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Honoring our Veterans



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Saturday's Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park was held under clear blue skies and honored veterans in a number of ways, including with a flyover, rifle salute, speeches and blessings.

Agreement reached on area tourism board

By Derek Kutzer and Josh Pike
Staff Writers

On Nov. 7, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a new intergovernmental agreement (IGA), regarding the functions of the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and the way lodging tax revenues are utilized by that board.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) also approved the IGA at a Nov. 8 meeting.

The new IGA comes after the BoCC voiced concern about suggestions circulated throughout the community that lodging tax revenues, which are used to fund the tourism board, could be used for purposes other than the advertising and marketing of local tourism.

The commissioners have expressed that the county's share of the

lodging tax revenue can only be used by the tourism board for the specific purpose of marketing and advertising of local tourism.

Both the town and the county collect a tax on vacation lodging within their respective jurisdictions. The town's lodging tax is 4.9 percent and the county's is 2 percent.

At the Nov. 7 meeting, Interim Town Manager Greg Schulte said, "There was some concern, I suppose, by the county about their lodgers tax funding," and because the county took action, "triggering a 90-day notice" to pull out of the joint tourism board, this became "a catalyst" for revisiting the agreement.

Earlier in the year, the tourism board voted to deny the usage of its infrastructure funds for things not directly related to tourism, such as

■ See Agreement A8

On to state!



Photo courtesy Cyndi Figaro

The Pagosa Springs High School Unified bowling team is taking part in the state championships this week after taking the league title last week. Pictured are coach Ben Vaughan, Unified partner Lupe Rivas, Justus Carter, Juriah Carter, Samuel Kelly, Reece Hammer, Carson Pilgrim and teacher Cyndi Figaro.

Commissioners hear proposal for privatizing landfill operations

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) pondered the privatization of the county landfill at its Nov. 14 work session.

Chris Tanner of Elite Recycling and Disposal opened the discussion, explaining that Elite recently merged with Bruin Waste Management and

that Bruin feels it has "the knowledge and the manpower" to assist the county in improving the landfill and addressing current issues at the site.

Chris Trospen of Bruin explained that the company has a strong relationship with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), as well as expertise in landfill operations and engineering.

■ See Landfill A8



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OUR VIEW

Jobs well done

Over the last week, we've witnessed a number of things the Pagosa Springs community should be proud of.

We bounced from event to event last week and over the weekend, and we saw several things that stood out. In a time when our nation and world feel divided on so many levels, this community continues to come together time and time again to celebrate and help its own. Everywhere we went people had smiles on their faces and seemed to be enjoying themselves and each other.

On Friday, Nov. 10, we attended, as we do every year, the Veterans Day breakfast hosted by Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-graders.

And, as we do every year, we walked away feeling uplifted.

We witnessed U.S. Air Force Academy cadets and some of our area's oldest veterans from World War II and Korea — as well as service members from peacetime and conflicts in between — sharing stories with students and each other. Some brought photo albums or other memorabilia to share with the students, and some families were represented by multiple generations of veterans. We saw people we've known for decades and met new veterans who now call our beautiful area home.

We saw some of our nation's toughest with tears in their eyes as their service was honored through applause, songs by the school's band and choir, food, and more.

The American Legion also worked to serve the students through education about veterans, the service of women in the military over the years, a flag-folding ceremony and more.

We know the students, teachers, administrators, families and local veterans put in countless hours preparing for and putting on the event and, in our opinion, it keeps getting better each year.

The next morning, we went to the Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.

That ceremony, too, has grown with time to honor veterans in more and different ways. The park also keeps getting better with each new step of its development.

We've heard from a number of veterans pleased with and thankful for the support displayed throughout the community for Veterans Day.

Saturday afternoon, we attended the playoff football game between the Pagosa Springs High School Pirates and Eaton Reds.

The quarterfinal game featured one of

the biggest crowds at a football game we've seen in years, with the bleachers for both teams full and fans lining the fences. The school's student council helped bolster the crowd by covering the admission fees for students — to the tune of more than \$700 paid for more than 100 students to attend.

We were told you could hear the cheering from the game at the Visitor Center downtown.

Even though the Pirates were not victorious in the close game, they showed grit and fought hard until the end. Both teams played a tough game with passion and class.

We also witnessed a display of true sportsmanship: As the clock ran out, a Pirate senior sank to the ground. Almost immediately, an Eaton player stopped and bent down to talk to him. While he was with the Pirate, another Pirate approached him.

We also attended "Clue the Musical" and the Local Makers' Fair. We continue to be blown away with the talent and creativity this community possesses.

As we head into the holiday season and beyond, we hope to see more and more of what makes us proud to call this community home.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 16, 1923

Frank Edmisten has been in Allison for the past week, donning overalls and trying to look like a dirt farmer. He has 30 acres of corn on his ranch and has bought about 200 hogs to feed the corn to. That looks like a good proposition.

Harry Hayden, Ray Chambers, Anderson Bros. and Chas. Hazelwood shipped 18 cars of cattle to Denver Monday while Grant Seavy, Jim Melrose, E.D. Hollowell, J.T. Tierman and Montroy Bros. shipped 18 cars today to the same market.

Eleven cars of cattle were shipped Wednesday to Kansas City by Earl Snook and Dunagan & Todd, while seventeen were shipped yesterday to Denver by A.L. Decker, Harry Macht and Denver Latham.

Commencing Nov. 15th, automobile owners may obtain 1924 license tags instead of waiting until Jan. 1 as has formerly been the case. The new law provides that every applicant for a motor vehicle license must first furnish satisfactory evidence that all taxes have been paid on the vehicle for which such license is desired.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 19, 1948

Moving of the SUN office to its new location was completed early this week and we are now open for business in the new stand on San Juan street where Cade Creek crosses the highway.

It is quite a project to move as much heavy machinery as is necessary in the production of a newspaper and this accomplished only with the cooperation of everyone involved. The moving crew was composed of C.T. Higley, Juan Martinez, Joe Valdez and Tony Ochoa, in addition to the SUN employees. The moving of the Linotypes was supervised by Worthe Crouse, Mr. Frank Brown and Mr. A.W. Olson also helped in the moving and their help was greatly appreciated.

The new SUN building is of frame construction, with a concrete floor in the machinery room and a finished floor in the office space. It is located adjacent to the Whatsit Shop and the new location makes it much more convenient for patrons to call at the office.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 22, 1973

A PUC hearing, or meeting, last week drew one of the largest crowds ever to assemble for a common cause in Archuleta County. More than 200 adults overflowed the court house and the meeting was moved to the High School gymnasium. There the crowd more than filled one entire side of the gymnasium.

Here to conduct the hearing was James Vanderwal of the Colorado State Public Utilities Commission. He has been conducting such hearings over the state for the past six or seven years and said that this was the largest crowd he had ever witnessed at such a meeting.

The hearing was in regard to the inadequate and extremely inefficient telephone service in the area. Rural residents were predominant in the crowd and made it clear to the PUC and Universal Telephone Company officials that they were not only unhappy about conditions, but they were downright mad.

Complaints about unavailability of service, poor service, inability to hear, to obtain telephones, to be able to use telephones in emergencies, and to get any satisfaction about anything were heard.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 19, 1998

The Southwest Land Alliance honored Betty Feazel at a reception at the home of Cecil and Barbara Tackett on Saturday, Nov. 14. Representatives of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Colorado Division of Wildlife added to the occasion by presenting the first annual Blue Valley Ranch Award to Mrs. Feazel.

The presentation of a handsome plaque and a check for \$10,000 was made by Terry Terrill, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services regional office deputy director.

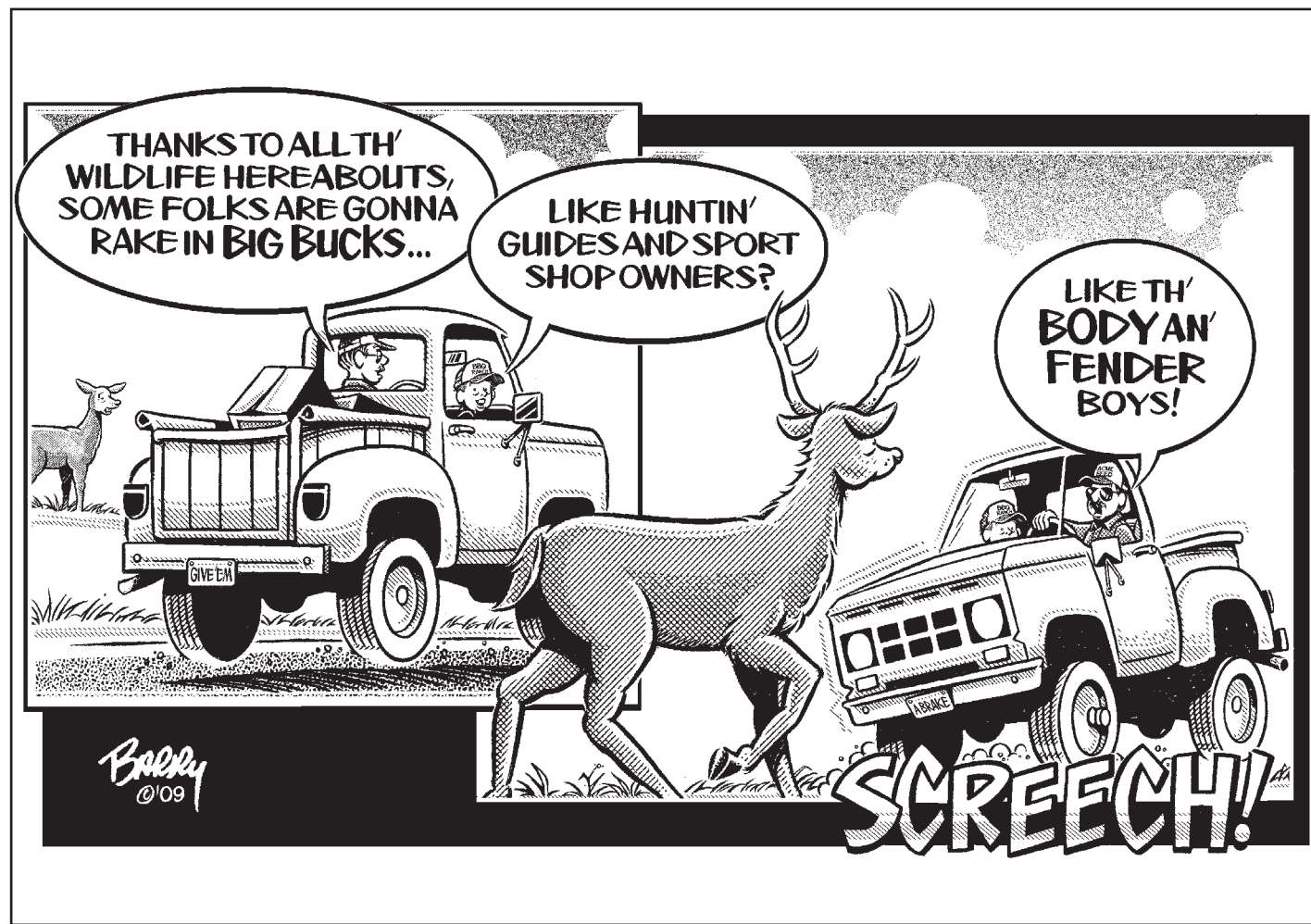
Upon receiving the award, Mrs. Feazel said, "The award should be shared among many people who did the grass roots work in the conservation movement."

Mrs. Feazel's contributions include the environmentally-responsible management of the At Last Ranch through many years of family ownership, the founding of the Southwest Land Alliance and the inception of the Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts.



From the January 26, 1961 Pagosa SUN - Pistol Pete, long shot artist for the Harlem Jokers. This team will play a benefit game with the Town Team here on Thursday, Feb. 2. Although handicapped in height, Pistol Pete is a great play maker for his team. He played on championship college teams, with the Harlem Globe Trotters and the Harlem Stars. It was only after he became a member of the Jokers that he came into his own as a great clown and basketball player.

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5A support

Dear Editor:
Thank you Pagosa Springs, for your support of ballot initiative 5A. Your vote represents the dedication and commitment of our community to a high quality, differentiated education for every student in a safe, supportive public-school environment. This ongoing investment in our schools means that we all have lots of good work ahead of us to ensure bright and hopeful futures for so many young people from Pagosa Country. I especially want to extend my gratitude to the hard-working volunteers who talked with community members one-on-one, designed and distributed yard signs, provided accurate and impactful information in the Pagosa SUN, and spread information about how important support for 5A was and is to our community. Let's get to work together.

Dana Guinn

Russ Widener

Dear Editor:
To Russ Widner - Thank You! You said it all, for all of us.

Jim Klaus

Choices in voting

Dear Editor:
I didn't vote for Trump in either election....nonetheless, I think that everyone should have the choice to vote for whomever they want....after all, this IS a democracy, isn't it.?? This nonsense to keep Trump off the ballot, is absolutely ludicrous, short-sighted, immature, and un-American....or as Lenin put it, the product of 'useful idiots'..look that up, it's a term he used to describe western socialists. Frankly, every one of the 'politicians' who support that, push that, promote that, should resign, or be thrown out of office, for backing a system contrary to our country's national identity, and interests. I can't emphasize this enough !! ...and yet, THEY are the same 'useful idiots' that object to Trump saying that the 2020 elections were rigged.... OK, let's not 'rig the elections,' let's rig the ballots.....and do so, in a way, that leaves out the option, of a write-in candidate. How is the world did everyone who is supporting this push, get voted in.....ask yourselves that question....

you all have the 'right' to be stupid, in our system of government.....keep it to yourselves...OK?

Daniel Norton

Thanksgiving

Dear Editor:
Yes, it's time once again to focus our thoughts on and celebrate the first Thanksgiving.

What was different about those who celebrated together? Well, most obvious was they didn't look much alike, their attire was obviously different, and they did not even speak the same language. However, they found a way to communicate and share a delicious meal to celebrate their friendship. What a beautiful way to establish this country.

My "Dad" was inspired by the spiritual writing of our "original" Americans, the Indian Chiefs. Whenever we took vacations, he always made sure we visited the Indian Museums wherever we were and he would read aloud the spiritual sayings of the tribal chiefs. When his company moved him to Muskogee,

Oklahoma, he learned that the folks in Taliqua. capitol of the Cherokee Nation, were financially stressed. He went down to visit with the Chiefs and see what his company could do for them. They were having trouble getting food for their hogs. His company was the Taystee Baking Company and he returned to make it company policy that all day-old bread returned to the plant would be donated to the people in Taliqua to feed their hogs.

When I was born, two Cherokee Chiefs appeared at my Dad's Office. They presented him with a beautifully hand-beaded necklace in honor of my birth. Within my heart, I am very proud of that and like to consider myself part Cherokee!

As we sit around the table to enjoy our Thanksgiving meal, let's remember and appreciate how those few settlers showed us how to live in peace with all, regardless of skin color, religious beliefs, etc. We are Americans, "one for all and all for one". United we stand, divided we fall.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!
Patty Tillerson



Photo courtesy Jennifer Walterscheid

Boy Scout Troop 807 poses with the flagpole the troop repaired at Yamaguchi Park. The flagpole was an Eagle Scout project by Alex Foster in 2017. Troop 807 worked with Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis to complete the project. For more information on joining Scouts, please email scoutmaster807@gmail.com.

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Obituaries

Sarah (Sally) Louise Logee Neel

Sarah (Sally) Louise Logee Neel died of metastatic breast cancer on Oct. 28, 2023. She lived with the disease for six years, facing it with courage, grace, and the many prayers of her friends and family. She accepted her death with peace and strength.



Sally was born in Fort Worth and raised in Paris, Texas. She was part of a faithful and musical family. At an early age, she began to play piano. She played clarinet in school and was the pianist for the Paris "all boys jazz ensemble." She was breaking barriers even in high school. It was there that Sally began studying the pipe organ. She had a strong alto voice and sang with school and Methodist church choirs.

Sally pursued her music education at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. Emmet Smith, her organ instructor, praises her musical skills and remembers her one of his best students. While in college, she sang with the University and church choirs. Sally was also the assistant organist at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. During her college years, she had the opportunity to study in Europe with some of the best organists of the 20th century, such as Jean Langlais and Marcel Dupre.

Following college, she played in large churches in Texas and in recitals around the United States. She sang with the Dallas Symphony Chorus

and a select, professional choir called the Orpheus Chamber Singers. Sally played organ for Symphony Chorus' European tour. She was able to perform on some of the best organs, including J.S. Bach's organ in Leipzig. She performed in the chapel used for the wedding scene for "The Sound of Music" and was accidentally locked in the graveyard where the Von Trapp family hid. Someone with a key found her before the concert started.

Sally moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., with her husband, the Rev. Douglas Neel, in 2008. She quickly became involved in the arts, serving on the Curtains Up Pagosa and Music in the Mountains boards. She was the organist/choir director for St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. In 2009, she began assisting with the popular Sunday Night Unplugged meditation and music. She worked for Big Brothers, Big Sisters; volunteered for Loaves and Fishes; directed the pit orchestra for Curtains Up Pagosa; and assisted in raising money for numerous community projects, including fundraising for Ruby Sisson library expansion. She also taught voice and piano students and supported arts in the schools.

Her involvement extended well beyond Pagosa Springs. Musician friends and Sally played for church conventions, clergy conferences and concerts around Colorado. By far her favorite musical experience was the Nightsong Trio, comprised of musicians from Pagosa Springs who also were Sally's dear friends.

When first diagnosed, Sally began blogging about her experiences, thoughts and frustrations with the disease. The blog became very popular and was read by a large number of people all over the United States. Her blog touched a large number of

people, especially women with breast cancer. Her writing became a true gift that she was able to give to those within and beyond our community.

Sally will be remembered for her spirit and devotion to God; her love for family and for her the people of the churches where she played and attended; and for the Pagosa Springs community, especially the youth involved in theater and music. She had a strong sense of fairness and a positive outlook on life. Her family and friends know her as a fun-loving woman, always ready to share a pun or break into song.

Sally is survived by Fr. Douglas Neel, her husband of 34 years, as well as her son and stepchildren, Robert Neel, Katherine Williams, Charles Neel and Katherine's spouse Chris; her mother, Jane Logee; and her siblings and their spouses, Dwight and Vicki Logee, Susie and Greg Dale, and Dick and Janie Logee. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

The funeral and burial office will be held on Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and will be followed by a reception. A memorial service will be held on Jan. 13 at First Methodist Church in Paris, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the music ministries at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Durango, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Pagosa Springs, or to the outreach ministries at St. Augustine's Creede, St. Stephen's, Monte Vista.

Thomas Fabian Romero

Thomas Fabian Romero, 87, of Durango, Colo., passed away on Nov. 4, 2023, in Chandler, Ariz. Born on April 22, 1936, Thomas was a lov-

ing and proud individual who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Thomas retired from the Air Force, demonstrating his dedication and commitment to his country. Following his military service, he pursued a career in the construction industry, utilizing his skills and expertise to contribute to various projects.

In his free time, Thomas enjoyed indulging in his hobbies, which included playing cards, going to casinos, listening to country music, watching old movies, in the early years playing his guitar, and always enjoyed conversing over a cup of coffee and a dessert.

Thomas will be remembered for his kind, funny and loving nature. He leaves behind a legacy of cherished memories and a profound impact on the lives of his loved ones.

Thomas is survived by his children: Randy (Paulette), Lisa (Tito) and James. He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Randy, Alyssa, Bertina, Robert, Donna (Anthony), Ruby, Leticia, EJ, Frankie and Alicia, as well as his great-grandchildren: Joseph, Erica, Kiara and Haven. He is also survived by his siblings, Robert and Angie.

Thomas was preceded in death by his mother, Charlotte; his father, Jenero; his wife, Lillian; and his siblings, Bernie, Josie, Gracie, Irene, Jenero Jr. and Pete.

A rosary will be held in Thomas's honor at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, located at 5712 Paradise Blvd NW in Albuquerque, N.M., on Nov. 20, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. This will be followed by a Mass at 10:15 and a reception. Later in the day, a graveside service with military honors will take place at 1:30 p.m. at Sandia Memorial Gardens.

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Thomas will be forever remembered for his contributions, his love for his family and his unwavering dedication to his country. May he rest in peace.



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Thursday, Nov. 16

San Juan Basin Public Health Board of Health meeting. 9 a.m., Larkspur Training Room, San Juan Basin Public Health office building, 281 Sawyer Drive, Durango. View the Zoom meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83189339696> or call (719) 359-4580 or (312) 626-6799, webinar ID: 831 8933 9696. Visit <https://towncloud.io/go/sjbph-co> to view the meeting agenda.

San Juan Water Conservancy District budget hearing and special meeting. 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Ste. 5. Visit 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/>.

Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority 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 special 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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Tuesday, Nov. 21

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

CSU Advisory Committee meeting. Noon, CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting. 4 p.m., Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Boulevard. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

Archuleta County Planning Commission. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Upper San Juan Health Service District meeting. 5 p.m., 95 S. Pagosa Blvd. Join the Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83611276692>, meeting ID: 836 1127 6692.

Pagosa Springs Planning Commission. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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Business



Are you shopping small this holiday season?

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

A reminder to our business community: We are completing our listing of businesses that are participating in Small Business Saturday, which is happening on Saturday, Nov. 25.

We will be helping to spread the word about all the great shopping and savings that will be occurring in our town.

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1. Of independent retailers, almost 77 percent are sole proprietors. These retailers are your neighbors, friends, people you go to church with, people that your children go to school with. We want them to continue to be a part of this community.

2. These independent retailers live here and are major contributors to our community and our economy, including retail sales tax revenues, which our town primarily subsists on. The less we shop local, the less we contribute to our economic base, the less services you can expect.

3. Trends show that small business

ownership is declining. As we look to the convenience of shopping online, consider shopping for an item online, but through a local source. That also means that our retail businesses need to have a good online presence as well as store frontage.

4. Give the gift of unique. Retailers look to provide unique, diverse items catering to the interest and popularity of the public and relative to the area.

5. Giving back to the business community that gives all year long is important. As a member or volunteer of a nonprofit organization, no one thinks twice about going and asking a business for a gift card, a physical item or a sponsorship to help their cause. But do you give back and say thank you by buying from that store or restaurant that contributes to the success of numerous nonprofit agencies here in our community all year long? Shopping is more than just finding the best price. It's price, and convenience and support.

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Entry forms to participate in this event are due by Wednesday, Nov. 29, and you can contact Jennie Green, tourism director at sales@visitpagosapragosprings.com.

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Town, CDOT forge agreements for CDOT's Main Street Reconstruction Project

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Nov. 7, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved an agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), called a memorandum of understanding (MOU), regarding CDOT's planned reconstruction project in downtown Pagosa Springs.

The approval allows the town manager, either Interim Town Manager Greg Schulte or incoming Town Manager David Harris, to execute the MOU with CDOT once final cost estimates are included in the agreement language.

The purpose of CDOT's main street project is to completely reconstruct the roadway surface of CDOT-managed U.S 160 through downtown Pagosa, from 1st Street to 10th Street, with reconstruction plans including the installation of a concrete road surface, which CDOT claims will

be less susceptible to potholes than traditional asphalt.

The construction project is slated for the spring/summer seasons of 2024 and 2025.

For the town's part, the reconstruction project presents a unique opportunity "to ensure important community improvements are considered and included into the project while the CDOT contractor is mobilized," states agenda documentation on the matter.

Agenda documentation explains town staff and the town's engineer representative for the project, Mike Davis, have been negotiating with CDOT to get "important" town-owned infrastructure protected, updated, improved and, in some cases, relocated while CDOT reconstructs the roadway.

The town plans to have a geothermal pipeline, crossing 5th Street, replaced and relocated and have CDOT help with installing foundations,

conduit and boxes for new street light infrastructure, improving the town's storm drainage and pedestrian crosswalk systems, and installing fiber conduit in downtown locations.

Community Development Director James Dickhoff explained that some of these town infrastructure projects will be either funded, or partially funded, by the town and that CDOT will fund, or partially fund, other aspects of the town infrastructure projects.

Improvements to pedestrian crossings, for example, will be funded by CDOT, while the improvement and relocation of the geothermal line will be funded by the town.

"The Town funded items that are included into the CDOT contractor contract, will be charged 26% for project engineering, project management expenses and indirect expenses associated with those items," states the agenda document.

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On Friday, Nov. 10, former U.S. Marines and their guests joined together to celebrate the 248th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. The evening featured a video address by the commandant of the Marine Corps, followed by the traditional sword cake-cutting ceremony. The first piece of cake was given to former Cpl. Ernie Garcia, the oldest Marine present, who was born in 1935. Garcia immediately passed that piece of the cake to former Sgt. Alex Kinser, the youngest Marine present, who was born in 1994. The cake passing from the eldest to the youngest is symbolic of experience, responsibility, knowledge, tradition and legend extending from one generation of the Corps to another.

Project

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Dickhoff explained the MOU agreement between the town and CDOT as “formalizing who’s doing what and who’s paying for what,” outlining the responsibilities for both parties.

However, specifics about costs are not yet finalized. CDOT “is still working on cost estimates” for the project that will eventually end up in the MOU, Dickhoff said.

He said that the expenses that the town will be responsible for “make a lot of sense to include while the CDOT project and contractor is working in these areas.”

He explained that once CDOT’s new concrete surface for the roadway is installed, it would make it very expensive for the town to later conduct any utility work on the roadway, “because you’re looking at not just a little trench, where your utility is located, you’re talking about taking out a whole 10-by-10 section of concrete to make that repair, and then replacing that whole 10-by-10 concrete panel, so it’s no small project to do utility work.”

He added it is very important for the town’s sanitation and geothermal districts, as well as for the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, to work closely with CDOT to ensure that all the local subsurface utilities are in good shape before the project is completed.

“We want to make sure that all that infrastructure is gonna last at least 20 years, otherwise it’s gonna be very expensive if we discover a line has deteriorated to the point where it has to be replaced. It will be no small price tag,” he said.

Dickhoff estimated that it would cost the town around \$2 million over the next few years to include these utilities infrastructure projects in the larger CDOT reconstruction project.

He explained that the town is “trying to keep as many items out of the CDOT contractor project so we are not charged at 26 percent. With that being said, there’s a lot of items that make a lot of sense for the CDOT contractor to take care of while

they’re there.”

He mentioned items for the new street lights as something that “makes a lot more sense for the CDOT contractor to handle those.”

He also mentioned how all pedestrian crossings and sidewalk ramps in the project zone will be replaced, “so those will be a big improvement for safety.”

The purpose of bringing this yet-to-be-finalized MOU before town council was for the council to consider giving authority to the town manager to sign the MOU once CDOT can include official numbers on cost estimates in the agreement, Dickhoff explained.

The council voted unanimously to give the town manager the authority to sign the MOU once CDOT adds the cost estimates.

Earlier in the meeting, the council considered a resolution to hand over the responsibility of executing the U.S. 160/Piedra Road pedestrian crosswalk project to CDOT.

While this resolution was considered separately from the MOU related for CDOT’s Main Street Reconstruction Project, Dickhoff told the council that the crosswalk project would be executed simultaneously with the main street project, although it is not clear if the crosswalk would be installed during the 2024 or 2025 work season.

The resolution would effectively make CDOT the manager of the project and would give CDOT the responsibility of finding a contractor for the job, Dickhoff indicated.

Dickhoff explained that the town has received funding for the crosswalk project “through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP),” and that CDOT would charge a “26 percent addition onto the project cost for their construction management and incidental cost for managing the project.”

The contract would allow the town to “concur or not concur” with the contractor chosen by CDOT for the project, he explained.

The cost estimate for the project, plus CDOT’s 26 percent, would

amount to \$1,029,591. The town’s awarded TAP grant equals \$968,948, with an already committed \$242,237 in matching funds, bringing the town’s budget for the project to \$1,211,185, which would leave about a \$181,593 “cushion for absorbing higher than estimated bids,” agenda documentation states.

Dickhoff described the project as a “two-legged crosswalk at Piedra Road and the highway and it includes two sidewalk sections, one on the left side of Piedra Road, up to Solomon Drive, and then one on the east side of Harman Park Drive, up to Harman Park Drive, so that provides some access to the crosswalk facility from those two areas.”

He noted that the original impetus for building the crosswalk was part of a larger plan to connect uptown with downtown, the Town-to-Lakes Trail system, adding that it was also designed to foster a “secondary local road network that was part of the Access Control Plan.”

However, more recently the plans narrowed, focusing more on the crosswalk itself, Dickhoff explained.

Currently, “between 8th Street and Pinon Causeway, there is no safe pedestrian crossing, so this is a logical location that would help serve pedestrian access for the courthouse, the detention facility, the sheriff’s office, the churches over there, and certainly will provide that connectivity from the north side of the highway when we do eventually get some trails connected on the south side of the highway,” he said.

Council Member Brooks Lindner asked if Dickhoff is happy with the design of the crosswalk, and Dickhoff suggested that he is happy, and that the town staff has worked very closely with CDOT on the project to make sure it matches the town’s needs and desires.

When a motion was made to approve the resolution giving CDOT the project management for the crosswalk, it was approved unanimously by the council.

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Commissioners consider employee bonuses, raise concerns about financial inaccuracies

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the potential for end-of-year bonuses for staff and related staffing and financial issues at its Nov. 8 work session.

Woodman explained that the county “traditionally” provides a bonus on the last period of November, with employees who began work with the county before 2023 receiving a \$450 bonus and staff who began work with the county between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2023, receiving a \$250 bonus.

He explained that providing these bonuses would cost \$61,175 and that the county has roughly \$500,000 in savings from vacant positions this year.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if the amount of vacancy savings available includes vacancy savings that have already been dedicated to other uses.

Woodman stated that these savings have not been “earmarked” for other uses.

Maez asked what the original driver for the end-of-year bonuses is.

Woodman stated that the bonuses have been “ongoing for many, many years” and that he speculated the bonuses were driven by an “end-of-year gratitude to the employees,” though he was unsure of its exact origins.

Maez stated that he would like to know the origins of the bonuses and Woodman stated that he would ask the Finance Department to investigate its origins.

Maez added that, when he first became a commissioner, many employees relied on the bonuses to “make a better Christmas for their families.”

He stated that he was “not against” the bonuses, but wanted “clarity” on their origins.

Commissioner Warren Brown stated that he would be interested in knowing if the bonuses were always the same amount.

Woodman stated that the bonuses used to be a flat \$500 and were cut back in recent years.

Maez highlighted the salary increases for county employees and commented, “Something’s gotta give someplace to give the salaries, too, so I can see why it’s been tailored back, but I’d like to make everybody’s Christmas white.”

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that she was also concerned about the amount of vacancy savings unallocated and commented that, because of recent errors in

the county accounts payable and the 2024 budget presentations, she would feel “more comfortable” if the Finance Department showed the BoCC where the \$500,000 in vacancy savings is in the county accounts.

She also noted that the bonuses would be taxed, meaning that the amount the staff would receive would be diminished, and that the bonuses would potentially raise employees to a higher tax bracket.

Medina questioned, due to these factors, whether the bonuses would benefit employees or if the county should focus on raising employee wages.

Maez stated that he would like additional clarity on the money for the bonuses and pointed out that the county accounts payable changed by \$20,000 “overnight.”

“It makes me nervous when I start seeing stuff like that,” he said.

Maez stated that he would like additional clarity on the money for the bonuses and pointed out that the county accounts payable changed by \$20,000 “overnight.”

Brown stated that he would like to know the history of the bonuses and that employees could be given the option to not take the bonus if it would negatively impact their tax status.

He added that employees are a key resource for the county and that the county must be a competitive employer by compensating them “appropriately.”

He stated that the Town of Pagosa Springs is considering spending reserve funds to pay employees above-median wages for their position.

Brown added that some employees may depend on this bonus and that he considers it beneficial.

In response to a comment from Maez, Brown pointed out the costs of repeatedly hiring and training staff due to high turnover, adding that this may eclipse the cost of paying employees more.

Maez stated that the county will never have 100 percent retention, which Brown agreed with.

Medina commented that the

county has raised pay and improved benefits and that she does not want to take money away from employees, but she does want to verify that the vacancy savings exist due to her discomfort with the accuracy of recent county financial statements.

She added that the county should also discuss with employees whether the bonuses are more beneficial than increased pay or incentives throughout the year.

Brown highlighted that collective bargaining is a “state right” and that the county needs to ensure staff are content and feel they are receiving a “fair wage.”

“Nobody ever gets a fair wage,” Maez said. “Nobody ever gets paid enough.”

Brown agreed that staff always want more pay but that, if there is a feeling of “equity and fairness,” it is not going to “inspire them to continue down the collective bargaining road. I think it’s just preventative.”

Maez commented that collective bargaining advocates are effective and said, “You can’t make a person think differently when they think something’s better for them.”

“That’s true, but to this point we’ve had no collective bargaining and that’s the way I’d like to keep it,” Brown commented.

Maez commented that collective bargaining will potentially come to the area in the future, and Medina suggested that it also comes with additional costs, which may offset the higher wages secured.

“I think we’ve wandered away from the agenda a bit,” County Attorney Todd Weaver interjected.

“I know, but it’s a work session; we can talk what we want here,” Maez said.

Weaver noted that there are legal parameters restricting the commissioners from making negative comments on collective bargaining and said, “You’re wading into negative areas about collective bargaining.”

“About saying that people can do it if they want?” Maez replied. “That’s not negative.”

“The best thing to do is...” Weaver said.

“Move on?” Medina interjected.

“Yes,” Weaver replied, adding that the vacancy savings in his department would cover the bonuses.

Maez highlighted that these savings could get the county additional employees in other areas.

Medina proposed that the county could provide bonuses sufficient to provide employees \$450 and \$250 bonuses after taxes, although she reiterated that she would want to see

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Region 9 Economic Development hires SWORD coordinator

Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado is pleased to announce that Claire West has joined the team as the project coordinator for the SouthWEST Opioid Response District (SWORD).

West grew up in Southeast Alaska before returning to her Southwest Colorado roots and Fort Lewis College. Her professional background is in university development — specifically as a program coordinator and

donor relations specialist. She has worked for CSU Pueblo, Tufts Medical School and Harvard University, where she collaborated with diverse groups to execute large-scale development campaigns.

“Both of my parents work in behavioral health and my boyfriend is a paramedic, so it is clear to me how much our community needs help addressing the opioid crisis,” said West. “When I saw this position, it sounded like a great fit. I see this job as being a mediator of sorts — someone who can digest different points of view and recognize the commonalities be-

tween them. I think we all want to live in healthy communities where we are safe and supported, especially when life feels difficult. For the last several years I’ve worked in fundraising and development, so was intrigued by the funding allocations aspect of this work as well.”

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Agreement

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denying funding for child care centers and other items outside the direct scope of tourism.

Also playing into the new agreement was a letter signed by various representatives of the local motel and vacation rental industry.

The letter states that "in light of the current situation where the Town of Pagosa Springs Council and Archuleta Commissioners will be working to revisit their joint MOU on Tourism, we as lodgers would like to share our feedback and suggestions."

At the meeting, Schulte explained how the various entities — the town, county and lodgers — arrived at the new agreement.

He explained that the original impetus for the new agreement came after members of the BoCC expressed concern about the suggestion that lodging tax revenues could be used for something other than marketing and advertising.

This, he added, prompted a working group to form — which included County Manager Derek Woodman, County Commissioner Ronnie Maez and town council members Madeline Bergon and Gary Williams — to remedy the situation.

"We sat down and kinda hammered out some revised language," he said, resulting in the new IGA being presented for the council's consideration.

Schulte explained that the group was "pretty much done," but then the letter from the lodgers was sent out to both the town and county, "expressing some interest" in being involved in the new agreement.

He noted the working group then convened a second time to address the concerns of the lodgers, adding that while many of the concerns of the lodgers were already addressed in the agreement, the second session saw a few significant changes made.

For example, the previous agreement had four at-large seats on the tourism board, meaning that any resident could apply as a candidate, but the revised agreement leaves

only two at-large seats, restricting the other two seats to one short-term rental (STR) owner or manager and one representative from the hospitality/recreation industry.

The agreement reserves one seat on the tourism board for a local representative of the hotel/motel industry. The number of seats will remain at nine members.

Williams, who was part of the group, said that it was a "cooperative working group and we all wanted to get to 'yes' and we all wanted to keep funding tourism jointly."

He added that the town recognizes that "the county's political will is to spend the money on direct tourism things, like marketing, the operation of the information center and staff."

But, he added that the town, under the new agreement, "has more flexibility" to put its lodging tax revenues toward other tourism-related usages and "the county recognizes that."

On the issue of how lodging tax revenues are utilized, the new IGA claims that the county's share of the lodging tax revenue is restricted by state statute (C.R.S. 30-11-107.5) to be used only for marketing and advertising of local tourism.

But, during public comment at the Nov. 7 council meeting, local resident Bill Hudson argued that this interpretation of the state statute "is not correct."

The statute states that Colorado counties can levy the lodging tax revenues for:

- Advertising and marketing of local tourism.
- Housing and child care for the tourism-related workforce.
- Enhancing and facilitating visitor experiences.

But the statute also states that if the lodging tax was designated for the specific uses of advertising and marketing before Jan. 1, 2022, the BoCC would need to pass a resolution asking the voters to approve or deny the usage of the lodging tax for the other purposes.

Hudson said, "The county commissioners could choose to put in

front of the voters a ballot measure and ask our permission to use it [the lodging tax revenue] for housing. They are not restricted to only using it for marketing and advertising."

He added that he liked "most of the language" in the new agreement, but added, "I don't like incorrect information being approved."

The language about the county being restricted by state statute to only use lodging taxes for specific purposes was included in the final agreement.

Mayor Shari Pierce thanked both Williams and Bergon for their efforts to find the middle ground with the county on the new agreement.

"I think you guys did a stellar job," she said.

Before a motion could be considered to approve the new IGA, council member Brooks Lindner wanted clarification on the "term limits" section of the agreement.

Schulte explained that the working group did "revise the agreement slightly to say that you do have two-year terms [on the tourism board], and that people can reapply for another term, but we have to publicly advertise the open position."

He explained that once a two-year term is finished, the previous holder of that seat can reapply for the seat, but would have to compete with other applicants.

Lindner also took issue with the language "lodgers association" in the agreement since "it's my understanding that they don't have an association currently."

Schulte agreed, saying that "the lodgers are clearly more energized and organized now, but I don't know that you could call them an association."

He thanked Lindner for pointing out that discrepancy — what he called "holdover language" from the past agreement when there still was a lodgers association — and noted he would slightly tweak the language to reflect the current situation.

With this, Lindner made a motion to approve the "intergovernmental

agreement between the town and county regarding the administration of the tourism board and lodgers' tax funding with the revisions of leaving out the word association, for lodgers association, and adding language to reflect that hospitality is 'hospitality/recreation.'"

The agreement was approved unanimously by the council.

At the Nov. 8 BoCC meeting, Woodman explained that the town council approved the IGA at the council meeting the day before and highlighted the changes made by the council to the agreement at that meeting.

Maez pointed out that the lodging representative could be a representative of a lodging association if one is formed.

He added that he understood the changes made by the council and that he is still "OK" with the agreement.

Commissioner Warren Brown then moved to approve the IGA, which was seconded by Commissioner Veronica Medina.

Brown stated that he appreciated the town's willingness to renegotiate the agreement and highlighted that agreement is "important" to both the town and county.

"I think that ... we have come a ways in a relationship with the town and the county and I would like to see this proceed and I think that I just want to tell the town we appreciate them," Brown commented.

"I am very appreciative of the town coming forward and meeting us halfway to discuss these issues," Medina said. "I feel like this year we have had a better relationship with the town, and I want it to continue to flourish and be productive for the citizens of Archuleta County."

Maez stated that he agreed with the other commissioners' comments and that the approach of using a small group to negotiate the agreement was productive.

He added that this approach could be useful for other issues.

The BoCC also unanimously approved the agreement.
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Landfill

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He added that Bruin also operates transfer stations for three counties in Colorado.

Jeff Kendall, a member of the "family ownership group" that owns Bruin, explained that Bruin sees the landfill as a "critical" asset to the community and that the company has been working on acquiring waste disposal infrastructure in the region.

He expressed confidence that, with Bruin's expertise in landfill operations, the company could be "pretty awesome partners" with the county.

Keeping a landfill operating effectively can be difficult, Kendall noted, especially when these operations are not "your business."

County Manager Derek Woodman explained that Bruin is presenting a proposal to the county to have Bruin take over operations at the county landfill and transfer stations.

Such an agreement could be configured in a variety of ways, Woodman stated, such as with current county landfill employees becoming Bruin employees or being retained as county employees.

He added that the "health and well-being" of the current county staff

is a high priority in any arrangement.

Woodman explained that the possibility of Bruin acquiring the equipment currently at the landfill through lease-purchase agreements was discussed, as was Bruin taking over loan payments on recently purchased equipment, such as a compactor.

He added that the county would receive a "stipend" from Bruin and that the agreement would involve the county continuing efforts to open cell 4B at the landfill and to move the transfer station currently on County Road 500 to Cloman Boulevard, although Bruin would take over transfer station operations once the move is complete.

Woodman stated that the arrangement would be a savings for the county, with a potential profit from the landfill of \$30,000 to \$40,000 annually.

He concluded that he wanted Bruin to present to the commissioners to see if the commissioners had any "appetite" to continue work on the arrangement.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez stated that he felt further discussion is "necessary," noting that the county is not required to have a landfill.

Maez asked who would retain

ownership of the landfill property and Woodman stated that the county would keep ownership.

Maez stated that the upkeep of the property following the eventual closure of the landfill would have to be funded by the taxpayers and stated that he would like to know more about the costs of maintaining finished waste disposal sites.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that there is a great deal of variation in the costs of maintaining such sites and stated there are "extensive" requirements associated with such maintenance.

Woodman stated that the county has a fund for post-closure expenses for the landfill, which is required by the state.

Kendall indicated that Bruin desires and has the expertise to reduce such expenses by providing effective landfill management.

"I definitely would like to probably have the relationship with CDPHE that you guys have instead of the one we do have," Maez said.

Maez asked if the change would impact prices at the landfill, to which Kendall responded that, although Bruin is "not far enough along in the process" to fully know, it is not "mo-

tivated" to increase prices.

"I'd rather let people who know what they're doin' do what they do instead of us tryin' to figure it out," Maez commented.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked if the Bruin representatives had visited the landfill and transfer station sites.

Tanner confirmed that he was familiar with all the sites, as he previously worked for the county managing the landfill, and that the Bruin representatives had visited all the sites with the exception of the Arboles transfer station.

Medina stated that she would be concerned about if Bruin would be interested in acquiring the equipment the county recently purchased for the landfill, which the representatives confirmed, and if the stipend would cover the county's costs at the

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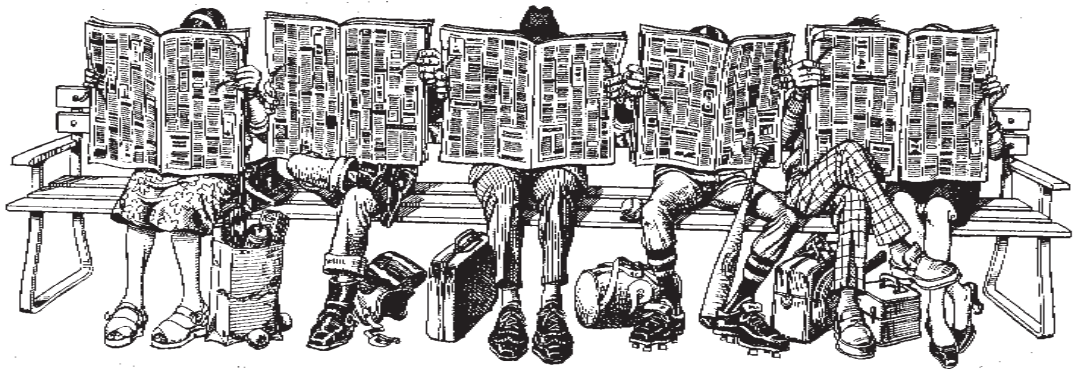




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Outdoors

BLM seeks comments on draft plan for big game habitat conservation in Colorado

Bureau of Land Management

As part of a legal settlement with the state of Colorado, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released a draft proposal recently to amend existing BLM Colorado resource management plans to better promote conservation of high priority big game habitat in Colorado.

Wildlife, particularly big game, is an essential ingredient in the Colorado way of life, and BLM Colorado recognizes the need to ensure that wildlife thrives on public lands.

"We analyzed several alternatives

that address demand for big game habitat protections in Colorado," said Deputy State Director Alan Bittner. "Protecting migratory patterns of big game populations and enhancing habitat connectivity is a top conservation priority and an important part of our multiple use mission and better align with the State of Colorado's management of big game. The BLM looks forward to hearing from the public and our partners to continue developing this amendment."

The BLM initiated this effort to evaluate alternative management

approaches for the bureau's oil and gas planning decisions to maintain, conserve, and protect migration and movement corridors and other important habitat for bighorn sheep, pronghorn, elk and mule deer as part of a legal settlement with the state of Colorado.

The amendments to local plans would allow BLM to expand consideration of big game population and habitat data when making oil and gas decisions, maximizing management consistency in these habitats with other federal agencies, state and local governments, and tribes where

appropriate.

The publication of a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register for the proposal initiates a 90-day public-comment period.

The public may submit comments regarding the scope of the analysis, relevant issues, draft alternatives and other pertinent information via the BLM National NEPA Register at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2018400/510>.

The BLM also plans to host public meetings on this proposal, which will be announced on the BLM Colorado website once scheduled.

Slash pile burning planned this fall, winter on San Juan National Forest

San Juan National Forest

The San Juan National Forest plans to burn slash piles this fall and winter generated from forest thinning and timber sales. Thinning projects improve forest health and wildlife habitat and reduce the risk of wildfire near private residences and infrastructure.

Slash from these projects is piled and burned to remove the debris that could fuel wildfire.

Pile burning will begin as early as this month when there is sufficient snow or rain present to prevent fire spread and will continue as long as conditions allow, possibly through April 2024.

Firefighters will ignite and monitor pile burning

activities while heat is present. These activities should not affect public access or use of the forest.

The Pagosa Ranger District plans to burn slash piles near the following locations:

- The lower portion of Turkey Springs Road (FSR 629) near the power lines.
- Turkey Springs Road near the Turkey Springs Guard Station.
- Brockover Road (FSR 919).
- Buckles Lake Road (FSR 633)
- In the Huerto Creek timber sale between Piedra Road (FSR 621) and Poison Park Road (FSR 644).

The piles are a mix of small hand-constructed piles and machine piles resulting from timber sales.

Piles will only be ignited when there is sufficient snow or rain to prevent creep.

Burning will only occur when all conditions of the state-issued smoke permit are met.

Learn how smoke from wildfires, prescribed burns and pile burns may affect your health by visiting the Colorado Department of Public Health website: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cd-phe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

For additional information on the San Juan National Forest prescribed fire program, visit InciWeb. For information on current conditions and recreation opportunities on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874 or visit the forest website.

BLM seeks public input for plan supporting Gunnison sage-grouse recovery

Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public comment on a plan to preserve and enhance habitat for eight Gunnison sage-grouse populations on public lands across southwest Colorado and southeast Utah.

Gunnison sage-grouse are a federally protected species distinct from the greater sage-grouse, and only inhabit portions of Colorado and Utah. This planning effort is separate from the BLM's greater sage-grouse planning effort.

To develop the draft plan, the BLM evaluated 11 existing land use plans to identify management actions with potential to impact Gunnison sage-

grouse populations and habitat.

The draft details five alternative management approaches for addressing the habitat and conservation needs of the species, in balance with the many other resources and activities the BLM manages, including recreation, livestock grazing, lands and realty, wildland and prescribed fire, and energy and minerals.

"Public feedback during this comment period is critical in shaping our management that benefits this threatened species," said BLM Colorado State Director Doug Vilsack. "Public input on the draft will help us finalize an approach that allows for the Gunnison sage-grouse population to recover — and perhaps eventually be removed from Endangered

Species Act listing — while continuing the important work the BLM does to manage public lands on behalf of the American people."

The Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement analyze management issues and incorporate recommendations from the 2020 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Final Recovery Plan For Gunnison Sage-Grouse.

A Notice of Availability in the Federal Register begins a 90-day public comment period that ends Feb. 6, 2024.

Written comments can be submitted through the "Participate Now" option on the BLM National NEPA Register at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2019031/510>

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Additional documents, maps, resources, and other information are also available at the online register.

For additional information, please contact Sage-Grouse Coordinator Leah Waldner at (970) 244-3045 or BLM_CO_GUSG_RMPA@blm.gov.

Landfill

Continued from A8 landfill.

She added that the county's operation of the landfill is "not about making money," but that she would want the county's "hard costs" covered by the stipend.

Kendall stated that he was confident that Bruin could get the county to a "better place" with the landfill and make it profitable for the county.

Maez commented that the idea of a private operator for the landfill was previously discussed and that he was in favor of moving forward with conversations about the potential arrangement.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if Bruin has been directly involved in the closure of a landfill before and that, if Bruin has, he stated he would like photos of the site following reclamation.

He noted that some former landfill sites, "when you look at them you'd be hard-pressed to know it was ever a landfill, and that's kind of what I'm looking at."

He questioned if the fees for the

landfill would be set by Bruin or if they would come before the BoCC for review, noting that the county would have to answer to constituents about landfill prices.

Brown also asked what the hours of operation for the landfill would be, noting that he would not desire to reduce the accessibility of the landfill.

Kendall stated that Bruin would hope to "improve on availability" for the landfill, such as adding hours on Wednesdays.

He stated that setting prices would be a "part of the conversation" in the negotiations between Bruin and the county.

Tanner commented that making a landfill "disappear" is difficult, but that Bruin would work to improve the site and plant native grasses as much as possible to help the site blend into the surrounding area.

Brown noted that many of his questions were intended to address what he expects to be public concerns or questions about the potential transfer.

Tanner commented that he lives

in the community as well and thinks it is important that the transfer "goes well."

Medina pointed out that the lifespan of the current landfill is estimated at eight years and asked what expectations would be placed on the county following a closure of the site or what measures would be expected from the county to extend the lifespan of the site.

Woodman commented that part of the agreement would be that the county would continue to move forward with potential expansion options.

Kendall stated that Bruin would be willing to assist with the design and construction of a new landfill or an expansion of the existing landfill if the county is willing to permit the site.

"We're looking at this for the long term, honestly," Kendall said. "This landfill, the next one, whatever shakes out, we want to continue to be a partner."

Maez then directed staff to continue conversations with Bruin on the potential transfer of landfill operations.

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Quarterfinals

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Pagosa Springs High School was the site of quarterfinal action for the 2A football playoffs Saturday afternoon, with the Pirates taking on the Eaton Reds. The Pirates ended their season with a 17-14 loss.



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FOOTBALL



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Pirate Colton Lucero makes a 25-yard touchdown run in the first quarter against the Eaton Reds Saturday to give the Pirates an early lead. The Pirates ultimately fell short in the game, losing 17-14.

A heck of a year': Pirates end season in quarterfinals

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team fell short of defeating the Eaton Reds Saturday at Golden Peaks Stadium, drawing the team's season to a close in the quarterfinal round of the 2A state playoffs.

The No. 15 Eaton Reds defeated the Pirates 17-14 to move on to this week's semifinals, where they will take on No. 3 Rifle.

Rounding out the semifinals, No. 1 Delta will face No. 12 Moffat.

Coach Nathan Morales suggested the Pirates' loss is nothing the team's athletes should hang their heads about.

"They had a heck of a year and kept getting better and better and better," he said. "Just, unfortunately, a couple things didn't go our way in that game. We believe we were the better team; we know that. And it's just unfortunate ... on the outcome."

The Pirates scored first in the quarterfinal matchup, with Colton Lucero scoring on a 25-yard run with 3 minutes, 13 seconds left in the first quarter. It was followed by a successful kick by Elijah Castro.

The Reds countered by returning the kickoff for a touchdown — an 87-yard run — and notching the extra kick.

Both teams were scoreless in the second quarter, leaving the teams tied at seven each at halftime.

The Reds scored again with 9:10 remaining in the third, this time kicking a 22-yard field goal to take a 10-7 lead.

Pagosa regained the lead with 8:27 remaining in the third on a 2-yard run by Seth Zeigler that was followed by a successful kick by Castro.

The Reds retook the lead with 2:20

left in the game on a 13-yard touchdown run and successful extra-point attempt, leaving the Pirates down 17-14.

The Pirates logged 333 total all-purpose yards in the game, compared to Eaton's 200.

Pagosa had 58 passing yards, all by Creede Dozier, who completed four of 12 attempts.

Harley Armijo had three receptions for a total of 52 yards, and Seth Aucoin had one for 6 yards.

Lucero led the team in rushing with 112 of the team's 194 yards on 16 carries. Gavin Lindahl tallied 40 yards on 17 carries, Dozier had 35 yards on seven carries and Zeigler had 7 yards on three carries.

The team had 41 total tackles, led jointly by Blake Laner and Connor Kelly with nine each.

Aucoin picked up three interceptions for a total of 33 yards, and Laner had one fumble recovery.

Jayton Ross kicked off four times for a total of 84 yards. Dozier punted twice for a total of 51 yards.

"We made tons of plays on defense. ... We felt we held them, just giving them a short field a couple times is what killed us, a couple special teams things," Morales said. "But, I put that on myself, not being ready to go with those special teams. That's my fault; that's something I've got to be better at. But the kids ... they're freaking a really good team. I mean, really good. ... We know we should probably be playing in the semifinals ... next week, but that's not the case, and the kids know that. ... It's just a situation we've got to all learn and grow from."

The Pirates ended the season with a 7-4 record, which included going 3-1 in Intermountain League (IML) play. That left the Pirates second in

the IML standings behind Delta.

"I'm proud of this team," the coach said. "They're warriors, ... champions, on and off the field."

Morales highlighted that the team has had great senior leadership all year, and the team's younger players continued to get better every week.

"We had a really good senior class, but you still need the other guys to do their part also, and I think that was huge, where the seniors led — they were leaders, they did the right thing, they got the younger guys going. And we have some really, really good guys below the seniors that are all coming back, so we're excited about that," Morales said.

He also highlighted the players care about each other — which he noted matters the most.

"There's no ego or anything like that out there. We're all one team," he said. "We fight for each other. We know the person next to us deserves 100 percent, and that's been their identity."

He also pointed out the team's physicality, noting he's had coaches after each game comment on it.

The team's roster lists 10 seniors: Aucoin, Lindahl, Laner, Armijo, Castro, Kelly, Keegan Compton, Joaquin Talamante, Freddy Barnas and Dieter Denan.

"They all had their part," Morales said of the seniors, noting many didn't play football all four years for the Pirates.

The coach noted Laner, Kelly, Aucoin, Lindahl and Armijo played three or four years with the program.

"They're the reason why we've had such a great year," he said, explaining they committed to the weight room, led the team and cared. "I couldn't say enough about those guys."

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Pirate Seth Zeigler gives the Pirates the lead during last Saturday's quarterfinal playoff game at Golden Peaks Stadium. The Reds countered with another touchdown to end the Pirates' season.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Football

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Morales explained he met with the team's seniors at the beginning of the season and asked them what they wanted.

There, he continued, the seniors came up with the motto "be great"

and determined that they would be great no matter the situation and care for each other.

The coach noted he's going to miss the team's seniors "big time," with this being his fourth year as head coach, meaning he's seen some of the team's

players grow from little freshmen to grown men.

"I'm excited for their future. The Pagosa Springs football program is better today because of those guys," he said, "and I think they've helped build a culture the last four years of

winning and physicality and of being great men. And that's what Pagosa football is gonna be, and it's really because of the kids. They've made that happen over the course of the last three or four years."

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UNIFIED BOWLING

Pirates take first at regionals, advance to state

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate Unified bowling team took first at regionals on Nov. 9, advancing the team to the state competition for the second consecutive year.

The state championships are slated for Friday, Nov. 17, in Englewood, with competition set to begin at 10:45 a.m.

The top three teams from each of the nine Unified bowling regional championships advance to the state championships.

"The meet will comprise 27 teams; last year it was only 18. We're happy with our Region Championship because state competition combines

all Classes 1A - 6A, so it's hard to be a contender at that level," Cyndi Figaro, special talents teacher at the high school, wrote in an email to The SUN.

She adds that, when the Pirates began fielding a team for the sport, there were four regions, which increased to six last year and nine this year.

The Pirates took first in Region 5 with a score of 448 over five games.

Figaro explains that the Pirates were ahead through the first four games, but began to struggle in the fifth.

However, during the ninth frame, Juriah Carter logged a strike. Unified partner Lupe Rivas picked up a spare in the 10th and Justus Carter "pulled off a strike on the last frame, bringing

our last game to 100 and our total to 448 to win regionals."

Unified bowling is played in the Bakers Format, where a team, typically of five bowlers, rotates bowling each frame in a game.

Figaro notes this year's squad has five returning players: sophomores Carson Pilgrim, Samuel Kelly, Justus Carter and Juriah Carter, and senior Reece Hammer. Lupe Rivas is the team's Unified partner and is also a senior.

What is Unified bowling?

Unified bowling became a sanctioned sport under the Colorado High School Athletics Association in 2019, with play beginning during the 2020-2021 season. It is in partnership with

Special Olympics Colorado.

Special Olympics Unified sports combine students with intellectual disabilities and Unified partners without intellectual disabilities on bowling teams for training and competition.

The Archuleta School District Board of Education added Unified bowling as a sport at PSHS in the fall of 2021.

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RECREATION NEWS

Registration open for youth basketball, arts and crafts

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 components of athletic performance as well as introduce fundamental movement patterns and exercises.

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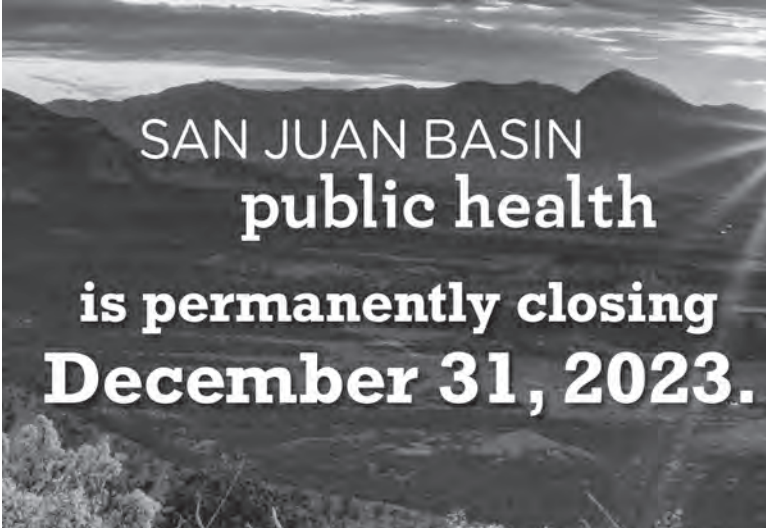
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Commissioners continue discussions of absorbing Senior Center

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) continued discussions of transitioning the staff of Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI), which operates the Pagosa Senior Center, into being county employees at its Nov. 8 work session.

ASI Executive Director Rose Chavez explained to the BoCC that she and the ASI board were interested in having further discussion of the potential merger with the county and wanted to share data on ASI's budget.

She indicated that ASI's 2023 operating budget included approximately \$615,000 in expenses, up from about \$500,000 in 2022.

The growth was driven by a new employee in the center's kitchen and increasing food costs, Chavez stated.

Chavez added that ASI also recently hired a sous chef position and is looking at hiring an additional part-time administrative position in 2024.

As part of the transition work, Chavez indicated that ASI will work to update the job descriptions for its staff to help the county accurately categorize their positions and determine pay rates.

In response to a question from Commissioner Warren Brown, Chavez also clarified that the budget covers approximately 10 staff overall.

Commissioner Veronica Medina pointed out that ASI may not need the additional administrative staff member since the county will be able to provide additional administrative support to the center.

Chavez expressed agreement and commented that the support would

help ASI grow its capacity and address community needs.

Brown stated that, if the county takes over ASI, he would like to have ASI staff provide services and meals in Arboles, which Chavez stated that ASI would be willing to consider and which she felt would be feasible.

Chavez stated that the TARA Community Center would be helpful in this effort as it has kitchens and other facilities.

Chavez and Brown highlighted that many seniors rely on the meals that ASI and others provide.

County Manager Derek Woodman explained that ASI currently spends about \$342,000 on wages and that the county adding benefits for staff would bring the cost to about \$430,000.

However, Woodman recommended that the salaries for ASI staff should be increased, noting that their current salaries are "extremely low" and that some staff are paid between \$14 and \$16 an hour.

He explained that increasing these salaries to match county levels would raise the overall costs by about \$100,000, meaning that ASI staff being integrated into the county would cost the county approximately \$200,000 overall.

Woodman also indicated that the lower "entry-level" salaries at ASI would be raised from about \$14 an hour to about \$20 an hour and the staff being paid \$16 an hour would be raised to between \$21 and \$22 an hour.

He added that some positions are similar to already-existing positions in the county and that parity would have to be maintained between the compensation of the new ASI staff

and the current county staff.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that the higher salaries and benefits would reduce turnover and increase motivation to provide effective service for seniors.

Medina noted that ASI recently had a long-term employee retire with no retirement benefits.

Chavez commented that the challenges with low pay and no benefits are a "huge equity issue" and that employee morale is compromised by the poor compensation.

Maez commented that the county taking on paying ASI staff would assist the organization in focusing on expanding services and potentially constructing a new senior center.

"The right thing's the hardest thing to do," Maez said, emphasizing that the transition would be not be "easy."

"This board's been very good at doing the hard things, and I don't think we can let this slide by," Maez added.

Woodman then explained that the Senior Center's current location is owned by the Town of Pagosa Springs, which charges ASI rent.

He commented that "there needs to be a better partnership with the town," pointing out that there are a large number of seniors in town limits.

Maez stated that the Ross Aragon Community Center, where the Senior Center resides, was built by the "community."

Chavez added that rents were previously \$10 a month for the Senior Center for a 10-year period after the Community Center's construction, but that there were subsequent changes in leadership and rents

increased to about \$2,700 a month, although she noted this amount has not increased "for a while."

Brown asked if Chavez could provide data on how many of the seniors served live within the Pagosa Springs town limits and how many live outside them.

Chavez stated that she did not immediately have the data available, although she could provide it later, but she estimated that potentially 80 percent of seniors served by the center live within town limits.

Brown noted that ASI relocating to a location outside of downtown would make access more difficult for seniors.

Chavez agreed, noting the number of low-income housing units downtown and the close relationship ASI has with these housing complexes.

Woodman indicated that ASI retaining its nonprofit status and how the nonprofit's relationship would work with the county was a topic of discussion.

However, he indicated that the county found "many other models throughout the state" which use similar arrangements and that the county could use these arrangements as a basis for an arrangement with ASI.

Chavez stated that having a nonprofit and county budget would bring "some new learning," but that she felt it would be "manageable."

Brown commented that, if the county takes on ASI and the Senior Center as an additional department and the organization begins providing services in Arboles, he would like to acquire an emergency generator for the TARA Community Center to reduce potential barriers to providing services in Arboles.

Maez stated that he would not see a "problem" with doing this.

Chavez commented that the transition to staff being paid by the county would help ASI expand services adding, "This will help set up so we're moving beyond just survival and just providing basic meals to really thriving and having something exciting and really robust for the older adults in the community and possibly a new home for us in the near future."

Medina asked if ASI's fundraising efforts will continue, which Chavez confirmed.

Medina commented she "loved" the idea of integrating ASI staff into the county, adding that she feels it would bring a "huge benefit" to the community by allowing ASI to expand.

"Well, I've always thought this was a no-brainer," Maez commented before directing staff to continue working on the transition.

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El Pomar Foundation

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San Juan River project receives \$4 million grant

Staff report

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, it was announced that the state of New Mexico received a \$4 million grant for water resource management for fish habitat improvement in the San Juan River.

The grant was part of a total of \$141.3 million in grants announced through the America the Beautiful Challenge (ATBC).

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ATBC grants support projects that conserve, restore and connect wildlife habitats and ecosystems while improving community resilience and access to nature.

The San Juan River project comes with a total cost of \$4,444,400, according to the 2023 Grant Slate brochure, and will "Conserve 80,000 acre feet of water, increase ecosystem resilience through implementation of moni-

toring and adaptive management plans and expand outreach within the Jicarilla Apache Nation and local community partners around water conservation and management of the San Juan River. Project will augment stream flow for aquatic resources and improve watershed health in the river basin, while increasing water security for native aquatic species including the Colorado pikeminnow and razorback sucker."

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4-H Coordinator	\$3,593.60
Accountant	\$5,049.00
Accounting Clerk III	\$3,692.80
Accounting Clerk II	\$4,030.24
Admin Assistant I/HR Gen	\$3,680.00
Administrative Assistant	\$3,804.94
Administrative Assistant	\$3,645.93
Administrative Assistant	\$3,025.60
Administrative Assistant	\$3,475.16
Administrative Assistant II	\$3,928.19
Airport Maintenance Tech	\$4,657.28
Airport Manager	\$6,539.72
Alt. Senten. & Pre Trial Co	\$6,963.92
Animal Control Officer	\$2,666.57
Appraiser I	\$3,696.00
Arbolos Trans Station Fill	\$1,674.20
Assessor	\$6,266.54
Building Inspector	\$4,449.33
Bus Driver	\$1,142.56
Bus Driver	\$2,977.56
Bus Driver	\$875.85
Case Svcs Aid/Fraud & Claim Tech	\$3,564.80
Caseworker I	\$5,335.38
Caseworker I	\$3,636.16
Caseworker I	\$4,344.16
Caseworker I	\$4,786.00
Caseworker I	\$4,210.92
Chief Building Official	\$5,288.16
Chief Deputy Assessor	\$4,460.80
Chief Deputy Clerk	\$4,732.80
Chief Deputy Treasurer	\$3,892.34
Child Support Legal Tech	\$4,317.93
Child Support Legal Tech	\$3,753.82
Code Enforcement Officer	\$4,147.42
Code Enforcement Officer	\$3,855.01
Commissioner	\$5,991.08
Commissioner	\$5,991.08
Commissioner	\$6,517.20
Communications Specialist	\$3,769.22
Computer Support Spec.	\$3,768.00
Computer Support Spec.	\$4,313.44
County Administrator	\$10,215.68
County Administrator	\$10,539.30
County Clerk	\$6,301.20
County Coroner	\$3,582.66
County Surveyor	\$1,148.75
County Treasurer	\$9,426.20
Court House Security Office	\$5,352.98
Court House Security Office	\$4,231.27
Data Collection Specialist	\$3,176.88
Deputy Assessor	\$3,284.80
Deputy Clerk	\$3,025.60
Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk	\$3,025.60
Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk	\$3,636.17
Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk II	\$1,675.28
Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk III	\$3,636.16
Deputy of Emerg. Mgt.	\$3,926.78
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Deputy Treasurer	\$3,985.77
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Detective	\$5,168.85
Detention Commander	\$6,226.52
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Development Director	\$6,364.80
Eligibility Technician	\$1,054.63
Dispatch Admin Assistant	\$1,497.48
Dispatcher	\$5,484.80
Dispatcher	\$4,210.78
Dispatcher	\$3,951.51
Dispatcher	\$4,339.92
Elections Deputy	\$3,830.24
Eligibility Technician	\$3,226.40
Eligibility Technician	\$3,066.07
Eligibility Technician	\$3,264.00
Eligibility Technician	\$3,087.68
Emergency Operations Direct	\$6,540.76
Emergency Communications Director	\$6,461.52
Emergency Communication Ops Manager	\$4,707.68
Equipment Operator I	\$4,075.50
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Facilities Maintenance Tech	\$4,199.37
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Finance Director	\$7,453.84
Fleet Manager	\$5,996.48
Food Service Assistant	\$3,555.72
GIS Analyst	\$3,636.16
GIS Analyst	\$4,659.36
Human Services Director	\$8,230.18
Information Resources Adm	\$4,466.46
IT Director	\$6,665.08
Kitchen Manager	\$4,341.12
Landfill Supervisor	\$6,208.03
Lead Dispatcher	\$5,968.66
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Office Manager	\$4,419.46
Operations Commander	\$6,573.34
Paralegal/Executive Assista	\$5,860.76
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Patrol Deputy	\$4,943.81
Patrol Deputy	\$5,940.11
Patrol Deputy	\$4,349.65
Patrol Deputy	\$5,614.85
Patrol Deputy	\$6,035.37
Patrol Deputy	\$4,420.40
Patrol Deputy	\$4,277.48
Patrol Deputy	\$4,262.06
Patrol Deputy	\$3,877.60
Patrol Sergeant	\$1,211.15
Patrol Sergeant	\$7,315.90
Personal Property Appraiser	\$3,240.38
Planner I	\$3,015.95
Planning Technician	\$3,478.73
Program Coordinator	\$5,153.84
Public Health Director	\$1,159.88
Public Works Director	\$8,217.86
R & B Foreman	\$4,801.82
R & B Foreman	\$7,639.30
R & B Foreman	\$5,620.42
R&B Supervisor	\$4,907.08
Records Tech	\$3,025.60
Recycle Center Supervisor	\$5,829.32
Resource Manager	\$5,039.62
RoadWay Inspector	\$3,764.23
Seasonal Firefighter	\$3,471.01
Seasonal Firefighter	\$3,669.37
Service Writer	\$8,819.50
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Solid Waste Facilities Op.	\$3,587.20
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CAUSE NO. 112
DOCKET NO. 230800277
TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

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APPLICATION LANDS

Township 32 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., Section 6: NE¼, NW¼NW¼, SW¼NW¼, E¼NW¼ (N½)

Township 33 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., Section 29: SW¼

Section 30: Lots 3, 4, E½SW¼, SE¼ (S½)

Section 31: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E½W½, E½ (All)

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF HEARING

(Subject to change)

The assigned Hearing Officer will hold a hearing only on the above-referenced docket number at the following date, time, and location:

Date: January 10, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Energy and Carbon Management Commission The Cheyenne Building
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PETITIONS

DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS BY AFFECTED PERSONS: December 11, 2023

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Under Commission Rule 508, if no petition is filed, the Application may be approved administratively without a formal hearing.

Any Affected Person who files a petition must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of **December 11, 2023**, if a prehearing conference is requested by the Applicant or by any person who has filed a petition.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information, you may review the Application, which was sent to you with this Notice. You may also contact the Applicant at the phone number or email address listed below.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at Dnr_EC/MC_Hearings_Unit@state.co.us prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

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By: Elias Thomas, Commission Secretary
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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
Recorded 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)(j), 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 of the terms 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.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 08/09/2023
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
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 # 0000008905979
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 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) Keaton Dean Tjelmeland and Shayleen Tjelmeland
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registra-

tion 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)(j), 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.

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.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 08/10/2023
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Amanda Ferguson #44893
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd. Ste 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155
Attorney File # 0000008905979
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. 2023-007

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) 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 COLLATERAL TRUST
Date of Deed of Trust October 14, 2005
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust October 21, 2005
Recorded Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 20511342
Original Principal Amount \$67,500.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$36,336.10
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(j), 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 of the terms thereof.

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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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.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 08/10/2023
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
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
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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. Manzanaras and Dora Pauline Manzanaras
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.) 20303834
Original Principal Amount \$77,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$43,948.49
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(j), 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.

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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.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 08/31/2023
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
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
McCarthy & Hothus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # CO-23-964016 -LL
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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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023CV030030 DIVISION NO. 1
COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEMPTION
Sheriff Sale 2023-17

Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v. Defendants, CAROLINE LEE; CHRISHNA WALKER et al
Regarding: Sheriff Sale of Real Property under Decree of Foreclosure, pursuant to Court Order and C.R.S. §38-38-101 et seq., County of Archuleta, State of Colorado.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice: This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been scheduled through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated August 23, 2023, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien according to the plat thereof filed for record March 13, 1970 as Reception No. 72998 through 73013 and pursuant to Resolution No. 99-39, A Resolution Approving the Consolidation of Certain Lots in Archuleta County, Colorado filed for record June 22, 1993 as Reception No. 99006078.
Regarding: Lot 18X of Block 8 a consolidation of Lot 18 and half of Lot 19, Block 8, of LAKE PAGOSA PARK Also known as: 98 Carefree Pl, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

NOTICE OF SALE

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 10 a.m., on the 10th day of January 2024, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8434. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.

****BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO**

Education



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

The Restorative Practices Student Board meets weekly at Pagosa Peak Open School to discuss policies, conflicts and restorative practices within the school community.

Charter school students mediate conflicts, build community

By Emily Murphy
Pagosa Peak Open School

After months of training on the procedures and expectations for facilitating conflict, this year's Restorative Practices Student Board (RPSB) at Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) has begun repairing relationships between students when issues arise.

Fifth-grader Elliot facilitated his first conflict between two kindergartners Wednesday.

"I have fun in this role," Elliot said, recounting the discussions he had with the two children who, after meeting with Elliot, decided to work on being good friends. Elliot helped the two talk through their recess issues, apologize and make a plan to play together.

"They asked if they could come to me next time if they have problems, and I said, 'Of course,'" he added.

Restorative practices adds a layer to PPOS's discipline policy, allowing individuals to take responsibility for their actions and work toward repairing relationships that were harmed. This is the first step, and allows students to identify solutions to problems with support in place of being given an unrelated consequence

around rule-breaking.

"It's fun helping kids, and nice to know how to communicate and help others," said eighth-grader Amelie Haas, who is in her third year as a RPSB member.

The RPSB work goes beyond conflict resolution to include culture setting and conflict prevention. These students have reviewed and advised on school policies such as the dress code, the technology use policy and the controversial issues policy. They have done community service such as being classroom helpers, led all-school assemblies, created art around restorative practices topics, run circles to build community and connection, taught lessons around restorative practices to younger students, and wrote monthly updates on their work for the parent community.

"I see the effects of this work in the school," PPOS Exceptional Student Services Director Katy Corbett said.

"The other day when a young student was sad in the cafeteria during breakfast, two members of the student board checked on him, getting down on their level to ask questions and help. There was no hesitation. They approached him with kindness and sincere concern."

The RPSB is made up of 10 middle school students who have interviewed for these positions and gone through their own training on restorative practices.

"Being a school that is dedicated to restorative practices means we encourage open dialog, vulnerability, and courage, as well as the opportunity to learn from mistakes," said School Director Angela Reali-Crossland. "The student board has provided our students with a chance to have their voices heard at all levels of our work, as well as mitigate our use of punitive responses to issues that arise."

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October Safe2Tell report shows bullying as the top reported category for third consecutive month

Safe2Tell

Safe2Tell report volume increased 37 percent in October 2023 when compared to the same month last year, according to the monthly report released Tuesday.

Notably, this marks the third consecutive month where bullying is the top reported category, a trend not seen in over a decade.

Back in the 2012-2013 school year, bullying was the top reported category for 10 consecutive months. Since then, suicide threats have consistently maintained the top spot every year.

"While we cannot definitively conclude whether the data suggests an increase in bullying incidents or simply greater awareness among students leading to more reporting, one fact remains evident; our children trust and know when to use Safe2Tell," explained Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser. "It's heartening to witness the ongoing success of the program in empowering Colorado students to voice their safety concerns. And, at the same time, it's disheartening to hear how much our students are suffering."

In October, the program received 2,855 reports, which is a 5 percent increase over September reports.

Bullying (297), suicide threats (277) and school complaints (267) were among the top categories of

reports.

In addition, report volume for the 2023-2024 school year is up 36 percent from this point last year with 7,045 reports.

"This year's surge in report volume underscores the collective responsibility we all hold in safeguarding our schools. We urge students to keep using Safe2Tell to address safety concerns promptly and anonymously," said Stacey Jenkins, director of Safe2Tell.

In this school year, false reports are 3 percent of all reports submitted to Safe2Tell. False reports are those that contain untrue information and are submitted with the intent to harm, injure or bully another person.

In October, anonymous reports from students and other individuals successfully helped protect students' safety. For example:

- A person reported concerns about a student who may attempt suicide. Local teams conducted a welfare check and spoke with the student and their parents. The student expressed not feeling suicidal but depressed. School teams are aware, and the school counselor will check in with the student.

- A person reported a student was sharing explicit photos of another student with their peers. School teams investigated and spoke with the student, which resulted in their phone being factory reset. The stu-

dent's parents were notified, and the student was referred to a sexting prevention education course in their county.

Safe2Tell is a successful violence intervention and prevention program for students to anonymously report threats to their own, and others', safety.

Safe2Tell is not an emergency response unit nor mental health counseling service provider; it is an information pathway for distributing anonymous reports to local law enforcement and school officials pursuant to state law.

To make a report, individuals can call (877) 542-7233 from anywhere, at any time. Reports also can be made at Safe2Tell.org, by texting S2TCO to 738477, or through the Safe2Tell mobile app, which is available on the Apple App Store or Google Play.

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Annual Veterans Day breakfast

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Keeping with tradition, Pagosa Springs Middle School's eighth-grade class hosted its annual Veterans Day breakfast on Friday, Nov. 10. The event honors veterans and gives students a chance to serve and learn from the veterans.



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John Ranson Announces Candidacy for County Commissioner District 2



"I am excited to announce my candidacy for Archuleta County Commissioner because I believe in the resiliency and potential of our community."

— John Ranson

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

With a long history of public finance experience and a proven track record of financial stewardship, John brings a wealth of experience to the Board of County Commissioners. His leadership in 2008 was instrumental in helping Archuleta County navigate through one of its most challenging periods ultimately leading to a period of stability and growth.

COMMITTED TO SERVE

John volunteered to serve as a Financial Task Force member in 2007 when Archuleta County discovered a serious financial crisis. Following that, John served for a period of time as County Commissioner. In addition, he recently sat on the committee to form, and budget for, Archuleta County's new Health Department. He has an unwavering commitment to the fiscal health and well-being of our County. John's leadership, as Commissioner and Task Force Member, not only rescued the county from financial turmoil, but also set the stage for a prosperous future.

KEY PRIORITIES

- 1) Provide focus and financial restraint in order to invest the amount required, not only to maintain, but improve OUR ROADS.
- 2) Invest more into TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE that can add to our economic growth.
- 3) Build stronger and better WORKING RELATIONSHIPS.



PERSONAL

John and Angie have been married for eight years. Both are long-term residents of Archuleta County: John since 1996 and Angie since 1986. Both raised their children in Pagosa Springs and the Archuleta School District. Together, they have 4 grandchildren, all living in Archuleta County.

Having been a dedicated member of the Archuleta County community since 1996, John understands the local values, concerns and aspirations of its residents.

To learn more about John Ranson's campaign for Archuleta County Commissioner, District 2, please feel free to contact John at:
RansonforBoCC@gmail.com

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Christmas in Pagosa



PREVIEW photo/Randi Pierce

November 16, 2023



Photo courtesy Nancy Crouse, Loaves and Fishes

Members of Loaves and Fishes and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church are preparing to serve up a delicious Thanksgiving meal to the community tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 17.

Early Thanksgiving meal to be served tomorrow at Community Center

By Tony Aldwell

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Can't you just smell the turkey cooking?

Members of Loaves and Fishes and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church are preparing to serve up a delicious Thanksgiving meal to the Pagosa Springs community tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 17, at the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

You're invited to come and enjoy a free, sit-down dinner in a holiday atmosphere, with music provided by Jack Ellis.

Students from the high school and others will be waiting to serve you between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., or until the food runs out.

Come, bring your family and friends, and give thanks for the beauty in this community and our stunning mountains.

Live Performers



Friday

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Saturday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Maxwell Miller, 5 p.m.

Tuesday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.

Wednesday

The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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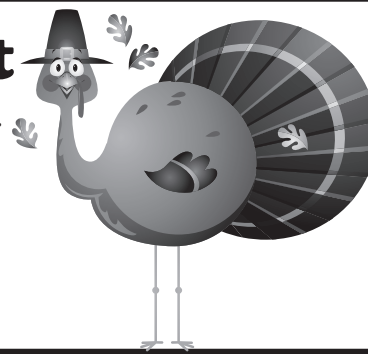
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Wreaths Across America sponsorship deadline Nov. 28

By Linda Hobbs

Daughters of the American Revolution

The Wreaths Across America Wreath Sponsorship deadline is Nov. 28.

Please join area neighbors and businesses in supporting our veterans who are buried at Hilltop Cemetery and beyond.

Volunteers are busy this week marking the graves of known veterans whose final resting place is at Hilltop Cemetery. With your help we will be able to place a fresh balsam remembrance wreath at these graves of the fallen. These wreaths will remain in place until the weather is nice enough to recover them.

The Children of the American Revolution have joined as a local sponsorship group this year in addition to the Vets 4 Vets and the Daughters of the American Revolution. These groups can assist in your sponsorship wishes at participating cemeteries, whether it be here in Pagosa Springs or elsewhere.

With your help, it is our goal to once again cover all known veteran graves at Hilltop. Any sponsorship overflow will assist our neighbors in Bayfield, Durango and Ignacio. About 2,300 wreath sponsorships are needed for complete coverage.

Sponsored wreaths are \$17 and will be placed at gravesites on Wreath Day, Dec. 16, at Hilltop Cemetery following the 10 a.m. Remembrance Ceremony. The public is encouraged to join for the ceremony and wreath laying.

Sponsoring wreaths through your favorite sponsorship group allows for these groups to continue their missions. Sponsorships are tax-deductible. Contact members of these organizations for assistance with your sponsorship wishes, use the Web address provided, or contact the local coordinator, Linda Hobbs, at (713) 304-2028 or lindahobbs713@gmail.com.

Sponsorships can be done via www.wreathscrossamerica.org/co0186P or www.wreathscrossamerica.org/co0258P.

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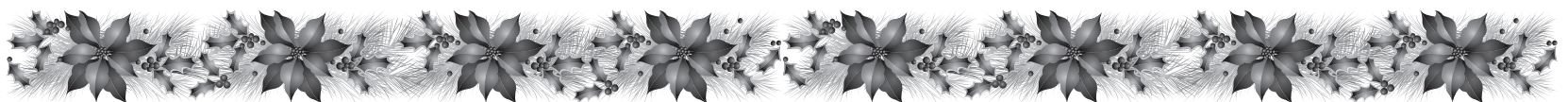


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Our Savior Lutheran School students will be selling Sees candy on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and Saturday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside of City Market to raise funds to benefit the school.

Our Savior Lutheran School announces Sees candy fundraiser

By Pennie DeClark
Our Savior Lutheran School

Just in time for Christmas, we will be selling world-famous Sees candy to raise money for Our Savior Lutheran School.

Come help support the children of Pagosa Springs and enjoy some tasty chocolate at the same time (they also make great Christmas

gifts).

We will be selling 1-pound Christmas wrapped boxes of: assorted chocolate, dark chocolate, milk chocolates, and nuts and chews.

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■ See Candy on next page

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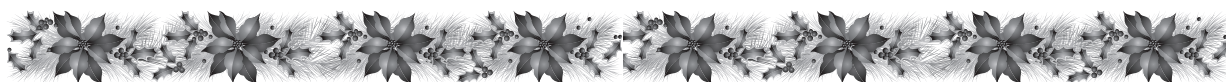
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Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

The Heralds of Christmas, a favorite local Christmas tradition, will once again be hosted by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at 3 p.m. on Dec. 3.

Heralds of Christmas coming in December

By Rick Artis
Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

One of Pagosa Springs' favorite Christmas traditions is coming soon. The Heralds of Christmas concert series will once again be hosted by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at 3 p.m. on Dec. 3.

St. Patrick's is located just south of the hospital on South Pagosa Boulevard.

A myriad of holiday and seasonal works will be performed by local musicians. Both instrumental and vocal soloists and ensembles will fill the church with festive music.

Heralds of Christmas is presented by the Pagosa Springs In-

strumental Music Society.

The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society is dedicated to music education in Pagosa Springs, providing equipment, instrument repair, private lessons and more to several of the schools in town.

This year, the schools have a variety of needs, from providing pairs of drum sticks or a series of lessons, to a set of chimes and many items in between. Your generous donations will be graciously accepted to help fill these needs.

This concert is a gift to the community and is presented free of charge. Be prepared to come early as the church will fill quickly.

Mark your calendars now and join us on Dec. 3 at the Heralds of Christmas.

Candy

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We will be selling on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and Saturday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside of City Market. If you have any questions, please contact Pennie DeClark at (970) 903-3242.

All of the proceeds raised benefit the children at Our Savior Lutheran School, which has been serving the children of Pagosa

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Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society to present Fall Concert Saturday

By Michelle Chapman

Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society is proud to announce our Fall Concert on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium at 800 S. 8th St.

Your community band will perform six pieces selected by our three conductors — Larry Elginer, Malinda Burnett and Leo Baughman.

All our concerts are free of charge. However, we do gratefully accept donations to support our band and contribute to educational music programs in town.

Elginer is a long-time conductor, teacher and performer. As a teacher, he taught for 38 years in the schools of southern California. As a performer, he was featured playing his trumpet in the opening of the original "M*A*S*H" movie. He will certainly entertain us with stories of his life between music pieces as he knows horn players need a rest now and then.

Burnett, saxophone, leads our middle school music program. She is a graduate of Fort Lewis College (music education) and Western State Colorado University (teacher leadership). The past two years she has had a huge influx of music students — upward of 70 per year. Most recently, she conducted the middle school band at the annual Veterans Day breakfast this past week.

We look forward to sharing the stage with these talented musicians at our spring Band-O-Rama concert.

Finally, Baughman, trombone, has returned to Pagosa Springs High School as music director. Leo is a 2015 graduate of Pagosa Springs High and 2020 graduate of Fort Lewis College (music education). He taught music, band and choir in Alamosa. Leo, a Baughman, may

be familiar as he played the sultan in a recent production of "Aladdin." Baughman has performed with the San Juan Symphony and also works with Curtains Up Pagosa as a sound technician, stage manager and director.

The community band is made up of local folks who love to play together. We welcome all ages and abilities — if you are willing to practice and learn, come meet us at this concert and join us for our next.

In the springtime we gather with the middle school and high school to put on the Band-O-Rama concert. Then, for the Fourth of July, we welcome back former students to join us for a patriotic concert in the park.

Our Heralds of Christmas concert will be Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at 225 South Pagosa Blvd. Some of our members have formed ensembles to present beautiful winter season music for your enjoyment.

Join us in beautiful music throughout the year. We believe music is life. It is the icing on the cake, the smell of pine in the sun after a rain, it brings us memories of times gone by and reminds us of hope for the future. Support live music in Pagosa and come let us entertain you.



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The Wolf Creek Wonders 4-H club packed 50 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes to send off to bless children less fortunate. This is a part of the community service that the club does each year.

Early giving for Colorado Gives Day supports 14 local charities

By Tracy Pope

Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

Colorado's popular online giving movement, Colorado Gives Day, takes place on Dec. 5.

But, donors don't have to wait until the big day to support their favorite local charities. Early giving is available throughout November, with more than \$40,000 already raised at swcogives.org in support of more than 150 Southwest Colorado nonprofits.

In Pagosa Springs, there are 14 charities asking for support through Colorado Gives Day: Archuleta Seniors, Aspen House and Aspen Services, Aspire, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County, Healthy Archuleta, the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Rise Above Violence, the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation, Seeds of Learning, Sonlight Adventures, Thingamajig Theatre Company, and Vets 4 Vets.

Southwest Colorado Gives is a collaborative effort spearheaded by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado to inspire generosity in our five-county region and increase online giving for participating nonprofits. Sw-

cogives.Org is a secure, easy-to-use platform for donors to contribute online. Last year on Colorado Gives Day \$53 million was donated statewide, with more than \$650,000 raised for nonprofits in our corner of the state.

"This local giving movement has gained some incredible momentum in recent years in Southwest Colorado," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "Since 2020, we've seen an additional \$350,000 raised locally through this initiative, and we anticipate further growth this year. People seem to really like a platform that accepts donations to multiple charities at once, allowing them to support all their favorites within one checkout experience."

The Community Foundation encourages charitable giving that keeps dollars local. Southwest Colorado Gives is an opportunity for donors in our region to support nonprofits across multiple sectors, including arts and culture, human services, animal protection, youth organizations, and many more.

Southwest Colorado Gives is sponsored locally by First Southwest Bank and the Ballantine Family Fund.

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Pastor Dustin Atkinson, pictured with his family, was recently installed as the new pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School. His family includes his wife, Ashley, and their children, Louis, Josephine, and Frances.

Our Savior Lutheran welcomes new pastor

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Pastor Dustin Atkinson was recently installed as the new pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School.

Atkinson and his family came to Pagosa Springs from Kenai, Alaska. He attended college at Concordia University in Seward, Neb., and seminary at Concordia St. Louis, Mo. He was ordained into the ministry in 2017. His family includes his wife, Ashley, and their children, Louis, Josephine, and Frances.

In addition to Sunday services at 9 a.m. and a Bible class at 10:30 a.m., Atkinson will be leading Bible studies on Friday mornings at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. He will also lead daily chapel services for the school

children at 8 a.m. and will be teaching Christian studies and Latin in grades six through eight.

Our Savior Lutheran Church is committed to everything the Bible teaches. It is a congregation uniquely devoted to liturgical worship, to Christian education, and to the centrality of the Holy Communion and other sacraments in the life of the Christian.

Our Savior Lutheran Pre-School and School offers a Christ-centered curriculum for preschool-age children and elementary, kindergarten through eighth grade.

Our Savior Lutheran Church invites you to attend any of the services, including daily chapel, Bible classes and to meet with Atkinson.

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Healthy Archuleta Growers and Producers Forum to focus on local food sources

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You will not want to miss the Healthy Archuleta Growers and Producers Forum on Thursday, Nov. 16th at 4 p.m. in the Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Lewis Street.

This is another great opportunity to meet the farmers and know

where your food comes from.

The forum performs an important dual function: It provides our local food growers and producers with a venue where they can share their vision and their successes and challenges while at the same time providing the consumers of local food with information regarding what is available and where it is to be found.

This month's Growers and Producers Forum will feature two very busy families involved in producing local food for the community — the Ford and Wattier families.

To learn more about the local efforts of these families, please join

us Thursday, Nov. 16, at 4 p.m. for the next Growers and Producers Forum. We look forward to seeing you there.

To learn more about the efforts of Healthy Archuleta, visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/>.



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New Thought Center to hear about the beauty of gratitude

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

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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. 17, 6 p.m.: Quintangled game night. Dressing as a character is optional.

Nov. 19, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with White Eagle McClure.

Nov. 23, 3 p.m.: Thanksgiving

dinner potluck at the New Thought Center.

Nov. 29, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with White Eagle McClure.

Dec. 4, 11 a.m.: Sunday service with Dr. Elaine Harding.

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

Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve over-nighter at Vallecito Lake. There will be a burning bowl ceremony on New Year's Day. Call/text (970) 510-0309 for reservations.

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

Jan. 20, 2024: Quintangled Masquerade Ball Fundraiser with Loar and the Good Vibe Tribe. Tickets will go on sale in January 2024.

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



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It's not about being perfect

By **Daris Howard**
Special to The PREVIEW

Bob had saved Joyce's life when she was only 5, so her father had let him stay on the farm.

Bob showed he was an intelligent dog, even capable of getting the cows in for milking and shutting the gate by himself. Joyce thought Bob was almost human. But one day, as she and Bob were walking through the pasture, something happened to remind her that he still had the instincts of a dog.

They started crossing a canal that ran through the pasture. Lying across the canal was a fallen tree that was about 2 feet in diameter. Bob was behind her as they crossed. Suddenly, a rabbit ran out of the brush on the side of the canal they were crossing to.

Bob darted past Joyce on his way to chase the rabbit, but in so doing, he knocked her off balance. Joyce slipped and plunged into the icy cold water. She was only 7 and could not swim. As she surfaced and gasped for air, there was a splash beside her, and Bob was there.

As Joyce struggled to keep her head above water, Bob grabbed her shirt with his teeth and swam hard for shore. But the water was swift and deep. It was pulling them toward the check where a headgate split the water into two directions. Water checks on the canal often had a dangerous undertow.

Bob fought the water desperately, trying to get them to the only place between where they were and the check that someone could find a way out of the water. Seeing what he was doing, Joyce started kicking her feet to move them in that direction. It seemed like forever as they fought their way across the current, and just as Joyce was afraid the current would pull past their hopeful landing spot, she was able to grab a branch and pull herself to safety.

But Bob was too tired and could not save himself, and he floated toward the check. Suddenly, a big, strong hand reached over the cement wall leading into the check, grabbed Bob by his fur and pulled him onto the bank to safety. Joyce

looked up to see that it was her father.

Bob had swallowed lots of water and had lost consciousness. Joyce's father started pumping the dog's chest, and some water came out of Bob's lungs. Suddenly, Bob gulped a deep breath. He sputtered air and coughed up more water, but he started to breathe. Soon, he opened his eyes.

Joyce hugged her dog, happy that he was going to be OK. But when she looked at her father, she could tell he was not happy.

"Joyce, how did you end up in the canal?" he asked.

Joyce was afraid that if she told him Bob had caused her to slip, her father would be angry with the dog and make him leave. She took a deep breath and said, "I was crossing the tree and slipped."

"I have told you repeatedly to stay away from the canal," he replied. "If I can't trust you to do that, I must insist you stay at the house."

Joyce loved her freedom to roam, but as much as he hated the punishment, she felt equally bad knowing she had not told her father the whole truth because of her concern about what he would think of Bob.

However, later that evening, she decided she had to tell her father the whole story. After she did, she said, "Daddy, even though Bob made me fall in the canal, you won't make him leave, will you?"

Her father pulled her onto his lap. "Joyce, everyone makes mistakes. You did in disobeying me. Bob did in letting his instincts to go after a rabbit caused him to make you slip. But the critical thing is that when a person, or a dog, makes a mistake, they need to do their best to fix it. You made a mistake in not telling me the whole truth, and you are trying to fix it. Bob also fixed his error by forgetting the rabbit and diving in to save you. I will definitely not send Bob away. Today, he showed how incredible he is by saving you, even at the possible cost of his life."

Joyce's father then smiled. "And your punishment still holds. You can't leave the area around the house for a week."

Joyce nodded. She had learned a

valuable lesson, and her bond with her dog had grown even stronger.

To be continued.

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Season's Greetings

Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Nov. 16

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.

Blood Drive. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School library. Hosted by the Pagosa Springs chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America. Visit vitalant.org for scheduling and additional information.

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.

Free Art Class: Christmas Kitchen Angel. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center dining hall. Make a festive Christmas kitchen angel. No art skills required. Supplies will be provided.

Virtual Author Talk: Joy Harjo. 2 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. Featuring Poet Laureate Joy Harjo. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. 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 equiva-

lency. 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.

Friday, Nov. 17

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

Community Thanksgiving Dinner. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Loaves and Fishes and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will be hosting the 18th annual early Thanksgiving meal. Everyone in the community is invited to come have a free, sit-down lunch with turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings. Jack Ellis will provide musical entertainment. Come, bring your family and friends, and enjoy the feast.

Paws to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Read with Muppet or Maple, therapy dogs who love stories.

Board Game Central. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn to play a new board game or bring your own to share with others.

Tween/Teen Hangout. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Tweens and teens can hang out in the large meeting room and spend time with friends.

Saturday, Nov. 18

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 for more information.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Use the rear entrance. Join in for a workshop to make a Christmas ornament. Visit <http://pagosapiecemakers.com/ornament-making-workshop-november/> for materials list and preparation instructions.

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

Pokemon Club. 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your cards to battle against others who love Pokemon, too. No experience is required.

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.

Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society Fall Concert. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. This concert will feature the community band playing six pieces. The concert is free, but donations are welcome.

Sunday, Nov. 19

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II

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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. 20

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.

Puzzle-mania. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Puzzles, puzzles and more puzzles: Test your brain with us through a variety of puzzles, including floor puzzles, jigsaw puzzles and more.

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

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

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. Registration is required.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

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 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.

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 or text (970) 946-6454 for more information.

Playdough Fun. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Participate in various build challenges or make your own playdough creation. All supplies will be

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8	4	7	2	9	5	6	1	3
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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 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.

Conversational Spanish. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required.

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.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

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.

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.pago-sapickleball.org.

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

Video Gaming. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages are invited to play age-appropriate video games on Xbox, Wii and various other game systems. Team and active games will be featured.

Thursday, Nov. 23

TARA Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Noon, TARA Community Center. A free Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the TARA Community Center. 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. Please call, text or email Shawna Lora if you would like to attend at (575) 590-8421 or shawnaleighlora@gmail.com.

Friday, Nov. 24

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

Saturday, Nov. 25

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

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ships,” “Kid Care” and “Forgiveness.” For more information, call Lorena Medina at (970) 731-2205 or email her at loremedina0817@gmail.com.

Monday, Nov. 27

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. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Art classes for teens and tweens. Each month we will explore a different style or medium. Registration is required.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library’s online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Wednesday, Nov. 29

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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.

Thursday, Nov. 30

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: Naomi Alderman. 1 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. Featuring Naomi Alderman, who will focus on writing dystopian worlds. 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 charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library’s online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys’ Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Wolf Creek Classic.

Friday, Dec. 1

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

Pi Beta Phi Christmas Angel Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., home of Carole Howard. Guests are asked to dress in festive holiday attire. Please bring an anonymous wrapped angel gift to exchange; an appetizer, side dish or dessert for the potluck; 7-10 canned goods for the Healthy Archuleta food distribution center and travel-sized toiletries for Rise Above Violence. RSVP to Carole to say what you are bringing to the potluck to avoid duplications.

Submit your calendar items to 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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By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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The best part is you do not lose your place in line. When your hold is thawed, or released, you go right back in to the same place in your hold line; you do not go to the end of the line.

To freeze your holds online, first log in to your account. On the left side of the page, click on "Titles on Hold." A list of all items you have on hold will appear. If they are not currently in transit, you can freeze the hold until you return from your travels or are ready to receive your hold again.

To freeze your hold, click on the button that says "Freeze Hold." Choose the date to thaw and resume the hold again and then click "Freeze Hold." The freeze will begin immediately.

Virtual author talks

Our highly popular free virtual author talks continue with two more opportunities for you to interact with New York Times bestselling authors and ask questions this month. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Today, Thursday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. will feature 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.

Paws to Read tomorrow

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Board game central tomorrow

Learn to play a new board game or bring your own to share with others Friday, Nov. 17, from 3 to 4 p.m.

Tween/teen handout tomorrow

We are setting aside the large meeting room for tweens and teens to use and spend time with friends on Friday, Nov. 17, from 4 to 6 p.m.

LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to bring your imaginations on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club. Bring your

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own LEGOs or use ours. For now, we'll play with LEGOs for one hour.

Pokemon Club on Saturday

If you love Pokemon, this club is for you. Bring your cards to a fun, free, all-ages event on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. when you can play games with others who feel the same way.

Puzzle-mania Monday

Test your brain with us Monday, Nov. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. through a variety of puzzles including floor puzzles, jigsaw puzzles and more.

Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, 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 (not the library).

Tween/teen art camp Monday

Monday free art classes from 4 to 6 p.m. for teens and tweens will explore a different style or medium.

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.

Playdough fun

Participate in various building challenges or make your own playdough creation on Tuesday, Nov. 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. All supplies will be provided.

Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, Nov. 21, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. No minimum skill level is needed. This group meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

Video gaming

Play free age-appropriate video games on an Xbox, Wii and other game systems Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Elementary tutoring sessions

Children ages 6-11 are welcome at these free sessions on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. where they will build essential skills in

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\$1,093,337

MLS 797954

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To tour this home go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/1304Hersch>

165 Big Horn Court
\$750,000

MLS 805023

3 Bed, 3 ½ Bath, 2,286 Sq feet and 3.3 Acres in Holiday Acres. Also, a 1,500 Sq foot shop and garage.

For a tour of this home go to:
<https://vimeo.com/368622052>

3440 Running Horse Place
\$840,000

MLS 803367

3 bed, 2 bath, 1,566 sq feet on 35+ acres. Also has a 1,500 sq ft shop/garage and Borders 70 acres of BLM.

To tour this home go to:
<https://vimeo.com/827436529?share=copy>

2453 Running Horse Place
\$2,400,000

MLS 806520

35.2 Acres with guest house, set up for horses. Property comes with workshop/garage, growing dome, round pen, 3 stall + barn and numerous outbuildings.

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core subjects. Preregistration is required. Because the elementary school will not be in session, there will be no tutoring on Nov. 22, as we follow the school calendar.

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.

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 re-

lating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provides assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources.

No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions, but it is important that you bring your device's charger with you.

Note there will be no Tech Time Nov. 21.

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.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 No longer fizzy
- 5 Nobel, for one
- 10 A deadly sin
- 14 Poison ivy woe
- 15 One of the von Trapps
- 16 "Heat of the Moment" band
- 17 Yosemite photographer
- 19 Clay-rich soil
- 20 Be unsteady
- 21 Particular
- 23 "Gunsmoke" marshal
- 25 Corn holder
- 27 Crumpet's cousin
- 28 Train tracks
- 32 "Wise" birds
- 34 "Solve for x" subj.

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Thursday, November 23


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Archuleta Seniors Inc. to host early Thanksgiving meal Nov. 22

By **Rose Chavez**
PREVIEW Columnist

The community is invited to join the Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) for an early Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, Nov. 22, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

We will be serving a traditional turkey menu with stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, a vegetable side dish and pumpkin pie.

All are welcome to attend. We just ask that you call in and make your reservation by 9 a.m. on Nov. 21 or earlier. Please call (970) 264-2167.

Join us to give thanks for our many blessings and the gift of being part of this amazing community. We look forward to seeing you and sharing this meal together with you all.

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

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Other novels

“The Maniac” by Benjamin Labatut is about a prodigy whose gifts terrify those around him. “Emperor of Rome” by Mary Beard is a three-century history beginning with Julius Caesar.

Nonfiction

“The Fall: The End of Fox News and the Murdoch Dynasty” by Michael Wolff documents the history and current state of this hugely successful network. “The Times: How the Newspaper of Record Survived Scandal, Scorn and the Transformation of Journalism” by Adam Nagourney is an insider’s look at The New York Times by one of its long-time reporters. “Eve” by Cat Bohannon is a history of the female body, placing women at the center of the evolutionary success of homo sapiens.

DVDs

“Jules” features Ben Kingsley and his alien friend who landed in a UFO. “The Chelsea Detective” is series one. “Hidden Volcano Abyss” is a Nova documentary about the huge volcano and tsunami in Ton-

ga in 2022. “Barbie” is the smash hit from this summer. “Akira” is the 25th anniversary edition of the cyberpunk classic.

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Quotable quote

“Take care of your elders and I promise you will learn something special. Maybe even magical.” — Lady Gaga, 37, after the death of singer Tony Bennett, her collaborator on two albums.

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TOP 10 HEALTH MISTAKES:

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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Regular exercise is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle. Exercise increases your bone density, keeps your weight down, strengthens your heart, and gives you more energy. Yet a large proportion of society fails to make exercise a regular part of their lifestyle. People who put television, work, and other activities ahead of exercise often fail to realize that the time invested in exercise pays back many times over in both the quality and the quantity of life. Plus, we are so blessed to live in Pagosa Springs with an unlimited selection of exercises to choose from. So get out and take a walk in the forest, spend some time at the gym, take up snowshoeing or cross country skiing this winter, or pick any activity you enjoy (so you will keep doing it) and keep active!!!



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“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; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” I Corinthians 6:19,20

Fun Bible Facts: 2 Timothy 1:5 is the only place where the word “grandmother” appears in the Bible.

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ideas, connect with friends, learn new techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together.

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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 \$10.50 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-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. 16 — Pork adovada, Spanish rice, squash casserole, avocado, garden salad, fruit, milk and flan.

Friday, Nov. 17 — Pasta primavera with penne and marinara sauce, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, milk and banana brunch cake.

Monday, Nov. 20 — Shrimp scampi with linguine, lemon asparagus, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 21 — Barbecue country ribs, corn casserole, roasted potato medley, garden salad, fruit, milk and apple crisp.

Wednesday, Nov. 22 — Turkey

breast with gravy, classic stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, garden salad, fruit, milk and pumpkin pie.

Thursday, Nov. 23 — Closed for Thanksgiving.

Friday, Nov. 24 — Closed for Thanksgiving.

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.

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Farewell to two radicals with a common goal — changing the West

By Ernie Atencio
PREVIEW Columnist

The West lost two larger-than-life conservationists this year, and while I considered both friends, they couldn't have been more different. Yet both were radical in their own ways.

One was ranching reformer Sid Goodloe, the other the activist and “monkey-wrencher” Dave Foreman. Each changed the way we think about this region.

Goodloe, who was almost 93 when he died, bought a badly abused ranch in El Capitan, N.M., in 1956. Restoring it to health became a project that lasted nearly seven decades.

Taking his young family to Africa to learn traditional livestock techniques set him on a new land management path. There he met Allan Savory, who showed him the wisdom of short-duration, rotational grazing. Once home, Goodloe got Savory invited to range management schools to teach the rest of the West how to restore abused land. He also realized something surprising: His ranch had once been a savannah grassland.

Goodloe practiced “restorative

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ranching” long before there was such a term. He won a Leopold Conservation Award for using the chain saw and prescribed fire as some of his tools to eliminate invasive pinyons and junipers.

Where eroded arroyos once ravaged his ranch with floods every time it rained, he filled in gullies to bring back flowing streams. His work restored habitat for endangered species and game animals, while at the same time he made a living from his cow-calf operation.

Ignoring the accusations from some in the ranching community that land trusts and conservation easements were a sneaky, backdoor con to steal private property rights, Goodloe founded the Southern Rockies Agricultural Land Trust. He understood that land trusts are tools for like-minded ranchers to save working ranches from

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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.

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standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

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Big brother to the rescue

By **Betty J. Slade**
PREVIEW Columnist

I'm all about comfort. A good recliner and good comfortable shoes are all I need. I've thrown away my 3-inch heels and now wear ugly shoes I would've never been caught dead in them a few years ago. Not only that, but when the shoes went on sale, I bought four pairs, all different colors. I'm telling the kids to bury me in those shoes.

It's amazing how little things bring comfort. Yes, ugly shoes and a recliner are fine, but sometimes

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comfort must give in to action. I'm finding there are people around me that aren't as comfortable and need help. We can't sit around when we can help and they can't help themselves.

When Lamech was 182 years

old, he had a son and called his name Noah, meaning comfort. He said, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed." — Genesis 5:29 (NKJV).

Noah surely didn't bring comfort. He brought hostility. People didn't want to hear what was coming. Noah was told to build an ark. The rains would come. What's rain? The people had never seen rain. Noah was told that building the ark would save the human race. God

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fragmentation and development.

While cowboy hats were de rigueur at Goodloe's memorial, tie-dyed shirts were the choice at Foreman's gathering, held in a national park campground and attended by environmentalists from all over the region.

As the Arizona Daily Star's Tony Davis put it, Foreman, a friend of the writer and activist Ed Abbey, was a "redneck wilderness advocate" who believed in "direct action." That meant he went beyond civil disobedience to underground activities such as pouring sand into the gas tanks of bulldozers used by loggers.

Co-founder of the radical group Earth First!, Foreman, who died at 75, was eventually busted by the FBI. What many Westerners will never forget was his unfurling a banner painted to look like a giant crack across the face of Glen Canyon Dam in 1981 to protest its existence.

Over the last decade, I got to know Foreman through wilderness work in New Mexico. As a local Chicano committed to social justice, I didn't expect to like him based on some of his more extreme views, particularly around immigration policy and surging populations of brown people around the world. I was surprised to find him a warm and big-hearted person with an infectious sense of humor.

In his later years, I saw a subtle shift as he came to understand the importance of diverse cultural values and perspectives in the conservation community. Though his outrage at the exploiters of the West remained undiminished, his methods moderated as he co-founded the Wildlands Network and founded the Rewilding Institute, both with the mission of helping wildlife survive and flourish.

One more thing about Goodloe: I was lucky enough for over a decade to serve with him on the board of directors of the Quivira Coalition, based in Santa Fe, N.M. It approached conservation issues through what we called the "radical center." Environmentalists, ranchers and land managers checked their politics at the door with the shared aim of improving land health across the West.

Stepping toward the center isn't easy in these polarized times. Even invoking Goodloe and Foreman in the same breath is probably sacrilege to some reading this. Yet I think if the two had ever met, they might have discovered a grudging respect for each other.

If we want to save what there is left to save in the West, we need to work together across the political spectrum. I mourn the loss of these two wildly different, but great, men who taught us to never give up on

making things better.

Ernie Atencio is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent non-profit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is an anthropologist and writer who has been doing conservation work around the Southwest for 30 years. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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shut the door on Noah's friends and foes. It doesn't sound comforting to me to be the outcast.

I would rather be comfortable than to confront the unpleasant things of life. But sometimes it's necessary to stir up the dust.

Comfort also means to strengthen much. We have to get up from our easy rocker and confront the problem head-on. Go against the grain. Believe me, at the time, it's not comfortable to do something about that which is wrong and make it right.

As my Sweet Al and I listened to two of our children, I said to him, "How did it happen? We have four children, they all rode the same bus together to school and back home and sat at the same table, but they are as different as night and day."

One of our children is like a Labrador puppy. She lets life take over and doesn't do anything about it. We also have a child who is like a bulldog with a bone who won't let it go until he gets the last shred of meat from it.

I said to our son, "Your little sister needs your help. She doesn't have the same fight in her as you do. Please help her. She can't fight for what is hers. She gives in."

That started the discomfort in our home. Big brother came to the rescue. He tried to get his little sister to understand why she was a part of the problem. She needed to pay more attention to what was going on around her.

All she could say was, "I know. I know." But we all knew she didn't know. Labradors only know to love, be there and loyal to everyone else.

I was sorry to have brought up the problem, but something had to be done. Our family has survived as a family with a lot of prayer and honesty. We love each other and we have learned to let everyone be who they are. We need them in their roles as members of this family. Each one brings balance for the other.

When someone picks on the Labrador, we have jumped right into the middle of the fight. This time Al and I needed to stay out of

it. Al enables the Labrador, and I could see the truth and sided with the bulldog.

But when a bone has been out of joint, and we've heard the pain since July, someone needs to reset the bone. It was time for the bulldog to take over. It doesn't matter what kind of discomfort the rest of the family might go through, it must be done.

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Our son said to me, "I've become less charitable about this and I don't want to hear about it anymore. I'm done with it. I'm not being mean, but her arm is going to fall off if she doesn't do something about it."

I said to Al, "We don't have a dog in this fight. Stay out of it." I sat in the recliner and planted my ugly shoes on the carpet.

Al got up from his recliner and paced. "But I can't stand around and let anyone hurt her."

"That's the problem. She needs tough love from us, but she also needs her brother to fight for her. Let it go, Al."

We listened to the crying, the moaning, the redundancy as our son chewed on that bone for an hour or so. My heart was breaking for our youngest daughter, but I knew it was necessary. My Sweet Al wanted to protect her from her brother. He was helping her.

Back to Noah. His comforting wasn't comforting at all as he built the ark. He preached righteousness and told them about their sins. He listened to their accusations. His actions showed the message he was telling. Build the ark and save the human race. The rains are coming.

I love comfort, but sometimes it's necessary to make a wrong right. We need more Noahs in this world. It's not a popular place for them, but we need to let them fight for us and even change our minds in the process.

Sitting in the car with his sister in the parking lot, our son persisted on the phone. He spent an hour talking to machines and getting the run-around. He finally got to the right person and handled the problem.

Final Brushstroke: Big brother came in and wiped the floor up with everyone in the way, including Al and me. Everything is taken care of. Peace is in our home once again. This is what families are all about and do for each other.

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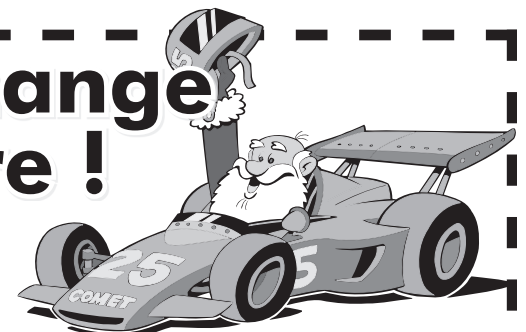
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Bird of the Week



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

You may know this bird by its nickname, "camp robber," conferred for its habit of showing up at high-altitude picnics, hikes, camps and ski area tables looking to grab a snack. Canada jays are also known as Whiskey Jacks, an anglicized version of the Cree name for a clever trickster.

Living year-round in northern and high-altitude environments which are snow covered in winter requires the ability to store food for the long cold months, and these birds have mastered the talent. Throughout the year they cache perishable foods, including berries, insects, mushrooms and pieces of meat after molding their find into a sticky blob held together by saliva. They stuff this food supply under loose bark or lichens, in needle clusters or glue it to a branch where tree resin helps to slow bacterial and fungal decay. They have been known to store up to 1,000 caches per day with the ability to find them later.

Once mated, pairs stay together as long as both are alive, rarely spending time apart. Oddly enough, they nest in late winter even when temperatures still fall way below zero. Both sexes contribute to building a well-insulated nest, an effort that may take up to three weeks, but incubation is left to the female.

Fledglings may stay with their parents for about a month after leaving the nest. Sometime in June, the largest of the brood kicks its siblings out of their parents' territory and they must find and store their own food. Only the dominant one may stay with its parents through the coming winter.

Imagined as an overgrown chickadee, the Canada jay is gray overall with a rounded head, white cheek, throat and forehead. Its thick, fluffy plumage puffs up in the cold to protect the feet and legs. Even the nostrils are covered in feathers.

In a popular poll in Canada, the Canada jay was first choice for a national bird. Canadians are known to brag that like them, this bird is very intelligent and friendly.

For information on events, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

Blood drive to be held at high school

Future Business Leaders of America, Pagosa Springs chapter

The Pagosa Springs chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is hosting a blood drive at the high school on Thursday, Nov. 16. It will be in the school library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Before donating it is asked that

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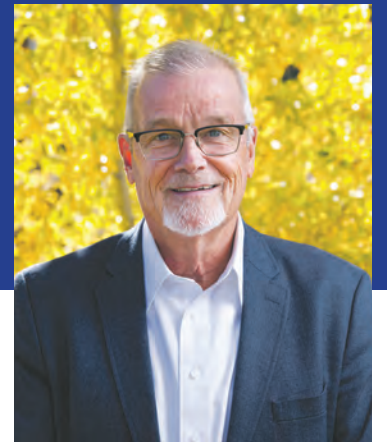
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John Ranson Announces Candidacy for County Commissioner District 2



"I am excited to announce my candidacy for Archuleta County Commissioner because I believe in the resiliency and potential of our community."

— John Ranson

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

With a long history of public finance experience and a proven track record of financial stewardship, John brings a wealth of experience to the Board of County Commissioners. His leadership in 2008 was instrumental in helping Archuleta County navigate through one of its most challenging periods ultimately leading to a period of stability and growth.

COMMITTED TO SERVE

John volunteered to serve as a Financial Task Force member in 2007 when Archuleta County discovered a serious financial crisis. Following that, John served for a period of time as County Commissioner. In addition, he recently sat on the committee to form, and budget for, Archuleta County's new Health Department. He has an unwavering commitment to the fiscal health and well-being of our County. John's leadership, as Commissioner and Task Force Member, not only rescued the county from financial turmoil, but also set the stage for a prosperous future.

KEY PRIORITIES

- 1) Provide focus and financial restraint in order to invest the amount required, not only to maintain, but improve OUR ROADS.
- 2) Invest more into TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE that can add to our economic growth.
- 3) Build stronger and better WORKING RELATIONSHIPS.



PERSONAL

John and Angie have been married for eight years. Both are long-term residents of Archuleta County: John since 1996 and Angie since 1986. Both raised their children in Pagosa Springs and the Archuleta School District. Together, they have 4 grandchildren, all living in Archuleta County.

Having been a dedicated member of the Archuleta County community since 1996, John understands the local values, concerns and aspirations of its residents.

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