDOT's offer.

Weaver also explained that Hatch has expressed concerns with ongoing patching of the intersection, especially with the

heavy amount of traffic that passes through there.

"It's kind of a dangerous intersection to continue to patch here and there," Weaver said.

Weaver also noted the county has previously discussed the possibility of doing more extensive work at the intersection, with a possible redesign.

"This is the opportunity to at least, in the meantime, to get it resurfaced ... which will fill in a lot of potholes right there at that intersection. Tim thought it'd be a great opportunity."

County Attorney/Interim County Administrator Todd Weaver

He indicated that if the county is able to get CDOT to resurface the intersection, it will give the county more time to consider more extensive work.

"This is the opportunity to at least, in the meantime, to get it resurfaced ... which will fill in a lot of potholes right there at that intersection," Weaver said. "Tim thought it'd be a great opportunity."

Weaver reiterated that the county would likely be saving money to get the intersection resurfaced next summer while CDOT crews are on site, instead of having to schedule a completely separate project, possibly at a later date.

"So, I think it's a pretty good opportunity to pave a section of road that is in need of resurfacing," he

added.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez indicated that he would like to know a more exact timeline of the project in order to see when the county would need to come up with the funds.

He noted that CDOT is planning to finish the McCabe Creek project July 2022.

"We've only kind of planned on resurfacing it," Maez said in regard to the North Pagosa Boulevard intersection.

Maez also suggested he would like to see some progress with the intersection.

"I don't want to get lost in the weeds like what we have done for the last five years, going over engineer studies, redesign work — you know, everybody putting their two cents in here and there delays the project even more and more. So, I'd rather see it get done than to have further conversation about how we need to get it done, 'cause when you get too many cooks in the kitchen, you never get the recipe done," Maez said.

Weaver mentioned that Hatch expressed a concern to CDOT about having to close off business entrances in order to have the intersection resurfaced.

CDOT indicated that it would not put that as a condition to complete the project, Weaver noted.

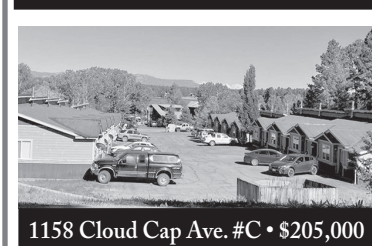
Weaver also mentioned that if the county is only going to be required to pay for materials, it would be a good project to fund.

"That sounds like a deal to me," he said.

Weaver went on to explain that Hatch wanted to know if the BoCC had any interest in the project and was looking for direction as to if he should continue conversations with CDOT about resurfacing the intersection.

"I'd say yeah, and I'd like to get a commitment out of CDOT on that too," Maez said.

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Sports

VOLLEYBALL

Pirates earn playoff spot, set to face Faith Christian and Delta

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team earned the No. 28 seed for this weekend's regional action, with the Pirates slated to face off against Faith Christian and Delta in Arvada.

However, the Lady Pirates were dealt a blow Tuesday when the school district announced that the high school would move to remote learning for a week beginning Wednesday, Nov. 3, and after-school events would be canceled due to a rise in COVID-19 cases.

Coach Caitlin Forrest explained via email Wednesday that means the team will not practice all week and will be tested on Friday. If there are enough negative results, the team will leave Saturday morning and compete that afternoon.

The Lady Pirates are set to travel to Arvada for regional action, with No. 9 Faith Christian hosting No. 16 Delta and No. 28 Pagosa.

The Faith Christian Eagles are 17-6 on the season, while the Delta Panthers — who the Pirates faced last week in Glenwood Springs — are 15-8 on the season.

Pagosa, 12-11 on the season, is schedule to face off against Faith Christian at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, with Pagosa's match against Delta to follow.

After that match, Faith Christian and Delta will face off.

According to the Colorado High School Activities Association, "All regional winners advance to the state tournament. Teams that are removed from the postseason field for any reason will not be replaced."

"I'm PUMPED about our set up. We only barely lost [to] Delta, and we know we can beat them. I'm still fully scouting Faith Christian, but I am overall liking our odds in our region," Forrest wrote.

The Lady Pirates ended the regular season with a 12-11 overall record after going 1-3 at last week's tournament in Glenwood Springs.

The Pirates opened their play in the tournament with a 2-1 loss against Delta on Friday.

The Panthers opened the match with a 25-17 set, but the Pirates rebounded with a 25-22 win in the second set. Delta was victorious in the final set, 15-13.

Pagosa notched 30 kills in the match, with Priscylla Howard and Lynelle Bartz leading the team with nine each. Chantelle Caldwell and Molly Graham each added four kills, Kori Lucero had three and Audrey Martin notched one.

The Lady Pirates had six serving aces on the day, with Lucero

nabbing four and Graham having two.

Pagosa had no blocks in the match.

Lucero led her team in digs on the day with 16. Ava Pargin followed with nine, Martin had six, Bartz had five, Howard had three, and Keira Torrez and Graham had one dig each.

In terms of ball handling, Martin had 25 of the team's 26 assists, with Bartz logging one assist.

A trio of Lady Pirates had double-digit serve receptions in the affair: Lucero with 16, Torrez with 15 and Pargin with 12. Howard contributed seven serve

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receptions for a team total of 50.

"We need to have a strong block against their middles, and have better overall serve receive passing," Forrest wrote of what the team needs to be successful against Delta in the playoffs.

Also on Friday, the Lady Pirates faced the Palisade Bulldogs, but found themselves on the wrong end of a 2-0 final score.

Palisade won the matches 25-17 and 25-18.

The Lady Pirates had 11 kills against Palisade: four from Lucero, two each by Caldwell and Howard, and one each by Aspen Pitcher, Bartz and Pargin.

Pargin and Graham were the only to tally serving aces on the day, with two each.

Pagosa had two blocks in the affair, with a solo block by Graham and an assisted block by Caldwell and Howard.

Martin and Torrez led the team in digging against Palisade with six digs each. Lucero had five, Bartz had four, Howard had three and Pargin had one.

Under ball handling, Martin logged all 11 of Pagosa's assists.

Torrez led her team in serve receiving with 12 receptions in the match. Lucero had 11, Howard had seven, Pargin had five and Graham had two.

The next day, the Lady Pirates took on the tournament's host, the Glenwood Springs Demons, and walked away with a 2-0 win.

Pagosa won both matches 25-20.

The Lady Pirates had 24 kills during the victorious match, with Lucero leading the team

with eight. Howard, Bartz and Caldwell each had four. Graham notched two, and Pargin and Bea Carpenter had one kill each.

Pagosa had three serving aces against the Demons, with one each from Martin, Caldwell and Pargin.

The Lady Pirates had three blocks in the contest, with a solo block by Graham and assisted blocks from Graham, Howard and Bartz.

Torrez again led her team in digging in the affair, logging 11 digs. Bartz had eight, Pargin had five, Lucero had four, Martin had three, Caldwell and Howard had two digs each, and Graham had one.

In terms of ball handling, Martin had 20 assists, while Caldwell and Lucero had one each.

Torrez also led in serve receiving with 13 receptions. Lucero followed with 12. Pargin had three and Howard had two. Carpenter, Caldwell and Bartz had one serve reception each.

Pagosa's final game of the tournament was against the Battle Mountain Huskies, with Pagosa falling 2-1 in the match.

Pagosa opened the match with a 25-16 win in the first set, but fell 28-26 and 15-9 in the following two sets.

Pagosa had 31 kills in the match, with Howard leading the charge with eight. Lucero had six, Bartz had five, Caldwell had four, Graham had three, Jordan Stern and Martin had two each, and Pitcher had one.

Pagosa had four serving aces, with one each from Caldwell, Pargin, Lucero and Graham.

The Lady Pirates had five blocks, with Caldwell logging two solo blocks. Caldwell and Bartz each had two assisted blocks, while Lucero and Graham each had one assisted block.

Pagosa had 42 digs in the match: 12 by Lucero, seven digs each from Torrez and Bartz, five from Howard, four by Pargin, three from Martin, and two each from Caldwell and Graham.

In terms of ball handling, Martin had 23 assists in the match, while Lucero had four and Bartz had one.

Pagosa had 44 serve receptions in the match. Torrez led the team with 19, while Lucero followed with 16, Bartz had three, and Pargin and Howard had two serve receptions each. Pitcher and Stern each had one.

"Overall the girls played really well," Forrest wrote. "We lost a couple close games, but our hitting percentage and kill count was better than it has been all season. We need to work on our Serve Receive passing against strong serving teams, as well as blocking. But our defense was scrappy and our offense was tough!"

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Bowles finishes 99th at state meet

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School's Andrew Bowles finished ahead of his projection at last weekend's state cross-country meet in Colorado Springs.

Bowles, a junior, finished 99th out of 157 runners at the year's final competition.

"I am so excited Andrew earned the opportunity to run at state," coach Rachael Christiansen wrote in an email to The SUN. "It wasn't his best race of the season, but he was coming off of 2 strong performances for 2 weeks in a row and on top of that he was not 100% healthy. But considering those challenges, I think he performed well. He was seeded 102nd going into the race and finished 99th. That shows that even though he was sick and his body was tired from the previous weeks, he still performed slightly better than expected."

Bowles completed the course in 19 minutes, 23.20 seconds.

The race capped off the season for the Pirate harriers, with Christiansen pointing out the season was a success.

"Now that the season is over and we've had a couple of days to reflect, I feel the season went well," Christiansen wrote. "We saw a lot of growth among almost everyone on the team. We had 18 runners set a new personal record during this season. That is what we are looking for! We can't control our competition, so the only thing within our control is pushing ourselves to be better than we were before. With that in mind, I'd say it was a successful season!"

Christiansen notes that the team is young and will lose six seniors to graduation, with three of those seniors being consistent varsity runners for the team.

"The seniors that are leaving us will be greatly missed," Christiansen wrote. "Out of the 6, 5 have been with the team since their freshman year. They are some of the most resilient people I have ever met. They have seen their beloved head coach retire, have had 3 different assistant coaches, been through a pandemic which threatened to shut their entire sport down with a single case and honestly went through the whole thing with style and grace. They always put their team first and we are going to miss them incredibly."



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Pirate Andrew Bowles runs at last weekend's state championship for cross-country. Bowles finished 99th at the meet, which was held in Colorado Springs.

But, Christiansen notes, she expects the team's younger runners to grow and fill the shoes of the departing seniors.

"Our team is fairly young," she wrote, adding later, "However, as we look at the new freshman, we feel pretty confident we have younger runners who will be capable of filling in those spots. We will be looking to push our bodies and minds and hopefully see more growth next year."

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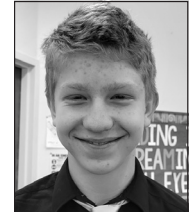
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Good luck, Pirates!

FOOTBALL

Pirates end season in Bayfield

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team finished up its season last week with a 28-6 loss to the Bayfield Wolverines in Bayfield on Friday, Oct. 29.

Coach Nathan Morales explained that the Wolverines were able to score on four “big plays” throughout the game.

The Wolverines were able to score on their first play of the game with a 51-yard touchdown pass, Morales explained.

“Other than that, we did a heck of a job,” he added.

Morales mentioned that the Pirates were able to force five turnovers on the day, with two interceptions and three fumble recoveries.

“We forced a lot of turnovers and I thought we played very well,” he said.

He explained that the Pirates put in a good, physical performance.

“They didn’t just drive down the field on us,” he said of the Wolverines.

He noted it was encouraging to see the Pirates put in another tough physical performance.

“We were super physical; it was really encouraging. Our effort was real good ... So, that’s encouraging going forward,” Morales said.

He also spoke about how the experience this season will benefit the team next fall.

“I was real proud of the kids. It’s just them getting better all year,” he added.

The Pirates were able to keep it a one-possession game early on as the first quarter ended 14-6 in favor of the Wolverines.

The second quarter ended with no change in the score line, heading into halftime at 14-6.

The Pirates gave up two more big plays in the second half, leading to Wolverine touchdowns, and the game ended 28-6.

Aaron Aucoin threw for 16 yards on the day and one interception, completing three out of nine attempts.

Seth Aucoin made one reception for 12 yards, Colt Lewis made one reception for 3 yards and Gavin Lindahl made one reception for 1 yard.

Lindahl led the Pirates on the



Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Pirate running back Tommy Barker drags a couple of Wolverine defenders as he fights for extra yards. The Pirates lost the match, their final of the season, 28-6.

ground with 102 rushing yards on 22 carries.

Lewis and Tommy Barker ran for 13 yards each.

Lewis had nine carries, while Barker had four carries on the day.

The Pirates earned a total of 144 yards on offense, while the Wolverines earned 366 yards.

The Pirates made a total of 45 tackles on the day, with Harley Armijo leading the team with six solo tackles.

Christian Kay and Heath Fulbright each had four solo tackles.

Lindahl and Lewis each had three solo tackles.

Seth Aucoin, Aaron Aucoin, Conner Kelly and Barker each had two solo tackles.

Breck Wilson and Chandler Mazur each had one solo tackle.

Barker made two interceptions on the day.

Armijo made two fumble recoveries for the Pirates’ defense, while Aaron Aucoin made one.

Morales spoke about the growth the Pirates made over the season, explaining, “these young men are becoming more mature” and are beginning to understand the im-

portance of teamwork.

Morales noted that although the Pirates did not have a winning record, they were still able to win in other areas.

“We won a whole lot in other areas,” he said, noting the Pirates will use this experience to build for next season.

He added, “It was a great year for our guys.”

He went on to mention that he encourages the guys to compete in other sports this school year.

“I just want them competing,” he said.

He explained that having a competitive mindset is important and that all sports can teach life lessons.

“They’re all a little different, too,” he added.

He also indicated that the Pirates will be putting a lot of time in the weight room over the off-season.

“We’ll be in the weight room all off-season,” he said.

He added that spending time in the weight room is key to becoming stronger, faster and less prone to injury.

“How many people we get in the

weight room in the next eight months is going to help dictate how good of a season we’ll probably have next year,” Morales said.

Morales also spoke about the seniors on this year’s team and their dedication to the program.

“I was real proud of what the seniors did for us this year. They did a lot of good things,” he said.

Morales noted that the past two senior classes have set positive examples for the younger class, on and off the field.

He indicated that he anticipates this year’s senior class to have close to a 4.0 GPA.

“That’s just the type of seniors we had,” Morales said. “I think our last two seniors classes have done a heck of a job.”

The Pirates ended the season with an overall record of 2-7, sporting a league mark of 1-3.

The Pirates finished third in the Southwest League, behind first-place Bayfield and second-place Alamosa.

Montezuma-Cortez finished fourth in the league, while Salida finished last.

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SOCCER

Pirates exit playoffs after first round

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates boys’ soccer team was defeated 6-0 in its first-round playoff match against the Peak to Peak Charter School Pumas on Oct. 27.

“They just weren’t in their game,” coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason said of the Pirates.

He explained the team left Pagosa Springs at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the match to travel seven hours to Lafayette for the matchup.

“Coming off that kind of a trip, it’s just hard to play at your optimal level when you’ve been on a bus for seven hours,” Kurt-Mason said.

He explained the team had planned for a stop in Leadville to break up the trip and to go through a few warm ups.

Kurt-Mason noted the weather was rough during the stop in Leadville, with temperatures in the 20s and snow falling.

The team arrived in Leadville with just an hour to prepare before the match.

Kurt-Mason noted the weather in Lafayette was nice, but the conditions getting there were extraneous.

“We went out flat,” Kurt-Mason added.

He explained that the Pumas are well-disciplined and a fast-moving team.

“We didn’t get a whole lot of of-

fense going,” Kurt-Mason said.

He noted that the Pirates had five shots on goal in the first half and just three in the second half.

“We were just playing defense after that,” he added.

Kaylor Christians had four shots on the day and Kelton Christians had one.

Joah Dunn de Pulido, Gabe Gallegos and Carson Young-Martinez each had one shot.

Pirate goalkeeper Christopher Young-Martinez made 14 saves on the day.

Kurt-Mason noted it was difficult for the Pirates to put together multiple passes in a row.

He explained the Pirates were unable to drop the ball back and move it around the way they’re accustomed to.

“They just couldn’t get that going,” Kurt-Mason said.

The Pumas were able to open the scoring in the third minute of the game with a quick attack launched from the wing, leaving Pirate goalkeeper Christopher Young-Martinez in a two-on-one situation.

The Pumas scored twice more in the first half, with a goal in the 21st minute and another in the 24th minute.

Kurt-Mason explained that the Pirates gave up the goals due to leaving open space in the middle of the field and a lack of marking.

“They just took advantage of

that,” Kurt-Mason said of the Pumas.

The Pirates gave up three more goals in the second half, bringing the final score to 6-0.

Kurt-Mason spoke more about the Pirates’ energy during the match, noting how the team was fatigued from the long bus ride.

“They weren’t on their toes,” Kurt-Mason said of the Pirates. “The mental game just got to them.”

He reiterated the Pirates were up against a good team in the Pumas.

“It would’ve been interesting to play them on a different day. I think we would’ve looked a lot better,” Kurt-Mason added.

Despite the loss, Kurt-Mason spoke highly of the team’s accom-

plishments this year.

“The important thing is, we did really well in our league, we overcame a lot of things and this is just a building block in their development,” he said.

The Pirates claimed first place in the Southwest League with a 5-1 league record, making the state playoffs for the first time in four years.

“And now they have experience,” Kurt-Mason added.

He mentioned that the Pirates lost a couple of close games this season by one goal, and he feels the team will be more prepared for those types of matches come next season.

He went on to highlight the three

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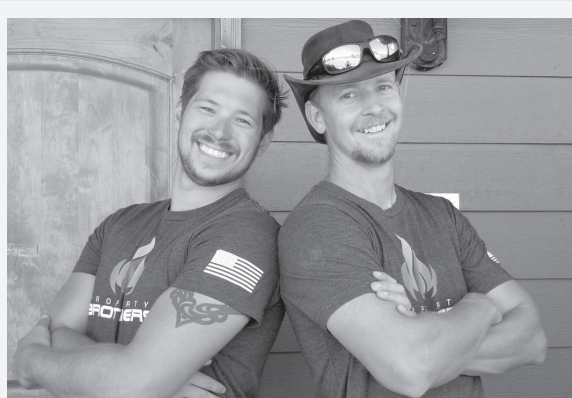
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Inaugural Disc Golf Leadership Program takes flight

By John Finebrock
Rise Above Violence

Rise Above Violence's first-ever Disc Golf Leadership Club concluded on Friday after six weeks of leadership lessons and disc golf practice at Reservoir Hill.

Each round of disc golf included two 10-minute lessons at the beginning and end of each meeting. Lessons were taken from the Empowering Education Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum in addition to using a modified version of Coaching Boys Into Men, which was adjusted to best serve the seventh- and eighth-grade students in the program. Topics included making friends and building relationships, coping skills, combating insulting language about girls and women, and

how to be a leader/upstander at Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS).

The group was co-led by Rise's Youth Advocate John Finebrock and Pagosa Springs High School sophomore Geoffrey Munro. Discs and bags were donated by Kevin and Holly Metzler, and coordination assistance was provided by PSMS Principal Chris Hinger. For more information about Rise's youth programs, email john@riseaboveviolence.org.

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. All programs and services are free and confidential. Visit www.riseaboveviolence.org for more information or call (970) 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today.



Soccer

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seniors on this year's roster.

Ethan Mazur played defense for the Pirates and captained the team this year.

Kurt-Mason mentioned Mazur has improved as a player and a leader over the years.

"He came into his own," Kurt-Mason said. "He was a leader on the field, and off the field. That's just a good example of what a cap-

tain does."

Kurt-Mason added that Mazur had a big impact on the team emotionally, demonstrating hard work and trust in his teammates.

"He's beyond his years there," he added.

Kurt-Mason also praised Samuel Kinsley, especially for his performance against the Pumas.

Kurt-Mason noted that Kinsley was able to stop multiple attacks in

the midfield.

He mentioned that Kinsley overcame an injury this year and improved with every game.

Kurt-Mason noted that Johnathan Armendariz was a valuable asset to the team, filling multiple roles.

"He was the utility guy—he was just helping out any way he could. It says a lot about Johnny," Kurt-Mason said.

He added, "Those guys are going to be missed. They're wonderful people... I hope to see them sometime in the future, when we're in another playoff game."

Kurt-Mason mentioned there was a handful of Pirate alumni in the stands for the playoff game.

"You look back on that and think, yeah, this program is a success," he said.

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The cost of domestic violence on children

By Ashley Wilson
Rise Above Violence

One in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year and 90 percent of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV).

The national Institute of Justice reports that domestic violence and child abuse co-occur in up to 60 percent of cases. Witnessing violence and potentially also being abused themselves, children face an array of effects; children are at greater risk for internalized behaviors, anxiety, depression, behavior problems at school and long-lasting negative health and emotional outcomes. Children exposed to this type of violence and abuse are also more likely to become violent as they grow because violence is seen as an acceptable means to resolve conflict. There is a high cost for children exposed.

The federal government spends an estimated \$55 billion annually on dealing with the effects of childhood exposure to domestic violence,

according to new research by social scientists at Case Western Reserve University.

"By the time a child exposed to domestic violence reaches age 64, the average cost to the national economy over their lifetime will reach nearly \$50,000 across the following main categories; health care, crime, and productivity." — ScienceDaily, 25 April 2018. (www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/04/180425093846.htm).

This cost weighs heavy on a community and, for a place like Pagosa, you likely know a victim or their child. Of the 280 adult victims Rise Above Violence served in 2020, over half have at least one child in the home. Violence is not a private problem; the cycle affects children, their friends and classmates, and eventually their workplace, which affects the entire community. This is a cost we cannot choose to ignore.

There are ways to help. Children are resilient when they have other supportive adults in their lives. Some ways to help include:

- Partner with Rise to volunteer either as a crisis advocate or through our youth program.

- Volunteer for other youth-oriented programs that promote healing and support such as the Arts Initiative's after-school art program, Expressions School of the Arts or one of the many others.

- Be there for children in your social circle — at church, in your neighborhood or out in the community. Your demonstration of healthy relationships and support matter.

No parent should have to choose between safety and feeding their children, yet many victims wait up to two years to leave because of the cost of leaving — housing, deposits and often not being able to take anything with them when they leave. When victims are in the process of leaving, there are many things that can help both the adults and children, but they all come with a cost. A cute backpack instead of a trash bag for a child's items can make a difference; counseling services or high-quality child care make a difference.

These things are not often covered by grant funds Rise receives, which is why we are asking for you to partner with us for the WeRISE for 25 campaign. We need to raise

\$25,000 by the end of the year to provide flexible assistance for the things victims and their children need most. You can contribute at: <https://secure.frontstream.com/wise-for-25>. More information is available on the Rise website: www.riseaboveviolence.org.

Children are the life of our community, and together we can make a difference for some of the most vulnerable children. Take a stand and end the silence around domestic violence in order to support both the victim and their children.

Rise Above Violence 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 around 400 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.

Public Notices

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

v.
Darrel Stilwell, trustee of the Stilwell V.E.B.A. Trust a/k/a Stilwell Enterprises Inc., V.E.B.A. et al
Defendants

Case No.: 2021CV30021
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2021-16

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Masters Place Condominiums, recorded on March 14, 1989, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered July 27, 2021, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):
DARREL STILWELL, TRUSTEE OF THE STILWELL V.E.B.A. TRUST A/K/A STILWELL ENTERPRISES INC., V.E.B.A.
CAROL STILWELL, TRUSTEE OF THE STILWELL V.E.B.A. TRUST A/K/A STILWELL ENTERPRISES INC., V.E.B.A.
CARDIOPULMONARY CARE, INC.
POY DEVELOPERS, LLC
WILGO TRAVEL HOLDINGS, LLC

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Masters Place Condominiums, recorded on March 14, 1989, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc.

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

Association Assessments Due to: Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc.

Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"

Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"

Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 1:00 o'clock P.M., on December 1, 2021, Sale Number 2021-16 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: October 7, 2021

Last Publication: November 4, 2021

Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun

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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed September 28, 2021.

Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado

By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager

EXHIBIT "A"
Masters Place Condominiums Matter Amount

Darrel Stilwell and Carol Stilwell, as trustees of the Stilwell V.E.B.A. Trust a/k/a Stilwell Enterprises Inc., V.E.B.A. (C#17812559) Unit Week Number 39, Condominium Unit Number 7319, Building Number 2, Phase I

Unpaid Assessments: \$4,601.30

Interest: \$828.23

Late Fees: \$300.00

Costs: \$252.73

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Judgment Amount: \$6,982.26

Cardiopulmonary Care, Inc. (C#178902110) Unit Week Number 14, Condominium Unit Number 7312, Building Number 2, Phase I

Unpaid Assessments: \$4,601.30

Interest: \$828.23

Late Fees: \$300.00

Costs: \$252.73

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Judgment Amount: \$6,982.26

POY Developers, LLC (C#178902128) Unit Week Number 24, Condominium Unit Number 7311, Building Number 2, Phase I

Unpaid Assessments: \$4,601.30

Interest: \$828.23

Late Fees: \$300.00

Costs: \$252.73

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Judgment Amount: \$6,982.26

WILGO TRAVEL HOLDINGS LLC (C#179018858) Unit Week Number 15, Condominium Unit Number 7305, Building Number 1, Phase II

Unpaid Assessments: \$4,601.30

Interest: \$828.23

Late Fees: \$300.00

Costs: \$252.73

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Judgment Amount: \$4,740.34

In Eagle's Loft Condominiums. All as tenants in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Condominiums as depicted on the Plat Maps recorded under Reception Numbers 117699, 119118, 130203, 132403, subject to the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums recorded as Reception Number 117700, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Unpaid Assessments: \$4,045.30

Interest: \$1,313.70

Late Fees: \$75.00

Costs: \$252.73

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Judgment Amount: \$6,686.73

Of Masters Place Condominiums, according to the Condominium Maps as recorded under Reception Numbers 161539, 171406, 177633, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Masters Place Condominiums recorded at Reception Number 161911, as amended, supplemented, and/or restated, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

v.
David N. Hinkley, et al
Defendants

Case No.: 2021CV30019
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2021-014

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered July 27, 2021, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):
DAVID N HINKLEY
JEFFREY A HINKLEY
JERRY DODSON
MAXINE E NORBORG, TRUSTEE OF THE MAXINE E NORBORG REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED DECEMBER 13, 2012
VALERIE A NORBORG, TRUSTEE OF THE MAXINE E NORBORG REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED DECEMBER 13, 2012
NUSTRET HAJRULLA
MANUSHAQE HAJRULLA

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

Association Assessments Due to: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.

Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"

Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"

Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on December 1, 2021, Sale Number 2021-14 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901

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This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed September 28, 2021.

Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado

By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager

EXHIBIT "A"
Eagle's Loft Condominiums Matter Amount

David N. Hinkley and Jeffrey A. Hinkley (C#178510251) Unit Week Number 20, Unit Number 36, Building Number 36, Phase 3

Unpaid Assessments: \$2,807.37

Interest: \$670.26

Late Fees: \$50.00

Costs: \$348.01

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Judgment Amount: \$4,875.64

Jerry Dodson (C#178510483) Unit Week Number 52, Unit Number 31, Building Number 31, Phase 3

Unpaid Assessments: \$4,437.37

Interest: \$1,669.44

Late Fees: \$100.00

Costs: \$348.01

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Judgment Amount: \$7,554.82

Maxine E. Norborg and Valerie A. Norborg, Trustees of the Maxine E. Norborg Revocable Trust, dated December 13, 2012 (C#178611794) Unit Week Number 37, Unit Number 44, Building Number 44, Phase 4

Unpaid Assessments: \$2,598.84

Interest: \$451.92

Late Fees: \$50.00

Costs: \$348.01

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00

Judgment Amount: \$4,448.77

Colorado Congressional Districts (Final Approved Plan)

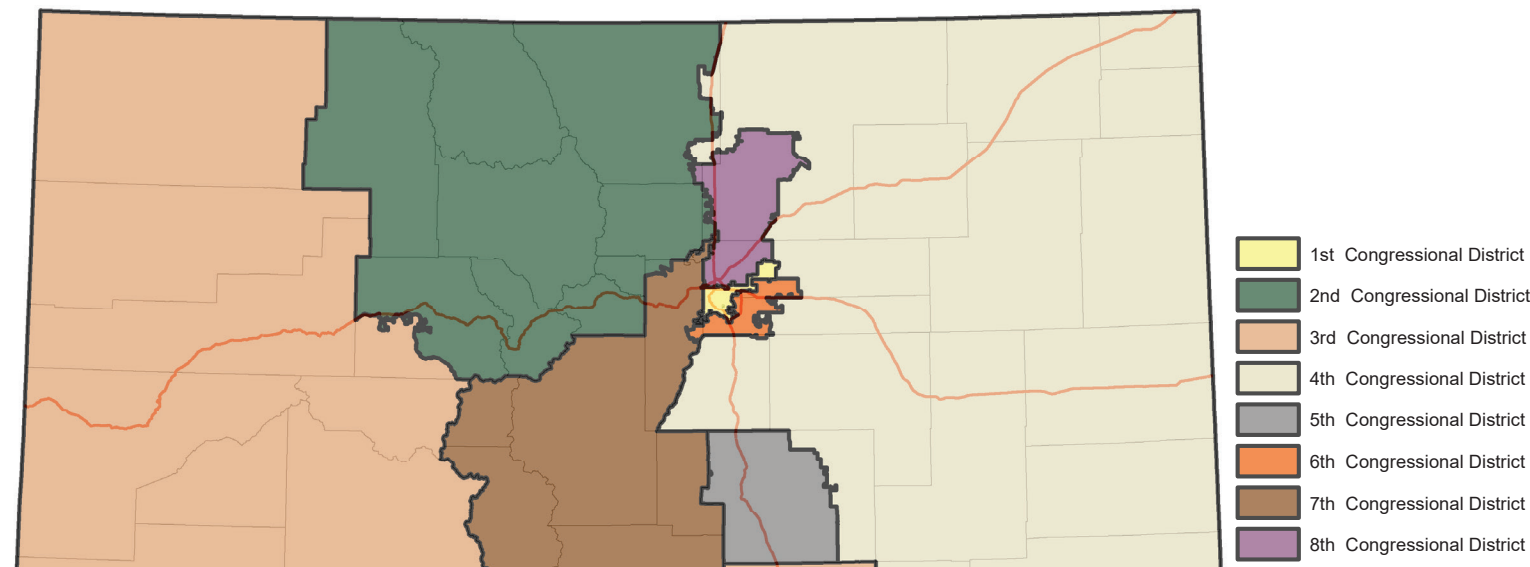


Illustration courtesy Colorado Independent Redistricting Commissions

On Nov. 1, the Colorado Supreme Court unanimously approved the Colorado Independent Redistricting Commission's congressional plan. The Colorado Supreme Court has the deadline of Nov. 15 to issue a ruling on the final approved state house and state senate plans.

Unofficial election results released

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Unofficial results for Tuesday's election have been released, with Archuleta County voters voting in alignment with the state against a trio of state ballot measures.

Amendment 78, which asked if there should be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes regarding, in part, whether or not custodial money should be subject to appropriation by the general assembly, failed at both levels, with 56.5 percent of state voters voting against the change and 43.5 percent voting for it.

Within Archuleta County, 2,455 votes were cast against the measure and 1,832 were cast in favor.

Proposition 119 was also voted down. That proposition asked if state taxes should be increased and state statute should be changed for the creation of a program to provide out-

of-school learning opportunities for Colorado children 5-17 years of age.

At the state level, 54.49 percent of voters voted against the change, while 45.51 percent voted for it. Within Archuleta County, 2,545 votes were against Proposition 119, and 1,775 voted in favor.

Proposition 120, which asked if state statute should be changed to reduce property tax revenue by reducing property tax assessment rates, failed as well, with 56.89 percent of the state's voters voting against the proposition and 43.11 percent voting in favor of lowering the assessment rates.

Within Archuleta County, 2,415 voted against the question and 1,890 voted in favor.

According to the state's election data, Tuesday's coordinated election drew 32.01 percent of registered voters.

Data released by Archuleta County shows a 35.66 percent local voter turnout.

Results are expected to be finalized on Nov. 12.

Local ballot items

Archuleta County voters falling within certain areas of the county were also asked to vote on school board members and a mill levy.

Those who fall within the Bayfield School District 10 Jt-R voted on a pair of school board directors.

While Archuleta County voters favored Jill M. Shocklee and Matt Turner for four-year terms on the board, voters over the entire school district favored Turner and Rebecca Parnell.

Those who reside within Ignacio School District 11 JT voted for two directors for four-year terms, with both Archuleta County voters and voters across that school district electing Leila C. Bater and James (Jim) Bulwan.

Jay Dee Brunson was running unopposed for a two-year term.

Voters within Colorado's Timber Ridge Metropolitan District voted to have a road maintenance mill levy, with 53 voting in favor and 37 voting against it.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Nov. 4

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special work session — 2022 budget meetings. 8:30 a.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Friday, Nov. 5

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special work session — 2022 budget meetings. 8:30 a.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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Monday, Nov. 8

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

San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting and public hearing on 2022 budget. 5 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting. Time not listed. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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

Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting. Noon, The Den, 729 San Juan St.

Forest bill roundtable meeting with Congresswoman Lauren Boebert. 1 p.m., 777 County Road 600.

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

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board. 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Archuleta School District Board of Education regular meeting. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School Library, 309 Lewis St.

Pagosa Fire Protection District

regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., administration building, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special work session — 2022 budget meetings. 8:30 a.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, The Den Restaurant, 729 San Juan St.

Community Development Corporation regular meeting. 5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84538356482?pwd=Q0hZblMrL1F3bFp2Um93NFNKRFPpUT09>.

Republican meeting to honor veterans

By Terry Schaaf
Archuleta County Republican Central Committee

The meeting will be held at The Den Restaurant, located at 729 San Juan St.

Our guest speaker will be Joe King, president of Vets 4 Vets of Archuleta County.

We would like to invite all veterans to thank them for their service.

The Archuleta County Republican Central Committee would like to invite you to attend its monthly meeting on Nov. 10, at noon.

No charges filed in case of downtown death

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

release explains.

That man was later identified by the PSPD as Sean Christopher Creahan, 59, whose last known address was in Georgia.

Archuleta County Coroner Brandon Bishop reported that Creahan's cause of death was blunt trauma to the chest and abdomen, with the manner of death being homicide.

However, according to 6th Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne, no charges will be filed.

"Our office reviewed the case, and while these events represent a great tragedy, we felt that, after careful consideration, the evidence presented did not give rise to reasonable likelihood of conviction, and thus it would not be proper to bring criminal charges in this matter. Our condolences go to ... Mr. Creahan's family and to those who knew and loved him," Champagne wrote in a statement to The SUN.

No charges will be filed following a July incident that led to the death of a man whose last known address was in Georgia.

According to a July press release from the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD), at approximately 10:54 a.m. on July 8, Pagosa Springs police officers were dispatched to a fight in progress between two males in Town Park, located at 24 Hermosa St.

Upon arrival, the press release explains, no disturbance was located, but within minutes officers were notified of an unresponsive male with CPR in progress in Mary Fisher Park, across the bridge from Town Park.

Officers and emergency medical personnel attempted lifesaving efforts, but the male was pronounced deceased at the scene, the press

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Calls for service for week: 248.

Oct. 24 — All other thefts, Hills Circle.

Oct. 25 — Violation of restraining order, West U.S. 160.

Oct. 25 — Warrant arrest, Buttercup Drive.

Oct. 25 — Agency assist, Eight Mile Mesa/USFS 651.

Oct. 25 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Oct. 26 — Information only, Fairfield Drive.

Oct. 26 — Found property, Eagle's Loft Circle.

Oct. 26 — Information only, Homestead Drive.

Oct. 27 — Drove vehicle without valid driver's license, drove vehicle without insurance, no registration, Handicap Avenue/County Road 600.

Oct. 27 — Warrant arrest, Ute Lane.

Oct. 27 — Death investigation, Walker Court.

Oct. 28 — All other thefts, fraud by check-other method, Harvard Avenue.

Oct. 28 — Menacing-misdemeanor, domestic violence, River Run Drive.

Oct. 28 — Animals running at large, County Road 326/U.S. 84.

Oct. 29 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), Meadows Drive.

Oct. 29 — Expired license plates, owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, West U.S. 160/Alpha Drive.

Oct. 29 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, drove vehicle when license revoked as habitual offender (misdemeanor), open container in a vehicle, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, obstructing governmental operations, Dichoso Street/Meadows Drive.

Oct. 29 — Harassment-stalking -misdemeanor, domestic violence, false imprisonment, County Road 500.

Oct. 30 — Information only, County Road 600/West U.S. 160.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for week: 92.

Oct. 25 — Information only, San Juan Street.

Oct. 25 — Identity theft, Harman Park Drive.

Oct. 25 — Shoplifting, East Pagosa Street.

Oct. 28 — Drove vehicle when license canceled, expired license plates, U.S. 160.

Oct. 29 — Violation of protection order, violation of bond conditions, East Pagosa Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Oct. 26 — James Drake, disorderly conduct, fines and costs — \$85.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Oct. 12 — Michael George Murphy, dog at large (first offense no injury), fines and costs — \$76.

Oct. 22 — Valerie Vallez, careless driving resulting in injury, 50 hours community service, fines and costs — \$495.50.

Oct. 27 — Michael Salka, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

Oct. 27 — Noa R. Book, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$163.50.

Oct. 27 — Robert Warren Vial, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$200.

Oct. 27 — Jeffrey Michael Tinker, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.

Oct. 27 — Vanessa Erica Moreno, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$320.

Oct. 27 — John Richard Stroemer, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$150.

Oct. 27 — Nada A. Martinson, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$150.

Oct. 27 — Jarett Page Maienza, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.

Oct. 27 — Nisha K. Crossley, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Oct. 27 — Judson Clark Crossland, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$185.50.

Oct. 27 — Alexander Thomas, driving under restraint-outstanding judgment, fines and costs — \$118.50.

Oct. 27 — Ray Lee Miller, driving under the influence, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 427 days jail, two years probation, fines and costs — \$2,545.50.

Oct. 27 — Casandra Jo Carroll, theft-\$750-\$2,000, one year probation revoked, two years probation, fines and costs — \$2,103.50.

Oct. 27 — James Weldon Hughes, violation p/o-criminal, six months probation, fines and costs — \$569.50.

Oct. 27 — Daniel T. Bruch, driving under the influence, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 64 hours community service, two years probation, 425 days jail, fines and costs — \$2,520.50.

Oct. 27 — Jacob Dwight Farren, driving ability impaired-with prior conviction, 24 hours community service, two days jail, 18 days electronic surveillance, two years probation, 365 days jail suspended imposition, fines and costs — \$2,550.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

PFPD presents 2022 draft budget

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) presented its 2022 proposed budget at its regular Board of Trustees and Board of Directors meetings, held on Oct. 12.

Executive Administrative Assistant Shirley Brinkmann explained in an email to The SUN that Fire Chief Randy Larson presented the budget to both boards.

Brinkmann indicated the Board of Trustees directed her to reach out to the district's actuary to see if an increase in its pension benefits is possible for next year.

Brinkmann noted she will have a report ready for the board at its regular meeting in December.

She noted that after Larson presented the budget to the Board of Directors, the board entered into an executive session and discussed

the purchase of a new apparatus.

After the executive session, the board made a motion and approved the purchase of a new apparatus.

In another email to The SUN, Larson explained that PFPD is purchasing a Type VI wild-land engine from BFX Fire Apparatus.

The apparatus is known as "brush truck" and designed to withstand "wild-land off-road abuse," according to the BFX Fire Apparatus website.

Larson explained in previous board meetings that the district is in need of an apparatus that is capable accessing harsh terrain.

"We will use the apparatus locally for wildland fires and it will be available for deployment nationwide when our area is not in a severity mode," Larson wrote.

Larson noted in his email that the cost of the apparatus is

\$183,407.

He explained that the preliminary budget has been adjusted to purchase the apparatus from the capital expenditures.

The revised budget will be presented for public comment at the next Board of Directors' meeting scheduled for Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

More about the budget

The district is predicting its 2021 year-end total fund balance to be at \$1.3 million, including an assigned fund balance of \$250,000 and a general fund balance of just under \$1.1 million.

Total revenues projected for 2022 are listed at \$2.9 million, with total resources predicted at \$3.7 million.

The PFPD is predicting a total expense of \$2.9 million, which includes an operating expense of

\$2.7 million and a \$169,427 transfer to the pension fund for 2022.

The total operating expense includes a cost of \$1.6 million for payroll and benefits. This is up from the \$1.5 million in the 2021 budget for payroll and benefits.

The proposed budget notes that the 2021 projected year-end expense for payroll and benefits is at \$1.4 million.

The projected year-end value for capital outlay in 2021 is listed at \$686,100, which is up from the 2021 budgeted amount of \$325,000.

Expenditures for capital outlay in the 2022 proposed budget is listed at \$151,000.

Fire Operations has \$457,363 budgeted for expenditures in the 2022 proposed budget.

The general fund balance for 2022 is predicted to end at \$878,731. clayton@pagosasun.com

Card of Thanks

First responders

Oct. 28 was the National Day of Recognition for First Responders. In appreciation and respect, we would like to thank the first responders and health care work-

ers for their dedication. We are very fortunate to have these men and women in our community and their continued commitment. Kudos to all.

Tanice Ramsperger, regent, Sarah Platt Decker Chapter, NSDAR

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Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society to present Fall Concert Saturday

By Michelle Chapman
Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS) will perform its annual Fall Concert on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium free of charge.

Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door before and after the concert.

Our excellent local conductors and musicians perform for you for free. Our motivation is to raise

money and awareness to support local music education programs in our schools.

Pagosa Springs is fortunate to have musical education programs at all of our public and many of our private schools. Music education benefits us in so many ways—brain development, math, language, physical coordination, rhythm, memory and much more. Music opens doors for children.

Can you imagine what kind of life Bach or Mozart would have had if they did not have music in their lives? Or how different our lives would be without their beautiful music? It is incomprehensible.

Music is priceless, but it does cost money to put on quality music education. For instance, the cost to

purchase music for the high school program can run \$2,000 per year. Instrument repairs per year range from \$3,000 to \$4,000, depending on the instruments. Occasionally, large percussion items need to be replaced. Have you priced a new marimba lately (\$6,000)? Supplies need to be kept on hand in case a student needs them at school. Expenses add up.

PSIMS provides funding to fill the gap between what the school can provide and what would be best for our children's music education. Our vision is "Music for Life." Music education is one way to ensure that there will be generations of musicians in Pagosa Springs on into the future. We believe that music adds to the quality of life for the whole community.

High school music concert set for tonight

By Dan Burch
Pagosa Springs High School

After almost 20 months of canceled performances in the high school auditorium, the Pagosa Springs High School Music Department is presenting its fall concert tonight, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m.

The concert will feature the concert band and concert choir as well as several of our talented soloists. Come for an evening of enjoyable performances.

Food Coalition Community Conversation to feature Guidestone Colorado

By Rose Chavez
Food System/Food Equity Coalition


The community is invited to join the Food Coalition Community Conversation today, Thursday, Nov. 4, from 2 to 3 p.m., when we will virtually meet and chat with Amanda Laban of Guidestone Colorado out of Chaffee County.

Guidestone Colorado is a non-profit organization that is growing a vibrant agricultural future through education, community building and partnerships. Their initiative is founded upon the belief that if indi-

viduals are exposed to experiences on local farms and ranches, that exposure results in a growing appreciation for where our food comes from and the commitment and resources needed to produce food locally.

The result of these choices will be resilient local food systems, healthier communities and a vibrant future for local agriculture. Come learn and discuss how this food system effort is related to the work of the Food Coalition to advance nutrition security in Archuleta County.

Email fsfearchuleta@gmail.com for more information.



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

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Photography Club to hear about travel photography

By Gregg Heid
Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The November meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held on Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting, held both in person at the Community United Methodist Church or by Zoom for those who can't attend in person. Our featured speaker this month will be Herb Grover, speaking on "Travel Photography in Alaska."

Herb and Linda Grover were able to visit Alaska in June, caravanning with their family in rental RVs. Their itinerary included Denali National Park, Eagle River Nature Center, an all-day boat tour out of Seward to view wildlife and glaciers, a visit to the Alaska Sea Life Center, a hike to Exit Glacier and various stops in between. Clear weather during their visit to Denali National Park afforded them spectacular views of Denali. Herb

Grover will be sharing the best of his landscape and wildlife photos taken at each of these sites, along with tips and tricks for visiting Alaska post-COVID.

Club members will receive an email with the Zoom link. Others who are interested in watching may contact Andy Butler at abutler@mac.com for the link. Club members may submit up to five images to share and discuss following the presentation.

The Pagosa Springs Photogra-

phy Club promotes educational, social and fun interactions between all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help photographers hone their skills. Membership is just \$25 per calendar year for individuals and \$35 for families. Nonmembers are invited to attend a meeting to learn more about the club. For membership information, visit: <https://pagosasprings-photoclub.org/about/>.

Tickets on sale for 'Cinderella'

By Dale Scrivener
Curtains Up Pagosa

As we come to the close of week three of rehearsals for "Cinderella," we would like to thank our community for all the support they have given us as we continue to move forward.

Curtains Up Pagosa is so excited to be presenting "Cinderella," the Broadway version. Tickets are officially on sale. Tickets are \$30 for reserved seating, \$20 for adults (general admission) and \$10 for students grade 12 and under (general admission). There is limited seating available. We are capping tickets at 300 seats per performance, so get your tickets soon before they sell out. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://our.show/curtains-up-pagosa/cinder>.

Curtains Up Pagosa is still looking for a few extra hands for our backstage crew, as well as helping with some various aspects of tech. If you are interested, please reach out to Dale Scrivener at director.curtainup@gmail.com for more information.

"Cinderella" will be Nov. 19 at 7 p.m., Nov. 20 at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. Please come out and join us for this magical show about hope and possibility.

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Members of the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution delivered 60 dozen cookies to local first responders on Oct. 28 in honor of National First Responders Day.

First Responders Day acknowledged in Pagosa Springs

By Linda Hobbs

Sarah Platt Decker Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

National First Responders Day occurs annually on Oct. 28, which Congress designated in 2017. It is

Pagosa Marines to celebrate corps' 246th birthday

By Sepp D. Ramsperger

Special to The PREVIEW

"Once a Marine, Always a Marine."

All Marines are hereby invited to attend the celebration of the 246th birthday of our corps.

The traditional celebration will commence at 1800 (that's 6 p.m. for civilians) on Nov. 10 at the Pagosa Brewery, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Marines, their guests, U.S. Navy Corpsmen and friends of Marines will observe our traditional cake-cutting ceremony. Cake, wine and beer will be provided.

Uniforms are always appropriate, while the civilian dress is casual. If any of our attendees think they meet our criteria for the oldest or the youngest Marine, call and let us know.

Please either call Don MacNamee at (970) 731-0306 or Ed Robinson at (970) 731-0718 by Sunday, Nov. 7, for reservations.

Happy birthday — semper fidelis.

a day to honor the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day to keep people safe when the worst happens. First responders are an essential part of our country and our community and, as a result, they deserve a day of recognition.

Members of the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution delivered 60 dozen cookies to local first responders on Oct. 28, to the: Pagosa Springs Police Department, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Pagosa Springs Fire Protection District, Pagosa Springs Medical Center, EMS, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch, Emer-

gency Response Unit, Forest Service and its firefighting unit, and this year, again, we recognized health care clinics and the San Juan Basin Public Health office as first responders who are crucial as we continue the fight against COVID-19.

This is a day of recognition these professionals deserve, and the Daughters of the American Revolution came out to show our appreciation. We encourage all citizens to thank the first responders in our community.

If you would like more information about the Daughters of the American Revolution, please contact spdregent@gmail.com.



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Vista residents participated in a dot-voting exercise at PLPOA last summer to prioritize built environment features and programming for the Vista Lake Park project.

Vista Lake Park project translates residents' ideas into action

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

The Vista Lake Park project includes the “garden on the trail,” which is part of an ongoing effort to engage and empower residents to share their collective vision for a community garden and neighborhood park space located behind the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) administrative buildings.

Community members gathered earlier this year on multiple occasions to weigh in on built environment garden features and programming to activate the future site. Through this process, the Food System/Food Equity — Food Coalition and PLPOA are inviting Vista residents to a gathering on Sunday,

Nov. 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the PLPOA clubhouse to learn more about the Vista Lake Park project.

Participants will have a chance to taste award-winning green chile, enjoy music and participate in activities. This event will also include child-friendly activities. This gathering intends to convene neighborhood residents around a shared meal and learning activities to kick off a series of workshops to advance the Vista Lake Park Project.

The Colorado Health Foundation is providing funding support for this effort. All participants must RSVP to ensure adequate supply of food. For more information, visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/> and please contact community@fsfearchuleta.org or call (401) 371-3227.

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Tips to help encourage your children to read this winter

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

As we enter the darker days of winter, books can be even more popular companions for your children if you follow some or all of these tips:

- Set aside a specific time each day for reading. Read together and create time for children to read on their own. A nighttime reading routine is especially rewarding.
- Create a fun reading space in your home, such as a tent or fort with comfy pillows, bean bags and blankets — and, of course, a basket of books.
- Be a role model. If your kids see you reading, you're setting a good example.
- Ensure reading materials are readily available in your home and carry them with you everywhere — including in your car and when you go to appointments where you might have to wait.
- Introduce youngsters to a book series to help keep reading interest high.
- Regularly take your children to the library to attend some of the many activities appropriate for their age and to pick out books. Allowing them to choose what they want to read helps nurture lifelong readers.

Library hours

Most of our programs are happening 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.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturdays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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,

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

Book Art for a Cause today

Today, Thursday, Nov. 4, please join us for a free Book Art for a Cause activity for ages 10 to adult from 2 to 3 p.m. You will learn how to make ornaments and other decorations out of old books. All decorations will be lovingly added to the library foundation's Christmas tree that will be displayed and auctioned off at the Community Center's Festival of Trees event, with proceeds going to the library's foundation.

Free San Juan Basin Public Health event today

Also today, Thursday, Nov. 4, representatives from San Juan Basin Public Health will be at the library from noon to 1 p.m. to discuss health insurance and care coordination, and to answer your questions. This free session will be repeated on Nov. 18 and additional presentations on various public health topics will be held in December.

Computer class tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 5, Brad is hosting an in-person computer class from 4 to 5 p.m. to introduce you to our free Learning Express Library online resource. It is a great tool for students learning a variety of subjects or preparing for exams like the GED. It 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.

The online library's offerings include dedicated sections on student learning centers, GED preparation, job search and workplace skills, jobs and careers, skill building for adults, U.S. citizenship and recursos para Hispanohablantes.

Save the dates for therapy dog visits

Mark your calendars for Friday, Nov. 12, and Friday, Nov. 19, from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. to come to the library for a free visit with a certified therapy dog. The visits will be limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi." This activity is for all ages.

Book club for adults next Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club meets from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9, to discuss "The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary" by Simon Winchester. Copies are available for pickup at your library. This book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles.

Teen book club next Wednesday

We invite sixth- through 12th-graders to join the free in-person teen book club next Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. for a lively discussion of this month's book, "On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness" by Andrew Peterson, 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.

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New writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted Nov. 8 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

New storywalk for kids

Our new storywalk Nov. 8-19 celebrates the 50th anniversary of Woodsy the Owl, the mascot of the national Forest Service. Watch for signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up toward the elementary school. After you finish the walk, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

Family storytime

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. join us for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Wednesday, Nov. 10, features Jessica Walker and some science experiments.

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

Dungeons and Dragons

Join us 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

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) session generally takes place in person Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. when Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Note the only PALS session this month is Nov. 11.

Activities calendars

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

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"The Judge's List" by John Grisham is a legal thriller. "When Ghosts Come Home" by Wiley Cash begins with an airplane crash with no signs of the pilot or cargo.

"Harlem Shuffle" by Colson Whitehead is a family saga crime novel. "The Survivors" by Alex Schulman brings together three estranged brothers after their mother's death. "My Sweet Girl" by Amanda Jayatissa follows a Sri Lanka adoptee whose desperate actions in the past may catch up with her. "The Burning" by Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman features a coroner whose brother may be linked to a murder. "A Line To Kill" by Anthony Horowitz is a Hawthorne-Horowitz mystery. "The Man Who Died Twice" by Richard Osman is a Thursday Murder Club mystery.

Other novels

"The Morning Star" by Karl Ove Knausgaard follows nine people whose lives come together under a huge star. "Portrait of an Artist" by Evie Dunmore is a romance between a banking heiress scholar and a financier. "The Party Crasher" by Sophie Kinsella features a daughter who crashes her father's young girlfriend's party at the family home. "Silverview" by John Le Carre is the last spy novel written by this iconic chronicler of the post-Cold War era. "Cackle" by Rachael Harrison tells of the friendship of a teacher's new friend who may be a witch. "We Are Not Like Them" by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza is about the lifelong bond between friends, one black and one white.

DVDs

"Cruella" is the Disney film starring Emma Stone. "The Mule" stars Clint Eastwood as a drug courier. "Murder, She Baked" contains all five movies from this mystery series.

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"Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use." — Emily Post (1872-1960), American author, novelist and socialite who was famous for writing about etiquette.

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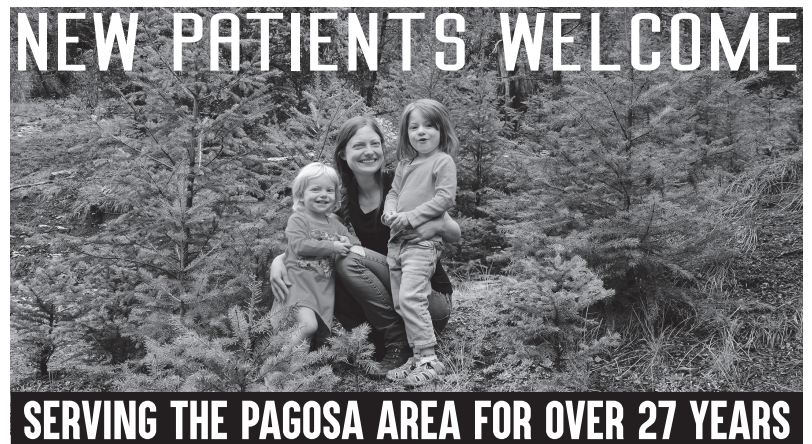
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Thursday, Nov. 4

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving chipotle cream chicken over rice with vegetable sticks 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.

Public Health Resource Series. Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library, 811 San Juan St. Representatives from San Juan Basin Public Health will offer engaging public presentations about health topics that impact our community. Presentations will cover a range of different public health topics. This month, the topics of understanding health insurance and care coordination will be discussed. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Book Art for a Cause. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library, 811 San Juan St. In-person. Learn how to make ornaments and other decorations out of books and support the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation. All decorations will be lovingly added to the Library Foundation tree that will be displayed and auctioned off at the Community Center's Festival of Trees event.

Food Coalition Community Conversation: Guidestone Colorado. 2-3 p.m. Virtual meeting. The community is invited to join the Food Coalition Community Conversation, when we will virtually meet and chat with Amanda Laban of Guidestone Colorado out of Chaffee County. Email fsfearchuleta@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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.

Friday, Nov. 5

Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Computer Class: Learning Express Library. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library,

811 San Juan St. Learning Express Library is an online resource to help you prepare for job and career opportunities. Brad will offer a detailed introduction to this database. To access Learning Express Library, visit <https://pagosalibrary.org/online-resources/> then scroll down to select Learning Express Library and enter your Library card number when prompted. Library staff will be happy to help you get a card if you do not already have one. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Saturday, Nov. 6

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

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

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

Community Band Fall Concert. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th St.

Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society Fall Concert. 7-8:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St. A band of local musicians of all ages gathers four times a year to entertain the community. For our Fall Concert, Larry Elginer and Malinda Burnette will conduct selections from American composers. Join us for

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Sunday, Nov. 7

GriefShare presents Surviving the Holidays. 5 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Grieving or know someone who is? When you are grieving the death of a loved one, the holidays can be especially painful. Centerpoint Church GriefShare ministry is hosting Surviving the Holidays, a free seminar to help participants prepare for the holidays without their loved one and discover hope for the future. Call (970) 731-2205 for more information.

In Loving Remembrance: A Concert with Jerry Steichen, piano, and Sally Humphries, flute. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. We will remember and give thanks for those we have loved and lost. Sally Humphries and Jerry Steichen will offer an hour-long recital featuring works by Copeland, Schumann, Damase and MacDowell, among others.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

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

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the

latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 799-8387 for more details.

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

Archuleta County Republican Women meeting. Noon, The Den, 729 San Juan St. We would like to invite you to join us and learn about issues that are affecting our community. Our speakers will be Matt Archuleta, public works operation manager; Laura Vanoni, transportation coordinator; and Lauri Heraty, tourism board.

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Meet in the library's garden to discuss "The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary" by Simon Winchester. Copies of the book are available at your library. For more information, call (970) 264-2900.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-6 p.m. For teens and young adults. Join us on Google Meet for our ongoing game. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join.

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.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

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

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

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, The Den Restaurant, 729 San Juan St. Our guest speaker will be Joe King, president of Vets 4 Vets of Archuleta County. We would like to invite all veterans to thank them for their service.

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Marine Corps Birthday. 6 p.m., Pagosa Brewing and Grill, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. The U.S. Marine Corps will celebrate its 246th birthday. Marines, their guests and Navy corpsmen, and friends of Marines are welcome. Uniforms or casual civilian dress are acceptable. Please call by Sunday, Nov. 7 — Ed Robinson, (970) 731-0718 or Don MacNamee, (970) 731-0306 — for more information and reservations.

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs: 'Eckankar, Ancient Wisdom for Today' 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 240 Port Ave. Topics: initiation, masters and your secret path to God.

San Juan Basin Archaeological Society Meeting. 7 p.m. Zoom meeting. After a brief business meeting, Dr. Stephen H. Lekson will present "Casas Grandes: Escaping Pueblo Space." He will present his perspective on Paquimé, the 14th-15th century capital of the Casas Grandes region in northern Chihuahua. This talk will be recorded. For login information, go to sjbas.org and click on the join Zoom meeting link.

Thursday, Nov. 11

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

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.

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.

Friday, Nov. 12

Therapy Dog Visit. 1:30-2:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Come in for a free visit with a certified therapy dog. The visits will be limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi." Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m. by appointment (Zoom at the library). Registration required. Privately meet with a volunteer attorney via Zoom at the Ruby Sisson Library or by phone to ask questions about all areas of civil law. Visit <https://checkerboard.co/> anytime to access many legal forms and other useful legal information. We begin taking appointments on the first day of the month. To schedule an appointment, please contact the library by phone at (970) 264-2209 or send an email at the start of the month to: ruby@pagosalibrary.org.

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Volunteers needed for Senior Center, Meals on Wheels

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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

Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers approximately 3,000 fresh and frozen meals a year. We deliver fresh Meals



on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents to help them stay healthy and independent in their own homes.

This program is vitally important because many seniors have

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

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

Take-out meals continue at Senior Center

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

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

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

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

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

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Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

PALS, GED and College Prep Assistance. 5-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services can help you earn your GED, prepare for college entrance exams, prepare for vocational tests and other education requirements. Mark will work with you to develop an achievable plan to complete your goals. Earning your GED is possible at any stage in life, and

we can help. Call (970) 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org for more information.

Saturday, Nov. 13

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

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

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

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VA prepares to get ahead of surge in backlogged claims

By Raymond Taylor
Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

In October, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) began to hire and train new staff to ensure veterans' claims are adjudicated quickly and help reduce an expected increase in the backlog of claims pending more than 125 days.

The VA is taking the following proactive steps to help in the reduction:

- Hire and train 2,000 new employees to assist in claims processing.
- Utilize funds provided via the American Rescue Plan for overtime to ensure timely claims processing.
- Deploy requested fiscal year 2022 budget resources to support Agent Orange presumptive processing, as well as for general compensation and pension (C&P) claims processing.

As of Oct. 11, there were more than 204,000 backlog claims in an inventory of 603,000 total claims. The VA identified more than 70,000 claims to review for additional entitlement stemming from the presumptive relationship between Agent Orange and Parkinsonism,

Senior

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Community Café menu

Thursday, Nov. 4 — Baked ham and cheese on croissant, honey garlic green beans, milk, salad and oranges.

Friday, Nov. 5 — Hot turkey salad, caramelized squash, milk, salad and pistachio delight.

Monday, Nov. 8 — Pasta primavera, glazed beets, dinner roll, milk and salad.

Tuesday, Nov. 9 — Chicken enchilada suizas, refried beans, milk, salad and baked apples.

Wednesday, Nov. 10 — Pork and green chili stew, glazed carrots, ciabatta bread with butter, milk and salad.

Thursday, Nov. 11 — Closed for Veterans Day.

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

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Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



bladder cancer and hypothyroidism. Many of these were expected to enter the backlog in October, which was projected to reach 260,000 pending claims.

"VA is committed to ensuring timely access to benefits and services for all veterans. This includes making sure veterans who may have experienced adverse health effects from military related exposures can get access to the benefits they need," said VA Secretary Denis

McDonough. "As we process claims such as those for three new disabilities presumptively linked to Agent Orange exposure, including proactive application of Nehmer provisions, as well as three new Gulf War particulate exposure presumptives, we anticipate the claims backlog to increase this fall. The hiring of new employees will help us resolve these claims more quickly."

Several factors have contributed

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Veterans

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to the recent backlog. Beginning in March 2020, operational changes necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in an untimely delay of the Federal Records Centers' retrieval of documents and suspended compensation and pension examinations. While these actions were necessary to protect the health and safety of employees and veterans, they slowed the processing time for claims. The VA workload has also increased as a result of the aforementioned recent decisions and actions, including a court order mandating the review of previously denied veterans on the basis of qualifying service in the 12 nautical miles surrounding Vietnam.

The backlog has decreased by more than 14,000 claims since the end of August. With continued improvement of the VA's ability to obtain C&P examinations and federal records, and with all requested resources received, the Veterans Benefits Administration plans to address the impending increase and then further reduce the current claims backlog to 100,000 claims by April 2024.

Dialing procedure reminder

Don't forget the new dialing procedures: Effective Oct. 24, to complete all local calls, you will need to dial area code and telephone number. This means 10 digits for local call. This is required due to the new "988" code for National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

Grant allows Vets4Vets to help local veterans

Vets4Vets of Archuleta County has received a grant from the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This financial grant is to support veterans in our community

through the following assistance: housing, utilities, mental health counseling, dental services, travel assistance, automobile repairs, gas and food cards, and emergency veteran assistance.

Contact Vets4Vets at <https://vets4vetspsco.org/> or dharps@gmail.com.

Contact information

Veterans: Thank you for your service. Welcome home.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office (VSO), located at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The office: (970) 264-4013, fax number: (970) 264-4014, and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO. Always leave a message and phone number to contact you.

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.
- Veterans for Veterans: every Tuesday at 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive, on all but the first Tuesday. Breakfast meeting on the first Tues-

day of the month at 9 a.m. Contact (970) 799-8387 for more details.

- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, Lewis Street. Contact Gary Hanneman at (970) 946-2540.

- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Carter's office; contact Charlotte at (970) 903-9690.

Important information

- Vets4Vets: (970) 880-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.

- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: (970) 247-2214.

- Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.

- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.

- VA Health Care Emergency Notification: (844) 724-7842.

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

Portrayals of the wide-open spaces of the old west are of the sagebrush ecosystem, the most widespread ecosystem in the United States. Today, only half of the historical range of this ecosystem remains. Although it appears desolate and dry, this landscape supports over 350 wildlife species and provides forage for domestic livestock.

The sagebrush sparrow is one of the birds which requires healthy sagebrush habitat for breeding. In summer, it nests in the interior western United States between the Rocky Mountains and the western coastal mountain ranges, where in the right habitat it is a fairly common bird. Individuals are faithful to their home range both for nesting and wintering, returning to the same area year after year to raise young.

The sagebrush sparrow forages primarily on the ground, hopping or walking from place to place, holding its long tail upright. In summer, its feeding habits are opportunistic, eating insects, spiders, seeds, fruits and succulent vegetation. Like many species adapted to dry habitats, it obtains most of its water from the food that it eats.

This medium-sized sparrow has a brown back and rounded gray head. It displays a dark spot in the middle of its white breast. Bold white eye rings, white spots before the eyes and a white mustache bordered with a thin black stripe are identifying marks.

During migration it may appear in a small mixed flock with other sparrows. Today the sagebrush habitat is one of our most endangered, suffering from development, invasive plants, wildfire and overgrazing.

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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to hear from Charles Martinez

By Joan Ward
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to join us for our in-person service this Sunday, Nov. 7, at 10:30 a.m. at the fellowship by registering online at: <https://rsvp.church/r/FqUdPWNu>.

For your safety, we follow San Juan Basin Public Health guidelines. Masks are required, vaccinations highly recommended and seating is limited.

We are honored to have Charles Martinez as our speaker, who will discuss how nature inspires his flute music. Navajo and Jicarilla Apache, Martinez is self-taught, makes his own instruments and writes his own music.

He has been a long-time presenter at the full moon programs at Chimney Rock National Monument, as well as other venues in Pagosa Springs. Come be uplifted by his music as we honor National Native American Heritage Month. Joan Ward is service leader.

In order to maintain social distancing, attendance is limited to

50 percent capacity, which is 25 people. Please sign up online using the link above. Registration is first come, first served. Rsvp.church will email acknowledgment of your registration or tell you if the limit has been reached. If the limit has been reached, walk-ins cannot be allowed.

Remember that daylight saving time ends early Sunday morning. Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is located in Greenbrier Plaza, 301 North Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-15, which is on the north side of the building.

Our fellowship, based on its seven principles, offers each individual support in their unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

Religious Exploration classes have been temporarily canceled due to COVID-19. For more information about the fellowship, please see visit: www.pagosauu.org.

Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

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

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged

to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, Nov. 7, our theme is "The Existence of God."

"I perceive that Thou hast made all things to be the manifestations of Thy behest, and the revelations of Thy handiwork, and the repositories of Thy knowledge, and the treasuries of Thy wisdom." — Baha'u'llah.

The Baha'i Faith is an all-embracing world religion founded on the principle of unity. It recognizes humanity's spiritual nature and the innate nobility of every human soul. Among the teachings of

■ See Devotionals on next page

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Jack, for one
- 5 Still life subject
- 9 Tentative agenda
- 14 Sheltered, in a way
- 15 Blow the whistle on
- 16 Tax man's task
- 17 Islands with giant tortoises
- 19 Cartoon canine
- 20 "Lose Yourself" rapper
- 21 Voice of Buzz Lightyear
- 23 Disney dwarf
- 24 Sooner or later
- 26 "Right you ___!"
- 27 Southern veggie
- 28 Establish as law
- 30 Full of nerve
- 33 Buzzed
- 35 Capitol Hill worker
- 38 Throw off
- 39 Really neat
- 40 Make a reservation
- 41 Fancy trim
- 42 "Nay" sayer
- 43 Netflix activity
- 44 Cashless deal
- 46 Arkin, for one
- 48 "Gotcha!"
- 50 Julianne's "Next" co-star
- 52 "___ whiz!"
- 55 Stage curtain, e.g.
- 57 Ceremonial act
- 59 Up and about
- 60 Like some genes
- 62 Shoulder wrap
- 63 Motivate
- 64 Smart-___
- 65 Four-legged laughter
- 66 Kind of palm
- 67 Medical advice, often

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- 1 Like Angelou's bird
- 2 Texas siege site
- 3 Dig discovery
- 4 Rat Pack member
- 5 Captivate
- 6 Tail movement
- 7 Ham it up
- 8 Like suburban streets
- 9 Tropical fruit
- 10 Down time
- 11 Fawning praise
- 12 Gunpowder component
- 13 Sculptor's medium
- 18 Annoying
- 22 Like a stray dog
- 25 "Semper Fi" group
- 27 Blender brand
- 29 Rustic digs
- 30 Salon goo
- 31 Thurman of "Kill Bill"

- 32 Game with x's and o's
- 34 Toward the stern
- 36 Monopoly token
- 37 ___ out a living
- 39 Zenith's opposite
- 43 Foundation
- 45 Tuscan tenor Bocelli

- 47 City on the Rio Grande
- 48 Embarrass
- 49 Hurried
- 51 Puccini work
- 52 Deviousness
- 53 Roof part
- 54 President-___
- 56 Potter's oven
- 58 Russian despot
- 61 Lowly worker

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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New Thought topic: 'The Law of Gender and The Law of Transmutation of Energy'

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for
Inspirational Living

"Everything is in constant flux, from state to state, from good to bad and back again ... only in transmutation, perpetual motion, lies truth." — Asger Jorn.

The time of the Sunday service has changed to 11 a.m.

"The Law of Gender and The Law of Transmutation of Energy" will be discussed with Shayla White Eagle McClure on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 11 a.m.

Upcoming events

Spirit Heart Band practice: Every Tuesday at 6 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join our band. Please text Erika at (720) 754-2314 to for band information.

Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Meditation circle with singing bowls. We welcome everyone to bring their own bowls.

Thursdays, 10 a.m.: "Fountain of Youth Class — The Five Ancient Rites" with Shayla starting Nov. 11.

Lemon Drops band practice with Erika at 6 p.m. All are wel-

come to join in international folk songs and bring their own instruments.

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

The New Thought Center for Inspiration Living is collecting canned goods for the Community Food Pantry during the month of November. Leave donations on and under the table in front of our doors on the second floor at Pagosa Lodge.

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

About us

The New Thought Center promotes living a spiritually centered life, and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center

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



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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.

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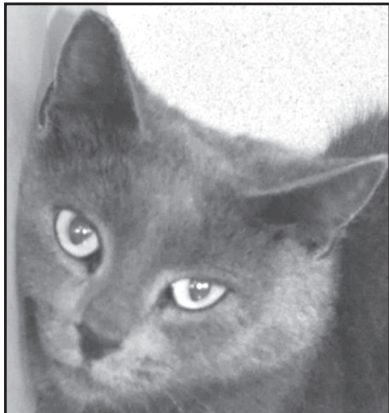
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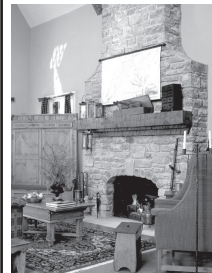
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REPORTER — The Pagosa Springs SUN seeks a general assignment reporter who can do it all. If you can write strong news stories and compelling features, take solid photographs and are comfortable using digital tools, then you might be a good fit for our newsroom. A passion for community journalism, inspired storytelling and public service is essential for a successful candidate. Self-motivation and excellent time-management skills are a must. You must be proficient under pressure and consistent at meeting deadlines. Common topics in a week would include meeting coverage, coverage and photos from significant community events, school sports and more. The position is up to 30 hours per week and would rarely involve overtime, though night and weekend working hours are common. However, the position offers some day-to-day flexibility in work hours. Email resume with cover letter to helpwanted@pagosasun.com.

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FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION. Healing Waters Resort & Spa. Duties include responding to guest maintenance calls, maintaining rooms, cabins, hot pools and basic resort care. Positive, friendly attitude required! Schedule to be determined but will include Friday and Saturday evenings to approx. 7p.m. Includes soaking privileges for you and your family. Download application at www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or pick one up at Healing Waters Resort & Spa, 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

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COLORADO DREAM HOMES is looking for a few quality team members. High end starting wages for crew work, excellent incentives for leads. Whether you are entry level or experienced in framing, painting, exterior or interior finish, we have a place for you. We are custom home builders with a 27-year tradition of providing high quality homes and quality jobs in Archuleta County. We offer full-time work (40 hours and optional overtime), weekly pay, paid time off/ holiday pay, performance and annual bonuses. Come by our offices at 2283 Eagle Drive to fill out an application or call (970)731-3071 for more information.

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ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Door Host Position. Looking for a smart, personable person to run the door and the reservations. Must work nights, weekends and holidays. Shift starts at 3p.m. \$15/ hour. Must wear a mask if unvaccinated. Contact contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

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PINE VALLEY RENTAL & SALES INC. Needing full-time person for yard/ shop services. Light maintenance on equipment, upkeep servicing, also some welding and electrical work. Good customer service, valid drivers license, weekends off, fun crew! Apply in person at the shop at 305 Bastille Dr.

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CULTIVATION HELP: Pagosa Therapeutics is looking for entry-level help in our award winning cultivation. Grow helper: This is a full-time position. Responsibilities include cleaning, checking reservoirs, pruning plants, transplanting, etc. This is a physical job. You must be able to work on your feet all day, work on a ladder, and carry equipment up and downstairs. The ideal candidate will be willing to learn, pay attention to details, and have good problem-solving abilities. No experience needed. M-F 8:30a.m.-6p.m. with overtime available. Please email a copy of your resume to employment@jandjinc.net. A M.E.D. Badge is required.

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 Office Assistant (RFT)
 Solid Waste Facilities Operator (RFT)



For position and application details
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ROADRUNNER HEALTH SERVICES is looking for EMT/ LPN/RN for PT and PRN positions at Rio Arriba County Detention Center in Tierra Amarilla. Housing is offered with no fee. Wages: Basic EMT \$22-\$23 per hour, Intermediate EMT \$24-\$25 per hour, Paramedic EMT \$26-\$27 per hour, LPN \$35-\$40 per hour, and RN \$40-\$50 per hour. Apply at roadrunnerhealthservices.com website. Call Lindy, Office Manager at (575)588-7350 or email l.dugar@roadrunnerhealthservicesnm.com for more information.

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CHAIRSIDE DENTAL ASSISTANT POSITION available. Knowledge of dentistry preferred, but willing to train. 3 days per week, Tuesday- Thursday. Apply in person. King Campbell DDS, 228 Village Dr. (970)731-2126.

PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE- F/T position. No experience necessary. Competitive pay/benefits. Energetic. Dependable, multi-tasker a must. Submit resumes to Rocky Mountain PT, 35 Mary Fisher Cir.

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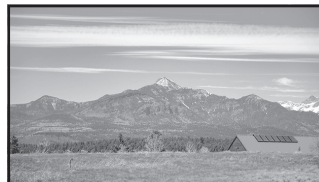
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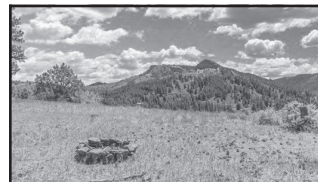
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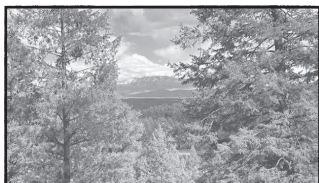
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