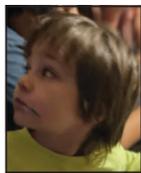


## Authorities searching for missing 5-year-old

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 25, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) issued an endangered missing alert for Helhiono Martinez, 5, of Archuleta County.



Martinez

According to the alert, the child was last seen with Charles Martinez, 42, and Hevon Martinez, 16, at approximately 8:34 a.m. on Oct. 25 around the 1080 block of County Road 700 in Archuleta County.

Helhiono Martinez is described in the alert as being a 5-year-old Hispanic male with brown hair and green eyes. He is listed as 3 feet, 5 inches tall and 35 pounds. He was last seen wearing a blue, gray and yellow striped shirt, and gray sweatpants.

Charles Martinez is described as being a 42-year-old Hispanic male with brown hair and brown eyes. He is listed as being 5-foot-11 and 215 pounds. He was last seen wearing a camo jacket with a white hood and sleeves, and black pants.

Hevon Martinez is described as being a 16-year-old Hispanic male with brown hair and brown eyes. He is listed as being 6 feet tall and 140 pounds. He was last seen wearing

■ See Search A8

## Section of North Pagosa Boulevard to close for culvert replacement

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

### ■ Pagosa Junction bridge will reopen soon

In Oct. 30 press releases, Archuleta County announced the upcoming closure of North Pagosa Boulevard at Martinez Creek and provided a timeline for the reopening of the Pagosa Junction bridge on County Road (CR) 500.

A press release indicates that the Road and Bridge Department will begin work on the culverts where

■ See Culvert A8

## Halloween Hootenanny



The second annual Halloween Hootenanny festivities on Oct. 28 offered residents and visitors a day of costumed fun at several locations capped off with fireworks. The event included several events, including stand-up paddleboarding, trick-or-treating, live music and more.

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

## Missing man, dog found

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

A Pagosa Springs man and his dog who went hiking on Aug. 19 have been found, with the man found deceased and the dog found alive.



Moore

Rich Moore, 70, went hiking on Saturday, Aug. 19, with his dog, Finney, and the plan of summiting Blackhead

Peak, according to Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux and an ad placed by Moore's wife shortly after he went missing.

According to a Tuesday press release from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), on Monday, Oct. 30, at approximately 3 p.m., the ACSO received information from a local hunter in the Lower Blanco drainage basin that he found a deceased male and a white dog.

It explains members of the ACSO, with the assistance of a flight crew working the fires in the San Juan National Forest, conducted a flight of the area for a suitable landing zone.

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, ACSO personnel, along with members of the Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, were flown to the designated landing zone by the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, the press

■ See Missing A8

## Ballots due back by Nov. 7

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Voted ballots for next week's coordinated election must be returned no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day — Tuesday, Nov. 7 — to be counted.

Postmarks do not count. Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta suggested that people no longer mail their ballots to ensure they are returned in time to be counted.

"Please utilize the drop box in front of the old Courthouse by the flag poles or in Arboles at Tara Community Center," Archuleta wrote in an email to The SUN, adding ballots can also be hand-delivered to the Archuleta County Election's Office.

As of late Tuesday morning, Archuleta indicates, 1,594 ballots had been returned.

"Ballots have been coming back slowly," she wrote.

Ballots can be dropped off at the Election's Office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and noon on Saturday, and between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day.

The county's two secure drop boxes are open 24/7. They will remain open through 7 p.m. on Election Day.

The drop boxes, which are under video surveillance, are located at the county building at 449 San Juan St. in Pagosa Springs and the TARA Community Center at 333 Milton Lane in Arboles.

The Colorado Secretary of State's Office also notes early in-person voting is available.

■ See Election A8

## New town manager employment contract agreed upon

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 26, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved an employment agreement for David Harris to become the new town manager, authorizing Mayor Shari Pierce to sign the document.

Harris' start date will be Nov. 13. The town manager position became open after previous Town

Manager Andrea Phillips left on Aug. 4. Interim Town Manager Greg Schulte temporarily filled the role while the town conducted a search to fill the position.

The town's re-



Harris

cruitment to fill the job garnered 27 applications, with five applicants chosen for the first round of interviews, according to agenda documentation.

Out of this first round of interviews, two candidates — Harris and Dawn Collins — emerged as finalists, appearing before an Oct. 3 town council meeting for an interview process.

At this meeting, the council chose

Harris for the position. Harris steps into the role with experience serving central Texas municipalities.

Subsequently, from Oct. 3 to Oct. 26, the town entered into negotiations with Harris for the town manager employment agreement, which was presented to the full council at the meeting.

According to the agreement, Harris will serve in the position for a

■ See Manager A8

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## OUR VIEW

### Silver linings

There has been no shortage of difficult situations lately in Pagosa Country.

We have seen tragedies, fires, crashes, crime, tense discussions over important issues like housing and more.

We've also seen government officials work to predict what their revenue streams will look like in 2024 given increased property valuations and plateauing sales tax revenue.

At times we've found ourselves nervous hearing potential deficits that governments would face to provide expected services and complete needed projects in the coming year.

But we've also seen a lot of good, and we'd like to highlight just a few of the positives we've seen in recent months.

Both the Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors and the Pagosa Springs Town Council were recently faced with having to replace their top employees who had served with them for years. And, both did it in a way we applaud — in public.

We recognize it's not easy to be interviewed for a job or interview a candidate for a job on a good day, much less with members of the public and the press watching, but we appreciate all those involved in the process taking into account they are funded by and serve the public and are required to abide by Colorado's open meetings laws. They didn't look for a way around those laws and instead interviewed their finalists, discussed how they felt and made a decision in the middle of public meetings.

Archuleta County found itself in a difficult situation recently with the realization

that roadwork lined up throughout the county, as well as other work, was not done appropriately and put the county in danger of going over budget by millions.

Instead of shying away from it, the county issued press releases acknowledging the situations it was facing and got to work.

We applaud the county for handling it as transparently and diligently as it has. Staff and the commissioners immediately went to work planning to finish projects that were already in process and adjust plans moving forward to accomplish as much as possible in the correct way, answered questions asked by us and the public, and found solutions.

And while dealing with construction traffic has not been fun, between the county's and town's work and the ongoing Colorado Department of Transportation projects, many of our roadways are in the best shape we've seen in a long time.

As has become tradition, Pagosa Country has again dealt with numerous sizable fires this year, many of which were started by lightning. But, again, we saw minimal damage to values like private property. The area hosted numerous firefighters, and with the strong planning of fire managers, tireless work of fire crews and a little luck, we saw no structures lost.

We hope that continues to be the case as awareness increases of the risk we face and the fact that we're seeing large-scale fires more of the year. You can find tips for preparing your property for wildfire in this issue of The SUN.

We've seen Habitat for Humanity of

Archuleta County, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation and Archuleta County, among others, work together to make a dent in the need for affordable and attainable housing. The county has donated vacant properties owned by the county to the organizations, which are working together to build as many homes as they can in the coming years.

The Archuleta County Housing Authority also recently celebrated the opening of its Rose Mountain Townhomes. The complex already has a wait list.

Saturday's second annual Halloween Hootenanny brought community members from many different walks of life together for a day of spooky (and not-so-spooky) fun. It was fun to see the costumes, visit with friends and see the community come together. We appreciate the town staff and community volunteers who came together to again present a fun, festive, family-friendly event.

This week brought a tragic end to the search for Rich Moore and his dog, Finney, who went missing in August, but we commend local and state officials and volunteers for spending thousands of hours scouring the area for Moore and his dog, Finney. We're also blown away by the loyalty displayed by Finney. Area volunteers and officials head out on search and rescue missions no matter the time of day.

It's easy to be bogged down by the negative, but we appreciate the silver linings and we are grateful for all those who work to make this community better.

Randi Pierce

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 2, 1923

The Pagosa Telephone Co. office this week changed its hours from those maintained the past summer. On week days the hours will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., while on Sundays and holidays service will be given from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Outside of these hours, long distance calls will be handled at the Arlington hotel.

That the hitherto unused sections of our state laws pertaining to compulsory education of children will be vigorously enforced in this school district was the unanimous decision of the members of District No. 1 at their meeting held last evening. To assist in this purpose Marshal Fred Arnold has been appointed truant officer for the district, and the order will go into effect at once for Pagosa Springs, Shields mill and Taylor Canon schools, and will likewise be enforced in the other schools of the district as fast as same are opened.

The law requires that no child between the ages of 8 and 16 years of age, who has not completed the eighth grade, shall be absent from school without a valid excuse. Parents, guardians or other persons in control of children are subject to penalties of fine and imprisonment for violations of the law.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 5, 1948

Richard Nossaman, known to his many local friends as "Dixie" has a serial story being published in the Cosmopolitan magazine with the first installment in the November issue. The story is entitled "Because it is May." The story has as its locale a far western mountain town and concerns the life of a small town doctor.

Mr. Nossaman is the son of the late Dr. Nossaman, who practiced in this community for many years and was very well known here.

Miss Jean Macht was the hostess in her house Saturday for a Hallowe'en party. Her guests were Donna Rae Bennett, Joyce Yanase, Diorah Kay Davis, Ruth Blacker, Jacqueline Stafford, Alice Jones and Ritta Lowell.

The masquerade dance held by the Firemen last Saturday night at the Pine Grove was a big success both financially and socially. An excellent evening of entertainment was reported by those who attended. Terry Robinson won the prize for the best man's costume and Mrs. Ben Lynch won the prize for ladies.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 8, 1973

County Commissioners this week gave the go-ahead to putting the County Jail into operable condition. The Commissioners met with the Town Board Monday night to discuss the mutual problem. As a result work is now underway to make the jail usable.

Members of both boards discussed the seriousness of being without jail facilities for the community. The present jail is in a bad state of repair, but it was felt by both boards that this could be corrected at a minimal cost.

Plans for renovating the jail include rewiring the cell portion, putting in whatever plumbing that is needed, cleaning and painting the entire area, making cells larger, and providing new bedding and mattresses. In addition an area for sobering up drunks will also be constructed.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
November 5, 1998

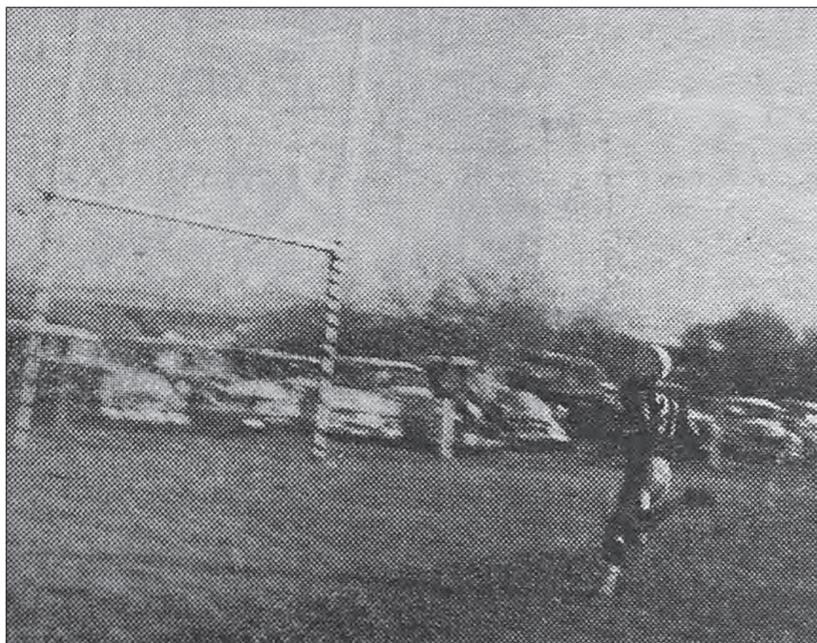
Wolf Creek was the only game in town. Or, more accurately, in the Southwest.

With an earlier-than-anticipated opening on Oct. 30, Wolf Creek Ski Area entertained large numbers of skiers last Friday, Saturday and Sunday and continues to report excellent skiing and snow conditions.

According to area spokesperson Rosanne Haidorfer-Pitcher, there were more than 3,000 skiers on the slopes during the first three days of operation at the area. She said approximately 1,000 skiers went to Wolf Creek on opening day, 1,200 skiers used the area on Saturday, and 1,100 skiers made the trip up the Pass on Sunday.

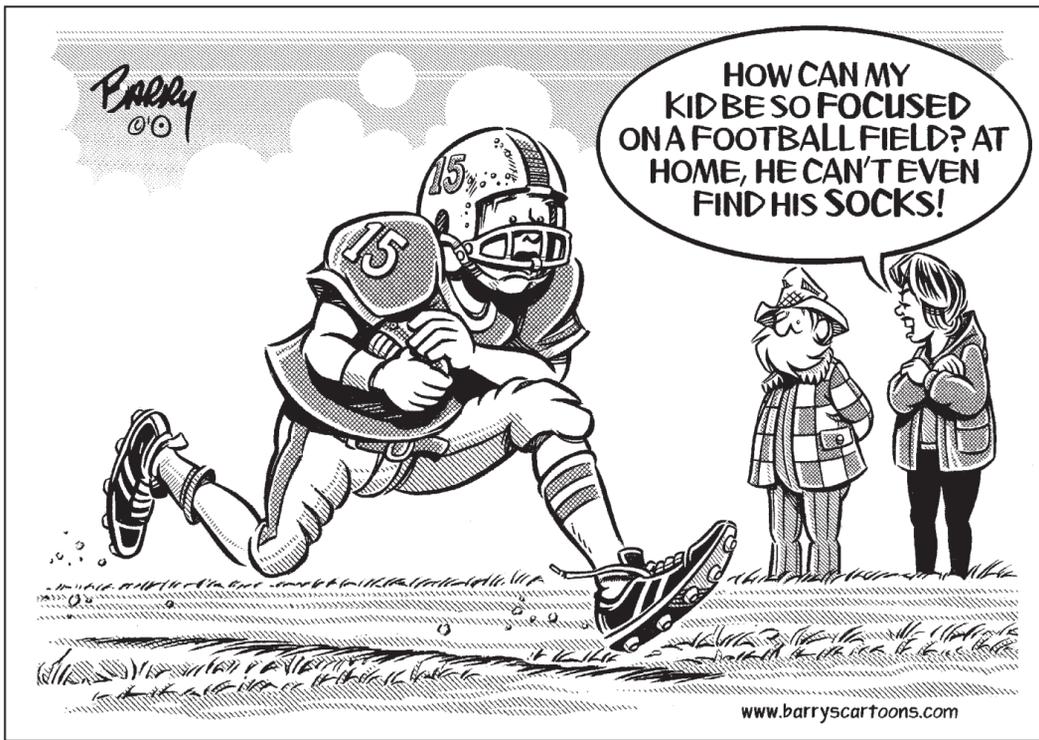
"This week, on Monday and Tuesday," said Haidorfer-Pitcher, "we averaged about 300 skiers per day."

The early opening came as a result of heavy snow that fell in a timely manner. "It was so great having weather actually make snow on top of the Pass instead of raining like it did everywhere else," said Haidorfer-Pitcher.



From the November 16, 1961 Pagosa SUN - BUNK PREUIT, Pagosa Pirate quarterback, is shown making the lone Pagosa touchdown in the state quarterfinal game at Norwood last Saturday. After some very nice broken field running, Preuit broke into the clear and raced another 45 yards for the TD.

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## Tribalism

Dear Editor:  
Tribalism really impacts politics particularly effecting your choice of parties frequently based on where you choose to live! Tribalism means you'll likely choose your group, friends, party and family association over morals, the Constitution and law.

I am impressed by the degree of belief w/out basis by a Donnie True Believer (DTB). Missing from the conglomeration of conspiracy hummmminah are any facts, specific acts or legal outcomes...even as lawyer DTB's copt pleas of guilt as jail & disbarment are big motivators.

But maybe there is an explanation, seems that the language you speak and what you say by habit, family and generations determines a lot of what you can think, feel, be emotional and certainly fail at communicating with anyone who disagrees because of your primary language. Add to that, your likeminded crowd and viola you're stuck w/tape recordings, not empirical and rational thought. So many are unable to exchange ideas/philosophy with those who disagree and that's

true whether you are a Liberal or conservative.

Most of us only speak one language, those who are bilingual or better yet multiple lingual folks create extra brain neurons (electrical connections for thought) that is less impacted by prejudiced thought, yes they 'see' the world differently! "Dat's a big...big deal...how many times have you heard the expression, 'foreigners are funny'...well yes they often are bilingual and thus able to exchange ideas whether they believe them or not...so yes, to most Americans, they're 'funny', i.e, untrustworthy!

Everyone has been trying to figure out why the morality police or Bible thumpers segregate actions from beliefs. Add politics and things get even more confusing. For a moment recall a passing conversation with someone who wants you to know they're from a Red State...seriously just recall your attention to the difference in what and how they speak. It's a different form of English, the accent means different things and their words/attitudes separate them from others. Is that a communication problem, yes as these same 'good folk' seem to have no regard for law's when politics are involved that effect society or our nation when their 'messiah' is challenged based on law, common thought, morals, Constitution or national security (Trump's Jan. 6th insurrection).

Did you feel more secure w/Trump in charge...ask any world leader (other than Putin) if America lost standing and if anyone anywhere in the world was safer w/Donnie as President? Food for thought, Hitler was elected by popular vote.

Dave Blake

## Supreme court

Dear Editor:  
Since 1972, the Supreme Court has had a majority of Republican appointed Justices and thus a conservative majority on the court. The attack on individual rights began almost immediately. Buckley v. Valeo in 1976 ruled that limits on election spending were unconstitutional. First National Bank v. Belotti in 1978 allowed corporations, for the first time, to spend money on elections. FEC v. Wisconsin in 2007 opened a loophole in disclosure laws. And then in 2010, Citizens United v. FEC, SCOTUS declared that corporations were people with all the 1st Amendment rights that come with being a person. That decision gave corporations and other entities the right to spend unlimited money on state ballot initiatives and allowed for the formation of super PACs and Dark Money (monies given by unknown parties). The Conservative, corporate friendly, Republican appointed Court had legalized bribery of elected officials.

The current Court gave Republican controlled states the power to opt out of the ACA Medicaid expansion. They've gutted the Voting Rights and Civil Rights Acts and are now attacking women's right to choose. All these decisions were made while conservative justices on the Court were being wined and dined, accepting gifts, given expensive junkets and loans

from billionaire donors. At the same time these same billionaires had cases before the Court. Justice Thomas and his wife have been the most blatant about their affiliation with conservative groups. Then details of how crooked they are began to come out. Free college for Thomas' adopted son, a rent free house for his mother, expensive trips on huge yachts to expensive and exotic places and unrepaid loans from conservative billionaire Harlan Crow. All omitted from their financial reports. Let's not leave out Justice Alito. He accepted a free ride on a private jet owned by a billionaire for an Alaskan fishing trip paid for by another conservative billionaire, the trip coordinated by Federalist Society leader Leonard Leo. This occurred even as one of the billionaires had 10 cases pending before the Court. There is no way these Justices will render unbiased decisions.

With the Supreme Court on their side, the above billionaires along with the many like minded authoritarians are tirelessly working to undermine our government at every turn. We have a Republican Party full of right wing ideologues, bribed and beholden to the fossil fuel industry and in bed with authoritarian leaders across the globe. The Party of Putin! The media has failed Americans by not alerting the public to the danger of losing our democratic republic. But what do you expect, all major media outlets and over 90% of local radio and tv stations are owned by just a few conservative billionaires and corporations. It's a travesty of justice that a few dozen billionaires have more influence over everyday Americans lives than millions of voters. Brought to you by the Republican Party.

Dave Butcher

## Founding principles

Dear Editor:  
In response to a letter to the editor 10/12...

Whether the founders used Judeo-Christian principles is not at issue. The point is that, in their wisdom, and likely guided by those principles, a nation was founded in which all religions may thrive, and in which those professing no religion at all may also thrive. The founders abhorred the idea of a "State religion", and crafted our Constitution to reflect that. The first amendment clearly states that

Congress may make no law respecting the establishing of a state religion, and the 14th amendment further prohibits individual states from doing so. You might actually read the Constitution, doubtless you'd find it enlightening. (BTW, Christopher Columbus was not a founding father, perhaps a quick refresh of American/ World might help you to put him in context) It is precisely this sort of uninformed opining that has gotten us to where we are in our American politics today.

Cathlynn Groh

## Old-time values

Dear Editor:  
My generation, of WWII, were raised very innocently. Entertainment back then was "clean", so to speak. Sexual love-making outside of marriage was a "no-no", NOT the thing to do. When I married, I was not certain what to expect, but as the song went, "Doin' what comes naturally" took care of that. I fell in love with my life-time sweetheart at age 16; he was only 17 and soon after, he left for the Navy to end the war in the Pacific. Our love lasted 74 years until God sent Christ to take him home. Yes, life has been quite lonely for me without him, but my daily prayers for guidance have "kept me going".

We knew that sexual love making was the reward for marriage and marriage meant the Union of two who were in love and committed to building a family. It was not intended to be "recreation" but rather "re-creation" by two through marriage. Pregnancy was a joyful occasion, not a disease. Even if it occurred at a time of limited income, we tightened our belts and made "room for one more" and today all three continue to be our greatest blessings. They brought us much joy over the years and have made us very proud of the lives they continue to live for goodness.

When a mother developed a serious medical problem, e.g. blood poisoning and it was determined an abortion was necessary to save her life, it was performed by her person physician and was called a "cur-remment". Let's get back to old-time values. Sexual love-making before marriage, a "no-no". Marriage requires sacrifice and responsibilities for growing a family It's all about true love, for sure.

Let's get responsible,  
Patty Tillerson

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# PAWSD board hears draft 2024 budget

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors meeting on Oct. 12, the board reviewed the district's draft 2024 budget at a budget hearing.

Discussion of the budget opened with PAWSD Business Manager Aaron Burns stating that the budget presentation was planned to include explanations of debt service coverage and projections — that PAWSD would have approximately \$2,622,985 in excess debt service coverage in 2024 — a budget summary, a detailed examination of budget line items and discussion of 2024 capital projects.

Burns noted that PAWSD's actual expenses in a year are often lower than the budgeted expenses, which he partially attributed to difficulties in finding contractors or employees to complete the projects.

PAWSD board chairman Jim Smith asked if the budget contains funding for the construction of container homes, which Burns confirmed, noting that the budget contains \$300,000 in such funding.

The board and District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey then discussed the decision by the board at the September meeting to move forward with constructing workforce housing on a parcel adjacent to Running Iron Ranch.

Ramsey noted that the funding in the budget would support initial work on creating such housing.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh suggested that the board had not decided on the exact format for this housing, but that he believed the board was committed to "doing something really smart that helps our employees."

He added that the project would be partially supported by the affordable housing surcharge the district collects.

The board then further discussed the events of the previous meeting, pointing out that this project is separate from a housing project on Running Iron Ranch that would install recreational vehicle pads to allow PCL Construction staff to live at the site over the winter, thus reducing PAWSD's expenses for the Snowball water treatment plant project for which PCL Construction is the contractor.

PAWSD board member Peter Hurley, who did not attend the September meeting where the property was dedicated for affordable housing, noted opposition to the project and questioned if it would be the "highest and best use" of the property.

PAWSD board member Gene Tauges noted that he had only come to the understanding that the PCL Construction housing project and the PAWSD employee housing project are expected to occur in different locations at the October meeting.

Ramsey noted that the primary question for the board at the budget

hearing was if the board wanted to dedicate money in the 2024 budget for affordable housing, no matter the location where the housing might be created.

Tauges stated he would support creating the housing, noting that he feels where PAWSD places the housing is "immaterial."

Walsh commented that the resolution specifically designated the parcel across U.S. 160 from Running Iron Ranch for affordable housing and added that the project would likely be intended to not be permanent in order to accommodate potential reservoir development in the area.

He added that, due to the restrictions on the property, he felt this might be the best temporary use available for the property.

Smith commented that the board partially dedicated the property for employee housing to prevent other government entities or organizations — such as Archuleta County — from attempting to lay claim to it for other uses.

Hurley stated that he does not oppose affordable housing development or funds for it being in the budget, but noted the challenges of creating such housing.

Burns then reviewed the operating budget considerations, noting that the district is budgeting for 38 full-time equivalents — up one from last year — and the budget includes a 6 percent "across-the-board" wage increase.

He stated that the workers' compensation experience modification for the district decreased from 1.42 to 0.78 in 2024 and that the health insurance expenses are projected to increase by 5 percent, which he noted is less than expected.

Burns added that water and wastewater capital expenditures will be up in 2024 and that the district is also budgeting for the replacement of three vehicles.

He explained that the preliminary assessed value for PAWSD District 1 rose by 65.2 percent to \$239,448,900 while the value for District 2 rose by 49.4 percent to \$183,355,840.

He added that there are Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights limitations for both districts, with the mill levy for District 1 set at 3.585 mills and the mill levy for District 2 being set at 1.294 mills, below the voter-approved mill levies of 6.090 and 1.949, respectively.

In response to a question from PAWSD board member Bill Hudson, Burns explained that these mill levy changes would not directly affect the water and wastewater funds and that PAWSD discontinued transferring general funds to these enterprise funds in 2023 due to such transfers reducing the amount of grant funding the funds can receive.

Burns also stated that PAWSD will not need a budget amendment for 2023.

He explained that the district's annual debt service coverage ratio in the water fund dipped to a low of 0.86

in 2023 due to payments on loans for the Snowball plant expansion unexpectedly beginning in 2023, but that the district would correct the coverage ratios in 2024 due to the ongoing rate study for the district.

The board then briefly discussed the transfer of funds from the general fund and the potential growth of the general fund due to a lack of transfers.

The board also talked about potential options to prevent the general fund growth, such as addressing maintenance needs on the administration building or transferring money into the water and wastewater enterprise funds if the funds do not reach their limit for grant funds in a particular year.

Overall, according to the draft budget, the general fund is expected to see \$1,293,185 in revenues balanced by \$926,561 in expenses for an ending fund balance of \$2,150,746, up 23 percent from 2023.

The board then discussed a range of changes to line items in the general fund, with Burns pointing out the impacts of projects not being completed on budget changes and Ramsey noting that the yearly budget for salary increases assumes that all staff will receive performance- and credential-based wage increases that many staff did not receive.

According to the 2024 draft budget, the water enterprise fund is expected to receive \$39,241,082 in revenues for 2024 and have \$40,349,711 in expenses — both numbers including loan proceeds and construction expenses for the Snowball water treatment plant expansion project — leaving the fund at an ending fund balance of \$6,338,595, down 15 percent from 2023.

Burns noted that the enterprise fund budgets include the proposed changes in rates and capital investment fees (CIFs) proposed by the ongoing rate study.

He added that the study is currently working on segmenting the PAWSD customer base to examine potentially increased fees for specific customers, such as short-term rentals, as part of the overall rate increase. He stated that staff hope to be able to present a proposed fee structure from the rate study to the board in either November or December.

Walsh noted that, on the subject of rate increases, he had concerns with the current placeholder values for PAWSD's regulatory compliance spending in the next decade as well as with the fact that the current rate model does not integrate payments from the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) for plant improvements.

Following a discussion of the rate study, Ramsey noted that the PSSGID would only pay approximately 10 percent of the improvement costs according to PAWSD's calculations, compared to Walsh's estimate of 26 percent to 28 percent of the costs.

The group then discussed this potential difference in funding, with Walsh and Hudson noting their desire for the calculation — made using the percentage of hydraulic loading for both entities — to be averaged over multiple years to offset the impact of high inflow and infiltration in 2023 for PAWSD, which could reduce the PSSGID's share of the loading.

Hurley pointed out that, notwithstanding the capital projects and rate increases, the water fund is "breaking even," which he noted is "not bad."

He added that the wastewater fund is losing money despite the large proposed rate increases and stated that the board has not done a "good job" of raising rates to balance expenditures in the past.

Ramsey added that there were no recent increases in wastewater rates before 2023 and Smith commented that Walsh has frequently pointed out the wastewater rates as a problem for the district.

Hurley also noted that PAWSD has a large issue with water loss and commented that the PAWSD board should focus on internal issues, "rather than taking on antagonistic approaches

to other boards, the county, etc. I'm totally against that. I want us to concentrate on what we're doing, maybe even to the extent of maybe we don't get into workforce housing, but that's another subject. ... I don't like our approach to other boards, to our comments against the county, etc. I've served on a number of boards. I've never met anybody on a board that was trying to do a bad job. I would like us to concentrate on our board and our board only."

Walsh commented that other boards should focus on their own tasks and raised a series of grievances concerning the San Juan Water Conservancy District, including objections related to that district's efforts to develop a river access location with Archuleta County on the 20-acre property opposite the Running Iron Ranch and related failures in finding partners to construct a reservoir.

"I see I fell on deaf ears," Hurley said to laughter in the meeting room during Walsh's comments.

"We didn't initiate this," Walsh concluded.

"I gotcha, I gotcha," Hurley said. "Back to the budget."

Burns then opened discussion of the wastewater fund, which is expected to receive \$5,614,213 in revenue and have \$5,809,467 in expenses for an ending fund balance of \$3,419,476 for 2024, down 5 percent from 2023.

Walsh commented that the potential calculation of a 90 percent/10 percent split in plant improvement costs between PAWSD and PSSGID has "got me a little thrown."

"That's a real wild card which would make me rethink our whole relationship," Walsh said. "If 90/10 is going to be the basis, it would upset every, you know ..."

He highlighted that PAWSD's non-capital expenses are increasing and suggested that costs for treatment of waste generated by the PSSGID, availability fees and costs for waste haulers potentially need to increase.

Burns noted that he also believes the rates for waste haulers should increase "in step" with other rate increases and that this would be included in the final budget.

He also explained that the cost sharing with the PSSGID is not included in the budget.

Ramsey stated that the increases in these costs are "negligible" and commented that the agreement between the entities is a "sweet deal" for the PSSGID.

Burns added that the treatment costs charged to the PSSGID decreased in 2023 due to high inflow and infiltration into the PAWSD system, adding "it's not a good deal." "Who wrote this deal?" asked Hudson.

Ramsey stated that it was created through mediation between the PSSGID and PAWSD.

The group then discussed cost sharing with the town, with Tauges and Burns agreeing that the PSSGID's cost share for capital projects should be included in the PAWSD budget.

PAWSD District Manager Renee Lewis stated that PAWSD intended to meet with the PSSGID in the next week to determine how to share costs on the upcoming and ongoing regulatory compliance work at the Vista wastewater treatment plant.

Hudson suggested that PAWSD needs to pick a desirable year for setting the PSSGID and PAWSD's contributions to capital improvements and Walsh proposed that the organizations could use an average of multiple years.

Walsh added that the current arrangement based on hydraulic loading is "frankly idiotic" and suggested that the calculation should be based on the number of equivalent units (EUs) served by both entities.

Tauges stated that this change could raise additional issues in terms of how many of the units served are used at what intensities and commented that the "bottom line" is the agreement between the PSSGID and

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## Obituary

### Eliseo (Pete) Lucero

Eliseo (Pete) Lucero was born March 19, 1937, in San Juan County, N.M., to Abran Lucero and Paubilita Trujillo Lucero. Pete grew up in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado, herding sheep with his dad as they would move from one range to another throughout Colorado and New Mexico.



Pete went to his heavenly home on Oct. 21, 2023, following a short illness and possibly from a broken heart, as

he lost the love of his life, Frances, in March 2023 after 65 years of married life.

Pete always had a job to support his family until his retirement. Besides working for a company that made airplane parts, Pete irrigated for farmers and ranchers from Durango to Bayfield and Ignacio to Allison. He was known for his irrigation skills, as well as working with animals.

Pete was preceded in death by his wife, Frances; son, Jimmy; brothers: John, Celestino and Max; and sisters Elba and Margie.

He is survived by his daughter, Della Emerick; grandsons: Jesse and Al Emerick; and sister Viola Montoya; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

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## County unemployment continues to falls in September

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

According to an Oct. 20 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate dropped from 3.3 percent in August to 3.0 percent in September.

County unemployment dropped slightly from 3.4 percent in July to 3.3 in August after rising in May and June.

From August to September, Archuleta County's labor force declined from 7,342 to 7,178.

For the month of September there were 6,963 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is down from August's report of 7,102 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemploy-

ment rate for September was Huerfano County at 5.2 percent, followed by Las Animas County at 5 percent and Fremont County at 4.7 percent.

Pueblo County is next at 4.3 percent, with Costilla County following at 4.1 percent.

The state's unemployment rate increased from 3.1 in August to 3.2 in September.

The state's labor force decreased by 2,500 from 3,255,100 in August to 3,252,600 in September.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point in September to 3.2 percent compared to the August rate of 3.1 percent. The number of unemployed individuals grew by 3,600 over the same time period to 103,500. The national unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in September, unchanged from the month prior."

Employers in Colorado added

1,500 nonfarm payroll jobs from August to September, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to 2,917,800.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector lost 600 nonfarm payroll jobs while the government sector gained 2,100 jobs.

The private-industry sector with significant job gains in September was professional and business services, which added 2,300 jobs.

The private-industry sector of other services lost 2,600 jobs in September.

"Since September 2022, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 40,000, with the private sector growing by 21,000 and government adding 19,000 jobs," the press release notes.

Since September 2022, the largest private-sector job gains include:

- Leisure and hospitality at about

22,300.

- Professional and business services at about 9,000.

- Educational and health services at about 5,900.

Since September 2022 the largest private sector job losses include:

- Financial activities at about 8,100.

- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 4,800.

- Construction at about 4,200.
- Information at about 1,800.
- Other services at about 600.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls declined from 33.5 to 33.4 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$34.44 to \$35.75. Colorado average hourly earnings are one dollar and eighty-seven cents higher than national average hourly earnings of \$33.88."

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## County opts in to Proposition 123, opposes Proposition HH

By Josh Pike  
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At its Oct. 17 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved opting into Proposition 123 and a resolution urging voters to vote against Proposition HH, among other business.

At the meeting, County Manager Derek Woodman outlined that Proposition 123 established a fund to provide grants for affordable housing and that, as part of opting into the proposition, the county must commit to the creation of 43 affordable housing units in unincorporated Archuleta County by the end of 2026.

According to Woodman, these units can be created by governments,

developers or nonprofits and can involve both new units and work to make existing units affordable.

Woodman noted that the county previously expected the Proposition 123 commitment to require creating 61 housing units, but that a recalculation revealed that only 43 units would be required.

"So, it is definitely significantly less than what was originally thought," he said.

"Well, 43's better than anything," Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented.

"Forty-three more families," Commissioner Warren Brown added.

The BoCC then unanimously approved the resolution opting into Proposition 123.

The board then considered and approved a resolution urging vot-

ers to vote against Proposition HH, which is on the ballot for the 2023 election.

Brown noted that, according to proponents of Proposition HH, the proposition would negatively impact counties whose property assessments "come in at 20 percent or above" and who are still under Taxpayer's Bill of Rights restrictions.

He indicated that Archuleta County meets both of these criteria and thus the proposition "would be damaging to Archuleta County."

Maez and Commissioner Veronica Medina concurred with Brown.

### Landfill liner repairs, transportation license

Also at the meeting, the BoCC approved a contract from CRG Construction Inc. for liner repair at the

county landfill at a cost of \$56,575.

Woodman noted that the bid was for work done at the landfill during the summer without a proper contract under the supervision of the previous Public Works director and that CRG's services were terminated "about six weeks ago."

The BoCC also approved a secure transportation service license for Axis Health Systems to allow the organization to provide urgent transportation services to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis in Archuleta County.

County Administrative Assistant Mary Helminski explained that Axis Health Systems is based in Durango and that the license includes three vehicles that can be used for transportation.

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## Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program accepting applications

Low-income Energy Assistance Program

Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), a federally funded program that helps eligible Coloradans pay a portion of their winter home heating costs,

opened for the season on Nov. 1 and will accept applications through April 30, 2024.

LEAP, a statewide program, helps eligible individuals and families pay winter home heating costs by making a onetime payment directly to the

utility company on behalf of each LEAP-eligible household.

Last season, a record 89,000 Colorado LEAP recipients received an average benefit of \$559.29.

"Coloradans who use natural gas to heat their homes are expected to spend less on heating this winter compared to last winter," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager. "And while this is good news, inflation is still high, forcing many Coloradans to choose between food, rent, medicine and a warm home. LEAP can help offset these financial pressures. We encourage anyone who thinks they may be eligible to apply and take advantage of LEAP's many benefits."

To qualify for LEAP, Coloradans may have an income up to 60 percent of the state median income, equating to a household income of less than \$71,112 a year for a family of four.

Additionally, LEAP recipients must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord as part of their rent and have at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S. living in the household.

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

To apply for assistance, visit the LEAP website at <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/leap>. Online applications are processed through the Colorado PEAK system.

You can also call the HEAT HELP line at (866) HEAT-HELP [(866) 432-8435] to receive an application via mail or email; or you can visit your county human services office to pick up or drop off an application.

## Middle school to host Veterans Day breakfast

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## PAWSD

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PAWSD that uses hydraulic loading.

The board then further discussed the problems with agreement between PAWSD and PSSGID, with Ramsey highlighting that PAWSD is bound to obeying the agreement and reiterating that the agreement was created through mediation.

Tautges commented that PAWSD "came out winning" in the mediation and Ramsey countered that "everybody came out losing equally."

"I think the town was more pissed though, we'll give 'em that," Hurley said.

Tautges highlighted that the original agreement between the PSSGID and PAWSD is a result of a decision made by both organizations' boards.

The board then briefly discussed the reasons for why mediation on the agreement became necessary, with Ramsey concluding the conversation by suggesting that the board "should probably discuss this over a beer."

Burns then explained the details of several capital projects, including pipe replacements on Jackson Mountain and a pipeline necessary to move water from Stevens Lake into Lake Hatcher.

Tautges commented that the latter project has the potential to significantly increase the available water for PAWSD, although Ramsey noted that difficulties have arisen with the project and "it's going to be a bigger fight than we anticipated."

Burns also noted that the budget

includes funding for replacing two lift stations and for reducing inflow and infiltration into the wastewater system.

Hudson asked what the implications of ceasing use of the San Juan water treatment plant would be.

Ramsey stated that the Hatcher water treatment plant would not be able to keep up with current water needs, although closing the San Juan plant would potentially be possible once the Snowball plant expansion is finished.

He added that both pumping water from the Snowball plant and pumping water to the San Juan plant requires pumping uphill and noted that he was not sure the district would see a "real benefit" for doing this.

Walsh asked other board members to bring their thoughts on the EU growth assumptions for the next year contained in the rate study and on the potential that, with increased CIF fees, the funding from the affordable housing surcharge may cover fewer projects to a November work session on the rate study.

Hudson stated that he would support increasing the surcharge.

In response to a question from Walsh, Ramsey explained that the upcoming regulatory compliance and other upgrades to the Vista plant may cost between \$5 million and \$10 million, depending on the approval of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

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# Town council expresses willingness to spend into reserves to adjust salaries for town staff

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

At an Oct. 26 budget work session of the Pagosa Springs Town Council, Interim Town Manager Greg Schulte presented new numbers on what an adjustment of salaries for town employees — raising the pay to above the market median for those positions — would look like for the 2024 budget.

At a previous work session, Schulte presented a budget proposal that would have adjusted pay rates for town employees, who earn below the market median, up to the median amount, while also raising their cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) benefits to 4.7 percent.

But at that work session, several members of the town council, including Mayor Shari Pierce, wanted to explore what it would look like to hike the pay rates even higher, above the median, to 105 percent or 110 percent of the median.

A few months ago, the council designated as its top 2024 priority the issue of “staffing” — attracting and retaining employees who provide critical town services.

Administration Services Manager Kathy Harker explained at a previous meeting that town departments are “experiencing a lot more turnover” because of lower-than-median pay rates, and that some departments are “scrambling for people” to keep critical town services up and running.

At that meeting, Schulte explained that, currently, 83 percent of town staff (53 employees) earn under the market median pay for those positions.

At the direction of the council, Schulte and staff crunched the numbers with salary adjustments rising above median rates and brought those findings back to the most recent work session.

This new budget proposal included a salary adjustment that would bring the 53 town employees who earn less than median pay up to 105 percent of the median.

“In the initial proposal, what we had talked about was, first of all, applying a 4.7 percent COLA across the entire [town] workforce ... and we also proposed bringing those staff members that are below the median, up [to the median],” he said.

The original budget proposal “was the result of approximately 53 people having their salary adjusted to bring them up to the market median, or what we call 100 percent” of the median, he noted.

This second proposal was the result of the budget team going back, at the council’s suggestion, to look at

“moving people further up, so instead of the 100 percent, we were looking at 105, 110, 115 [percent] ... to see what that would look like,” Schulte said.

He added that adjusting salaries higher, up to 110 percent of the median, is not a fiscally responsible thing to do since sales taxes are “plata-teasing” and the higher costs of fuel, contract services and other items continues to be a nag.

He explained that his budget team “didn’t really go any further than 105 percent, because those numbers were just gonna make it too expensive.”

He also explained that even adjusting pay to the 105 percent level would leave the council with some tough choices if the council “decides to go down that path.”

At the previous session, the council had already grappled with the negative fiscal balance that would be left in the General Fund by adjusting salaries up to 100 percent of the market median, which left an estimated \$165,000 deficit in the fund.

This led the council to look for places to cut spending to bring the fund closer to balance, settling on funding cuts for service organizations and some scholarship funding.

Schulte explained that the new budget proposal would not lift the COLA percentage any higher than was previously presented, but “what we are offering or showing you is what it would look like, and perhaps some of the choices that we’d have to look at, if we moved it another 5 percent.”

This newest proposal to adjust the town’s departmental staff up to the 105 percent level would be \$57,000 more expensive than adjusting staff pay to the 100 percent level, according to Schulte’s presentation at the budget session.

However, he noted that the newest proposal also includes certain “credits” to the General Fund that were not a part of the original proposal.

Credits to the fund would include \$93,000 from cutting funding for service organizations (\$88,000) and reducing the scholarship fund by half to \$5,000.

Schulte also noted that moving broadband and overhead cost sharing (OCS) — which includes things like vehicle liability, property insurance and workers’ compensation — into the Capital Fund’s expenditures, would create another \$160,000 worth of credits in the General Fund, leaving it with only a \$56,000 deficit after the salary adjustment at the 105 percent level.

However, these credits to the General Fund present their own “pluses

and minuses,” Schulte said.

For example, he noted, moving items into other funds in the budget would mean that these funds would see more expenditures.

“So, remember how, in the General Fund, that \$75,000 [for broadband] was a credit? So that 75 has to go somewhere. So, if we’re shifting that cost to the Capital Fund, it will have to absorb that” cost, which is why the Capital Fund is now “in the red” in the most current proposal, Schulte explained.

On top of this, funds such as the capital, tourism and sanitation would also see more expenditures due to adjusting staff pay up to the 105 percent level.

The original budget proposal for the Capital Improvement Fund left an estimated positive balance of \$59,000 in the fund, but after the salary adjustments to the 105 level and moving broadband and OCS expenditures into the fund, it would leave it with an estimated \$182,000 negative balance, according to Schulte’s presentation.

“So, what do you do about that?” Schulte asked.

He mentioned that the budget team had contemplated cutting projects from the 2024 capital fund if the council decides to go to the 105 level salary adjustment, explaining that if a project doesn’t get done in 2024, “it doesn’t mean that it just goes away. It means that you would just have to do them another day.”

The council then further contemplated its top priority of staffing and the price it would take to adequately address the issue in the 2024 budget.

When opened to discussion, the council considered the idea of spending into reserves, if necessary, to achieve these higher salary adjustments.

Council member Leonard Martinez suggested that adjusting salaries up to the 105 percent of the median seems “like the right thing to do” for the town’s current and future employees.

“I’m not uncomfortable with the notion of going into reserves. This is the right thing to do in terms of what we’re trying to do for our people,” he said.

On the suggestion of cutting funding for service organizations to help pay for the salary adjustments and maintain a closer to balanced budget, he said, “If we do something in the area of services, let’s not forget the most vulnerable in our community.”

Council member Gary Williams said, “I think as council, we need to be looking out into the future — five, 10, 20 years — and I think our responsi-

bility is to deliver a high-level quality of service to our constituents.”

He said, “The way you do that is you have good staff ... So, I’m totally in favor of the salary adjustment set at the 105 level ... I think it’s the right thing to do and I think it’s the best way to deliver quality services.”

He also mentioned the timing of the pay increases, saying incoming Town Manager David Harris deserves “a strong staff ... We want him to step into a situation where his staff is well paid and competent and will stay in their positions so that he can focus on other things about managing the town.”

Williams also noted that he didn’t want to cut any projects from the capital fund and that the council should “spend in reserves until we get back on an even keel on that.”

Council member Madeline Bergen expressed that she agreed with what both Martinez and Williams said.

“This is an intentional and strategic spending into reserves. I’m comfortable with it,” she said.

She also mentioned that if a capital “project doesn’t go,” then the money budgeted for it could be used to help balance out the negative balance.

Council member Brooks Lindner also noted that he was “in agreement with my fellow council members. I’m comfortable spending into reserves and I think it’s the right move supporting our staff, so I’m OK” with it, with council member Matt DeGuise also stating his agreement with spending into reserves to adjust salaries to the 105 level.

DeGuise also suggested that he’d like to see the full scholarship funding come back to the \$10,000 level, rather than the current proposal of \$5,000 for the scholarship, saying that neither of these numbers are really “mathematically significant” relative to the entire budget.

The budget will now move into the public hearing process, with two meetings that will consider the budget scheduled for Nov. 16 and Dec. 5, respectively.

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## Oct. 17 blood drive a success

By Sharee Grazda  
Special to The SUN

Many thanks to the generous people in our community for making our blood drive on Oct. 17 a success.

There were 53 units of life-supporting blood donated for Four Corners-area patients in need.

Please look for the quarterly schedule of blood drives to be held in 2024 in a December SUN news article.

For information, you may call or text local volunteer Sharee Grazda at (970) 946-2760.

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A volunteer donates blood during the Vitalant blood drive at Centerpoint Church on Oct. 17. A total of 53 units of blood were donated at the event.

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# County considers taking over water quality plan reviews

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a proposal from Planning Manager Owen O'Dell and Water Quality Manager Kevin Torrez for the county Water Quality Department to take over plan reviews from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) at its Oct. 24 work session.

O'Dell opened the discussion by explaining the connection between land use reviews through the Planning Department and the water quality office.

He indicated that the Planning Department provides 21 days for all subdivision reviews and 14 days for all other land use reviews for outside agencies to submit comments on projects.

He noted that SJBPH has recently been unwilling to comply with these timeframes and that the Planning Department has been operating under the principle that, if no comments are submitted, the agency has no issues with the project.

O'Dell then discussed recent issues with Snow Wolf Lodge, a lodging establishment with current septic issues where SJBPH "kicked the can down the road" in response to the issues by mandating a one-year monitoring period before the on-site wastewater treatment system (OWTS) at the lodge can be considered for permitting.

He stated that, because of these issues, the Planning and Water Quality departments were proposing transferring the performance of all land use reviews to the county Water Quality Department prior to the Jan. 1, 2024, dissolution of SJBPH.

He and Torrez noted that earlier transfer would allow for more training opportunities for the county department and reduce demands on SJBPH.

Torrez then reviewed the proposed county OWTS regulations with the commissioners, noting that the county regulations would incorporate the state regulations on OWTS permitting and would primarily use the fee structure currently employed by SJBPH, although he noted that this could be changed over time.

He explained that the Water Quality Department would oversee licensing of local septic system installers.

In response to questions from Commissioner Ronnie Maez and Commissioner Veronica Medina, Torrez added that SJBPH previously oversaw licensing and that such licensing is required by the state.

Maez suggested that he would prefer to keep the costs of obtaining licensing to a minimum.

Development Director Pamela Flowers stated that the cost for licensing would be approximately \$50, which would cover administering a test created by the state and providing a certification document.

Flowers added that the depart-

ment will also provide training for OWTS installation and Torrez explained that the process would be similar to the current SJBPH process, albeit with changes to make it "better."

Maez asked what improvement would mean, questioning if it would involve additional restrictions or regulation.

Torrez stated that the improvements would be focused on streamlining the process, not on introducing additional regulations.

He highlighted that the Archuleta County Board of Health would approve OWTS variances and that OWTS inspections would also occur upon transfer of title for a property with an OWTS.

Torrez briefly covered inspection and maintenance of high-level treatment systems before moving on to discussing lagoons, noting that lagoons are allowed if they were permitted before 1967.

He indicated that there is an after-the-fact permitting system for unpermitted lagoons, but new lagoons are not allowed.

Maez asked why the state stopped allowing lagoons.

Torrez stated he is unsure, although he indicated that new OWTSs are more efficient than lagoons.

Maez commented that not allowing lagoons does not make "common sense" to him given he felt they would be more effective than fully underground systems.

Torrez mentioned the issues with the lagoon at Snow Wolf Lodge, which is undersized and has caused leaching of wastewater into the groundwater.

Maez pointed out the high cost of septic systems in the area and stated that he would like to reduce these costs.

Torrez stated that the cost issue is common across the state.

Medina commented that having a set of pre-existing engineering plans for OWTSs available for use by residents was previously discussed for the Water Quality Department.

Flowers stated that creation of these "typicals" is a goal of the department.

Torrez added that the Water Quality Department would also check the soils at OWTS projects to ensure that the appropriate level of OWTS is required.

Medina commented that having an established process for performing these soil tests and other tasks would be critical in the future, which Flowers expressed agreement with.

County Attorney Todd Weaver noted that the county cannot be less stringent than state standards on issues like lagoons.

County Manager Derek Woodman asked what would be done with lagoons put in place after 1967.

Torrez explained that the Water Quality Department would inspect these lagoons and determine if they are functional and can receive a permit or if they need to be abandoned.

He then reiterated the proposal that the county department take over plan reviews before 2024.

In response to a request for legal advice from Medina, Weaver stated that this would be possible, noting that the laws governing the dissolution of health districts are limited.

He added that he did not foresee a legal challenge to this change, noting that many residents might prefer the better service that the county could provide compared to SJBPH.

Commissioner Warren Brown noted that SJBPH may not currently have the capacity to provide effective service.

Torrez commented that the department would be following state regulations and that the proposed regulations have been approved by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Flowers and Woodman stated that the proposal could be brought before the board for decision at its Nov. 21 meeting, and Weaver highlighted that the additional time doing reviews could work out difficulties in the process prior to SJBPH's dissolution.

The discussion concluded with the BoCC thanking O'Dell and Torrez for their work.

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Deer pause for a snack downtown Saturday. With the changing seasons and the arrival of hunters, the local deer population can be seen throughout town, meaning drivers, as well as pedestrians with pets, should be aware.

## Marine Corps birthday celebration set for Nov. 10

By Ed Robinson  
Pagosa Springs Marine Corps Birthday Committee

Nov. 10, marks the 248th birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

It was on Nov. 10 in 1775 that a resolution was passed by the Continental Congress to establish the Corps.

Pagosa Springs-area Marines and

their guests are invited to a celebration at Boss Hogg's Restaurant and Saloon, 157 Navajo Trail Drive. The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Wilderness Room on the restaurant's main floor.

Dinner and drinks will be available from the main menu. Attendees will pay for their own drinks and dinner with an 18 percent automatically

added gratuity.

The traditional cake cutting by sword will be featured, and the oldest and the youngest Marine present will be honored. Complementary birthday cake will be served. A video birthday message from the commandant of the Marine Corps will be shown.

Other service members, especially U.S. Navy Corpsemen, are welcome. Dress is casual; however, uniforms are always welcome.

Contact Don MacNamee, (970) 731-0306, or Ed Robinson, (970) 731-0718 to RSVP or with questions.

## Court of Appeals judge finalists selected

Colorado Judicial Department

The Supreme Court Nominating Commission has nominated six candidates for two vacancies on the Colorado Court of Appeals.

The vacancies were created by the retirements of John Daniel Dailey and David Furman. Both vacancies are effective Jan. 1, 2024.

The nominees were selected during a meeting in Denver on Oct. 24 and 25 at the Colorado Supreme Court.

They are:  
• Pricilla J. Loew, of Aurora.

- Melissa C. Meirink, of Castle Pines.
- Pax Leia Moultrie, of Denver.
- Grant T. Sullivan, of Denver.
- Don Jesse Toussaint, of Aurora.
- Christopher C. Zenisek, of Golden.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from Oct. 25 within which to appoint two of the nominees as judges on the Colorado Court of Appeals.

Comments regarding any of the nominees may be sent via email to the governor at gov\_judicialappointments@state.co.us.



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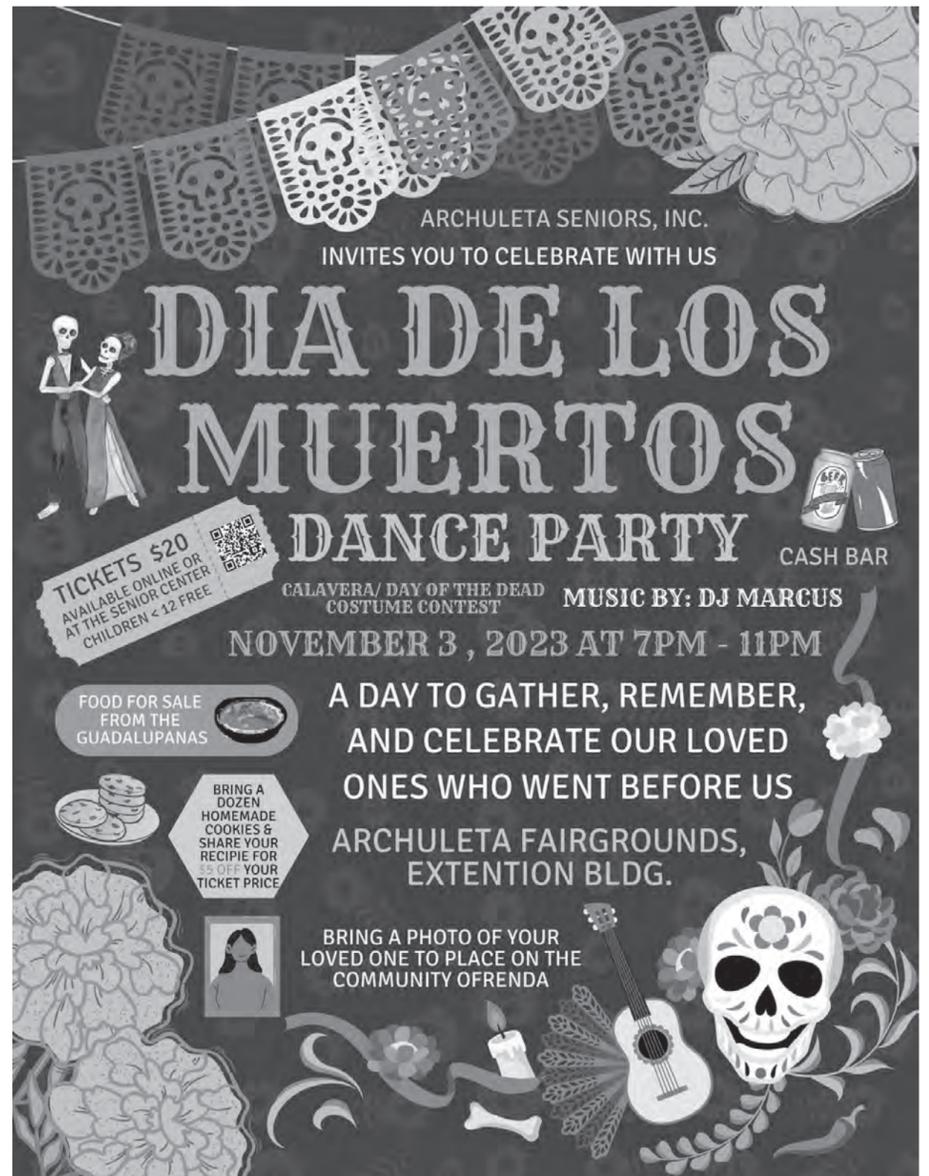
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# Election

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## BallotTrax

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To sign up for BallotTrax, go to [BallotTrax.coloradosos.gov](https://BallotTrax.coloradosos.gov). There, enter your first name, last name, date of birth and residential zip code to access the voter portal or to sign up.

## What's on the ballot?

The ballot includes local races for school boards, state ballot measures and, depending upon where a voter lives, a school district ballot measure or special district ballot measure.

Not all races included below will appear on all ballots.

## School board elections

For voters within the Archuleta School District (ASD) boundaries, the following school board director races will appear:

Christa Laos and Robert Lynch are running for a four-year term for the

ASD board representing District 2.

Jessica Trujillo and Amanda Schick are running for a four-year term on the ASD board representing District 3.

Dana Guinn is running unopposed for a four-year term in District 4 and Ray "Butch" Mackey is running unopposed for a two-year term on the ASD board representing District 5.

Voters within Bayfield School District will vote for three school board members to serve a four-year term and will choose from Molly Orendorff, Debbie Wilhelm, Justin Talbot and Amy De Prospro Davlin.

Voters within Ignacio School District will also choose three candidates to serve a four-year term on the school board and will choose from Ross Melton, Sheryle Hunter, Jerry Allen McCaw, Jay Dee Brunson and Gina M. Schulz.

## State ballot measures

Two state ballot measures will appear on the ballot.

Ballot information booklets, commonly known as the Blue Book, were mailed earlier this fall and include information on the statewide ballot issues. It is also available at <https://leg.colorado.gov/content/initiatives/initiatives-blue-book-overview/>

# Manager

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period of three years, with the ability to be extended another three years after the term expires.

The agreement sets Harris' annual salary at \$154,000, with the town agreeing to consider increasing the pay on an annual basis "if deemed appropriate" by the council to award a "merit increase" in annual pay for the position.

The agreement requires that the town manager position is the "primary employment" for Harris, but it does allow for some limited "outside activities," such as "occasional teaching, writing, or consulting performed during the Employee's own time, or otherwise with the prior written

consent of the Town Mayor."

When the meeting was opened to questions, council member Leonard Martinez asked if there would be any "overlap" between Harris' Nov. 13 start date and Schulte's current term as interim town manager.

"Yes, sir," replied Pierce. "So, Mr. Schulte will be staying here until Dec. 1, which will give us that two-week overlap that we were wanting."

Council member Matt DeGuise wondered if there were any last-minute changes to the agreement since he had last seen the document.

Pierce said, "The biggest change I saw was that he wanted to be allowed to take 'comp time,' which we had

lot-information-booklet-blue-book.

Proposition HH asks if the state shall reduce property taxes for homes and businesses, including expanding property tax relief for seniors, and backfill counties, water district, fire districts, ambulance and hospital districts, and other local governments and fund school districts by using a portion of the state surplus up to the proposition HH cap identified.

Proposition II asks if, without raising taxes, the state can retain and spend revenues from taxes on cigarettes, tobacco and other nicotine products; maintain tax rates on cigarettes, tobacco and other nicotine products; and use the revenues to invest \$23,650,000 to enhance the voluntary Colorado preschool program and make it widely available for free instead of reducing the tax rates and refunding revenues to cigarette wholesalers, tobacco product distributors, nicotine products distributors and other taxpayers for exceeding an estimate for Proposition EE.

## School district ballot measure

Ballot Issue 5A asks for voters within ASD's boundaries to vote to extend the district's mill levy override in perpetuity.

It asks if ASD, without increasing

discussed ... and his proposal was to be able to take the comp time with the approval of town council and we went back and suggested that, with the approval of the mayor, which we had discussed previously, and he was amenable to that."

Schulte added that Harris' ability to engage in outside activity, either on his own time or "at the discretion of the mayor," was also negotiated.

DeGuise made a motion to "approve authorizing the mayor to sign the town manager agreement, with the start date of Nov. 13."

It was seconded and carried unanimously by the council.

"Welcome, Mr. Harris," Pierce said. [derek@pagosasun.com](mailto:derek@pagosasun.com)

taxes, shall be authorized to extend the \$1.7 million annual tax approved by voters in 2018 (currently scheduled to expire in 2025) in perpetuity for educational purposes including but not limited to:

- Recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers and staff.
- Providing school safety, security and mental health support for students.

The measure also asks for the collection to be excepted from limits that would otherwise apply under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR).

## Special district ballot measure

Voters within the Upper Pine River

Fire Protection District will be asked to vote on Ballot Issue 7A, which asks if the district's current 1.46 mill levy currently used for retiring its outstanding bond debt (scheduled to be paid off in 2024) shall, without raising additional taxes, be continued for an additional 20 years for the purpose of funding needed capital improvements.

The measure indicates the extended assessment would commence in assessment year 2024 (for revenue collection in 2025) and sunset in assessment year 2044 (for revenue collection in 2045).

It also asks that the revenue be

excepted from TABOR and other limitations set forth in law.

## How to register to vote and check your voter registration

Eligible people can register to vote up to and including Election Day and vote in the November election either online at [govotecolorado.gov](https://govotecolorado.gov) or in person at the Election's Office.

The final day to register to vote in order to receive a ballot by mail was Oct. 30, according to the Colorado Secretary of State's Office.

Voters can also check their registration at [www.govotecolorado.gov](https://www.govotecolorado.gov).

# Culvert

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Martinez Creek crosses North Pagosa Boulevard — 3.6 miles north of U.S. 160 and near the Gate 5 recreation area parking lot — on Nov. 6.

It states that "imminent failure of the culvert" is the cause for the "emergency project," adding, "A long winter followed by extensive rainfall caused water to pool east of the culvert early last spring. Water began to permeate areas around the culvert piping causing erosion and separation at the joint. This in turn caused sagging in the roadway which worsened over the summer months. Crews will complete a full replacement, installing two, [6-foot] by [80-foot] culverts. Due to the time of year, asphalt will not be installed in the area until next spring."

The release indicates that the proj-

ect is expected to be completed no later than the end of November.

It explains that North Pagosa Boulevard will be closed at the project site for the duration of the project.

The release adds that drivers on North Pagosa Boulevard will be diverted to Piedra Road and can then reconnect to North Pagosa Boulevard through Mission Drive.

It states that this diversion route will be the opposite of the one used this summer during construction work on Piedra Road.

## Pagosa Junction bridge

Another county press release reports upcoming plans for the installation of a temporary bridge at Pagosa Junction and indicates that the bridge should be reopened by Nov. 10.

In the release, Public Works Di-

rector Mike Torres indicates that staff would begin work on raising the road and building landings for the temporary bridge on Oct. 31 and that the bridge is expected to arrive on Nov. 6.

County Manager Derek Woodman comments in the release, "This will be a great benefit to local residents in the area. This has been a long time coming for those who live in the area and commute to town. The county wishes to thank all of those who voiced concern over the closure in the past few months and for their patience while we worked to find a solution."

The press release adds that the draft 2024 budget for the county includes funding for a permanent replacement bridge at Pagosa Junction to be potentially installed next year.

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# Missing

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release continues.

It adds, "they then located the body and positively identified him as missing hiker Rich Moore. Mr. Moore was recovered by the team and flown off the mountain. Finney, Mr. Moore's Jack Russell Terrier, was alive and recovered by the search and recovery team."

It notes Finney was transported to a local veterinary hospital for an examination and treatment before being reunited with her family.

The press release notes Moore's cause of death is unknown, but foul play is not suspected.

## 'An extensive search'

According to the ad, Moore and Finney checked in via text at 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 19, but did not return that afternoon, and Moore's truck was left at the trailhead.

Le Roux previously explained the page came in about 10 p.m. that day, with six people in the field by midnight to begin to look for Moore and Finney.

He explained the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office launched its thermal drone and Flight for Life flew over the area.

"I don't believe we could have jumped on it any quicker," he said.

The initial search was unsuccessful, and crews have spent days continuing to search.

Tuesday's press release notes, "An extensive search of the Black Head Peak area was conducted on the ground by members of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, Mineral County Search and Rescue, La Plata County Search and Rescue, New Mexico and Colorado K9 Search Teams as well as aerial assets from the Colorado Air National Guard, USFS Wildland Flight Crews and Flight for Life. Since the evening we received the report of Mr. Moore's disappearance search teams and

personnel searched nearly 2000 hours for Mr. Moore and his dog Finney."

As of the end of the day on Sept. 8, Le Roux previously explained, around 1,700 man hours or more had been spent searching for Moore over the course of 10 search days.

That included two full flight days and 1,535 man hours of searching on the ground with 140 different ground personnel, he noted, which included Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, U.S. Forest Service, San Juan Outdoor Club, and a number of other volunteers that included family and friends.

At that time, more searches were planned.

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# Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

## Thursday, Nov. 2

**Main Street work group session.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Senior Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for more information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

## Monday, Nov. 6

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

## Tuesday, Nov. 7

**Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

## Wednesday, Nov. 8

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County facility, 95 County Road 973, Arboles. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 a.m., Archuleta County facility, 95 County Road 973, Arboles. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation.** 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center,

451 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information, visit: <https://pagosaspringscdc.org/>.

**Archuleta County Fair Board meeting.** 6 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

## Thursday, Nov. 9

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

**Archuleta County Airport Advisory Commission.** 1 p.m., airport manager's conference room, Nick's Hangar, 777 County Road 600. See county website for more information.

**Main Street Advisory Board.** 4 p.m., Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for more information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

## Monday, Nov. 13

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

## Tuesday, Nov. 14

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

**Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District work session.** 3 p.m., PAWS administrative offices, 100 Lyn Avenue.

**of Education meeting.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St. See [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com) for more information.

## Wednesday, Nov. 15

**Upper San Juan Library District Board Meeting.** 4 p.m., via Zoom. Join at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146>.

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors meeting.** 5 p.m., 3133 Cornerstone Drive. For more information, visit: <https://pagosa-peakopenschool.org>.

## Thursday, Nov. 16

**San Juan Water Conservancy District budget hearing and special meeting.** 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Ste. 5. Visit [www.sjwcd.org](http://www.sjwcd.org) for a Zoom link and meeting agenda.

**Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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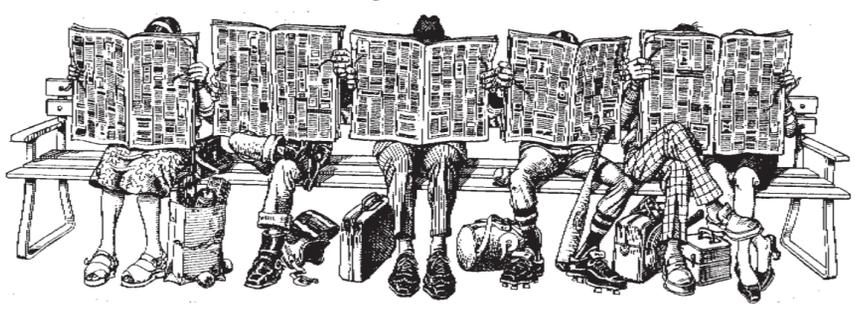
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# Sports

## FOOTBALL

### Pirates move into playoffs as No. 10 team

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team capped off the regular season by extending its win streak to four games and becoming the No. 10 seed in the 2A playoffs.

"The kids are playing well," coach Nathan Morales said, adding the team is playing with confidence. "We've talked about all year wanting to be playing our best football right now, and I think we are."

The Pirates finished the regular season in Bayfield on Oct. 26, where they defeated the Wolverines 40-7.

Pagosa picked up 13 points in the first quarter.

The first touchdown came on a 50-yard pass play to Seth Aucoin with 10 minutes, 21 seconds left in the quarter.

The second came on an 18-yard run by Colton Lucero with 4:07 left in the quarter that was followed by a successful extra-point kick by Elijah Castro.

Pagosa picked up another 20 points in the second quarter to hold a 33-0 lead at halftime.

With 10:46 left in the quarter, Seth Zeigler scored on a 22-yard run, with Castro following the touchdown with a successful kick.

Then, with 3:07 left, Gavin Lindahl scored on a 2-yard run.

With three seconds remaining in the half, Zeigler picked up his second touchdown of the night, this time on a 12-yard run, and Castro followed with a successful extra-point kick.

Pagosa's final touchdown came with 8:31 left when Blake Laner scored on a 14-yard pass. It was followed by a successful extra-point kick by Castro to give the Pirates a 40-0 lead.

The Wolverines picked up seven in the fourth on a 50-yard run play and successful kick.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs High School

Pagosa's Gavin Lindahl runs the ball during the Pirates' 40-7 win over the Bayfield Wolverines on Oct. 26. The win helped the Pirates secure the No. 10 spot moving into the postseason.

The Pirates had 398 all-purpose yards in the game, compared to Bayfield's 156.

Creede Dozier picked up 73 passing yards, completing two of two attempts and throwing one touchdown. Zeigler threw for 68 yards, completing five of five attempts and throwing one touchdown.

Aucoin had one reception for 44 yards and a touchdown. Laner had three receptions for a total of 44 yards and on touchdown. Harley Armijo had 36 yards on three receptions.

The Pirates picked up 236 rushing yards.

Zeigler logged 100 rushing yards in the game on five carries. Dozier

had 50 rushing yards on two carries. Lindahl had 42 yards on 11 carries. Lucero had 34 yards on seven carries. Jayton Ross had 10 yards on four carries.

The Pirates had 39 total tackles, including 31 solo and eight assisted, led by Armijo with seven solo and one assisted.

Zeigler and Armijo each notched a sack, and Lindahl picked up one interception.

Hudson Mazur kicked off four times for a total of 150 yards, Lucero punted once for 35 yards, and Castro made four of six extra-point attempts.

The Pirates finished the regular season with a 6-3 overall record and

a 3-1 Intermountain League (IML) record, which put them finishing second in the league and as the No. 10 team on the playoff bracket.

As the No. 10 seed, the Pirates will face the La Junta Tigers at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, in La Junta.

The Tigers are 8-1 on the season. The two teams previously faced off in La Junta on Sept. 2, when the Tigers defeated the Pirates 22-6.

Morales noted the Pirates are a different team than when they faced La Junta in September.

"We'll make adjustments off of what they did to us last time and go from there," he said, adding, "It's fun to be able to play a team again because it makes it tough, but it's also exciting because I think we feel like we missed on some of our opportunities early in the season."

The IML's top team, Delta, earned the No. 1 seed in the playoffs and will face No. 16 Alamosa Saturday afternoon.

Delta took the league title by going 4-0 in league play and 9-0 in the regular season.

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## RECREATION NEWS

### Registration open for youth basketball

By Matt Zaborowski  
Town of Pagosa Springs

Registration is now open for the 9- to 12-year-old basketball league.

The registration fee is \$45 for the first child and \$25 for the second child. The registration deadline is Dec. 31.

Practices will start Jan. 8, 2024, with games starting late January and running through February.

Practices and games will be Mondays through Thursdays at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

#### Recreation holiday arts and crafts

Arts and crafts registration for ages 7-12 is now open. The registration fee will be \$45 per child and the deadline to register will be Nov. 26.

Classes will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center and will run Dec. 4-20.

Online registration is available at pagosasprings.co.gov, or stop by the

Community Center.

#### Youth strength and conditioning class

Youth strength and conditioning for ages 7-12 is now open. The registration fee will be \$45 per child and the deadline to register will be

Nov. 26.

Classes will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center and will run Dec. 5-21.

These classes aim to mitigate risks of athletic injury and improve com-  
■ See Recreation A10



### Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

**Freddy Barnas**  
Football



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**Comments from coach Nathan Morales:** "Freddy Barnas stands out as a triple impact athlete, exceeding expectations in his first year back after a knee injury and some time off from football. He plays dual roles as a defensive and offensive tackle, in which Freddy's depend-

ability and unwavering work ethic make him invaluable to our team. Freddy's commitment to learning our program and improvement to his own skill set motivates and uplifts the entire team. He truly embodies what a triple impact athlete should be."

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## SOCCER



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Five Pagosa Springs High School boys' soccer players were named to the first and second Intermountain League (IML) all-conference teams for the season. Christopher Young-Martinez, Chance Ramirez, Gavin Carter and Alex Pham (in order from left) garnered first-team honors while Ryder King (right) earned second-team honors. Young-Martinez was also named goalkeeper of the year for the IML.

## VOLLEYBALL

### Lady Pirates advance to regionals

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team is advancing to the postseason as the 3A classification's No. 33 team.

That puts the team traveling to Delta for Region 4 action against No. 4 Delta and No. 21 St. Mary's Academy on Saturday, Nov. 4.

The postseason play followed the team going 2-2 in its final regular-season tournament, where it faced the Delta Panthers.

"We know what we're capable of, and this week we are looking to face two teams that are ranked higher than we are and we are looking to be the Cinderella team, looking to upset the region," coach Katie Lorenzen said. "We really think that we can do it. We know what we need to do against Delta because we've already seen them. They are good, but we think that if we can get in a couple players' heads, we can really take control of the match. And then we look forward to seeing a new team in St. Mary's."

The Lady Pirates will face the 22-1 Panthers at about 10 a.m. Saturday in Delta. At about 11:30, the Lady Pirates will face the 14-9 St. Mary's Wildcats.

The Lady Pirates went 2-2 at the Coal Ridge tournament on Oct. 27 and 28, with the games being the best of three sets instead of the usual five.

"We did what we needed to do to get ourselves into regionals. That was the most important thing," Lorenzen said. "I think we played pretty solid all weekend with a few people coming back from being sick. ... The girls were just out there working hard, battling. We played a couple top-ranked teams, Palisade was ranked No. 4 in 4A, Delta's ranked No. 4 in 3A. We really pushed the points against Delta and against Palisade we had a couple really good runs against a very tall, very fundamentally sound team."

The Lady Pirates first took on the 4A Palisade Bulldogs, dropping the affair 2-0 after set losses of 25-15 and 25-10.

"One thing that stood out against Palisade is they were a very, very good team, yet we did have a decent hitting percentage as a team against them. We hit .163 with all of the main hitters hitting in the positive, so that was really good," the coach said.

She also highlighted that Palisade has really tall players, but Pagosa's Ryan Taylor "really went in there and was just very low error. She immediately had a block when she went in against Palisade and then she had

quite a few kills over the weekend and very few, if any, hitting errors. So, she was just one that we could go to and she scored for us."

She added it was nice to see Taylor step up in her first significant varsity time to help fill the hole created by Jordan Lindstrom, who continues to be out due to injury.

Aspen Pitcher led the team in kills with four, followed by Kynsli Limebrook with three, and Taylor and Lexi Campbell with two each.

Lauren Monterroso had the team's sole ace in the matchup.

The coach indicated Cadence Kerns, who moved to middle blocker, continued to work hard at the tournament.

"The thing I notice the most is how hard she works to get off the net after blocking to then be available to hit," she said, adding, "It's just really impressive."

The team had two blocks against Palisade.

Pitcher led the team in digs with 10 of the team's 23.

Later that day, the Pirates took on Delta, falling to the Panthers 2-0.

"We were really keen on a main hitter of theirs, a lefty, and even though she scored on us quite a bit, she was not crushing it like we saw her do against other teams," Lorenzen said. "We were tracking her well and getting a block up against her. And she tooled us quite a bit, but she wasn't crushing it with no block like she did against other teams."

The coach highlighted that the teams were neck and neck in the first set.

"I'm looking forward to playing again because I think we have a really good chance against this fourth-ranked team," Lorenzen said, adding the team will be even more prepared to take on the Panthers this weekend.

The coach highlighted Pitcher's hitting percentage against Delta, hitting almost .250, which she noted is "really, really good" for an outside hitter.

She added the team as a whole hit well.

"As a team, to hit .153 against a fourth-ranked team in 3A was really good," she said, adding the team kept its service errors down.

The team had 19 kills, led by Pitcher's seven.

The team had three aces, with Grace Walker, Monterroso and Limebrook each notching one.

The team had one block in the game.

Pitcher and Monterroso jointly led in digging with 11 each, with the team having 33 total over the two sets.

Play continued the next day.

"Saturday, we played Glenwood Springs and Coal Ridge and we really needed to win those ones to get us in a good spot to still make it into regionals," Lorenzen said. "And we did. We pulled those out. I was proud of the girls."

On Saturday, Oct. 28, the Lady Pirates defeated the 4A Glenwood Springs Demons 2-1, winning 28-26 in the first set and falling in the second set 25-20. The Lady Pirates sealed the win 15-13 in the third set.

Lorenzen noted it came down to the wire for the Pirates, who pulled out the needed win.

"We hit as a team .233, which was the highest to date for the season," Lorenzen said, highlighting that Kynsli Limebrook hit .357. "I think she's capable of that every game, so that was really nice to see her finding the open spots on the court and keeping her errors down."

The team had 27 kills against Glenwood Springs, with Limebrook and Pitcher having seven each.

Taylor had three kills and no errors, the coach pointed out.

O'Donnell hit .233, which the coach noted means she was doing a really good job of delivering balls the Lady Pirates could score on.

The team had five aces, led by Limebrook's two.

The team had five blocks, with Pitcher logging three total, and Kerns and Taylor having two each.

The team had 56 digs, with Walker logging 15, Pitcher having 14 and Monterroso tallying 10.

Later that day, the Pirates took on Coal Ridge, winning 2-0 with set scores of 25-10 and 25-22.

She noted the team upped its hitting percentage from that morning. "Against Coal Ridge we just really took care of business," the coach said. "We had the best hitting percentage all season for the entire match and one of the sets we had an incredible hitting percentage."

The team hit .314 in the affair.

Pitcher hit .286, Lorenzen noted, Campbell hit .231, Kerns hit .400 and Limebrook logged the best hitting percentage of her career at .636.

Lorenzen noted Limebrook had seven kills with no errors on 11 swings.

Campbell followed with six of the team's 21 kills.

"She was just placing the ball really well, seeing the open court and going for shots most of the time," she said, adding Limebrook would "crush it" when the situation was perfect.

Monterroso led in digs with 11. Pitcher followed with 10 of the team's 32 digs.

The coach highlighted the team's passing over the weekend and indicated the team's play at the tournament helps put it in a good position for regional action.

"Our passing was really great overall over the weekend," Lorenzen said. "There were a few times that we were struggling a little bit, but our passers have just held us together all season and our defense was, there were a lot of really exciting plays with everyone involved keeping balls alive, going all out."

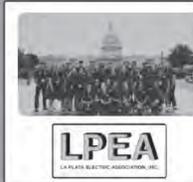
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## CROSS-COUNTRY

# Pagosa runner sets new personal record at state

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate cross-country runner Sienna Rose took 60th place out of 151 runners in the girls' race at the 3A Colorado State Cross Country Championships in Colorado Springs on Oct. 28. Rose finished the race in 21 minutes, 11.60 seconds.

Coach Rachael Christiansen discusses Rose's performance in a communication to The SUN, stating, "Going in she was ranked 77th overall. She raced well, was right on target for mile 1, a few seconds behind on mile 2 (this is the mile with all the hills), and just about on target for mile 3. ... She had an amazing finish, looking strong all the way through the finish, passing a girl right before crossing."

Christiansen states that Rose set a new personal record (PR) during the race, beating her record from the Oct. 20 regional meet by six seconds.

"The state meet is a tough meet and it is hard to PR there, but she did it!" Christiansen explains. "She was also 43 seconds faster at the meet than when she ran last year. She moved up 17 spots, finishing in 60th place overall. We are extremely proud of her efforts out there and were very glad she earned her spot at State again."

This year's cross-country teams contained five seniors: Levi Hinger, Miles Baker, Asher Burk, Marie Smith and Johanna Beaird.

Christiansen notes that Hinger, Smith and Beaird have been running cross-country for Pagosa since middle school.

Christiansen comments on Hinger, "Levi was a leader from the very beginning and the team followed his lead for years. He was one of the people who helped bring both teams (boys and girls) together. He hosted many movie nights and orchestrated a lot of the team gatherings. While he

had a medical issue that prevented him from finishing the season with us, he was there with the team always. I believe every single runner looked up to him."

She states that Baker moved from football to cross-country this year, adding, "We were so grateful for him to be a part of the team. He brought his own version of leadership which the boys responded very well to. He also brought one of the best work ethics and showed up to every practice ready to put in the work to become better. He was an absolute pleasure to have on the team and we wish we could have had him run with us all 4 years."

Christiansen explains that Burk joined the team his sophomore year and states, "However, due to an early season injury that year he was unable to race. Then, his junior year he had other circumstances in his life that prevented him from racing. Despite that, he still showed up to practices and put in the work to become a faster runner. Then finally his senior year the stars aligned and he was healthy and able to run his first race with cross-country. That race was an amazing showing and he went on to run 4 other strong races, with his last race at regionals being his fastest yet. We are so glad he was able to race this year."

The coach highlights the "calmness and kindness" Smith always brought to the team, adding, "She has always been consistent, she put in the work and showed up to race every week. Marie rarely had 'bad days' throughout her years of running. She also was a great factor in bringing the teams together as she seemed to get along with everyone. We all love Marie and will miss her greatly!"

She also comments on Beaird, "Jo has also been running since middle school. I believe she has shown up to more practices than anyone else. She always came to our summer training sessions and made sure she was at



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen  
Lady Pirate Sienna Rose races in the 3A cross-country state championship on Oct. 28. Rose took 60th place and achieved a new personal record at the event.

every single practice possible during the season. Her junior year was definitely her standout year, where she ran her PR and ran as one of our top scoring runners. Jo has also been a great teammate to the girls, cheering them on and rooting for them throughout the years."

Overall, on the seniors and the

year ahead, Christiansen comments, "We loved this group of seniors and will be sad to see them go! However, that is how high school sports go and we are looking forward to our juniors taking their places and excited about welcoming new freshmen to the team."

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## Pagosa graduate podiums at Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals

By Todd Bergdolt  
Special to The SUN

Ethan Bergdolt, a recent Pagosa Springs graduate and former legacy rider for the DUST2 Pagosa Springs High School mountain bike team, recently secured a podium spot at the 2023 Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships. The event was held in Ride Rock Creek, N.C., Oct. 12-15.

The Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championship is the largest collegiate cycling event that USA Cycling hosts. The event crowned varsity and club national champions in cross-country, short track, downhill, dual slalom and team relay.

Bergdolt, a freshman riding for the Western Colorado University cycling team, competed in two events at the national championship. Bergdolt competed in the varsity division, which is the elite and highest level, in both dual slalom and downhill events.

As a Freshman, this was quite an accomplishment to compete at this level.

Dual slalom qualifying and finals were held on Thursday, Oct. 12. Qualifying started off on a wet and slippery course, as it rained most of the night before. Bergdolt qualified sixth based on timing, playing it conservative in the mud. By the time the finals rolled around, the course had dried out well.

Dual slalom is a head-to-head event where two riders race down the course side by side, each having to stay in their lane. The course is filled with jumps, berms and tight turns, making for very exciting racing.



Photo courtesy Western Cycling  
Western Colorado University and former Pagosa Springs rider Ethan Bergdolt (second from right) stands on the podium for dual slalom at the Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships after placing third.

Based on qualifying times, the field was narrowed down to 32 riders who compete in a bracket format.

The first few rounds saw Bergdolt win without issue, but in the semifinal round things got exciting.

Halfway down the course in the semifinal round, Bergdolt and his competitor crashed at the same time. As both scrambled to get back and their bikes and going again, Bergdolt found that his bike was broken and unable to make it to the finish. Bergdolt's Western teammates rushed to get him ready for the next round. Hurrying to get back to the start for the small final (racing for third place), Bergdolt used a borrowed bike from

a teammate.

Bergdolt came out on top, securing third place at the prestigious event.

Bergdolt was quoted as saying, "I'm stoked to get 3rd place at Nationals, but really wish I had not crashed and could have had the opportunity to race for the championship. I feel I was riding well and could have had a shot at the title."

Downhill qualifying was held on Saturday, Oct. 14.

In similar fashion to the dual slalom race, it rained the night before, making for a treacherous course that was very slippery and muddy.

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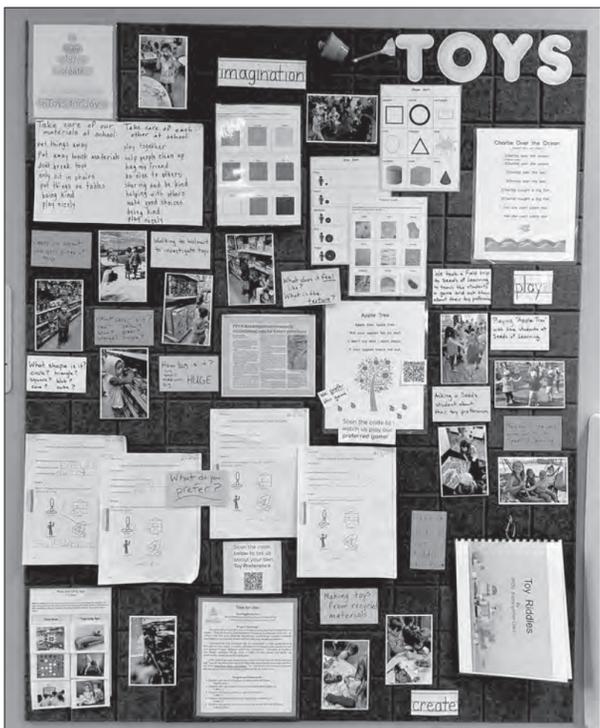


Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Documentation panels tell the story of a project during Pagosa Peak Open School's Project Showcase Night. Here, the kindergarten project on toys shows student preferences, field work, questions, vocabulary and products.



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Pagosa Peak Open School middle school students Samuel and Gary check out the fourth-graders' work on Ute history during the school's project showcase night on Oct. 26.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

During Pagosa Peak Open School's Project Showcase Night on Oct. 26, families and students used a variety of tools to carve pumpkins. First-graders, who studied a variety of tools and their importance during their first project of the year, created a class book, a school mural, and sponsored the pumpkin-carving at the event.

## Pagosa Peak Open School celebrates project work

By Emily Murphy  
Pagosa Peak Open School

Families, students and community members flooded the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) lobby last week, ready to celebrate the first student projects of the year, eat delicious bites, carve pumpkins and socialize with the school's intimate community.

Students in grades K-8 address content standards through a non-traditional teaching model: project-based learning. In place of flipping through a textbook to learn science and social studies concepts, students work through projects where they answer open-ended questions using research, data analysis and collection, field work and interactions with

experts. In the end, students create products to share their learning.

The year started off with questions around:

- Which toys are the best options for PPOS's future preschool based on student preferences.
- How tools can help us make magnificent things for our school.
- How our school compares to others around the world.
- How Ute history affects our perception of Colorado history.
- How screen time affects the teenage brain.
- How the world recovers from natural disasters.

"I feel proud and accomplished," fifth-grader Quinn said after the showcase. "Anyone here could see

why this is the best school ever."

Quinn's class is working through physical and life science standards around energy, ecosystems and human impact by examining natural disasters. Students are using "I Survived" books as mentor texts to create their own "I Survived" stories around natural disasters that could happen in our area. Quinn's fictional story follows a girl who survives a hailstorm.

"As a project-based learning advisor, it is my job to make learning come alive. It's so much more than covering content standards in isolation," Quinn's teacher and middle-school project-based learning advisor Rue Graham said. "Offering students opportunities to draw connections between subjects cultivates deeper understanding. As a teacher and curriculum designer, I enjoy the creative challenge of developing meaningful, standards-aligned and engaging projects for students to get the most out

of their education."

PPOS is an intentionally small K-8 district charter school where project-based learning is a cornerstone of the school's curriculum and instruction.

## Bergdolt

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Downhill mountain bike racing has racers competing one at a time on a steep and fast downhill course, with electronic timing determining places. It is not uncommon for several racers to all be within the same second, making for very tight competition.

Bergdolt qualified in 19th out of 61 varsity racers.

The Downhill National Championship final was on Sunday, Oct. 15, and with no rain the course was dry

and fast. Bergdolt improved his time 11 seconds from qualifying on the much drier course.

He ended the day finishing 18th and was the second-highest finisher for Western Colorado University.

Bergdolt was quoted as saying, "The course was almost scary fast, and not at all the type of course that I excel at. Steep and technical is more my type of course, but this was a great experience racing against the top riders in the country."

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**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2023-005**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On August 9, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
 Original Grantor(s) Sohum Mountain Ranch, LLC Original Beneficiary(ies) Gary Morris  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Gary Morris  
 Date of Deed of Trust June 03, 2019  
 County of Recording Archuleta  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust August 09, 2023  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21903116  
 Original Principal Amount \$2,800,000.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$2,800,000.00  
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**Tract II of the GARY MORRIS SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 3, 2019 as Reception No 21903078**  
**Also known by street and number as: 6651 County Road 382, Chromo, CO 81128.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

WHEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 12/07/2023, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Ryan Bourgeois #51088  
 Barrett Frappier Weisserman, LLP 1391 SPEER BLVD, SUITE 700, DENVER, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711  
 Attorney File # 00000009805979  
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2023-008**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On August 31, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
 Original Grantor(s) Joe P. Manzanares and Dora Pauline Manzanares  
 Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS")  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt NewRez LLC, F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC, D/B/A  
 Date of Deed of Trust April 03, 2003  
 County of Recording Archuleta  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 16, 2003  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20303824  
 Original Principal Amount \$77,000.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$43,948.49  
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**LOT 10, BLOCK 53, TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AS PLAT NO. 25, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.**  
**Also known by street and number as: Lot 10, S. 6th Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

WHEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 12/28/2023, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Paul Kosnik #38663  
 Eggleston Kosnik, LLC 160 E. 12th Street, Suite 7, Durango, CO 81301 (970) 403-1590  
 Attorney File # Sohum Mountain Ranch, LLC  
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2023-006**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On August 10, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
 Original Grantor(s) Keaton Dean Tjelmeland and Shayleen Tjelmeland  
 Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Freedom Mortgage Corporation  
 Date of Deed of Trust May 06, 2020  
 County of Recording Archuleta  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust June 04, 2020  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 22003039  
 Original Principal Amount \$297,124.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$280,718.20  
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to make timely payments as required under the Evidence of Debt and Deed of Trust.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**LOT 543 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74884.**  
**Also known by street and number as: 404 Vista Blvd, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.**  
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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
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 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: ilene Dell'Acqua #31755  
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 Attorney File # CO-23-964016-LL  
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**DISTRICT COURT**  
**ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**  
 Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive  
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
 Phone Number: 970-264-8160  
 Attorney for Plaintiff:  
 Daniel L Fiedler #47916  
 190 Talsman Drive, Suite D-6  
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
 970-507-8528  
 Case Number 2023CV30059  
 Plaintiff:  
 STEFANIE RENEE LITTLE and RICHARD L. LITTLE v.  
 Defendants:  
 RANDOLPH K. CLARK, ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE, and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**PLAINTIFF: STEFANIE RENEE LITTLE and RICHARD L. LITTLE**  
**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.**  
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Plaintiff to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
 If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing with 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.  
 This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado more particularly described as follows:  
 LOT 1 IN BLOCK 4 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 4, according to the plat thereof filed for record August 20, 1971 as Reception No. 74785, County of Archuleta, State of Colorado.  
 Respectfully submitted this 29th day of September, 2023.  
 /s/ Daniel L. Fiedler  
 Daniel L. Fiedler  
 First Publication: October 5, 2023  
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**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2023-007**

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 On August 10, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
 Original Grantor(s) GLENN KEILAR AND MIRIAM KEILAR  
 Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS COLLATERAL TRUST TRUSTEE OF FIRSTKEY MASTER FUNDING 2021-A EQUILIBRAL TRUST  
 Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd, Ste 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155  
 Attorney File # CO11454  
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**LOT 25, THE RESERVE AT PAGOSA PEAK PHASE 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 5, 2005 AS RECEPTION NO. 20510466, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.**  
**Also known by street and number as: 196 DYLAN DR, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147.**  
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**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2023-005**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On August 9, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
 Original Grantor(s) Sohum Mountain Ranch, LLC Original Beneficiary(ies) Gary Morris  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Gary Morris  
 Date of Deed of Trust June 03, 2019  
 County of Recording Archuleta  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust August 09, 2023  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21903116  
 Original Principal Amount \$2,800,000.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$2,800,000.00  
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**Tract II of the GARY MORRIS SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 3, 2019 as Reception No 21903078**  
**Also known by street and number as: 6651 County Road 382, Chromo, CO 81128.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

WHEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 12/07/2023, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Ryan Bourgeois #51088  
 Barrett Frappier Weisserman, LLP 1391 SPEER BLVD, SUITE 700, DENVER, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711  
 Attorney File # 00000009805979  
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2023-008**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On August 31, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
 Original Grantor(s) Joe P. Manzanares and Dora Pauline Manzanares  
 Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS")  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt NewRez LLC, F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC, D/B/A  
 Date of Deed of Trust April 03, 2003  
 County of Recording Archuleta  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 16, 2003  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20303824  
 Original Principal Amount \$77,000.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$43,948.49  
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**LOT 10, BLOCK 53, TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AS PLAT NO. 25, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.**  
**Also known by street and number as: Lot 10, S. 6th Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

**ERIC SCHNOEBELEN, THERESA E FISHER, RONALD E FISHER, JR, Defendants**  
 Attorney for Plaintiff:  
 Christopher B. Conley  
 Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC  
 700 South 21st Street  
 Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.5906  
 Email: ic@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**  
**TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): ERIC SCHNOEBELEN**  
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
 If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.  
 This is an *in rem* action of judicial foreclosure on your (Mershank) interest(s) for failure to pay the Monthly Payments to Wyndham Vacation Resort, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.  
 Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.  
 Published in the **Pagosa Springs Sun**  
 First Publication: October 19, 2023  
 Last Publication: November 16, 2023  
 /s/ Christopher B. Conley  
 Christopher B. Conley  
 Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC  
 700 South 21st Street  
 Fort Smith, AR 72901  
 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651  
 Published October 19, 26 & November 2, 9, & 16 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (219005)

**FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON November 7, 2023** Robert Hicks has applied for a MINOR SUBDIVISION on the Parcel in Sec. 1 Tract: 32 Ring 1E, at 2940 County Road 182, Chromo, CO (PLN23-159). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR).  
 Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Board of County Commissioners on November 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.  
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**FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON November 7, 2023** TJ and Stacey Fitzwater have applied for a SUBDIVISION AMENDMENT on the Parcel in Tract: 2 Hudson Rio Blanco Subdivision #8, at 101 County Road 339, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-162). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL ESTATES (AE).  
 Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Board of County Commissioners on November 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.  
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**FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON November 8, 2023** PROJECT SANCTUARY has applied for a WILDERNESS LODGE BOARD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT on the Parcel in the SW1/4E1/4 of Sec 13, T1W 34N, R1W 14, in 1099 Blue Creek Rd, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-153). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR).  
 Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on November 8, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.  
 Published October 19 & November 2, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (219258)

**NOTICE AS TO PROPOSED BUDGET**  
 Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Upper San Juan Library District for the ensuing year of 2024. That a copy of the proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library at 811 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, where same is open for public inspection. That each county budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held through Zoom, on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 4:00 pm, access https://us202web.zoom.us/j/83398449146 or call 346-248-7799 US with meeting ID 83398449146. Any interested elector within the Upper San Juan Library District may inspect the budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.  
 Dated: October 19, 2023  
 Upper San Juan Library District  
 Meg Wempe, Director  
 Published November 2 and November 9, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (219723)

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
 To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
 PEGGY PAYNE  
 733 MANN'S HARBOR DRIVE  
 APOLLO BEACH, FL 33572-3391  
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2023, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to D. HAUSERMAN the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 60, REPLAT OF RIO BLANCO CABIN SITES UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD MARCH 20, 1967 AS RECEPTION NO. 69614.**  
 Account Number: R010327  
 Schedule Number: 596501201015  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2020-05093  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to D. HAUSERMAN.  
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2019; That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of PEGGY PAYNE for said year 2019; That said D. HAUSERMAN on the 19th day of September 2023, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to D. HAUSERMAN on the 6th day of March 2024, unless the same has been redeemed;  
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
 Witness my hand this 10th day of October 2023  
 Signed: Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
 To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
 ANDREW G. FENNEY  
 P O BOX 888  
 ADDISON, TX 75001-0888  
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2023, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to MERLE LARIE FORD the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**LOT 398 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO.6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.**  
 Account Number: R015035  
 Schedule Number: 59830920062  
 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2011-01843  
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to MERLE LARIE FORD.  
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2019

# Outdoors



## Containment grows on Trail Springs Fire

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Activity on a pair of fires on the San Juan National Forest — the Trail Springs Fire and the Mill Creek 2 Fire — decreased with the recent cooler temperatures and moisture, though activity on the Trail Springs Fire is again increasing.

The U.S. Forest Service notes in an update on the fires that, despite the recent winter weather, fire danger remains moderate, “so it is important that forest users completely drown campfires to prevent unintended escape. Use the ‘drown, stir, feel’ method to be sure it’s dead out.”

### Trail Springs Fire

The largest of the two fires, the Trail Springs Fire, was listed at 1,251 acres and 37 percent containment in a Wednesday morning update.

The fire, located 12 miles northwest of Pagosa

Springs, began the afternoon of Oct. 19 and was caused by lightning, according to the Forest Service.

Wednesday’s update notes, “While there was little to no growth on the fire yesterday, firefighters are seeing that fire activity is starting to pick up as we move deeper into this warming and drying trend and the traces of last weekend’s moisture dissipate. Relative humidity levels are expected to hover around 20-25% for the next couple of days, which will enable fire behavior to increase with the potential to burn uphill into unburned areas. Growth is expected to primarily take place to the north of the current fire footprint. In preparation for this possibility, crews continue to prepare the Corral Mountain Road as indirect line. Aerial resources remain staged and ready in case they are needed.”

An area closure was put in place on Oct. 24 covering multiple roads and trails in or near the Trail Springs Fire area (the Middle Mountain area), including Forest Service Roads 630, East Monument

Road, at its intersection with Turkey Springs Road, according to the agency.

Details of the closure area can be found at <https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-trail-springs-fire>.

Additionally, a temporary flight restriction is in effect over the fire area.

Details can be found at [https://tfr.faa.gov/save\\_pages/detail\\_3\\_8962.html#areas](https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_3_8962.html#areas).

### Mill Creek 2 Fire

The Mill Creek 2 Fire, burning 12 miles northeast of Pagosa Springs, was listed at 122 acres and zero percent containment in the Wednesday update.

It began Oct. 19. The cause is under investigation.

Wednesday’s update states, “Dispersed smoke continues to be observed. Fire conditions are being assessed by aircraft reconnaissance and firefighters watching from a safe distance, which will continue until there is no longer any heat detected.”



Photo courtesy U.S. Forest Service

Smoke rises from the northeast portion of the Trail Springs Fire.

## Learn about critical conservation efforts at Bighorn Celebration Nov. 7



Photo courtesy Mountain Studies Institute

A planned Bighorn Celebration on Nov. 7 in Durango will feature state and national experts explaining issues facing bighorns and conservation of the species.

Mountain Studies Institute

While Colorado’s Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep populations face significant threats, wildlife conservation organizations are working to ensure the sustainability of this iconic species.

To bring the public’s attention to the issues, the National Wildlife Federation, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society and the Wild Sheep Foundation are the major sponsors of the Bighorn Celebration in Durango on Nov. 7.

The event will feature state and national experts who will explain the issues facing bighorns, their current status, and what can be done to protect and bolster populations. Organizers will be announcing important new programs and successes that are aiding bighorn conservation.

Concerns about bighorns, however, are not limited to Colorado,

explained Bob McCready, Wildlife Conflict Resolution Program Senior Manager for the National Wildlife Foundation.

“Bighorns are in trouble throughout the Rocky Mountain West,” McCready said. “Ensuring the viability of populations in Colorado is critical to our region-wide conservation effort.”

The Bighorn Celebration and fundraiser will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 7 at the Double Tree Hotel in Durango, 501 Camino Del Rio.

## Fall cleanup urged to lessen fire risk

By Bill Trimarco  
Wildfire Adapted Partnership

We have been very fortunate for the last two years when you consider the lack of damage from the wildfires that we have had.

We started out in the spring of 2022 with the Plumtaw Fire putting up a column of smoke that was the focal point of everyone’s attention. Thanks to air support and on-the-ground efforts of fire crews, no buildings or lives were lost. The fire burned toward an area that had received forest treatments the previous fall and it was stopped there. We then had a wet summer and things were relatively quiet after that.

2023 was a different story. There was smoke in the air for most of the summer. At one point there were about a dozen fair-size fires burning within 100 miles of Pagosa Springs.

Between the Chris Mountain, Coal Mine, Bear Creek and Quartz Ridge fires, almost 5,000 acres were burned within 20 miles of Pagosa Springs. The fire crews did a great job incorporating previous planning, taking advantage of weather and terrain, and with boots on the ground to give them viable choices as to where to contain the fires. Again, no lives or structures were lost.

There is no way of predicting how many fires we will have or whether or not one will directly impact our community, but we do have a responsibility to ourselves, our families and our neighbors to make preparations for the inevitable. Please don’t assume that it can’t happen here just because it has not happened recently. Wildfire is a serious threat to almost every home in our county. Ignoring that fact will never make it go away. Understanding what the threat is can help us prepare for it.

The bulk of our local forests have not seen a significant wildfire for more than 140 years. That is a lot of time for unchecked growth of potential fuel. Without fire to thin the trees and underbrush, that excessive growth is so close together and reaching from the ground to the tree crowns that huge fires have become the norm.

A lot of our residents here feel very safe because their homes are nowhere near the forest.

Unfortunately, that may not make a difference.

Most of the homes lost to wildfire are never directly touched by the flames. Most of the structure loss is caused by the blizzard of embers that blow ahead of the fire, starting spot fires outside of the area that is burning. Those embers can travel over a mile. All it takes is one ember landing on some kindling and you have a new fire start.

Usually, you will see hundreds of embers swirling ahead of the fire. If those embers enter your house or find

some kindling on or near your house, there is a good chance that your house will catch fire, too.

Fall is a great time to take steps to safeguard your house. Some basic steps can make a big difference:

- Sign up for Archuleta County’s citizen alert at <https://www.archuletacounty.org/569/Citizens-Alert--NIXLE#:~:text=Archuleta%20County%20Sheriff%20utilizes%20an,the%20sign-up%20widget%20below>.
- Clean the leaves and pine needles off of the roof.
- Clean the eavestroughs.
- Make sure all attic and soffit vents have 1/8-inch metal screening.
- Chimneys need spark arrestors (They keep birds out of your woodstove, too).
- Repair any holes or gaps in the siding.
- Crawl space vents need 1/8-inch metal screening.
- Rake up leaves and needles within 10 feet of the structure.
- Remove all combustibles on, under or near wooden decks.
- Install metal screening under the deck to keep duff and critters out.
- Maintain decks and stairs. Dried-out wood is more flammable than oil-stained or painted wood.

• Use non-combustible fencing within 5 feet of the house. (If you cannot do that, then clear the combustibles from either side of the fence for its entire length.)

- Move firewood piles at least 30 feet away from structures.
- Remove any combustible plants within 10 feet of the house.
- Within 30 feet of the house, mow grasses to a 6-inch height or less.
- Ornamental junipers and spruce are highly flammable. Don’t plant them within 10 feet of the house.

For those of you who don’t live here full time, fall cleanup is especially important. Fire season begins earlier each year. Any threats to your home that aren’t taken care of before winter will still be there come spring. Wildfires might start before you get back in the spring to do your cleanup.

These are some good fall fire cleanup tips. If you want to learn what else you can do, especially with the vegetation within 100 feet of your home, check with the Wildfire Adapted Partnership at (970) 385-8909. You can sign up for its e-news at [wildfireadapted.org](http://wildfireadapted.org) and be one of the first to know when its free assessments, mitigation and chipper rebate programs reopen in the spring.



## 2024 PSMC EMT Training Class

**What:** Informational Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, November 15, 6-8 p.m.

**Where:** PSMC Training Room  
189 N. Pagosa Blvd.

PSMC will present class information including:

- Broader healthcare opportunities with EMT training
- Program expectations and schedule, must be 18 to register
- Potential program tuition and reimbursement opportunities

For more information, contact PSMC EMS at 970-507-3973

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# ✓ Vote Yes on 5A

## Support Our Schools

5A is not related to state prop HH. Prop HH is a state issue.

**5A is a local issue which strengthens our local schools and community.**

This is an **extension of the 2018 Mill Levy Override** that will expire in 2025 without your yes vote on 5A.

**Continue investing** in highly qualified (Archuleta School District) ASD educators, custodians, bus drivers and all district staff so they can afford to live in the community where they work.

**Continue support** for Pagosa Peak Open School staff salaries and school safety.

If this ballot measure doesn’t pass, ASD school funding will be **decreased by \$1.7 million annually** resulting in major budget cuts that may **reduce pay for teachers, eliminate jobs, increase class sizes or cut critical services.**

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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## ARTS & LIFE

# Kids Choose Art

Holiday Makers Fair • Nov. 11 • Pagosa Springs High School



Photo courtesy Mary Kurt-Mason

November 2, 2023

# Kids Choose Art to connect kids with art for a cause

By Mary Kurt-Mason  
Aspen House

Imagine yourself as a child, entering a magical space filled with beautiful art. Imagine being allowed to pick a piece of art of your very own, all by yourself. This is the magic that will happen in the Kids Choose Art booth at the Holiday Makers Fair on Nov. 11 at Pagosa Springs High School.

Kids Choose Art is a special event created just for children ages 5 to 12 as a “fun” fundraiser for Aspen House.

After a parent (guardian, grandparent, fairy godmother) makes a donation to Aspen House, their child will receive a ticket granting the child admission into the magical Kids Choose booth. The booth will be filled with beautiful pieces of art made by talented Pagosa artists, along with other creators from as far away as Whidbey Island, Wash.

Once inside the “kids-only” booth, a child will be free to find a piece of art that speaks to them. Both donations and art pieces will be on a sliding scale, starting at a \$5 donation level. Although parents cannot enter the Kids Choose booth, certain magical adults have been granted special admission in order to supervise and assist the art-choosing children.

Kids Choose Art will take place



Photo courtesy Abigail Kurt-Mason

**Children ages 5-12 will have the opportunity to pick their own piece of art at the Kids Choose Art booth at the Holiday Makers Fair on Nov. 11 at Pagosa Springs High School, with the booth raising funds for Aspen House.**

at the Holiday Makers Fair on Nov. 11 in the high school commons area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The art work available in the booth will be continually changed and replenished throughout the day in order to have a wonderful selection whenever children arrive.

Kids Choose Art will give children ages 5-12 the opportunity to personally engage with many forms of art while raising funds for Aspen House.

Aspen House will be the first home in the Pagosa Springs area that provides supervised housing and support services for adults with developmental disabilities.

It will allow adults with special needs to grow in independence without having to leave their home community.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Kurt-Mason at mesacanyonart@gmail.com or text (970) 903-8203.

## Karaoke Dance Party



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The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Maxwell Miller, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday**  
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Ron Lowe, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday**  
The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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# Stargazers to hear from astronomer on Nov. 2

By Joan Mieritz  
San Juan Stargazers

Tonight, Thursday, Nov. 2, is the monthly educational meeting of the San Juan Stargazers at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St.

Use the parking lot and nearby side door because we leave the front doors locked. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with coffee, tea and treats. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m., and the educational program will start sharply at 7:10 p.m.

Dr. Andy Green will give a fabulous presentation on his work at the Australian National Observatory, about the amazing telescope he used and about the formation of galaxies, which is his area of expertise.

Then we will return to Earth and our neighboring Chimney Rock for a remarkable presentation by Tom Hanchett, of mission control at the Johnson Space Center, explaining the major lunar standstill, which recently began and happens every 18.6 years.

It is what made Chimney Rock special for the ancient people and it is the only natural location on earth marking this unique lunar event. Hanchett has created an amazing model and when we leave we should be able to explain to everyone exactly how it happens.

What a night of learning. Students are always welcome.

## Anniversary celebration and dinner set for Nov. 10

On Friday, Nov. 10, from 5 to 9 p.m. will be the 11th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner for the San Juan Stargazers.

It will be at our regular meeting location, the Community United Methodist Church. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. It is not a Potluck. It is free for members, but an RSVP is necessary.

To begin, for hors d'oeuvres we will be having Rex Kemp's literally world-famous hummus dish which he perfected while living in Saudi Arabia. We will be having several different kinds of lasagna and a fresh green salad. For dessert, we hope to be having everyone's favorite pie with whipped cream or ice cream.

To RSVP by Thursday, Nov. 9, please leave a message or send a text to (303) 995-2888 with your name, number of people coming and your three most favorite kinds of pies.

Dessert is being provided by the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) in appreciation for the work we do on the night sky programs at Chimney Rock National Monument.

CRIA volunteers who helped out on the night sky programs but aren't Stargazers are welcome to join us for this celebration of com-

pleting the summer serving almost 300 visitors at nine events.

This will mostly be a social gathering, but we will spend time getting excited and mind-boggled looking at and discussing some of the recent fabulous discoveries of the James Webb Space Telescope. Ninety-three percent of the galaxies discovered by the Webb have never been seen before.

## December meeting

Looking ahead at our December

meeting, it will be on Dec. 7 and it will be a working meeting for all members.

In 2022, we gave summer tours of the night sky so we could all become the astronomer of our dreams. I'm sure you have always dreamed of standing outside on a dark night and pointing out the constellations, noting the special stars, planets and anything else of importance.

In 2022, new and renewing

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# Registration open for holiday lighting contests

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The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and The Pagosa Springs SUN are sponsoring a lighting contest this holiday season. The lighting contest will make the holiday season shine.

It includes enhanced lighting in downtown Pagosa as well as many other festive events taking place in and around the Pagosa Springs area through the end of December.

Participating addresses will be promoted to locals and visitors. Voting will be conducted online between Nov. 24 and Dec. 18.

## Residential lighting contest

The holiday residential lighting competition will test participants' creativity and award cash prizes

for first (\$1000), second (\$500) and third (\$250).

Participating residential properties must be decorated by Nov. 24. Winners will be announced in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Dec. 21. We ask residential properties to turn on their lights every evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. between Nov. 24 and the end of the year.

## Business lighting contest

The business lighting contest is open to any Pagosa Springs area business with a property to decorate. Participating businesses must decorate by Nov. 24.

We ask business properties to turn on their lights every evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. between Nov 24 and the end of the year.

Winners will be announced in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Dec. 21. Business prizes of first (\$1,000), second (\$500) and third (\$250) will

be awarded as advertising in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

## Storefront window contest

The storefront window contest is open to any Pagosa Springs area business with a storefront window to decorate.

Participating businesses must decorate by Nov. 24. We ask business properties to turn on their lights every evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. between Nov 24 and the end of the year.

Winners will be announced in The Pagosa Springs SUN on Dec. 21. Storefront window prizes of first (\$500), second (\$250) and third (\$125) will be awarded as advertising in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

## How to enter

To enter the contest, please complete the following form by end of day on Nov. 15: <https://bit.ly/2023LightingContestSignUp>.

# Stargazers

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Stargazer members received a special blue plastic notebook with the needed information to educate and maybe impress your friends, relatives, neighbors and yourself about the night sky.

At the December meeting we will be adding missing months with maps and narratives with additional information for every month of the year. Judith Jubb has been working very hard gathering material from several sources and, most importantly, leaving out the extraneous sources of confusion. She did this work for the presentations she gave during the summer months at the Chimney Rock night sky programs. Now she has completed material for the Stargazers for all months of the year.

I don't think there is anything quite like this booklet, being concise, easy to read, direct and uncomplicated. Of course, you have to do some preparation, but we've

tried to make it as simple as possible. Since there is material for each month, you can study a few pages and then forget it until next year, when you can look it up again.

You must find the notebook you were given and bring it with you to work on.

After completing the notebook, we will go over how to use this fabulous tool. You will go home one step closer to achieving being the astronomer of your dreams with the only step left — get out and do it.

You may want to practice before you put on a show and get a red-light flashlight and a green laser pointer.

Please look for the notebook you were given because it is too expensive to give people a second notebook. This is a priceless tool to use for the rest of your life and pass down to your grandchildren. We need everyone working together to complete this great project.

## About the Stargazers

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, you will also receive Reflector Magazine, which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member.

To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25 per family. You can join the club at any of our events, or now you can join using PayPal at [sanjuanstargazers.org](http://sanjuanstargazers.org).

Check out our recently improved website with much more information and fabulous pictures. If you join at our December meeting it will be the last chance to get a copy of this very special notebook to become the astronomer of your dreams.

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Photo courtesy Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

On Saturday, Nov. 11, from noon to 3 p.m., the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs will host a celebration of its new art mural painted on the thrift store downtown, as well as the launch of its new website.

## Humane Society to celebrate mural progress, new website launch Nov. 11

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

On Saturday, Nov. 11, the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs will host a celebration of its beautiful new art mural painted on the thrift store downtown, as well as the launch of its new website.

Meltdown on Main will host this celebration event that will be free, family-friendly and open to the public.

Robson Reyes, executive director of the Humane Society shared, "We hope everyone can join us at this momentous occasion to thank our community for their incredible support. We are proud to showcase our new website and the breathtaking mural that adds beauty to Pagosa Street while building awareness for our cause. Come meet the talented mural artist, Markus Hughes, while learning more about our mission, adoption opportunities, and how you can support us in our efforts to care for our community's cats and dogs. This event will be a casual, come-and-go appreciation event where attendees can drop by to say hello, celebrate the Humane Society's accomplishments, and enjoy a quick bite to eat while listening to some great live music. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated!"

From noon to 3 p.m. on Nov. 11, join the Humane Society at Meltdown on Main, located at 257 Pagosa St., for an afternoon of gratitude, good food and great music.

At the event, enjoy the melodic tunes of talented local singer/songwriter Michael Dae Hanlon while dining on delicious food and beverages that will be available for purchase.

Be among the first to explore the Humane Society's brand-new website, offering a user-friendly platform that will connect the organization with its current and potential supporters.

Use the new website to learn about the Humane Society's mission and vision, community services, adoptions, volunteer opportunities, upcoming events and much more.

Then, take a short stroll right next door to appreciate the stunning new mural beautifying the side of the thrift store building located at 279 Pagosa St.

For any questions or for more information, contact [hsfundraising@humanesociety.biz](mailto:hsfundraising@humanesociety.biz) or call

(970) 264-5549.

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs is a local, private nonprofit organization that operates the only animal shelter in Archuleta County.

Your local humane society does not receive funding from the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane, ASPCA or any other national animal welfare organizations. Private donations, grants, and thrift store revenues cover only a portion of animal shelter operating expenses. The remainder of shelter costs must be met through fundraising events and community support. It is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

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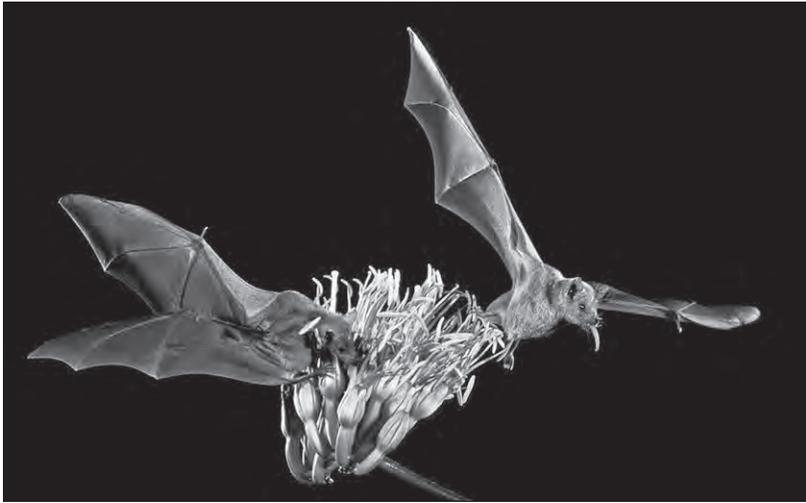


Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Photography Club  
**On Nov. 8, the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will view "Bat City USA," a documentary directed by Pagosa Springs' Laura Brooks.**



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## Photography Club to view bat documentary

By Gregg Heid  
 Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The Nov. 8 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will feature Laura Brooks, who will present her documentary "Bat City USA," a video about how a Texas city overcame its fear of one of the world's most misunderstood creatures, largely thanks to the efforts of one man.

The club's meeting will be held at the Community United Methodist Church. Come at 6 p.m. for socializing; the presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A giant colony of Mexican free-tailed bats moved into an Austin, Texas, bridge in the 1980s after a bridge reconstruction project created an ideal roosting habitat. The "bat invasion" created a media hoopla and alarm among residents worried about rabies.

When the city threatened to exterminate the bats, conservationist and bat researcher Merlin Tuttle stepped in and fought to save them. Tuttle moved to Austin, then the epicenter of "worldwide bad bat publicity," and founded Bat Conservation International to promote a positive image of bats.

Tuttle worked tirelessly to overcome opposition and change the public's perception of bats from disease carriers to desirable creatures that help keep bugs in check. Tuttle became a pioneering bat photographer for National Geographic, developing special techniques that showed bats not as snarling beasts, but as creatures engaged in their natural ways of feeding, flying and other behaviors.

Tuttle used his striking photos as an important weapon in his battle to gain acceptance for the bats and their environmental benefits.

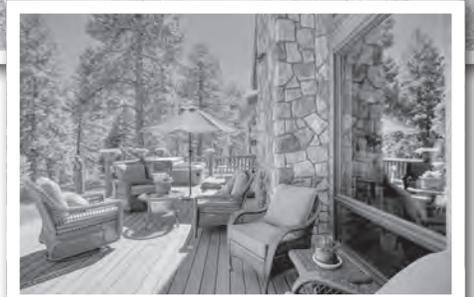
Thanks to Tuttle's efforts, Austin now loves its bats. Each year, thousands of tourists are drawn to the

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# TARA Community Center holds chili cook-off

By Susan Halkin  
PREVIEW Columnist

On Saturday, Oct. 28, the TARA Community Center in Arboles sponsored a chili cook-off with a silent auction.

There were 12 entries for green chili and 11 entries for red chili. The winners were judged by a panel of tasters. The People's Choice was selected by the people.

The following are the winners.

**Green chili**

First place: Kymberley Pierce.

Second place: Carol Lorac.

Third place: Melissa Gills.

**Red chili**

First place: Mike McDowell.

Second place: Cassandra Shacklett.

Third place: Charmaine Curtis.

The People's Choice winner was Lorie Davis.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who made it all happen and those who contributed. It was a fun community event that was

## News from Arboles

well attended.

### TARA community Thanksgiving dinner

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, at noon, the TARA Community Center will sponsor a free Thanksgiving dinner.

We realized that there are many in our community who spend the holidays alone. We wanted to change this for people who would like to share a delicious Thanksgiving meal together.

The TARA Food Pantry will provide turkey and ham and there is a sign-up sheet for those who can bring a dish.

Shawna Lora is the contact per-

son for this event. Please call, text, or email her if you would like to attend at (575) 590-8421 or shawnaleighlora@gmail.com.

This is the first year that TARA has offered a community Thanksgiving dinner. We hope that it will become an annual tradition.

### Christmas in Arboles

The TARA Community Center is holding its Annual Christmas in Arboles event on Dec. 3 from noon to 4 p.m.

A holiday cookie contest will be held with prizes for the winners. There will also be local vendors, and cookie plates will be sold after the contest.

We ask for vendors to please not sell cookies at the tables, as this is a fundraiser for the TARA Community Center. Table choices for vendors are 5-foot round tables for \$15 or a 6-foot-by-2.5-foot rectangular table for \$20. Please email or call Susan Halkin to reserve a table. Call (970) 883-0017, text (303) 709-1789 or email at halkin2000@yahoo.com. A silent auction will also be held. All proceeds will benefit the TARA Community Center in Arboles.

Come and join the fun.

# New Thought Center to meet Nov. 5

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

At the Sunday service on Nov. 5 at 11 a.m., Dr. Elaine Harding will present "The One Cause Within Us That Creates Heaven or Hell-How to Choose Wisely."

"It rushes from Heaven to Hell in a matter of seconds. The mind is a universe and can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven. The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest. If heaven really exists: then heaven is the job, hell is unemployment, while life is merely an interview." — John Milton.

### Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join the SpiritHeart band. Please text Bruce at (970) 507-0739 for band information.

Nov. 4, 5 to 8 p.m.: Vets4Vets fundraiser at the Pagosa Lodge. There

will be a cash bar, dinner and door prizes. Tickets are now on sale. Text or call (970) 510-0309.

Nov. 5, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Harding, Ignite Your Life group meeting after the service.

Nov. 12, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Julie Loar, "A Presentation on Spiritual Egypt."

Nov. 16, 6 p.m.: Quintangled Night. Play the game Quintangled with Loar as your guide.

Nov. 19, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with John and Sue Love. The Loves will share their story.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve celebration on Zoom. Join White Eagle McClure for a beautiful ceremony.

Jan. 1, 2024: Burning bowl ceremony to welcome in the new year with intention and purpose. The time is to be announced.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Pagosa Lodge (elevator available).

# Documentary

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downtown bridge for a close-up glimpse of one of the world's largest urban bat colonies — at least 1 million bats.

The 54-minute documentary was directed by Brooks, a Pagosa Springs resident and member of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club. Brooks has worked for years as a journalist in Central and South America and along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Following the presentation, club members may share and discuss up to five of their images per per-

son with the group.

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club promotes educational, social and fun interactions between all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help photographers hone their skills. We welcome photographers of all skill levels.

For more information about the club, and to download a membership application, visit our website at <https://pagosaprinssphoto-club.org/about/>.



## 2024 PSMC EMT Training Class

**What:** Informational Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, November 15, 6-8 p.m.

**Where:** PSMC Training Room  
189 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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# Upcoming UU topic: ‘Exploring Native American Religion as Place, Power, and Protocol’

By **Pauline Benetti**  
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) in-person services are on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m. Zoom services have been discontinued.

In-person meditation practice is on the second and fourth Sundays at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Our sermon this Sunday comes to us from our generous neighbors to the south, First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque, N.M. As part of First U’s Summer Interfaith Series, the Rev. Randy Granger spoke on “Exploring Native American Religion as Place, Power, and Protocol.” We will stream from that service on Sunday.

Granger is a musician, a spiri-

tual leader, a drum circle leader, a workshop leader and an ordained minister. He is also of Mayan and Apache ancestry, among other tribes.

Granger will explore Native American spirituality and religions through creation stories, music and common beliefs amongst Native peoples.

He will share with us how Native American ideas such as the Seventh Generation and Walking in Beauty resonate still with us and can help guide us in our personal lives. It takes a special listening to pick up on the wisdom of these simple stories as he encases them in haunting flute melodies.

In response to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tracking of COVID-19 hospitalization as low in Archuleta County

(+26 in past week, up 4 percent) the PUUF Steering Committee states that masking will be optional at this time in our building; however, social distancing is encouraged. To that end the maximum capacity of the fellowship has been reduced to 25, a very good reason for arriving a few minutes early.

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

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak. Join us. For more information about the fellowship, please visit [www.pagosauu.org](http://www.pagosauu.org).

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# Preview Calendar

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## Thursday, Nov. 2

**Ruby’s Writers Guild.** 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby’s Writers Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

**Bridge.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

**Hand and Foot Card Game.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

**Tech Time.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring all your device chargers. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library’s online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**English as a Second Language.** 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

**PALS Adult Education.** 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Fall Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.** 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Donna Wynn will discuss Upper

San Juan Search and Rescue. Pick up a brochure with more details at your library or go to <https://www.pagosalibrary.org/adults>.

**San Juan Outdoor Club.** 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse at 230 Port Avenue. San Juan Outdoor Club Monthly Meeting. The co-coordinator of the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership will provide information about the organization. His presentation will include an update on the Jackson Mountain project with information on the wildfire mitigation and logging efforts, and wildlife habitat monitoring work that is ongoing, an overview of the snowtopography project recently installed at Jackson Mountain, and a viewing of the Plumtaw Fire video prepared by Christi Bode. The talk will highlight the health status of our local forest and watershed and offer ideas and opportunities for club members and the general public to participate in projects. The public is welcome to join us. The meeting starts with a social half hour at 6 p.m. with light refreshments. For more information, please email [sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com).

**San Juan Stargazers.** 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. There will be a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by the program at 7 p.m. Astronomer Dr. Andy Green will discuss the formation of galaxies and Tom Hancett will present on the lunar standstill.

## Friday, Nov. 3

**Friday Flix.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy a PG-rated movie and free popcorn.

**Dia De Los Muertos Dance Party.** 7 p.m.-midnight, CSU Extension Building. Archuleta Seniors Inc.

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invites you to celebrate on a day to gather, remember and celebrate our loved ones who went before us. Tickets are \$20 and are available at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. at the Pagosa Senior Center, or at the chamber or online at <https://givebutter.com/DDLM4ASI>. There will be music by DJ Marcus Rivas, a cash bar, Mexican food by the Guadalupanas and more. Bring a photo of your loved one(s) to place on the community ofrenda. Bring a dozen homemade cookies and share your recipe for \$5 off your ticket price. Children under 12 are free. For more information, call Archuleta Seniors Inc. at (970) 264-2167.

**Saturday, Nov. 4**

**Holiday Market.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Archuleta Seniors Inc. and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association are hosting an early season holiday market.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. This 13-week program provides support and encouragement after the death of a family member or loved one and offers biblical concepts for healing from grief. Contact Marie Rascoe at [marierascoe67@gmail.com](mailto:marierascoe67@gmail.com) for more information.

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your own or use our LEGOs to free build.

**DivorceCare.** 4-5:30 p.m. Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. This divorce recovery seminar and support group will meet at Centerpoint Church each Saturday. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "New Relationships," "Kid Care" and "Forgiveness." For more information, call Lorena Medina at (970) 731-2205 or email her at [loremedina0817@gmail.com](mailto:loremedina0817@gmail.com).

**Retro Groove Fundraiser.** 5-8 p.m., Pagosa Lodge, 3505 U.S. 160. Get your retro groove on with live music from the RetroCats, an optional dinner (for an additional \$10) and cash bar, door prizes, a costume contest and more. Hosted by Vets for Vets and the New Thought Center. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling or texting (970) 510-0309.

**Sunday, Nov. 5**

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. 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, Nov. 6**

**Pickleball.** 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are

available.

**Senior Conversations.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

**Learn to Knit or Crochet.** 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn to knit or crochet. Free gathering from for ages 8 and up. Supplies provided.

**Boy Scout Troop 807 Meeting.** 4-5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Boys aged 11-17 are invited to attend meetings. Meetings are weekly on Mondays at 4 p.m. Scouts learn outdoor and leadership skills, teamwork, support our community and have fun. Contact Jennifer Walterscheid at (970) 986-0387 or [scoutmaster807@gmail.com](mailto:scoutmaster807@gmail.com) for more details.

**Teen/Tween Art Camp.** 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Art classes for teens and tweens. Each month we will explore a different style or medium. This month, it's cartooning and caricature with guest artist Dan Dempster. Registration is required.

**Pagosa Unplugged.** 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Inviting musicians of all abilities and expertise to jam and sing with others. Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for details.

**Tuesday, Nov. 7**

**Pagosa Springs Stitchers.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

**Pagosa Duplicate Bridge.** 12:30 p.m. PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of the playing pair to [pagosaduplicate@gmail.com](mailto:pagosaduplicate@gmail.com) or text (970) 946-6454 for more information.

**Bridge.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

**Mahjong.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

**Good News Club.** 3:15-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. For kids in kindergarten through fourth grade. This club meets in the cafeteria each Tuesday that school is in session and is weekly club in which the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. All kids from any school or home-schooled are welcome to come. To register your child, go to [coloradocef.org/southwest](http://coloradocef.org/southwest) and click on "Register for a Club." For more information,

email Frank and Connie Porter at [ceflittlekids@gmail.com](mailto:ceflittlekids@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, Nov. 8**

**Kids Kare.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Kids Kare is a program for children ages 3-5 that meets each Wednesday and includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more.

**COVID-19 Booster Vaccine and Flu Clinic.** 10 a.m.-noon, Pagosa Senior Center. Please join us for a drop in clinic performed by San Juan Basin Public Health. Please call (970) 264-2167 to sign up for the booster/flu clinic so we know how many to plan on.

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an educational hour of reading, singing and free play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Pickleball.** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Community Center. Free beginner lessons. Reserve at [www.pagosapickleball.org](http://www.pagosapickleball.org).

**Pickleball.** 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Elementary Tutoring.** 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Build essential skills in core subjects. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Spanish Fiesta Committee Meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Senior Center dining hall. Members of the Spanish Fiesta committee and the general community interested in supporting the 22nd Annual Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta are invited. We welcome everyone to join in on the organizing of this special community event. Join us on Zoom. For more information, contact (970) 264-2167.

**Thursday, Nov. 9**

**Ruby's Writers Guild.** 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

**Virtual Author Talk: Tiffany Aliche.** Noon, virtual. Listen live or recorded. Featuring "Get Good with Money and Reach Your Financial Goals" with Tiffany "The Budgetnista" Aliche. For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

**Bridge.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

**Hand and Foot Card Game.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

**Tech Time.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device chargers. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

**English as a Second Language.** 4-7

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p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

**PALS Adult Education.** 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Fall Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.** 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Paul Wilson will showcase the Project Healing Waters fly-fishing program for disabled veterans and wounded warriors. Pick up a brochure with more details at your library or go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/adultservices>.

**Pagosa Springs Photography Club Meeting.** 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. The meeting will feature Laura Brooks, who will present her documentary "Bat City USA." Following the presentation, club members may share and discuss up to five of their images per person with the group. For more information about the club, visit <https://pagosapingsphotoclub.org/about/>.

**Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Clue The Musical.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. This is a PG-13 production with mild adult themes. Tickets are available online at <https://our.show/clue23> or at the door.

## Friday, Nov. 10

**Pickleball.** 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Messy Art: Nature Sculptures.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Get messy and make art. We will make sculptures out of natural materials. All supplies will be provided.

**San Juan Stargazers Anniversary Dinner and Celebration.** 5-9 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Members should RSVP to (303) 995-2888 with your name, number of people coming and your favorite kinds of pies.

**Great Stories Club.** 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa teens are invited to join us to discuss "Dreaming in Indian" and celebrate Indigenous voices and artists in our community. After discussing the book, participants will hear from local Indigenous artists who will share about their work and inspiration. From there, we will move into open studio time focused on creating art in response to the book or the art-

ists. Registration is required.

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## Saturday, Nov. 11

**Holiday Maker's Fair.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School.

**Chess Club.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to play chess with quick lessons and game time or practice your skills. All ages and abilities are welcome.

**Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Senior Center dining room. Bring your scrapbooking projects or any crafting project you may want to work on with the group.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. This 13-week program provides support and encouragement after the death of a family member or loved one and offers biblical concepts for healing from grief. Contact Marie Rascoe at [marierascoe67@gmail.com](mailto:marierascoe67@gmail.com) for more information.

**Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Celebration.** Noon-3 p.m., Melt-down on Main, 257 Pagosa St. Celebration of the new art mural painted on the thrift store downtown, as well as the launch of its new website.

**Knitters Circle.** 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join new or experienced knitters to get help with your project or sit and knit.

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**Three Sisters at Your Thanksgiving Table.** 4-8 p.m., PLPOA Club-

house. The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership will host a harvest party with live music, photography and great food. Tickets are \$50 for adults; \$20 for seniors, veterans and teens; and \$10 for children; kids 5 and under are free. Cooks who bring a dish to share will be admitted at no cost. Tickets are available at [www.pagosagreen.org](http://www.pagosagreen.org).

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## Monday, Nov. 13

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:30 a.m., advanced group 10:15 a.m. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

**Pickleball.** 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Senior Conversations.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

**Teen/Tween Art Camp.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Art classes for teens and tweens. Each month we will explore a different style or medium. This month, it's cartooning and caricature with guest artist Dan Dempster. Registration is required.

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

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**FRI. NOV. 10** 4:30 - 5:00 PM

**COMMUNITY SOUND BATH**  
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**SAT. NOV. 11** 5:00 - 6:30 PM

**ECSTATIC DANCE EVENT**  
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Experience the fun and meditative practice of ecstatic dance, a free-form dance event with uninhibited movement that allows you to express yourself through joyful and spontaneous dancing.

Glow-in-the-dark items encouraged.

**SUN. NOV. 12** 10:00 - 11:00 AM

**COMMUNITY YOGA**  
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# Curtains Up Pagosa to present 'Clue The Musical' Nov. 9-11

By Anthony Aldwell  
Curtains Up Pagosa

Remember playing the board game Clue, when you deduced the murderer was Col. Mustard in the library with the lead pipe?

Well, those days return next weekend when Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) presents "Clue The Musical" on Nov. 9, 10, and 11 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

This PG-13 production with mild adult themes features audience participation as three attendees will blindly select three cards at the start of each show to determine the murderer, the weapon and the room of the crime.

The actors will then adapt their lines to match these selections, providing the audience with clues

throughout the show to help them analyze whether it really was Col. Mustard, or perhaps Mrs. Peacock or Professor Plum, in the library with the candlestick, or maybe even the wrench.

This mystery opens next Thursday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. and continues Friday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 11, with a matinee at 2 p.m. and evening performance at 7 p.m.

Advance tickets are available online at <https://our.show/clue2023> at \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets will also be sold at the door, \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

Come test your crime detection skills amid music and comedy as this dastardly deed is solved by you on the stage next weekend.

# Dance party, holiday craft fair and flu shot clinic coming up

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

ASI invites you to celebrate with us at the Dia De Los Muertos Dance Party on Nov. 3 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Colorado State University Extension building.

There will be music by DJ Marcus Rivas. Come join us on a day to gather, remember and celebrate our loved ones who went before us.

There will be a cash bar and Mexican food by the Guadalupanas. Please bring a photo of your loved one(s) to place on the community ofrenda. Bring a dozen homemade cookies and share your recipe for \$5 off your ticket price. Bischochitos and Mexican wedding cookies are highly encouraged and this year's theme is celebrating Hispanic and Native traditions. Children under 12 are admitted free.

Awards for the top cavalera face painting and Day of the Dead costume will be awarded.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. at the Pagosa Senior Center, at the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce or online at <https://givebutter.com/DDLM4ASI>.

Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call ASI at (970) 264-2167.

## Holiday market set for Nov. 4

ASI and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) have joined forces this year to bring an early season holiday market to Pagosa Springs on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 pm at PLPOA Clubhouse at 230 Port Ave.

Join us to kick off the holiday season and boost your holiday

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spirit and shopping experience.

We will have 30 artisan vendors for your shopping delight featuring handcrafted gifts for your perusal and consideration.

## COVID-19 booster vaccine and flu shot clinic Nov. 8

Please join us for a drop-in clinic performed by San Juan Basin Public Health on Wednesday morning, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Pagosa Senior Center, located in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Please call us at (970) 264-2167 to sign up for the booster/flu clinic so we know how many to plan on the day of the event.

## Spanish Fiesta committee meeting Nov. 8

Members of the Spanish Fiesta committee and the general community interested in supporting the 22nd annual Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta are invited to a Nov. 8 meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Senior Center dining hall (451 Hot Springs Blvd.) in the Community Center.

The heart of the Spanish Fiesta is the people of Pagosa and the rich heritage and ancestry from our history, our families and our ancestors. We welcome absolutely everyone to join in on the organizing of

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## Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

## Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

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Please bring your positive energy and motivation to make the 2024 fiesta the best yet. Join us on Zoom. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

## Free art class Nov. 16

Join us to make a festive Christmas kitchen angel. She is guaranteed to bring blessings and joys of the season to your kitchen as you prepare your holiday treats. No art skills are required. All supplies will be provided, and there is no cost or registration required. Just show up and have fun.

## Festival of Trees volunteers needed

ASI is looking for a few community volunteers to join our team this year for the 2023 Festival of Trees event.

We need community members who are enthusiastic and motivated to help us coordinate and decorate the Senior Center tree and make it festive and attractive for the tree auction. Your energy and time will be a significant contribution to the year-end fundraising efforts of ASI, ensuring essential nutrition services are provided for the older adults and families of Archuleta County.

In order to volunteer, you must be available Nov. 27-29 to help decorate the tree at the Community Center. For more information, please contact us at (970) 264-2167.

## Senior conversations

Join us Mondays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of "Senior Conversations" with local Bill Salmansohn.

He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers

to your questions and concerns.

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

## Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

It meets each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together.

Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to [copenhagencreative@gmail.com](mailto:copenhagencreative@gmail.com).

## Share lunch Monday through Thursday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is open to all. Pickup is available all week, including Fridays.

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$10, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10 charge for guests under the age of 60.

Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage. Some popular menu items include Frito chili pie, pork tenderloin with harvest

chutney, Singaporean pork ribs, vegetarian lasagna, Hawaiian shrimp with coconut rice and always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand-  
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Many of the choices we make about our health are ill informed and just plain wrong. Some choices can actually make us sick. What's more, we repeat them! So let's look at a few of the more common mistaken choices:

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Fruits, vegetables, beans, and whole grains are high in fiber and low in trans fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol. They are also high in vitamins and minerals your body needs to keep you healthy. These foods will also give you a greater sense of fullness for fewer calories per serving. Unfortunately, processing foods often removes much of the fiber. This is especially true of the "white" foods made from grains, such as pasta, bread, rice, and flour-based products. Processing often involves removing the outer layer of the bran on wheat or rice, which diminishes both the fiber and nutrient content. After processing, the remaining components of the grain are high in calories, making it more likely you'll gain weight. Over the long term, eating a lot of refined foods will increase your risk of developing diabetes, heart disease, and some cancers.



What you can do: Prepare foods as close to their original state as possible. This means eating whole-grain bread, rice and pasta; fresh fruits and vegetables, including skins; and drinking water for fluid rather than fruit juice or sodas.

*"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; there glorify God in your body and in you spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19, 20*

*Fun Bible Facts: Hebrews 12:21 records a saying of Moses not found in the Old Testament.*

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## ARCHULETA HEALTH FAIR AND EXPO

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Scene ... taking in the offerings at the inaugural Archuleta Health Fair and Expo on Oct. 21. The event offered low-cost labs, food demonstrations, health talks, a farm-to-table lunch and more.



# Senior

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prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

## Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Nov. 2 — Beef Marsala with mashed potatoes, peas and pearl onions, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Nov. 3 — Dover sole with lemon caper sauce, delicata squash, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Monday Nov. 6 — Country-fried chicken with gravy, glazed carrots, buttermilk biscuit, garden salad, fruit, milk and French pastry.

Tuesday, Nov. 7 — Pork posole with cabbage, onions, radish, tortilla, garden salad, fruit, milk and cookies.

Wednesday, Nov. 8 — Crispy codfish with tartar sauce and lemon, green beans with bacon, garden salad, fruit, milk and German chocolate cake.

Thursday, Nov. 9 — Teriyaki beef with peppers, coconut rice, broccoli, garden salad, fruit, milk and fortune cookies.

Friday, Nov. 10 — Closed for Veterans Day.

## Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

## Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

## Mobile food pantry service discontinued

The Mobile Food Pantry Service has been discontinued due to funding shortages. Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with its paratransit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

## Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-N-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

## COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of six free COVID-19 tests kits for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public who needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

## Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

## Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 2.

## Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

## Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Thursdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

## Donations requested

ASI has an immediate monetary need to support ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County. Please consider donating.

You may mail your donation to

P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or please visit our website: <http://www.psseniors.org/>. Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc. We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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# Tips for reducing energy use at home

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Energy Information Administration predicts energy prices will continue to increase by about 3.3 percent in 2023. This is after an increase of just over 7 percent in the year 2022.

As we are heading into the fall/winter seasons and kicking on our heaters, let us look at some ways to help reduce energy use in our homes.

## Keeping your home warm

- Check insulation levels. Ensuring adequate insulation in the attic, walls and around your basement or foundation can help keep heat in during the winter.

- Use thermostat setbacks. Turning down the thermostat when you are not at home or when you are sleeping can help you save. For every eight hours your thermostat is turned down one degree, you can save 1 percent. That might not sound like much, but it can add up quickly.

- Let the sun heat your house for free. Open drapes or shades that can allow direct sunlight into the house throughout the day, and then close them at night. This will allow the sun to heat your home and trap the heat in after the sun goes down.

## Managing your energy usage when home

- Turn off appliances when they are not being used. Appliances still draw energy when they are not off or in standby mode. Turning them off can prevent them from drawing any unnecessary energy. You can also look into buying energy-efficient appliances next time you are ready to replace them. They might be a little more expensive initially, but they can save you money in the long run because they take less energy to operate.

- Use smaller appliances when possible. Toasters, microwaves, electric pressure cookers and slow cookers use much less energy than an oven.

- Wash only a full load of dishes or laundry. It takes just as much power to run your dishwasher or washer for a partial load as it does for a full load. When doing dishes, you can also skip the dry cycle and allow your dishes to air dry. Use cold water with cold-water detergent to wash clothes.

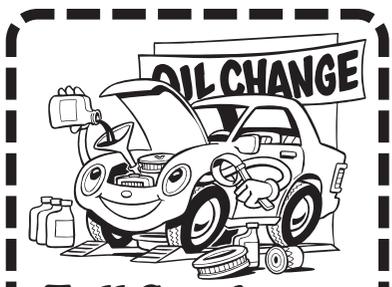
- Set the temperature of your electric water heater to 120 degrees F. If you are leaving the house for a long period of time, like visiting your family for the holidays, turn off your water heater. You do not

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need to have hot water in the house when you are gone.

- Install an insulated blanket on your hot water heater. While these blankets cost some money up front, they can help raise the hot water temperature in pipes between 2 and 4 degrees, allowing you to have a lower setting on the water heater. It can also reduce wait times for hot water at the tap, which also saves water.

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Rubberneck
- 5 Vegetarian staple
- 9 Milestone birthday
- 14 Yoked pair
- 15 Computer screen symbol
- 16 La Scala offering
- 17 Large reptile
- 19 Drummer's platform
- 20 Joker portrayer
- 21 Insane
- 23 Get wind of
- 25 Successful dieter
- 26 Lowdown
- 29 Datebook entry
- 31 Play the part
- 34 Young person
- 36 Anger
- 37 Greedy one's want
- 38 Compass point
- 39 Soon, in poems
- 40 Bidding site
- 41 All-knowing
- 43 Easy chair site
- 44 Part of NOW
- 45 Peruvian peaks
- 46 Feed on pasture grasses
- 48 \_\_\_ one's loins
- 50 Hair problem
- 53 Trumpet's cousin
- 57 Throw with effort
- 58 "Ghost" co-star
- 60 Basket willow
- 61 Enthusiasm
- 62 Cribbage pieces
- 63 Fence features
- 64 "Shoot!"
- 65 One-armed bandit

### DOWN

- 1 Objective
- 2 Wheel turner
- 3 Fuse with a torch
- 4 Hollywood's Keira
- 5 Pageant wear
- 6 31-day mo.
- 7 Interstate sign
- 8 Tenacious
- 9 "Bambi" setting
- 10 Air a view
- 11 Held back
- 12 Locust or larch
- 13 Place to play
- 18 Honking flock
- 22 Trimester parts
- 24 Endorsed
- 26 Widely esteemed
- 27 Sun-dried brick
- 28 Oboe's kin
- 30 Jules of sci-fi fame
- 32 Genetic double
- 33 KOA sights
- 35 Alarm clock button

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- 36 Umbrella pounders
- 42 Billiards shot
- 44 Does a garden chore
- 47 Metal fastener
- 49 Cake topper
- 50 Hit the mall
- 51 Cozumel coin
- 52 Crème \_\_\_ crème
- 54 Yuletide song
- 55 "Cogito, \_\_\_ sum"
- 56 Dry run
- 59 Elton John hit, "Rocket \_\_\_"

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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# Should you bribe your children to read?

**By Carole Howard**  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Everyone agrees that it's essential that all children be encouraged to read. When reading is difficult for them, so is almost everything else. As kids get to be better readers, every subject from math to history becomes more accessible — and practice is the only way to get there.

So, how to make that happen? A New York Times article by KJ Dell'Antonia looks at the pros and cons of bribing your children to read.

Some parents use bribery, paying in currencies ranging from toys to screen time to cash. But many studies show that tactic can backfire as some kids stop reading when the rewards dry up, while those who aren't rewarded carry on reading just for fun.

But other experts agree that rewards can be useful, especially for younger learners who may benefit from a jump start or a short-term intervention.

Dr. Edward L. Deci, professor of psychology at the University of Rochester, said nonmaterial rewards may be the most effective. An excursion with a parent to the library, or a special time reading together and discussing books, convey the importance of reading because your valuable time has become the currency.

Money may be motivating, but so is living in a home where books and reading are part of family life.

Reading together, choosing books, talking about words and stories, even going to the library, is a lot harder than taking a dollar out of our wallets. But, it is probably more valuable in the long run.

Your library offers lots of free opportunities for you to make reading rewarding for your youngsters. You'll find them listed every week in this "Library News" column.



## Library closure

Your library will be closed next Monday, Nov. 7, for a staff development day.

## First book available for teen Great Stories Club

Registration is now open and interested teens can pick up your book for the first session of our new free Great Stories Club, which will run from November to May.

The initial book is "Dreaming in Indian: Contemporary Native Voices," edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale. It is being gifted to book club participants. Our discussion will celebrate Indigenous voices and artists in our community.

Picking up the book now gives participants time to read it before the discussion from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 10. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

In addition to "Dreaming in Indian," the other three books will be "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates, "Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A." by Luis J. Rodriguez and "American Street" by Ibi Zobo.

The titles were selected to inspire teens — especially those facing difficult circumstances or challenges — to consider "big questions" about the world around them and their place in it.

There will be one separate discussion per book, plus a final gallery at the end of all four sessions. Teens can sign up just for the sessions that interest them, based on the subject matter of the book

being discussed, or for all four.

## Lifelong Learning lectures

There are two more Thursday talks in our free fall Lifelong Learning series that offers talented speakers talking about a wide variety of interesting topics.

Today, Nov. 2, Donna Wynn will discuss Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, which trains and organizes volunteers in search, rescue and other emergency services.

Nov. 9 will showcase the Project Healing Waters fly-fishing program for disabled veterans and wounded

warriors with Paul Wilson, the program lead, who is a retired wildlife biologist.

Pick up a brochure with more details at your library or go to <https://www.pagosalibrary.org/adults>. No registration is required.

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# Thank You!

The Organizers of the Archuleta Health Fair & Expo extend heartfelt thanks to the entities and individuals who made possible such an outstanding success of this first annual event - October 21, 2023!

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Thank you to the 2023 Archuleta Health Fair & Expo Committee and the many community volunteers who made this day possible

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### Finding energy assistance and audits

Colorado is very fortunate to have several programs through the Colorado Energy Office, Colorado Department of Human Services and local energy companies. One of these programs is the Weatherization Assistance Program that can help eligible Coloradans save money, stay comfortable and use less energy in their homes.

Another program is Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP). The LEAP program can assist qualified applicants with paying a portion of their

home heating costs. Finally, many local utility cooperatives as well as larger companies will provide an energy audit for a nominal fee.

### CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month by the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 264-5931 to register.

Check out the online option on our website: <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/>.

# Library

## ■ continued from previous page Virtual author talks

Our highly popular virtual author talks continue with opportunities for you to interact with New York Times bestselling authors and ask questions. For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Thursday, Nov. 9, at noon will feature “Get Good with Money and Reach Your Financial Goals” with Tiffany “The Budgetnista” Aliche.

Thursday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. will showcase a conversation with Poet Laureate Joy Harjo.

On Thursday, Nov. 30, at 1 p.m. you can interact with bestselling author Naomi Alderman, who will focus on writing dystopian worlds.

## Friday Flix tomorrow

Enjoy a PG movie and free popcorn Friday, Nov. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m.

## LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to bring your imaginations on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours. For now, we'll play LEGO for one hour.

## Knitting and crochet lessons

Learn to knit or crochet on Monday, Nov. 6, at our free gathering from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for ages 8 and up. Supplies provided.

## Tween/teen art camp Monday

Monday free art classes from 4 to 6 p.m. (4 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 13) for teens and tweens will explore different styles or mediums. This month it is cartooning and caricature by guest artist Dan Dempster. Participants will draw basic portraits and create a flip book animation. Registration is required.

## Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. Anyone under age 18 is welcome with a signed parental permission, available at your library.

For program information contact Susan at (970) 946-3396.

## Elementary tutoring sessions

Children ages 6-11 are welcome at these free sessions every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. where they will build essential skills in core subjects. Preregistration is required.

## Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Next Thursday, Nov. 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact [Josie@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:Josie@pagosalibrary.org) to join.

## Writers' support group

Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for opportunities, support, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

## ESL class times

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and there is a change in the way the time is divided: 4 to 5 p.m. is reserved for beginners, 5 to 6 p.m. for intermediate and 6 to 7 p.m. for advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

## Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets, and also provides assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources. No appointment needed for these drop-in sessions, but it is important that you bring your device's charger with you.

## PALS/GED adult education

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

## Activities calendars

Pick up monthly events calendars at the library so you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your family.

## Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages. To access this free digital collection, download the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and four-digit PIN. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

## Books on CD

“The Crypt” by Scott Sigler is book one of a new Shakedown military sci-fi series. “Dark Memory” by Christine Feehan is the latest in

the Carpathian paranormal fantasy romance series. “Second Act” by Danielle Steel features a Hollywood executive looking for a new beginning after he lost his executive position. “Code Red” by Vince Flynn is a Mitch Rapp adventure. “One Last Kill” by Robert Dugoni follows a serial killer cold case. “The Oceans and the Stars” by Mark Helprin is a wartime love story.

## Large print

“None of This is True” by Lisa Jewell features a true crime podcaster. “The Raging Storm” by Ann Cleeves is a Det. Matthew Venn murder mystery. “Masters of Death” by Olivie Blake is a vampire adventure. “The River We Remember” by William Kent Krueger begins with a body being found on Memorial Day.

## DVDs

“Teenage Kraken” is a Ruby Gillman animated high school action comedy. “The Inspection” is a Golden Globe nominee about a young gay Black man who joins the Marines. “Epic Train Journeys from Above” is a six-part series featuring extraordinary railway trips. “Your Brain” is a Nova documentary featuring neuroscientist Heather Berlin. “The Power of Big Oil” is a three-part PBS Frontline documentary that focuses on ExxonMobil.

## Donation guidelines

When we are open, material donations are accepted for the Friends of the Library at the front desk — not down the outside returns slot at the library or the drop box at City Market, please.

The Friends recently announced new guidelines for what they will accept as donations: Yes to popular fiction books published in 2013 or later, nonfiction books published 2018 or later, and children's and

young adult books — all in excellent condition, please. No to CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray, VHS or cassette tapes; or textbooks, outdated travel books or reference books. No more than two boxes at a time because of space constraints.

## Quotable quote

“Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous.” — Albert Einstein, German physicist and

Nobel Prize winner, widely regarded as one of the most influential scientists of all time.

## Website

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# The story behind the man

By **Betty J. Slade**  
PREVIEW Columnist

I've continued to track Deion Sanders, the football coach for the University of Colorado-Boulder. When I worked for a website, I interviewed house, commercial and industrial painters. I asked questions until I found a story. Then I dug until I found the man behind the story.

One man has written his story on the hearts of Boulder's citizens. When Sanders announced to the world, "We're Comin'" and the angry parents threw a fit, wrote to the college and said they didn't want a preacher but a coach, they missed out on a good thing.

They have moved on and taken their sons with them to another place. So sad for their boys, who could have learned how to be men and live a successful life.

When one man comes to town and changes the town, one would realize there must be something different about him. There is. He is standing on his convictions.

People say they want to be a part because they love to win. He's got a new team. In a recent game there were two overtimes and they still lost by three. There were many penalties. The yellow hanky flew up at every play. There's a lot of work to be done.

But it goes deeper than winning. I think people are hungry for truth, for right and wrong, for a leader who will take a stand, not cave or compromise to the nonsense and noise of the world.

The university's admittance is up 41 percent for next year. People are wanting to be a part of this school. The town is bringing in millions in revenue. The stadium is breaking records of 56,000 fans at the games. The students at CU feel like they are in the midst of the biggest thing that has happened to their town.

Sanders is bringing the glitter with him. Gold earphones on his ears and a gold cross hangs on his neck. But there's story behind the man — two toes amputated on his right foot from injuries from his football years. He doesn't show the pain as he moves up and down the field in the bitter cold. I feel the pain in his limping and I understand when he has to sit down. His son took some brutal blows and I watched Sanders' face. He held back the hurt in his heart. He knows he's building young men, including his sons.

All the television stations are covering the games. Celebrities are flying into Boulder. He's there because God told him to be there. You know how outlandish that sounds to others, but it's giving him grit to meet the challenges of the Colorado Buffaloes.

## Artist's Lane

*When one man comes to town and changes the town, one would realize there must be something different about him.*

It is reported that Sanders roughly makes \$5.5 million annually to be the head coach at Colorado. A very large salary for a first-time Power Five head coach. He's set to make \$5.5 million in his first season as part of the largest financial package ever given to a Buffaloes football coach. He has changed the face of college football.

Yes, I am enthralled about these men who capture the world every weekend with their ability and commitment to make it happen on the field.

I'm following two football teams this season, the University of Colorado — Boulder and the Kansas City Chiefs. I was looking at "pretty man" tight end Travis Kelce before Taylor Swift entered the picture and is now cheering him on with his mother by her side. I listened to interviews and podcasts by his brother, Jason Kelce. I loved the commercial when the older brother arm-wrestled the younger and called him "pretty boy" and Travis Kelce yelled back "pretty man." The arm came down and the younger won.

After losing his scholarship, Travis Kelce's older brother helped him find his way out of drugs and a wrong lifestyle. He begged the coach to give his younger brother another chance. I found a story be-

hind two brothers, playing against each other on different teams at one of the most important games of their lives, Super Bowl LII. Wearing both numbers and team colors, their mother held each son in her arms. She cried for the older brother and felt joy for the younger.

And what can I say about Patrick Mahomes, quarterback? He's a swan, a graceful ballerina on the field. Bouncing up and down on pointed toes, rough around the edges, cheesy smile, but when he throws the ball, he's in total control. He's having fun. He's making it look easy. He has done the work and brought art to the game on the football field.

Final brushstroke: It takes a lot to make something look easy. On the weekends we want to see the fun of the game. Behind success takes a lot of work. There's usually a heartfelt and wrenching story that brings these boys into the limelight and makes the man behind the story.

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# The West has too many visiting hunters

By Andrew Carpenter  
PREVIEW Columnist

Hunting may be losing popularity nationally, but, in the West, the number of hunters is climbing.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in 2022 there were 10 percent fewer hunters across the country than there were when hunting peaked in the 1980s. At the same time, four Western states — Colorado, Montana, Idaho and Utah — saw more hunters than ever before.

A key driver of this trend is out-of-state hunters who have run out of luck in their home states: elk, deer and other big game species have declined precipitously in many parts of the nation.

“Opportunities to hunt elk are very limited where I live,” said Wisconsin resident Erik Rollefson. “My home state only has a few hundred elk and issues fewer than 10 elk hunting permits per year. I have a better chance to get a license in any Western state.”

Out West, big game hunting licenses are distributed in state-run lotteries. While most are reserved for local residents, some can be allotted to nonresident hunters. Hunter numbers are down 8 percent in New Mexico, but the state still reserves 16 percent of its licenses for nonresidents.

Contrast that with Colorado, where as many as 35 percent of the licenses go to out-of-state hunters. Colorado also sells unlimited “over-the-counter” licenses that do not require a lottery entry to purchase. Policies like this have contributed to a whopping 26 percent more hunters in the state than there were in 2008.

It’s not surprising that many local hunters resent losing hunting opportunities to visitors.

“Many residents depend on hunting for food,” said Rebecca Bradley, a bow hunter from Colorado. “I’d prefer that the state reserve licenses for locals that want

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them before setting any aside for nonresidents.”

Consider Montana, where hunter numbers are up almost 4 percent. Big Sky Country sold slightly fewer hunting licenses to residents from 2008 to 2021, but nonresidents bought 35 percent more licenses over that same period. With more out-of-state hunters pressuring game, some residents tell me they’d rather stay home.

“The nonresident (hunter) numbers have gone up like crazy,” said Joe Perry, a Montana rancher and founding member of the Montana Sportsmen Alliance. “That excludes residents.”

Though hunting tourism may discourage some locals from hunting, it’s a windfall for state wildlife agencies while subsidizing license prices for residents.

Except for Utah, which reserves just 10 percent of its tags for nonresidents, Western states such as Colorado, Montana, Idaho, New Mexico and Wyoming receive more than 60 percent of their license revenue from nonresident hunters.

That’s because nonresidents pay so much more to hunt than residents do. The Wyoming Legislature recently passed a bill to increase certain kinds of nonresident elk licenses from \$576 to \$1,258, while a resident pays just \$57.

Increasing costs for hunting licenses and what many say is crowding in the outback may finally reduce the ranks of out-of-state hunters.

“It’s a big expense, and you don’t get to experience the wilderness if the mountains are overrun with hunters,” said Rollefson, the hunter

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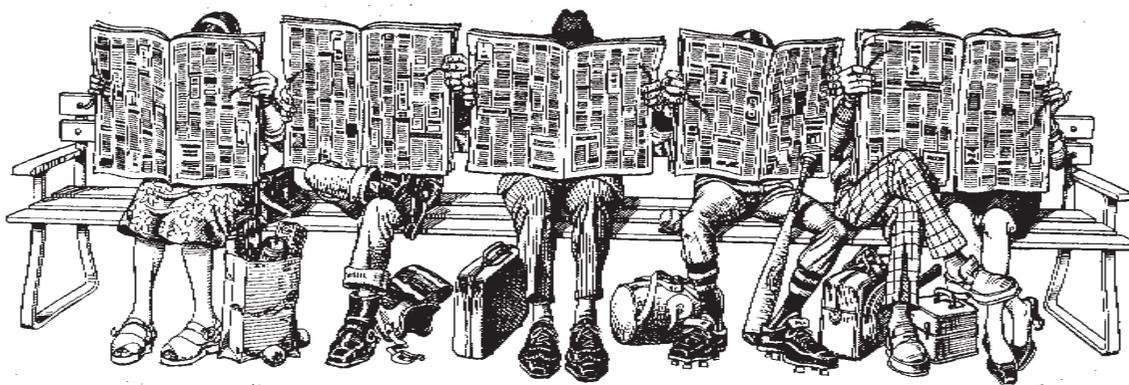
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# Ten warning signs of Alzheimer's caregiver stress

By **Jim Herlihy**  
Alzheimer's Association

Denial. Anger. Depression. For the 11.5 million people in the U.S. who provide unpaid care for a loved one living with Alzheimer's disease, there's an excellent chance that you are experiencing at least one of these or other side effects related to your efforts.

These volunteer caregivers, including 160,000 Coloradans, who typically provide 30 hours per week of unpaid care, are prone to developing health issues of their own ranging from physical deterioration to thoughts of suicide.

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness and National Caregiver Month, and it is because of the combination of physical, emotional and psychological challenges that unpaid family caregivers face that the Alzheimer's Association wants to draw attention to the sacrifices they make to care for loved ones.

"Studies have shown that dementia caregivers are 41 percent more likely to become increasingly frail during their time as caregivers," said Jeff Bird, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. "And, tragically, 32 percent of dementia caregivers with a mean age of 64 think about or make plans for suicide versus 2.7 percent of U.S. adults age 56 and over."

To help these overworked care-

givers recognize the potential challenges to their own health, the Alzheimer's Association has developed a list of 10 symptoms of caregiver stress.

"Seeing any of these symptoms on a regular basis should serve as a signal that the caregiver should consult with his or her family physician," Bird said.

The 10 symptoms of caregiver stress are:

1. Denial about the disease and its effect on the person who has been diagnosed. (I know Mom is going to get better.)

2. Anger at the person with Alzheimer's or frustration that he or she can't do the things they used to be able to do. (He knows how to get dressed — he's just being stubborn.)

3. Social withdrawal from friends and activities that used to make you feel good. (I don't care about visiting with the neighbors anymore.)

4. Anxiety about the future and facing another day. (What happens when he needs more care than I can provide?)

5. Depression that breaks your spirit and affects your ability to cope. (I just don't care anymore.)

6. Exhaustion that makes it nearly impossible to complete necessary daily tasks. (I'm too tired for this.)

7. Sleeplessness caused by a never-ending list of concerns. (What if she wanders out of the

house or falls and hurts herself?)

8. Irritability that leads to moodiness and triggers negative responses and actions. (Leave me alone.)

9. Lack of concentration that makes it difficult to perform familiar tasks. (I was so busy, I forgot my appointment.)

10. Health problems that begin to take a mental and physical toll. (I can't remember the last time I felt good.)

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from Wisconsin. "I'd rather go less often but have a higher-quality hunt, with fewer hunters and more animals."

Joe Livingston, a public information officer for Colorado Parks and Wildlife, said the agency's approach is that "the animals take priority," although "crowding has become a factor."

The agency is considering reducing the nonresident license allocation from 35 percent to 25 percent, a change expected to cost the state \$1.4 million.

I live in Colorado, but I no longer hunt locally. I support allocating fewer hunting licenses for visitors so that locals don't feel locked out. I believe resident hunters and a local hunting culture that's invested in public land and its wildlife deserve to take priority over hunting tourism. Those of us who live in the

state are the ones who pay taxes, vote and volunteer to clean up trails in the mountains.

If locals lose interest in hunting because wild places have become crowded, and animal populations drop because deer and elk are overpressured, the next generation of hunters will be seasonal tourists rather than year-round stewards of their local area.

We need to preserve the wilderness we've got left in Colorado along with the wild animals that depend on it. To do that, local hunters need to come first when it comes to issuing licenses to hunt.

*Andrew Carpenter is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writer-sontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He lives in Colorado. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.*

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# Bird of the Week



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

When this pretty bird showed up in an experienced birder's garden in town, he knew that he was seeing something unusual. In fact, this bird is considered an eastern warbler and the October sighting was the first of a northern parula ever reported on ebird.org in Archuleta County.

From spring through fall, this woodwarbler is commonly found in the eastern part of the United States, with the far eastern part of Nebraska about as far west as it usually goes. An oddly shaped gap in this range which includes southern New England and the area around the Great Lakes is attributed to habitat loss and air pollution.

Northern parula typically build their nests by hollowing out a space in a hanging epiphyte like Spanish moss or usnea, both of which are highly sensitive to pollutants in air which inhibit their growth. These wood warblers prefer to nest in humid forests if clean air allows these hanging lichens and plants to thrive.

Like many of our summer warblers, this one is an active forager in the mid- to upper canopy layer of trees. It feeds on a variety of insects and spiders and is often seen fluttering on the branch tips where it feeds. In migration it is often found feeding in the understory, where it adds seeds and berries to its diet.

Tiny, dainty and delicate are adjectives used to describe this colorful bird. Adult birds have a blue-gray back with an olive-yellow patch in the middle. Males have a bright yellow breast and throat which is cut by a chestnut-colored band. Their eyes are outlined by heavy white crescents.

Vagrant birds are those like this one that turn up in places well outside their normal ranges. Storms contribute to these migration mistakes, but recent research points to disturbances in the Earth's magnetic field as playing a major role.

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