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# 2020 Archuleta County Election Results

Unofficial results as of press time.  
State and federal results may differ.  
\*Indicates winner of contest.

**Presidential Electors**  
Joseph R. Biden / ..... 3,693  
Kamala D. Harris  
Donald J. Trump / ..... 5,126  
Michael R. Pence

**United States Senator**  
\*John W. Hickenlooper ..... 3,549  
Cory Gardner ..... 5,162

**Representative to the 117th United States Congress – District 3**  
\*Lauren Boebert ..... 4,982  
Diane E. Mitsch Bush ..... 3,541

**State Board of Education Member – Congressional District 3**  
Mayling Simpson ..... 3,403  
\*Joyce Rankin ..... 5,193

**State Representative – District 59**  
Marilyn Harris ..... 5,163  
\*Barbara McLachlan ..... 3,601

**District Attorney – 6th Judicial District**  
\*Christian Champagne ..... 5,219

**County Commissioner District 1**  
\*Warren M. Brown ..... 4,392  
Matthew T. Witt ..... 932  
Clifford Lucero ..... 3,998

**County Commissioner District 2**  
\*Ronnie Maez ..... 4,543  
Natalie Carpenter ..... 4,176

**County Surveyor**  
\*Ron Sutcliffe ..... 6,294

**Aspen Springs Metropolitan District Ballot Issue 6A**  
Yes ..... 356  
\*No ..... 593

**Los Pinos Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 7A**  
\*Yes ..... 235  
No ..... 160

**Amdt. B/Repeal Gallagher**  
\*Yes ..... 4,584  
No ..... 3,772

**Amdt. C/Charitable raffles**  
\*Yes ..... 3,506  
No ..... 4,681

**Amdt. 76/Citizen-only voting**  
\*Yes ..... 6,387  
No ..... 2,297

**Amdt. 77/Casino bet limits**  
\*Yes ..... 4,357  
No ..... 3,806

**Prop. EE/Raise tobacco taxes**  
\*Yes ..... 5,809  
No ..... 2,853

**Prop. 113/National popular vote**  
\*Yes ..... 3,751  
No ..... 4,927

**Prop. 114/Reintroduce wolves**  
\*Yes ..... 3,084  
No ..... 5,571

**Prop. 115/Limits on abortion**  
Yes ..... 4,574  
\*No ..... 4,030

**Prop. 116/Reduce income tax**  
\*Yes ..... 5,711  
No ..... 2,935

**Prop. 117/Limit enterprise fees**  
\*Yes ..... 4,884  
No ..... 3,269

**Prop. 118/Paid family leave**  
\*Yes ..... 4,102  
No ..... 4,435

Source:  
Colorado Secretary of State

## Maez, Brown win county commissioner races

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The county may not yet know who will serve as president beginning in January, but Archuleta County voters now know who will help lead the county for the next four years as commissioners — Warren Brown and Ronnie Maez.

Archuleta County saw a record voter turnout of 87.93 percent for the election, with 9,271 ballots cast out of 10,544 active voters according to Tuesday's unofficial results.

"It was great," Clerk and Recorder Kristy

Archuleta said of the turnout, which bested the 83 percent turnout for Archuleta County in the 2016 general election.

The county saw an increase of about 1,100 voters between June's presidential primary and Tuesday's general election, Archuleta explained, making for 10,712 registered voters.

On Tuesday night, Election Administrator Tomi Bliss noted 497 people voted in person.

Tuesday's unofficial results indicate decisions in several local races

Those results will remain unofficial until Nov. 12, which is the final day to count votes in Colo-

rado and is the end of the period for counties to receive ballots per the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and the end of the period for the 30 rejected ballots to be cured, Bliss indicated.

"Everything went so smooth. It was awesome," Archuleta said. "We had amazing judges, Tomi's great, and everything just flowed well. It was pretty amazing for a presidential election."

Among the state and federal candidates and issues on the ballot were a trio of local races —

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Maez



Brown



Election Day looked a little bit different this year, but the result was the same: Archuleta County voters voiced their opinions in a number of local, state and federal contests and election judges worked into the night to count the votes.



SUN photos/Randi Pierce



Photos courtesy Debra Alexander

Left: Stan Ellis is pictured during his service in the Korean War, year 1950. Right: Stan Ellis salutes at Camp Roberts in 1944.



SUN photo/Simone Mounsamy

Stan Ellis sports his decorated veteran cap and Eisenhower jacket outside of his home.

### From the farm to the front lines: Stan Ellis reflects on growing up and serving his country

By Simone Mounsamy  
Staff Writer

Stanley Harris Ellis, son of Ross and Ruth Ellis and one of the oldest of nine brothers and sisters, grew up on a farm 10 miles from Phillipsburg, Kan.

"Because we were on a farm, we had a lot of vegetables. We did our own butchering. We always had eggs. Mom was always raising chickens," Ellis recounted of his childhood.

"They had 21 cows to milk every morning and night.

"I hated milking cows. We'd go out in the pasture and pick up dead wood

■ See Ellis A8

## Fire restrictions lifted

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

In a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners Monday morning, Nov. 2, Director of Emergency Operations Mike Le Roux briefed the commissioners regarding the decision to lift the stage one fire restrictions that have been in effect since Aug. 20.

Le Roux explained that, typi-

cally, the county will follow the Forest Service in its decisions to enact or lift burn bans.

The San Juan National Forest lifted its burn ban last Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Le Roux explained that the county sheriff and the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) decided to keep the restrictions in effect over the weekend to see if any

■ See Restrictions A8

## Archuleta County reaches settlement with Walmart

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 2, the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners approved a settlement agreement regarding the county's lawsuit with Walmart Inc. which began over a year ago.

According to Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver, every county in Colorado with a Walmart or Sam's

Club was sued by the corporation in regard to the county's evaluation of the companies' business property.

Weaver defined business property as everything inside the building that is not part of the building itself. This includes refrigerators, computers and shelves.

He explained that every year this property receives a value from

■ See Walmart A8

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## EDITORIAL

### Honoring our veterans

Thankfully, the election is over. We may not know all of the results at this time, but hopefully the hateful politics are over.

Now it is time to turn our thoughts to honoring our veterans who fought for our freedom to cast our vote.

You'll find a special section in this week's paper that recognizes those heroes who fought for us to have the continued right to vote for the leaders of this great country. It's become an annual tradition to print this section for Veterans Day. This year, we have an additional 51 faces included in the list of honorees.

Since the year 2000, Pagosa Springs Middle School's (PSMS) eighth-grade class has been hosting a breakfast as another way to honor and thank our veterans for their service to our country.

Students, parents and teachers prepare and serve breakfast to all the veterans who attend. But it's more than just breakfast that is served. They dish out love, thankfulness and admiration for those who served our country. Everyone who attends the event walks away with a nourished heart and soul.

With COVID-19, there were concerns about just how to hold such an event safely. PSMS eighth-grade U.S. history teacher Steven Long wrote in an email to The SUN that, "myself, Mr. White and the entire school district are committed to making sure this tradition lives on."

The staff and students are making necessary adjustments to support safety precautions in the pandemic.

When he was alive, my dad always looked forward to the annual Veterans Day breakfast.

I would use the excuse of taking photos for the newspaper so that I could watch from the sidelines as Dad shared his scrapbook of Navy memories with youngsters who were eager to hear his stories. I loved to watch his eyes sparkle with happiness as he reminisced with other veterans.

The following unedited letters were printed in the Nov. 16, 2017, Pagosa Springs SUN. These letters can best explain the experience our veterans have by attending the breakfast:

Dear Editor:  
"We got da' bestus" Our 8th graders — "The best in the country"

Our students we have in the 8th grade are to be exemplified and this is due to what is taught at home and polished up by our educators we have here, we are so lucky and fortunate to have these folks. I have been to every one of these since

Tom Richards invited me to the first one, and these young adults just continue to impress me with their very adult like questioning concerning veterans. They hit on everything from A to Z, and in between. It is a pleasure to carry on a conversation with these young adults and without being too redundant, it still starts at home and polished up with our educators suffice. These young adults that sat at our table and was replaced with vets, we all had the same admiration for them and again, it was our pleasure alone with a good breakfast served to the veterans.

In my 25 years in the Navy, 14 years was as a photo journalist and that was really interesting to a lot of these youngsters and the questions continued. Some of these young people were propounding questions to me and at that time, I thought maybe they should be having breakfast and I asking the questions. (Just kidding.) I told them that I had a better job than most flag officers (admirals), they made more money, but I had a better job than theirs ... they laughed for the most part, they are very special people, what else can I say?

My comment to all who said to me, "Thanks for your service," I replied with all sincerity, "Thanks for your support," without that there wouldn't be much for us.

Thanks again for the bang-up breakfast and the legion flag story, along with the choir singers, perfect.

Bob Sprague,  
petty officer second class (retired)

Dear Editor:

Mr. White, the students of the Pagosa Springs 8th grade, the supporting staff and the many volunteers assisting them, did it again. In a matter of a few hours last Friday, children ages 13 to 15 demonstrated the meaning of values, patriotism, and respect by honoring the veterans who have served or are serving in the United States military. My wife and I were very moved as they moved from table to table greeting each and every person who entered. Their appearance throughout the event presented a professional, courteous, and mature image. I was so moved by everything that, unexpectedly, tears appeared in my eyes when a young man sat down at our table and began asking pertinent questions regarding military life. I became choked up and initially had difficulty talking with him.

I believe Ronald Reagan put into words what many of us "old timers" may

feel during his farewell address to the nation on January 11, 1989. Here is an excerpt from that speech.

"Those of us who are over 35 or so years of age grew up in a different America. We were taught, very directly, what it means to be an American, and we absorbed almost in the air a love of country and an appreciation of its institutions. If you didn't get these things from your family you got them from the neighborhood, from the father down the street who fought in Korea or the family who lost someone at Anzio. Or you could get a sense of patriotism from school. And if all else failed, you could get a sense of patriotism from the popular culture."

The age group that President Reagan referred to during his speech has moved to the range of 65 or so. Our ability to teach things such as duty, honor, and country is greatly reduced. It is now up to the parents and teachers of the children of today to help teach these important values. The current, almost toxic, cultural and political atmosphere of our country, combined with the method in which much of the media chooses to communicate many events plaguing our nation and the world, make this more difficult. However, the eighth graders of Pagosa Springs, their parents, and teachers have proved that they are up to the task.

Finally, I leave the parents and the children of Pagosa Springs with one last excerpt from President Reagan's farewell speech:

"... lesson No. 1 about America : All great change in America begins at the dinner table. So tomorrow night in the kitchen I hope the talking begins. And children, if your parents haven't been teaching you what it means to be an American — let 'em know and nail 'em on it. That would be a very American thing to do.

On behalf of all those who are serving or who have served their country, we thank Mr. White, the students of the Pagosa Springs 8th grade and all those who assisted them for their fine effort. It will stay with us for a long time.

Russ and Jacqui Widener  
Thank you to our eighth-graders for honoring and protecting the legacies of our treasured veterans.

Thank you to those of you who will contribute to the event this year.

Thank you to our veterans for protecting our precious freedoms.  
Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 5, 1920

The election Tuesday resulted in a complete victory for the Republican party so far as the state and national ticket is concerned, and the election of the two county commissioners, sheriff and the superintendent of schools still in doubt.

Among the out-of-town residents who brought in the ballot boxes Wednesday evening, we noted C.W. Price, Abijah Jackson and Carroll Fitzhugh of Chromo, John Parks and Mrs. Helen Schwyhart of Juanita, Cyrus Army and Richard Swamymyr of Arboles, E.J. Abeyta, of Piedra.

A deal was consummated this week whereby Mrs. Jennie Smith disposed of her residence in the park to Mark Amyx and in turn acquires the Amyx residence south of town. The two families are changing dwelling places today. Mrs. Smith will maintain her laundry and other enterprises at her new home.

Wolf Creek pass is evidently closed for the winter.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 9, 1945

Bussing Drug, the Metropolitan Hotel and the Hi Way Cafe are all getting beautiful new neon signs this week. Liberty Theatre will be next with a new marquee, topped and trimmed with vari-colored neon. Sure makes the old town look spruced up a bit at night.

The front of The Sun building, corner of 7th and Durango sts., received a new coat of white paint over the weekend, preparatory for a new sign.

Ernest Smith has just finished laying city water pipe to the proposed site of his new home and rest camp on Maniac Hill, just off Third Street. Besides this he has been knee deep in bond sales the past ten days — in fact he makes a bee look like a loafer.

Mrs. Elsie M. Miller of Denver, writes The Sun that she has recently sold the 20-acre property known as the W.C. Picking claim, where Kolorok mineral powder was mined. She says it was purchased by Wm. R. Lyons, a Denver physician, who expects to develop the property in the near future. The Picking Mining Claim is located about 30 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 5, 1910

In the two contested races in Archuleta County one Democrat, Norman Ottaway, incumbent sheriff, was re-elected and Harold Schutz, a Republican and incumbent County Commissioner, was also re-elected. Ottaway won by a ten-vote margin over Charlie Aragon and Schutz won by a 104 vote margin.

San Juan Lumber Co. officials say that absenteeism at the local mill is making it difficult for the mill to continue to operate and that dependable labor in the quantities needed is not available here.

Construction work on the new additions at Hersch Super Market are going ahead rapidly and are expected to be completed early next month. The enlargement program now underway will double the available floor space, Russ Hill, manager, said this week. In addition all new fixtures in various departments are to be installed. The enlargement will allow the concern to carry as complete a selection of groceries and meats as any store in this area.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 9, 1995

The prospect of annexing residential areas into the town of Pagosa Springs occupied the attention of the town trustees on Tuesday. A group of residents of various Pagosa Lakes subdivisions attended the regular monthly meeting of the town board and discussed the town's position relative to residential annexations. Pagosa Lakes resident Fred Ebeling spoke for members of the group at the beginning of the meeting and said, "many property owners in the subdivisions are interested in the possibility of annexing to the town, especially since the central nucleus has been taken into the town." (Ebeling referred to past annexations of commercial properties located along U.S. 160, extending as far west as Pagosa Boulevard.) Ebeling asked whether the town would consider a study to examine the benefits to the town and to the Pagosa Lakes area that might be produced by residential annexations. When asked by Trustee Linda Delyria whether the property owners were considering potential annexations of all or part of the Pagosa Lakes subdivisions, Ebeling indicated there was interest in annexation of all the subdivisions.

## WHADDYA THINK?

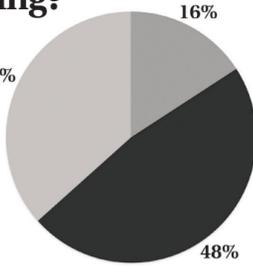
Do you have plans to travel out of the area for Thanksgiving?

Poll results (265 votes)

Yes. — 16%  
No. — 48%  
No, not with the increase in COVID-19 cases. — 37%

Vote this week online:  
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10/29	57	28	-	-	-
10/30	60	27	-	-	-
10/31	62	26	-	-	-
11/1	64	28	-	-	-
11/2	68	29	-	-	-

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# Letters

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## Inform better

Dear Editor:  
I am writing this on the morning of November 3, 2020, Election Day, without knowing the outcome of our elections, but so thankful that I will no longer be subjected to an excessive surge of negative political commercials and mailings.

It was this morning that I stumbled across a couple of Amazon Prime videos: "Safeguard: An Electoral College Story" and "Electoral Dysfunction." I wish that I (and others) had watched these documentaries and had been informed by their content a year ago.

Instead of political rhetoric, what if there had been commercials commending documentaries such as these two videos? Would it have been more satisfying if the media had procured a well-reasoned civility by promoting a well-informed understanding of civics? (Are we experiencing any repercussions from having replaced the subjects of history, civics, and geography in schools today with "social studies"?)

While everyone may not be agreed on what the facts are or how they are addressed, is it likely that the growing violence we have been witnessing has been brought on by those who seem more affected by disinformation personal passions than by well-informed dispassionate reason?

In the words of G.K. Chesterton, "People fight because they don't know how to argue." In the words of John Lennon, "You say you want a revolution ... but when you talk about destruction, don't you know that you can count me out?"

Besides commending docu-

mentaries as a contrast to political ads, perhaps someone could pitch a reality show which gathered average, randomly-selected citizens into an ad hoc congress — citizens who were not influenced by big money and not pressured by a political party. What would they think? How would they speak? Would they vote on issues and policies in the same way that their duly-elected officials and representatives do?

Each episode would contain a history and civics segment, not meant to manipulate but to educate. Instead of watching prime-time diatribes which are not very presidential, viewers might enjoy hearing salient and contrasting points in the manner of the substantive, collegial, and lively Firing Line debates and Crossfire episodes hosted by William F. Buckley (who even included Frank Zappa as a participant in one of the panel discussions).

This year's political campaigns are over. Who knows what the issues and who the candidates will be in just three years? But is it too much to hope that print and electronic media in the meantime would learn better how to inform than to inflame?

Joel A. Brondos

## Greatest nation

Dear Editor:  
America is the greatest nation on earth despite its faults. We have more freedoms than anyone in the world. Freedom is not free and comes from the sacrifice of blood. Our brave men in the military and law enforcement preserve our freedoms and Constitution so that Americans may enjoy freedom. America is at a critical crossroad in history.

We must remember history and the parallels America faces with pre-Nazi Germany of the thirties. Adolf Hitler was a master at manipulating the masses of German citizens. Communist leaders all over the world have studied and implemented his strategies, which are listed:

- Establish a minister of propaganda (Joseph Goebbels). Influence public opinion through news media. Freedom of Speech prohibited.
  - Take government control of churches and only allow government approved sermons. Remove all teachings of Jesus and God and the Bible.
  - Disarm the public so there would be no public resistance to Hitler's tyranny.
  - Dismantle local police and replace with feared SS Storm Troopers and Gestapo.
  - Control citizens through food and fuel availability.
  - Destroy the economy, making citizens dependent on the government.
  - Re-educate citizens to think politically correct or face imprisonment.
  - Turn public opinion against Jews and the sanctity of human life (65 million people murdered).
- As we approach the presidential election, I fear civil unrest, riots, looting, and loss of life, regardless of which political party wins.
- I don't vote for a candidate or personality, I support the party platform which:
- Recognizes the sanctity of human life.
  - Supports traditional family values: marriage between one man and one woman.

- Will preserve our Constitution.
- Support our military and law enforcement, many whom have sacrificed their lives for our freedoms.
- Secure our borders but allow legal immigration.

In closing, we must encourage husbands and fathers to provide for and protect their wives and children. We must teach our children the sanctity and value of all human life. We must teach our children the importance of reverence for God and a personal faith in Him, to pray, and to seek guidance from His Word in order to live according to His Truth. We must teach them to respect authority, as well as train them to develop manners, character, integrity, and personal responsibility.

God Bless America.  
America, bless God and seek him.

Chuck Soniat

## Humor

Dear Editor:  
The Election is Over?  
It's time for a little humor. The following was saved by my grandmother and I believe it could be fitting today. Written by Harry L. Brewer, Mess Sgt. 192nd Aero Squad at the end of WWI. It is titled: "The Kaiser's Dream". "There's a story now current though strange, it may seem. Of the great Kaiser and his wonderful dream. Being tired of the Allies, he lay down in bed and among other things, he dreamed he was dead. In a fine coffin, he was lying in state. Upon leaving the earth, to heaven he went straight and on his arrival, he knocked at the gate. St. Peter looked out and in a voice loud and clear said: "Try down below, You can't get in here." Now, said the devil, I call that uncivil.

A welcome I will get from my old friend, the Devil. He turned on his heel and away he did go, at the top of his speed to the regions below. But when he got there, he was filled with dismay, for while waiting outside, he heard the Devil say, "I give you fair warning, I'm expecting the Kaiser to come down here this morning but don't let him in, for to me it is clear, he wants my job and once he gets in, there'll be no end of quarrels, and

I'm also quite sure, he'll corrupt our good morals.

Oh Satan, dear friend, the Kaiser then cried. Excuse me for listening while waiting outside. If you won't let me in, tell me where can I go? Indeed, said the Devil, dammed if I know. Oh, do let me in, I'm feeling quite cold and if you want money, I've plenty of gold. Let me sit in the corner, no matter how hot. No, no, said the Devil, most certainly not. We don't admit folks for money. Here's the sulphur and matches, go build a Hell for yourself. Then he kicked him out and vanished in smoke.

And just at that moment the Kaiser awoke. He jumped out of bed in a shivering sweat and said, "that's a dream I will never forget", I won't go to heaven, I know very well, but it sure is a shame to get kicked out of Hell."

Hmmmmmm

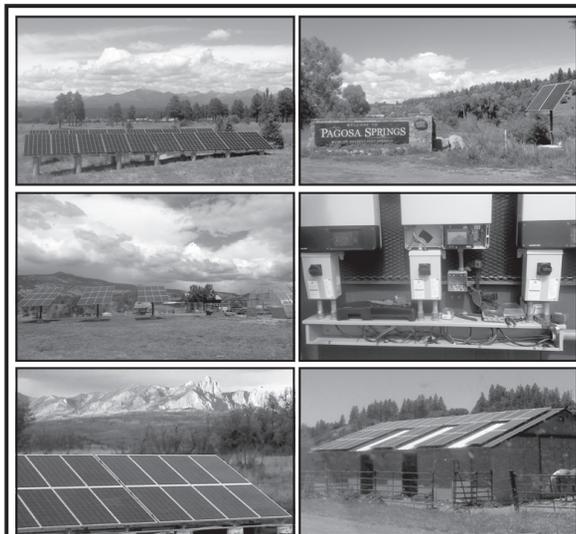
Patty Tillerson

## Virtue in difficult times

Dear Editor:  
I am typing this on November 1st knowing that on Tuesday is Election Day and my words will not be printed until at least Thursday. I type these words fully aware that this election cycle has been strange, if not unique, in the history of American politics. This oddness does not come without its sharp edges: On all sides of the political spectra I perceive high anxiety about the outcome, whatever that outcome is. I have been struck by an article by Barton Gellman describing some of the possible trails our politics may take if our current president refuses to concede to Mr. Biden (look it up — it's fascinating). Those possibilities, combined with the general fear and fear-mongering on all sides of the media, cause an encouragement to come to mind, which I would like to offer to our Pagosa community.

In the Christian tradition, to which I cleave dearly, we have record of an encouragement given to a group in crisis. This encouragement attempted to place people's focus on that which would guide them well through the crisis rather than that which would destroy

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# Letters

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 their community. I think it is good that we take this admonishment to heart, regardless of the outcome of November 3rd (or December 8th, or January 20th). In the words of Paul of Tarsus to the church in Galatia, we must show "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

These virtues serve us well at all times, but especially so when the voices around us grow rancorous. Would you join me in testing our words and actions against these virtues, in an attempt to be good citizens and good people? I hope that when students of history look back on the political events of the next few months they will see a nation that is no slave to its passions but rather free enough to persist in civility and virtue.

Emrys Tyler

## Correction

In the Oct. 29 edition of The SUN, in the article "Political sign thefts reported ahead of election," it was incorrectly reported that Keith Bruno had never voted before.

In fact, he has voted before.

"My vote has always been an important expression of my personal freedom and voice at large," Bruno wrote in an email to The SUN. It was, however, his first time having put out a political sign in his yard.

The SUN regrets the error.

## Cell towers

Dear Editor:

In case some folks were unable to connect with the 11/2/2020 county commissioner's meeting, the bottom line was that the applications for the new cell towers were approved based on the County Attorney's statement that according to the Federal Communications Act, the commissioners could not regulate based on emissions. (radio frequencies, microwaves). So, all of the letters which were submitted were appreciated but not considered if they spoke of health risks.

When I brought up that the people of Big Sur, Ca have not allowed 5-G for health reasons and asked for a delay in the erection of the towers so that studies could be presented showing that the frequencies from these towers would or would not be safe for people (and all living beings), the request was denied based on the Communications Act.

When I brought up that the use of marijuana was a Federal offense but that our town and state have found ways to allow for its medical and recreational use, we were told that the Federal government has lifted its hand in the case of marijuana but not on its stance from the emissions from communication devices. (Again stated by the County Attorney).

How? I ask you, can we pursue our right of happiness when too many are always in pain and are suffering from cell tower emissions? How can we protect our

children and grandchildren? (from brain tumors and neurological afflictions?). How can we trust that our health and safety is being considered when a covid vaccine becomes available?

Are any of you, readers able to help make Pagosa a safe and healthy haven for all who visit and live here?

When we get what we want and it causes harm to others, it's a warped and dangerous "victory".

What are the next innovations for safe communication?

Thank you for however you can help.

Zhena

## Wetland protection

Dear Editor:

Fifty years ago, folk singer Joni Mitchell put it eloquently. "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

The Town Council has hired a consultant to advise them on ways to develop the former sewer lagoon property known as Yamaguchi South. An article in last week's (10/29) Sun advised us of the proposed plans. Uses recommended by the consultant include baseball/softball fields, multipurpose area, pickleball/tennis courts, pavilion and picnic areas, overflow parking areas etc.

My understanding from the beginning of this process was that public input would be an important part of the decision making.

But two quotes in the Sun article make me feel like we will only be commenting on foregone conclusions. According to the article, Mayor Don Volger ... "thought it was a good idea to accept the firm's recommendations for what to do with the site". Later in the article the town manager is quoted as saying, "Instead of saying to the community, 'Hey we're open to any kind of use here and give us all of your recommendations' ..."

Nowhere in this article did I see mention of preservation of the valuable wetlands and riparian portions of this property. Wetlands habitat is vital to the survival of more than 75% of all wildlife species. In the past year alone, we have documented 58 bird species, turtles, muskrat, deer, fox, prairie dogs, frogs, snakes, dragonflies and countless other insect species on this property.

The protection of wetlands and riparian areas on this property need not be inconsistent with other uses but must be a part of the plan. We choose to live in Pagosa Springs because we value our natural environment.

Two local organizations, Pagosa Wetland Partners and Weminuche Audubon Society, are committed to protecting area wetlands. To become involved, email weminuche.audubon@gmail.com. The Town Council has proposed a work session open to the public for input on their plans. Please join us in urging them to protect these wetland and riparian areas in their plans for Yamaguchi South.

Jean Zirnheld

# Transportation Department's semi-annual update presented

By Clayton Chaney  
 Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners held a work session in which it heard from Operations Manager Matt Archuleta.

Archuleta gave a brief semi-annual report to the board.

He started out by noting that the Transportation Department is "almost back up to 100 percent" regarding the number of people it has on staff at this time.

Archuleta explained the depart-

ment had recently been functioning while short on staff, being down three part-time drivers.

As of Tuesday, the department had hired its final driver.

The Transportation Department has been granted \$1.8 million from the state for a new transportation facility. The department is planning on building a bus barn with six bays to house the buses.

During Archuleta's report, Commissioner Ronnie Maez pointed out that the county has been working on getting these grant funds for more than two years now.

"This is a big step in the right direction" Maez said.

Archuleta also spoke of their plans for a fixed route to Durango, which would ultimately connect the southwestern region to the rest of the state. With the fixed route to Durango, bus riders could make their way from Pagosa Springs to Grand Junction and other parts of the state, Archuleta explained.

The Transportation Department is currently waiting to hear from the Colorado Department of Transportation to solidify a fixed route from Pagosa Springs to Durango.

Archuleta added that the department hopes to continue to "provide a good service for the community."

At the end of his report, Archuleta took the time to commend the bus drivers and their dedication to their work, even through the COVID-19 pandemic, as services were continuously provided.

"Drivers were taking on multiple shifts a day" but are now being relieved with more drivers on the staff, said Archuleta.

He also noted that food delivery services continued to be provided through these difficult times.

# Obituaries

## Terrisa Marie Diestelkamp (Rodriguez)

Terrisa Marie Diestelkamp (Rodriguez), age 91, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 21. She was born to Salvatore and Isabel Rodriguez on Nov. 14, 1928, in Pagosa Springs, Colo. She was a graduate of Pagosa Springs High School in 1946. On July 3, 1950, she married her beloved "Dee" Diestelkamp and was married to him until he passed on Jan. 14, 1988. She remained in Pagosa Springs until her death.



She loved teaching with all her heart and taught in Pagosa Springs schools and the Headstart Program until she retired in 1987. She was an active member of IHM/JPII/Pagosa Catholic Community all her life. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, great aunt, great-great aunt, community member and friend to countless people. She is preceded in death by her parents, Salvatore and Isabel Rodriguez; her husband, W.H. "Dee" Diestelkamp; her two sisters, Isabel Martinez

and Lillie Martinez; and her two brothers, Samuel Rodriguez and Abe Rodriguez. She is survived by her son, George R. Diestelkamp, and his wife, Dariel; daughter Teri D. Clark; two grandsons, Arin Diestelkamp and Daniel D. Clark and his wife, Brynne; granddaughter Kira Diestelkamp; great-grandchildren Arin Diestelkamp, Deegan Diestelkamp, Aiden Diestelkamp and Brooks A. Clark; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great-great nieces and nephews; and friends.

Services will be held on Nov. 10 at John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs, Colo., with Father Kenny Udumka officiating. Burial is at Hilltop Cemetery. The Honorary Pallbearers are: Chris Gallegos, Dean Cox, Manny Trujillo and Mark Garcia. The Rosary will be recited at 9 a.m., Eulogies will be given at 9:30 a.m. and Mass will begin at 10 a.m. The family would like to express our thanks for the wonderful help and care given to Terrisa by personal caregivers, The Beehive in Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Mercy Hospice House in Durango, Colo., If desired, friends may make memorial contributions to Mercy Hospice House, 1 Mercado St #270, Durango, CO 81301.

## Joe (Jose) M. Jaramillo

On Oct. 26, Joe (Jose) M. Jaramillo, loving husband, father and grandfather, was called home to be with his Heavenly Father. He was born in Edith, Colo., to Rafael and Elviria Jaramillo on Feb. 12, 1934.



Joe (Jose) was raised on a ranch and always worked hard to care for his family. He raised his family in Pagosa Springs, where he worked at Archuleta County as a heavy equipment operator for many years. He loved fishing, horseback riding, working on projects at home and loved telling stories of all his life's journeys. He loved to laugh and treasured the time he was able to spend time with his family.

Joe (Jose) is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ruby Jaramillo; daughters Loretta (Nik) Paniagua and Maryann (Larry) Abeyta; and son Joseph (Cari) Jaramillo. He was a grandfather to nine and a great-grandfather to eight.

He will be missed dearly by those who loved, cared and knew him and took the time to spend with him. Those moments will be cherished.

There will be no services to honor his wishes. There will be a Celebra-

tion of Life for him later this spring.

We appreciate all who have offered their support and love during this difficult time.

Dad ... Remembering you is easy, I do it everyday. Missing you is the heartache that never goes away ... you saw me take my first breath and I held your hand as I saw you take your last. I love and miss you Dad, you will forever be in my heart! Loretta

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# Veterans Day ceremony set for Nov. 11

By Richard Walker  
Veterans Memorial Park

On the 11th hour of the of the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918, the Allied powers (the United States, France, Great Britain, Australia, Canada and others) signed a cease-fire agreement, or armistice, with Germany at Rethondes, France, bringing the conflict known as "The Great War," or World War I, to a close.

In 1926, the United States Congress passed a resolution that Nov. 11 become an annual observance and, by 1938, it was a national holiday. In 1954, President Eisenhower declared Armistice Day would become "Veterans Day."

Then, in 1968, after the Uniformed Services Bill was passed, Veterans Day was declared to be the fourth Monday in October to start being celebrated that day in 1971. However, due to the significance and historical importance of Nov. 11, the next president, Gerald Ford, changed it back to its original date. Britain, France, Australia and Canada also celebrate and remember veterans on or near that date.

Today, Veterans Day is a special time to honor all of those who have served their country, in war time or peace time — dead or alive — although its largely intended to thank living veterans for their service and sacrifice.

The American Legion, Post 108, Pagosa

Springs, will be conducting a special ceremony on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park on Vista Boulevard, just north of U.S. 160. There will be a formal flag ceremony with interpretive reading on the meaning of each of the 13 folds of the flag, raising of the colors, a gun salute and a bugle playing of "Taps" in tribute to the fallen. Everyone is invited to join the American Legion, the Archuleta County Veterans for Veterans and the Veterans Memorial Park Board of Directors, members, supporters and volunteers in honoring our nations veterans.

All guests are requested to wear a mask and maintain proper social distancing. We hope to see you there.

# 'This tradition lives on': 20th annual Veterans Day breakfast set for Nov. 11

By Simone Mounsamy  
Staff Writer

Every year since 2000, Pagosa Springs Middle School's (PSMS) eighth-grade class has been hosting a breakfast to honor and thank the veterans of Archuleta County for their service to our country.

Students, parents, teachers and other volunteers prepare and serve breakfast to all the veterans who attend. It's more than just a breakfast, however: it's an expression of respect and admiration. This event has become very meaningful to the veterans of our community.

Last year, then PSMS American History teacher Scott White wrote in an email to the SUN, "This has become way more than a school event. To me this is a true Community event..."

And, despite the current pandemic, the breakfast remains scheduled to take place. The staff and students are making necessary adjustments to support safety precautions.

PSMS eighth-grade U.S. History teacher Steven Long wrote in an email that, "myself, Mr. White and the entire school district are committed to making sure this tradition lives on."

## Call to military personnel and volunteers

All current and past military personnel are welcome to attend. Members of the community are invited to come decorate the Ross Aragon Community Center or help serve the veterans.

Those interested can contact Long for details at slong@pagosa.k12.co.us or reach him by phone at the middle school.

Long wrote, "Many of the guidelines have changed... so we please ask that you stay patient as we navigate these uncharted waters."

As always, it will be held at the Community Center. This year it will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 11, from 7 a.m. to noon.

There are limitations to how many people will be allowed in the breakfast at once. Veterans with last names beginning with A-H can participate from 7 to 8:30 a.m., last names I-P from 8:40 to 10:10 a.m., and last names Q-Z from 10:20 to 11:50 a.m.

Masks will be required to enter the Community Center. Temperature screenings may also take place as an extra precaution.

"We know this is not ideal, but we are doing what we can to ensure the safety of students and veterans," Long wrote.

## Sign up now for Christmas assistance

# Free community closet event Nov. 7

By Kim Hamilton  
Special to The SUN

A free community closet event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Airport Storage from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day only.

We are in need of these items for the event in excellent condition and clean, separated by sizes in bags/boxes.

Please do not bring torn, stained or items that should really go in the trash.

Needed are all sizes of gloves, hats, but especially boys' and girls' warm winter clothes and coats from NB-6, all sizes of snow boots and snow/ski pants.

Anyone whose donation was turned away previously, please contact Kim Hamilton with what you had and we can probably take it again now. We just had way too much at the time, but we got rid of

quite a bit.

Volunteers are also needed for this event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This will also be a bike drive for our upcoming adopt-a-family for Christmas project. Bring any bikes you'd like to donate to the cause. Would like them to be in excellent to very good condition. We have some people who will air up or replace tires, seats and handle grips, but we don't want ones that need major overhauls, please.

And it will also be the initial sign up for your family if you will be in need for your family's Christmas wish/needs list. So, come and sign up early.

Our specific needs list so far that is updated is:

- Family 1: Boys' 5T/6X pants/jeans/sweats/athletic pants.
- Family 2: Boys' 1.5 snow boots.
- Family 3 (four kids): Men's XXL tall coat/heavy hoodie, men's XL

snow pants, boys' 8 snow pants, two men's 14 snow boots, boys' 13 snow boots, women's 10 snow boots, men's 36x36 jeans/pants.

- Family 4: Men's 36x32 pants/jeans.

- Family 5: Boys' 5T snow pants, boys' 5T pants/jeans.

- Family 6: Girls' 4T snow pants, women's size XS-S long-sleeved tops, women's size 6 snow boots, girls' 7 toddler snow boots.

- Family 7: Men's jeans in excellent condition 31x30 or 33x30, women's jeans in excellent condition, size 10-13.

- Family 9: Boys' 6-7 pants and coat, boys' size 12 snow boots.

- Family 10: Girls' 6 coat, boys' 5T coat.

- Family 11: Men's size 9 snow boots.

- Family 12: Girls' size 8 or 9 snow boots for a 2-year-old, girls' 6 months snow suit and winter

clothes.

Please contact Hamilton at kimh55@hotmail.com or message her under Kimberlie Fleming Hamilton on Facebook if you'd like to help at the event, donate items, buy items or make cash donations to help us purchase items for these families that aren't being donated.

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Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program

With more than 13 million Americans unemployed and the surge in medical expenses continually rising, there is a greater need than ever for home heating bill payment assistance, especially as the cold season draws closer.

November marks the kick off of the 2021 Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP, www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap). LEAP helps families, individuals and older adults pay a portion of home heating costs through a federally funded, onetime heating assistance benefit.

"We provided more than 76,000

households with heating assistance last year," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager. "By easing the strain of heating bills on households, families and individuals don't have to make a choice between buying groceries or critical medications."

Applications and assistance are available Nov. 1 through April 30 for qualifying households in all 64 Colorado counties. Individuals can apply for assistance at local county offices, online at Colorado PEAK or by calling (866) HEAT-HELP [(866) 432-8435]. The added options have increased access for individuals, seniors and low-income families.

To qualify, a household's monthly income must fall within 60 percent of the state median income

level. Single-resident households with a monthly income of \$2,619 or less and households of four with a monthly income of \$5,038 or less may qualify for assistance.

Applicants must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord. Payments are usually made directly to the primary heating vendor. The household must contain a resident of Colorado and at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S.

Other benefits can include repairs and replacement of a home's primary heating system.

For application questions, information about eligibility or the LEAP program, visit www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap.

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# Business

## Win prizes in the 2020 Holiday Lighting Contest

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

Through a partnership with the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board, The Pagosa Springs SUN and La Plata Electric Association, a lighting contest will be held this upcoming holiday season. The contest will take place starting Nov. 27. Some great prizes will be offered.

For the residents of Archuleta County, a competition will be held to test their creativity. Cash awards will be issued: \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place. Those participating in the contest will need to be lit up by Nov. 27 when the contest begins. Participants must also agree to keep their property lights turned on every Friday and Saturday evenings until the end of the year. The contest winners will be announced in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Dec. 17.

For our business community, the contest is open to any area business with a storefront or property to decorate. They, too, must have their property decorated by Nov. 27 and keep their businesses lit until the end of the year. The award for participating businesses will be

coveted advertising space in The Pagosa Springs SUN. The higher the winning placement, the larger the ad for your business. Advertising equivalents in the amounts of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded to the business winners.

Entries, both residential and business, need to be completed by Wednesday, Nov. 18. Applicants can obtain forms at <https://forms.gle/oDSakifC1CDU72fh6>. The application deadline is right around the corner, so don't delay on filling those out and receiving some fabulous opportunities.

At this time of year, the community has also gravitated to the downtown area right after Thanksgiving to participate in the annual lighting of the Visitor Center and surrounding areas. This year will be no exception. The cross on the east end of town and the star on Reservoir Hill are on timers to light up around 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 27. This year, those lightings will act as a signal for the rest of the businesses and areas to light up. The town is increasing its lighting of public places, and if last year was any indication, the lights will be beautiful for 2020. Santa will arrive at the Visitor Center around 5:30 p.m. via fire truck to light up the

Visitor Center and adjacent park. More about visiting with Santa will be forthcoming as protocols will change this year; unfortunately, no sitting on Santa's lap with wish lists. However, we will help communicate what the new process will be so children will not miss out talking to Santa this year.

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is around the corner, but it is, and with that getting ready for the remaining holiday season. Let's give Pagosa Springs a boost and enhance our community with some lovely lights. People can then gather up the family and safely enjoy driving around our community looking at the beautifully decorated neighborhoods and businesses. Don't miss out on your chance for a cash or equivalent prize.

### Business variance for winter outdoor seating

Businesses are reminded to apply for any variations to outdoor seating for the upcoming winter months through the Town of Pagosa Springs. Applications for variances can be found on the home page of the town's website at [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov) under the Temporary Outdoor Customer Capacity Structures and Use Per-

mits tab. If you are considering putting up any temporary tents, outdoor heaters or waiting areas, you do need to file your temporary variations with the Town of Pagosa Springs. Winter is coming and hopefully our businesses have planned what they need to do differently to accommodate seating, shopping or waiting areas.

Going hand in hand with the COVID business improvements or enhancements is the availability of funding provided by the Town of Pagosa Springs through the Coronavirus Relief Funds. The application to apply for these funds is also located on the town's website. Funds may be requested up to \$7,500. Funds may be used for improvements made during the summer months or the upcoming winter months. Items such as plexiglass, hand sanitizer, wipes, tents, heaters, sunshades, disposable menus, etc. can be included in your request. Requests need to be accompanied with receipts. Don't leave this money on the table. Apply for COVID reimbursement funds before the end of the year. Should you have any questions, contact James Dickhoff with the Town Planning Department at 264-4151.

## Online platform now 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 increase local participation in Colorado Gives Day, Dec. 8. Beginning this week, donors may schedule their donations through [swcogives.org](http://swcogives.org) and support local nonprofits with an online donation.

"We are hearing some predictions that year-end charitable giving is expected to decline this year," said Briggan Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "However, we believe our local donors will step up, dig deep and help nonprofits finish 2020 on a bright note. We have seen a tremendous amount of generosity in response to the needs presented by the pandemic, and we expect that impressive level of giving to grow in support of Giving Tuesday, Colorado Gives Day and year-end appeals."

Southwest Colorado Gives is a safe, secure

and easy platform for donors to contribute online to local nonprofits. Last year on Colorado Gives Day \$40 million was donated statewide, with \$295,283 going to nonprofits in our five-county region. The regional platform, [swcogives.org](http://swcogives.org), features more than 85 nonprofits and this year the local giving goal is to exceed \$300,000.

Eleven nonprofits on the site are located in Archuleta County: Aspire, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County, Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Loaves and Fishes, Rise Above Violence, Ruby Sisson Library Foundation, Seeds of Learning, Sonlight Adventures, Thingamajig Theatre Company and Vets for Vets.

"Many people are hurting this year, physically, mentally and financially," said Wrinkle. "Our local nonprofits are working hard to meet the needs of our community. For those of us who have not been impacted financially, we hope to see neighbors helping neighbors, and we invite those who are able, to give where

they live."

Wrinkle added, "The Community Foundation encourages charitable giving that keeps our dollars local. Southwest Colorado Gives Day is an important opportunity for donors in our region to support the nonprofits that are making our communities a better place to live. The site, [swcogives.org](http://swcogives.org), offers donors a well-vetted array of nonprofits to choose from to support causes they care about, from animal protection to human services to youth organizations."

This is the fourth year the Community Foundation has acted as a Regional Champion, seeing nonprofit participation triple across southwest Colorado and donations to our region double. Locally, First Southwest Bank, La Plata Electric Association and the Ballantine Family Fund provide sponsorship and grant dollars in support of our regional nonprofits, helping to maximize the success of Southwest Colorado Gives Day.

For more information, visit [www.swcogives.org](http://www.swcogives.org) or call 375-5807.

## Winter Outdoor Grant Program application process for restaurants is now open

Gov. Jared Polis' office

Gov. Jared Polis, in partnership with the Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA), the Colorado Restaurant Foundation and Xcel Energy, announced that applications are open for the Winter Outdoor Grant Program, which will provide funds to restaurants to winterize patio space for outdoor dining. In mid-October, Polis was joined by CRA representatives and restaurateurs to discuss ways to support local restaurants during the pandemic.

"The restaurant industry is critical to the economic health of the State of Colorado and it's vital to the well-being of our local communities," said Polis. "We need to continue to support our restaurants, even as we work to contain the

virus and reduce transmission. This innovative program offers funding and inspiration to make outdoor dining plausible through the cold months. It will give restaurants means to keep their doors open, to keep their staff employed, and to continue to safely serve our communities. I hope the public joins me in supporting restaurants this winter, perhaps by experiencing these unique winter outdoor dining concepts, or by dining out or ordering takeout or delivery."

The Winter Outdoor Grant Program is made possible by a seed commitment from Xcel Energy Foundation and Xcel Energy, which made a \$500,000 contribution to the Colorado Restaurant Association Foundation to help support local restaurants through the winter season.

In addition to this donation, they are also committing to matching donations of \$50,000, up to an additional \$250,000, for every \$500,000 that's raised for the Colorado Restaurant Association Foundation. That's a possible total contribution of \$750,000 from the Xcel Energy Foundation and Xcel Energy. This is one of the single largest gifts the company has made in its history.

Grant funds can be used toward design, construction, applicable fees and supplies like tents, heaters, etc. Grants will be distributed through the Colorado Restaurant Foundation.

The program developed feasible ideas for how all restaurants could effectively create and adapt to additional dining via the Outdoor Winter Design Workshop held

on Oct. 19. This event brought together the American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado, the American Institute of Architects Colorado, the Associated General Contractors of Colorado, other design and construction professionals, public health officials, representatives from fire departments, building officials, restaurateurs and more.

Teams were assigned a specific outdoor space type (e.g. rooftop, parking lot, adjacent park) and geography (e.g. urban, mountain resort). They were asked to consider safety, cost, permitting, regulations, ease of implementation and the comfort of the guest as they create their concepts. The final conceptual plans are now available at [COOutdoorDining.org](http://COOutdoorDining.org).

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# Town council approves agreement for consolidated emergency dispatch services

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for consolidated emergency dispatch services at a meeting on Tuesday.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the IGA is for the town's participation in the emergency consolidated dispatch services.

"Just as a reminder, we are one of four partners who contribute funds based on a fair share formula

based on calls for service. We all have seats at the table and we serve on the executive management board," she said.

The original IGA was constituted in 2009 when the town, the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners, Upper San Juan Health Service District and Pagosa Fire Protection District came together to create the agreement.

"Over the last year, the executive management board and their respective agencies, including their attorneys, have all weighed in on the necessary amendments to the

IGA," Phillips said, adding that there have been numerous versions of the IGA.

Some of the changes that have been made included the addition of Appendix A that describes the fiscal strategy for funding the dispatch center and the funding formula.

There were also clarifications of the role of the director and to whom they report, Phillips added.

"It clarifies membership and that the board can be filled with seats for a designee," she said, adding that the new IGA adds a

vice chair position and clarifies the budget preparation process with the county, who is the fiscal agent.

This was one of the first cooperative agency projects that the town has ever attempted and it took a lot of work to get everyone to the table, Mayor Don Volger explained.

"I think that we have good representation on the board for the dispatch center and we have an exceptional new hire with the director," Volger said. "My opinion, anyway, is that it's going very well." *chris@pagosasun.com*

# Town council approves funding to help relocate power lines near planned lodging project

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

At a regular meeting on Oct. 22, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a development improvement agreement (DIA) for cabins that will be located at 151 South 5th St. and approved an allocation of capital fund reserves in the amount of \$37,500 to participate in the relocation of off-site overhead public utilities.

Town Planning Director James Dickhoff explained that Kris Mashue with Cedar Creek Investments proposed a 13-cabin lodging development at 151 South 5th St.

Each cabin will be 336 square feet and will be meant for lodging, and the development site will include shared common outdoor gathering areas and a parking lot that maintains public access to various other town amenities and businesses, Dickhoff described.

On Oct. 28, 2019, the design review board approved a sketch

plan for the development, and on Nov. 26, 2019, the board of adjustments approved a zero lot line setback for the property, Dickhoff described.

On Jan. 7, town council approved Ordinance 932 that vacated the San Juan Alley public right of way adjacent to the development, Dickhoff noted.

"The property was split by this alley, so now that the alley has been vacated, they will be able to utilize both sides of that alley as one property," he said.

On July 14, the Pagosa Springs Town Planning Commission approved a major design review application for the development, he added later.

"There are public improvements associated with this development," Dickhoff said.

According to Dickhoff, DIAs are tied to the property and future owners would be obligated to complete the improvements outlined in the agreement.

"This particular part of the de-

velopment improvement agreement incorporates phase one of the development, which allows the developer to proceed with relocating the overhead utility lines to underground," Dickhoff said. "They need to underground the power lines to fully accommodate their development."

Phase two of the DIA would be the final development of the site, which would include sidewalk improvements down to the Riverwalk, and landscaping and drainage retention, among other things, according to Dickhoff.

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) does not support having an overhead line that goes underground and comes back up above ground, Dickhoff explained, noting that LPEA would rather it be all underground or all overhead.

However, power lines would not be able to be placed all the way to 6th Street because of the pending McCabe Creek project, Dickhoff added.

According to Dickhoff, Mashue

is coming to the town council to have the town participate financially in undergrounding the section of power lines that are not on his property.

According to agenda documentation, the total cost for undergrounding all the overhead utilities and associated equipment is \$60,000 and the entire project with other costs is \$109,000.

"I think that this is an excellent example of a private-public partnership for some needed amenities, utilities, things that we have been looking at doing for a long time," Mayor Don Volger said.

The motion to approve the allocation of capital fund reserves in the amount of \$37,500 in participating in the relocation of off-site overhead public utilities was approved via a 3-2 vote by council, with council members Madeline Bergon and Shari Pierce voting against, and Volger and council members Mat deGraaf and Matt DeGuise voting for the motion. *chris@pagosasun.com*

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, Nov. 5

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special work session — budget departmental hearings.** 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

**Dispatch Executive Management board.** 9:30 a.m. Virtual meeting, Web address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186713647>, meeting ID: 718-671-3647.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.** 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.

### Friday, Nov. 6

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special work session — budget departmental hearings.** 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

### Saturday, Nov. 7

**Pagosa Peak Open School Strategic Planning Training.** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87867799418>, meet-

ing ID: 878 6779 9418, call-in number: (346) 248-7799.

### Monday, Nov. 9

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners conference call with Colorado Department of Transportation regarding road projects.** 9 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and regular meeting.** 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, 7 Parelli Way.

### Tuesday, Nov. 10

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

**Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting.** Noon, The Break Room, 2045 Eagle Drive.

**Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting.** 4 p.m. See town website for participation information.

**Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board work session and regular meeting.** 4:30 p.m. work session, 5:30 p.m. meeting. See town website for partici-

tion information.

**Archuleta School District Board of Education.** 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. meeting, Pagosa Springs Middle School Library, 309 Lewis St.

**Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund meeting: Record of proceedings of Public Hearing on proposed 2021 budgets.** 6:30 p.m., Administration building, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

### Wednesday, Nov. 11

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation meeting.** 5:30 p.m. Zoom meeting. Check [www.pagosapringescdc.org](http://www.pagosapringescdc.org) for the login information.

### Thursday, Nov. 12

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special work session — budget departmental hearings.** 8:30 a.m. Call 264-8300 one to two days before the meeting to obtain the login information.

**Pagosa Springs Town Council work session.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

### Friday, Nov. 13

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# County approves site for new broadband towers

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

On Monday, Nov. 2, the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners held their regular board meeting. The meeting had been moved from the regular meeting day, Tuesday, in order to accommodate the election on Nov. 3.

The board held public hearings for four new broadband and cell towers to be installed throughout the county by Visionary Broadband. Each tower proposed required Visionary to apply for a conditional use permit (CUP) through Archuleta County.

The first hearing was for a new tower to be placed at the northern border of Archuleta County at Hinsdale County's road and bridge facility on Kleckner Lane.

Archuleta County's Development Director Brad Callender presented the CUP to the board.

Callender explained the tower

will be a 150-foot freestanding lattice tower and will contain both broadband and cellular provider capabilities.

Visionary Broadband Vice President of Network-Colorado Justin Davis said, "We chose this location mostly in part due to the emergency communications available in the area."

Hinsdale County Commissioner Kristine Borchers was in attendance and gave public comment in support of the tower.

"The upper Piedra is one of the busiest roads in the San Juan National Forest," Borchers said.

She explained how the lack of communications in the area has led to emergency situations in the past.

Borchers also noted that the site is not in a residential area.

Some residents gave public comment against the tower due to health concerns and the potential effects of electromagnetic frequencies (EMFs) on the community.

One resident noted that communities throughout the country and across the world have started to regulate the amount of EMFs that are allowed to be emitted.

Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver explained to the board of commissioners that, legally, under the Telecommunications Act, the county can not hear to health concerns over these towers as broadband and cellular service "are now a utility, like water."

Archuleta County Director of Emergency Operations Mike Le Roux spoke in favor of the tower and the need for emergency communications in the area.

Commissioner Steve Wadley commented, saying, "I want people to know that we take public input seriously. Additionally, we have to operate within the rules we are given."

Commissioner Ronnie Maez said, "One life is too many ... if we can make that connectivity happen

for the people and they can have that resource available ... I think we should make that happen."

The second CUP presented by Callender from Visionary was for a 60-foot self-supporting lattice tower that will only have broadband capabilities. As part of the application terms, Visionary will paint the tower green to fit in with the surrounding vegetation.

The site of this tower is also along the northern border of Archuleta County on a site zoned as agricultural estate with a single family residence on Cliffside Place.

"The areas we chose are for no service or very limited service and so we were very strategic in the locations we chose, and I think it's going to be a great service for the community," Davis said.

Another resident gave public comment in opposition of the tower with health concerns, specifically suggesting EMFs can have harmful effects on the synapses in human brains.

The commissioners gave no comment regarding this application.

The third CUP presented by Callender from Visionary was for a 20-foot self-supporting lattice tower with broadband capabilities only.

The proposed site is on an agricultural estate parcel with a single-family residence on Travis Place in the Pagosa Alpha subdivision.

Davis commented on the application, saying, "We chose this site to provide better service to the Alpha subdivision."

Property owners of the land adjacent to this site spoke in opposition to the tower.

They pointed out that their front door would be less than 225 feet from the tower, making them closest residents to the tower. They also spoke of health concerns regarding EMFs.

The land owners proposed an alternative site on their property that would put the tower more than 300 feet from their front door and would ease their health concerns.

Concerns of erosion in the area from roads needed to access the site were also brought up.

Owners of the property of the original proposed site commented in support of the tower.

They noted that they are not concerned with any health issues regarding this tower and stated that the tower would not be visible from any of the adjacent properties.

Another resident spoke in op-

position of this tower due to deed restrictions in the Alpha subdivision that limit construction to agricultural structures only.

He also spoke of concerns regarding how this tower might effect his existing service.

The commissioners gave no comment regarding the application.

The fourth CUP presented by Callender from Visionary was for a 100-foot monopole tower that will have broadband and cellular provider capabilities.

The site for this tower is on the east side of U.S. 84 at Archuleta County's road and bridge maintenance facility.

A resident brought up health concerns again in public comment for this tower and asked if there was any way to delay the construction of the towers until further investigations take place regarding the safety of EMFs emitted by these towers.

Maez spoke to the importance of the need for improved connectivity throughout Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

The board unanimously approved all four CUPs from Visionary.

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## Ellis

■ Continued from front

and cut it up ... and then we had corn cobs and that was our starter for the kitchen stove," he said.

The boys would go fox hunting, narrowing in from a mile square, "rifles only," Ellis said. "The foxes would go into the hen houses and eat all the eggs, so we'd declare war on foxes."

For fun they would roll down the hill in tires or have a barn dance.

"My neighbor played the fiddle, my aunt played the piano, I think, and my cousin played the drums. So, we always had music." Ellis glowed each time he spoke of music as it wove itself throughout his stories.

When Ellis turned 18, he was drafted into the armed services.

"My brother and I were in the house, in the farmyard, and dad was outside and he said, 'Hey, you two come down.' And we said, 'What's going on Dad?' 'They just declared war on Pearl Harbor and you two will probably have to go to war.' He was right. But he said, 'We could probably get you to stay on the farm.' But, you know, I didn't want to. My brother and I, we had Hay fever really bad, and we wanted to get away," Ellis recalled.

Ellis hadn't yet finished high school and said that he'd be allowed to finish first. "I said, 'Ah, the heck with it, I'll go. I don't want to wait, just get it over with.'"

### World War II

"When I was 18, my barber, who was 39, him and I got drafted together ... They lined the guys up, and they go, 'Navy. Army.' I got up there and I wanted the Navy. I got the Army," he said.

Ellis was sent overseas in March of 1945, into France then on into Germany.

His battalion was a backup for Battle of the Bulge, though "I never saw action," he said. "Nevertheless, I was there in the combat zone."

In Germany, he helped load thou-

sands of prisoners, "lots of Polish," onto boxcars, getting those who were lost carried out and taken care of. Once they were all taken care of, Ellis became part of the 1st Armored Division stationed in Stuttgart, Germany.

"These kids would come around. They'd say, 'can we do this, can we do that, chocolate, chocolate.' So, oh yeah, we put them to work. Then somehow we got around to ask them if they knew any German songs, and they sang this song. I said, 'Can you teach me to sing that song?' So yeah, they taught me to sing this German song," he recalled.

Ellis then sang the German song during the interview.

Twenty miles from Frankfurt, Germany, Ellis came down with diphtheria. He was in a Frankfurt hospital for two weeks.

"Those who could not take penicillin were very subject to die," he said. "My neighbor next door to me passed away while I was there. I could take penicillin ... I guess I was lucky."

### R and R

After Paris was no longer occupied, Ellis explained they got to go out to eat.

"We had a compound in Paris, and when we got there, we were locked in. We couldn't get out. So one evening we got to go to dinner there at one of the restaurants and it was pretty neat. You go in there and they're playing the violin, and you know everything was happy times. The liquor was terrible. I think I had a glass of wine."

Ellis also got to stay at a ski resort in Switzerland, recalling, "They gave me a couple of days of lessons of skiing. The food at the hotel was fabulous, for a GI."

### Korean War

After getting home from World War II, Ellis didn't stay in Kansas.

"I came home in June of '46. I was discharged. They asked me what I

wanted to do in the inactive reserves, I said, 'Ah, I don't care.' That was '46, I was in the inactive reserves when the Korean thing broke out. Well, guess what," he said.

Ellis was in California during that time.

Referring to when he got home from World War II, he said, "I got home and two weeks later, my aunt and uncle were in Manitou Springs, Colorado, and my grandma and grandpa were in California. They asked if I wanted to go with them, so I went to Manitou Springs."

Ellis worked at a cement company for a little while then went on to California, where his grandparents were.

"Then my aunt and uncle followed later. So, that's where we ended up in California, in Oakland, California," he said.

When asked how he felt when he was called back to service for the Korean War, Ellis responded that he didn't feel too good.

"Why me?" he said, articulating that he was in the inactive reserves and felt that he had done his service.

He was a truck driver in Korea, and also a KP, or kitchen patrol, which he said he liked very much.

"I would peel potatoes, and work in the kitchen. I liked that very much," he said.

After about a year in Korea, Ellis had received 46 points from his total service, which was enough for him to be sent home.

### A message for the future

When asked what message Ellis, who turned 95 last week, would like to leave for future generations, he answered, "Don't lie, because eventually it will come back to haunt you. You can't lie all your way through life. You gotta be honest. Honest, true blue. All the way. And it will end up that you will be able to survive longer if you are honest, faithful, helpful, and work with everybody without getting upset."

## LPEA discusses role in broadband

By Simone Mounsamy  
Staff Writer

Just before the wrap-up of La Plata Electric Association's (LPEA) District 1 virtual town hall meeting, LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock opened the subject of reliable broadband Internet service.

The LPEA Board of Directors voted to re-establish the Broadband Committee on Aug. 19. The committee will compose findings and recommendations to submit to the LPEA board for its meeting in April of 2021.

According to the Broadband Committee page on the LPEA website, the committee is responsible for educating the LPEA board about the basics of broadband, drafting a strategy that enables the utility of the future for the board, as well as making clarifications on the utilization of LPEA resources and relationships with broadband subsidiaries.

Matlock opened the URL <https://lpea.coop/board-directors-committees-when-the-virtual-presentation-and-expanded-the-section-entitled-broadband-committee>.

She encouraged co-op members (LPEA customers) to look at the site, then read the 2020 Broadband Whitepaper, to submit comments to [BroadbandCommitteeComments@lpea.coop](mailto:BroadbandCommitteeComments@lpea.coop) and, finally, to come to the next LPEA Broadband Committee meeting.

That meeting date had not been announced as of press time Wednesday.

### Why locals should care if LPEA begins sourcing broadband

In the 2020 Broadband Whitepaper, accessed on the site listed above, a detailed plan unfolds after the following: "Access to reliable broadband internet service is an ongoing concern for rural communities in Colorado. The private sector has had little incentive to invest, as sparse population densities and the high cost of construction does not provide a favorable return on investment to shareholders. Colorado cities, counties, and cooperatives ... have had to step-up to meet the broadband needs of their citizens and members."

During the Oct. 26 virtual meeting, Kirsten Skeehan, LPEA Broadband Committee director and chair, furthered that point.

"There are a lot of models where the cooperative provides the backbone and provides access for the Internet service provider, who would then resell it to your home," Skeehan said. "In the city, we have lots of options ... In remote areas, no one is willing to go that last mile and that's where we might have a role."

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## Election

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two for county commissioner and one for county surveyor.

For Archuleta County commissioner, District 1, Brown, a Republican, was victorious over a pair of unaffiliated candidates in Matthew T. Witt and Clifford Lucero.

Brown garnered 4,392 votes as of Tuesday night, compared to Witt's 932 and Lucero's 3,398.

When he is sworn in early next year, Brown will take the place of Steve Wadley, who is term limited and did not run for reelection.

"You know what, I feel very humbled and privileged that so many voters have put their faith and trust in me to help make Archuleta County a better place to live," he said Wednesday morning. "Really, that's how I feel."

Brown also expressed his appreciation for his competitors who were out there trying to help the county and its people.

Between now and when he's sworn in, Brown explained he'll be wrapping some things up at

the sheriff's office from a work standpoint, and he hopes to attend a commissioner conference in December in order to be better prepared going into office.

When he takes office, Brown said he hopes to work with the other commissioners and county staff to get an audit or assessment, not just financial, of the county so the county knows what it has in order to get a fresh start in 2021 and see what the county can do better.

"How are we doing? Are there things that we can do better? And I know that we've had these kinds of ... assessments before, but I would really like to listen to what the, any recommendations that are received if this should come to pass. And then I would like to see if as a county we can't be diligent in following the recommendations."

Brown will join Commissioner Alvin Schaaf on the board, as well as Ronnie Maez, who was reelected Tuesday for District 2.

Maez, a Republican, garnered 4,543 votes.

His unaffiliated opponent, Natalie Carpenter, tallied 4,176 votes.

"It feels good," Maez said of the win Wednesday morning. "Running for an election is a tough thing to do for everybody. It's not easy."

Maez explained he's back at work and will still focus on the county's responsibility for roads and seeing if the county can build a courthouse.

"Thank you to everyone who supported me, and I'll work hard for everybody in Archuleta County," he said.

Archuleta County voters also voted for county surveyor Tuesday — a race that does not normally appear in this election cycle.

Voters cast 6,294 votes for Ron Sutcliffe, who is unaffiliated and was appointed to the office in November 2019 following the resignation of Dean Schultz.

Sutcliffe was elected for the next two years, at which point the office will appear on the ballot as part of its normal election cycle.

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## Restrictions

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moisture would occur. Ultimately the decision to enter or exit a fire ban rests with the Archuleta County sheriff.

Le Roux noted another reason for waiting until Monday to lift the ban was to align it with the commissioners' meeting in order

to help make the announcement more publicized.

"We urge everyone to burn responsibly. The fuel is extremely dry, we're by no means out of the clear yet," Le Roux said.

A whole summer of drought conditions have led to an abundance of dry fuel throughout the

county, Le Roux explained.

Le Roux encouraged the public to "Burn responsibly, get a permit, and keep it within your means."

Burn permits can be purchased from PFPD station one on North Pagosa Boulevard.

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## Walmart

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the Archuleta County assessor. Walmart then has the opportunity to dispute the amount determined by the assessor. If denied by the assessor, it can then appeal to the Board of Equalization (BOE) if they believe the assessor's evaluation is inaccurate.

According to Weaver, Walmart appealed to BOEs across the state of Colorado and asked them to deny their requests in order to take the matter into district courts, which is

exactly what happened.

"The difference between the taxes owed was somewhere around \$8,000," Weaver said.

Weaver explained that both Walmart and Archuleta County would end up spending more than \$8,000 in court costs. So, with that in mind, the county agreed to split the difference with Walmart.

Archuleta County initially valued Walmart's property at \$1,819,845 but agreed to reduce that by 11.25 percent, down to \$1,615,112.44,

which results in a reduction of actual taxes owed to Archuleta County from \$37,066.70 to \$32,896.20.

"As a result, ACBOE shall issue a refund to Walmart in the amount of \$4,170.50," as stated in the settlement agreement.

Weaver also explained that after the application of the county's mill levy tax rate, approximately \$1,000 will come out of the county's general fund as part of the refund to be issued to Walmart.

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# 'The worst of this is not over': Officials urge continued caution as COVID cases rise

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Public health officials are asking residents to remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19 as cases tick upward and the holiday season nears, with local and state public health officials stating last week that modeling predicts approximately one in every 219 Coloradans is contagious with COVID-19.

The caution came as the state limited gatherings to no more than 10 people from no more than two households for counties within the blue, yellow and orange levels on the state's framework dial, and prohibits gatherings for counties in the red level.

It also coincided with modeling information released by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Colorado School of Public Health that shows that, on the current epidemic curve, Colorado will likely exceed the April peak in hospitalizations by Nov. 10.

The data further shows that, if the epidemic curve is not bent, Colorado could surpass intensive care unit (ICU) capacity in January. If contacts increase over the holidays (for example, due to gatherings between multiple households), ICU capacity could be exceeded in December.

The data was based on Colorado COVID-19 hospital census data through Oct. 26 and "assumptions based on the current state of the science," according to a press release about the data.

Modeling reports are available on the Colorado School of Public Health's COVID-19 website.

Archuleta County added 14 confirmed resident cases of the virus in October, while La Plata County added 143 confirmed resident cases, according to San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH).

As of Nov. 4 at noon, Archuleta County is listed as having 71 cumu-

lative resident cases and 61 total nonresident cases.

SJBPH shows that 39 residents have recovered in Archuleta County. Archuleta County remains in Level Blue: Safer at Home, which was previously known as Level 1.

La Plata County remains in Level Yellow: Safer at Home, which was previously called Level 2. La Plata County was one of several counties to move back a level on the state's dial at the end of October due to increased prevalence.

For more on what the levels allow, visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/current-reopening-phase/>.

## A call to action

On Oct. 30, SJBPH and other area officials held a press conference in which they urged the communities within Archuleta and La Plata counties to continue to take action to prevent the spread of the virus.

"This is really a community effort and a call to action," SPJBH Executive Director Liane Jollon said before noting that Southwest Colorado has been an outlier with its successes with the virus, schools having in-person learning and tourism. "We are proof that you can do it."

But, she noted later, COVID starts to be background noise with success.

"The worst of this is not over," she said, adding that it's "roaring" back.

If it gets away from us now, she added, it will be a rough winter.

"This is the time to get tested if you have symptoms," she said, adding toward the end of the press conference that the area is at a pivotal point and tiny things make "gigantic" differences.

Other speakers at the press conference included Archuleta School District Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza, Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb, as well as a number of speakers based out of La Plata County.

LeBlanc-Esparza explained that in-person education is the best

opportunity for students and is the most engaging, especially with connectivity issues in the area.

She added that students are appreciating being back in school and implored people to continue to follow precautions to work toward community wellness and keep students in school.

Webb acknowledged, "We're all tired of it," adding that we have to learn to live with the pandemic so we can live.

She noted that the medical center can surge to hold 25 hospitalized patients, but wants to avoid being at capacity.

She added that we want to keep the economy open and need to keep the hospital open.

Mercy Regional Medical Center Interim CEO Michael Murphy explained that the Centura hospital system feels confident it can meet the challenges, but noted the need to be vigilant with the holidays approaching.

He pointed out that people reach their infectious peak before symptoms showing or while being asymptomatic.

"It's not rocket science, but it's science," Durango Mayor Dean Brookie said.

"We need to act now to avoid challenging peaks in infections and hospital demand over the next three months. The window to improve transmission control is over the next several weeks. Our community is at a critical moment and we need everyone to do their part," a SJBPH press release issued after the press conference states.

The press release also includes public health precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, especially heading into the holiday seasons:

- Stay at home as much as possible, including working remotely.
- Practice physical distancing (at least 6 feet away from another person).
- Wear face coverings when in

public (mask order still in effect in indoor public spaces).

• Practice good hygiene (washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes, etc.).

• Sign up for exposure notification on your phone here: <https://www.addyourphone.com/>.

• Get tested if you have symptoms or believe you've been exposed through a known contact or community interaction.

• Limit social gatherings to no more than 10 people, from no more than two households (current state order).

## Exposure notification

As of Oct. 28, 587,615 people had activated the CO Exposure Notifications service, which helps alert users who may have been near someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

CO Exposure Notifications, launched on Oct. 25 in partnership with Google and Apple, complements existing statewide health safety protocols without compromising the privacy of Coloradans, according to a press release on the system.

The press release explains, "When users enable the service, their smartphones share anonymous tokens with other users through the phones' Bluetooth technology. If another user tests positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period and chooses to upload their results, users at risk of infection will receive an alert of potential exposure. Tokens are not associated with any phone number, name, location or IP address, and they change every 15 minutes to add an extra layer of anonymity. Learn more about CO Exposure Notifications at [addyourphone.com](https://www.addyourphone.com/)."

CO Exposure Notifications also provides individuals who receive an exposure alert with instructions on recommended next steps, including information on quarantine and contacting their local public health agency.

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## As coronavirus cases continue to surge, prioritize your mental health

By Flora Welsh  
Mental Health Colorado

The colder months are here, driving many of us indoors. The stress of one of the most contentious elections in our nation's history has left us feeling divided and frustrated. And coronavirus numbers are surging, affecting everyone's mental health.

According to a recent report from Mental Health America, our mental health needs are growing and our harmful substance use is on the rise.

As the days get darker, many of us experience seasonal depression, even in the best of times. This year, it goes beyond seasonal depression. Watch out for your mental health.

Watch out for the mental health of your friends and family.

Here are some things you can do to help keep yourself and others well:

- Reach out to people, let them know how you're feeling.

Don't forget to go outside — even when it's cold. Take a walk around the block to clear your mind and get some fresh air and sunshine. Just remember to bundle up first.

- Exercise. There are free classes you can take online if it's too cold outside and you don't feel comfortable going to the gym. Find a 30-day fitness challenge and stick to it.

- Schedule time with your loved ones. If you can't meet in person, put a weekly coffee or tea date on the calendar and stick to it. We need each

other now more than ever.

- Limit screen time. Put a date on the calendar for a 24-hour social media detox. Studies show increased mental health concerns directly correlate with social media usage.

Resources: Colorado Crisis Service: (844) 493-8255 or visit its website.

Many insurance providers are offering telehealth for mental health. If you have insurance, start by calling your provider to get connected with a mental health professional. Some other options for getting connected with a therapist are resources like Sondermind or Open Path Collective.

On our free resource website page, you can find online activities that bring us joy are wonderful ways

to take care of ourselves. We also list resources related to housing, financial, and health concerns/questions.

We're in this together. Never forget, you are not alone. Remember to breathe. Focus on what you can control. And don't miss this chance to practice active kindness to all.

## About Mental Health Colorado

Mental Health Colorado is the state's leading advocate in promoting mental wellness, ending shame and discrimination, and ensuring equitable access to mental health and substance use care. Mental Health Colorado is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization and an affiliate of Mental Health America.

## Forest Service plans winter pile burning

By Esther Godson  
San Juan National Forest

The San Juan National Forest fuels management staff are planning to burn slash piles this fall and winter. Operations typically take place after significant weather such as when snowfall occurs.

These piles consist of thinning slash from hazardous fuels reduction projects and timber sales. Hazardous fuels reduction projects target specific areas to reduce wildfire hazards to nearby private residences, land and other infrastructure.

Operations will begin as early as this month and could continue through April, when sufficient

weather and snow is present to prevent fire spread, and will continue as long as conditions allow. Firefighters will ignite and closely monitor pile-burning activities. Burning will only occur when all conditions of the state-issued smoke permit are met. These activities should not affect public access or use of the forest.

The Pagosa Ranger District plans to burn slash piles near the following locations northwest of Pagosa Springs: Turkey Springs Road (Forest System Road, or FSR, 629), East Monument Road (FSR 630), Newt Jack Road (FSR 923), Turkey Springs Guard Station Road (FSR 629.B) and Monument Park C1 Road (FSR 630.C1). Smoke may be visible from

Pagosa Springs and U.S. 160.

The Columbine Ranger District plans to burn slash piles in areas east of Bayfield in Saul's Creek near FSR 608 and Fosset Gulch near FSR 613. Smoke may be visible from the surrounding communities and U.S. 160 east between Bayfield and Pagosa.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For information, visit: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

For additional information on planned pile burns, please contact the specific fuels management staff at:

- Columbine Ranger District, 884-2512.
- Pagosa Ranger District, 264-2268.

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# Sports

## FOOTBALL



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The Pirates' defensive line looks to take down a Lamar Savage during the first half of the teams' Halloween matchup. Pagosa defeated Lamar 22-8 at home to move to the top of the league.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cheerleaders took to the field at halftime of the football team's 22-8 win Saturday to entertain the crowd with a dance.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Aaron Aucoin intercepts a pass during the second half of the team's victory over the then-No. 5 Lamar Savages Saturday. With the win, the Pirates now sit as the No. 4 team in Colorado 2A football.

## Pirates remain undefeated, knock off No. 4 Lamar

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, Oct. 31, the Pagosa Springs High School football team took on the Lamar Savages in a top-10 2A division conference matchup. The Savages entered the game ranked fourth in the state's 2A division, while Pagosa Springs was ranked fifth, according to CHSAANow.com.

The Pirates defeated the Savages 22-8 in a tough fight, as Pirates' head coach Nathan Morales de-

scribed in an interview on Monday. The game ended up being a battle of the defenses and turnovers.

"Both defenses, when they needed to tighten up, they did. It almost felt like whoever had the ball last was going to win," Morales said.

Morales also commented on Lamar's program, saying, "Coach Tice does a great job, he's got great kids and good athletes."

The Savages started out the game with a touchdown on their

opening drive and a two-point conversion to make it 8-0 — a lead they ended the quarter with as the Pirates were unable to get on the board in the first quarter.

However, the Savages would not score again for the rest of the game. The Pirates went on to put up 14 points in the second quarter from capitalizing off of two turnovers by the Savages.

An interception by Pirate safety Aidan O'Donnell led to a touchdown reception by Aaron Aucoin from Grant Aucoin.

The Pirates' defense came up with another takeaway later in the second quarter. Grant Aucoin picked up a fumble by the Savages, which he returned for a 15-yard touchdown. A successful two-point conversion gave the Pirates a 14-8 lead late in the second quarter.

The fight between the defenses continued into the second half as the third quarter ended scoreless.

"They did a good job trying to stop us from passing this week," said Morales, referring to the Savages' defense.

Later in the fourth quarter, the Savages made a drive down inside the Pirates 10-yard line, but failed to get into the end zone as penalties forced the Savages into a long fourth and goal that they couldn't convert.

On the ensuing drive for the

## GOLF



Photo courtesy Mark Faber

Pirate senior Dylan Manzanares earned Intermountain League all-conference honors for his work on the links this year. Manzanares was one of five league golfers to earn the honor.



Photo courtesy Mark Faber

Pirate senior Taylor Cotts garnered Intermountain League all-conference honors for his performance with the golf team this season. Cotts' senior campaign ended with a state tournament appearance.



**Work hard, Pirates!**



"So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls."

Acts 2:41

(continued from previous article) In Acts 2 Luke records that Peter and the eleven apostles spoke about Jesus to a crowd that had gathered. When the Jews realized they crucified the Messiah for whom they had been looking, they asked, "What shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." He testified and exhorted them with more words and said "Be saved from this perverse generation." This resulted in about three thousand souls receiving the word, being

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# Outdoors

## Deer hunters: Chronic wasting disease testing mandatory in southwest Colorado

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) reminds successful deer hunters in southwest Colorado that their harvested animals must be tested for chronic wasting disease (CWD). The testing is being done this year as part of CPW's CWD Response Plan and is critical for deer management planning.

Testing is being required because CPW is working to determine the current prevalence of the fatal disease in western Colorado. This year's mandatory testing is part of the 15-year monitoring program described in the CWD Response Plan. The plan can be viewed at [cpw.state.co.us/cwd](http://cpw.state.co.us/cwd).

In southwest Colorado, the game management units where testing is required are: 411, 52, 521, 53, 54, 55, 60, 63, 66, 67, 68,

70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 681, 682, 711, 741, 751, 771 and 791. Submission sites and locations can be found on the CPW website at [cpw.state.co.us/cwd-locations#list](http://cpw.state.co.us/cwd-locations#list).

The testing service is free and individual results will be posted in about three weeks from the time of submission. Hunters whose deer tests positive for CWD will be notified by a single phone call attempt, email and a mailed letter, so hunters are encouraged to ensure their contact information is on file with CPW and is current. Hunters whose animals test positive can call CPW at (303) 297-1192 or email [dnr\\_cpw.cwd@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_cpw.cwd@state.co.us) for information on the next steps to take.

For submission, hunters must present their license and an accurate location where the animal was harvested. Harvest locations are

kept confidential. GPS coordinates are best, but a map location is also helpful. The head of the animal should be removed 4 inches below the lower jawbone and the base of the skull. Heads should be brought in as soon as possible, preferably within five days of harvest. In order to take samples — lymph nodes and tonsils — heads should not be frozen.

For those planning to mount trophies, antlers and capes from harvested deer may be removed by hunters before submitting heads. CPW will not remove antlers or capes. Hunters who are planning shoulder mounts should take their animals to a taxidermist before submitting the head for testing. Please ask your taxidermist or meat processor to leave 4 inches of neck when removing the head. Hunters planning European-mount taxidermy should bring the head to the

CPW submission site before taking it to the taxidermist. Hunters who are planning taxidermy or mounting should notify CPW personnel at the submission site.

In Archuleta County, heads can be taken to The Archuleta Fairgrounds 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 7-14 and Nov. 18-23.

In CPW's southwest region, heads can be taken to the four area wildlife offices: Durango, 151 E. 16th Street, 247-0855; Gunnison, 300 W. New York Ave., (970) 641-7060; Monte Vista, 0721 S Road 1 East, (719) 587-6900; or Montrose, 2300 S. Townsend Ave (U.S. 550), (970) 252-6000.

For convenience, hunters can also take their animals to other testing sites in western Colorado. The list of locations can be found at: <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/ResearchCWD-Submission.aspx>.

## PAWSD adds water to Hatcher Lake

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Manager Justin Ramsey released a public service announcement Monday, Nov. 2, outlining the current water levels in Pagosa Springs' local lakes.

According to the press release, Lake Forest is currently down 4 inches.

Hatcher lake is the lowest of the five lakes and is currently down 67 inches.

According to Ramsey's press release, the state began allowing PAWSD to add 1 cubic foot per second (cfs) into Hatcher Lake from the Four Mile diversion. This began Oct. 29.

Stevens Lake's water level is down 33 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa's water level is currently down 14 inches.

Village Lake is currently down 29 inches.

The West Fork diversion flow rate is listed at 3 cfs.

Water production from Oct. 23 through Oct. 29 was listed at a total of 9.59 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 2.58 million gallons, while the Hatcher plant contributed 7.01 million gallons.

Last year, total water production was listed at 9.18 million gallons for those dates.

### River report

After a recent storm that dropped nearly 2 feet of snow across the southern San Juan Mountains, the San Juan River has seen a rise in its flow rate compared to recent readings. Last month, a record low flow rate was set.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the San Juan River was flowing at a rate of 48.4 cfs as of 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Based on 84 years of water records, the river is still flowing below the average rate of 117 cfs for this date.

The highest recorded rate for this date was in 1987 at 657 cfs. The lowest recorded rate was 22 cfs, recorded in 1956.

## Share your 2020 drought stories

By Laura Spann  
Southwestern Water Conservation District

Faced with the challenge of traveling and touring in the midst of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Colorado Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources invite all who are experiencing the impacts of drought, particularly in agriculture, to submit their drought-related stories online through a dedicated "Drought Virtual Tour" website, <https://engage-wcb.org/drought-virtual-tour>, managed by the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

Anecdotal reports, stories, photos, videos or recommendations from agriculture producers and communities regarding drought conditions, economic challenges and adaptive solutions are encouraged.

All Colorado citizens may participate, and the important information gathered will directly inform current and future statewide drought response efforts.

## Football

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Pirates, running back Dylan Tressler broke off a 57-yard touchdown run to secure the victory. Another successful two-point conversion brought the score to 22-8.

Tressler ended the game averaging 9.3 yards per carry. He had a total of 167 yards and one touchdown on 18 carries.

Senior Cam Hinger led the team with 11 total tackles and the Pirates'

defense came up with three take-aways on the day.

"In a game like that, you know adversity is going to strike and it's how your players respond and I think ours, with the mindset of the next play, helps us get through those things, the kids do a great job of focusing on the next play ... I'm proud of the kids and how they fought," Morales said.

After moving up one spot in this

week's rankings, the fourth-ranked Pirates will face the La Junta Tigers tomorrow, Friday Nov. 6, at Pagosa Springs High School's Golden Peaks Stadium at 5 p.m. The Pirates will be recognizing their senior players for Senior Night as this will be the last home game of the regular season.

When asked about the team's mentality for this week's preparations to face the La Junta Tigers, Morales said, "Win each day, that's our mindset ... We got our hands full this week and we know we got to grind and we got to have a good week of practice."

The Tigers are coming into tomorrow's game off a 42-12 win against the Alamosa Mean Moose.

The Tigers have a record of 2-2 on the season and are ranked third in the 2A Southwestern League with a league mark of 1-1, while the Pirates are currently ranked first in the league with a league tally of 3-0 and overall record of 4-0.

Lamar sits second in the league with a 2-1 league mark and 3-1 overall record.

Bayfield and Alamosa are each 0-2 in league play.

According to Morales, a win tomorrow would crown the Pirates as league champions.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only two spectator ticket opportunities are allowed per home player and coach, with no visiting spectators allowed and no general admission, according to Athletic Director Marcie Ham.

Those looking to watch the games can do so by purchasing a subscription at <https://www.nfn-snetnetwork.com/supportprogram>.

Due to COVID-19-related issues, the Pirates' last regular season game against Manitou Springs has been canceled, with the Mustangs canceling their season.

[clayton@pagosason.com](mailto:clayton@pagosason.com)

## CROSS-COUNTRY



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate senior Gabe Heraty was named to the 3A all-state team for cross-country Tuesday following his ninth-place finish at the recent state meet in Colorado Springs.

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Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Tel. 970.264.2400

**Peregrine Townhouses Property Owners' Association, Inc., Plaintiff**  
v.  
**Sue Tindall, et al Defendants**  
Case No. 2020CV30019

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST Sheriff Sale No. 2020-06**

This is to advise you that a Sheriff's sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order dated June 29, 2020, and C.R.S. § 38-38-101. This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, 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 June 29, 2020, 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): WTA SERVICES LLC FABIAN TABORDA BONNIE J GRAHAM H A GRAHAM SHARON L CONDON LARRY E CONDON

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, 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: Peregrine Townhouses 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: Peregrine Townhouses Property Owners Association, Inc. Debtor(s): See attached Exhibit "A" 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 o'clock P.M., on December 4, 2020, Sale Number: 2020-06 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. THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN

First Publication: 10/08/2020 Last Publication: 11/05/2020 Name of Publication: Pagosa Sun 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

All inquiries relating to this Sheriff Sale shall be made to 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 3, 2020. Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado

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

Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV Matter: Amount Owners: WTA Services LLC Building Number: 18 Lot (Unit) Number: 7835-7836 UDI Points: 28,000 Unpaid Assessments: \$562.94 Costs: \$433.23 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$1,996.17

of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, subject to First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV Matter: Amount Owners: Fabian Taborda Building Number: 28 Lot (Unit) Number: 7855-7856 UDI Points: 154,000

See Public Notices A12

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Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

**Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI**  
 Matter Amount  
 Owners: Maryann Schultzb  
 Building Number: 31  
 Lot (Unit) Number: 7861-7862  
 UDI Points: 154,000  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,413.98  
 Costs: \$293.11  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,413.99  
 Owners: Resort Reclamations, LLC  
 Building Number: 26  
 Lot (Unit) Number: 7851-7852  
 UDI Points: 308,000  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$3,158.70  
 Costs: \$293.11  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$4,451.81

Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99011974, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership of Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

**Peregrine Townhouses Phase VII**  
 Matter Amount  
 Owners: Charles P Zarrelli  
 Building Number: 33  
 Lot (Unit) Number: 7865-7866  
 UDI Points: 49,000  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$810.82  
 Costs: \$293.11  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,103.93  
 Owners: Mel Robison and Shirley Robison  
 Building Number: 33  
 Lot (Unit) Number: 7865-7866  
 UDI Points: 302,000  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,911.00  
 Costs: \$293.11  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$4,204.11

Peregrine Townhouses Phase VII as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20005495, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

**Peregrine Townhouses Phase VIII**  
 Matter Amount  
 Owners: Debbie L. Settler  
 Building Number: 38  
 Lot (Unit) Number: 7875-7876  
 UDI Points: 154,000  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,504.96  
 Costs: \$293.11  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,798.07

Peregrine Townhouses Phase VIII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20010906, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

**Peregrine Townhouses Phase VIII**  
 Matter Amount  
 Owners: Debbie L. Settler  
 Building Number: 38  
 Lot (Unit) Number: 7875-7876  
 UDI Points: 154,000  
 Unpaid Assessments: \$1,504.96  
 Costs: \$293.11  
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Total: \$2,798.07

Peregrine Townhouses Phase VIII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20010906, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

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**DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**  
 Court Address: 46 Eaton Dr., Suite #1, PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81447  
 Phone Number: 970-264-8160  
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 Daniel L. Fiedler, #47916  
 190 Talisman Dr., Suite D-6  
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81447  
 970-507-8528  
 E-mail: danielfiedler@gmail.com  
 Case Number: 2020CV30075

**EVANGELINE M. CATCHPOLE LIVING TRUST; HARVEY J. CATCHPOLE, TRUSTEE v. DEFENDANTS:**

JUNE BALES, if living, and or her unknown heirs, and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,

**SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION) PLAINTIFFS: EVANGELINE M. CATCHPOLE LIVING TRUST; HARVEY J. CATCHPOLE, TRUSTEE**

**TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER NE1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NE1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 25; THENCE N. 89°12'22"E. 1291.11 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NE1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 25 TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 14 OF HOLIDAY ACRES SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 3; THENCE S. 22°15'52"W. 221.26 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 14 OF HOLIDAY ACRES SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 3 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 15 OF HOLIDAY ACRES SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 3; THENCE N. 89°47'35"W. 1204.61 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 15 AND 16 OF HOLIDAY ACRES SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 3 AND THEIR PROJECTION THEREOF, TO THE WEST LINE OF THE NE1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 25; THENCE N. 00°47'55"W. 182.54 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE NE1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 25 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 5.54 ACRES MORE OR LESS. Respectfully submitted this 8th day of October, 2020.  
 /s/ Daniel L. Fiedler  
 Daniel L. Fiedler  
 First Publication: October 15, 2020  
 Last Publication: November 12, 2020  
 Published October 15, 22, 29, November 5 and 12, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
 To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or

Specialty Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
 SKY VIEW ENTERPRISES LLC  
 P O BOX 1310  
 BRONX, NY 10471

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

MICHAEL J. CAREY  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 27 OF BLOCK 16 IN AMENDED ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 15, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74503.**

Account Number: R002982  
 Schedule Number: 569303102013  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04019  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to HILARI L. BELL

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of SKY VIEW ENTERPRISES LLC for said year 2016.

That said MICHAEL J. CAREY on the 1st day of September 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to MICHAEL J. CAREY

On the 3rd day of March 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
 Witness my hand this 29th day of September 2020

/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
 Published October 22, 29 and November 5, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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JAMES M. WARD  
 119 BASTILLE DRIVE  
 PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81447

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

HILARI L. BELL  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 27 OF BLOCK 10 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JULY 6, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74567, BEING AN AMENDMENT OF THE PLAT OF ASPEN SPRINGS RANCH SUBDIVISION NO. 3, FILED ON APRIL 9, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74284.**

Account Number: R003635  
 Schedule Number: 569312208017  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04081  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to HILARI L. BELL

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JAMES M. WARD for said year 2016.

That said HILARI L. BELL on the 1st day of September 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to HILARI L. BELL

On the 3rd day of March 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
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 Witness my hand this 29th day of September 2020

/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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LIANNE RICHEY  
 149 SUSAN'S PLACE  
 PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81447

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

HILARI L. BELL  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 552 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.**

Account Number: R015779  
 Schedule Number: 569316408012  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04096  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to HILARI L. BELL

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JUSTIN TRAVIS FOWLER for said year 2016.

That said HILARI L. BELL on the 1st day of September 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to HILARI L. BELL

On the 3rd day of March 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
 Witness my hand this 30th day of September 2020

/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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JAMES SAMUELS  
 16847 NE FLANDERS STREET  
 PORTLAND, OR 97230-6246

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

PATRICK H DISNER  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 77 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.**

Account Number: R015796  
 Schedule Number: 569316408029  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04125  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to PATRICK H DISNER

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JAMES SAMUELS for said year 2016.

That said PATRICK H DISNER on the 1st day of September 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to PATRICK H DISNER

On the 3rd day of March 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
 Witness my hand this 30th day of September 2020

/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
 LISA L. PAYNE  
 756 GOLDENROD COURT  
 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81505-8645

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

HILARI L. BELL  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 230 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD**

Account Number: R004003  
 Schedule Number: 569315403024  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04083  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to HILARI L. BELL

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of LISA L. PAYNE for said year 2016.

That said HILARI L. BELL on the 1st day of September 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to HILARI L. BELL

On the 3rd day of March 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
 Witness my hand this 29th day of September 2020

/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
 Published October 22, 29 and November 5, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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DAVID A. MORAGA  
 3115 DOVE CANYON  
 OXNARD, CA 93036

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

STUART BISHOP  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 128 IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD APRIL 30, 1979 AS RECEPTION NO. 94867.**

Account Number: R010912  
 Schedule Number: 569920219016  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03619  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to STUART BISHOP

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DAVID A. MORAGA and MARIA MORAGA for said year 2015

That said STUART BISHOP on the 1st day of September 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to STUART BISHOP

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JUSTIN TRAVIS FOWLER  
 2287 S. OSCEOLA STREET  
 DENVER, CO 80219

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of September 2020, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

LISA E. WITMER- BROWN and MARK W. BROWN  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 11 OF BLOCK 7 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JULY 6, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74567, BEING AN AMENDMENT OF THE PLAT OF ASPEN SPRINGS RANCH SUBDIVISION NO. 3, FILED ON APRIL 9, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74284.**

Account Number: R003478  
 Schedule Number: 569312101048  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04206  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to LISA E. WITMER- BROWN and MARK W. BROWN

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JUSTIN TRAVIS FOWLER for said year 2016.

That said LISA E. WITMER- BROWN and MARK W. BROWN on the 1st day of September 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to LISA E. WITMER- BROWN and MARK W. BROWN

On the 3rd day of March 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
 Witness my hand this 22nd day of October 2020

/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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BOB RAU  
 31722 HIGHWAY 55, TRLR 40  
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You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November 2017, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

RUSSELL CHARLES HUDLER V  
 the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 154 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOFF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74884.**

Account Number: R009873  
 Schedule Number: 569919313031  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2017-04213  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to RUSSELL CHARLES HUDLER V

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2016  
 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of BOB RAU for said year 2016.

That said RUSSELL CHARLES HUDLER V on the 10th day of September 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to RUSSELL CHARLES HUDLER V

On the 24th day of February 2021, unless the same has been redeemed.  
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
 Witness my hand this 22nd day of October 2020

/s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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**NOTICE CONCERNING PROPOSED BUDGET OF SAN JUAN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
 NOTICE is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the San Juan Water Conservancy District for the ensuing year of 2021; that a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the District at 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 45, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, where the same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget is also available on the District's website www.sjwcd.org; and that such proposed budget will be considered at a Public Hearing of the Board of Directors of the District to be held via Zoom in accordance with CDC and CDPHE recommendations on October 19 on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Zoom meeting access information can be found on the District's website www.sjwcd.org within 24 hours of the meeting. Any elector within the District may, at any time prior to the final

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 Estate of Terry Lewis Rosser, Deceased  
 Case No. 2020 PR 30035  
 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before March 1, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.

Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law  
 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6  
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81447  
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**ALPHA-ROCKRIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOTICE OF BUDGET**  
 Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors for the ensuing year 2021; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed at the Archuleta County Commissioners Office, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO, where the same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Ross Aragon Community Center, Room E, located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Any interested elector of the Alpha-Rockridge Metro District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.

Tom Watts  
 Budget Officer  
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Account Number: R010912  
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## LPEA discusses future power supply options

By Simone Mounsamy  
Staff Writer

During October's La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) virtual town hall meetings, the meeting serving District 1 (Archuleta, Hinsdale, and Mineral counties) was held on Oct. 26. The LPEA Board of Directors and Leadership Team presented information on LPEA's future power supply options.

LPEA is a member-owned, non-profit electric distribution cooperative. It serves La Plata County, but also Archuleta County, and segments of Hinsdale, Mineral and San Juan counties.

"LPEA was founded in 1939 by the local community for one single purpose — to bring power and light to all corners of the area, improving lives and powering a strong economy," wrote Hillary Knox, LPEA vice president of communications, in a news release. "Eighty-one years later, LPEA is still supporting the initial cooperative principles on which it was founded."

### Wholesale power

At the meeting, the board and team members discussed their current contract with the wholesale power provider Tri-State Generation and Transmission. The current contract, which expires in 2050, limits LPEA's goal percentages of its own energy use and energy mix.

LPEA wrote in the presentation slides that it is "limited to 5% of LPEA's total energy use," and its goal is to "add 50 MW to reach 18% of our total energy use (operational target)."

### Renewable energy

LPEA featured one goal in particular during the meeting: moving toward the use of more renewable energy, and less fossil fuel energy. While working with Tri-State, the energy mix is on a ratio of 70 percent fossil fuels and 30 percent renewables.

"We intend to flip that ratio," stated LPEA Vice President of Grid Solutions Dan Harms, adding that he hopes Tri-State is doing its part to reduce emissions as well. "Part of their Responsible Energy Plan is to reduce their coal levels and increase their renewables."

On the "Mission, Vision, Plan" page of its website, LPEA gives its strategic goal: "LPEA will strive to reduce its carbon footprint by 50% from 2018 levels by year 2030 while keeping members' cost of electricity lower than 70% of its Colorado cooperative peers."

"But aren't renewables more expensive?" the meeting presentation highlighted before disproving the idea.

The next slide presented a line graph. It showed that while in 2009 solar energy cost \$359 per megawatt-hour (MWh, or 35.9 cents a kilowatt-hour, or kWh) and energy derived from coal cost \$123 per MWh (12.3 cents a kWh), by 2019 the cost of solar energy plummeted to \$40 per MWh (4 cents a kWh) while the cost of coal rose to \$155 per MWh (15.5 cents a kWh).

"And predictions are that the costs will continue to decrease," the presentation states next to the line graph in reference to renewable prices.

### Achieving goals while under contract

LPEA aims to either gain flexibility of choice while remaining under contract with Tri-State, or to pursue a partial or full buyout.

LPEA indicated during its presentation that a buyout number was requested from Tri-State, but was denied.

"We'd like to go back to our cooperative roots. Tri-State provides 95% of the energy use. We'd like to increase our local generation by quite a bit," said Harms, referring to LPEA's goal of increasing to 18 percent total energy use.

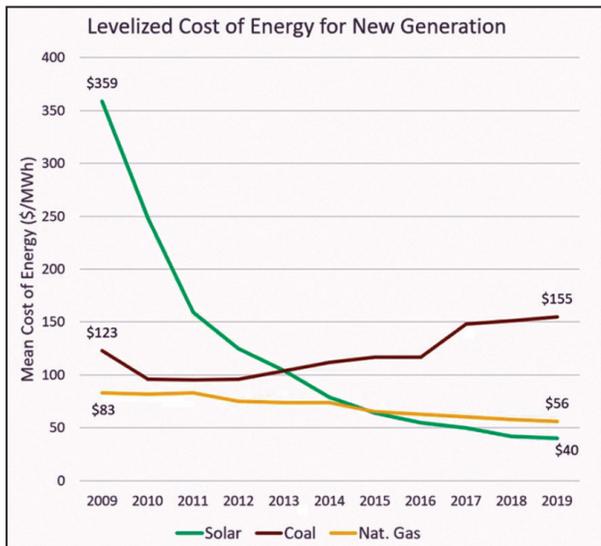
LPEA is waiting for the next steps in attaining a fair and equitable full buyout number. On Nov. 5, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission will publish a written order. On Dec. 9, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will hold a settlement conference on the matter.

Until then, LPEA is evaluating the expense options.

LPEA's presentation explains that the cooperative is obtaining market-price quotes on the costs of replacement power if it is to no longer source its power from Tri-State. The potential expense of transmission delivery must be determined as well. These expenses contribute to the projection of a buyout option.

### What LPEA's plan means for consumer prices

During the Q&A that followed the Oct. 26 virtual town hall meeting, 40-year LPEA member Alan Pow-



Graph courtesy La Plata Electric Association

This line graph exhibits the declining cost of renewable energy against the costs of energy derived from coal and natural gas.

dermaker put forward a question.

"Have other electric cooperatives left Tri-State, and on what terms?" Powdermaker asked.

The board responded that two cooperatives have left Tri-State. Kit Carson Electric Cooperative left, paying \$37 million for its cash buyout, and Delta-Montrose Electric Association paid \$86 million for its buyout.

Powdermaker posed a follow-up: "Are these levels that will not cost consumers large increases?"

"Absolutely," Harms confirmed. "We wouldn't do this if they did. We're looking at options that put

downward pressure on people."

### For more information

LPEA's board meets monthly, on the third Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m., making the next meeting Nov. 18.

The first hour is always designated to public comments and questions.

When asked via email about these meetings, Hillary Knox, LPEA vice president of communications, wrote, "You must be a member to attend and comment. That said, they are made available to the public on our YouTube channel."

## Thanksgiving issue Thursday, November 26 Early Deadlines

Display Advertising  
Noon, Friday, November 20

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10 a.m., Monday, November 23  
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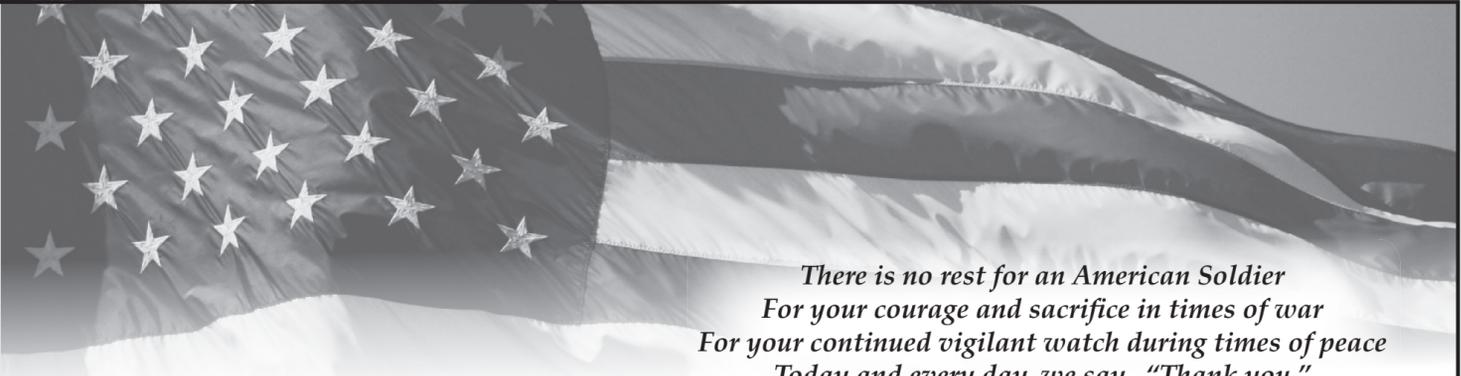
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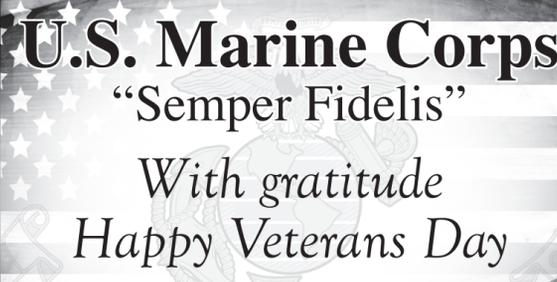
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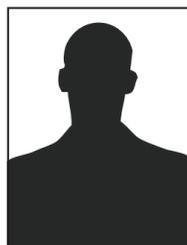
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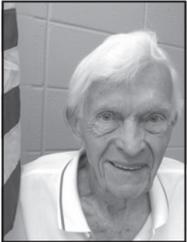
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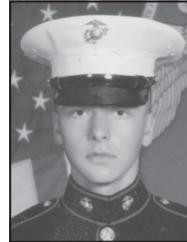
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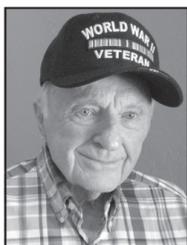
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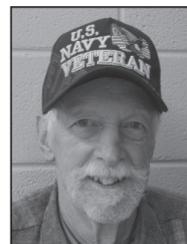
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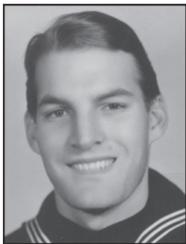
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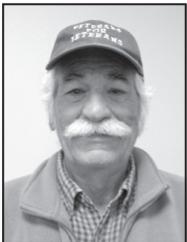
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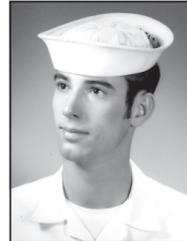
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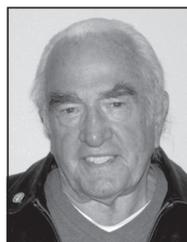
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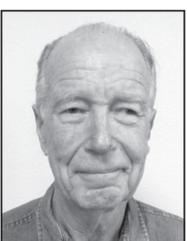
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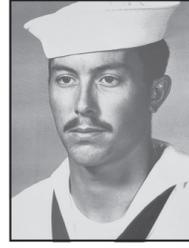
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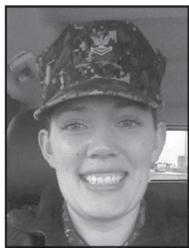
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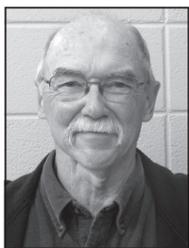
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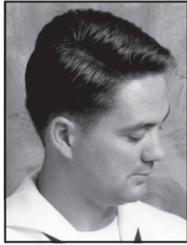
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# Photography Club

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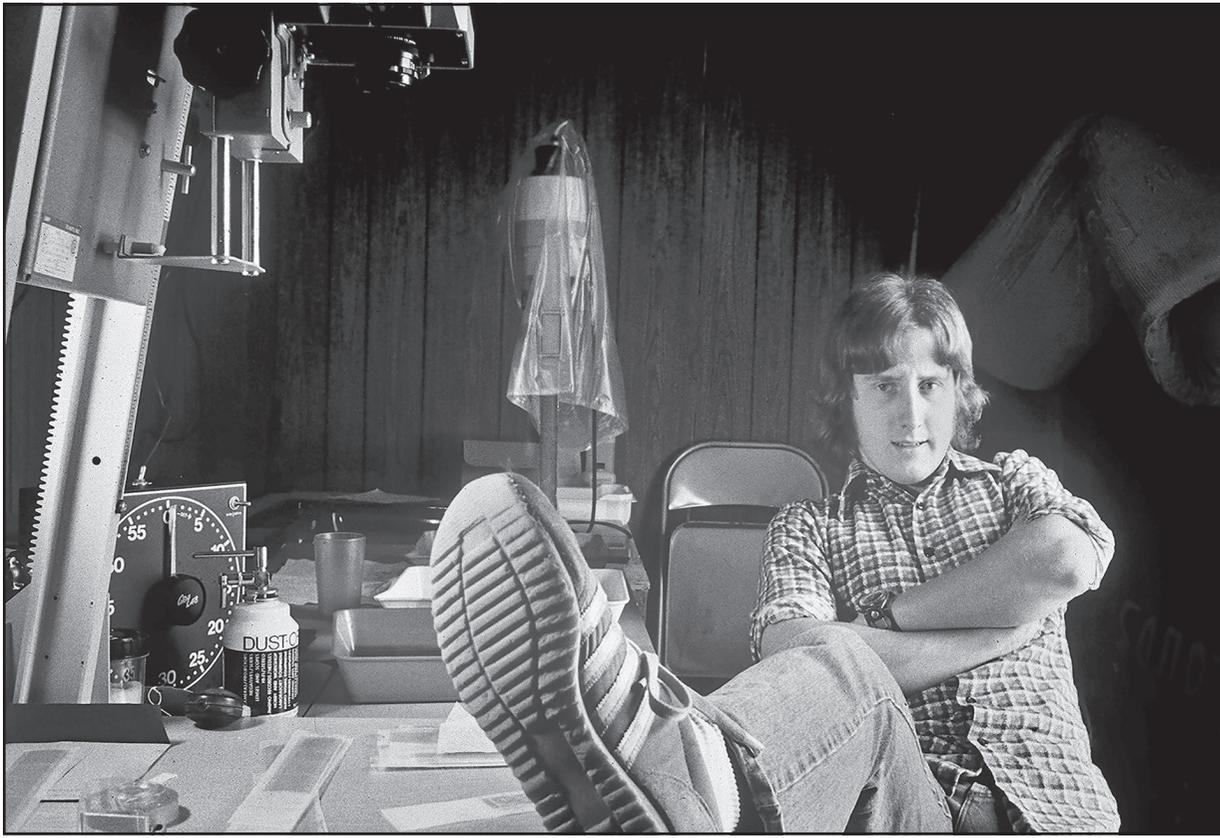


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Mark Langford in his dark room, 1976. Langford will be the featured speaker at the Nov. 11 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club.

## Photography Club to hear from Mark Langford Nov. 11

By Gregg Heid

Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The Nov. 11 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held online via Zoom videoconferencing, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our speaker this month will be Mark Langford.

Langford is a graduate of the Brooks Photography Institute and has been a commercial photographer with his own business for over 30 years. In addition, he has photographed several books about

the San Antonio, Texas, area. Langford now resides in Pagosa Springs.

Langford's presentation will be "Photography ... One lifelong field trip." Join Langford as he reflects on an exciting career capturing a wide range of subjects from his early years in high school through today. From people to buildings and food products, to coffee table books, fine art and more, come and relive Langford's never-ending journey in photography.

This will be a virtual meeting, live online, using Zoom video-

conferencing. Photography Club members will receive a club email containing a Zoom link to participate in Langford's presentation. Others who are interested in taking part may contact club president Andy Butler for information at [abutler@mac.com](mailto:abutler@mac.com).

The Photography Club promotes educational, social and fun interactions between any and all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help photographers develop their skills. Non-members are invited to attend a meeting to learn more about the club. For membership information, visit our website at <https://pagosaprinphotoclub.org/about/>.

## Blood drive set for today, Nov. 5

By Sharee Grazda

Special to The PREVIEW

There will be a blood drive on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Centerpoint Church sanctuary, 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

All successful donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies.

Be sure to eat a good meal, drink plenty of water and bring your ID or donor card.

There are still some times available for donations. Appointments are highly recommended and face masks are required. Email [sgrazda@gmail.com](mailto:sgrazda@gmail.com) for the link to sign up.

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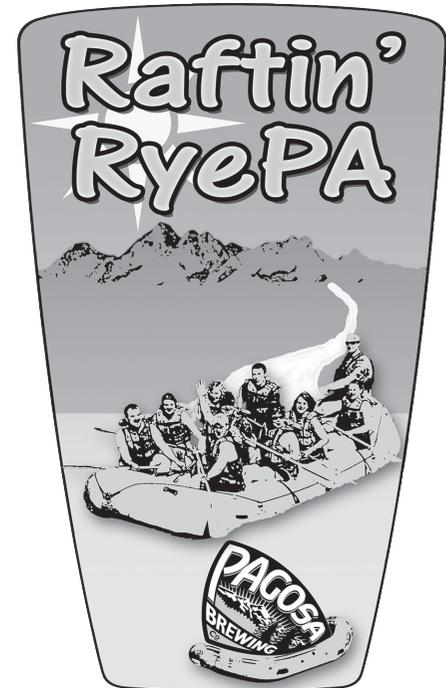
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# Recognizing the seasons of harvest

“Be wise and harvest in summer.”

I immediately said to my Sweet Al, “What’s does that proverb mean? You don’t harvest during the summer months, you do it in the fall.”

Am I wrong? Isn’t the definition of the word harvest, a process or period of gathering crops? After all, the April apple is still yet a blossom and the June apple is like a green tart marble. It is only in October that a big, luscious, juicy sweet apple is ready to be enjoyed.

On the heels of that thought, I realized that I was having my own teachable moment. Isn’t it that we harvest when we toil the soil then plant a seed? Perhaps, it’s when we see a tiny leaf break through the earth after watering and caring for that seed. Certainly, harvesting must include the process of watching over a plant until it grows to maturity.

When we look at our children, we don’t declare a harvest, only at the point when they have achieved something great or have reached a pinnacle. There are too many seasons of change not to recognize all that they produce. In fact, each of those seasons offers something different and unique. Some, the necessary process of flowering. Some, fruit.

As parents, we don’t have to go through too many seasons to know that we have to care for each one independently. Some yield delicious fruit while others produce something sour and hard to swallow. Then there is the barren season. Even then, we can recognize the pleasant benefit of leafy vegetation.

I am reminded of a story titled, “Don’t Quit, Keep Playing.”

Wishing to encourage her young son’s progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually made his way over to a door marked “No Admittance.”

The house lights dimmed as the concert was about to begin. The mother, who was eagerly anticipating the evening’s overture, returned to her seat only to discover that her child had gone missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted down the middle and the spotlight focused on an impressive stage-size Steinway.

Expectancy turned to horror as the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard. The grand hall echoed as the youngster innocently pecked out the notes of “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.”

Even as murmurs of embarrassment flooded the background, I’m sure you could have heard a pin drop as the great piano master

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Betty Slade



made his entrance. He quickly moved to the piano and whispered in the boy’s ear, “Don’t quit, keep playing.”

Leaning over the young child,

Paderewski reached down with his left hand and begun playing the bass part of the well-known lullaby. Soon after, the pianist reached over the lad with his right arm adding a running obbligato to the piece. As if a performance rehearsed to perfection, the old master and the young novice transformed the humble beginning into a wonderfully creative oratorio. All of this to a mesmerized audience.

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## Virtual author discussion planned for Nov. 12

By Brad Glover

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library

Your Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library will be hosting an enlightening discussion about the importance of place with local author Dennis Medina on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 5 p.m. via Zoom.

This event is ideal for avid readers and aspiring authors, but everyone is invited to attend. Please contact the library by phone at 264-2209 or email [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org) if you have any questions about accessing this Zoom meeting. Registration is not required.

During this interactive Q-and-A discussion, we will learn about the importance and power of place in storytelling and how descriptive detail of a setting can affect the way readers experience a scene, the mood, or gain insight into a character. A well-written description of a setting not only sets the stage for a novel's characters, it can also become an indispens-

able part of the story.

Famous literary works such as "Little Women" or "A Tale of Two Cities" and modern classics like the Harry Potter series would not have achieved the same level of cultural significance without captivating settings that have the ability to transform the reader into a different time or place.

Medina is one of our community's local authors. His novel, "The Madness of the Brave," was published in 2018 and is available for checkout at your Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library. Medina is a former international marketing executive, has contributed material to numerous mining industry magazines and published fiction in *SpokeWrite: The Spokane/Coeur D'Alene Journal of Art and Writing*. He attended the University of Southern California and has a graduate degree from Eastern Washington University, where for a time he was fiction editor of *Willow Springs Magazine*.

The Zoom meeting ID for this author discussion is: 879 3124 8202, and the passcode is: 81147.

## Black clouds and a black butterfly

By Hank Slikker

PREVIEW Columnist

"Black clouds matter," said an anonymous voice somewhere behind me in the doctor's office. I assumed the voice referred to the looming thunderstorm outside.

Of course they matter, especially for our sun-drenched county and our parched western United States. After awhile, forest fires and dry lawns need water.

Later, while driving home, the comment returned. I guess because "black clouds matter" bears such a sameness to "black lives matter" (BLM), they merged. To me, one adage pretty much identifies the other: both call to mind the political weather outside.

We see troubling storm clouds, a turbulence in the community, of neighbors blowing harsh winds in your face while you have dinner at your favorite diner, of lightnings of anger raging against you in a thunder of unspeakable words, of violence ending in bloodshed.

What will these dark BLM clouds ultimately bring? Will the clouds bring refreshment or destruction? What surprises live behind the looming dark curtain? Unfortunately, we do "need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows." BLM evangelists tell us fair weather is on the way, while neighborhood climatologists expect doom.

I am not a fortune teller and I am not superstitious (although I

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carried a rabbit's foot once). But foretelling the outcome of the current political storm seems to me is up to the storm gods. Maybe they can give us some clues as to what we might expect?

Just two days before I heard the comment "black clouds matter," a butterfly visited me in my study. This was no ordinary butterfly. Its wingspan approached 8 inches and it was totally black. While I know that butterflies do not endanger humans, my mind told me it probably had fangs.

I quickly called my partner to come look.

"It's a bat!" she exclaimed.

"I don't think so," I said, "bats hang, they don't stick to walls."

She said, "Let's call Paul" (one of our green friends).

So, I sent Paul a photo. He said he thought it might be a moth, but "its hind wing profile doesn't match."

As I looked for more information, I found out that black butterflies have great significance in many cultures around the world. Specifically, they bring omens, some good and some not so good.

Was my visitor telling me something? Was it our weatherman?

A little more research told me that a "good" black butterfly omen has to do with a kind of life transformation meant for our advantage. Since butterflies morph from crawling, leggy worms into colorfully winged flying flowers, the message they bring might be something like our family relations will improve, or that we're learning how to cope with aging.

A "bad" black butterfly omen, however, takes us into darkness. For example, it may foretell a message of death and bad luck. It may be a carrier of a deceased person's soul. It may also be a lost soul who can't find its way in the afterlife, destined to roam.

But can a black butterfly give us signals about impending political bedlam? I guess that remains to be seen, since our storm gods remain silent and since black butterfly omens can land either suitably

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Was the harvest the legendary masterpiece or the simple act of a child who just wanted to see what the light that shown on him could produce?

Final brushstroke: It is easy to take for granted that we are in a season that yields great crops. How important it is to recognize how we

got here, those seasons that came before. While yesterday's fruits of labor may be less palatable, it is with wisdom that we see their constructive path as what made today so sweet.

### Readers' comments

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# Settlin' down in Pagosa Country

Pagosa Country today is inhabited by people from three distinct cultural backgrounds. One of the cultures, that of the native American Indians, is the least evident and the least dominant. It is also the oldest in terms of the number of years the people have lived here.

Other cultures having substantial significance in Pagosa Country today are each of European origin, although they differ markedly. One is English-speaking and came to Pagosa Country from colonists who first settled on the North American Atlantic Coast. This group is dominant today.

The other culture of European origin is Spanish-speaking and first entered North America on what is today Mexico's Atlantic coast. In the long years of their movement north through Mexico into what is now considered the southwestern United States, they absorbed a considerable amount of Native American culture.

As long as 10,000 years ago, the date is uncertain, small bands of hunters worked out their lives in Pagosa Country. We know little about these people. What we do



## Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

know has been largely unearthed by probing through a few bone fragments, some projectile points and other items of extreme antiquity. These findings date from the period which immediately succeeded the Wisconsin glacial period, the last of four great continental glaciations. The climate 10,000 years ago must have been cool and moist as the glaciers retreated north.

As the glaciers disappeared, the climate became warmer and lakes, swamps and lagoons dried up. The hunting and gathering people turned to smaller game such as elk, deer and rabbits.

Gradually, the climate became drier and during the second post-glacial period there is little evidence of man's occupation of Four Corners country.



Photo courtesy John M. Motter  
This is a 1925 photo of Bonnie and Billie Kern, two of Pagosa Country's most prominent settlers.

# Food Coalition to give away \$20,000

By Pauline Benetti  
Food Coalition

Bet that caught your attention and you want to know more. So, the money has come to the Coalition from several different grant sources and the Coalition wants it to go to community projects that will contribute to the COVID-19 relief effort and further one or more of the Coalition goals (more about that later).

How to get that to happen? Through a process called Participatory Budgeting (PB) where

community members can decide themselves how the money should be spent. The idea behind PB is that budgets are better spent when everyone participates in the decision-making rather than have all of the decisions made by an organization.

How does the process actually work? First, eligibility for project submission. Literally, anyone 16 or older who lives in Archuleta County, works in the county or has kids in the public schools is eligible. The idea collection period was opened on Oct. 12 with a virtual

idea collection gathering. Three weeks later, the PB facilitators have eight proposals in various stages of development but on schedule to be ready for virtual presentation on Nov. 7-13 and for voting during the following week.

How does the voting take place? This is the most exciting aspect of

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## Circle

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What the weather always tells us, however, is that each moment cannot tell us about what will happen in the next one. We live our lives in mystery.

Political storm clouds also lead

to a realization of the fragility of goodness. We see it in the betrayal of good by mute leaders, whose reticence to do right unfortunately leads to an undoing of personal character for some in the citizenry.

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# Residents express themselves for Residents' Rights Month

By Kay Kaylor  
PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in extended care and assisted living residences as the regional long-term care ombudsman. I also am a Senior Medicare Patrol and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor, all as an employee of San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA). The many aging and care concerns will be addressed here.

As noted in an Oct. 1 article, October was the annual Residents' Rights Month designated by the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care. To participate, residents of a variety of living settings throughout the United States submitted writings, photos and artwork on the month's theme, "Connection Matters," to the Resident's Voice Challenge.

In a submission titled "One Small Voice," Iris Bachman writes

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of feeling "unconnected from our larger community," so, at her niece's suggestion, she took part in an online "get out the vote" campaign by writing reminder postcards to voters.

Part of a poem submitted by Sandra W. Felkenes includes the lines, "But she forgets her spirit doesn't age, isn't just a flame with a certain end."

In a poem to an administrator in April, Geanene Anderson begins with, "You have given me my life, Amid the coronavirus strife, You have sheltered me, While the virus roamed free."

"The first couple of months

wasn't too bad in our rooms, but as time goes on it feels like we may never return to a normal life," Jimmy W. writes in an essay.

Patty, with the help of someone, states that "She would like people to know that she doesn't feel locked up."

Judi Jindra lists the positives in the "Pandemic Environment," including community efforts such as giving residents kindness rocks and cards sent from Girl Scouts.

A resident from Maryland, Norma Guenterberg, promotes the benefits of telephones that convert phone speech into written text to connect with those who are hard of hearing.

The artwork, in a variety of media, ranges from scenery to colorful abstracts to drawings with word, and subjects include portraits, animals and children. A mixed media work has the quote "Apart But Never Alone," showing images of letters and computer devices.

The submissions can be viewed on the website [theconsumervoice.org](http://theconsumervoice.org). Click on Events at the top, then Archived Events in the drop-down menu. Next scroll down and click on the Residents' Rights Month link. Finally, click on the blue Resident's Voice Submissions button. Be sure and look at all five pages.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare; see [sjbaaa.org](http://sjbaaa.org). For further information, please call or text 403-2165 or send an email to [leadombudsman@sjbaaa.org](mailto:leadombudsman@sjbaaa.org).

## New Thought topic: 'Come Into Your Genius'

By Lisa Burnson  
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." — Dr. Wayne Dyer.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center this Sunday, Nov. 8, at 10:30 a.m. for our presentation: "Come Into Your Genius." We will be discussing methods to develop an abundance mindset, as taught by Bob Proctor and Mary Morrissey. Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure. Please notice we are returning to winter hours.

Our sanctuary is sanitized and set up for social distancing

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### Upcoming events

Meditation Circle is held each Wednesday at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

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and singers to join our band. Please text Bruce at 507-0739 to join or for band information.

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# Money skills for kids and new after-school program

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

A new children's book called "Journeys with Max: Life Skills for Young People — Understanding Money" by Pagosa resident Alan Powdermaker is an invaluable guide for families who want to help their children learn how to manage their money.

The story features a young boy named Max as his parents teach him the value of essential financial knowledge about saving, sharing, borrowing, budgeting, establishing a bank account and planning for major purchases — not to mention the difference between wanting and needing to buy something.

The reader-friendly text is written like a script of a movie starring Max, his parents and his sister with a fun quiz at the end. The story is beautifully illustrated by Pagosa resident Tashie Nevarez, who is attending college in Las Cruces, N.M., as an art major.

Powdermaker believes kids should start receiving life skills information about money management from their families at home as early as kindergarten so the lessons can be practiced and perfected to carry them through life.

This book is the first of a two-volume set.

Powdermaker said the second book, to be published next year, "will be aimed at youth ages 12-18 and encompass broader life skills like managing credit cards, paying bills, getting a job, investing, even starting to save for retirement when you're still a teenager."

A successful corporate executive at Canada Dry in New York, Powdermaker credits his father with "providing me lessons about life as well as cautions about forks in the road."

He is passing that legacy forward as co-founder of the Dallas-based Love For Kids nonprofit that supports low-income families and those caring for special needs and chronically ill children. He also is

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head of his family foundation that assists inner-city youth who want to attend college.

Powdermaker donated 10 copies of this first Max book to your Pagosa library to share with the community via our Bookbarns and prizes for kids' programs. One copy will become part of our permanent collection. You can find it in the Local Authors section.

### New after-school program

In response to COVID, we have revamped our free after-school program into STEAM enrichment kits, STEAM standing for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, for ages 5 and up. Registration is required at 264-2209. Pick up your kit and then bring your completed projects back to the library to be displayed in the last week of the month.

### Save the date for author discussion

Mark your calendar for next Thursday, Nov. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. for a Zoom discussion with local author Dennis Medina on the importance and power of place in storytelling. More details will be in next week's "Library News" column. The Zoom meeting ID is 879 3124 8202, passcode 81147.

### Book club for adults

Ruby's Book Club meets from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, via Zoom to discuss "Behind the Beautiful Forevers" by Katherine Boo. Please contact the library if you need a copy of the book. The Zoom meeting ID is 874 5826 9188, passcode 81147. This book club is held the second Tuesday of each month.

### Special note

"We want people to always feel welcome in the library, and to experience a very friendly vibe when they visit," said Meg Wempe, library director. "But we need to remind everyone that, similar to other public indoor spaces in Colorado, we must follow the executive order that requires people aged 11 or older to wear a covering over their noses and mouths when entering or moving within any public indoor space. If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask, we have made reasonable accommodations and are pleased to assist you outside the building, through curbside assistance."

### DIY craft takeaway for kids

Drop by your library for free DIY crafts takeaways for youngsters age 10 and older. Just pick up a packet outside the library and follow the instructions.

### In-person gaming

Free in-person gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect for all ages has resumed on Fridays from 2 to 3 p.m. Due to COVID concerns, we are only allowing a maximum of four participants in the gaming room. Masks must be worn and social distancing maintained at all times.

### Storywalk for kids

Every other Thursday, Josie posts signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up towards the elementary school detailing a new free Storywalk for kids. The Nov. 5-18 theme is sharing. After you finish the walk, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

### Tech Time

Make a 15- or 30-minute appointment for one of three free in-person slots available noon

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"So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls."

Acts 2:41

(continued from previous article) In Acts 2 Luke records that Peter and the eleven apostles spoke about Jesus to a crowd that had gathered. When the Jews realized they crucified the Messiah for whom they had been looking, they asked, "What shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." He testified and exhorted them with more words and said "Be saved from this perverse generation." This resulted in about three thousand souls receiving the word, being

baptized, and added to the church that day.

Salvation, life, forgiveness of sin, and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit can still be found today by being baptized upon your faith that Jesus is Christ and Lord. Peter proclaimed this promise is for you, your children, and all who are far off.

Would you like to know more about Jesus as Lord and Christ? Do you believe that Jesus is Christ and Lord and are ready to be baptized for the forgiveness of sin and to receive the Holy Spirit? If we can help, let us know.

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to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Brad will help one person (or one couple) at a time. If you have a Tech Time appointment on Thursday, phone from the parking lot or knock loudly on the front door to be let in.

## ESL

Free in-person classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. by appointment. Please register so we can keep it to a small group in our limited open spaces. No walk-ins, please.

## Dungeons and Dragons

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

## Children's programs on Facebook

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m., join us on the library's Facebook page for free children's programs. Wednesday storytimes are on Facebook Live, so you can interact with Josie. Saturday's Discovery Times — with games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more — are prerecorded.

If you have a Facebook account, log in to Facebook and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don't have a Facebook account, access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon (a lowercase f) in the upper left-hand corner of the screen. Or, contact us and we can send you a direct link.

## Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) accelerated GED course takes place in person Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 2 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Appointments required; please contact us by phone or email. Note there will be no PALS Nov. 9.

## Summary of our partial reopening

- We're now open on Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m. with 1 to 2 p.m. reserved for seniors and higher-risk populations.

- Other hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for seniors and higher-risk populations. Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays: closed.

- We are accepting meeting room reservations for small groups,

with library programs having first dibs on the rooms. You can schedule only so far out, usually two weeks to a month, depending on where we are in the month.

- Up to 30 patrons at a time can come into the building.

- Hand sanitizers are available and there will be frequent cleanings inside the building throughout the day. Please practice social distancing and wear facial coverings while you are in the building. If you don't have a mask, we are happy to give one to you.

- Nine computers are available. In most cases, usage will be allowed for three hours per day. Staff will clean and disinfect the computers between uses.

- One early literacy computer is available for youngsters Monday through Saturday.

- Curbside service continues Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except for Thursdays, when it's from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone 264-2209 when you are in the parking lot so staff can bring the items out for you. If you put a hold on something, please wait for your usual alert (email, phone call or text) before coming to pick it up.

- You can drop your returns of books, CDs and DVDs in the drop box at City Market, as well as in the drop box at the library. No donations in the City Market box, please.

- Notary service is available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. The cost is \$5 per notary.

- You can place holds on items from other libraries. They are in different stages of reopening, so items may take longer than usual.

- We're happy to provide tech help in person or over the phone for our online resources.

## Local author

"The Zen of Money" and "The Zen of Bonds" by local author Victoria Rose are the first two books in her series offering readers a basic understanding of money, inflation, risks, available financial products and more.

## Books on CD

"Coast to Coast Murders" by James Patterson and J.D. Parker is a psychological suspense story. "Magic Lessons" by Alice Hoffman is the prequel to "Practical Magic." "The Last Agent" by Robert Dugoni is a thriller about an American agent in Russia. "Return to Virgin River" by Robyn Carr features the town that inspired the Netflix series.

## DVDs

"The Great" and "The Prodigal Son" are both the complete first seasons.

## Nonfiction

"Everything I Need to Know I Learned From My Yoga Teacher" by Benjamin Darling with drawings by Laura Braconnier contains yoga-themed instructions and meditations. "Grand Canyon: The Complete Guide" by James Kaiser includes maps, history and more. "High Crimes" by journalists Michael D'Antonio and Peter Eisner is an analysis of the impeachment of Donald Trump.

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"Hot Lead, Cold Justice" by

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# Something new and better

By **Daris Howard**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The children who had watched me work in the garden impatiently waited for the plants to come up in the section I set aside for them. I knew something must be up when I came home from work and they were all waiting for me.

“Jordan found some stuff growing in our garden,” 5-year-old Suzanne said.

They all nodded their agreement. I dropped my books off in my apartment and followed the children out to the garden. Jordan proudly showed me his discovery.

“I hate to tell you this,” I said, “but those are weeds. We can’t pull them yet, or we will hurt the baby plants that are growing under the ground.” I then suggested we check on the radishes since they’re the first non-weed plants to germinate. I led the way there and knelt down. The children knelt beside me.

“If you look at those tiny little green leaves, those are radishes,” I said, pointing to the small plants.

The children chattered with excitement. And over the next few weeks, their excitement grew as other things came up. When the first pea pods began to show, it was all I could do to get the children to wait until the peas had grown inside. But finally, the day came when there was enough for each child to have one.

When I told the children it was time to try the peas, even some of the more skeptical teenagers followed us out to the garden. I showed the children what to look for and how to pick the peas without pulling the plant out by the roots. Their eyes appeared full of wonder at what they had helped grow. As I passed peas out to everyone, Sam, the oldest teenager, shook his head.

“Nah. I hate peas.”  
I laughed. “If you haven’t tried one fresh out of the garden, you have a surprise coming. These and the frozen or canned ones from the store aren’t even in the same pod.”

Most of the children didn’t get my joke, but Sam did and rolled

his eyes. Still, he took the full pea pod from me. I then showed the children how to run their fingers along the pod to open it without smashing the valuable little green pearls inside. The younger children laughed as they opened theirs. They all smiled with delight as they each tried it. Sam’s eyes lit up when he got a taste.

“Those are really fantastic!” he exclaimed.

I was able to find another one for each child, and we agreed to come out together each night so they could all share equally. I then took my little entourage over to look at the climbing bean fort. The vines were already halfway up the poles and twine, and they had tiny beans on them. The children were starting to get the vision of what it would be.

I shared a lot of trips to the garden with the children that summer. I taught them to weed, and they found it exciting, a feeling I encouraged while it lasted. We could have always used more vegetables, **■ See Better on next page**

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Mickey Spillane and Mac Allan Collins is a Caleb York western. “Red Ruckus” by Brett Cogburn is book three of the Morgan Clyde western series.

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### Quotable quote

“The objective of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.” — Robert Maynard Hutchins (1899-1977), American educator and philosopher.

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# VA decides more than 34,000 Blue Water Navy disability claims

By Raymond Taylor  
Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it has decided more than 34,000 Blue Water Navy disability claims, under the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, effective Jan. 1 — which extends the presumption of exposure to herbicides such as Agent Orange to veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

As of Sept. 30, the VA has processed 34,415 (48 percent) of 69,570 claims received, of which 24,328 (71 percent) have been granted — awarding more than \$664 million in retroactive benefits to eligible veterans and families.

“It’s important we ensure Blue Water Navy Veterans and their families receive the benefits they’ve earned,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “As a result, VA will continue to get the word out via our social media channels, public service announcements and Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) — to ensure every veteran who is eligible applies as soon as possible.”

The VA also collaborated with the National Archives and Records Administration to digitize all Navy and Coast Guard deck logs for ships with known Vietnam service. Digitization of the Navy deck logs was completed

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Raymond Taylor



in December 2019 and Coast Guard deck logs were completed in September. As part of the agreement, the VA provided digital images of the deck logs to NARA to make digitally available in the National Archives Catalog. Veterans may contact inquire@nara.gov if the deck log they are seeking is not available in the National Archives Catalog.

For assistance in filling a claim, veterans may contact approved veteran service officers.

### Veterans Day

Keep up with articles in The Pagosa Springs SUN. Conditions change nearly every day. We plan to continue our awesome tradition of the Veterans Day Breakfast.

### Vets4Vets grant

Vets4Vets has received a grant from the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This 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 799-VETS or www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.

### 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: 264-4013, fax number: 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:

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■ continued from previous page though there was much more for everyone. Some, like Sam, would sneak out and get some when they thought others wouldn't see them. They were afraid of being called childish. Many of the children started taking their portion home to share with their families. I shared a lot from my part of the garden with the others, too.

One day, as we were dividing up the produce, the topic turned to when I had first started turning the soil over one fork full at a time. “Do your parents still think I’m crazy?”

“No,” Suzanne said. “Momma now agrees with Daddy that you’re just strange, but she says it’s a good strange.”

Fall frosts eventually came,

and the children were sad to see the garden turn brown and stop producing. The next spring, I finished my degree, and I wondered if anyone would be interested in the garden. None of the adults seemed to be. But I couldn't just leave it. I paid a man to come till it the day before I left.

After packing the last things in the truck, I looked out the window at the garden and saw it all subdivided with twine. Each family had a portion, and the children were busy showing their parents how to plant vegetables. The children all seemed so happy and proud of themselves.

Maybe what I taught the children was more than just how to grow a garden.



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# Bird of the Week



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

In early October, large numbers of redhead ducks started arriving on Pinon Lake. These birds stay so close together that a flock is referred to as a raft. Some redheads will stay here as long as there is open water in winter, but most will be found in flocks of thousands on the Gulf of Mexico during this season.

Redheads are diving ducks that feed on submerged aquatic plants and invertebrates. Groups will sometimes feed together on vegetation brought to the surface by a mixed flock of ducks. In shallow waters, they will also tip upside down to feed.

These ducks primarily breed in seasonal wetlands in the prairie pot-hole region of the Midwest. Commonly ducks will lay eggs in each other's nests, but the redhead takes this behavior to extremes. Redhead eggs have been found in the nests of 10 different duck species and even in the nests of northern harriers. Some females never incubate their own eggs, leaving the job to someone else. Others incubate only some of the eggs that they lay.

The redhead is a medium-sized duck with a smooth, rounded head and large, gray-blue bill tipped with black. In breeding plumage, the male has a cinnamon-colored head, yellow eyes and a gray body, bookended by black breast and tail. Females and immatures are brown with a pale face.

Like many bird species, redheads are threatened by the disappearance of wetland breeding habitats. Ninety-eight percent of funds collected from purchases of Federal Duck Stamps is spent to increase these vital habitats in the National Wildlife Refuge System. These \$25 stamps are available at the post office, online and at retail outlets.

For information on future events, visit [www.weminucheadubon.org](http://www.weminucheadubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/](https://www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/).

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9	2	8	7	1	3	4	5	6
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ANSWER:

# Sarah Platt Decker Chapter celebrates First Responder's Day

By Linda Hobbs

Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

In honor of First Responder's Day, Oct. 28, and in appreciation and respect for their services, volunteers from the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution delivered over 200 dozen homemade cookies, brownies, snacks, cakes and cinnamon rolls throughout La Plata and Archuleta counties area to the local responders and health care workers. This included fire, police, EMS, sheriff and health care workers.

The Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonpolitical service organization representing La Plata and Archuleta counties. Membership is open to all women over the age of 18 who can prove



Photo courtesy Sarah Platt Decker Chapter

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lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. For more information, contact Tanice Ramsperger, 731-4824, or SPDRegent@gmail.com.

## Preview Calendar

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

### Thursday, Nov. 5

**Sen. Bennet Office Time.** Sen. Bennet's office will now be offering office time to Archuleta County residents. Meetings will be with Janet Wolf. If you have a question or concern about any federal issue such as Veterans Affairs, the IRS or Social Security administrations or another agency, you are encouraged to contact Wolf and schedule an appointment. Wolf can be reached at janet\_wolf@bennet.senate.gov or 259-1710. Please include your name, address, phone number and

issue you would like to discuss.

**Blood Drive.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Centerpoint Church sanctuary, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Walk-ins welcome; arrive and check in by 2:45 p.m. Face masks are required. For more information or an appointment, contact Diane Levison at (602) 770-6565.

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Due to the COVID-19 threat, Loaves and Fishes will continue to offer meals to the community as takeout only. There will be no sit-down service. Guests should come to the front doors of the Parish Hall, where they can pick

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## Thursday, November 26

### Early Deadlines

### Display Advertising

Noon, Friday, November 20

### Classified Advertising

10 a.m., Monday, November 23

Too Late to Classify 10 a.m., Monday, November 23

### Legal Advertising, Articles & Letters

Noon, Thursday, November 19

The Pagosa Springs SUN office will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving

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up meals to go. This practice will continue until further notice.

**Tech Time by Appointment.** Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Make an appointment for one of three slots available. Brad will help one person or one couple at a time. Call 264-2209 to make an appointment or for more information.

**PALS by Appointment.** 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Adult education in person. Pagosa Adult Learning Services can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org for more information or to make an appointment.

**English as a Second Language by Appointment.** 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call 264-2209 or email for more information and to make an appointment.

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

**Friday, Nov. 6**

**HER Story.** 8:30-9:30 a.m., 140 Country Center Drive, Unit 2. A women's group providing a safe, supportive space to grow and heal as you share your story. An opportunity to meet other women in your community in a peer-supported group focused on healing from trauma, abuse or violence.

**Gaming.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. Please note: Due to COVID concerns, we are only allowing a maximum of four participants in the gaming room. Masks must be worn at all times inside the library and social distancing must be maintained throughout the program. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**The Good News Club.** 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children K-6th grade. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to coloradocef.org/GNC.

**Saturday, Nov. 7**

**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 264-2209 for more information.

**Monday, Nov. 9**

**PALS by Appointment.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Adult education in person. Pagosa Adult Learning

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**Tuesday, Nov. 10**

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

**Archuleta County Republican Women.** Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant, 157 Navajo Trail Drive. Hear from our Republican elected officials.

**Tech Time by Appointment.** Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Make an

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 Chop finely
- 6 Ballroom move
- 10 Similar (to)
- 14 Squirrel's snack
- 15 Bartlett, for one
- 16 Hard or soft ending
- 17 Sound reasoning
- 18 Among other things
- 20 1992 thriller "Basic \_\_\_\_\_"
- 22 Deer's home
- 23 Cafeteria item
- 24 Bookkeeper's stamp
- 25 Element
- 28 San Francisco icon
- 32 Phony
- 34 Lunch place
- 35 That girl
- 36 Hyundai model
- 39 Tupperware top
- 40 Seat anagram
- 42 Eyeglasses feature
- 44 Equestrian event
- 47 Very serious
- 48 "My \_\_\_!"
- 49 Bit of smoke
- 50 Clothing
- 53 Airplane's wake
- 57 Co-signer, say
- 59 Yorba \_\_\_\_\_, Calif.
- 60 Life sentences?
- 61 Directs a weapon
- 62 Script direction
- 63 Hair goops
- 64 Brief quarrel
- 65 Place of another

**DOWN**

- 1 Neighbor of Algeria
- 2 Screen symbol
- 3 Eggy drinks
- 4 Animal
- 5 Completely surround
- 6 Like Thai food
- 7 Revival setting
- 8 Devour
- 9 Kind of house
- 10 Given, as custody
- 11 Cabbage kin
- 12 Bearded bloom
- 13 Shipshape
- 19 Muddy up
- 21 Birth-related
- 24 Part of a suit
- 25 Needed liniment
- 26 Give a buzz
- 27 Spare anagram
- 28 River ride
- 29 "People" person, briefly
- 30 Mel's Diner waitress
- 31 Equestrian
- 33 Argentine dance
- 37 Lacquer ingredient

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- 41 Wearable souvenirs
- 43 Publishing brand
- 45 Medical fluids
- 46 Sports venues
- 49 Bottom of the barrel
- 50 Wide-eyed
- 51 London subway
- 52 Peacock's pride
- 53 Unwakable state
- 54 Stud fee?
- 55 Brainchild
- 56 Fat for cooking
- 58 Bellboy's bonus

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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appointment for one of three slots available. Brad will help one person or one couple at a time. Call 264-2209 to make an appointment or for more information.

**Ruby's Book Club.** 2-3 p.m. Discussion of "Behind the Beautiful Forevers" by Katherine Boo. Call 264-2209 if you need the book or for more information. The Zoom meeting ID is 874 5826 9188, passcode 81147.

**English as a Second Language by Appointment.** 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call 264-2209 or email for more information and to make an appointment.

**Community in Conversation Book Discussion Group.** 5-6:30 p.m. Offering free weekly Zoom community discussions. Our purpose is to equip people with the tools they need to have meaningful conversations on difficult yet important issues. We hope to discover together some common ground, to find out what unites us rather than divides us. If you would like to participate, send an email to sarah.riehm@gmail.

com.

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 11**

**Kids Kare.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children ages 3-5. Includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to coloradocef.org/GNC.

**Family Storytime.** 10 a.m. For all ages. Join us for great stories and fun songs. Wednesday storytimes are on Facebook Live, so if you go to Facebook at 10 a.m., you can interact with Josie. If you have a Facebook account, you can log in and search for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can access the page by visiting our website and clicking the Facebook icon, or you can contact us and we can send you a link. Call 264-2209 for more

information.

**American Legion Post 108 Veteran's Day ceremony.** 11 a.m., Veteran's Memorial Park, Vista Boulevard. Formal flag ceremony with interpretive reading on the meaning of each of the 13 folds of the flag, raising of the colors, a gun salute and a bugle playing of "Taps" in tribute to the fallen. Everyone is invited to join the American Legion, Archuleta County Veterans for Veterans and the Veterans Memorial Park Board of Directors, members, supporters and volunteers in honoring our nation's veterans. All guests are requested to wear a mask and maintain proper social distancing.

**Tech Time by Appointment.** Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Make an appointment for one of three slots available. Brad will help one person or one couple at a time. Call 264-2209 to make an appointment or for more information.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-6 p.m. Teens and young adults. Join us on Google Meet for our ongoing game. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) for details on how to join.

**Pagosa Springs Photography Club.** 6:30 p.m. Zoom videoconferencing. Our speaker this month will be Mark Langford. His presentation will be "Photography ... One Lifelong Field Trip." Members will receive a club email containing a Zoom weblink to participate. Others interested may contact Andy Butler at [abutler@mac.com](mailto:abutler@mac.com). For membership information, visit <https://pagosapingsphotoclub.org/about/>.

## Veterans

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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. Breakfast meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. Contact 799-8387 for more details.

- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, Lewis Street. Contact Gary Hanneman at 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 903-9690.

**Important information**

- 799-VETS, [www.Vets4VetsP-SCO.org](http://www.Vets4VetsP-SCO.org).
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# Senior Center's temporary dining room closure continues

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center is continuing its temporary closing of the congregate dining room due to coronavirus concerns.

In order to continue providing meals, we are 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 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 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels

## Senior News

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 264-2167.

### The Community Café menu

Thursday, Nov. 5 — Lox and bagel with tomato, onion caper cream cheese, cream of asparagus soup, milk, salad and strawberry shortcake.

Friday, Nov. 6 — Roasted garlicky lemon chicken, roasted root vegetables, milk, salad and German chocolate cake.

Monday, Nov. 9 — Shrimp and

grits, yellow squash casserole, sautéed broccolini with garlic, milk, salad and coconut cake.

Tuesday, Nov. 10 — Crispy pork belly with macaroni and cheese, roasted Brussels sprouts, milk, salad and chocolate cake.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 — Closed for Veterans Day.

Thursday, Nov. 12 — Chicken pot pie, snap peas, milk, salad and poached pears.

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

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

# 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. 8, our theme is peace.

"The well being of mankind, its peace and security, are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established. Ye are the leaves

of one branch and the fruits of one tree." — Baha'u'llah.

The Baha'i Faith is a world religion whose purpose is to unite all people of the world in one universal cause, one common faith.

To learn more about the Baha'i Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha'i Faith at [www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org). Our local contact is [archuletabahais@gmail.com](mailto:archuletabahais@gmail.com).



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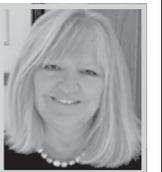


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# Wyoming needs to bite the bullet

By Nate Martin  
PREVIEW Columnist

Faced with COVID-19 and the collapse of Wyoming's coal industry, Republican Gov. Mark Gordon said recently that the state might have to start abandoning small towns because there's not enough money to maintain their sewers and streets.

Sundance, Wyo., is considering axing its entire police force because they can't pay for it.

I have a nearby neighbor who's a die-hard, Trump-loving veteran, and we've been going back and forth about the mess Wyoming faces as extractive industries dry up. But then he made a surprising statement: "It's stupid that we don't pay state income tax here."

The Wyoming Legislature passed its first severance tax on mining in 1974, and ever since, our tax system has leaned more and more heavily on coal, oil and gas companies. As a result, generations have come of age in Wyoming with no experience paying state taxes like most of our fellow Americans.

Wyoming is one of nine states without an income tax. Places like Texas and Florida that lack income tax tend to have ultra-high property and sales tax rates instead. Alaska does not, only because it's likewise dependent on mineral taxes.

Along with having no personal or corporate state income tax, Wyoming also has the third lowest property tax rate in the nation and the sixth lowest sales tax rate. All of this may make residents feel special, but it means everyone depends on fossil fuels to stay healthy.

In one of his last interviews before he died in 2005, former Wyoming Republican Gov. Stan Hathaway told journalist Sam Western: "I passed the first severance tax. I got the Permanent Mineral Trust Fund, and they've carried Wyoming's expenses very well."

But, he added, it bothered him that most people in Wyoming believed they were getting "a free ride." Hathaway did not intend to give Wyomingites a free ride: "The truth is," he said, "we all should pay our share of government costs."

In the late 1960s, Wyoming's economy depended on another industry — agriculture — that was rapidly going downhill. When Hathaway checked the balance in the state's general fund and found there was only \$80, he knew he had to act before the state went flat broke.

Wyoming legislators at the time, including future Gov. Ed Herschler and future U.S. Sen. Alan Simpson, initially opposed the governor's severance tax proposal. But when Hathaway challenged them to fig-

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ure out an alternative, they admitted they couldn't come up with one. They passed the tax.

All this might sound familiar today, though Wyoming currently has considerably more than \$80 in the bank. Our "Rainy Day Fund" is among the richest in the nation, with roughly \$1.7 billion. But the state is projected to lose \$1.5 billion in revenue over the next two years, which would nearly erase it.

Here's the reality: Coal isn't coming back, gas can't pay the bills, oil continues to struggle and we're looking to be flat broke — again. But today's situation is different,

First, there does not appear to be a single revenue generator like Hathaway's severance tax that can replace our disappearing fossil fuel revenues. Taxing wind won't do it, though the state goes after wind with punitive taxes, and neither will taxing tourism. We are going to need a variety of revenue sources to make up for what we're losing — including — gasp — taxing ourselves.

Second, there are few state lawmakers today willing to accept tough answers to Wyoming's budget problems. When a Republican legislator proposed a corporate income tax last year — Wyoming is one of only two states in the nation with no mechanism to tax corporate profits — it wasn't even brought up for debate.

Politicians here tend to talk about cutting spending instead of replacing lost revenues, and few offer actual solutions. Maybe it is hard to blame them. Wyoming is filled with people who have either lived their entire lives here never having to pay state taxes, or who came here specifically because they saw a big neon sign that said "free ride."

But, of course, the ride was never really free and the mining companies that have carried the state for 50 years are now asking for their own tax breaks.

Wyoming, like everywhere else, needs schools, roads, hospitals, firefighters and other basic public services. And like my neighbor Nick said, believing we can have these things without paying taxes is just stupid.

*Nate Martin is a contributor to Writers on the Range, [writersontherange.org](http://writersontherange.org), a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively discussion about the west. He is the executive director of Better Wyoming.*



Photo courtesy San Juan Symphony

After a successful first production on Oct. 3, the San Juan Symphony will present another live concert broadcast on Nov. 14, with the concert featuring a string orchestra program.

## San Juan Symphony live concert broadcasts to continue on Nov. 14

By Kathy Myrick  
San Juan Symphony

Like orchestras and ensembles around the country and the world, the San Juan Symphony has been working overtime to navigate the challenges of the global pandemic. While some organizations have had to cancel entire seasons, fortunately, the San Juan Symphony has endured and embraced a new format that relies heavily on technology.

With a beautiful first production successfully streamed on Oct. 3, the music is set to continue on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. with a live concert broadcast — exclusively for website members — featuring a fantastic string orchestra program called "Lyrical Threads."

Available now, audiences can purchase a digital season pass to the symphony for \$99, which offers exclusive, yearlong access to [www.sanjuansymphony.org](http://www.sanjuansymphony.org) for the entire household. Weekly access is also available for \$25 for the entire household.

"Lyrical Threads" is one of four subscription concerts planned

during this essential 35th season of the San Juan Symphony. The concert was conducted by Music Director Thomas Heuser on Oct. 17 at the Reising Stage Event Center in Durango, with masks and physical distancing required for all involved.

The concert was professionally recorded thanks to generous sponsorship by the Connie Gotsch Arts Foundation of Farmington and our Durango friends Norman Broad and Carol Solomon. Heuser will be hosting the concert on Nov. 14 as a live stream from the R-Space at the Rochester Hotel in downtown Durango. Heuser will also release another free musically speaking preconcert lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 11, for historical context in advance of the live broadcast.

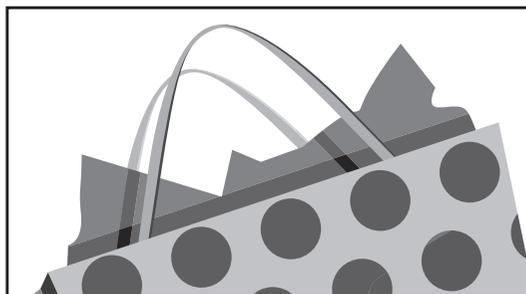
"Lyrical Threads" features a chamber orchestra of San Juan Symphony string players. With strings in mind, Heuser created a program of intense emotion and lyricism, and selected a venue with reverberant acoustics to let the threads of the different melodies weave through the space.

The concert includes George

Walker's heartfelt "Lyric for Strings," the energetic Holberg Suite of Edvard Grieg and, as a cherry on top, the perennial audience favorite, Pachelbel's "Canon in D Major."

As a moving tribute to the more than 200,000 American lives lost to COVID-19, the silhouetted San Juan Symphony principal string quartet recorded Eleanor Alberga's "Remember." Complete concert details and program notes can be downloaded at [www.sanjuansymphony.org](http://www.sanjuansymphony.org).

While the virtual season may seem like an unfortunate alternative to live music, it offers a unique opportunity to reach new audiences — particularly first-time listeners, families with young children, audiences in other parts of the country and those who might have physical limitations to attending concerts. Aspects of the digital concert experience are likely to become lasting features of the symphony even after concert halls reopen. However, the organization has made plans to continue with online concert productions through the spring of 2021.



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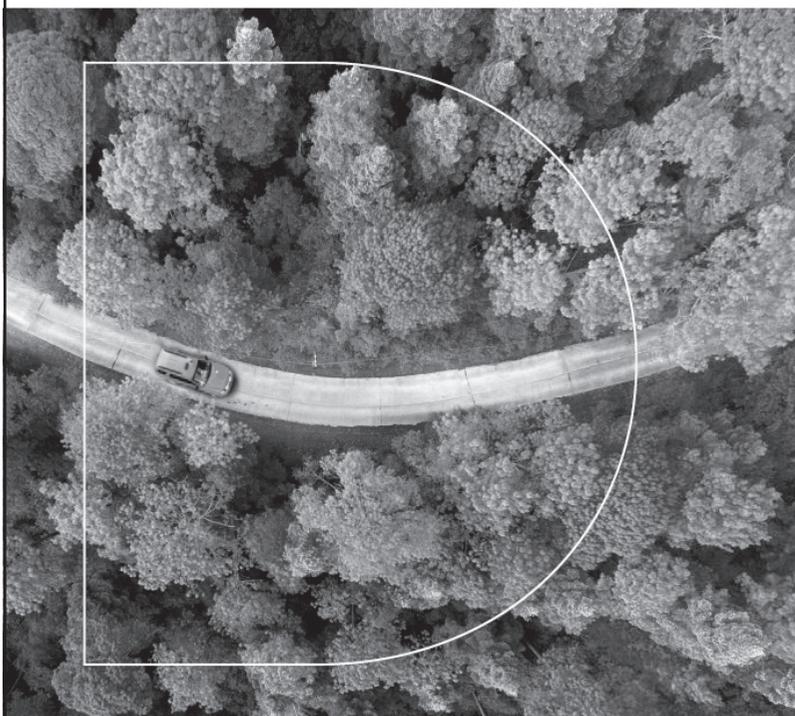
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**SEEDS OF LEARNING** Early Care and Education center is accepting applications for a teacher aide. Must be at least 18 years of age. Experience and education preferred but not mandatory to start. This is a year round, full time (8-5) position. Please call (970)264-5513 for more information.

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**WANTED: PART-TIME DRIVERS** and office help. Flexible days, evenings and weekends needed. Pay based on experience. Inquire in person with Wilderness Journeys Pagosa Inc and A1 Taxi at 3505 W. Hwy. 160 inside the Best Western.

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## YARD SALES

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