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## Courts remain in Durango

### County's preliminary test results in

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

All Archuleta County court activity remains in La Plata County, with additional air-quality testing occurring within the Archuleta County Courthouse early this week by a court-hired environmental firm.

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ASCO) remains in an alternate location.

The other offices located within the courthouse are open.

The entire courthouse facility was closed a portion of last week to allow for county-hired industrial hygienists to conduct a variety of air-quality tests, including for hydrogen sulfide (H2S).

County Administrator Bentley

■ See Courts A8



Rendering courtesy Reynolds Ash and Associates

A potential design of the proposed sheriff's office and jail facility that would be located in Harman Park. Funding for the facility is the subject of a ballot question on November's ballot. For more about the proposed facility and public meetings held Tuesday, see related article in next week's SUN.

## Court reaffirms decision to halt Village land swap

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 14, a federal court judge denied a motion by the developers of the proposed Village at Wolf Creek that sought to have the court reconsider its previous decision to halt a land swap between the developers and the U.S. Forest Service.

While a 2015 Forest Service Record of Decision (ROD) granted the land swap needed to facilitate the controversial project, a 40-page May decision by Senior District Court Judge Richard P. Matsch, U.S. District Court judge for the District of Colorado, set aside the Forest Service's action.

That land swap would have al-

■ See Village A8



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

Balloons line up along the athletic field across from Town Park during Saturday night's ColorFest balloon glow.

## SJWCD terminates service agreement

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) terminated a services agreement with board president Rod Proffitt during a special meeting on Sept. 8.

With the termination of the services agreement with Proffitt, the SJWCD is now looking for a general manager.

"I propose that we terminate the services agreement with Rod Proffitt, and that we pursue an opening for a general manager to take care of the day-to-day duties that are needed," board member Al Pfister said.

The motion was carried so that there were no apparent or real conflicts with the board of directors and Proffitt, Pfister said.

"In the bylaws, there is a provision

■ See SJWCD A8

## County allocates remaining 1A parks and rec funding

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday afternoon, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) doled out the last of its remaining parks and recreation funding from the 1A Fund.

Per the decision made at Tuesday's regular meeting, DUST2 will receive \$20,490 and the Pagosa Multi Purpose Pavilion will receive \$10,000.

The allocations leave the county with one funding source dedicated to recreation, the Conservation Trust Fund, with the BoCC expressing an intent during the meeting to use that funding for Cloman Park improvements and the Town-to-Lakes Trail.

The 1A funding was derived from a five-year ballot measure that has

since sunset.

DUST2 originally requested \$30,000 to meet a 30 percent match requirement for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant.

The grant will be used to fund the second phase of the Urban Single Track Trail Project, the meeting's agenda notes, "which consist of one connector trail and 5 new trails/trail improvements on Reservoir Hill."

The Pagosa Multi Purpose Pavilion requested \$33,225 for a steel building, with Archuleta County Administrator Bentley Henderson describing the building as a "Zamboni garage and warming hut."

Henderson informed the BoCC that the Parks, Trails, Open Space and Trails (PROST) committee had recommended each of the requests

■ See Funding A8



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Airman Ron Gustafson, 83; Marine Ernie Garcia, 82; and Marine Paul Nobles, 68, enjoy a hometown salute as they return to Pagosa Springs after participating in Honor Flight Northern Colorado's trip to Washington, D.C. The veterans were escorted into town by law enforcement, and eighth-grade students from Pagosa Springs Middle School were joined by locals to welcome them home.

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Let's talk about suicide

In 2009, 13 confirmed suicides in Archuleta County placed the county high above state and national averages.

Thankfully, the numbers have declined since then. From 2004 to 2015, there were a reported 34 suicides in Archuleta County, with La Plata County reporting 98 deaths by suicide. In 2015, suicide was the fourth leading cause of death in Archuleta County.

That same year, Colorado's suicide rate was 19.4 per 100,000 residents, making it the seventh highest in the country. For the southwest Colorado region, the rate is higher than the state's average.

Statistics show that at least 90 percent of all people who died by suicide were suffering from a mental illness at the time, most often depression.

September is National Suicide Prevention month, and this year's "Let's Talk Colorado" campaign encourages talking about mental illness. The campaign's website, [www.letstalkco.org](http://www.letstalkco.org), offers the following tips:

"Stop the silence. If someone discloses that they have a mental illness, they are opening up to you in a big way. Ask questions, show concern, but keep the awkward silence at bay.

"Be nice. It sounds simple enough, but try to say the right things with openness, warmth, caring and sincerity.

"Listen. The fact that you are there can make a world of difference, so in your conversation, try to err more on the side of listening.

"Keep in contact. Offer availability by phone, text, email, or a time to meet up. Just be there.

"Don't ignore it. Don't be afraid to ask about the well-being of another if you think they might be hurting. Trust your senses.

"Offer help. Everyone is different. They may want very specific help or no help at all. Either way, you can always ask and be open to the answer.

"Keep the conversation moving. It's OK to talk about other things to keep silent lulls out of conversation; as long as they know you're completely open to revisiting the topic later."

SUN reporter Randi Pierce's 2009 article on Archuleta County's suicide crisis received statewide recognition for Public Service from the Colorado Press Association in 2010. That article included the following warning signs to watch for:

- A significant change in eating habits — either decreased or increased appetite.
- Significant weight gain or loss.
- Withdrawing from family and friends.
- Increased substance abuse, including drugs and alcohol.
- Statements about hurting themselves or committing suicide.
- A sense of hopelessness or that what one is doing is not enough.
- Sleeplessness.
- In men especially, an increase in irritability, anger, frustration.
- Behavior that deviates from the norm.
- Loss of future orientation.
- An element of loss.
- The loss of a typical daily routine, which can follow events like retirement.
- Increased anxiety or stress.

If warning signs are present, individuals are encouraged to reach out to family, friends and professionals. Loved ones are encouraged to ask the hard questions — asking if the person is thinking of hurting themselves or committing suicide.

Locally, Axis Health System offers a 24-hour crisis support line. If you are experiencing a mental health emergency, call 247-5245.

Western Colorado Crisis Services are also available 24/7 at (844) 493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255.

Reach out. Talk. You might just save someone's life.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

How do you plan to protect yourself from the flu this season?



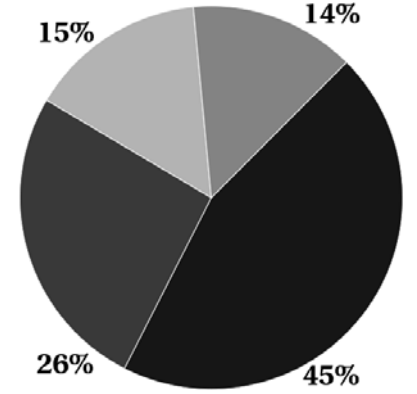
**Dennis Bismeyer**  
"Keep a strong spiritual base, exercise, keep things in perspective and continued appreciation of my wife."



**Don Brenno**  
"Flu shot and wash my hands."



**Virginia Maes**  
"With a flu shot."



**Poll results (132 Votes)**  
Vaccination — 45 percent  
Washing hands — 26 percent  
Eating healthy — 15 percent  
Nothing — 14 percent

This week online: What's your favorite thing about fall?  
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## LOOKING BACK



From the December 10, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. **MURDERED MAN** — The above photo is of Herbert S. Brown, whose body was found during hunting season near Turkey Springs. Brown had been missing since July 28 and had in his possession when he left home a number of articles of Indian jewelry. The articles were not found and the above photo shows some of the jewelry when it was photographed earlier this year. Taken from Durango Herald photo.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 16, 1927

As may be seen by large display advertisement elsewhere in this issue, the Hatcher Hdw. Co. will hold "open house" at the store on next Thursday evening, Sept. 22, at 7.45 o'clock, in order to provide the returns of the Dempsey-Tunney championship bout by radio over the R.C.A. Radiola 20. All are invited to participate in this treat.

On Sunday, September 18th, will be held the first annual Missouri Day picnic in Archuleta county, to which everybody is invited. The affair will be held at the E.A. Byrne picnic grounds just west of Pagosa Springs. Bring your baskets of lunch, and spend an enjoyable day with your friends.

Mrs. Mary Dunn is serving a hot lunch at noon at her home for school children at 25 cents each.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 25, 1942

"Red Ryder" Harman has completed his new barn on his ranch here.

Frank Ludwig took his cattle down from the Weminuche to South Fork Tuesday, where he shipped them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Lynch took their three months old son to Durango Sunday, where the Reverend Father Cawley of St. Columba Catholic Church christened him Jack Adalbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Dailey Hott, Mrs. Raymond Brown, and Mrs. Jule Macht returned home Sunday from Denver, where they had attended the Masonic Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star.

George Masco, Sidney Dutton and Eric Nelson took a horseback ride to Turkey Lake Sunday.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 21, 1967

The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railway has made application to abandon the narrow gauge railway from Alamosa to Durango. This application was inevitable. The company has not only allowed, but helped deterioration of the line. Freight business has been discouraged and in some cases, refused. When such tactics are used it can only mean one thing. The D&RGW was preparing to ask the ICC to allow them to discontinue the use of this line.

The enrollment in the local schools continues to climb according to Ray McGee, superintendent. The total at the first of this week stood at 792 and was expected to reach, or exceed, 800 within a few days. The enrollment has created a great many problems in the school.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 24, 1992

Voters in the Alpha and Rockridge subdivisions went to the polls Tuesday and, by a vote of 38-2, approved formation of a Title 32 Metropolitan District to handle future roads improvements and recreation amenities in the area. There are approximately 1,300 acres and 25 homes in the two subdivisions, located about 3 miles west of Pagosa Springs. The metro district plans to deal immediately with road improvement and maintenance problems, as well as with snow removal during the winter. Organizers estimate the district will impose a 10 mill levy. While the district will be eligible for state lottery funds for parks and recreation, organizers say those funds will be banked for future use.

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# Letters

Letters to the Editor are printed as received and are not edited for grammar or punctuation, but may have been edited for content or style.

## ColorFest

Dear Editor:  
Many of us would like to thank all those that worked so hard to make ColorFest such a fun weekend. So many wonderful balloons here for the event. Saturday was a spectacular day to fly and observe. A "Kodak moment" all morning. Sunday's weather didn't cooperate for us but gathering with friends is fun. I know we are now looking forward to WinterFest. Thanks to all who make these events possible.  
Nancy Ford

## Letters

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## School meetings

Dear Editor:  
The Archuleta School District board of directors is holding a community meeting on Thursday, September 28th. The board is seeking public input on the topic of school district facilities. There will be two meeting times at two different locations in order to give participants flexibility in providing feedback to the board. The first meeting time and location is noon to 1:00 at the community center. The second meeting time and location is 5:30pm to 6:30 at Pagosa Bible Church which is located at 209 Harman Park Drive behind the Wells Fargo bank. Food and child care will be available at both meetings. The meeting will include a brief presentation by board members followed by a question and answer session with participants. Discussion will be focused on facilities issues, and the board will not be addressing other topics at this meeting. This meeting will be the first in a series of monthly community engagement meetings that the school board will be doing this school year to address district priorities. We hope to see you there.  
Brooks Lindner

## Annexation

Dear Editor:  
I wish to clarify a few things with regard to your article by Mr. Duncan reporting the activities at the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday the 12th. The agenda documentation, as reported, is slightly misleading with respect to the proposed annexation of both parcels (Elk Run and Continuing Life).

Specifically, both parcels are within the Alpha Subdivision, not just adjoining the subdivision. The concern of the Alpha landowners is that both of the proposals, while very noble in their goals, are clear violation of Alpha's Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CCRs). Alpha was platted as a rural, agricultural subdivision in 1969 with legally recorded CCRs meant to insure that type of community into the future.

As with all land in Colorado, by purchasing land with CCRs the buyer agrees to conform to those restrictions; it is a contract the buyer enters into as part of the purchase. The intent of CCRs is to assure the landowners that the community they are buying into will remain unchanged in the future. This is, of course, of paramount interest to those who are planning a long-term occupation of their land, perhaps for many generations. The concern of our landowners is annexation and re-zoning will be the beginning of a slow, piecemeal encroachment into our community resulting in a community none of us recognize nor desire.

To date, our attorneys' research, conducted nationwide, has found no similar proposal for annexation, i.e. annexation of a single parcel within a platted subdivision. The landowners within Alpha Subdivision are deeply concerned that if the town continues to pursue this course of action, Alpha and all other subdivisions adjoining the Town of Pagosa Springs face changes in their community(s) in which they have no say.

Lastly, at the commission meeting I heard many accusations of our landowners having the "not in my backyard syndrome." That's an extremely easy accusation to make when it's not your yard.

Dave Minkel  
President, Alpha Committee of Architecture  
*Editor's note: The SUN regrets the error. The reporter's name is Marshall Dunham, not Duncan.*

## 90th birthday

Dear Editor:  
On September 26th, Patty Sue Tillerson will celebrate 90 years on this earth. She and my dad, Bob, who turned 91 on September 16th, retired from Texas to Pagosa Springs 30 years ago and have found everything they could have imagined in their new life in Pagosa.

She and Dad raised us (my siblings and me) to know we were loved, to have servant's hearts, and to believe we could do or be anything we desired, and she has

never slowed down in her quest to serve others. Some of you know my mom through her countless acts of service to the people of your community.

My mom loves the community of beautiful Pagosa Springs, Colorado and we, her children, grandchildren, and friends, have enjoyed visiting for all these years. She and Dad now have eight grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren — and counting. The grandchildren grew up learning to ski at Wolf Creek and enjoyed hiking the many trails in the area and have brought their children up to experience the Pagosa life as well.

In the words of one of her grandsons, Peter Hamilton: "Granny, your sweet smile is one of my fondest memories of childhood. I always felt so much love and affection coming to visit. You read us stories, hugged us tight, and I must admit your meals were a big part of the excitement of coming to visit, ha! Your fried chicken and your French toast! Our walks together breathed fresh air into our lungs, and our trips down to the Pagosa shops were always filled with excitement. I always got to brag about my cool Granny who lives in Colorado. None of my friends had grandparents that made their home in the mountains and sought their own adventure, but the reactions I got back then aren't even close to the ones I get from friends today. Your grandmother lives where? She does what? I just smile and say she's not your average grandma."

■ See Letters A4



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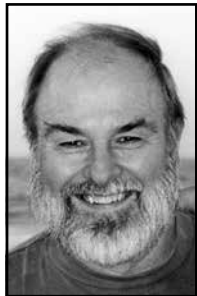
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# Obituaries

## Benjamin F. Collins

July 8, 1940-Sept. 12, 2017  
Ben's favorite homily was "I've gone to look for myself. If I should return before I get back, keep me here."



Ben Collins took a fascinating path through life. Born 1940 in Chattanooga, Tenn., to Benjamin, a Baptist minister, and Nancy Jones, an educator who shared a love of learning with Ben and his younger brother, Jim. Ben learned to approach life as an adventurer, explorer and seeker of knowledge and to share what he knew. He graduated from Carson Newman College with a degree in history, which became a lifelong passion. He headed east to teach junior/senior high school history in Prince Georges County, Md., where he met his wife and partner, Judy. Together,

the couple joined the Peace Corps and were assigned to Turkey, where they became immersed in the fascinating history and culture of Turkey and surrounding countries.

Upon their return, Ben joined the teaching staff of Surrattsville High School, where he was awarded the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award given by the Washington Post. Ben became the father of Chris and David and shared his love of travel with them. Among our best memories are trips to the Capitols and Bullets games accompanied by our favorite friends and our father. Who else would take a bunch of elementary kids to a game alone? Along the way, he received a master's degree in area studies from Georgetown University and enjoyed all that Washington, D.C., had to offer. Many summers, he escorted groups of high school students to various foreign destinations, sharing with them his immense knowledge of the history and culture and imparting to them his inquisitive desire to learn. He truly believed and taught that "for our day and our children's day, education must become a continuing

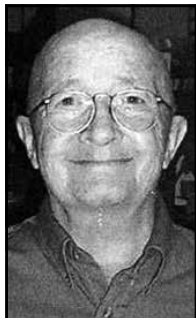
adventure in human understanding, shared by all" quote of Harry S. Truman, one of Ben's favorites.

When retirement time arrived, they chose Pagosa Springs as their home while keeping touch with the many friends and students who have crossed their paths. His life was a tapestry of people from all walks of life with whom he always treated with dignity while accepting individual differences. Ben had lots of time to read and continue his search of knowledge and enjoy new friends he made here.

Ben leaves behind his wife, Judy; son Chris and his wife, Maria; and son David and his wife, Sandi; and granddaughters Christina and Damia, as well as his brother, Jim. He will be dearly missed by all of those who called him Mr. Collins, Dad, Grand Daddy and Gentle Ben. As the sign on his desk says, "keep smiling, it makes people wonder what you are up to."

## Joseph Carr Wilson III

Former resident Joseph Carr Wilson III, 81, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 14, at his home in Carlsbad, N.M. Cremation has taken place and services will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to West Funeral Home in Carlsbad, N.M. Condolences may be ex-



pressed at westfuneralhomellc.com.

Joseph Carr Wilson III was born to Joseph C. II and Evelyn (Meyers) Wilson on Nov. 4, 1935, in Denver, Colo. He was raised in Colorado, where he graduated from high school before serving in the U.S. Navy.

Joseph and Linda "Sue" (Baldwin) Wilson were married April 20, 1988, in Pagosa Springs and resided between there and Phoenix, Ariz., for 20 years, until moving to Carlsbad, N.M. in 2003.

Joseph worked as a real estate broker with Lou Poma Realty prior to his retirement.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sons Breck and Joseph C. Wilson IV, daughter Lynda Wilson, sister Patricia Robb, grandson Seth Payne and granddaughter Alyson Payne.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Sue Wilson, of Carlsbad; and sons Yul and Rok Wilson, both of Pagosa Springs; and daughter Lorene Stevens, of Englewood, Colo.; and seven grandchildren.

## Obituaries

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The U.S. 160 Wolf Creek Pass fiber optic installation project is now complete. The \$4.5 million project will optimize digital controls within the Wolf Creek Tunnel.

## CDOT completes fiber optic installation on U.S. 160 east of Wolf Creek Pass

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has announced the completion of the U.S. 160 Wolf Creek Pass fiber optic installation project.

The \$4.5 million project started five months ago, in mid-April.

CDOT installed 95,000 feet of fiber-optic cable; installed 54 man-holes; milled and repaved, striped and seeded along the 16 mile stretch of the U.S. 160 mountain corridor, near and in the commu-

nity of South Fork.

The fiber optic installation project will benefit both CDOT and the general public. The fiber-optic technology will optimize digital controls within the Wolf Creek Tunnel. Meanwhile, Colorado communities will experience a positive impact from the continued expansion of high-speed telecommunications to all areas of the state.

For more information about this project, visit [www.codot.gov/projects/us-160-wolf-creek-pass-fiber-optic-2017](http://www.codot.gov/projects/us-160-wolf-creek-pass-fiber-optic-2017).

# Letters

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And from her younger sister, Reva McPherson, of Yorktown, VA: "Happy birthday to my sister! We have so many happy, wonderful memories of family get-togethers and camping trips. Sam and I feel so fortunate to have had your caring love and guidance through the years — a true sister!"

Our deepest gratitude goes to Pagosa Springs and its citizens, for providing the Tillersons with a community full of love, generosity, and fun for their retirement lifetime. We, all of Patty's family, love her immensely and wish her a 90th birthday full of warmth from the love of so many who are lucky enough to know her. From literally the bottom of our hearts, Happy Birthday! With love,

Jo Lyn Tillerson Peters

## Looking back

Dear Editor:

Days gone by ... oh my, so many for me but in my memories, all are simply "yesterdays." That is the way with life, every minute is a

very important stepping stone for what comes next. Yes, we all start out young, sometimes we plow through life, never looking back or forward — just "live the moment." But that is OK, it's all about life's journey towards maturity and true meaning as God would have it. I feel so blessed to be given a rather long life, one filled with regrets as well as joys — I think I am normal.

To be blessed to look back on nearly a century of life, to recognize the good roads traveled, along with the wrong turns, but somehow I always found my way back. I would have remained lost in the wilderness but for the loving guidance from God. Looking back, I believe I now understand the "why" of my life and what I see pleases me.

He brought me to spend my final years in Pagosa, a wonderful little village filled with love for all. Now, our little village is growing with many more desiring the lifestyle of Pagosa, the love of our people. Blessings and peace to all.

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# Sports

## CROSS-COUNTRY

### Pirates fare well in Durango, will host Saturday

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

It was another strong week for the Pagosa Springs High School cross-country teams, with several Pirate harriers again setting personal records (PRs) at the Southwest Sunset Classic in Durango Friday.

The boys' team took 11th out of 16 teams at the meet, while the Lady Pirates finished fourth out of 15.

"It was a great evening for us. The kids ran well," coach Scott Anderson said. "It was nice and cool, which helped with times."

The coach also noted he was "pretty impressed" with how many of the runners continued to improve their times over the previous week, and is happy with the progress the runners are showing.

The coach highlighted the work of the majority of Pirate runners at the event.

The challenge for the Pirate teams during the races, Anderson explained, was to start better, instead of starting slower and being unable to move up through the crowd as a race progresses.

The boys' team, the coach noted, started well.

"The guys' race was really competitive and, essentially, they stuck their nose in it and did pretty well," he said.

Kaleb Buffington was the top finisher for the Pirates, placing 34th in 17 minutes, 39 seconds (a PR).

Anderson noted Buffington ran an "outstanding race."

Buffington was followed by Noah Gorman, who finished 47th in 18:02, also a PR.

Trenton Buffington finished next for the Pirates in 80th place with a PR of 18:46, followed by Cole Cayard, who finished 85th with a PR time of 18:53.

"Cole probably had his best race of the year," Anderson said.

Keanan Anderson, who is still bouncing back from injury, finished 107th overall with a time of 17:26, and Jack Foster finished 131st with a time of 20:14.

The coach noted that the team accomplished another goal during the meet, as well — finishing ahead of Bayfield for the first time



Photo courtesy Jami Harms

The Lady Pirates cross-country team prepares for the start of its 5k race at the Southwest Sunset Classic in Durango Friday with a team cheer. The races were held at night with teams decked out in glow sticks and glow-in-the-dark paint. The girls placed fourth overall as a team and second among 3A teams. From left to right are Katriel Davies, Sarah Ross, Halie Severs, Annabelle Bowles, Peyton Khung, Megan Greenly and Celia Taylor.

this season.

The Lady Pirates finished fourth at the event, behind host Durango, Alamosa and Widefield (from Colorado Springs).

"The girls ran, I felt, really well. We were happy overall," the coach noted.

Megan Greenly was again the top finisher for the Lady Pirates with a PR of 21:07, landing her in 23rd place.

"Megan made a move earlier in the race to go run on her own and started to stretch things out a little bit," the coach said, pointing out that Greenly is gaining more confidence.

Emma Heidelmeier, despite coming down with an illness, placed 28th with a time of 21:31, followed by Shelby Cronon finishing in 40th place with a time of 21:57 (a PR).

Sarah Ross followed with a PR of 21:58, which put her in 41st.

Celia Taylor finished 46th overall in 22:16.

"Celia is gradually catching up to the group and is definitely helping out with scoring," the coach said.

Annabelle Bowles finished 72nd with a time of 23:25, with the coach noting, "Annabelle is our solid six runner and is progressing well."

The coach noted another highlight on the day — that many of the teams' junior varsity (JV) runners also set PRs at the combination varsity/JV meet, with many of the JV girls dropping "huge amounts of time."

The coach also indicated he is pleased with how the team is performing at this point in the season, with the teams' fitness "coming along well" and the young teams getting accustomed to competing.

And now, with several large meets in the books for the Pirates, the teams will turn to a number of "small, more intimate meets," Scott Anderson said.

The teams' goals, however, remain the same at this point — "further refining getting to the front and competing from there."

The Pirates will look to keep working on that goal and others as they host their only home meet of the season Saturday.

"This meet, because it's a chal-

lenging course, we'll work a little on running strategically, as well," the coach said, explaining that the runners will be working on race savviness. "This will definitely be a second-half race."

He added that the Pirates would work on putting themselves in contention during the first half of the race, but wait for the second half to "make our move."

That, he indicated, will help prepare the teams for the state championship course, which he noted "rewards running intelligence."

The meet will again be atop Reservoir Hill and will begin with junior high races at 9 a.m. The varsity girls' race is set to begin at 10:15 a.m., with the boys' race following at 11 a.m.

Handicap and bus parking will be available atop the hill, with spectator parking below. It is a half-mile hike to the race site from the parking area.

The start and finish lines will be in the festival meadow.

"Come on out and enjoy the show," the coach said.  
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## GOLF

### Pair of Pirate golfers earn state spots

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The last regular-season tournament and regional tournament are in the books for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team, with two Pirates earning state spots again this year.

Pirates Jonathon Robel and Nathan Smith will be competing at the state level for the second consecutive year, with action taking place Oct. 2 and 3 at the Indian Peaks Golf

Course in Lafayette.

"Those are the two who have worked the hardest ... and it paid off," coach Mark Faber said, adding, "I'm excited for both of them."

A total of 84 golfers will compete at the event.

Robel and Smith earned their state spots at Monday's regional tournament at Hollydot Golf Club in Rye, a par-71 course.

Robel finished 15th overall at the regional tournament with a score of 83, while Smith notched

an 85, placing him 18th overall out of 60 golfers.

"Jonathon and Nathan both played well, they really did," Faber said, adding that, while neither of the golfers played as well as they could have, they didn't let tough stretches get them down.

Also competing at Monday's regional tournament were Tanner Peart and Devon Jaquez.

Peart finished the day 30th with a score of 96, and Jaquez finished 46th with a 113.



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# FOOTBALL



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Senior running back Ty Kimsey looks for running room as sophomore Payden Bailey blocks during the Pirates' game against Monte Vista last Friday. The Pagosa Springs Pirates beat Monte Vista 26-7.

## Pirates beat Monte Vista 26-7, play Bobcats Friday

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates football team won its game against the Monte Vista Pirates on Sept. 15, winning 26-7.

The win is the first of the year for Pagosa.

"I think we played pretty well," said coach Myron Stretton. "Overall, we executed pretty well on offense. We played good run defense, which we've played good run defense all season, but Monte Vista didn't throw the ball much."

Stretton went on to state that the team made fewer mistakes than they had in the past.

"We still made mistakes, but I feel like we responded well when

we made those mistakes. Rather than going down the rabbit hole, I feel like we responded well to the adverse situation," Stretton said, adding that the team had a handful of penalties and that an interception was thrown by Pagosa at one point.

"They returned it deep, and I thought they might score on it, but we caught them from behind at about the 30 and had a defensive stand and got the ball back," Stretton said, adding that Pagosa prevented Monte Vista from scoring before halftime as well.

"At the beginning of the third quarter (Monte Vista) got the ball and marched it right down the field and scored, and I was concerned," said Stretton, adding that the

interception was thrown shortly afterwards.

"We went from being up 13-0 to 13-7, and I was concerned how we would respond to that," Stretton said. "We could have been down 13-14 and back in the same boat that we've been in the first two weeks, but we responded well, stopped them and got the ball back and drove it down and scored. I think the team really felt like they had the game in hand at that time."

Stretton went on to compliment the team's offensive skills. "I would just like to say that our offensive line has played pretty well all year long, and they're continuing to improve, and that's always the key to being successful at offense," said Stretton. "Monte Vista

had a pretty big defensive line, and I thought we played pretty well there, and dominated the game up front."

He went on to compliment Pagosa's defensive line as well, saying that, other than Monte Vista's one touchdown in the third quarter, the defensive line "played pretty well."

Stretton explained that the Pagosa Pirates will play the Ignacio Bobcats this Friday, and that the Pirates will continue to work on their execution and discipline.

"We're not going to do anything different. In fact, we'll probably be a little more reserved this week offensively, in preparation for our league schedule," Stretton explained. "Not that they don't know what we're going to do, but the less they see, I think we can win this week with executing our fundamental offense. That's what we're planning on doing, with a strong emphasis on execution and discipline."

This Friday, Sept. 22, the Pirates will host a game against the Ignacio Bobcats, with the game beginning at 7 p.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium. [marshall@pagosasun.com](mailto:marshall@pagosasun.com)

## Golf

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ers were in action at Hollydot on Friday, Sept. 15, in the final regular-season tournament.

"We kind of used it as a practice round a little bit," Faber said, explaining that, while he wanted the Pirates to be competitive at the tournament, he also wanted them to pay attention to the course and learn how to play it.

For example, he said, the course greens play a bit quicker than the team is used to, with the golfers struggling to adjust Friday.

It was also really windy during part of the tournament, Faber reported, with the back side of the course on an exposed hill.

The Pirates were among 70 golfers from 17 teams that day, and finished eighth as a team.

Smith and Robel jointly led the team on Sept. 15, tying for 17th with scores of 88.

Peart followed in 35th with a 98 and Jacquez notched a 106 on

the day, putting him 48th in the individual standings.

"They played some good golf, but weren't very consistent, any of them," Faber said.

The coach also remarked on the season as a whole.

"I feel pretty fortunate to have the kind of kids I get," he said, add-

ing that the golfers gave it a good effort and stayed with it.

The season is likely not quite over for the team, however, with Faber and the other Intermountain League coaches still working to schedule the IML tournament as of press time Wednesday. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

**Good luck, Pirates!**

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## Soccer

# Pirates fall to Mean Moose, maroon Panthers

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

It was another mixed week of results for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate soccer team, with the squad dropping a match to the Alamosa Mean Moose before rebounding with a win over the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

The Pirates are now 2-5 on the season and 2-3 in league play.

“On Saturday in Alamosa the first half was promising,” coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason wrote in a statement, “we were in a good position to win, connecting passes, producing shots on goal and keeping Alamosa’s attack at bay.”

But, as Kurt-Mason noted, the strong play did not persist.

“Towards the end of the half, things started to break down for us,” he wrote. “We lost our shape, our marking became weak and our attack was flat.”

The Mean Moose were able to take advantage of that, scoring a goal in the 36th minute of the half to take a 1-0 lead.

Alamosa would go on to notch another four goals in the second half, sending the Pirates home with a 5-0 loss.

Paul Farrah tallied 12 saves in the game.

“Tuesday everything changed,” Kurt-Mason wrote concerning the matchup with the Panthers at Golden Peaks Stadium.

The Pirates rebounded in that game, sending the Panthers home with a 6-2 loss.

“Something concrete developed for us when Tate got a left foot shot from 20 ft. and hit the back of the net,” Kurt-Mason wrote of the Pirates’ first goal, which came roughly three and a half minutes into the game.

The coach continued, “A minute later, Jason (Monterroso) drilled one outside the box ... to the far post for our 2nd goal.”

Nine minutes later, Monterroso beat three defenders to score the team’s third goal from the same spot.

Cortez notched two goals in the half, with Pagosa taking a 3-2 lead into halftime.

“We shored up a few things in the second half to reduce our defensive moments,” Kurt-Mason wrote, and held the visiting Panthers scoreless for the remainder of the game.

The Pirates, however, added another three goals to the scoreboard.



Pirate freshman E.J. Monterroso goes head to head with a Cortez defender during Tuesday’s victory over the Panthers. Monterroso notched a goal in the 6-2 win.

SUN photo/Shari Pierce

Monterroso earned a hat trick by scoring a third goal during the second half, while E.J. Monterroso and Marlon Carranza also found the net.

The Pirates ended the evening with a 6-2 victory.

Farrah notched seven saves in 55 minutes in the goal, with freshman Nolan Kay tallying three saves in 15 minutes in goal and senior Brandon Breman logging two saves in 10 minutes as keeper.

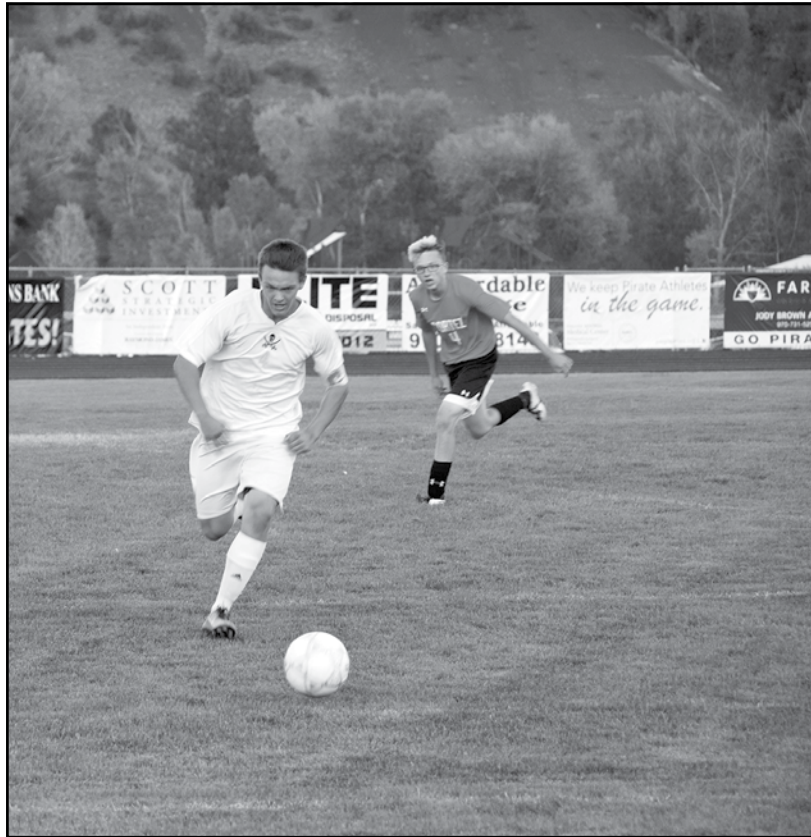
Now, the Pirates will look to keep up the momentum on a road trip that will take them to Ridgway to take on the Demons for a second time and Placerville, where the Pirates will again face the Telluride Miners.

The Pirates lost 10-2 to the Demons on Sept. 2 in Pagosa, with the Demons now owning a 7-1 record and 6-1 league mark.

The game is set to start at 4 p.m. The following day, the Pirates will jaunt to Placerville to take on the Miners, with the Miners owning a 2-4 mark on the season and 2-3 league record.

The Pirates defeated the Miners 3-2 on Sept. 1.

Saturday’s game is slated to begin at 11 a.m. at Down Valley Field. [randi@pagosasun.com](http://randi@pagosasun.com)



Pagosa’s Brandon Breman takes the ball down the field during Tuesday’s 6-2 league win over the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers Tuesday. In addition to his play on the field, the senior logged a pair of saves in 10 minutes as the Pirates’ keeper.

SUN photo/Shari Pierce

## Volleyball

# Volleyball goes even at tri tournament, defeats Cortez

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team kicked off league play on Saturday in the tri tournament hosted by the Bayfield Wolverines.

The Pirates played two games on Saturday, both against league opponents. To start the tournament off on Saturday, Pagosa faced off against Monte Vista. They then played Bayfield to finish the tournament.

The Lady Pirates then faced the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Tuesday.

### Monte Vista

Pagosa first squared off with Monte Vista and defeated them in three sets.

The first set was a competitive one, but Pagosa pulled away with a close victory 25-21.

The next two sets were also in Pagosa’s favor as they won them both by margins of 25-16.

Faith Ahlhardt led the team in kills with 18, Taylor Lewis con-

tributed nine and Keena Murphy added another five for Pagosa.

Pagosa totaled only four serving aces that game. Isabelle Pajak had three and Diana Scott had one.

Pagosa also had a low number of blocks for the game, only having three. Murphy, Scott and Elsa Lindner all had one apiece.

Of Pagosa’s 18 assists, Teagan Stretton led the team with 10, followed by Chloe Bridges with six.

“We could not really get into a rhythm and didn’t play like ourselves but managed a win in three,” coach Connie O’Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN.

The win brought the Pirates’ overall record to 5-4 heading into the final matchup of the tournament against a league rival, the Bayfield Wolverines.

### Bayfield

The second match of the day for the Pirates was a tough one as they lost to the Wolverines in three straight sets.

Bayfield took the first two sets from Pagosa by scores of 25-18 and 25-19. The last set was also taken by

Bayfield 25-16.

The Pirates totaled a season low in kills with 16.

Ahlhardt led the team with seven, Murphy had four and Stretton had three.

The Pirates also only had seven blocks, with Scott leading the team with three, and Ahlhardt and Lindner adding two each.

The loss in the final game of the tournament brought the Pirates tournament record to an even 1-1, and their overall record to 5-5.

Despite having to play Bayfield right after finishing with Monte Vista, O’Donnell noted that she was proud of how the Lady Pirates played.

“I thought that we played well, but we just struggled finishing each set. We would be tied at 18 and then lose by five. It was really frustrating,” she wrote.

The Lady Pirates then moved on from the tri tournament to travel to Cortez on Tuesday to take on the Panthers.

### Cortez

The Lady Pirates rebounded

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# County's unemployment rate continues to decrease

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County decreased to 2.1 percent in August, with 6,757 people in the labor force and 144 of those claiming unemployment.

In July, there were 6,798 people in the county's labor force, with 161, or 2.4 percent, claiming unemployment.

The total workforce lost 41 people over the month of August while the number of unemployed people decreased by 17, causing the .3 percent decrease.

Since last year, the employment situation has improved. In August 2016 there were 6,606 workers in the county, of which 189, or 2.9 percent, were unemployed. August 2017's rate is down .8 percent by comparison.

Looking at this August's employ-

ment situation for the rest of the state, Saguache County had the highest unemployment rate for the month at 5 percent, while San Juan County had the lowest rate at 1 percent.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate for the state increased one-tenth of a percentage point in August to 2.4 percent.

The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 9,800 over the month to 2,992,400 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 8,000 to 2,919,800, causing the number of unemployed to increase 1,800.

In comparison, the national unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point in August to 4.4 percent.

The unemployment rate, labor force, labor force participation, to-

tal employment and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

However, nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed.

The business establishment survey covers about seven times the number of households surveyed and is therefore considered a more reliable indicator of economic conditions.

Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by worksite and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys

may provide seemingly conflicting results.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 45,800, with an increase of 43,500 in the private sector and an increase of 2,300 in government.

The largest private-sector job gains were in trade, transportation, and utilities, professional and business services, and education and health services.

Other data that is gathered by the survey of business establishments includes private-sector average weekly hours, average hourly earnings and average weekly earnings.

In August, the average work-week for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.8 to 33.9 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$26.60 to \$27.41.

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### EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

## Resources for the elderly and their caregivers

By Robin Young  
SUN Columnist

There are several services that cater to the elderly and their caregivers in Pagosa.

I had the opportunity to talk to the ladies from the Pagosa Springs Senior Center at the county fair and they explained what they have to offer.

They have a dining room that is open to the community each weekday. The café serves coffee in the morning and lunch with salad bar and drink from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activities such as games, movies and much more start after lunch and continue until 3:30 p.m. This is a great way to get seniors in a social environment.

They also offer Meals on Wheels, where volunteers deliver a meal and salad to homebound seniors up to five days a week. This is a huge service to those who can't get out to socialize and helps to keep an eye on those who are homebound. They are still looking for volunteers at the center if you are interested.

Cheryl Wilkinson wrote a "Se-

nior News" column in The Pagosa SUN on July 27 describing many local resources for the elderly. If you are looking for help, please refer to her article.

### Preparing to care for an aging loved one

The following was written by Sue Schneider, family and consumer sciences and community development agent.

As our nation ages, more of us will inevitably take on a caregiving role for our aging parent(s). Locating the right resources at the right time can often be difficult. Use these tips to help you get started:

- Create a caregiving plan for yourself or an aging parent. AARP's Prepare to Care Guide ([http://assets.aarp.org/www.aarp.org/articles/foundation/aa66r2\\_care.pdf](http://assets.aarp.org/www.aarp.org/articles/foundation/aa66r2_care.pdf)) can help you and your family members discuss and create a plan by offering five concrete steps to get you started.

- Familiarize yourself with "12 Resources Every Caregiver Should Know About" at: [http://www.aarp.org/home-family/caregiving/info-](http://www.aarp.org/home-family/caregiving/info-08-2012/important-resources-for-caregivers.html)

08-2012/important-resources-for-caregivers.html. It includes contact information for agencies from the Alzheimer's Association to the Veterans Administration.

- Contact your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA, <http://www.n4a.org/>) to receive assistance in identifying the specific resources you need. AAAs were established to respond to the needs of Americans 60 and over in every local community.

- Formulate the questions you need answered about benefits and insurance. You can learn about paying for care, locating benefits, and finding the best medical care through AARP's Benefits and Insurance at: <http://www.aarp.org/home-family/caregiving/benefits-and-insurance/?intcmp=AE-HF-CRC-TERTNAV-BNFTS>.

- Find the right type of housing and assistance for your loved one. Caring.com provides a nationwide directory of senior-care providers that includes assisted living communities, independent living and other residential care options. Use this tool (<http://www.aarp.org/home-family/caregiving/info-2014/caregiving-assisted-living-options-tool.html>) to research living options for your loved one.

Caregiving is among the most difficult and demanding jobs that can be required of us. Be proactive about preventing burnout by taking care of yourself while you take care of your loved one. Reach out to others and enlist their support. Take time to continue doing the things you love. And take every opportunity to cultivate moments of connection with your loved ones.

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## Volleyball

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Even though the set scores looked close, O'Donnell wrote that they were in control most of the time.

"We had a really good serving game which usually means that you are mentally in the game. We also came up with the point on several long rallies which aides in the momentum that is such an important part of volleyball," she wrote.

The win brought the Pirates' overall record to 6-5, with their next games coming on Thursday and Saturday.

### Upcoming games and rankings

The Lady Pirates will have a home match on Thursday against the Aztec (N.M.) Tigers, with varsity action scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

Pagosa then has another home game against league opponent Centauri on Saturday, with varsity action scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) released its first rating percentage index (RPI) ratings for the 2017 season.

These ratings are used by CHSAA to help determine postseason seed-


ing. According to the CHSAA website, these ratings are used to "measure a team's strength relative to other teams, based largely on strength of schedule."

Pagosa Springs is currently ranked 42 out of 70 teams in the 3A classification.


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# Education

## School board hears vo-tech proposal

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) discussed at its monthly meeting on Sept. 12 a proposal to construct a new vocational-technical school building on school grounds.

The chair of the Pagosa Springs Building Committee, Larry Ash, proposed the idea and stated that the committee would take charge of the construction.

"When I was a student here at the high school we did have some vocational and building-trades classes, but they all kind of faded away in the 1980s," Ash said.

Now the builders' committee wants to reintroduce these classes on the high school campus, he said.

The committee has gathered support in the community and even potentially secured funding, but it still needs a site for the building, Ash explained.

The amount of land needed for the building is up to five acres,

but that is a rough estimate, Ash noted.

"To be honest, five acres is just kind of thrown out there, we do want to anticipate that when it does get kicked off that there is room for expansion," he said.

He added, "Our committee will go out into the marketplace to get grants and so forth to fund this program."

Ash cited new Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) building trades teacher Torry Hessman as inspiration to the committee to expand this program.

The number of students already enrolled in the newly offered building trades class at PSHS has shown that kids are interested in the subject matter, Ash said.

In response to board member Lisl Keuning's question on what else would be offered for students, Ash responded that there will be more than just building classes.

"We are made up of contractors, sub-contractors, inspectors and building officials, and I think that

each one of them would like to come in and present on a weekly basis," Ash explained.

Not only would the builders' committee provide construction of the site, but instruction for students as well, Ash said.

"As a general contractor in this area, right now it's hard to find young kids with the gumption to get into the construction side of it," Ash said.

There also is a percentage of kids within the community who do not go to college, and the trade school could potentially fill that void, Ash noted.

"We really want to stimulate that there is a possibility to create a trade and have a very good income and a very good lifestyle," he said.

The land would still belong to the school, therefore, the building would belong to the school, Ash explained.

The location for the potential site is still to be determined, but Ash mentioned using one of the

school's softball fields as a site.

As for when the building would be built, Ash stated that things are still moving slowly.

"In my experiences the wheels are going to turn very slow, but we have to start," he said.

In a follow-up interview, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed clarified that the proposed school would not be a separate school.

"It is just a building that would have the career technical education courses and programs that the high school offers," Reed said.

PSHS is trying to expand those kind of programs to provide options for students who want to stay in the community and go into the trades, she said.

"I see it as a multifunctional space that the district and the community could benefit from," Reed said.

The project is still up for consideration by the BOE and will be an action item at its Oct. 10 meeting, Reed said.

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## Counselors to present college program Tuesday

By Mark Thompson  
Special to The SUN

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium, the Pagosa Springs High School counseling department will be presenting a program about the nuts and bolts of going to college: choosing a college or technical program, applying to the school and

obtaining financial aid. We will highlight financial aid as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (the FAFSA) is open as of Oct. 1.

All high school students and their parents are welcome, but it will be especially relevant for the seniors and juniors. Home-schooled and private-school students are welcome.

## Celebration

### Taylor Jones

Taylor Jones, a 2017 graduate of Pagosa Springs High School, is one of this year's Curtains Up Pagosa's recipient of the John Graves Memorial Scholarship.

Graves' legacy is a long and remembered one; he served on the organization's board for many years and continued to mentor, advise and support young people in the arts for all of his time in Pagosa.

The scholarship, a four-year gift,

is granted to students who pursue a career and attend college in studies for one of the areas of the performing arts.

Jones has been with CUP since she was 9 years old and has performed in every CUP and high school production since then, plus dozens of concerts and other shows. She will be attending the prestigious program in Los Angeles at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, where she will be majoring in musical theater and theater arts.

# New teachers join Pagosa Peak Open School

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With the school year in full swing, The SUN reached out to the newly formed charter school Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) and contacted its staff of teachers to ask them a few questions about themselves, their teaching styles and what they plan on bringing to the community of Pagosa Springs.

### Kelle Bruno

"My name is Kelle Bruno and last year was my first year teaching. I taught Spanish at the elementary school, kindergarten, first and second grade. I've been in Pagosa for a little over a year. I lived in Durango and Bayfield before that and then spent a year in Idaho before that. This year I am teaching first and second grade here at the open school."

"I'm really interested in place-based education and our mountain community and working with students who want to learn about where we live and enjoy the mountains and be outside."

"We are a place-based school,

so we are hoping to get outside and do a lot of things in our community, and we are working in small groups for literacy and math and just trying to create a community here and have them feel part of that."

"I'm currently on the education committee for the GGP (Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership) my prior career before teaching was farming, so I'm really interested in garden education and working programs like that."

"My goal is to find out what interests my students, and if they enjoy what they are working on, then they are going to become dedicated learners. So, my goal really is just to see what interests them and try to tailor the lessons to that."

"My teaching philosophy would be just to treat every student as an individual and get to know them as well as I can and respect them as an individual."

### Karla Choat

"Greetings! I am Mrs. Karla Choat and teach Kindergarten with Miss April Rossetti at Pagosa Peak Open School. My husband, Ken and I have lived in Pagosa Springs since 2008. Our two daughters are currently attending 2nd and 3rd grades at Pagosa Peak Open School. I have taught kindergarten and 1st and 2nd grade enrichment at Our Savior Lutheran School for the last 3 years and am currently enjoying embark-

ing upon this new adventure of teaching kindergarten at Pagosa Peak Open School."

"I earned my Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree from Ringling College of Art and Design and Masters of Fine Arts Degree from Colorado State University."

"I have a bit of a diverse background including both managing an antique print department in the Upper East Side of NYC and being a Corral Supervisor at Lost Creek Ranch in Moose, Wyoming."

"I sold museum quality prints to Mick Jagger, Isabella Rossellini, and Sigorney Weaver and for close to a decade I taught children as young as six to become confident and competent horseback riders in the shadow of The Grand Tetons."

"I have recently returned from an enchanting trip to Myanmar and Thailand visiting local Burmese schools, eating my way through local floating markets, exploring ancient temples, communing with elephants, zip lining canopy forests, and sea kayaking into secret hongs."

"My kindergarten students can expect a global perspective and passion to explore their world, whether



Karla Choat

it be a local wetland, forest, stream, mountain lake, or distant location far reaching the other side of the planet offering students a sense of place."

"Students will achieve success through a strong academic foundation where they will learn core skills that they can apply to the field making them inquisitive life long learners."

"I recognize that Pagosa Springs and its surrounding natural areas are a vital resource for a tangible learning experience. This place based learning in addition to academics is a unique opportunity I plan to realize, making exceptional education commonplace in Pagosa Springs."

### Carlos Somers

"I am not new to Pagosa; I bought property in 1996. I am not new to teaching; I have about 26 years of teaching experience. I had been doing social service provision for the Department of Human Services. I currently teach all grades, but currently I am working with the first and second graders, but I will be teaching Spanish to kindergarten and third and fourth graders as well as first and second graders."

"Mostly, I'm interested in the charter concept. The project-based and the place-based concept of instruction and learning is fascinating to me. We live in a beautiful location that has remarkable natural resources and a lot of built-in op-

portunities for healthy experimentation and community service, so I am very enthusiastic about the school intentionally blending and merging with community service. I like that as an option."

"I am very consistent. I try to be funny; maybe they think I'm funny, I don't know. But, hopefully to learn some Spanish, to have some fun, to sing to dance to do art projects. I'm also responsible for teaching math, literacy and projects, so I'm hoping that they will learn to challenge themselves and feel good about the work that they are able to accomplish."

"I mountain bike and go out on the trails. I have participated in the ColorFest, and I have participated with ACVAP (Archuleta County Victims Assistance Program, now Rise Above Violence) from my previous life as a social service provider."

"I'm going to be as patient with my students as I possibly know how, and make sure that I am paying close attention to when they are frustrated because if they are frustrated it means they are having some issue with their learning. So, mostly I just need to make sure that I am very



Carlos Somers

observant and provide them with as much positive reinforcement as possible."

"Each student is capable of learning, and when I can positively encourage a child for any kind of academic pursuit then that's exactly what I'm interested in doing."

### Jason Stuck

"My name is Jason Stuck and I've been in Pagosa about 10 years, and I have a background in environmental education and for years in town, I've ran my own nature programs that had a pretty big focus on getting kids out into nature, and building connections with nature. As this school was developing, I found a lot of inspiration with the outdoor ed component that they stress as well as the place-based philosophy."

"I have a lot of friends, acquaintances and colleagues that are teachers in the school district and I feel that they do a bang-up job. I know that they are dedicated to their profession and for me right now, I see this development of alternative education."

■ See Teachers A15



Jason Stuck

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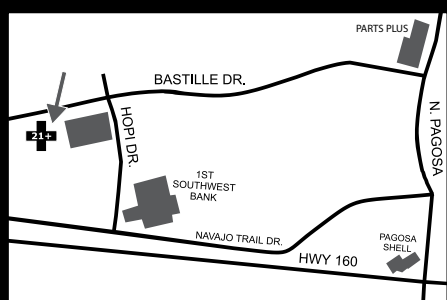
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# Outdoors

## Public comment sought on Vallecito-Piedra Integrated Vegetation Management Project

By Ann Bond  
Special to The SUN

The San Juan National Forest Columbine Ranger District is accepting public comment on a pre-decisional draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Vallecito-Piedra Integrated Vegetation Management Project.

The project area encompasses 80,334 acres in the Vallecito Lake, Beaver Meadows and First Notch areas within La Plata and Archuleta counties.

The EA, including maps, is available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49791>.

The proposed action is to utilize a combina-

tion of mechanical vegetation thinning and harvest treatments, prescribed fire and managed natural fire. Proposed treatment types include mechanical tree removal using public fuelwood, commercial fuelwood, commercial timber sale and other wood-product permits; reforestation; and planned and unplanned fire ignitions.

A public meeting in regard to the project will be held on Oct. 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Bayfield Town Hall, 1199 Bayfield Parkway. The meeting will allow the public to interact with Forest Service employees and ask questions related to the project.

Written comments should be submitted by no later than Oct. 20 to the Columbine District Ranger, P.O. Box 439, 367 Pearl St., Bayfield, CO

81122, or via email to [comments-rocky-mountain-san-juan-columbine@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-rocky-mountain-san-juan-columbine@fs.fed.us).

This project falls under new Objection Regulations at 36 CFR 218, subparts A and C. In order to object to a proposed decision, a person must have previously submitted timely, specific written comments during identified public comment periods. The comment period being announced now is the last chance to establish eligibility to object for this project. Comments received, including names and addresses of commenters, will be part of the public record.

For more information, or for a hard copy of the EA, please contact the Columbine Ranger District at 884-2512 or visit the above website.

## Meeting scheduled for southwest communities to discuss future of hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation in Colorado

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Special to The SUN

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is facing long-term budget issues that will affect how the state's parks and wildlife are managed in the future.

To present the issues, CPW will hold a public meeting to discuss the "Future of Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation in Colorado" for Southwest Region residents at 6 p.m. on Sept. 25.

The meeting will be held by teleconference to allow residents of the Southwest Region to participate. At the meeting, CPW officials will explain the agency's current challenges, present some ideas for fixing the budget problems and provide an opportunity for the public to participate in developing solutions.

Residents can attend the meeting at any of the Southwest Region's four wildlife service centers:

- Durango, region headquarters, 415 Turner Drive in Bodo Park.
- Gunnison, wildlife office, 300W. New York Ave.
- San Luis Valley, Monte Vista wildlife office, 0722 Road 1 East.
- Montrose, wildlife office, 2300 S. Townsend Ave. (U.S. 550).

Besides discussing budget issues, CPW staff will give an update on regional hunting, fishing and parks activities in a roundtable format.

CPW is managed as an "enterprise agency," which means it does not receive any general sales tax dollars from Colorado taxpayers. The majority of the agency's revenue comes from parks users and from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. The agency also receives grants from

Great Outdoors Colorado, and federal excise taxes levied on the sale of hunting and fishing equipment.

CPW has not raised resident hunting and fishing licenses since 2005.

A bill to address the budget issues was submitted to the 2017 Colorado General Assembly. The bill passed with bi-partisan support in the House of Representatives. However, the bill did not reach the Senate floor when it failed to pass out of committee by a vote of 3-2.

The agency will be looking at funding ideas in 2018, as well as ways that it can continue to provide sustainable wildlife populations, world-class outdoor recreation and stewardship programs. Those details will be explained at the Sept. 25 meeting.

"Colorado hunters, anglers, state

parks users and recreation users care deeply about outdoor resources in the state, and CPW works to maintain and improve those resources from our prairies to our peaks," said Patt Dorsey, manager for CPW's Southwest Region. "We want to continue to provide customer service and recreational opportunities and we need to think seriously about how we do that with an increasing population and a shrinking budget."

Funds for the wildlife section of the agency and the park section of the agency are, by law, kept completely separate. There is no commingling of revenues or expenditures.

"Coloradans are lucky to live in a state with a diversity of recreation opportunities and wildlife resources and they've always been willing to pay for those privileges," Dorsey said. "CPW is reaching out to Colorado residents to bridge the gap between the present and the future."

Those unable to attend the meeting can view an online presentation which details CPW's financial challenges and a preliminary proposal for increasing hunting and fishing licenses at: <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Future-Conservation-Recreation.aspx>.

After watching the presentation, the public is urged to provide comments in an online survey at: <https://www.research.net/r/CPW-Future>.

For more information about the meeting, contact Joe Lewandowski, Southwest Region public information officer, at [joe.lewandowski@state.co.us](mailto:joe.lewandowski@state.co.us).



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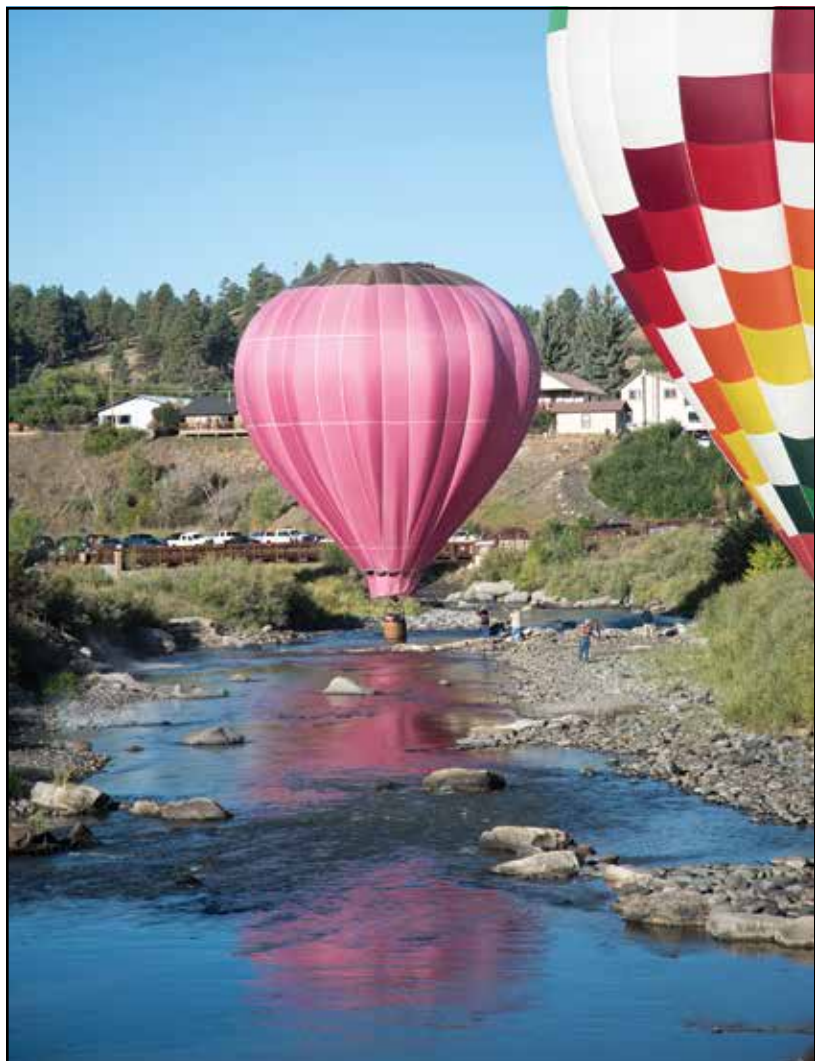




# ColorFest

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

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## ARTS & LIFE

# Public Lands Day

Saturday, Sept. 23 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. • Coyote Hill



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A cross-cut demo and branding with the San Juan Back Country Horsemen will be one activity offered at Public Lands Day this Saturday, Sept. 23.

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 Coyote Moon: Lisa Saunders Karaoke, 9 p.m.  
 East Side Market: Open Mic with Steve Rolig, 9 a.m.  
 Riff Raff Brewing Company: Gary Gorence, 6 p.m.

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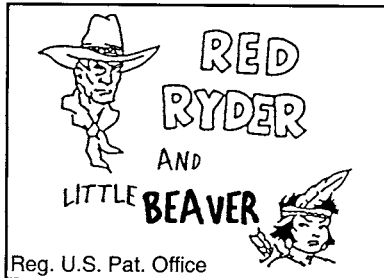
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By Fred Harman



# Celebrate National Public Lands Day Saturday

By Brandon Caley  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Ranger District and Pagosa Area Trails Council will celebrate National Public Lands Day on Saturday, Sept. 23, by offering a day of free music, food and family activities at Coyote Hill from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Schedule of events

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — A variety of kid activities will be running throughout the day, including trail mix Bingo with Ranger Brandon, a cross-cut demonstration and branding with the San Juan Back Country Horsemen, fire safety with Smokey and other fun activities such as a scavenger hunt, nature T-shirts (bring your cotton, dark colored T-shirt) and a how do you play challenge.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Come meet our local celebrity Smokey Bear for fire safety and photo opportunities.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Join us for a picnic and barbecue with Smokey Bear and friends starting at 11:30 a.m. Bring your picnic basket, blanket or lawn chair along with additional food items. For the barbecue, hot dogs and burgers will be served for the first 100 people.

Noon to 1 p.m. — The San Juan String Band can't be missed. The

San Juan String Band combines their passion for the environment with love for music. They provide conservation education and environmental messages for the public.

The event will take place near the parking area on the right side of Piedra Road just after the first cattle guard. Additional parking may be available at the Turkey Springs Trailhead. Restroom facilities will be available. The event may be canceled due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

"This is an event that celebrates our relationship with our public lands and people giving back to public lands we all own and love. Come on out to Coyote Hill on Saturday to get inspired, become aware and appreciate our beautiful San Juan National Forest we have in our backyard," said Brandon Caley, who works in visitor services and interpretation and conservation education for the Pagosa Ranger District.

For more information on National Public Lands Day, please visit <https://www.neefusa.org/public-lands-day>.

For more specific information about the event, please contact Caley at [bjcaley@fs.fed.us](mailto:bjcaley@fs.fed.us) or 264-2268 or Stacy at [info@StepOutdoorsColorado.com](mailto:info@StepOutdoorsColorado.com) or 946-5001.

# Tickets available for St. Francis Mission 100th Anniversary Raffle

Special to The PREVIEW

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is holding the St. Francis Mission 100th Anniversary Raffle, with the drawing being held at a celebration being held Oct. 8.

Five prizes will be available, with the first prize being \$500.

Tickets are six for \$5.

The Oct. 8 event will begin with Mass at St. Francis at 11 a.m., fol-

lowed by a barbecue and potluck at 1 p.m. and the raffle drawing at 3 p.m.

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# Third annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance set for Oct. 21

By Roberta Tolan  
Special to The PREVIEW

Mark your calendars for the Pagosa Springs Rotary third annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance on Oct. 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Archuleta County Extension building.

Dig out your favorite country outfit, polish those boots and get ready to kick up your heels to the high-energy sounds of County Thunder, one of the best country dancing bands in the region. Great barbecue will be available for purchase and a cash bar with all of your favorite brews will be on hand.

Tickets are only \$10 per person in advance and \$15 at the door and can be purchased through any Noon Rotarian and at Exit Realty.

All profits from the barn dance will go to helping local efforts, including student and teacher scholarships, the Feed Our Children Backpack program, providing dictionaries to young students and many more local community projects.

So, make a date with that special dancing partner and purchase your tickets today.



Photo courtesy John Duvall

Tickets are on sale now for Rotary's third annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance, set for Oct. 21. The event benefit's several of Rotary's community efforts.

## GGP Greenhouse Gardening workshop welcomes all

By Kelle Bruno  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) welcomes all gardeners and greenhouse growers to join local experts at the GGP Amphitheater on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The GGP Amphitheater and Education Dome are located at 80 S. 5th St. in Centennial Park, behind the courthouse.

Presenters will discuss integrated pest management, how to maximize production in a limited space, maintaining healthy soil, season extension and other topics related to greenhouse growing conditions and gardening in our mountain climate.

The cost is \$20 and a box lunch will be provided with each registration.

All proceeds for GGP's Lifelong Learning Workshops benefit the nonprofit's educational programming for all ages. Go to Pagosagreen.org to register for a workshop or become a member today. For this workshop, all gardeners are encouraged to register as members for just \$20.

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Join the women of Pagosa Springs for fun and fundraising for the kids at this year's Little Black Dress Affair: Prom Night on Oct. 14. Tickets are available now.

## Little Black Dress Affair: A small community making a huge difference

By Dee McPeek  
Special to The PREVIEW

In this current environment of conflicting opinions, I recommend the world look at rural communities like ours to see how to get things done.

Little Black Dress Affair: Prom Night benefiting Seeds of Learning is a perfect example. Women from all different aspects of politics, religion and beliefs are coming together for a common purpose. While the evening is full of beauty, laughter and feminine chatter, the primary focus is on making a difference in the life of a child.

What does the money raised during the evening really mean? It means that families who cannot afford to pay full tuition can still take advantage of this excellent learning opportunity for their children. It means the playing field gets leveled. It means our at-risk children will get the skills to help them complete high school, avoid incarceration and make a better

living wage over their lifetime. It means more parents can join the workforce, pay taxes and contribute to the vitality of this amazing community.

Tables are filling fast. Don't miss this chance to join over 300 powerful women coming together for a night devoted to 2 1/2- to 5-year-old children who cannot ask for help themselves.

Join us at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 at the Ross Aragon Community Center for "Prom Night." Tickets are \$55 and are available at Seeds of Learning, 575 S. 7th Street, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call for more information: 264-5513.

Stand back, world, and watch how women, coming together in

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# SCENE . . .

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PREVIEW photos/Terri House Scene ... at Friday's Passport to Wine and Food Festival in Town Park. The event, which features local establishments, part of Color-Fest, was again sold out. The event allowed restaurants to compete for the People's Choice Award, and allowed attendees to sample wines from around the world while listening to live music provided by Bob Hemenger.



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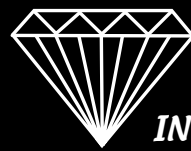
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# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

## MUSIC AND MICRO BREWS FESTIVAL

Photos courtesy Jeff Laydon  
Scene ... at Saturday's Music and Micro Brews Festival. Continuing the ColorFest fun, the Saturday festival featured live music, fun for the whole family and microbrews from around the region. The event was also the site for the balloon glow.



Archuleta School District  
Board of Directors  
is seeking your input. Join us for a  
Community Meeting.



The date for the meeting is Thursday, September 28th.

The topic for the meeting is facilities.

There are two times and two locations for you to participate:

- Noon to 1:00 at the Ross Aragón Community Center
- 5:30 to 6:30pm at Pagosa Bible Church—209 Harmon Park Drive (behind Wells Fargo)
- Lunch/Dinner will be provided.
- Child care will be available at both locations.
- There will be a short presentation by the board, then a Q and A for participants.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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# On the way home from the party

Summer parties are winding down. We have one more party to attend. Ours.

My Sweet Al and I are poor party guests and wonder why we are invited in the first place. He is too quiet and I get carried away. There isn't any in-between with us. We live in the extreme when we are around other people. We are compatible when we are home alone by ourselves.

Other guests seem to know how to behave themselves. They don't have outbursts. They quietly enjoy other guests. They know how to experience wonderful food, beautiful homes and delightful hosts.

Have you ever wondered about the conversations that go on in the car after people leave the party? My Sweet Al and I have those after-party discussions. We thank the gracious hosts who have worked so hard to make the time enjoyable.

We step in the car and say, "That was a special time. They made everything so nice. What wonderful people. We must invite them to our home."

Then a silent hush falls over us for about two minutes. My Sweet Al starts the conversation. "We stayed at the party 30 minutes too long. We should have left when you were ahead. You know how I always tell you to leave on top. Not when the party is going down hill."

I paused before I answered. I knew I was in trouble again. I remembered the nod and the look. "But, Al, we left on top. I was on a roll and having too much fun to leave."

Too much fun usually means I took over the conversation. I would have to apologize to everyone the next day, starting with the hostess. I remember the moment. I was in my stride and I thought I was adding to the party. The more I talked, the funnier everything became and I kept going on and on and stepped over some lines.

After that luncheon and when we were in the car, my Sweet Al said, "You were in rare form and ripped your drawers. We don't have to worry about being invited back."

"I couldn't help myself. I thought they were enjoying the conversation. You were smiling. I had a captive audience and they encouraged me to keep going. At least I didn't jump up on the table and put a lampshade on my head."

"You would've if you could have found a lampshade. You need to leave that cheap wine alone."

"That is exactly why I don't drink anything but water. I don't want my mind altered. People stimulate me enough."

"They drain me. I can only handle one person at a time. I like a one-on-one conversation."

"Well, it wasn't as bad as the

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



shrimp boil party where we had to play whiffle ball."

Our daughter made my son-in-law pick me to be on his team. He didn't want to, but to keep peace, he did anyway. Then they made me run the bases. I asked for a designated runner. They said I had to run for myself. I had eaten one shrimp too many and I could hardly pick up my feet.

One of our team players shouted, "It's Mama's turn to bat again. Ha, ha." I stood at home plate and thought, "Oh Lord, help me run these bases. I don't think I can make it around another time."

I was going to show them I could do it and that I was a team player. It didn't dawn on me to strike out.

On the way home from the party, My Sweet Al offered his observation. "You were so funny running the bases."

"Laugh if you must. I was a pretty good softball player in my day. The reason I had to run the bases is because I hit the ball. That's the way the game is played. Is that why you struck out every time?"

Al thinks his job at a party is to observe and be quiet. I'm a participant and believe we need to be a part of the party.

Al lets the party come to him. That's no fun. I tell him to go talk to someone. Find Bob. Bob is your friend. He will talk to you. Al doesn't move. He tells me to rein it in. I don't stop.

I find Bob. I talk to Bob. When we are in the car going home, Al asks, "What was on Bob's mind?"

"Al, why didn't you ask him?" All in fun. We have been in beautiful homes with beautiful hosts. Everyone works hard to make the day special. We are always thankful and appreciative to have been invited and just hope we don't ruin their event.

Well, it's my turn to have the party for my writers' group. I tried to get out of it, but they said the Lower Blanco is a fun place. One good thing is I can't be asked to leave and I'm always too busy overseeing the party to get into trouble.

It will be a tour of Italy. We will have a sidewalk café with Italian cuisine, decorations and lights. It didn't seem enough just to have a potluck and a few yard games. Once again, the ideas got out of hand and I can't seem to stop until it's over-the-top. I wonder why I can't be normal.

Final brushstroke: I'm thankful for friends, who love us anyway and invite us back. Even if Al watches the clock and thinks we should have left 30 minutes earlier and I have too much fun and don't know how to rein it in. I wonder about others' conversation after the party and on their way home. They are probably talking about us. Lord, help us all.

### Readers' comments

"Dear Betty, I often read your column and can usually identify with and enjoy it. Your latest one about your grandson really touched my heart. We have seven grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Trying to keep track of all of them is a daunting task since they are all out of state. However we do try to stay relevant in their lives and make sure they know they are loved. Thank you so much for a touching article. Sincerely, Judy Puryear"

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Photo courtesy Jacque Aragon

The Mountain Chile Cha Cha will again include the Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic, where chile enthusiasts can put their recipes to the test, or simply taste the chile of others. This year's Cha Cha is set for Sept. 30 in Town Park, rain or shine.

## Does your green chile have what it takes to win?

By Jacque Aragon  
Special to The PREVIEW

Here in southwestern Colorado, the fall season arrives with shorter days, cooler nights and bushels of fresh roasted green chiles. Our small town of Pagosa Springs hosts a spectacular annual green chile cook-off where chefs compete for cash, trophies and bragging rights.

This event, the Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic (PAGCC), celebrates the green chile harvest and a local green chile enthusiast who sated our green chile palettes for years with her tasty homemade recipe. PAGCC's mission is to build community in the Pagosa Springs area while celebrating our cultural heritage through local cuisine and music.

Patty Aragon, along with her husband, former mayor Ross Aragon, owned and operated Al's West and East from the '70s until 1992. They served traditional American and southwestern cuisine and were most famous for their green chile, which they served atop burgers, fries and almost everything.

"My mother made the best green chile, hands down," explained Jacque Aragon, who has organized the cook-off for the last 10 years. "I'm proud to carry on the family tradition and love seeing other people get excited about making and eating green chile."

Roughly 40 entrants, both amateur and professional, compete in the cook-off each year. Some cooks get creative; others go classic. Without their generous contribution of time, effort and ingredients, this community event would not be

possible.

Cooks are required to show up with their slow cookers and ingredient lists between 10 and 10:30 a.m. in order to start the official judging on time. Each entrant will receive a commemorative green chile pint glass. To register your chile in the cook-off, visit [ilovegreenchile.com](http://ilovegreenchile.com).

Three judges volunteer for the difficult and filling job of choosing their favorite chiles. Each judge tastes all chiles present and rates them on a scale from 1-10, plus takes notes in case the scores are close. Then the scores are added up and monies and medals are awarded to first, second and third places in meat, vegetarian and commercial categories.

Once the judges are finished, the tasting is opened up to the public at 12:30 p.m. Each person who participates in the tasting pays \$7 and is entitled to 10 tastes and a vote for the People's Choice Awards for first, second and third places. Commercial entries will also be eligible for these prestigious awards.

The cook-off classic is part of the Mountain Chile Cha Cha, which is hosted by GECKO (Giving Every Child Knowledge of the Outdoors), and will take place in Town Park, rain or shine. There is a kids' fun race, a 5k, 10k and half marathon for competitors of all abilities. Go to [joingecko.org](http://joingecko.org) for more information.

Cha Cha goers will also enjoy a Latin music concert featuring Pagosa's own Brooks-i Band. This popular local band is sure to fill the dance floor with their

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Immediately following the judging for this year's entries for the Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic, those attending the Mountain Chile Cha Cha Sept. 30 will be able to test out the chiles for themselves and vote for the People's Choice awards.

## Incredible buys at the library's second-chance book sale

By Meg Wempe  
Special to The PREVIEW

In case you didn't have a chance to make it to the Friends of the Library book sale in mid-August, the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library has a great opportunity for you in a couple weeks.

The library will be holding a second-chance book sale. Mark your calendars for Oct. 6 and Oct. 7. On both days, at the library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., there will be great buys

for all ages.

We will be selling the variety of items that the Friends have at their sale—hardback books, audio books, paperbacks, fiction, nonfiction, CDs, DVDs and more. You won't want to miss out on this second chance, so look for more information in the "Library News" column in the coming weeks. Mark your calendars now, as that first weekend in October will be here before we know it.

If you have any questions, please call the library at 264-2209.

## Chile

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rockin' rancheras and captivating cumbias. There will be a Mexican beer garden, Hatch green chiles for sale and roasted on-site, and an all-day kids' corner. GECKO will also feature the popular Cha Cha margarita contest and tasting, where local restaurants and bars compete for best margarita.

This is a free community event set to take place on Saturday, Sept. 30. We hope to see you at the Cha Cha.

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# Spiritual and mental broadcasting topic of Sunday New Thought service

By Janet Wyrick  
Special to The PREVIEW

“Spirit Invincible, Who Am I? One who looks outside dreams — One who looks within awakens” — Carl Jung.

Did you ever stop to think that you are a spiritual and mental broadcasting station, and that messages are going out from you in all directions, perhaps even while you are asleep — messages that have an influence on your environment and the people around you?

There is a place where our physical bodies begin and leave off, but the mind has no such limitations and our thoughts penetrate everything around us. We are all

broadcasting stations, whether we know it or not.

Our thoughts, feelings and emotions, our faiths and fears tend make an imprint on our environment. We are also receiving sets.

“It is fascinating to think that we are both mental broadcasting and receiving sets. It will be even more wonderful when we learn to broadcast only the kind of messages that we wish to have in return” — Ernest Holmes.

Please join the Rev. Janet Wyrick this Sunday, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m. to explore who we are and to examine our ability to learn from all sources and channels. Man’s destiny is Divine and sure.

At the Monday evening discus-

sion group on Sept. 25 at 6 p.m., we will view and discuss the film “The Power of The Heart” featuring Deepak Chopra and Eckart Tolle.

All are welcome to attend.

Sunday morning services are held at 10 a.m., and Monday evening movies and discussions are held at 6 p.m. at 390 Boulder Drive, in the ReMax building. We welcome everyone to come and join us. Lift your heart and spirit in song, prayer and meditation. You will do amazing things. Welcome home. We’ve been waiting for you.

For information about the church, attend a service, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 749-9020 or mail to P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. You can also find us on Facebook or at our website: www.PagosaNewThought.org.

# Catholic community to host adult inquiry dinner Tuesday

By Anne McGarry  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Catholic community is welcoming new and returning Catholics and is extending an invitation to those who desire to become Catholic.

Father Kenny Udumka is hosting an inquiry dinner for adults who are seeking the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the Catholic Education Center located at 451 Lewis St. at 6:30 p.m.

Whether Catholics have been away from the church for a short time or for a long time, Udumka is inviting them back to the Catholic Church.

“There are many reasons why Catholics are not attending Mass,” Udumka said. “Regardless of the reasons, we are inviting them to rediscover the truth and mystery

of the Catholic faith. Even though every situation is different, sometimes a simple conversation can straighten things out.”

Udumka has spoken to several people this week who want to become Catholics.

“Whether a person wants to become a member of the Catholic Church or is simply interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, he or she is welcome to come and ask questions,” Udumka said. “Questions are good.”

Regardless of why a person has left or gotten out of the habit of going to Mass, they can always return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. Udumka encourages all who are interested in becoming Catholic and those Catholics wanting to return home to call the church office at 731-5744.

# UU topic: ‘Religion and Spirituality: Finding Our Center’

By Dean Cerny  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend two services titled “Religion and Spirituality: Finding Our Center,” with Pastor Dean Cerny, this Sunday, Sept. 24.

Can one be spiritual without being religious? One way to answer that is to ask the reverse: can one be religious without being spiritual? For many, the use of the term “religion” is to be avoided. This avoidance is unfortunate as religion and spirituality have always been historical partners on humankind’s spiritual journey.

On two Sundays, Cerny will explore how religion relates to spirituality. If you have ever wondered

what a Unitarian Universalist Revival Service might look like, come check it out.

This program reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of “Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations” and “A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.”

Cerny’s interest in religious concepts has always been motivated by his passion to question religious orthodoxy. This reasoned approach led him to obtain an undergraduate degree in religious studies from Arizona State University and a master of arts degree in religion and theology from United Theological Seminary

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# Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes bring hope

By Linda George  
Special to The PREVIEW

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Millions of little children around the world have never experienced the luxury we take for granted on a daily basis.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC), a project of Samaritan's Purse, has been making a difference since 1993 by bringing joy and God's love to children worldwide through shoe boxes. In 2015/2016, over 11 million shoe boxes filled with toiletries, school supplies, toys and letters of encouragement have been given to children living in impoverished situations and areas of disaster or war.

Imagine those little eyes as they open a shoe box gift just for them. You and your entire family can be part of the world's largest Christmas project. It's easy as can be.

A standard shoe box is all you need to get started. Pick a girl or boy ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14, then go shopping at any of our local stores for items like a toothbrush, bar of soap, washcloth, pencils, little toys, washable plastic shoes, shirts, socks, etc. Personalize your gift box with a picture of you and a letter of en-

couragement. Please do not include candy or toothpaste this year due to new customs regulations.

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ). Over 20 of our local churches and some businesses in Pagosa Springs have brochures with information, labels for the boxes and donation envelopes to help with the \$9 shipping cost per box. All of them will be promoting Operation Christmas Child during the months of October and early November, so please inquire and look for that OCC table.

Our goal for Pagosa this year is 2,000 boxes. On Saturday, 75 of your local pastors, project leaders and business owners attended a barbecue kick-off at the home of Bob and Linda George. Yuri Lopez, a shoe box recipient from Honduras, shared her story and they got fired up to help you be a part of this amazing opportunity.

Our Pagosa collection week for all shoe boxes will be Nov. 13-20 at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave., next to the recreation center.

Bring your filled shoe boxes to the church during the following times and help us reach our goal of 2,000: Nov. 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Nov. 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Nov. 19, 1 to 5 p.m.; Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Nov. 20, 8 to 10 a.m.; Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Nov. 17, 10: a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Of prime interest to Cerny is the relationship between religion and spirituality, wherein religion serves as a language to articulate spiritual experience.

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a caring, inclusive fellowship dedicated to spiritual growth, justice and serving the needs of our larger community. As a Welcoming Congregation, we invite everyone to

share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

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ANSWER:

# Resting, now and later

By Hank Slikker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Rest in peace. So read many headstones in graveyards throughout the earth. It's a kind of final goodbye for the one beneath the stone.

To me, it seems more like an all-purpose wish for those who don't really know what to say. After all, the dead cannot hear the farewell and cannot know the difference between death and kind wishes, anyway. We might say it's a final hope for someone who never knew rest, or for someone who never knew peace, or for someone who never knew either.

Sometimes though, epithets on headstones come with a few final comments that have about as much seriousness as RIP. Like, "RIP — Please Deactivate My Facebook"; or "RIP Cousin Huet — We All Know You Didn't Do It." And there's, "RIP — I Told You I Was Sick."

In reality, many of us are on our way to rest. We're not there yet but we plan to be. I don't mean our final resting place, but the next one. We look forward to our two weeks on the beach to listen to waves and birds and to read a good book in our beach lounge chair.

Our minds are full of hate. We hate our boss, we hate the traffic, we hate the weather and we hate lots of other stuff we should not mention.

Or, we might spend our two weeks in the mountain forest with no phone, no TV, no radio and no neighbors, where heat comes from wood and hot coffee in a carbon-caked cup, with the wife smiling and the kids laughing. Rest helps us rid ourselves of emotional junk that clutters our hearts.

But there's a problem. Two weeks of rest out of 52 is not enough. It's just not enough. A cessation of motion on the beach or in the mountains, the tranquility of tranquility, the absence of anxiety or the calm of a resting soul — somehow it all melts away on the highway home.

## A Matter of Faith

Just 50 weeks left until we can say, "rest assured." And we wonder, "Can I make it until then?" Well, we can cheer up because most everyone has it the same. We're all in the same boat, or bus or whatever, without rest.

And our lack of rest is not just because we're in the future or in the fast-changing world that's so hard to keep up with. It was the same 2,000 years ago.

The gospel writer Matthew wrote that when Jesus saw the multitudes coming after Him, "He felt compassion on them because they were harassed and thrown down, like sheep without a shepherd" (9:36). Fortunately for the world, Jesus offers rest to all who want it. He says, "Come to me all who are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest ... and you will find rest for your souls" (11:28).

I don't know what Jesus means when he says rest for your "souls," but I think it means that the rest He offers goes deep down. I think it's the part of the soul that houses stuff that only God can see, and that we have no words for, but that keeps us tired and weary.

The good thing about Jesus' rest is that we don't have to die to get it. We can have it right now instead of 50 weeks from now and it will stay with us until He dies, which won't happen again.

The writer of the book of Hebrews invites his Christian audience to enter this rest. They were

having a hard time. They had to decide to denounce the Savior or continue to suffer persecutions, even possible death. That's a lot of stress. Yet even in this severe moment, the writer urges them to rest in it. He says, "Strive to enter His rest" (4:11). Sounds like a contradiction, doesn't it?

What kind of rest is it? Well, it's the same rest that God rests ever since He finished His work of creation. It's a place, or a room, and we get in by faith. It's a rest that is available to us every moment of every hour if we want it. It's a kind of "sacrament of the present moment," as one Christian contemplative calls it. It is communion with God each moment since He lives within us. So whether we're driving to work, looking for work, talking with our neighbor, talking with the grocery clerk, or the bank teller, or the waitress, or we're walking the dog, paying our taxes, or visiting the hospital — whatever we do, we'll do it in rest.

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## Fil Byrne: More than Pagosa's first school teacher

Pagosa Springs' first school teacher arrived in 1878, about the year the town started. He was only 20 years old, but must have had the experience of a man twice his age. Among the many positions he held in the community was that of deputy sheriff. A story is told that a tough guy with a heart full of may-



### Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

hem was locked up in the local jail. The smell of freedom must have stoked the escape locomotive in tough guy's heart. Hitting on all of the cylinders he possessed, he broke out of his cell, jumped spraddle-legged on the nearest hay burner he could find and headed east lickity-split down the street aimed for Elwood Pass.

He didn't notice the young dude with the star on his chest savoring coffee on the front porch of Ma Cade's hotel. The young dude noticed him, set his cup on a stair rail without spilling a drop, pulled his rifle from the scabbard on the nearest horse tethered at the hitching post in front of the hotel, stepped into the middle of the street, squinted down the barrel and squeezed the trigger.

Tail flying and hind legs kicking up dust, the galloping mustang squealed and rolled over on his back while sliding to a stop. His startled rider bounced head over heels to the side of the road, finally stopping in a crumpled mass of arms, legs and dust. When daylight returned to his blacked-out senses, he gladly let the young man with the star on his chest help him stand up.

"Plannin' on goin' somewhere?" the young man asked, as he twisted a length of rope around the fugitive's rock-scraped arms. Just then, Sheriff Billy Kern walked up, trying to talk and catch his breath at the same time.

"I guess that was an OK shot, Fil," Kern huffed. "Shot the legs out from under that old roan cleaner'n a newly licked shot glass. I guess



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

Fil Byrne, on the left with the pistol in his hand, and Henry Gordon.

you know that's my horse and saddle stretched out over there in the dirt? Don't know if I can fix that horse's leg or not. Why didn't you just shoot the scum offa his back?"

"Sorry, Sheriff," Fil apologized. "Guess I just wasn't thinkin'."

The scene I just described really happened in pioneer Pagosa Springs. I might have dressed it up a wee bit, but it really happened.

The Fil referred to was Felix A. Byrne, known locally as Fil Byrnes, who was born in Ohio on May 27, 1858, and rode over Cumbres Pass with a bunch of other adventure seekers into Pagosa Springs in 1878. His first job was teaching kids in a little log cabin located near the big hot spring. The students were the children of pioneers and the washer women handling laundry and other clean up chores for the soldiers at Fort Lewis.

Byrne had a long and productive career in Pagosa Springs. Among other things, he carried the mail, drove the stage coach from Amargo and served as the first superintendent of the county school system. At the time of his death in December of 1932, he was serving in his eighth year as county judge. He spent 35 years of service in the county courthouse. He also helped organize and was an officer in the first San Juan Pioneer Association. On Nov. 25, 1887, Fil married Miss Annie Kern. The couple had no children.

## Embrace cowboy culture and humor at Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering

By Linda Mannix  
Special to The PREVIEW

Spectacular autumn foliage in the mountains, cooler fall temperatures and cattle drives all signal it's time for the 29th annual Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

The Oct. 5-8 event celebrates the culture and stories of the American cowboy and ranching in southwest Colorado, creatively shared by more

than 40 cowboy poets, storytellers and musicians.

"It's the perfect opportunity to pull on your cowboy boots and hat, observe a really unique art form in action and enjoy all the incredible fall activities in Durango," said Linda Mannix, coordinator of the second oldest event of its kind in the United States.

The celebration is held in Durango. ■ See Cowboy on next page

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# 'An Evening with Leftover Salmon' added to Concert Hall lineup

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The PREVIEW

Architects of what is now popularly known as jamgrass, Leftover Salmon has been added to the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College season. Tickets for the Jan. 26, 2018, show, "An Evening with Leftover Salmon," are on sale now. Colorado's Leftover Salmon has established itself as one of the great purveyors of Americana music, digging deep into the well that sup-

plies its influences: rock 'n' roll, folk, bluegrass, Cajun, soul, zydeco, jazz and blues.

Leftover Salmon is a direct descendant of bands such as Little Feat, New Grass Revival, Grateful Dead and The Band, born of the heart and soul of America itself, playing music that reflects the sounds emanating from the Appalachian hills, the streets of New Orleans, the clubs of Chicago, the plains of Texas and the mountains of Colorado.

Over the band's 25-plus years, Leftover Salmon's sound has grown and evolved while staying true to the roots and guiding spirit of the band's founding members, mandolinist Drew Emmitt and guitarist Vince Herman.

Tickets for An Evening with Leftover Salmon (\$35-\$45) are available online at [www.durangoconcerts.com](http://www.durangoconcerts.com), by calling 247-7657 or by visiting the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango.

## Cowboy

■ continued from previous page go's bustling downtown district. The theme this year is "cowboy humor" and the Premier Show on Oct. 5 is called "Laughing Stock," featuring four of the finest cowboy humorists in the West. Other evening performances on Oct. 5 and 6 showcase several top cowboy poets and musicians from around the country and take place at 6 and 8 p.m.

"We have tickets still available for the late shows, with the earlier shows already or nearly sold out. The Cowboy Comedy Revue on Saturday morning also promises to have people tipping their hats to the 15 performers sharing the funniest tidbits of ranch life," Mannix said.

Another event on Friday with space still available is the popular Cowboy Poet Train. The excursion runs from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., winds through the mountains and beautiful fall scenery, and features performers on every coach and a barbecue lunch at Cascade Canyon.

New this year will be a screening of the award-winning film "Everything in the Song is True." This documentary follows the lives of three present-day cowboys and one

cowgirl in the American West. Tickets are \$10 to benefit the 4-H and FFA Youth Programs. See <http://everythinginthesongistrue.com/>.

### Free ways to kick up your heels

Start off Saturday morning with a real Cowboy Chuckwagon Breakfast on the corner of 5th Street and Main Avenue. Then stay right there to watch the large motorless Cowboy Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday with horses, riders, wagons, walkers and even llamas and longhorns, but no motorized vehicles.

From 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., free themed sessions of cowboy poetry and music are being held at several downtown locations. Walk from room to room to hear cowboy music and poetry all day, at no charge.

Shows of Western art will be on display at select downtown galleries throughout the weekend. At 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, the free Poster Session will highlight 15 cowboy poets and musicians performing their interpretations of this year's fine art poster "Ten Below Zero" by fine artist Andrew Peters. A print signing and artist's reception follows from 5:30

to 7 p.m.

Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering wraps up with free performance "A Cowboy and His Creator" on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. with inspirational poetry and music by many of the weekend's performers.

For a complete schedule, tickets, performer bios and more information, call 749-2995 and visit [www.DurangoCowboyPoetryGathering.org](http://www.DurangoCowboyPoetryGathering.org). Also, follow the event on Facebook.

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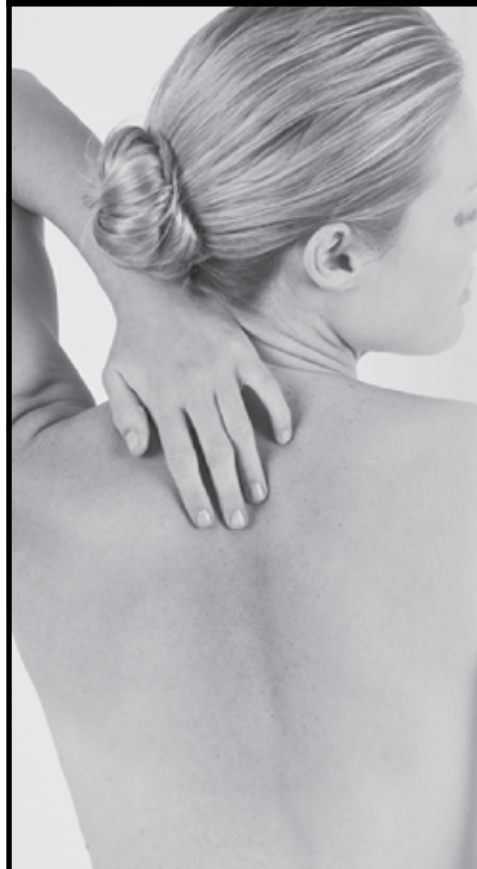
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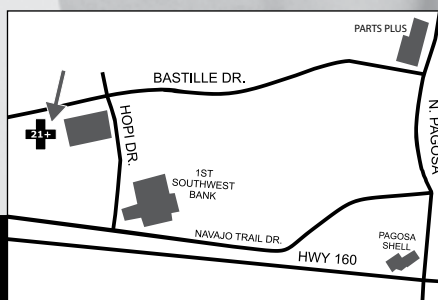
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All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

## Thursday, Sept. 21

**Pickleball.** 8-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Medicare 101.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Presented by the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging. Understand your rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties and where to find the information you need. Register with the Area Agency of Aging at 264-0501, ext. 1.

**LPEA Member Appreciation Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., LPEA, 603 S. 8th St. An opportunity for us to get together, get to know each other, talk about your concerns and remind us all of the spirit of being part of a cooperative. For more information, visit [www.lpea.coop](http://www.lpea.coop) or call 247-5786.

**Duplicate Bridge.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Tech Time.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Adult Education.** 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see

how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.  
**Adult ESL Classes.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

## Friday, Sept. 22

**Autumnal Equinox Sunrise Program.** 6 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This two-to three-hour event begins at the Sun Tower. Watch the sun rise over the San Juans this first day of autumn and discuss how the ancients may have lived. Tickets are \$15 and reservations are required. For more information and tickets, go to [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**Pickleball.** 8-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Pagosa Stitching Group.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

**The Literary Ladies: Senior Book Club.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We will discuss "Where the Heart is" by Billie Letts. Stop by to pick up or request your copy. For more information, contact Marilyn Stroud at

Bakestroud@aol.com.  
**Tai Chi.** 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

**Zumba.** Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**All-Ages Gaming.** 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Night Sky Program: Stars and Galaxies.** 5:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky. The evening begins with an interactive discussion at the Visitor Cabin. After the presentation, visitors drive to the High Mesa

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parking lot, where volunteers await with telescopes. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children (5-12). For more information and tickets, go to [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

## Saturday, Sept. 23

**Zumba.** 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**Baby Storytime.** 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. For babies 0-12 months. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Toddler Storytime.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For toddlers 12-36 months. A half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk.** 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Group to provide support sessions for people who are experiencing grief because of the death of a loved relative or close friend. For more information, call 731-3185.

**Yoga: Laugh and Let Go.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi self-massage followed by a lighter yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more

information.  
**Crafting Club.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

**National Public Lands Day.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Coyote Hill. A day of music, food and family activities. From 11 a.m.-1 p.m., come meet our local celebrity, Smokey Bear, for fire safety and a photo opportunity. From 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., join us for a picnic and barbecue with Smokey Bear and friends. Bring your picnic basket, blanket or lawn chair along with additional food items. Hot dogs and burgers will be served to the first 100 people. From noon-1 p.m., the San Juan String Band will play. For more information, contact Brandon at [bjcaley@fs.fed.us](mailto:bjcaley@fs.fed.us), or 264-2268, or Stacy at [info@StepOutdoorsColorado.com](mailto:info@StepOutdoorsColorado.com) or 946-5001.

**Greenhouse Growing.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., GGP Education Dome, Centennial Park. Registration is \$20. Includes lunch.

## Sunday, Sept. 24

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

## Monday, Sept. 25

**Pickleball.** 8-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network.** 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad

Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email [richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com](mailto:richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com) or call 731-2040.

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

**Medicare Mondays.** 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 2 to make an appointment.

**Qigong.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

**Adult Education.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more

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**Caregiver Support Group.** 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association.

**Bingo.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Bridge for Fun.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Computer Class: Phone Storage.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to learn a useful or fun technology skill or application. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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**Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs).** 11:30 a.m., River Sports Bar and Grill. For a reservation, call 946-1895. The cost is \$12. Everyone is welcome.

**Zumba.** Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Mahjong.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the

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**Counselor's Talk About College.** 7-8:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. The counseling department will be presenting a program about the nuts and bolts of going to college: choosing a college or technical program, applying to the school and financial aid. We will highlight financial aid as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is open as of Oct. 1. All high school, home-schooled and private-school students and their parents are welcome.

## Wednesday, Sept. 27

**Pickleball.** 8-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are

available if you don't have one. **Falls Prevention: A Matter of Balance.** 9-11 a.m., Senior Center. This program is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falls. Snacks will be provided. Class size is limited. Call 264-2167 for more information and to register.

**Kids Kare.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Ave. This is a program for kids ages 3-5. The program includes Bible time, crafts and game time. This is a service to the entire commu-

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nity: All little kids are welcome. Parents are welcome to come and visit with their little ones. For more information contact, Frank and Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email at CEFlittle-kids@gmail.com.

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Flow Yoga Class.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

**Free Blood Pressure Checks.** 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

**Movie.** 1 p.m., Senior Center. Popcorn and beverages provided.

**Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**DIY: Sand Art for Adults.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will create attractive candles by layering colored sand in a clear vase. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Spanish Conversation.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish with others at this informal session. All are welcome from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.  
**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**The Most Excellent Way.** 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

**Thursday, Sept. 28**

**Pickleball.** 8-11 a.m., South Pagosa

Park. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Duplicate Bridge.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Mexican Train, Hand and Foot, Rummikub.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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**Southwest Organization for Sustainability and Pagosa 100% Campaign.** 5:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Richard White, mayor of Durango, will discuss community planning for a 100 percent clean energy future.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**Friday, Sept. 29**

**Pickleball.** 8-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Pagosa Christian Women's Retreat.** Sonlight Camp. Through Oct. 1. The theme is Living Loved: Being Known Peg Forest. See <https://sites.google.com/site/pagosachristianwomen/> or call Faith at 507-0181 for details.

**Pagosa Stitching Group.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

**Tai Chi.** 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

**Zumba.** Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**All-Ages Movie.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the cast of musically inclined animals, such as a mother pig, teenage gorilla, a shy elephant and a punk-rock porcupine as they make musical sounds with their voices in order to win a competition. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Saturday, Sept. 30**

**Mountain Chile Cha Cha 5k, 10k and Half Marathon.** 7 a.m., kids' race, 8:30 a.m., main race. Scenic trail run on private trails. Followed by an all-day chile festival. Register online at [www.joingecko.org](http://www.joingecko.org).

**Mountain Chile Cha Cha.** Town Park. Featuring a Latin music

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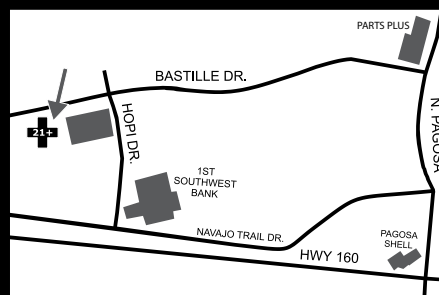
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**Zumba.** 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**Baby Storytime.** 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. For babies 0-12 months. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Toddler Storytime.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For toddlers 12-36 months. A half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Group to provide support sessions for people who are experiencing grief because of the death of a loved relative or close friend. For more information, call 731-3185.

**Yoga: Laugh and Let Go.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi self-massage followed by a lighter yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more information.

## Sunday, Oct. 1

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No

outside food or drink.

## Monday, Oct. 2

**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network.** 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

**Medicare Mondays.** 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 2 to make an appointment.

**Qigong.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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## Tuesday, Oct. 3

**Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

**Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

**Zumba.** Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and

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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Came clean
- 5 Chowder morsel
- 9 Kind of training
- 14 Succulent plant
- 15 As it happens
- 16 One-up
- 17 Zodiac animal
- 18 Computer operator
- 19 Fairy tale character
- 20 Blondie, e.g.
- 23 Vicinity
- 24 Aussie pal
- 25 Frilly mat
- 27 Horror flick with a tricycle-riding puppet
- 30 Headache cause
- 32 Drink from a dish
- 35 Flat
- 37 Radioactivity figure
- 39 Perfume base
- 40 Stray, in a way
- 41 Talk a blue streak
- 42 Archie or Jughead
- 44 \_\_\_\_\_ Forge, TN
- 45 Get it wrong
- 46 Hold in check
- 48 Farm area
- 49 Choral work
- 51 Opera house box
- 53 Place for tools
- 55 Compensate
- 60 American worker?
- 62 Tag info
- 63 Water holder
- 64 Be wild about
- 65 Chaplin prop
- 66 Mountain goat's perch
- 67 On edge
- 68 Kuwaiti leader
- 69 Beginner

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## DOWN

- 1 Soft rock?
- 2 Spicy stew
- 3 Hang over one's head
- 4 Blue jeans' material
- 5 Bunch
- 6 Pay attention
- 7 Say so
- 8 Line from pole to pole
- 9 Web crawler
- 10 Ear-related
- 11 Plots
- 12 Motionless
- 13 Bubbly drink
- 21 Eye affliction
- 22 "Dirty" activity
- 26 Encroach (upon)
- 27 Deluge
- 28 Doctor
- 29 Jolly Rancher flavor
- 31 Polo, e.g.
- 33 Stirring
- 34 Small change

- 36 A Bobbsey twin
- 38 Big galoot
- 40 Life, for one
- 43 Attendee
- 44 Panasonic rival
- 47 Reunion goes
- 50 Signs of spoilage
- 52 Straight up

- 53 Conflict
- 54 Trapper's ware
- 56 Polite address
- 57 Off-kilter
- 58 Word before gas or drop
- 59 Hence
- 61 Casual top

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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# San Juan Symphony to kick off Season 32: American Visions on Oct. 7 and 8 in Durango and Telluride

By **Kathy Myrick**  
Special to The PREVIEW

San Juan Symphony Music Director Thomas Heuser officially begins his second season with “Pastoral Reverence,” the first concert of Season 32: American Visions.

Performances are slated for Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Concert Hall in Durango and Oct. 9 at 3 p.m. at the Michael D. Palm Theater in Telluride.

Inspired by the beauty of the Four Corners, this San Juan Symphony season is devoted to visions of nature and the American landscape. Pastoral Reverence celebrates Telluride composer David Lingle’s impact on our local choral community.

The San Juan Symphony is proud to present “Requiem for Eagles” as part of a continuing col-

laboration between the Durango Choral Society, directed by Linda Mack Berven, and the Telluride Choral Society, directed by Rhonda Muckerman.

The soaring harmonies and gentle themes of Lingle’s “Requiem” (realized and arranged by Telluride’s Dalen Stevens) are paired with other reverential offerings including Beethoven’s beloved “Pastoral Symphony” and Felix Mendelssohn’s firsthand rendering of Fingal’s Cave in the Scottish Hebrides Islands.

Recognized for his stirring leadership and energetic programs, Heuser has devoted himself to artistic excellence, music education and community collaboration as a music director and public servant in the arts. Heuser was appointed the music director of the San Juan Symphony in 2016 and relocated to Durango with his wife, violin-

ist Lauren Avery, and their son, Theodore.

Since 2011, he has served as the music director of the Idaho Falls Symphony (IFS), during which time he has attracted new audiences, reinvigorated the community and helped the IFS gain a more firm financial footing than at any time in their 68-year history.

Heuser will give a preconcert talk on Oct. 4 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Durango Arts Center, and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 8 at the Palm Theater in Telluride before the afternoon performance. Both talks are free and the public is invited to attend.

For Durango tickets, please call 247-7657, purchase online at [www.durangoconcerts.com](http://www.durangoconcerts.com) or visit the Community Concert Hall ticket office in the Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue. For Telluride tickets, please call the Palm Theater at (970) 369-5669 or purchase online at [www.telluride-palm.com](http://www.telluride-palm.com). Season tickets are 50 percent off for first-time buyers in Durango.

For more information, go to [www.sanjuansymphony.org](http://www.sanjuansymphony.org).

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ages.

**Men’s PTSD Group.** Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Kevin Kelly, Ph.D., at (505) 699-0824 for more information.

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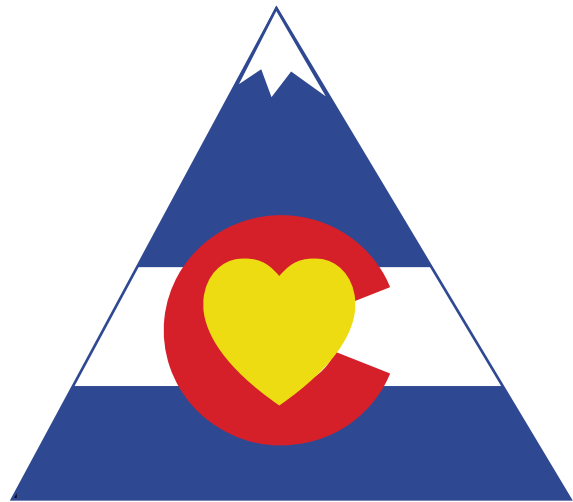
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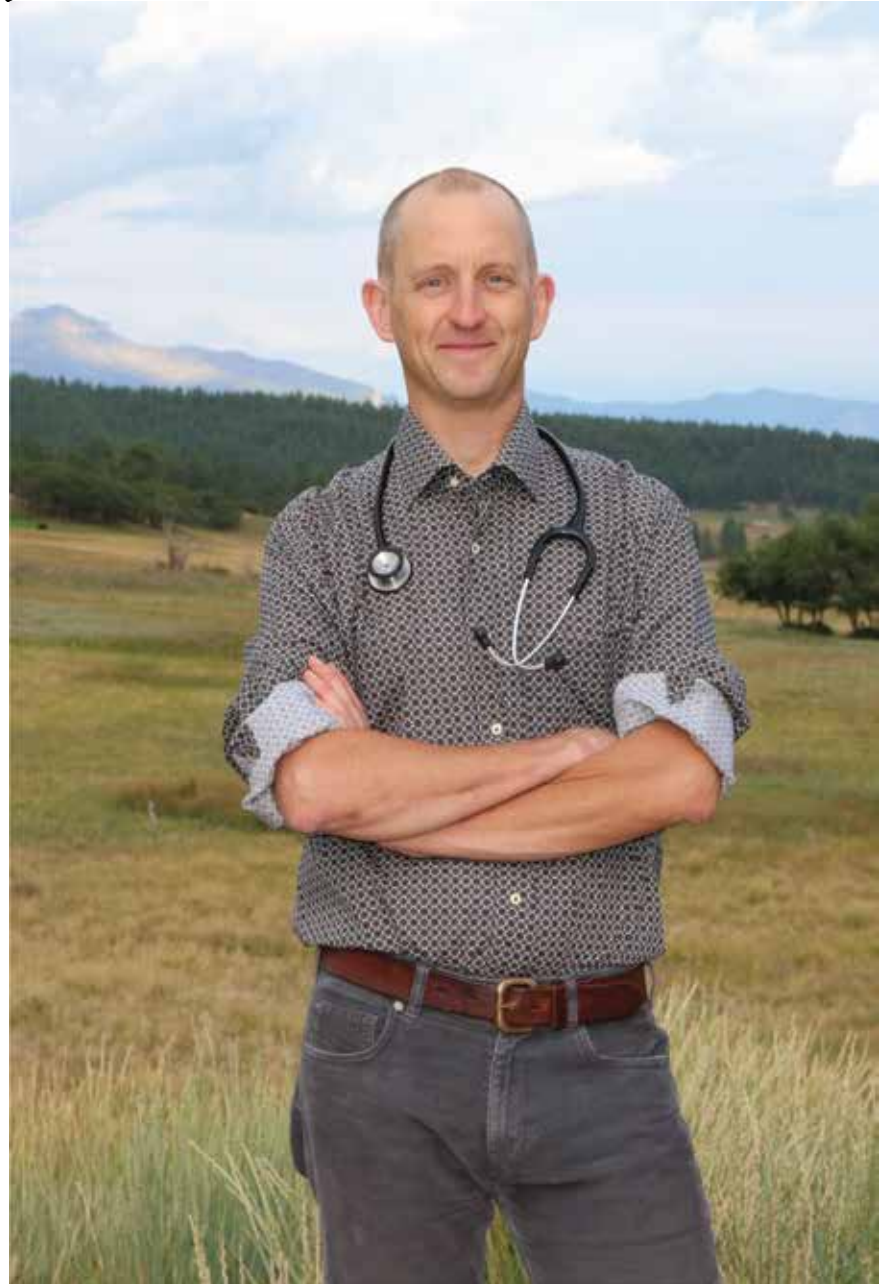
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