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## COVID cases cause concern

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County is moving back a level on the state's COVID dial framework Friday, Nov. 13, to Level Yellow: Safer at Home — a move to help the community avoid a spike in COVID-19 cases like is being seen in neighboring communities, as well as across the state and much of the nation.

On Tuesday, when the decision was made to move back on the dial, officials noted Archuleta County is an anomaly, standing as the only county with any sizable population that had a low transmission rate.

But, as San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Executive Director Liane Jollon explained, Archuleta County's rates crossed the threshold that day from the blue category of 25-74 cases per 100,000 population to the yellow, which is a two-week incidence rate of 75-174 cases per 100,000 population.

As of noon Wednesday, Archuleta County had a cumulative total of 84 resident cases, with 39 considered recovered. The SJBPH also listed 64 nonresident cases.

Fifteen new cases have been reported in Archuleta County since Nov. 1.

"This is the highest incidence rate in Archuleta County since the beginning of the pandemic," a SJBPH press release notes.

Jollon also noted that Archuleta County's cases are in a growth phase and the trends are echoing those seen across the state over the last month and in La Plata County two weeks ago, before its ongoing spike of cases began.

La Plata County had 652 resi-

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## Veterans Day

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

The American Legion, Archuleta County Veterans for Veterans and the Veterans Memorial Park Board of Directors worked together to present the community's annual Veterans Day ceremony at the park Wednesday. The program included the raising of the flag, a salute and an interpretive reading of the meaning of each of the 13 folds of the flag, among other elements.



## Explosives and guns found, seized in ACSO search

### Suspect sought

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

On Friday, Nov. 6, the bomb squad from Farmington, N.M., was in Pagosa Springs to assist the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) with the recovery, transportation and testing of explosives that had been discovered during the execution of a search warrant of a residence on USFS 842.

According to case reports, the search warrant was executed at approximately 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, by ACSO Deputy Cody Civiletto, Deputy Brian Reis, and Sgt. Michael Sindelar.

The items seized included six weapons and four explosive devices. The weapons included a Walther P1 9mm pistol, a Glock 21 .45 caliber, a TZH Saiga-12 12 gauge, a Harrington Richardson 12 gauge break barrel, a Norinco SKS 7.62x39 and a Ruger Mini-14 .223 caliber.

The ACSO case reports state, "The Saiga 12 shotgun was equipped with a drum style magazine with multiple shells. The Harrington Richardson 12 gauge single shot break barrel shotgun was well below the legal 18 inch barrel or 26 inch overall length. The shotgun had no stock, the end of the barrel was at the edge of the fore grip, and it appeared that it was designed to be used in a similar manner as a handgun."

In regard to the explosives, the ACSO case reports state, "The ob-

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## Flight for Life assists in search and rescue missions

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Last Sunday, Nov. 8, around 8:20 a.m., Archuleta County Sheriff's Office's Emergency Operations received a call about a father and son hunting party who were stranded at a landmark called Rocky Basin.

The landmark is about 6.5 miles from the East Creek Trailhead off of County Road 631 in southern Hinsdale County.

In an interview, Director of Emergency Operations Mike Le Roux explained that Archuleta County has an agreement with Hinsdale County which allows them to conduct search and rescue missions in this area.

The father and son headed out on the trail on Friday, Nov. 6. They parked their car at the East Creek

Trailhead and hiked to the Rocky Basin, where they set up camp. According to Le Roux, the party was due out on Sunday afternoon, but with the harsh weather the area received Saturday night, the party decided they needed to head out as soon as possible.

According to Le Roux, the father was unable to hike out due to fatigue and the weather conditions. Once the emergency call was received, Le Roux contacted Flight for Life to see if it would be able to fly to the party's location.

He explained that the crews would have to wait for a break in the weather, which came around 11 a.m.

Le Roux and another Archuleta County search and rescue volunteer,

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## Ashbaugh receives Venturing Summit Award

By John Moore  
Venturing Crew 612

Venturing Crew 612 is delighted to announce that recent Pagosa Springs High School graduate Alexandria Ashbaugh has been awarded the Venturing Summit Award.

Venturing is a high-adventure character development and leadership program through the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women ages 14-21. The program is operated through Venturing Crews, units of youth and advisors that meet on set schedules and plan activities, events, trainings and community service.

The Summit Award represents Venturing's highest honor. To achieve this ultimate recognition, Ashbaugh served the crew as a leader — both formally and informally — and was a mentor to others. In addition, she strengthened our community by designing and leading a service project to benefit others. This national-level award is considered the equivalent of earning the Eagle Scout Award in the Scouting Program.

Ashbaugh is only the second Venturer in the Great Southwest Council (all of New Mexico, southwest Colorado and a part of Texas) to earn the Summit Award.

Along the road to earning the Summit Award, Ashbaugh first earned the Venturer



Photo courtesy John Moore

Alexandria Ashbaugh

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## ACSO led on Sunday morning motorcycle chase through a blizzard

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer


At approximately 2:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 8, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch received a call concerning a shooting at a residence on County Road 391.

According to Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) case reports, the owner of the property described "shooting at Chase Goodson from the road towards the front of his house where [Goodson] possibly was. [The property owner] wanted someone to check and see if he hit [Goodson] or not."


The first call reported at this location was on Friday, Nov. 6, when the owner of the property requested that Goodson leave the residence. According to ACSO case reports, the owner of the property felt threatened by Goodson and knew that he was carrying a handgun.

According to ACSO case reports, Goodson is a convicted felon and has three warrants for arrest out of the state of Georgia. ACSO con-

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# Letters

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## Common good

Dear Editor:

First a disclosure: I am White. Male. American. Capitalist. I believe in personal responsibility. But I also believe in social responsibility and the common good. Whatever happened to the concept of "common good?" It seems to have gone by the wayside in our rush toward personal rights, self-fulfillment, immediate gratification and the pre-eminence of identity/affinity socialization. The loss of the belief in the common good means that we suffer from not enough good schools, good jobs, good housing, good roads, good health care.

Why is it that government support that benefits us is "government assistance," but government support that benefits others is a "handout" or "socialism?" Why is it that those who are absolutist defenders of the Second Amendment are willing to tolerate numerous infringements of the First Amendment, as well as the Fourth, Eighth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth? Why is it that many Right-to-Life supporters seem to believe that right-to-life begins at conception but ends at birth? When did we stop associating our own well-being with the well-being of others and become driven by our fears rather than our hopes?

We are the richest, most powerful country in history. But too few have and control too much of the wealth and opportunity. We can certainly afford to spread the wealth around but fear prevents us. If you are a "have," you fear that what you have may be taken away by the government (taxes) or another group. If you are a "have-not," you fear that someone else is gaining at your expense and you will never get "yours." Much as people want to protect their wealth advantages, they want to protect their power advantages.

Our system is designed for majority rule with protections for minority rights, and one person/one vote. But construction of the US Senate and the electoral college overcompensate for minority

protections and overwhelm one person/one vote to the point that we now have minority rule. Sandy Levinson, Professor at University of Texas Law School, points out "50% of the entire American population now live in nine states. They get a total of 18 senators. By definition, less than 50% of the population live in the remaining 41 states and they get 82 senators." That's almost a five-fold advantage. And the electoral college gives people in the smallest states up to three times the clout in the form of electoral college votes per capita as people in the biggest states. In fact, Republicans have won the popular vote for president only once in the last 30 years. That is not democracy. That is minority rule.

Fortunately, Coloradans began to restore the common good and rectify the imbalance of wealth and power by repealing Gallagher and approving Props 113 (presidential election by popular vote) and 118 (paid family leave). Unfortunately, the passage of the state income tax reduction along with the measures to raise nicotine taxes and for gaming means the tax burden will continue to be shared unequally and unfairly on those who can least afford it.

David Laufer

## What's the harm?

Dear Editor:

I've read that GOP insiders are privately admitting that Donald Trump has lost the election, but they're encouraging his meritless lawsuits anyway. "What's the harm in giving him a way to save his ego?"

What's the harm? Ask the school kid, whose lunch is taken by the class bully. Ask the employee, whose brilliant idea is claimed by his supervisor. Ask the female on the committee, who's shouted down by a male counterpart. Ask the small business owner, who's overcharged by a national vendor. Ask anyone who's suffered through a holiday dinner, forced to listen to the uncle who won't shut up.

There are bullies everywhere. They rely on loud voices, physical strength, and their hordes of grinning followers. A lot of us have learned that discretion is easier. We've mastered the adolescent art of eye-rolling. Many times, this is the way of wisdom.

Now, however, the stakes are higher. Without evidence, politicians are claiming election fraud. Down-ticket incumbents are refusing to concede, the mechanism of transition is being sabotaged, the country is being embarrassed, once again, by a graceless President.

What's the harm? Our elections are the hallmark of our democracy. Great effort goes into processing ballots in every state. We pride ourselves on the peaceful transition of power. It's highly destructive to allow Donald Trump to tarnish our faith in our elections. This is how a sore loser tries to incite a constitutional crisis.

Shame on Donald Trump. Shame on his GOP enablers. Shame on those of us who, by our silence, allow our fellow citizens, young and old, to think that bullying is okay.

K. Muth

## Births

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

Kayden Christian, Shaylah Lucero and Taylor Dean, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, 10:27 p.m., Aug. 8.

Vivienne Westwood, Laura and Timothy Moore, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, 9:11 p.m., Aug. 31.

Parents are invited to submit photos of their baby and an official announcement to editor@pagosasun.com to be printed in the newspaper.

## A veteran's story

Dear Editor:

My name is Trevor Peterson and I am a Pagosa Springs native. I joined the Army after watching the September 11, 2001 attacks as a senior in High School. I was assigned to 2nd Battalion/187th Infantry, 101st Airborne (Air Assault) and invaded Iraq at just 18 years old. I helped secure Al-Hillah or what is known as Babylon in the Bible to further set up combat operations in Baghdad. After securing Al-Hillah, my unit moved into Medical City, Baghdad or what would be known as the "Wild West" because of all the shootings. During our time in Medical City we patrolled the hospital and did a number of raids for "high value targets." In early May, we were relieved by the Florida National Guard and moved to Saddam International Airport and I took my first shower in 53 days. We then took helicopters to the Northern town of Sinjar and helped rebuild the police force and patrol the Syrian Border where there were rumors Saddam Hussein was hiding in the hills. In November, 2003, we were called to reinforce Mosul (the 3rd largest city in Iraq). On Thanksgiving my squad (7 men) saved a convoy from an ambush and I was put in for the Army Commendation Medal for Valor (ARCOMV) for running across a field under sniper fire. After 40 long days in Mosul we were called back to Sinjar and I finished up my 11-month tour in Iraq. There isn't a day that goes by (I am 36 now) that I don't think of my time in Iraq.

Thank you for your time.

Trevor Peterson

## Trebek's mantra

Dear Editor:

Alex Trebek (Jeopardy) wanted to be remembered as "helpful, generous, and kind." A good mantra for each of us these days.

Terry Pickett

## Trail etiquette

Dear Editor:

Bicycles and Joggers: Please announce yourself, "on your left" or a noise of any kind, we can't always hear you coming. We have had many close encounters lately.

Dog Walkers: Pick up and carry

your dog poop to a trash can. There are plenty of free bags and receptacles around town. This includes Rez Hill, The River Walk, Gate 4, Gate 5, and the National Forest. Help keep it clean and disease free. Be responsible.

Ginny Smiley

## County landfill

Dear Editor:

On Monday November 9 I told two of my guys to take a trailer full of trash to the Archuleta County landfill. I do construction in the four corners area and we fill our dump trailers full of construction debris and empty them at near by landfills. Well my two guys quit, they said the local landfill was too dangerous and they wanted nothing to do with it. They said they have to walk in garbage and the road into the landfill is too steep. So I thought I would take the trailer myself to see what the problem is. I could not believe what I encountered. I can not believe this is a County run operation. They have too big hills that you slide down, along with giant garbage trucks, they slide too. Everyone is sliding around and getting stuck. They try to go up the hill and then slide back down. I have been to many landfills in my life but never seen one like this. Someone is going to get killed. I can not believe that the State agency that oversees landfills would allow this to be built and operated this way. You can not turn a trailer around, the "cell" is about the size of my living room. Who builds a steep grade, two steep grades covered with mud to enter and leave a public space. People have to walk in garbage. Garbage sticks to your car and gets tracked out onto the road. There is no rhyme or reason to the layout. I have been to Bondad Landfill and the Montezuma County landfill many times and they are very nice. But Archuleta County Landfill is a joke, and a hazard to human health and environment. You can see the landfill inspections online, they fail yearly. This place should not even be open. I feel that the County should provide a place to dump our trash that is safe for the public to use and this dump fails on many levels.

Bert Summers

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# Obituaries

## Steven F. Costa

Steven F. Costa, born Sept. 28, 1945, in Trenton, N.J., brought up in California, later a long-term resident of Pagosa Springs, saw the face of God on Sept. 9.

His earthly father, Seraphin F. Costa, was second-generation Portuguese. Steve always said you'd have to be one to understand. "Sam" taught him to have fun. His mother, Alberta, put Steve to work at an early age selling strawberries door to door. Alberta taught her son discipline, hard work and responsibility. Steve taught himself to care about things others overlooked.

Steve's adored wife of over 40 years, Jo-Ann Costa, and his faithful caregiver, Diana Garza, were by his side at home when his soul joined the Kingdom of God. He was tenderly cared for and loved beyond compare.

Steve deeply loved his sons, Sean, Jason (Ana) and Aaron. He smiled at the photos and cards sent over the miles from his grandchildren, Shannon, Aimee, Amelie, Jacob and Jordan. His cousin Donna Mythen and Roger Bass were among his treasured friends; Siska and Seri were his beloved four-legged companions.

An exemplary and patient man, Steve's influence and example were blessings to all who took the time to know his heart. And it was very good. Jo-Ann often said that he was the best half of her.

Before graduating from San Francisco State University with a major in economics in the storied 1960s, Steve witnessed the Vietnam War protests, Haight-Ashbury's explosion of hippies, the rise of psychedelic drugs and all that made the '60s a history-making decade. At the Fillmore Auditorium, he watched musical legends such as Jimi Hendrix, The Jefferson Airplane, Grace Slick, Big Brother and the Holding Company, and Janis Joplin. Throughout his life, he continued to collect the music of his favorite artists, Jimi Hendrix and Grace Slick. Steve worked hard while attending college. To earn college money during the summers, he worked for a construction company, Kaiser Steel, and as a carpenter's helper on blast furnaces. He learned electrical processes while helping build the Inland Center Mall. All of these jobs were precursors to his future success.

Steve accomplished a long and varied career in information technology, holding positions as vice president, technical director, project manager and independent consultant for financial, utility, automotive, technology, aerospace, scientific instrument and other Fortune 500 companies. He frequently received recognition for his contributions, such as being designated as a Mark Maker for outstanding performance while a consultant to the Pacific Stock Exchange and General Electric.

Steve possessed an exceptional intellect. He was unstoppable when something needed to be solved. His methods were unquestionably complete throughout his professional career. Both in the workplace and personally, those who knew

him understood that someone extraordinary had crossed their paths.

In Redondo Beach, Calif., his and Jo-Ann's former home, Steve cultivated exquisite roses, spending hours in his garden. He had a magic connection to all living things, a talent for making everything thrive. This included those closest to him. His warmth and beautiful smile lifted us. When he spoke, he had something to say.

With concern for protecting the environment in which he and Jo-Ann resided, Steve tirelessly served the Teyuakan Heights Homeowners Association first as secretary-treasurer, followed by 10 years as president. Recognizing the need to bring into compliance outdated governing documents, in his usual collaborative way, Steve addressed the pertinent issues. The resulting documents are still in practice today.

Along the way, Steve developed skills as a woodworker and collector of exotic woods. A highlight of his self-taught endeavor, he participated in the Marc Adams School of Woodworking, earning a certificate of accomplishment for making "Simply Beautiful Boxes." His determination to use his hands to express his personal art was nothing less than dogged. He felt the wood in his being and the tactile experience of it became a meditation. Steve was a member of both the Southern California Old Tool Collectors and the Rocky Mountain Chapter. A decades-long collector of rare old planes and hand tools netted him more than any one man could ever hope to use. He loved their feel, beauty and history. He named his enterprise "Lost in the Woods."

Beginning in the summer of 2002, Steve did the heavy lifting building a home for Jo-Ann they named "Northstar." Long before retirement became possible, they spent many memorable hours on their land planning their future home. Northstar was Steve's labor for love rather than of love. It was his gift to Jo-Ann. As the general contractor by training, Steve overlooked no detail. The result was a beautiful collaboration of two hearts.

Jo-Ann and the family are thankful for Hospice of Mercy, Dr. Amber Reiss-Holt, Dr. Maureen Cooper, Dr. Bill Jordan and the oncology team at the hospital. A special thanks to Dan Keuning and Suzie Reno for their loving care. All of you are exceptional individuals who showed Steve compassion throughout his long illness. As you know, he never complained, always smiled and was sweet-natured until the end. Each of you made his remaining time here on earth more comfortable. He knew who you were although he could not express himself. His grateful green eyes spoke for him.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to Steve's memory may do so to Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Steve loved his church family, especially Pastor Dave. Although off-key, he loved to sing in church because he loved his Savior. A donation of any size would be Steve's desire.

A tribute will be held at a later date to be announced. Until then, please hold Steve Costa in your hearts.

"I've Had the Time of My Life," a duet by Bill Medley and Jennifer Warnes, is dedicated to Steve (and Jo-Ann).

## Ronald (Ron) Carl Hendren

Ronald (Ron) Carl Hendren (76) went home to be with Jesus on Oct. 30 following several years of illness.

He is now healthy and whole in the arms of his Savior. He was born in La Junta, Colo., on Jan. 20, 1944, the middle son of Robert (Bob) and Wilma (Kaplicky) Hendren.

Ron graduated from La Junta High School in 1962 and married Luanna (Sayre) Hendren. Their daughter, Ronda, was born in 1967. The family lived in La Junta until 1973, then moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo. Ron returned to La Junta in 1988.

Ron was not just a jack-of-all-trades, but a master of many. He loved learning and he applied that to every aspect of his life. He learned many different trades — electrician, plumbing and construction, which all came in handy as a part of "The Hendren Construction Company," building with his father, brothers, uncle and nephews. He loved woodworking, leather crafting and beading, which he learned as a Koshare, in Scout Troop 231. Ron shared his daughter Ronda's love of music and taught himself to play a variety of instruments — trumpet, trombone, clarinet, flute, guitar, banjo and piano. He also taught himself Spanish. Ron also loved restoring cars and motorcycles, including a 1950s sideboard pickup.

Ron completed basic training and was a part of the Colorado National

Guard Army Reserves. He worked several jobs in La Junta and was a volunteer for the La Junta Police Department. Upon moving to Pagosa Springs, he worked as an auto shop foreman at Johnson Chevrolet. He became an EMT and helped the local doctors and law enforcement build the program. He was a volunteer firefighter and a public safety officer. When he returned to La Junta, he went to work for the Otero County Sheriff's Department and Fire Department. In 1993, Ron went to work at the Bent County Correctional Facility in Las Animas as a sergeant and retired as staff training manager. Following in his father's footsteps, along with his brother Gary, Ron became a Mason and a Shriner, where he was a part of the Oriental Band Unit and the Little Ts.

Ron was a loyal friend, a dedicated son, brother, husband and father, an upstanding member of any community he was in, and was dearly loved by all who knew him. He will be missed terribly.

Ron is survived by his daughter, Ronda (Brian) Sheldon; grandchildren Sarah (16) and Daniel (13), all of Spokane, Wash.; brothers Bill (Linda Jo) Hendren, of Greeley, Colo., and Gary (Dianna) Hendren, of La Junta. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Wilma.

Ron's wishes were to be cremated and have his ashes scattered with his parents'. No formal service will be held.

One of Ron's greatest joys was to sponsor children in need of surgery at the Shriner's Hospital. The family asks that you please consider a donation in Ron's memory at donate.lovetotherescue.org.

Online condolences may be made at [www.PeacockFH.com](http://www.PeacockFH.com).

## Marjorie Louise Long, 'Margie'

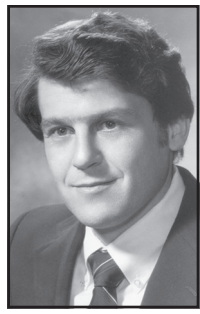
Marjorie Louise Long, "Margie," 93, loved and lived in Pagosa Springs, Colo. She passed from this life on Wednesday, Oct. 28, and went on to be with her Heavenly Father. Margie was known throughout the Pagosa area as the local "hugger" and always blessed others with her big smile and genuine interest and concern for them.

Margie was born on Oct. 31, 1926, to Warren Clyde and Adelaide Louise Dunmyer in Johnstown, Pa. She attended Penn State University, graduating with a degree in physical education and health in the fall of 1944. She married James Keats Long on Dec. 27, 1947, and moved into a room at the Red Patch Cottage on the edge of the Gettysburg battlefield.

In January of 1950, they moved to Houston, Texas, where Margie's parents had moved several years earlier. They started a new life and jobs in Houston and began a family, daughter Cheryl, Robin, Mark and Donn. Jim passed away in 1964 of leukemia and Margie raised all four children on her own with help from God. She has six grandchildren and was awaiting the arrival of her first great-grandchild in December.

In 1976, after the kids had graduated and were on their own, she moved to Pagosa Springs, first living on Lake Pagosa, then later at the foothills of Pagosa Peak. She embraced her life in Pagosa Springs, serving with the Colorado Mounted Rangers and on the board of the Harman Museum. Margie enjoyed horseback riding, hiking and being surrounded by the beauty of Colorado.

As a former physical education teacher, Margie was focused on health and wellness, physically and



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## Town council discusses tourism funds, lodgers' tax

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

During a 2021 budget work session held by the Pagosa Springs Town Council on Oct. 29, town council went over the budget for the lodgers' tax and tourism funds, and outlined various changes for the upcoming fiscal year.

According to Town Manager Andrea Phillips, the town has a 4.9 percent lodging tax and, via an intergovernmental agreement with Archuleta County, an additional 1.9 percent in lodging tax has been added.

"Through an agreement with the county, we combine those funds. They come here and that is primarily the funding source for the lodgers' tax fund," she said.

According to Phillips, the town is projecting to end 2020 higher than what it had budgeted for both the town lodgers' tax and the intergovernmental revenue with the county.

Within the 2021 draft budget, the town estimates to finish 2020

with \$750,000 of its own revenue from lodgers' tax. This is an increase from the original 2020 budgeted amount of \$665,000.

Via the intergovernmental revenue, the town is anticipating \$300,000 by year-end. This is an increase in the original projections of \$273,500, according to the 2021 draft budget.

"For next year, we are anticipating that the revenues will not potentially be as high as what we're looking at for 2020 estimates," Phillips said. "There's a lot of pent-up demand this year with COVID, frankly. It's actually been something that the governor's office, Colorado tourism, everyone is saying it's safer to be outside. Go travel in your state. Go outside."

The town is not sure if these sorts of vacation trends are going to continue next year, Phillips added.

Town Tourism Director Jennie Green added that Pagosa has not dealt directly with fire issues this year like other Colorado communities.

Additionally, the town has seen multiple lodgers increase their rates based on demand throughout the busy summer season, which is a trend that is new this year, Green explained, adding that she was not sure if lodgers will be able to maintain that trend in future years.

"I continue to look at 2020 as an anomaly and we got extremely lucky. It could have easily been the other direction with all factors considered," Green said. "Organically, I don't see us reaching 2020 numbers for probably five to six years. I don't see that all of those factors can align in the way that

they did this year."

Within the 2021 draft budget, the town projects \$699,103 in lodgers' tax revenue and \$273,500 for the intergovernmental revenue.

According to Phillips, the 2021 budget projects \$999,103 for annual revenues and, with the prior-year carryover of \$865,073, it gives the town a little more than \$1.8 million in total revenues for the lodgers' tax fund.

### Expenditures

Within the 2021 budget, the town is expected to spend \$450,000 on external marketing.

According to Phillips, 50 percent of the lodgers' tax funds have to be spent on external marketing.

"That's a ballot language for the town side. The county's revenue has to go towards promoting a designation. The state's statute is a bit more restrictive, actually," Green said.

For next year, the 2021 draft budget highlights \$70,000 for event funding.

"The tourism board totally supports helping events out," Green said. "The tourism's board's hope is we will once again see events in 2021 and they have the funding there available to help events."

The 2021 draft budget notes that there is \$90,000 allocated for infrastructure.

"What's good for tourists can also be good for residents kind of comes into play. The tourism board has made decisions to contribute funding for projects that the town is doing," Phillips said.

Phillips explained further that this is a fund that allocates funds

for infrastructure projects that benefit tourists and residents alike.

Within the 2021 draft budget, annual expenditures are projected to be \$998,252.

For fireworks, the 2021 draft budget notes an allocation of \$10,000 for the coming year.

"This is something that the town spends and matches the tourism fund. So it's 10 out of here and 10 out of the general fund in the administration budget. There was a lot of good discussion with the tourism board about even ramping it up further and making it a bigger show for 2021," Phillips said.

For an additional \$10,000, leading to a total of \$30,000, the town could have a bigger and larger show. For an additional \$1,500, the town's contracted firm would play patriotic music that will coordinate with the show, Phillips added.

Council member Madeline Bergon suggested that the town and tourism board explore alternatives to the fireworks show in the event that the town cannot have fireworks due to fire restrictions.

Later in the meeting, council member Shari Pierce suggested changing the fireworks line item to \$16,000 and remove \$6,000 from the event line item.

"I'm not picking on the events, but with the way that COVID is going, I don't know if we'll have any spring events," she said.

According to Green, it's very difficult for the tourism department to know the level of fire danger until close to the Fourth of July, leading to it being very hard to "change course."

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## Free drive-thru flu shot clinic Nov. 19

By Claire Ninde  
San Juan Basin Public Health

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Please do not attend if you are experiencing a fever, cough or other illness.

For questions, contact Ashley at 335-2015 or agonzalez@sjbpublichealth.org.

## Thanks

### Veterans

Please send a thank you to Pagosa Smiles and Dr. Rutherford and his staff for performing free dental care to veterans for honoring their service, especially during the pandemic when businesses are struggling; they still thought of those who served.

Karen Jones

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# Business

## The SUN offers Christmas in Pagosa business support

By Shari Pierce  
Staff writer

The countdown to the holidays has begun for many businesses and individuals. The recent snows add to the excitement in the air.

The business development team at The Pagosa Springs SUN is pleased to announce opportunities for advertising your business promotions in our Christmas in Pagosa PREVIEW sections between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Businesses that commit to advertise with The Pagosa Springs SUN in four editions during the Christmas in Pagosa celebration will be entered into a drawing to be featured on our PREVIEW cover with other businesses as we have done in the past.

Four PREVIEW covers will be available with up to 16 businesses selected to receive one of these coveted positions.

Businesses who are successful in the drawing will be contacted by SUN staff for a photo to be taken at their place of business.

To be entered into the drawings,

please contact your business development/advertising representative to discuss your advertising plan.

Advertising packages start as low as \$99 for four weeks and include design set up by our staff.

Additionally, advertisements will be grouped together in The PREVIEW with a banner above each page of advertisements indicating these are participating businesses in the Christmas in Pagosa promotion. This banner will be sponsored by The Pagosa Springs SUN to thank our participating advertisers.

Editions available during the Christmas in Pagosa promotion are Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24. This promotion is only available to businesses located in Archuleta County.

### Customer reach

The Pagosa Springs SUN is the official newspaper of Archuleta County with print and online subscriber and newsstand average sales of 3,865 each week.

The PREVIEW section is included in each edition of The SUN and an additional 5,170 copies are printed each week. These copies

are distributed to postal customers on local carrier routes and to those who have requested to receive them in their post office boxes. You will also find PREVIEWS available at area restaurants and motels.

Increasing the reach of your advertising, in past years, PREVIEW covers from the Christmas promotions have also been shared with our Facebook followers, now numbering 13,677, plus our Facebook group.

### How to participate

Take advantage of this opportunity to promote your business, retail store or restaurant during Christmas in Pagosa by contacting the business development and advertising specialists at The Pagosa Springs SUN. They may be reached by calling 264-2100 or emailing shari@pagosasun.com.

### Lighting contest

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board has joined with The Pagosa Springs SUN to promote holiday activities for tourists and locals alike.

A lighting contest is in the works with prizes offered for first, second and third places.

A map showing the locations of decorated homes and businesses will be published so you may take your family to view the decorations during the season.

For more details on the contest, and information on how to enter, please see page two of this week's PREVIEW section.

### Recipe sharing

Many families have recipes for traditional holiday dishes which are passed down from generations. Or, maybe you are starting new traditions. Please submit your favorite recipes to editor@pagosasun.com. In the spirit of the holiday season, recipes will be shared in an upcoming edition of The PREVIEW.

### More fun

Watch The Pagosa Springs SUN in upcoming weeks for more announcements of Christmas in Pagosa fun, visitor center lighting and perhaps even an appearance by Santa.

## PCs for Kids offers computer or Internet access

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

United Way, San Juan BOCES and other organizations are joining together in a program entitled PCs for Kids. Archuleta School District students have been issued Chrome books for their studying if the student of a family does not have a computer.

PCs for Kids is offering a computer or Internet access (if available) to families. You can get a refurbished computer or help with Internet access for a \$20 suggested fee. Scholarships may also be available.

A simple application, in English and Spanish, is available at www.sjboces.org/pcsforkids. Applications are due by Monday, Nov. 16, and can be filled out online or to

PCsForKids@sjboces.org. Questions can also be sent to this email address. Students or families can also ask a teacher to help them fill out a form. This program was instituted to help our students continue their education through the necessary online learning sources since COVID. Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity.

### COVID notifications through your phone

As COVID cases continue to rise in Archuleta County and contact tracing becomes ever more important, the state has set up a new COVID notification program. This service will allow you to be notified if you've likely been exposed to COVID-19.

Of course, the system relies on people opting into the service.

When two people have activated the Exposure Notification on their smartphone and come in close proximity to one another, they exchange anonymized "tokens" logging that close interaction for 14 days. If one of the two people test positive for COVID-19, the other individual will receive an alert that they have been exposed. They will be directed to self-quarantine and will be referred to COVID resources. This system is especially helpful to those people who are asymptomatic but can still spread the virus.

If you have an iPhone, you can go to Exposure Notifications, selecting country and state and opt in. Android users can download CO Exposure Notifications from the Google Playstore and follow the same process.

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not track or store personal information. It uses a Bluetooth feature to exchange randomly generated anonymous "tokens" that are not associated with your phone number, name, location or IP address. After 14 days or once an alert is triggered, the "token" is erased. If you test positive, your information will not be shared or collected. If you do test positive, you have the ability to share the tokens, which will then send a push notification to anyone you have exchanged tokens with. This is just a very brief explanation of the new process. For more information about this program, visit [www.addyourphone.com/](http://www.addyourphone.com/).

The sooner we can connect with positive cases and go through the contact tracing process, the sooner we can help keep the spread of COVID under control.

## Region 9, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade receive NADO 2020 Impact Award

By Stephani Burditt  
Region 9 Economic Development  
District of Southwest Colorado

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado and the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) have been awarded a 2020 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for the Statewide Colorado Microloan Fund program.

NADO's Impact Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and their partners for improving the economic and community competitiveness of our nation's regions and local communities.

This year, 79 projects from 19 states were recognized. The Region 9 award recognizes

the OEDIT's partnership with rural Colorado for the pilot loan program that has resulted in an impact of \$1.65 million being distributed in 30 rural counties over the last three years.

"OEDIT established this program to bring additional business capital into rural areas of Colorado, pre COVID and, to date, we have made 60 micro loans in rural areas statewide to fill finance gaps for our start-up and high character businesses that might not be bankable," said Laura Lewis Marchino, executive director of Region 9. "Region 9 is honored to be administering this program for OEDIT in our rural counties."

The Colorado Microloan Fund through Region 9 has leveraged and additional \$2.5 million and created and retained 210 jobs. The program also serves urban areas of the state through another nonprofit lender.

"These collaborative projects show the best

that regional development organizations have to offer and are a real testament to the value they add to their regions," said NADO President Kevin Byrd, executive director of the New River Valley Regional Commission, located in Radford, Va.

NADO is a Washington, D.C.-based association of regional development organizations that promote programs and policies to strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery and comprehensive strategies.

The NADO Impact Awards are in honor of the late Aliceann Wohlbruck, NADO's first executive director. The awarded projects are highlighted in an interactive story map available online at: <https://www.nado.org/impactawards/>. For more information about this award-winning project, contact Lewis Marchino at [laura@scan.org](mailto:laura@scan.org).

## Applications open for SCAPE 2021 Accelerator Program

By Brittany Cupp  
SCAPE

Applications are now open for the 2021 Southwest Colorado Accelerator Program for Entrepreneurs (SCAPE).

SCAPE works with start-ups and early-stage companies to help launch their next great idea to the market. SCAPE's mission is needed now more than ever as entrepreneurs are key to economic development and with a pivot to virtual programming

due to COVID-19, SCAPE can more easily reach and support entrepreneurs in southwest Colorado.

The SCAPE program is an intensive six-month accelerator that teaches entrepreneurs the science of startups. The selected cohort will learn how to scale their business with support from mentors who have extensive backgrounds in startups. Curriculum includes: customer-oriented product development, product marketing, operations and finance mentorship from experienced executive experts. The program also includes an introduction to a network of entrepreneurs in southwest Colorado with access to founders, industry partners and capital. The goal is to provide the education, skills and network for rural Colorado entrepreneurs to develop strong businesses in the region.

Applications are open to residents from the five counties comprising the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado — Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties. The primary focus will be ventures wanting to market and compete outside the local area while remaining headquartered in southwest

Colorado. A special emphasis will be given to those ventures with strong job-creating plans, capability and solutions insulated by local disasters. The deadline to apply is Jan. 15, 2021, and the program will begin in the spring.

"Our community has a tremendous mentor and investor network which enjoys helping young companies grow and expand. We encourage businesses to apply to see how our networks might help them succeed," stated Elizabeth Marsh, SCAPE executive director.

The 2020 accelerator launched during the COVID-19 crisis, requiring a pivot to virtual programming. This provided an opportunity for flexibility in joining sessions virtually. This especially benefited regional entrepreneurs as they were able to plug into the programming without having to add drive time. Moving into 2021, SCAPE will likely host sessions in a combination of in person if possible and virtually, with classes, mentoring and pitch practices all being offered with the flexibility to connect, gain support and move through the program remotely.

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## 2021 draft budget for Pagosa Springs Medical Center presented

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Nov. 17, the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), will consider the adoption of the district's 2021 budget.

That budget contemplates a return to normalcy and adjustments to prices, as well as meeting some of the district's capital needs per its capital replacement plan.

"There have been many challenges that have come with 2020 and they have affected every aspect of Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Covid-19 surfaced in late February and began a journey that has led us to try to budget for 2021 with a lot of factors that are out of our control," a budget summary of changes presented to the board states.

PSMC staff presented the district's proposed 2021 budget to the board on Oct. 13.

"We're all in the same boat here," CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb said before the presentation of the budget on Oct. 13. "This is a challenging time to do a budget. We're in the middle of a pandemic, an unprecedented year for us. We are prior to a presidential election."

Webb noted that PSMC Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Chelle Keplinger was pretty spot on with her budget predictions for revenues and expenses until about February.

"Starting in March, we have had changes, and so this is being felt in ... this business is so fluid, anyway, and it's just really magnified that fluidity," she added before turning the presentation over to Keplinger.

"Much to everyone else's dismay, this is my favorite time of the year, but this year's been a little rough," Keplinger said.

The CFO explained that the budget process has not changed much over the last two years, but this year the district worked to use new software for part of its budgeting process.

With that, the staff can input historical data, known factors such as inflation for different components (supplies, drugs, etc.) and revenue assumptions, she explained.

She noted it was "really hard" to look at 2020 for the base year for budgeting because of COVID, and they also used 2019 actuals and 2021 estimates.

The program, she further explained, allowed staff to create scenarios, and noted the program simplifies the process and leaves less room for human error.

"This has been a big change but the managers and directors are embracing the change and like that they can make these decisions inside of the system," a budget proposal document explains.

In describing the process, Keplinger explained more about how the staff approached the budget.

"One of the main assumptions that we had to kind of start with was that maybe we were going to go back to a normal year. Not sure at what point, but we can't — in my mind for budget, we can't focus on that we're going to be in COVID forever," Keplinger said, adding that they used the 2020 budget as a base and compared what was

**"It would have been an amazing year," she said after posing the question of what would happen if the rest of 2020 had followed suit with January and February. "But, it wasn't."**  
**PSMC Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Chelle Keplinger**

budgeted versus what is actually happening. "So, early on in the process we decided, do we really want to use 2020? Or do we want to use 2020 budget and then build on that compared to what we may have done in 2020? And so we made a lot of adjustments to the nonexpense items. So revenue: Every revenue got adjusted from 2020 because every department is falling short except for oncology."

She added expenses stayed about the same through the entire year.

"It would have been an amazing year," she said after posing the question of what would happen if the rest of 2020 had followed suit with January and February. "But, it wasn't."

Before discussing the anticipated revenue projections for 2021, Keplinger discussed some of the factors going into the projections.

She explained to the board that they reviewed the cost-to-charge ratios for all of the departments.

The budget document states they "... have determined that there are four areas in which the charges are not currently covering expenses in those departments. The four areas are Oncology, Inpatient, Ambulance and Rural Health Clinic. We will be increasing three of the four above in order to do a better job making these areas profitable."

Keplinger added that they also

determined areas that PSMC wants to be more competitive with its neighbors that won't see price increases, and the rest of the average across the board is about 3 percent.

The budget document explains further: "On the opposite side of the spectrum, we have areas that are charging too much compared to their expenses and these areas will be frozen from a price increase again this year. These departments are Lab, MRI and CT."

The document further notes that pharmacy will also not be part of the overall 3 percent increase, and states that PSMC's insurance contracts allow at least a 4 percent increase each year without penalty to PSMC's payments.

"With regards to expenses, we expect an inflation increase of 4.3% for medications, 3.3% for supplies and 10% for the employee health insurance plan," the budget summary explains.

"But we did have to say we think we're going back to a normal year. And so that normal year is about a 7 percent increase in revenue, which is a lot, but we have some areas that are really, really growing," Keplinger told the board.

A budget income statement anticipates \$36,919,678 in net revenues for 2021, as well as \$1.4 million in nonoperating income, which includes the district's tax revenue and donations.

Operating expenses are estimated to be \$38,118,781 for the upcoming year, leaving PSMC with an estimated bottom line of \$200,897.

Keplinger pointed out that the bottom line for 2020 was budgeted at \$445,641.

She noted that they project the volume of uninsured and underinsured patients will go up, and Medicare did a 1 percent decrease across the board in its reimbursements and anticipates more people being on Medicare.

She added PSMC is also seeing less revenue from Medicare because of an advanced payment in 2020 related to the pandemic.

In response to a question from board member Dr. Jim Pruitt about where the district could cut if the federal funding doesn't work out, Keplinger said there is only \$500,000 in federal CARES Act funding included in the budget that could be used for the first half of 2021.

Further board discussion concerned IT and using cloud servers; potential revenue from a pain management program; and how to determine if there will be a return to normal volumes given the unknowns moving into 2021 with coronavirus and potential vaccines, the unknowns of the flu season, new people moving to the community.

Board chair Greg Schulte expressed concern over assuming normal volumes for the entirety

of 2021.

"If we lower expectation, we don't have a margin," Keplinger said.

"We're in a very uncertain environment," Schulte acknowledged.

### Capital replacement plan

The draft budget document also includes a capital replacement plan, with eight anticipated replacements in 2021 totaling nearly \$281,000 — four items within the Information Systems Department, a nursing computer system for inpatient, two items related to the Plant Operations Department and one item for surgery.

PSMC's capital outlay budget also includes \$336,000 for a new MRI machine that was approved in 2020.

Keplinger also noted that some capital expenses are being paid through CARES Act funding.

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# LEAP helps Coloradans heat homes

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 is upon us.

November marks the kickoff of the 2021 Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program ([www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap](http://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](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap).

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## 73rd annual U.S. Marine Toys for Tots campaign seeks donations

By Loren Foster

U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots

As November begins, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots 2020 campaign in Archuleta County begins to collect tax-deductible online and toy donations.

Please donate online or donate a toy at supporting businesses. Site locations are listed at [pagosa-springs-co.toysfortots.org](http://pagosa-springs-co.toysfortots.org). Send checks and money orders to U.S. Marine Toys for Tots Archuleta, P.O. Box 1567, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. All toy and monetary donations remain 100 percent within the county to benefit less-fortunate local families.

Parents can request toys for their children 17 years and under by applying online at the above website. Information collected in the application will only be used to ensure residency and to match the children's ages and genders with the toys available. Parents without computers or cellphones can request a paper application be mailed to you by calling 264-2049.

The following local agencies will assist their client parents with registration by providing written instructions or assisting with the online application: Aspire, Department of Human Services, Head Start, Rise Above Violence, Salvation Army and San Juan Basin

Public Health. The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library has computers and can assist with registration as well.

This year, toy distribution will be a two-day event because the demand for toys is expected to increase with the economic impact of the COVID-19 virus locally and nationwide, and also to minimize the potential for its transmission. A registered nurse will screen all volunteers performing toy distribution activities per COVID guidelines using a noncontact thermometer and record the results on a questionnaire form.

The toy distribution event will be at the Tennyson Building Event

Center, located at 197 Navajo Trail Drive, on Dec. 18 and 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Identification will be required only to verify residency in Archuleta County.

Due to the COVID virus, parents will need to remain in their cars in this drive-through distribution process. Parents will be handed prebagged toys for your children in order to minimize human contact. Changes may occur due to extreme weather, so be patient.

Sadly, we run out of toys before we run out of children who deserve a joyous Christmas. Please join us in helping to offer hope to those less fortunate families with children who live in our communities.

## Town council budget work session highlights potential changes in general fund

By Chris Mannara

Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council was presented with a draft budget for 2021 during a work session on Oct. 29.

Within the draft budget, total general fund revenues are projected to be \$6,550,202. This is an increase from the original 2020 projections of \$5,604,190. Year-end totals for 2020 are expected

to be \$6,454,624 for general fund revenues.

The town projects \$3,413,025 for sales tax revenues within the 2021 projected budget. This is an increase from the original 2020 budget of \$2,904,809. The projected totals for the end of 2020 are \$3,250,500, according to the draft 2021 budget.

Total general fund expenditures are projected to be \$4,232,679 for 2021. Projected year-end expenditures

for the general fund are expected to be \$4,150,773. The 2020 budget originally had \$3,714,564.

For the Administration Department, the town projects a \$1,018,336 budget. This is an increase from the 2020 budget of \$896,876.

The Building and Fire Safety Department budget is projected to be \$260,393 in 2021. This is a slight increase over the original 2020 budget of \$252,373. Year-end projections for 2020 are expected

to be \$234,609 for this fund.

The draft 2021 budget outlines an allocation for \$379,229 for the Planning Department. The original 2020 budget for the Planning Department was \$293,832, while year-end totals are projected to be \$247,815.

The Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) is projected to have a budget of \$1,281,357. This is a slight decrease from 2020's budget of \$1,156,566. The year-end budget for the PSPD is projected to be \$1,091,141, according to the draft budget.

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### 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

**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. 14

**Pagosa Peak Open School Strategic Planning Training.** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84417994283>, meeting ID: 844 1799 4283, call-in number: (346) 248-7799.

### Monday, Nov. 16

**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 Area Water and Sanitation District special board meeting.** 4 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

**San Juan Water Conservancy District meeting.** 5 p.m. Zoom meeting. See [sjwcd.org](http://sjwcd.org) for agenda and meeting information.

### Tuesday, Nov. 17

**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 Board of County Commissioners regular meeting.** 1:30 p.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.

**Upper San Juan Health Service District regular board meeting.** 5:30 p.m. Zoom meeting. Log in at <https://zoom.us/j/96904926293>, meeting ID: 969 0492 6293, phone in using: (346) 248-7799.

### Wednesday, Nov. 18

**Upper San Juan Library District board meeting.** 4 p.m. Zoom meeting. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146>.

**Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting.** 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and Zoom online.

### Thursday, Nov. 19

**Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting.** Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 24

**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.

### Wednesday, Nov. 25

**Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting.** 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and Zoom online.

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

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# Outdoors

## Proposition 114 passes: Gray wolves to be reintroduced by 2023

By Simone Mounsamy  
Staff Writer

Over the past decade, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has restored gray wolves into Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and Arizona.

In the recent election, Coloradans voted to pass Proposition 114, which directs the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Commission to develop a plan to reintroduce gray wolves west of the Continental Divide by 2023.

The CPW website outlines what comes next on its Wolf Management page:

“Develop a plan to reintroduce and manage gray wolves in Colorado by December 31, 2023, on designated lands west of the Continental Divide;

“Hold statewide hearings about scientific, economic, and social considerations;

“Periodically obtain public input to update the plan; and

“Use state funds to assist livestock owners in preventing conflicts with gray wolves and pay fair compensation for livestock losses.”

CPW’s website states, “CPW will work with federal counterparts, neighboring states, and partners and stakeholders across Colorado to create a plan to implement the outcome of the ballot vote.”

Joe Lewandowski, Southwest Region public information officer, added input.

“Reintroduction is a very complicated operation. The state was split on the opinion on this,” he said.

“We have skilled biologists working on it. We’ve done this before,” said Lewandowski, referring to when the state reintroduced the lynx to the San Juan Mountains in the 1990s.

The process of gray wolf reintroduction will be similar to that of the lynx.

Lewandowski explained CPW biologists will make contact with other state wildlife agencies and ask if they can trap, buy or trade for those wolves.

“It is not yet known how many,” Lewandowski said. The plan will include various aspects like where the agency gets the wolves, where they’ll be released, how many there will be, etc. The decisions will be made over a series of public meetings with dates and locations remaining to be determined.

“We’ve got until December 2023 to get wolves on the ground. We’ve got a lot of time,” said Lewandowski, contributing to the widespread language that suggests the reintroduction will be a long-term effort.

Rocky Mountain Wolf Project President Rob Edward suggested that once the plan has been decided upon, the effort could span a decade or more to come into effect.

### Can landowners act?

Gray wolves have been protected under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA) since 1974.

Although the USFWS has published a rule to delist the species nationwide and return management control to state and tribal wildlife agencies by 2021, the pattern in the past has been for these delistings to be litigated.

The announcement to delist the species was made in late October.

Regardless, “the species remains listed as endangered under state law in Colorado, and take of gray wolves will remain prohibited,” states CPW’s Wolf Management page of its website.

A wolf FAQ document found on



Photo courtesy Colorado Parks and Wildlife

### Gray wolf

the CPW website states this:

“Q: Can landowners kill a wolf that is depredate livestock? If not, who is responsible for removing a depredate wolf?”

“A: No the landowner cannot. CPW is responsible (after it takes over management from USFWS) for removing a depredate wolf.”

Read more on the regulations and legal penalties for taking or killing a wolf in the CPW’s Wolf FAQ document.

Edward spoke on the phone with The SUN about the predation on livestock and its data.

“I hope any claims made are viable on data ... In Idaho, Wyoming, and Canada depredation is less than .001 percent on livestock in wolf-occupied counties. Now, that’s not zero,” Edward said, which is why the state set up a compensation regulation.

A few thousand dollars in compensation for livestock is “not the end of the world,” he said.

### Are wolves already in Colorado?

“There are indications of wolves in the state. We typically field around 100 sightings each year,” CPW states on its website. “However, wolf reports are typically not considered reliable without strong supporting evidence. Whenever there are reports of wolves in Colorado we work closely with our federal partners to investigate for validity.”

In January, CPW confirmed the presence of at least six wolves in northern Moffat County.

### The effect on deer and elk populations

On its Wolf Management page, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks mentions, “How much, where, and how wolves impact prey varies through space and time. Wolves like mountain lions, coyotes and bears eat deer, elk, moose, and other game animals. Research in Montana and elsewhere has shown that predation may influence deer, elk and moose populations through changes in the survival of young and adult animals or a combination of both. In Montana, elk numbers in some areas have declined, due in part to wolf predation. Yet in other areas where wolves and elk interact, elk numbers are stable or increasing. Habitat, weather patterns, human hunting, the presence of other large predators in the same area and the presence of livestock seasonally or year-round are important factors, too. Wolf predation by itself does not initiate declines in prey populations, but it can exacerbate declines or lengthen periods of prey population rebounds.”

CPW discusses the current levels of mule deer and elk in Colo-

rado and how wolf reintroduction may affect those levels in its wolf FAQ document.

“The statewide elk population is stable; the 2018 estimate is 287,000. CPW has intentionally reduced some elk populations to achieve population objectives set for those herds. Currently, 22 of 42 (52 percent) elk herds are still above their current population objective ranges. However, some herds remain below the established population objective,” CPW states.

“Elk research and continued management changes,” it reads, “such as reductions in cow elk hunting licenses, that are necessary since elk calf production remains low in many herds.”

The FAQ document echoes the mention from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks’ statement saying it is impossible to predict exactly how the wolf reintroduction would effect ungulate populations.

The concern for mule deer is greater than that of the elk.

CPW states, “Mule deer populations in portions of western Colorado have declined significantly, causing concerns within CPW and its many constituencies who depend upon or enjoy mule deer. Recognizing the need for action, CPW embarked on a comprehensive public engagement effort to gather input for developing the West Slope Mule Deer Strategy to guide future management actions.”

### Expectations

When asked what residents of Archuleta County should expect in the future when they go out into the woods, Edward said, “Expect that in 10 years if you go into the backcountry in the South San Juans or the Weminuche, you may hear wolves howling, or may get the rare opportunity to see one or two while you’re camping or hunting, and count yourself blessed.”

Edward noted that if you happen to see one, that means that there are enough on the ground that they are filling their ecologic role of moving elk around.

“Then the aspen and willow are able to rebound, not being over-browsed,” said Edward, “and we get more beavers making dams, which means cooler water, and encourages less drought, and growth in the plant habitat.”

### ‘The fear is not justified’

When asked what a wolf’s reaction is generally toward a human, Edward answered that it is like that of a coyote.

“In general, wolves are fairly circumspect about humans... they take a look and go the other way,” he said. “The only problems come when someone is acting like a stupid person,” which unfortunately happens, Edward said. The one at jeopardy, however, becomes the wolf who is then relocated or put down.

Wolves are social by nature, which is a big reason why we have dogs, Edward pointed out. Imagine the ancestors of wolves getting curious about humans, someone sitting around the fire throws a scrap of meat, and soon they habituate and trust the wolves. They start taking them hunting and then it becomes a dog.

“There have been tens of millions of visitor hours where campers spent nights on wolf occupied land with no problems,” Edward recounted. “The fear is not justified. We have a primal fear of wolves that needs to be dealt with rationally, but not emotionally.”

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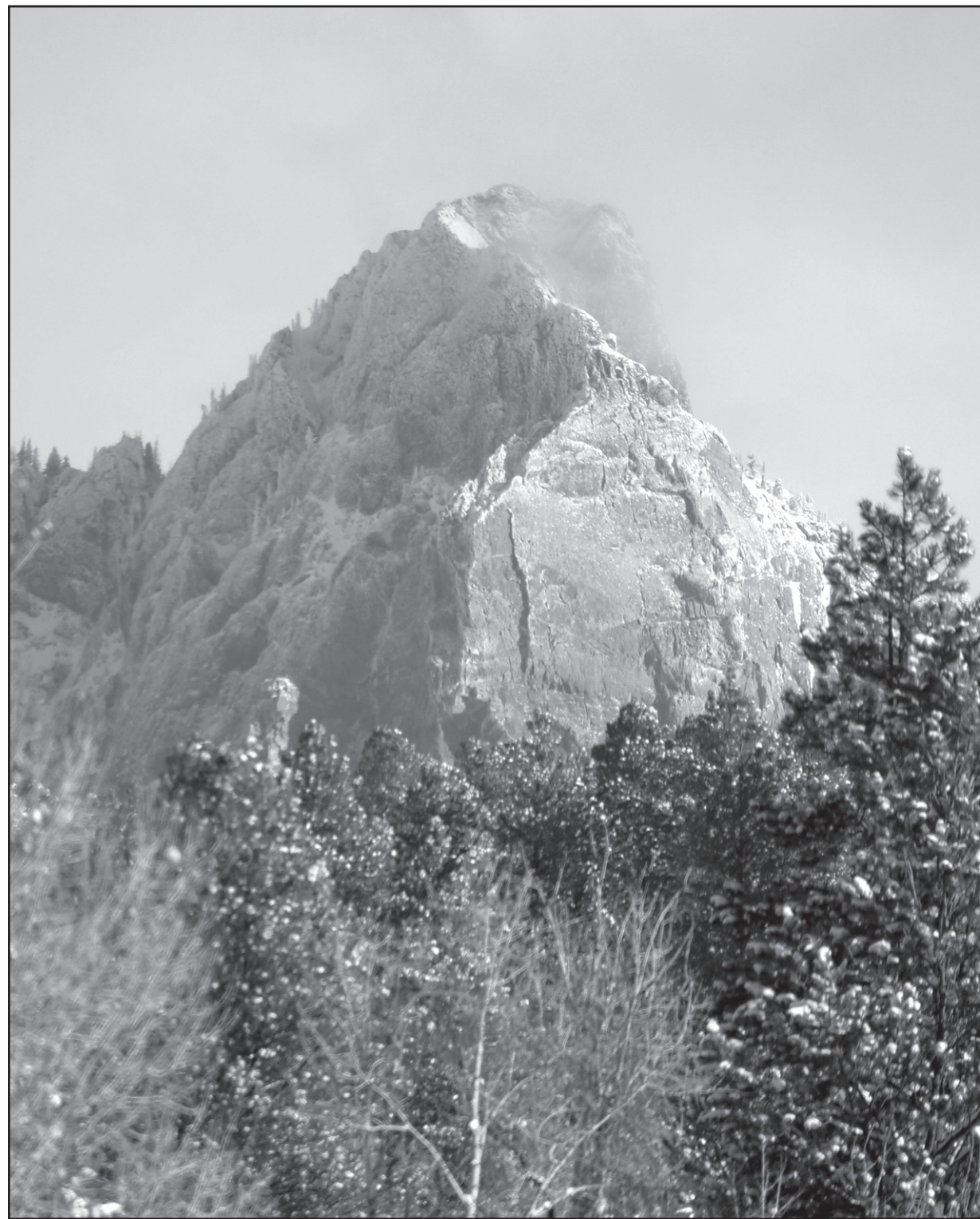


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Pagosa Country received some very welcome snow this past week, including the peaks near Chromo pictured here. Wolf Creek Ski Area reported a storm total of 38 inches of snow with 77 inches received this season to date.

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## Christmas tree permits available online

By Esther Godson  
San Juan National Forest

Christmas tree permits will be available to purchase with local vendors and online through Recreation.gov beginning Nov. 12. Details about designated cutting areas, dates and types of trees that may be cut can be found on the San Juan National Forest’s Christmas Tree Permit webpage on Recreation.gov.

“For many families, venturing into a National Forest to cut their Christmas tree for the holidays is a treasured tradition carried on for generations,” said Kara Chadwick, San Juan National Forest supervi-

sor. “For families creating new traditions, a trip to their local forest to cut their own Christmas tree may be a thrilling experience as they discover the joy of hiking through the forest in search of the perfect holiday centerpiece.”

It is important to carefully read the overview and need-to-know information prior to purchasing the permit. Visitors will also need to set up or login to a Recreation.gov account to complete the transaction. Online permits are \$8 plus a \$2.50 fee to Rec.gov.

Cutting a Christmas tree also improves forest health. Local forest health experts identify areas that benefit from thinning trees that

tend to be the perfect size for Christmas trees. Removing these trees in designated areas helps other trees grow larger and can open areas that provide forage for wildlife.

Do not cut ponderosa pine or Douglas fir trees. There are specific areas off limits on the forest. Trees may not be cut within 100 feet of a county road, highway or developed campground. Please review the San Juan National Forest Christmas tree cutting guidelines and rules thoroughly.

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



Photos courtesy Robin Love

Robin Love makes her way to Pagosa Springs following life experiences in Alaska, Florida and the Caribbean. Love recounted, "This is what I'll leave Alaska for," as she drove into Pagosa Springs for the first time.

## Work hard, rest later: Robin Love goes from the high seas to the Rocky Mountains

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

From crafting culinary creations on the open sea to making her own adventures each day in Pagosa Springs, Robin Love has lived a life worth living and continues to do so.

Love found her way to Pagosa Springs 19 years ago, moving from a little ski resort town out of Anchorage, Alaska.

"I tend to gravitate towards ski resort towns — let's just put it that way — because I was a skier," she said. "When you're 7 years old, you tend to have friends that have places, and if you're a nice person they invite you along."

Love explained that she moved to Alaska from Lake Tahoe in 1978 because there was money to be made with the pipeline industry and ended up staying with her uncle as she got on her feet.

While in Alaska, Love even found herself eventually working on fishing boats, but admittedly, this was only a onetime thing.

"On fishing boats, you get paid by the catch, so we didn't do real well out there with black cod, and when we came back, the captain actually told me if you tallied up all the fuel and the toilet paper that each crew member owed \$300. So I left with my luggage and a handful of halibut and never went back to a fishing boat again. I wanted a paycheck for my hard work," she said.

Love found herself on those fishing boats while going to culinary school in Seward, Alaska, and was there for about 16 months, living on the docks, and grew to know many of the people around.

"When I was graduating at culinary school, one of the captains of one of the big fishing boats asked me if I wanted to go out and cook and be a deckhand," she said.

When the Exxon Valdez oil spill occurred in 1989, there were a lot of boats that went to Valdez to assist in the oil cleanup, leading to Love finding her way onto those boats, eventually in a cooking role.

The opportunity presented itself to Love as she was working as a waitress at a restaurant after meeting someone who worked in the industry who was seeking someone who could cook.

"It was just by luck that I was a favorite waitress for some of the bigwigs that were there. It was just gearing up," she said.

When the oil spill happened, anyone in Alaska who wanted a good job went to Valdez because a lot of people were needed, Love explained.

"I was hired to be a cook on a crew delivery boat where there was just three guys, the captain, the deckhand and the engineer and myself," she said. "That's how I started on boats. I worked on boats for a lot of years afterwards, but only one fishing boat."

That led to Love working on other water vessels such as yachts in the Caribbean, tugboats that hauled fuel barges and crew deliv-

**"This was the early '90s and they really needed to get females on the payroll. It was a pretty much dominated male career," Robin Love said. "I filled a lot of really neat jobs just because I was female."**

ery boats as a "damn good cook," as she describes.

"This was the early '90s and they really needed to get females on the payroll. It was a pretty much dominated male career," she said. "I filled a lot of really neat jobs just because I was female. That was very comfortable after that initial summer, the Valdez oil spill, to work around men and be available to go around for four to six months at a time."

To keep things diverse and interesting, Love explained she worked various seasonal jobs.

"I realized there was a great career to be had on a boat," she said, adding that it was great to be able to travel the world and get paid for it.

The jobs were always interesting, Love explained, telling a story of a time around 1992 or 1993 where she was on a cable-laying vessel about 300 miles off the Florida coast on Christmas Eve.

At the time, Love was cooking for a crew of 76 people and the captain came down to the galley with a request for her, saying that there were two more people who arrived for dinner.

"I said, what do you mean? We're out in the ocean bobbing like a cork," she said.

Upon looking out the galley porthole Love saw a little boat com-

ing toward her vessel with two men that were pedaling from Portugal to the Florida Atlantic coast.

"It was the first leg of going around the world on human power," she said, describing the men's boat as looking like a bullet or a capsule of about 20 feet. "They saw our boat, so they headed toward the lights and they got there in time to have Christmas Eve dinner with us."

While waiting in the port to switch personnel on the boats, Love found herself with four to five days to explore various places such as Singapore.

"It was a great career. I got a great paycheck, I got international travel, time off the boat every month to go explore enough to feel that I had enjoyed that location," she said.

After working at an Alaskan fishing lodge, Love made the trek to Pagosa Springs in September of 2001.

"I was looking for a place in the lower 48," she said. "Alaska was a long ways away. I had traveled and seen many places. I was constantly keeping an eye open for where I would want to go to before I got too old."

Around her mid-40s, Love was on a yacht on her way to Miami and met someone who had a cabin at Vallecito Lake.

Love eventually found her way to Vallecito Lake in the spring, and was eventually offered a job at a

local ranch as a chef.

Pagosa Springs was introduced to Love on a rainy day and one of her co-workers recommended that she check out the local hot springs.

As she drove into Pagosa Springs from Bayfield and took in the beautiful scenery around her, Love recounted as she told herself, "This is what I'll leave Alaska for," explaining that it had everything she liked, adding that the hot springs gave her something to do on rainy days.

Pagosa Springs also was a great location for Love to explore the other areas of the state she had not been able to previously, she added.

"I'm so glad to be in Pagosa. I'm so glad to have nature. I wake up every morning and tell myself how lucky I am to have chose this town to be my permanent home," she said.

The transition to going from consistently working to settling down and taking things slow was an easier one for Love, she explained.

"I couldn't have chose better. It took me a lot of years and a lot of hard work of flipping those eggs and baking those cookies. And let's not forget all of the dishes I've washed in my life to be able to come here and be able to stay here," she said. "Out of everywhere in America that I've been, and I've been a lot of places, I'm so happy I've chose Pagosa Springs as my home."

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# Sports

## FOOTBALL



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Pirate running back Dylan Tressler aims for the end zone while La Junta defenders aim to take him down, resulting in a Pirate touchdown. The Pirates had success running the ball and ended the night with a team total of 390 rushing yards.

## Pirates earn league title, knock off La Junta 35-13

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Last Friday, Nov. 6, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team played its last regular season game of the fall 2020 season, in which they defeated the La Junta Tigers 35-13.

The Pirates finished the regular season with an overall record of 5-0 and a league record of 4-0, making them the champions of the 2A Southwestern League.

The Pirates got the ball to start the game, but were unable to produce any points on their opening drive, which led to a punt that pinned the Tigers deep inside their own territory.

The Pirates' defense held the Tigers to a quick three and out and got the ball back with just under 10 minutes remaining in the first quarter.

It looked as if the Tigers were going to hold the Pirates off from scoring for a second consecutive drive until a hard snap count from quarterback Grant Aucoin drew the Tigers offside on a fourth-and-1 attempt.

The drive was spearheaded by running back Dylan Tressler, picking up significant yards on consecutive carries. The drive was capped off by a 20-yard touchdown run from Aucoin and a successful extra-point attempt made the game 7-0 with just under five minutes remaining in the first quarter.

On the ensuing drive for the Tigers, Pirates' safety Aidan O'Donnell came up with the first takeaway of the night with an interception.

As the Pirates looked to capitalize on the Tigers' turnover, Aucoin was picked off on a pass that was tipped up in the air, intended for

wide receiver Mitch Lewis.

The Tigers were able to march the ball down field inside the Pirates' 20-yard line. A wide-open dropped pass was the result of an unsuccessful trick play on a fourth-and-goal attempt, which gave the ball back to the Pirates with just over five minutes remaining in the second quarter.

The Pirates were able to get out of their own territory, but a series of back-to-back penalties forced them into a second-and-long situation.

A few short gains led to a fourth-and-10 attempt in which the Pirates ran a trick play of their own, a wide receiver reverse pass. O'Donnell connected with Lewis for a 15-yard gain to keep the drive alive.

A few plays later, Tressler was able to break off an 18-yard touchdown rush to make it 13-0 with just over two minutes to play in the second quarter.

Tressler ended the night with 262 yards and four touchdowns on 36 carries.

"We missed some throws early, but it was fine. We settled in and we started making throws and I think that's what opened up the running game," coach Nathan Morales said in a phone interview.

The Tigers were able to strike back on the ensuing kickoff and returned the kick 90 yards for a touchdown. With the extra point attempt successful, they brought the score to 13-7.

The Pirates had a chance to get more points on the board just before the end of the first half. With time running out, Aucoin connected with Lewis on a deep ball to the end zone.

However, a flag was thrown on the play and after a few moments

of discussion, the referees called offensive pass interference, taking away a Pirate touchdown and ending the first half.

The Pirates attempted an onside kick to open up the second half, but were unsuccessful in recovering the kick.

After a short drive, the Pirates' defense was able to hold the Tigers off and get the ball back.

With just over eight minutes to play in the third quarter, Tressler was able to find his way to the end zone on a 10-yard touchdown rush. A successful two-point conversion brought the score to 21-7.

The Pirates' defense came up with a fourth-down stop to get the ball back with 6:22 remaining in the third quarter.

The Pirates' offense was able to march down the field and Tressler broke off another touchdown run to make it 28-7 with just over three minutes to play in the third quarter.

A couple drives later, Tressler fumbled the ball, which was recovered by the Tigers.

The Tigers' offense was able to capitalize on the Pirates' turnover with a touchdown pass that brought the score to 28-13 with over 10 minutes to play in the fourth quarter.

On the next drive for the Pirates, Tressler was once again able to find his way to the end zone for his fourth touchdown on the night. Another successful extra-point attempt brought the game to 35-13.

The Pirates' defense was able to come up with another take away late in the fourth quarter. O'Donnell made his second interception on the night with just under two minutes to play.

"Aidan's done a real good job for us back there," Morales said in

reference to O'Donnell's defensive performance so far this season.

The Pirates ran the clock out to end the game with a final score of 35-13.

"It was a great team win," Morales said. "I've been real proud of them team this year in the second half. We love to win the fourth quarter. That's big for us."

According to Morales, the playoff brackets will be released this weekend, giving the Pirates two weeks to prepare for their first-round playoff game.

"This year is so unique and we're just happy we've gotten to play so far," he said. "We're doing our best to stay healthy and to stay away from COVID."

At a Nov. 10 meeting of the Archuleta School District Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza announced that the players of the Pirates' football team submitted a proposal to switch to online learning in order for them to be able to self-quarantine for the next few weeks before playoffs.

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, the superintendent announced in an email to district staff that a La Junta player tested positive for COVID-19 and that he was involved in the majority of Friday's contest.

LeBlanc-Esparza announced that the Pirate football team will have to quarantine until Nov. 20.

"Coaches and players had already requested permission to self-quarantine in order to prevent exposure and stay healthy, this just confirms that their instinct was the right one," LeBlanc-Esparza wrote.

The email continues, "There is not a risk to any other high school students or staff due to this exposure."

As for how the team will be preparing on the field, Morales commented, saying, "We're going to practice like it's a game week. We got to stay focused, keep the intensity and prepare like champions. That's what champions do, they work hard every day, so that's what will be doing this week."  
clayton@pagosasun.com

## RECREATION NEWS

## Register now for youth basketball, winter arts and crafts class

By Darren Lewis  
SUN Columnist

The Recreation Department is currently accepting registration through Dec. 28 for youth basketball ages 9-12. There will be two divisions, 9-10 and 11-12. There are only 40 spots available per division. Early registration is recommended.

The cost is \$35 and registration may only be completed at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Practice will start in January, with games beginning in February. Please call the Recreation Department with any questions, 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233.

### Winter recreation arts and crafts class ages 9-13

The Recreation Department is currently accepting registration through Nov. 25 for an arts and crafts class held at the Community Center.

Registration can be completed at the Community Center. The class is for ages 9-13 and class size is limited to 10 participants. Early registration is recommended.

Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. This class is a three-week session running Dec. 1-17. The cost of the class is \$25 for the three-week session.

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(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?"

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ARTS & LIFE

# Holiday Lighting Contest

Entry deadline Wednesday, Nov. 18



# 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 ob-

tain 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.



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# Share your special family recipes

By Shari Pierce

Staff Writer

As the holidays near, The Pagosa Springs SUN is asking readers to share special family recipes. The SUN will share selected recipes with our readers during the upcoming holidays.

Please submit your recipes to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto:editor@pagosasun.com) beginning now and not later than Dec. 10.

To kick off recipe sharing, the following recipe is shared from the kitchen of Shari Pierce. This was shared by Pierce's sister-in-law, Shirley Pierce, of Maud, Texas, a number of years ago.

The recipe is Angel Biscuits and these cook up very light and fluffy due to the addition of yeast in the

recipe. These are a family favorite and have been shared with numerous people throughout the years. They work great cooked in a Dutch oven on a camping trip.

### Angel Biscuits

5 cups all-purpose flour  
3 tablespoons sugar  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
3/4 cup shortening  
1/2 cup warm water  
1 package dry yeast  
2 cups buttermilk, room temperature

Combine first five ingredients. Cut in shortening. Dissolve yeast in warm water, stir into buttermilk. Add milk mixture to dry ingredients

and stir to moisten. Cover and chill.

When ready to use, roll dough on lightly floured surface to 1/2- to 3/4-inch thickness. Cut out biscuits with 2-inch cutters. Place on lightly greased cookie sheet or in glass baking pan.

Bake at 400 degrees for 12 minutes, or until lightly browned. Makes 4 dozen.

You can keep the dough in the refrigerator for several days and bake as desired for fresh biscuits.

The SUN staff looks forward to receiving your family recipes.

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# Free Community Closet postponed, reset for Nov. 14

By Kim Hamilton  
Special to The PREVIEW

Due to inclement weather, the Free Community Closet event scheduled at Airport Storage on Piedra Road for Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. had to be postponed until Saturday, Nov. 14, for the same hours. We apologize for any inconvenience. Be sure to come to this great event to find any size of winter clothing and foot wear.

This is also a bike drive for our annual Adopt-A-Pagosa-Family for Christmas project. Please bring any bikes in good condition that you'd like to donate to a child for Christmas. We can handle some repairs such as new tires, seats and handle grips, but please do not bring anything that needs extensive repairs. We have just a few people to help with these and we do not need to overwhelm them.

Sign-ups to have your family be able to put down your wish list for the Christmas project if you are in need will start at this event. Also,

Join FLC community for two Zoom discussions by visiting scholars

By Lauren Savage  
Fort Lewis College

Dr. Davina Two Bears: My Academic Journey and the Old Leupp Boarding School will be presented on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 5 to 6 p.m. virtually via <http://fortlewis.zoom.us/j/99137512196>.

Two Bears holds a Ph.D. in anthropology with a concentration in archaeology and a minor in Native American and indigenous studies from Indiana University, Bloomington. Her research and teaching interests include Diné culture and language, contemporary Native American music, indigenous archaeology, and federal Native American boarding schools.

Dr. Brian Twenter: Indigenous Images in American Television will be presented Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. via <https://fortlewis.zoom.us/j/99455145017>.

Twenter holds a Ph.D. in English (Native American literature) from the University of South Dakota. He has been a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Minnesota Morris and a visiting assistant professor at the University of Western Washington. His research and teaching interests include Native American literature, representations of Native American and indigenous cultures, nations, and peoples in television and film, and indigenous/environmental studies.

families can sign up to adopt such families. You can sign up to fulfill a need, several needs, a whole family or donate funds for us to go purchase the items needed.

We're having this event rain, snow or shine. It will be under tents in the parking lot if needed.

If you need any further informa-

tion, please contact Kim Hamilton at [kimh55@hotmail.com](mailto:kimh55@hotmail.com) or on Facebook as Kimberlie Fleming Hamilton.

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Pagosa Peak Open school is seeking businesses to display artwork created by kindergarteners. For a very special and COVID-safe celebration of learning, the school's kindergarten class will have a Project-based Learning Gallery Walk.

## Wanted: Businesses to display kindergarten artwork

By Alison Beach  
Pagosa Peak Open School

For a very special and COVID-safe celebration of learning, Pagosa Peak Open School's kindergarten

class will have a Project-based Learning Gallery Walk.

Karla Parker-Choat (the kindergarten teacher) will be hanging up selections of the class's artworks in various businesses in the com-

munity.

Students will make a map for the gallery walk for families to follow during the week of Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 23-27).

If you know of any business owners who would like to showcase three to four pieces of kindergarten artwork for this galley walk, please let Parker-Choat know by emailing her at [kparkerchoat@ppos.co](mailto:kparkerchoat@ppos.co).

## 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. 15, our theme is patience.

"Sow not, O people, the seed of dissension amongst men, and contend not with your neighbor. Be patient under all conditions, and place your whole trust and confidence in God." — 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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# Early Thanksgiving meal at Loaves and Fishes set for Nov. 19

By Nancy Crouse  
Loaves and Fishes

Yes, Pagosa, there will still be a fantastic early Thanksgiving meal at Loaves and Fishes this year.

Although much is different and difficult this year, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will again be the sponsor of a full Thanksgiving dinner served at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street on Nov. 19. Unlike in previous times when the meal was served at tables beautifully decorated with white table cloths and fall foliage, this year's meal will be available through the "new normal," walk-up and curbside pickup.

The annual feast, offered free to the public one week before Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 19, will include roasted turkey, savory dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans and pie.

Preparations have been underway since September and cooking will start on Tuesday, Nov. 17, when the turkeys go in the oven. Wednesday is the big prep

day for parishioners, when they will chop onions and celery, make the dressing, slice turkey and prepare the green beans. On Thursday, let the feasting begin. Volunteers will complete the final preparations early in the morning and serving will begin at 11 a.m.

The Parish Hall will remain closed indefinitely, although the regular Loaves and Fishes weekly Thursday meal will continue into next year under these restricted conditions. Members of St. Patrick's and all the other sponsoring organizations very much miss the interaction with the guests which was afforded by the sit-down service and was, by far, the most enjoyable aspect of their work.

Loaves and Fishes celebrated its 15th anniversary this year. It is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a free hot, nutritious meal to whomever comes seeking nourishment and encouragement. During 2020, 22 local civic and church groups have sponsored the meals and the board of directors extends its thanks to all of them.

# UUs to consider the practice of self-reflection

By Pauline Benetti  
Pagosa UU Fellowship

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship continues virtual service on the first and third Sundays of the month. The fellowship has become quite adept at providing virtual continuity for members and friends in a variety of ways. Continuity comes through abbreviated services, coffee talks and small group meetings, all in virtual community.

Unitarian Universalism is unique among the world's religions in the sense that it seeks inspiration in our ethical and spiritual life from the established wisdom of other religions. Paganism is one of those ancient traditions.

Samhain (pronounced SOW-win) marked the end of summer and began the Celtic new year. Ushering in a new year signaled

a time of both death and rebirth, something that was doubly symbolic because it coincided with the end of a bountiful harvest season and the beginning of a cold and dark winter season that would present plenty of challenges. It was a time to honor the ancestors and to usher in "the dark half of the year" by going within.

We began the celebration of Samhain at our last service with our remembrances of loved ones passed from this life. This Sunday, we will welcome the darkness by turning our thoughts inward in our consideration of the purpose and practice of self-reflection. Please join us.

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

Religious Exploration (RE) classes have been temporarily canceled due to COVID-19. For more information about RE or the fellowship, call 731-7900 or email [info@pagosauu.org](mailto:info@pagosauu.org).



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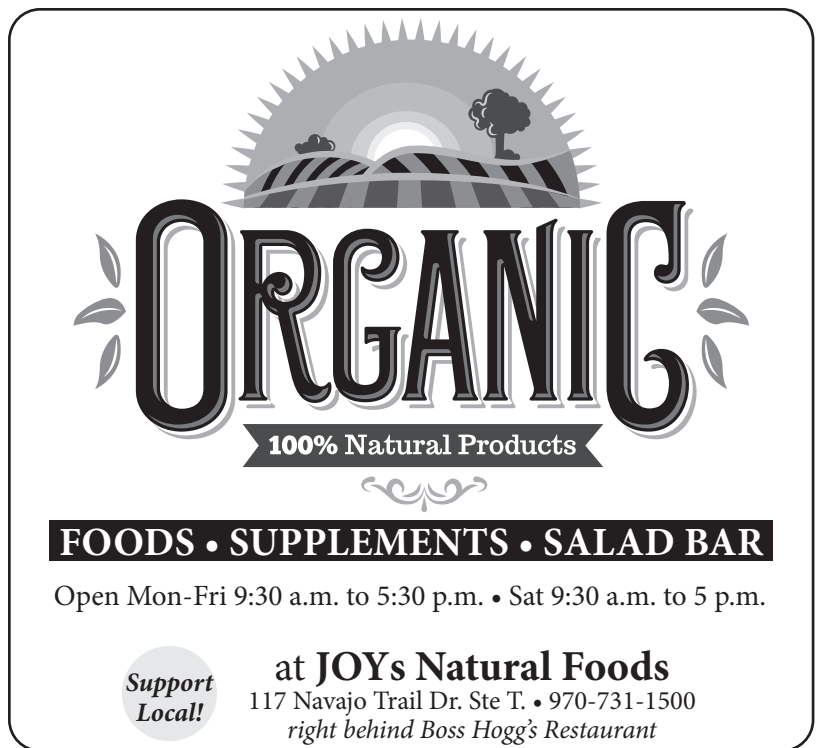
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# Beginning farmers and ranchers invited to take online course

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Colorado Building Farmers program (CBF) presents the Principles of Business Planning and Management short course through Colorado State University (CSU) Extension.

CBF builds farm community and business development skills through classroom and experiential learning for new and beginning farmers and livestock producers (zero to 10 years of experience). Over eight weeks, Principles participants explore how to build a farm business, plan for new markets, improve their record keeping and financial analysis skills, and manage risks in crop and livestock enterprises.

Since 2007, over 300 producers have completed the program, almost 200 developed business plans and 23 subsequently worked under the guidance of an experienced producer-mentor to implement their plans and advance their business goals.

Join us in 2020 as the Principles course goes virtual. CBF is integrating all the familiar face to face learning, farmers teaching farmers, small group discussions, core curriculum

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and business plan presentations into an online format. To further increase your business network, we are recruiting input and resource providers to join us as virtual exhibitors.

The course is Thursday nights Dec. 3-Feb. 4 (no classes Dec. 24 or 31). The cost is \$200 per person. Last day to register is Nov. 24 — please register soon.

Learn more and register at: <https://foodsystems.colostate.edu/buildingfarmers/>.

For information, please call the Archuleta County CSU Extension office at 264-5931.

Visit us on the Web at <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/> or like us on Facebook and get more information: <https://www.facebook.com/CSUARCHCTY>.

### Donate to the Archuleta County 4-H program

The Archuleta County 4-H pro-

gram boasts a membership of more than 150 members annually. Often, these programs rely on fundraisers to help offset the costs of the program, such as awards, supplies and, most importantly, leadership opportunities. Members can attend various leadership camps and conferences statewide and even nationally.

To help our program continue to support our members, we appreciate any contribution you make. To pay online, visit <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/Archuleta-Co4H/> and select Contributions and Donations.

Like us on Facebook — <https://www.facebook.com/Archuleta-County4H/>.

### CPR and first aid certification

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

# 9Health Fairs canceled until further notice

9Health Fair

To our many 9Health Fair volunteers, donors and participants, we, your Pagosa Springs 9Health Fair core team, want to pass along an update about the status of our 9Health Fair.

The 9Health Fair headquarters in Denver, as well as our statewide community fair sites, have felt the broad effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

Given the continuing impacts

from COVID-19 and the unpredictable future, the 9Health Fair board of trustees decided to reduce operations of the organization in order to conserve funds and maximize future opportunities.

This means that the 9Health Fairs will not be offered until the board gives the directive to do so.

During this time, staff will assess and reinvent the organization to hopefully serve the health needs of Colorado in the near future.

We are optimistic that these unprecedented circumstances can be surmounted, and at some point our mission of bringing free and low-cost screenings and informative educational centers to our communities can resume.

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# Archuleta Seniors Inc. announces updates, opportunities

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
Archuleta Seniors Inc.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) is pleased to announce the following updates and opportunities:

## Nutrition program

- We welcome Jillian Lucero as our new executive chef. She is working with our center coordinator, Cheryl Wilkinson, to make sure that our nutrition programs are serving enjoyable, high-quality meals and snacks for our 60 and better consumers and the community as a whole.

- We are providing drive-thru pickup options, as well as county bus delivery for congregate meals while the Community Café is closed. A COVID-related grant allowed us to purchase additional hot boxes, which allowed us to collaborate with the county for deliveries.

- We are very grateful to the county for making this option possible,

as there are many consumers who cannot travel during the pandemic and the winter season for meal pickup.

- We are, as always, delivering Meals on Wheels.

## New programming: online and telephone access

- Mather — the industry leader in senior living and research, dedicated to creating “Ways to Age Well” — is graciously providing support to ASI to link our community to its “Aging Well” resources.

- Professional caregiver, family caregiver and other up-to-date information is available. You can look through those offerings on our site: <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

- There are download printable resources, as well as a links to sign up to enjoy a bevy of virtual (online or phone) fun, educational and social opportunities. No need to register in advance.

- Mather has partnered with

the esteemed arts and education organization, the Chautauqua Institution, and you can register to participate on Mather’s website for access to lectures, seminars, topical discussions, world-class performances and much more. You can browse and register through Mather’s website at <https://www.mather.com/>.

## Community advisor engagement

- Individuals in our community inform our programming and activities by contributing their unique skills to provide community stakeholder input.

- If you would like to work with us on selected special projects and collaborations, please contact Marya Roddis, our resource development support, at [marya@psseniors.org](mailto:marya@psseniors.org).

You can see more about our organization, meal reservation options and programs at our website: <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

# 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 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. 12 — Chicken potpie, snap peas, milk, salad and poached pears.

Friday, Nov. 13 — Beef Bolognese with spaghetti, Swiss chard,

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bread with butter, milk, salad and German chocolate cake.

Monday, Nov. 16 — Teriyaki sesame seed crusted salmon with rice, asparagus, milk, salad and lemon cake.

Tuesday, Nov. 17 — Baby back ribs, baked beans, cornbread with butter, milk, salad and chocolate chip cookies.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 — Chicken enchiladas suiza, cilantro/lime rice, green chile corn pudding, milk, salad and strawberry short-

cake.

Thursday, Nov. 19 — Beef short ribs, mashed potatoes with gravy, sauteed zucchini, tomatoes and onions, milk, salad and peach cobbler.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with reservations receives a meal and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

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

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Acts 2:41

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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.

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# Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services help some family caregivers

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.

November is National Family Caregivers Month and this year's theme is "Caregiving Around the Clock." Many elders and people with disabilities rely on family caregivers to help them remain at home. Colorado Medicaid programs to help people "age in place" include five different types of waivers under the title Home and Community Based Services. People who qualify for this type of long-term care Medicaid, and the qualifications differ from the Health First

## Area Agency on Aging

Colorado health insurance, also may qualify for Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services.

Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services allow elders or their representatives to direct and manage who provides personal care, homemaker and health maintenance services. In the program, you hire, train and manage attendants of your choice, including family members, using Health First funds. The program offers training, ongoing support, and tools and education for recruiting, hiring and managing chosen attendants. It also has an Attendant Directory to help match clients with caregivers.

The Archuleta County Department of Human Services deter-

mines who is eligible for such waivers and services in this area (264-2182). Once accepted, people in the program receive case management through Community Connections Inc. (249-2464).

The case manager works with elders or their representatives to determine the services needed and sends the referral to Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services. Services include personal care, such as bathing, dressing and eating; health maintenance with the flexibility to use staff without a license or certificate; and home-making, such as housekeeping, meal preparation and laundry.

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).

# Community voting for Food Coalition project to start Nov. 14

By Pauline Benetti  
Food Coalition

President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight."

And Thomas Jefferson also stated that "A nation, as a society, forms a moral person and every member of it is personally responsible for his society."

At the local level, this means participating fully in local and civic opportunities that strengthen the community.

One such opportunity is to vote on projects that strengthen our local food system. Our local Archuleta Food Coalition was awarded \$20,000, which it decided to distribute through a participatory approach to decision-making. It instituted a process called participatory budgeting. Basically everyone who is in high school and older, and who lives in Archuleta County, works in Archuleta County or whose kids go to school in Archuleta County is eligible to vote on projects.

The projects came from ideas generated in the community about how to enhance the local food system. This means that local individu-

als and institutions have been working hard to develop proposals that could be turned into viable projects.

And so we need the good citizens of our community to vote on these projects. Voting will be held virtually during the week of Nov. 14-22. All you need to do is register to vote at <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org> and you will receive all necessary information allowing you to vote for the four projects that you think should be funded with the grant money. Consider now which of these projects you feel supports a healthy local food system and addresses the question of food equity.

## Food/meal backpacks

This project is being led by a community member. The project aims to provide backpacks full of snack and meal items once a week to students that ride the bus from Pagosa Springs to Dulce, where some 25 families have currently enrolled their children in the Archuleta School District. This food is to provide nourishment to children that are riding the bus. The food will be distributed in reusable tote/freezer backpacks and the food items will include macaroni and cheese, apple sauce, canned meat and fruit.

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

## Thursday, Nov. 12

**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 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.

**Virtual Author Discussion.** 5 p.m. Enlightening discussion about the importance of place with local author Dennis Medina. Everyone is invited to attend. The Zoom meeting ID for this author discussion is 879 3124 8202 and the passcode is 81147. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous.** 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at 903-9690, or Nate at 507-1004.

## Friday, Nov. 13

**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.

**Virtual Pro Se Clinic Free Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m. By phone or Zoom. To be added to the sign-up sheet, please send an email titled "Sign up for Free Legal Clinic," plus your name and phone number, to ruby@pagosalibrary.org. Space is limited. This is a free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms and explain the

process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**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. 14

**LEGO Challenge.** 10 a.m., Facebook. Join us for an all-ages LEGO challenge via an image posted on Facebook and the library website. The image will invite participants to use your own pieces to create something that will fit the challenge. If you don't have LEGOs, we will have a few grab bags available at the library that you can pick up to complete the challenge. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

## Monday, Nov. 16

**PALS by Appointment.** 10 a.m.-3 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.

## Tuesday, Nov. 17

**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.

**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.

**Tween Book Club.** 4-5 p.m. Zoom. Discussion of "The Girl and the Ghost"

by Hanna Alkaf. To join the session and help us decide what to read next, please go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82245964216>.

**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. 18

**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.

**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 for details on how to join.

**Birding 101: Winter Waterfowl.** 6:30 p.m., Zoom. In preparation for the count, we will again host bird identification classes, presented by Keith Bruno and Randy McCormick. Look for the Zoom link on the events tab of our website, [www.weminuchaudubon.org](http://www.weminuchaudubon.org). For more information

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and to sign up, email [weminuche.audubon@gmail.com](mailto:weminuche.audubon@gmail.com).

## Thursday, Nov. 19

**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 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](mailto: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. 20

**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.

**DIY: Creative Appetizers.** 2-3 p.m., Facebook. Join Brad for a delicious food-themed DIY that will inspire you to create some new appetizers or desserts for the upcoming holiday season. This event will be available on your library's Facebook page and it will be available on the library's website for viewing any time. 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](http://coloradocef.org/GNC).

## Saturday, Nov. 21

**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. 23

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## Tuesday, Nov. 24

**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.

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**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](mailto: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. 25

**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.

**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.

Submit your calendar items to [editor@pagosason.com](mailto:editor@pagosason.com); mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.



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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 white-throated sparrow.

On occasion during migration seasons, we are treated to a visit by a bird rarely seen here. Recent sightings of a white-throated sparrow are an example. These sparrows are familiar winter birds in the eastern and southern parts of the United States and along the coast of California, but the few that we see here in fall are headed further south.

The white-throated is a large, plump sparrow with a long tail and legs. A white throat patch on a gray breast and yellow patches between the eyes and bill are identifying traits. Two adult morphs, the white-striped and tan-striped, differ in the color of the stripes above the eyes and on the crown.

Most white-throated sparrows breed in the boreal forests across Canada. Their breeding biology is unique among birds since, most of the time, a pair consists of two opposite-colored morphs. White-colored morphs are more aggressive and both males and females sing. Tan-colored females are more attentive parents.

These sparrows mainly eat the seeds of weeds and grasses, adding insects to their diet in summer and berries when available. They most often forage on the ground, close to the cover of dense thickets. Their distinctive song can be heard even in winter.

Migrating at night, these sparrows are among the bird species most commonly killed by colliding with buildings in their path. According to the American Bird Conservancy, "up to 1 billion birds may be killed annually in building collisions." Its website, [abcbirds.org](http://abcbirds.org), is a good resource for making buildings, including our homes, more bird friendly.

For information on future events, visit [www.weminucheadubon.org](http://www.weminucheadubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/).

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7	1	7	3	6	5	9	4	2
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**ANSWER:**

# Zoom talk today: Local author on the importance of place

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We hope you'll join us today, 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. We will learn how descriptive detail of a place can affect the way readers experience a scene and gain insight into the characters.

Medina is one of our community's highly talented authors. His novel, "The Madness of the Brave," was published in 2018 and is in our collection for your reading pleasure. He is a former international marketing executive who has contributed articles to numerous mining industry magazines, published fiction in other venues and was fiction editor of an Eastern Washington University journal.

The Zoom meeting ID is 879 3124 8202, passcode 81147. No registration is required.

## New tween book club

Tweens in the fourth through eighth grades are invited to join a lively discussion next Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 4 to 5 p.m. on Zoom about this month's book, "The Girl and the Ghost" by Hanna Alkaf. Stop by the library to pick up a copy. To join the session and help us decide what to read next, please go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82245964216>.

## 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 ages 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 our curbside service."

## 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.

## Library News

### Legal clinic by phone or Zoom tomorrow

The free legal clinic each month is happening by appointment tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 13, from 2 to 3 p.m. by telephone or Zoom. You can have the volunteer attorney phone you directly or you can come into the library and meet via Zoom.

To be added to the sign-up sheet for these calls, send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic," with your first name and phone number, to [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org), or phone or stop by the library. The volunteer attorney's time is limited, so it's first-come, first-served.

### LEGO challenge

Join us Saturday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. for an all-ages LEGO challenge via an image posted on Facebook and the library website. The image will invite participants to use your own pieces to create something that will fit the challenge. If you don't have LEGOs, we will have a few grab bags available at the library that you can pick up to complete the challenge.

### 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 Summer Reading 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 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.

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# Thanksgiving issue Thursday, November 26 *Early Deadlines*

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## Classified Advertising

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## Legal Advertising, Articles & Letters

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## 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.

## Activities calendars

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

## Summary of our partial reopening

- We're now open on Thursdays from 1 p.m. 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.

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by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Rough guess
- 5 Game for high rollers
- 10 Fall shade
- 14 Part of GMT
- 15 Trojan War figure
- 16 Not duped by
- 17 Newspaper bio
- 18 High-society group
- 19 Pantyhose flaw
- 20 Amount rarely paid
- 22 Crown
- 23 Prop for Picasso
- 24 Genesis villain
- 26 Rocker David Lee
- 28 Sleuths, briefly
- 29 "Mr. Robot" network
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- 35 Torn's partner
- 37 Complaint
- 38 Stomping ground
- 40 Rooney who played Lisbeth Salander
- 41 Instructive
- 43 Logo, e.g.
- 45 Whole bunch
- 46 Notable period
- 47 Notion
- 48 Desert basin
- 51 Specialized lingo
- 55 Misbehave
- 57 Deceptive statement
- 59 Muffin type
- 60 Aesop's ending
- 61 Pasty-faced
- 62 Rifle part
- 63 "Gladiator" star
- 64 Kind of cell
- 65 Gets rid of
- 66 Clergyman's house
- 67 Miffed

- 2 Leg bone
- 3 Off the mark
- 4 More prosperous
- 5 "Believe" singer
- 6 Really enjoy
- 7 Brady house-keeper
- 8 Mary Martin role
- 9 Sony on the NYSE
- 10 Bow coating
- 11 Artificial
- 12 Marquee name
- 13 Robe for Caesar
- 21 Till the earth
- 22 Midterm, say
- 25 Like some olives
- 27 Casual garment
- 30 Drought-ridden
- 31 Eden dweller
- 32 Aid in crime
- 33 Change, as decor
- 34 Put back to work
- 35 Harbor craft
- 36 Make flush
- 39 Literary repetition

- 42 Cry of pain
- 44 Vegan no-no
- 47 Spouse's family
- 49 Female relatives
- 50 Hammerin' Hank
- 52 Enthusiasm
- 53 Different
- 54 Culinary herb
- 55 "Dancing Queen" group
- 56 Heart of the matter
- 58 Head for the hills
- 60 Turn-of-the-century year

## Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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

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## Thrillers, mysteries and suspense

“The Sentinel” by Less and Andrew Child is a Jack Reacher adventure. “Mexican Gothic” by Silvia Moreno-Garcia follows a woman who heads to Mexico to help her cousin. “The House on Foster Hill” by Jaime Jo Wright is set in an eerie, abandoned house with a dark history. “The Dirty South” by John Connolly is a thriller featuring a former NYPD detective.

## Other novels

“The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop” by Fannie Flagg is a sequel to “Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café.” “Memorial” by Bryan Washington begins when a man returns to Japan when his estranged father is dying. “The Cold Millions” by Jess Walter features two brothers caught up in class warfare in the early 20th century. “Love Your Life” by Sophie Kinsella tells of a woman who ditches her dating app for a writer’s retreat in Italy. “The House in the Cerulean Sea” by T.J. Klune is set in an orphanage on a magical island. “What Are You Going Through” by Sigrid Nunez is a novel about the

many emotions surrounding human death.

## Nonfiction

“Off Grid” by Foster Huntington is a guide to unique homes including tiny houses, shipping containers, yurts and more with hundred of photos. “Catching the Wind” by Neal Gabler is the first of a two-volume biography of Edward Kennedy. “Group” by Christie Tate is a memoir of despair and hope revolving around group therapy. “I’ll Be Seeing You” by Elizabeth Berg is a tribute to her parents’ love, including when her father got Alzheimer’s. “Expect a Miracle” by Danielle Steel is a collection of quotations saved by the author since she was a little girl. “Ex Libris” by Pulitzer Prize-winning literary critic Michiko Katutani highlights more than 100 books by some of today’s most gifted writers.

## DVDs

“The Call of the Wild” stars Harrison Ford in the classic story. “The Hateful Eight” is set in Wyoming several years after the Civil War. “Zombieland” and “Zombieland Double Tap” are comedies.

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## Quotable quote

“Whenever you are in doubt, it is best to pause. Few things are so pressing that they cannot wait for a moment of breath.” — T.K.V. Desikachar (1938-2016), Indian yoga teacher and son of the pioneer of modern yoga as exercise.

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# Listen for the silence

A writer stood at the podium and spoke. His first words, "When I came here two years ago, I met you in my nightmare hour." He choked up and continued as I sat in disbelief.

While I listened to him speak of his pain, I couldn't help but think that my head must have been in a fog at the time. I had no idea the struggle this man was going through. He had never said anything before this moment.

It made me wonder just how many people are carrying the weight of the world on their own shoulders, crying in silence, needing to be heard.

As for me, I am at a place in my own life where I am looking forward to experiencing a bit of quiet. Although I am still writing and supporting other writers, I find myself seeking more and more comfort during the ever illusive still of a moment. Maybe it's because at my age, my home and schedule still resemble Grand Central Station.

It is a self-centered thought, but one I have dreamt of. I imagine getting to the summit of my own mountain climb, hearing God tell me, "Good job. You have persisted along your journey and have reached a place where peace be yours."

On second thought, maybe that is the opposite of what God wants me to hear. After all, I have encountered more and more people who are seeking relief from a place of quiet that has enslaved and even tortured them.

Maybe the message to me is, "You're not through yet. It's time you are awakened to the hush that haunts others."

Perhaps there are those who I need to hear from, those who need to take solace as I walk with them as they seek true repose.

I have never had a problem being heard. I know what I believe and I speak what is on my mind. But, there are those who are yet to discover their voice. Not because they don't know who they are or what they believe, but because the adversary is bidding for their souls. And, he will stop at nothing until we know nothing but shame and destruction.

I have always believed that it's important to be quiet as we wait on the Lord to develop us. It can be in those same times, however, when we are flooded with attacks against our heart and mind, causing us to question our worth.

There was a sweet boy, a perfect child, focused, achieved accolades in sports, who was pursued by the best colleges in Colorado. Why worry? This child had it all together. Wrong.

He left for college and started on his journey towards discovering

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



*On the fortunate side of misfortune, the devil overplayed his hand. The young man came crashing down.*

himself. Along the way, drugs and alcohol fueled a sense of entitlement and emotion that filled his world with noise and distraction. Meanwhile, during his quiet moments, he wrestled with identity and confidence.

On the fortunate side of misfortune, the devil overplayed his hand. The young man came crashing down. His once strong, athletic body became bent like a pretzel. He sat alone in darkness, crying in silence to be set free.

Like so many others, he cried out. "Where are you, God? How did I get here? How do I escape?"

Although his would be a story of redemption, this young man isn't alone. There are countless others who are seeking an escape from a voiceless vortex that is spinning them out of control.

A friend called, worried about her daughter. She had smashed her face in a glass, attempting to commit suicide.

It wasn't the welcoming sound of a symphony that caused her to take such drastic actions, but a pit of despair that muted any voice of reason.

Final brushstroke: Have you stopped and looked at what is going on around you? It can be difficult. To do so means we have to selflessly direct our attention toward those who are languishing in silence. It also means that we may have to use our own sought-out moments of peace and tranquility to hear what only God can direct us to hear. But make no mistake, there are those we need to stand and fight for, and it is not for those who are making all of the noise. First, we need to learn how to listen for the silence. Second, we need to be willing to give up our own agenda for the sake of securing one far more important and everlasting.

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# Drought moved Colorado toward water speculation

By **Dave Marston**  
Writers on the Range

There's a concept called "demand management" in the news in Colorado and here's a simple definition: Landowners get paid to temporarily stop irrigating and that water gets sent downstream to hang out in Lake Powell.

It's an idea long talked about because of increasing drought and the very real danger of both Lake Mead and Lake Powell dropping into "dead pool" where no hydro-power can be generated. But fears keep arising about what water markets mean. To some rural people, the idea of separating water from the land sounds like heresy.

Here's how Andy Mueller, general manager of the Colorado River District, sees it: "Just talking about demand management has already attracted deep-pocketed investors, whose motives are money and not for maintaining a healthy river."

But James Eklund, former head of the Colorado Water Conservation Board and who shares credit for creating Colorado's version of demand management, thinks setting up demand management in Colorado is crucial.

"We need to act now," he said. "Last winter and spring, where 107 percent snowpack turned into 52 percent runoff, was proof we've entered a deadly phase where millions of acre-feet of water need to be stored in Lake Powell."

These days, Eklund is a lawyer for the New York investment company Water Asset Management (WAM), whose land purchases in Mesa County have sounded alarms about outsiders speculating on water. State Sen. Kerry Donovan, Democrat from Vail, has co-sponsored what could be called an anti-WAM bill, aimed at beefing up the state's water anti-speculation laws.

"If we don't do demand management correctly," Donovan warned, "we are going to create a commodity-based situation where water goes to the highest bidder."

Eklund's rejoinder: "Like it or not, we live in a capitalist system."

Gary Wockner of the nonprofit Save the Colorado has a different approach. He supports following the west's existing water laws that took root in scarcity and drought. "If Lake Powell requires more water to keep functioning, why not curtail junior users across the Upper Basin states of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico rather than employing expensive water purchases?"

Critics of Wockner's plan say that by then it'll be too late, that after multiple dry years Upper Basin reservoirs will be empty.

Jim Lockhead, president of Denver Water, argued that by not putting demand management into place, increasing drought could

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bring about a crisis: "Water rates would spike in cities, just as farm income and output would plunge region-wide." Without demand management, Lockhead predicted, there would be "an economic black hole."

To test demand management, four municipal water districts, including Denver Water, funded a pilot program in 2015-2019. It stored 175,000 acre-feet of water in Lake Mead by paying irrigators in Arizona, California and Nevada to fallow fields and forgo cultivation.

Applications rose annually, according to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which funded 53 percent of the study. The rest, 47 percent, came from the four water districts and the Walton Family Foundation. Eklund wants the same players to back Colorado's program, the first of the Upper Basin states to attempt demand management.

"BuRec built all the dams possible (and) they should steer into conservation," Eklund said.

But to gain participation in the pilot program, water prices were set at levels that boosted farm incomes above what agriculture alone would produce. That raise in income also increased the value of their land.

Mueller doesn't like what that could lead to: "That will squeeze out future mom-and-pop operators. Ninety-five percent of Western Slope irrigators are owner-operators and we don't want that declining."

Although the Colorado Water Conservation Board hasn't ironed out how to "shepherd" the water downstream or who will round up willing sellers, investors from outside of Western Colorado are already buying up land with senior water rights.

"We are seeing large, well-financed purchasers — ostensibly agricultural organizations — com-

ing into the Gunnison basin," said Steve Anderson, who manages the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association, a canal company in Montrose County. In Delta County, the Conscience Bay Company, operating out of Boulder, bought the 3,000-acre Harts Basin Ranch, with senior water rights on the Grand Mesa.

Yet, the new owners are hardly quick-buck artists. They have expanded the cattle herds, improved irrigation and hired locals.

For the new water owners, it's a waiting game until demand management exists and water comes with a price. As drought worsens, the owners of these senior water rights — whether they are from New York City or Texas — could well be sitting on a fortune.

*Dave Marston is the publisher of Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the west.*

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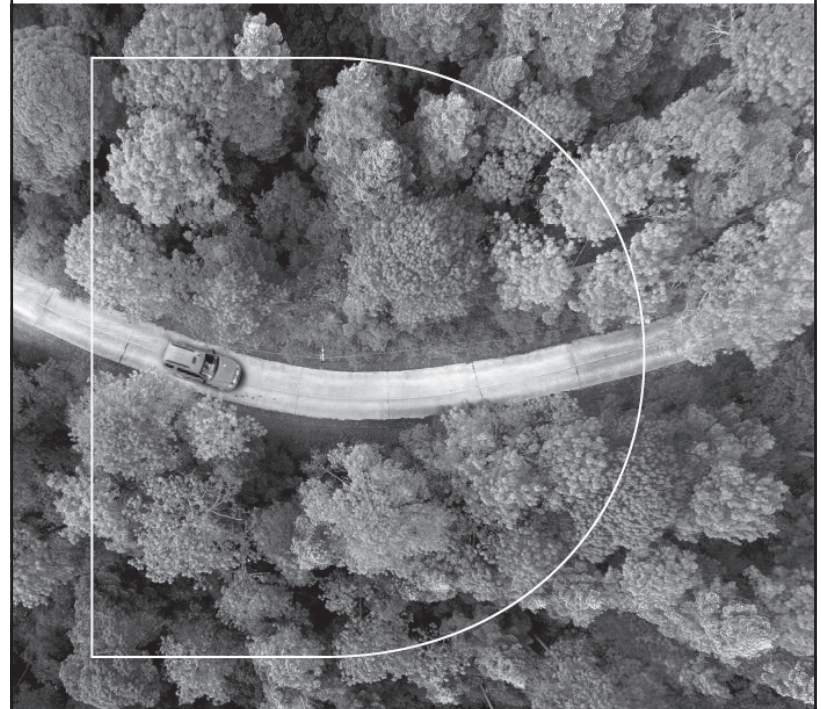
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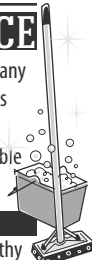
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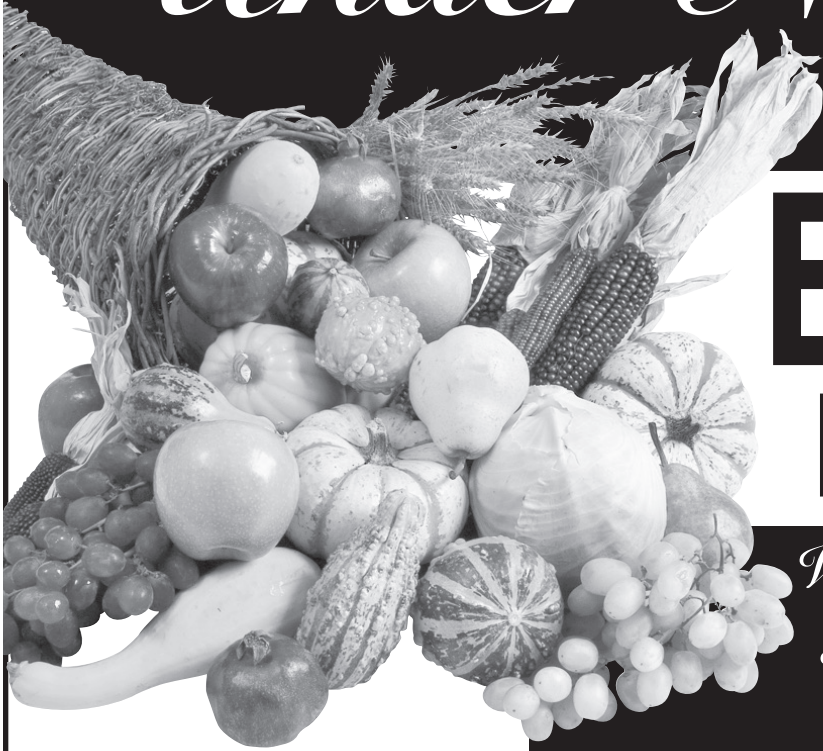
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