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Motorcyclist dies following Sunday afternoon crash

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A motorcyclist from Durango died following a crash Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18, according to the Pagosa Springs Police Department.

"The Pagosa Springs Police Department is deeply saddened to report a fatal motorcycle accident that occurred yesterday ... on Highway 160 at Talisman Drive," a press release from Police Chief William Rockensock states.

According to the press release, at approximately 2:36 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18, a motorcycle driving west-

bound on U.S. 160 collided with a vehicle that was making a U-turn on U.S. 160 from Talisman Drive.

"Despite the immediate response from emergency medical personnel, the motorcyclist, identified as a 55-year-old male from Durango, Colorado, was pronounced deceased at the scene," the press release states.

Archuleta County Coroner Brad Hunt identified the victim as 55-year-old Robert Mason, of Durango.

The vehicle, a 2017 Buick, driven by 63-year-old Carlos Gutierrez from Evans, Colo., made a left U-turn across the westbound lane of U.S. ■ See Crash A9

Commissioners approve county manager's employment agreement

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved the employment agreement with its new county manager, Jack Harper, on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

Harper was initially selected as the interim county manager on May 14 and selected again as county manager on Aug. 6.

During the Aug. 20 meeting, Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if county attorney Todd Weaver had "vetted" the employment agreement.

Weaver indicated that he had, and that he had to update the format and rewrite most of the agreement, noting the previous document to be old and outdated.

According to the employment agreement, Harper will receive an annual salary of \$150,000, and is entitled to a severance package if he is terminated without cause.

"In the event the Employee's employment is terminated without cause, the Employee shall be entitled to severance benefits - If Employee's employment is terminated without cause by Employer, then Employer ■ See Employment A9

CDOT outlines details for upcoming reconstruction project

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Cone Zone Care Committee — an extension of the Pagosa Springs Main Street Advisory Board — and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) held an informational meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 19, highlighting some more details in regard to the upcoming reconstruction of U.S. 160 through downtown.

CDOT Regional Communications Manager Lisa Schwantes and Program Engineer Kevin Curry were in attendance and provided information on a timeline of the project, along with other details that have been worked out so far.

Schwantes began by explaining that CDOT Region 5 covers an area containing 15 counties throughout the southwestern portion of the state.

"It's quite a large area that we are responsible for," she said.

She noted that CDOT has hired a

project manager, RockSol Consulting Group, that will be taking on the consultant role for the project.

She went on to note specific dates as to when the project will be put out for contractors to bid, noting the project will be advertised starting Sept. 19 and will close on Oct. 17.

"That'll give the opportunity for contractors to bid on that project," Schwantes explained.

She also noted that CDOT is anticipating selecting a contractor by mid-November, possibly sooner depending on the bids received.

Schwantes explained that the project will begin in the spring of 2025.

Later in the meeting, Curry further explained that the contractor will be allowed to start on March 17, 2025, at the earliest, and the latest possible start date will be April 14, 2025.

"So, it gives 'em a small window that they can get started," Curry said, ■ See CDOT A10



Geothermal well leak repair

SUN photos/Randi Pierce
Workers from the Denver area fix the leaking geothermal well at Pagosa Springs Middle School on Friday, Aug. 16. The well was originally drilled in 1924.



Hundreds of cyclists passing through Pagosa Springs

Colorado Department of Transportation

The Colorado Department of Transportation and the Colorado State Patrol urge drivers to be prepared to share the road with bicyclists during the annual Colorado's Ride event.

The event began Monday in Durango.

Approximately 350 bicyclists are riding along several highways and county roads between Durango,

Silverton, Pagosa Springs and Wolf Creek Pass. The event is taking place over five days (Aug. 19 to 23) between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

For more information about Colorado's Ride event, visit the event website: www.coloradosride.com.

Dates and highway locations

On Monday, Aug. 19, the cyclists rode U.S. 550 from Durango to Sil-

verton. On Tuesday, Aug. 20, the cyclists were on U.S. 550, U.S. 160, Colo. 172 and several county roads in the Durango area.

On Wednesday, Aug. 21, the cyclists were on Colo. 151 and U.S. 160 from Durango to Pagosa Springs.

On Thursday, Aug. 22, the cyclists will be on U.S. 160 from Pagosa Springs to Wolf Creek Pass.

On Friday, Aug. 23, the cyclists will

be on U.S. 160 from Pagosa to Durango.

Times and exact course details on Colorado's Ride Course Description webpage at <https://coloradosride.com/course>.

Safety tips for drivers and riders

Motorists are encouraged to stay alert and share the road with cyclists: ■ See Cyclists A9

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OUR VIEW

Please, be careful

Multiple times in recent weeks we've had to report unpleasant news about crashes where people were seriously hurt or killed due to someone not exercising enough caution and failing to obey the law.

We know of other serious crashes in the area recently, as well, and see people driving aggressively often, following the person in front of them closely, changing lanes without signaling, flipping U-turns where not allowed and more.

When we heard several hundred cyclists would be passing through this week, it put us even more on edge. We sincerely hope everyone stays aware, drives carefully and that we don't have to report more bad news during what should be a fun, though demanding, tour of Southwest Colorado for these cyclists.

We find ourselves hoping for safety on the roads a lot these days as we see and hear of more and more crashes and more is added to the traffic mix.

The tourist seasons are, undoubtedly, lengthening in Pagosa Country, bringing more and more traffic at the same time that Pagosa continues to grow.

School, with its increased traffic at already-busy times of the day, is also starting locally, with some already back in class and others set to return on Sept. 3.

We also have to now take into account that lane filtering is legal for motorcycles

in Colorado for at least the next few years. It all makes driving more complicated, and driving must demand our full attention for us to get from point A to point B safely.

As the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) often tells reporters in asking articles to use "crash" instead of "accident," "Crashes are no accident — they are preventable."

Be aware of what's around you while driving — pedestrians, motorcycles, cyclists, animals or anything else. Buckle up. Don't drive distracted. Don't drive impaired. Follow the speed limit and reduce speed when conditions dictate. Do all of those safety things we're told time and time again.

While motorists need to be aware of their surroundings and watch for pedestrians, it's also important that we exercise caution and share the responsibility when we're the pedestrians.

According to the CSP, Colorado hit a record for pedestrian fatalities in 2023 with 153 people killed (foot and bicycle). That's an 18 percent increase over 2022.

"There is no question about who will suffer the most in a collision between a pedestrian and a vehicle," stated Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the CSP. "Whether it's self-preservation or common sense, pedestrians must be just as aware of their surroundings as motorists are."

Following are some safety tips from the

CSP and National Safety Council:

- Whenever possible, walk on the sidewalk; if no sidewalk is available, walk facing traffic.

- Follow the rules of the road and obey all traffic signs and signals.

- When available, cross streets at crosswalks.

- Look left, right and left again before crossing the street, making eye contact with drivers of oncoming vehicles to make sure they see you.

- Stay alert — avoid cellphone use and wearing earbuds.

- Avoid alcohol and drug impairment when walking or biking.

- At night, wear bright/or reflective clothing or use a flashlight.

- Children younger than 10 should cross the street with an adult.

According to Advancing Transportation Safety — a statewide collaborative effort led by a team of state and local agencies, advocacy groups, academic institutions and private entities — "6,799 people have lost their lives and 35,539 people have been severely injured on Colorado roadways since 2013."

That includes 720 fatalities and 3,949 serious injuries in 2023.

It takes all of us to be safe on the roadways to help reduce those numbers.

Please, be careful.

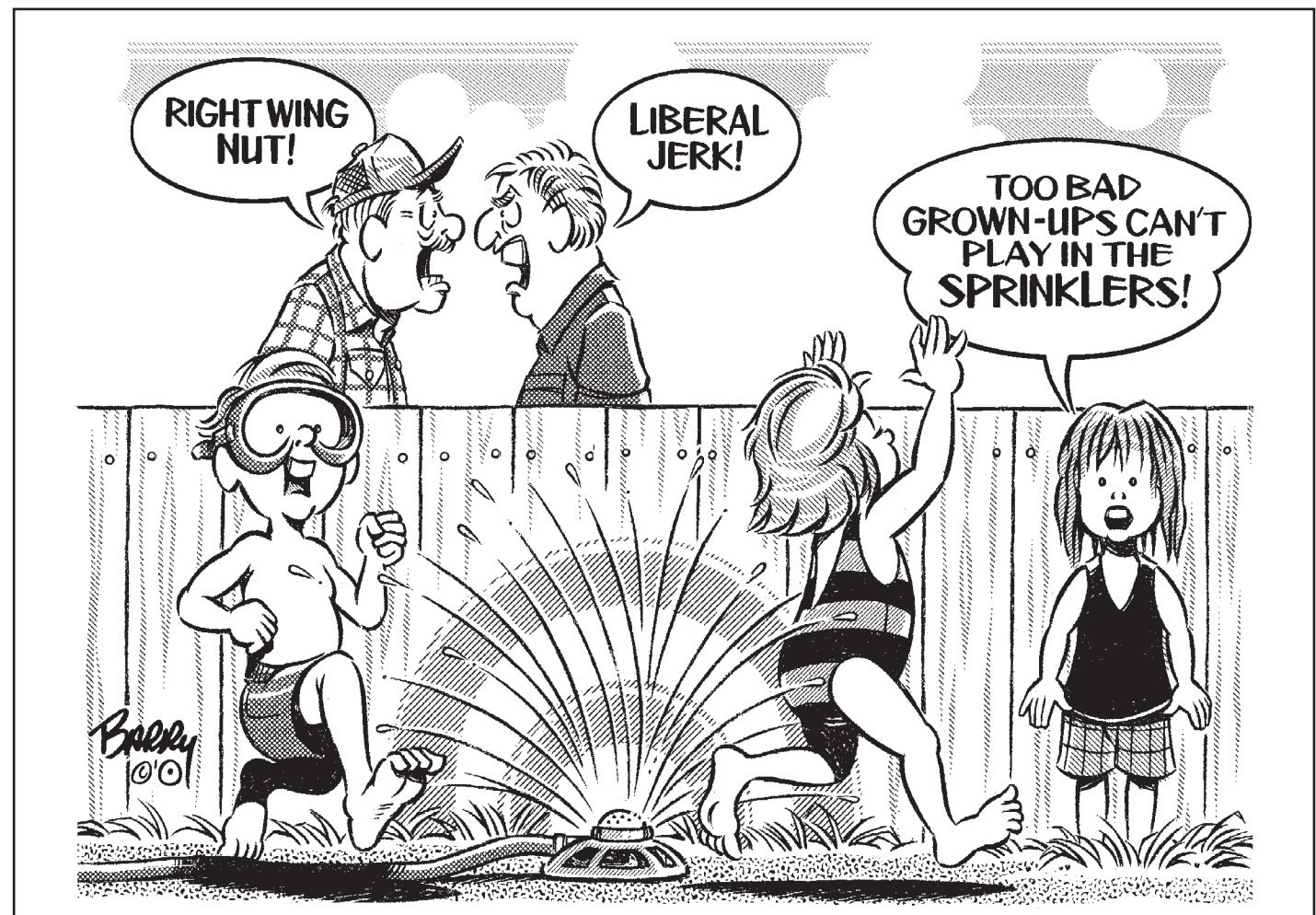
Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the June 12, 1980, Pagosa SUN — **WIDENING** — An acceleration-deceleration lane is being added to the highway at Pagosa. This stretch is in front of the Pagosa Lodge. The work is being done by contract from Eaton International and the engineering is being done by the State Highway Department, who will also resurface the highway for a seven mile stretch, including the new project.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 22, 1924

The Masonic cornerstone laying of Pagosa's new school house will definitely take place on Saturday afternoon, August 30th, by the grand lodge of Colorado and will be in charge of District Judge Jesse Wiley of Del Norte, grand master of this state.

Mrs. Vivian Flaugh has recovered sufficiently from poisoning to leave the Durango hospital and will be able to return home Sunday.

The rural schools of Archuleta county have declared an increase of salaries for teachers for the coming term, the increases ranging from \$10 to \$25. Scarcely any school will pay less than \$100 per month, the raise being necessary owing to the short supply and heavy demand of certified teachers.

The new steel brace for the Piedra bridge, to take the place of the one damaged last week by a huge rock loosened while blasting, is expected to arrive tomorrow and will be put in position at once.

A 700-pound capacity churn is being installed at the Pagosa creamery today.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 19, 1949

The town board at a special meeting Monday night of this week awarded the contract for the water works improvement which has been contemplated for some time. Mr. Morrill of Delta was low bidder on the labor and construction and Thompson Pipe and Steel Co. of Denver received the contract for furnishing the materials.

It is anticipated that work will start on this important project as soon as materials are on the ground and will be completed prior to the first of the year. The contract calls for the construction of an infiltration gallery, a new pump house, an additional line to the reservoir and other miscellaneous items.

With the installation of the filtering equipment the town water supply will be much purer and the filters should eliminate the muddy water that has been prevalent in the spring and fall.

Mr. Ben K. Lynch last week purchased a new ambulance for service in connection with his business. The car is a Kaiser and will give the community an excellent ambulance. Mr. Lynch had heretofore used his hearse which was slower than the new ambulance.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 22, 1974

The 4-H fat stock auction at the Archuleta County Fair this year was short of livestock and short of bidders. However, the stock did sell well.

Buyers, owners, and prices paid for the livestock is as follows:

Grand champion hog, owned by Millard Jacobson, purchased by San Juan Supply at \$85 per 100; fat hog owned by Shawn Jacobson, purchased by Ram Electric, \$80 per 100.

Grand champion fat sheep, owned by Raymond Shahan, bought by Hal Franklin, \$135 per 100.

Grand champion fat beef, owned by Jeannine Shahan, bought by Ram Electric at \$95 per 100; Reserve champion fat beef, owned by Sara Lee Shahan, bought by V.A. Poma, \$90 per 100; and fat beef, owned by Raymond Shahan, bought by City Market, \$80 per 100.

Local baseball players are in Dallas, Texas to compete in the national Stan Musial League tournament, 15 members of the team left by car last night for Dallas. Their first game will be Saturday morning at 10 a.m. when they meet the winners of the Tulsa-Ft. Worth game.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 19, 1999

Wolf Creek Ski Area may be nearing the end of the long, long road traversed in order to add a ski lift, service roads and parking area.

Officials from the U.S. Forest Service, the ski area, and Colorado Wild Inc. will meet Friday with the purpose of finding common ground to mitigate an appeal filed by Colorado Wild asking the Forest Service to withdraw its approval of an environmental assessment prepared by the ski area to justify building the new ski lift, roads, and parking area.

If agreement is reached Friday and Colorado Wild withdraws the appeal, construction on the proposed expansion could begin Sept. 1. If agreement is not reached Friday, the Forest Service reviewing officer will render a decision Sept. 16 the entire process, first initiated in early 1998, might have to start over.

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8/19	86	53	-	NA	NA

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Project 2025 and veterans

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading Project 2025's chapter on the Department of Veterans Affairs and two words sum up the Republican plan, "privatization and politicization". Reforms include shifting care to private providers that participate in Community Care Networks (CCNs) and expansion of CCNs and Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs).

While these do expand access for veterans in rural or isolated areas, these entities increase the cost to the VA for those services. A better solution is to adequately fund the VA so that it can provide critical services to veterans within the system. Every Republican Administration since Reagan have cut services and access to the VA and have either cut the VA's budget or kept it flat. During my stint at the VA, our lab's budget stayed the same for 5 years during the Bush 2 Administration. This at the same time thousands of new patients

were being created in the Iraq war. The 2025 Project uses the backlog of claims and appointments to bolster their claim that government doesn't work. Thankfully, President Biden's administration has increased the VA budget 9.8% for an increase of over \$30 billion for health care, benefits and National Cemeteries. Plus an increase of \$41.8B or 21.6% for 2024 benefit programs, such as compensation and pensions, readjustment benefits, housing and insurance and just this year, benefits for toxic exposure.

Here are a few more Republican VA plans in 2025. Increase the number of patients seen by each physician by decreasing time spent with them. Recruit retired physicians (ha, that's a good one). Outsource benefit decisions to the private sector (think private insurance). Hire private companies to perform disability medical exams (again think private insurance). Increase automation to process claims with private contractors and the use of AI (more talking to a robot). Removing all Senior Management on day one to ensure political control. Fire all civil servants who will not sign a loyalty oath, just as Trump installed political hacks and yes men instead of relying on experts, doctors and scientists.

VA patients are a unique population that in many cases require long term and specialized treatment. It has been shown the the VA hospitals continuously out perform the private sector in the delivery of those services and at a lower cost. Privatization only increases costs by transferring money from healthcare to CEOs' and investor's pockets.

Other cuts proposed in Project 2025, such as to SNAP (food programs), Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and housing subsidies also hurt veterans because of the high percentage of veterans who depend on those programs. Add to that the VA is one of the largest employer of veterans. There is no way the Republican proposed policies will be to the benefit of veterans.

Dave Butcher

Why the rush?

Dear Editor:

The County Commissioners have a fiduciary duty to manage taxpayer money wisely and seek cost-effective solutions to County challenges. One pressing issue is the need to relocate the County's administrative staff within the next three years. The current proposal—to purchase a five-acre lot on South Pagosa Blvd. for \$2.178 million and construct a new Administration building—seems to be an excessive and expensive solution, potentially leading to a long-term debt of up to \$20 million.

A more prudent approach would be to purchase and remodel an existing building. This could be achieved within the three-year timeframe and might be funded using the County's existing reserve funds, avoiding additional taxpayer debt. Such a strategy would also provide the County with more time to plan for future expansion needs. Furthermore, non-taxpayer funding options, like grants, could help cover future costs, and the remodeled property could be sold if it becomes surplus.

Even if the County opts for new construction, less expensive parcels are available near or within Harman

Park. These parcels have the added advantage of utilities and roads already installed. These locations could better meet the goal of consolidating judicial, law enforcement, and administrative functions while potentially reducing costs.

Why the rush? We should ensure that we're making the best decision for taxpayers. Let's take the time to explore all viable options and secure the most cost-effective solution.

Sharon Carter

Blessed

Dear Editor:

A couple of weeks ago I stopped at Sonic for a milkshake. That evening, I received a text asking if I had lost my wallet and I.D. Immediately I said no. Then I was told to look on a Pagosa Facebook group. Wow there it was. I immediately got in touch with the gentleman who posted it. I met them at his apartment parking lot. He said his daughter Dallas, worked at Sonic and found them on the ground. They were in two card holders with my car registrations and insurance cards for 3 vehicles, AAA card, Lifetime member card, and a credit card. I thanked them and gave Dallas \$50 as a token of my appreciation. To replace all my cards, I would have been on the phone for hours. Raymond Revuelta and his family had moved to Pagosa from California.

I sent a chat to Raymond asking: What is your daughter's name? I am so blessed that she was the one to pick up my cards, and you reached out to find me! You have taught her well.

His response: Since I moved to Pagosa I've seen nothing but kindness. So, yes it was the right thing to do. I've taught my daughter if it doesn't belong to you, give it back. Thanks to the Facebook group we were able to find you.

It is people like Raymond and Dallas who make living in Pagosa Springs a great place. I have been blessed, thank you, Raymond and Dallas!

Vicki Cates

Title

Dear Editor:

Peter and Rebekah moved to Pagosa Springs in 1977. They moved to a scenic log home on the west-end of Lake Pagosa on Lake Pagosa and have been there ever since. At that time PLPOA was a fledgling home owners' association. Over the years,

it increased its dues, rules and grip on home owners. A neighbor, any neighbor who does not like his neighbor uses PLPOA as its whip. PLPOA will issue a citation within a blink of an eye. We have been whipped five times by citations beginning in 1986. These citations have tried to put a choke collar around our freedom of expressing our Christian witness. We added "The Upper Room" guest apartment above our garage in 1986 for that purpose.

In 1999 the battle with PLPOA lasted a whole year. Finally, we were "grandfathered" and permitted to keep our Christian yard art in place. Letters to the editor from the community supported us. For this we were very grateful. We are sending this letter to the Pagosa Sun to once more solicit the support of the community. Once again we have been viciously attacked and fined for violating the rules which PLPOA continues to amend and make more restrictive. No one is ever notified what these changes are until they are violated. The Board of Directors justify the change by saying, "These upgraded rules will police the looks of properties to keep property values at their highest possible level. That's PLPOA argument and justification for doing what they are doing.

At this point, we, Peter and Rebekah Laue will not encourage anyone to build or buy in the area that is under the control of PLPOA. Many have already moved because of them. PLPOA is becoming increasingly unpopular. Unwary new buyers are not informed about the restrictive deed restriction and the unpopularity of the association. May this letter be a wakeup call from two of its longest residents. At 91 and 88 they may not be around much longer. Jesus has already prepared a mansion for them that is not controlled by a home owner's association. It's for all who have repented of their sins and have asked Jesus to be their Savior and Lord.

Whoever wants to vote for and encourage Peter and Rebekah, please visit them at 965 Cloud Cap Avenue while they are still in their earth suite; and or respond with a letter to the editor of the Pagosa Sun. Peter and Rebekah are no longer able to receive email letters. Their phone number is 970-731-2315. It is a long-line phone number.

Peter and Rebekah Laue

■ See Letters A4

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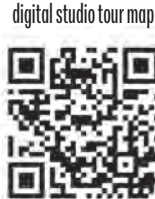


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William 'Bill' Downey

With deep sadness, the family of Bill Downey announces his passing early Saturday morning, Aug. 17, at the age of 81, in Pagosa Springs following an extended illness.

Services will be held at a later date.

Laura Jean Hauge

Sept. 3, 1958-Aug. 14, 2024

Laura Jean Hauge, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, passed away peacefully on Aug. 14, 2024. Born on Sept. 3, 1958, in Albuquerque, N.M., Laura grew up in Boulder, Colo. She attended Boulder High School, graduating in 1976.



Following graduation, she earned her teaching degree from the University of Colorado Boulder in 1980. She would go on to be an elementary school teacher and substitute.

In 1977, Laura married her first husband of 31 years, Bert Wright, and from their partnership their daughter KJ was born. Following the death of Laura's parents, William and Jaquelyn Downs, she lovingly raised her then-teenage brothers: Roland and James. The family lived together

in Colorado (Boulder and Highlands Ranch), Austria and Virginia.

Laura married Robert Hauge in 2012. They spent the first years of their marriage living in Colorado Springs and raising their kids: Ashley, Dan and Aaron. In 2020, pursuing their shared dream, Laura and Robert purchased property outside Pagosa Springs. Together they worked to turn 80 acres into Peregrine Vista Ranch, a gathering place for friends and family alike. Laura's daily life up there involved attending to her garden and caring for the animals. She spent countless hours on the property with her grandchildren: Zebadiah and Thaddeus. From her final resting place, at Peregrine Vista, she will remain a part of the family and the land she devoted her heart and soul to as her dreams for the property progress.

Laura first and foremost had a desire to inspire and encourage people. Her legacy lives on through the lives she influenced, the love she had for others and the memories she created.

A memorial service will be held in the World Prayer Center at New Life Church in Colorado Springs on Friday, Aug. 23, 2024, at 1 p.m. See <https://everloved.com/life-of/laura-hauge/obituary/>.

Raymond Martinez

Raymond was born in Del Norte, Colo., on Aug. 18, 1945, to Juan

B. and Pablita Martinez. Raymond grew up in Pagosa Springs and graduated from Pagosa High School in 1964, where he excelled in athletics. Raymond served his country honorably in the Army during the Vietnam war. After his service, Raymond joined his family in Henderson, Nev., and married his wife of 56 years, Karen Chambers Martinez.



Raymond was an accomplished and dedicated welder. Raymond's work can be seen across the Vegas Valley in the form of titanium crosses that he crafted to adorn the tops of several local churches and hospitals.

Beyond his professional pursuits, Raymond was a lifelong avid outdoorsman. A fisherman at heart, Raymond loved spending days with a fishing pole in his hand. He loved fishing and his family loved the fish fries that followed. Raymond also loved hunting, four-wheeling, and camping with his family.

When he was not outside, Raymond enjoyed spending time with family and beloved dogs; watching the Broncos, Rebels basketball and Notre Dame football games; eating homemade beans, tortillas and chili; watching National Geographic and

listening to Country Chuck.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Karen; son Jonathan (Hope) Martinez; daughter Kathleen (Chris) Mueller; grandchildren Ashley, Bailey, Zachary, Christopher, Patrick and Jonathan. Additionally, Raymond is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Raymond's lifelong friend and partner in crime, Gabriel Hendricks.

He was predeceased by his parents and siblings: Joe Martinez, Helen Archuleta, Mary Quintana, Rosalie Higley, Lawrence Martinez, Margaret Hendricks, Jerry Martinez, Donelia Mullis and Clara Martinez. To honor Raymond's life, a funeral Mass was held in Henderson, Nev., on June 22. Raymond will be laid to rest alongside his family at Hilltop Cemetery in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on Aug. 31, 2024, at 10 a.m. Guests are welcome to attend the interment and join the family for lunch following the interment. Please RSVP to Leonard Martinez at (505) 506-7649 by Aug. 30, 2024, if you would like to attend the lunch.

Services

Kathi Creech

A memorial service for Kathi Creech will be held at Yamaguchi Park, 684 S. 5th St., on Aug. 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

End of Summer Sale

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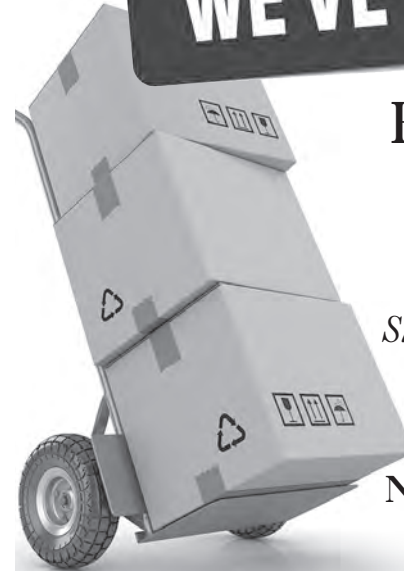
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LPEA election

Dear Editor:

Your ballots should be arriving this week for the LPEA board of directors election.

I would sincerely encourage you to vote for and support Kirsten Skeehan,

As you may recall Kirsten was first elected to the board in 2018. Since that time she has worked tirelessly for all of us by promoting fairness in rates and ensuring that Archuleta County is represented in the important budgeting decisions.

Kirsten's concern and caring for LPEA is noteworthy as is her involvement since elected:

- first term: peer selected for two year term on the Tri-State board
- served on the Western United electric board
- served on the National Rural Electric Cooperative (NRECA) director advisory group
- currently vice president of the LPEA board

I first met Kristen over 24 years ago when she and her partner Kathy Keyes purchased what was to become one of the most successful downtown businesses (Pagosa Baking Company) They have been friends of Todd and mine ever since.

Until time constraints would not allow I personally worked with Kirsten

en on a number of important Rotary projects.

I have known her to be a very involved community member.

As an intelligent deep thinker we are fortunate to have her representing us on the LPEA board of directors.

Reelect Kirsten Skeehan. Thank you.

Jann Pitcher

Reality

Dear Editor:

Why Do Some People Not Believe In Reality?

Leslie Sargeant

Bad medicine

Dear Editor:

My wife and a good friend used to exchange gifts at Christmas. With a \$50 limit my wife would always give a well-thought out gift while her friend thoughtlessly threw something together that wasn't worthy of a yard sale.

Similarly, the 3-years before the surprise Covid pandemic, Donald Trump gave our country prosperity, low inflation with affordable food and energy, a secure border, a path to an honorable withdrawal from Afghanistan on our terms, expanding peace in the Middle East, and a world free of armed conflict.

In return the Dems under Biden-Harris messed EVERYTHING up! And they now claim Harris is their

solution! I don't know what they're smoking, but it's BAD MEDICINE that will further devastate our country.

As the Bible says, "When I was a child I thought as a child and acted like a child. But when I [finally] grew up, I put away childish things."

When will Dem parents and grandparents wake up to the cultural devastation they're fostering on their children and our country by voting for California-style communism? God help us.

Jesse Wenzel

State school board

Dear Editor:

It should come as no surprise that the Republicans who voted Rep. Lauren Boebert into office not just once, but twice, would turn to another fringe candidate to represent Archuleta County, Durango, Cortez and the rest of CD03 on the state school board.

The GOP nominee? Former Montezuma-Cortez School Board President Sherri Wright. A Republican in the mold of Boebert, Wright is anti-science and pro-conspiracy theory.

While she was on the board Wright fought state-mandated COVID policies and launched a witch hunt into Critical Race Theory in school materials. Two board members resigned rather than follow Wright down her dark hole of con-

spiracy-mongering.

Like Boebert, Wright is skilled at creating conflict. She signed a petition to recall a fellow board member. Why? He posted pro Black Lives Matter support on social media ("I am ANTIFA") and delivered pizza to the high school's LGBTQ+ Club's lunch-time meetings. The board member was recalled and the board ended lunchtime club meetings as a way to disband the LGBTQ+ club.

So what will Wright do if elected? Her only promise is to obtain more funding for rural schools, but she doesn't specify a funding source. Lobby the legislature for a tax increase or cut other programs from the Department of Education budget?

Wright didn't fill out the Ballotpedia questionnaire on her race, and doesn't appear to have a campaign website or Facebook page. She is counting on her base in Montezuma County and voter apathy in red-leaning CD03 to win an under-the-radar campaign.

The Democratic candidate, Ellen Angeles, is a teacher with a strong commitment to public education. Her views are detailed at EllenForColorado.com and on Ballotpedia.

So what's it going to be, CD03? Elect a conflict-loving Republican with Boebert-like opinions, or a teacher who is dedicated to public schools?

Carl Young

Blood drive to be held Sept. 10

By Sharee Grazda
Special to The SUN

Every day, people around the country receive blood transfusions to treat chronic disorders, traumatic injuries, cancer and other conditions.

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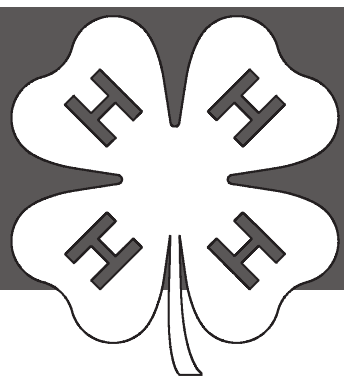
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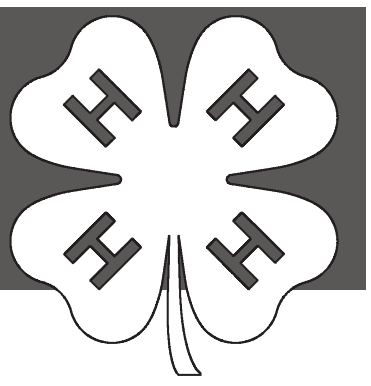
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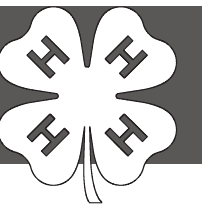
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2nd place Market Beef - Show Class 1
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Emma Carnley
1st place Market Lamb - Show Class 5
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2nd place Market Goat - Show Class 2
Inter-Mountain Propane



Benjamin Stretton
1st place Turkey - Show Class 5
RMC Trucking



Noah Lee
3rd place Chicken - Pen of Three -
Show Class 2
Terry & Ronnie Urbanczyk



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1st place Turkey - Show Class 7
Vicki Liszewski



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4th place Chicken - Pen of Three -
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2nd place Market Lamb - Show Class 5
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Nu Wave Lending



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4th place Chicken - Pen of Three -
Show Class 2
ReSport



William Ray
3rd place Market Beef - Show Class 1
The Springs Resort



Jack Hittle
2nd place Market Swine - Show Class 7
Rosie's Pizzeria



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3rd place Market Lamb - Show Class 2
Alley House Grille



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3rd place Market Goat - Show Class 3
Kitzel & Derek Farrah



Jack Hittle
2nd place Turkey - Show Class 3
M&M Construction



Nicoletta Ibram
5th place Chicken - Pen of Three -
Show Class 1
Inter-Mountain Propane



Daltin Hoover
3rd place Market Beef - Show Class 2
Bred & Fed Reserve
Inter-Mountain Propane



Emma Carnley
3rd place Market Swine - Show Class 4
Basin Coop



Tristan Espinosa
3rd place Market Goat - Show Class 4
AJ Construction



Grace Green
2nd place Turkey - Show Class 4
Elk Park Ranch



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5th place Chicken - Pen of Three -
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Property Trends



Michael Espinosa
3rd place Market Beef - Show Class 3
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3rd place Market Swine - Show Class 5
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4th place Market Goat - Show Class 3
Lobo Outfitters



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2nd place Turkey - Show Class 5
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8th place Chicken - Pen of Three -
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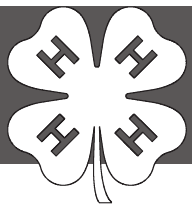
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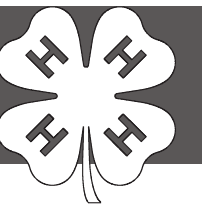
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2nd place Turkey - Show Class 6
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4th place Market Swine - Show Class 2
Jet Transport



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5th place Market Goat - Show Class 3
Justin & Sandra Stone



Claire Adkisson
3rd place Turkey - Show Class 1
United Rentals



Joel Puls
13th place Chicken - Pen of Three - Show Class 2
Last Resort on the River



Colter Carnley
6th place Market Beef - Show Class 2
Devo Capital



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4th place Market Swine - Class 7
Nu Wave Lending



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AJ Construction



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5th place Market Swine - Show Class 5
Healing Waters Resort and Spa



Ashton Tully
4th place Turkey - Show Class 5
M&M Construction



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5th place Market Swine - Show Class 7
Alley House Grille
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Riley Sanders
4th place Turkey - Show Class 8
La Plata Electric Association



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6th place Market Swine - Show Class 2
Terry & Ronnie Urbanczyk



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Inter-Mountain Propane



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6th place Market Swine - Show Class 5
Southwest Ag & 4 Corners Trailers



Adelyn Hittle
6th place Market Swine - Show Class 6
Cabe's Collision & Customs



Jesse Ray
7th place Market Swine - Show Class 2
The Springs Resort



Jenavieve Betts
7th place Market Swine - Show Class 6
Pagosa Mill District



Caden Plake
7th place Market Swine - Show Class 7
Cold Springs Ice CO



William Ray
8th place Market Swine - Show Class 2
The Springs Resort



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Thank you to all of the 4-H members and their families who committed hours of their time to hang fliers, promote the dinner, sell tickets, set up, cook, serve and clean up for this traditional fair event.

We would like to send out a very special thank you to Matty Warren and family for leading the way! There are numerous volunteers that make the dinner a success. Thank you to each and every one of you! Thank you to American Ag Credit for donating plates & cups.

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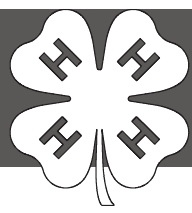
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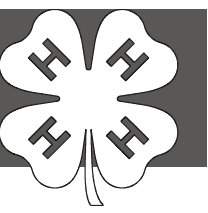
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Employment

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 shall provide a severance payment equal to six (6) month's salary at the current rate of pay, paid in a lump sum, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Employer and Employee," the agreement states.
 The agreement also indicates Harper's term of employment to be set for three years.
 The agreement also includes that Harper will receive paid time off (PTO) and flex-time leave.
 During the meeting, Commissioner Warren Brown asked for clarification in regard to the additional 40 hours of flex-time leave, asking if that is in addition to the already-granted three weeks of paid vacation.

"Would that make up what a five-year employee would expect in their PTO?" Brown asked.
 Weaver explained that the flex-time is granted to the executive employees, noting that he received the same flex-time when he first started working for the county in 2019.
 "So, it's consistent with past practices," Weaver added.
 Brown also asked for clarification in regard to the county manager's review and evaluation period, asking if the commissioners will perform reviews along with a self-evaluation by Harper that would jointly be considered, which Weaver confirmed is the standard procedure.
 Commissioner Veronica Medina

offered some comparisons of Harper's agreement to that of the previous county manager, Derek Woodman.
 She noted that Woodman was receiving a \$400 monthly vehicle stipend, which was not included in Harper's contract.
 Medina also stated that Woodman "was able to negotiate" that he was accruing vacation time as a county employee with six to 10 years of service with the county, which equated to 15 days of vacation time per year.
 "Just a couple of differences of what was negotiated," Medina added.
 "This county manager definitely has more qualifications and more experience in this field."

Medina also explained that Harper was eligible to receive up to \$5,000 for relocation expenses, with certain requirements on what was able to be reimbursed.
 Maez also noted the county manager prior to Woodman was paid \$120,000 per year and had more than 20 years of experience, and Woodman was paid \$128,000 per year with no experience in a county manager position.
 Maez motioned to approve the agreement, with Brown seconding the motion.
 Before Brown seconded the motion he stated, "This is where we are; we need to move forward."
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Crash

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 160, where prohibited, placing the vehicle directly in the path of the approaching motorcycle, the press release explains.
 Gutierrez and a passenger in the

vehicle were not injured in the accident, it notes.
 Gutierrez was charged with making a U-turn where prohibited and careless driving causing death, according to the press release.

"This is a tragic incident that underscores the importance of adhering to traffic laws and exercising caution while driving," the press release states, adding, "We urge all drivers to be vigilant and prioritize safety on our roads."

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Aug. 22
Archuleta County Marijuana Ordinance Update Task Force meeting. 1 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.
Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.
Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.
Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd. View the meeting on Microsoft Teams using meeting ID: 211 697 380 209, passcode: 72rBqf.
Thursday, Aug. 29
Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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Thursday, Sept. 5
Main Street Advisory Board work session. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs Ross Aragon Community Center, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information, visit <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.
Thursday, Sept. 12
Main Street Advisory Board work session. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information, visit <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.
Thursday, Sept. 19
Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.
Thursday, Sept. 26
Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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Monday, Aug. 26
Archuleta County Road and Bridge Advisory Committee meeting. 2 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.
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CDOT

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noting that the contract has 324 working days.

Curry also explained that the contractor will have a working day contract, which will include penalties for going over.

Schwantes went on to explain that CDOT has hired a third-party public information team, Trulove Strategic Communications, that will be responsible for distributing information relating to the project.

Trulove Strategic Communications was represented in the meeting by Tracey Trulove, who indicated that she formerly served as the communications director for CDOT Region 3 and was responsible for leading the Grand Avenue Bridge construction project in Glenwood Springs that occurred in 2016 and 2017.

Schwantes indicated that Trulove has already been tasked with creating a project hotline, email and website.

Trulove indicated those resources should be ready in time for the Cone Zone's next informational meeting scheduled for Sept. 16.

Schwantes explained that typically the contractor selected is responsible for putting together a public information team.

"We did this differently this time," she said, adding the "hope is for more control on how that's taken care of."

Curry went on to explain that "it's a long contract" due to the amount of utility work that needs to be done before any paving can occur.

He noted that the town has also requested to have work done at the U.S. 160 and Piedra Road intersection to install ADA ramps.

"It's a fairly long job," he added.

Curry went on to explain some of the limitations of operations that will be put in place that the contractor will have to work around, one of which is that only one intersection can be closed at a time.

"We identified that they can only work certain intersections at a time; they can't close two intersections at once," he said.

The contractor will be required to maintain two lanes of traffic through the construction zone with one exception, Curry explained.

He explained the exception will be at the intersection of 1st street and U.S. 160, where traffic will go down to one lane with an alternating signal.

Curry added there will be "mostly night work" at that location.

He also noted that CDOT will work with the school district to ensure access for drop-off and pickup lines during the school year.

Curry mentioned there are certain streets that will not be allowed to close at the same time. Those include:

- 4th Street and Lewis Street.
- 2nd Street and 3rd Street.
- 8th Street and Hot Springs Boulevard.
- 8th Street and 10th Street.

Curry also explained that the contractor will need to submit a schedule for the work, and CDOT will meet weekly with the contractor to review a two-week outlook to outline what work will be taking place.

The contractor will also meet once a month with CDOT to identify the critical path and items the contractor has to do "to get from this point to this point," Curry said, noting that the contractor has to submit critical path plans in order to receive payment.

He added, "Multiple operations at separate locations will be allowed in order to coordinate different elements of the work such as utility adjustments, relocations."

Curry also spoke about phasing of the project and that it "needs to take into account the seasonal business nature of the town: June, July and August."

Curry noted that traffic volumes will be "significantly increased" in those times, and additional outreach and coordination with business owners will be necessary.

Traffic will be allowed to travel on unpaved surfaces for no more than 14 days, Curry mentioned.

"Traffic shall not be delayed by more than 15 minutes unless approved by the engineer," he added.

Later in the meeting a member of the public commented he has sat in traffic for longer than 15 minutes at the junction of U.S. 160 and U.S. 84, and asked what would be an acceptable amount of time to expect from the delay, asking if that would be an hour or two hours.

Curry explained that the flaggers

will be instructed to alternate traffic every 15 minutes, and that it may take longer than that to actually be able to drive through the construction zone.

However, Curry mentioned, "I don't think we'll have anything going on for that length of time, to be honest," and that a situation like that would need to be addressed immediately.

Curry added that the project manager will be notified if excessive backups are occurring.

He further explained that access to all businesses must be continuous to pedestrian traffic.

"All of these things are in here primarily for, one, safety for everybody," Curry said.

Curry also spoke about phasing of the project and that it "needs to take into account the seasonal business nature of the town: June, July and August."

He also noted that the contractor will have to work with business and property owners who have driveways connecting to U.S. 160, and that the contractor must maintain access to at least some of the driveway space.

"We know Pagosa Springs gets congested in the summertime," he said, noting that the community is congested right now and nothing is going on.

"So, we're gonna try to keep traffic moving through the town," he added.

Curry reiterated that these limitations and guidelines are in place for safety, and not for convenience.

"There's going to be times of inconvenience for everyone," he said.

The project will span at least two seasons, with a winter shutdown, Curry explained, adding that the winter shutdown date is not a defined date and is dependent upon weather.

"Clearly we're not going to be working during the middle of winter," he said.

He noted that the shutdown will last approximately 50 to 60 days, depending on snowfall, adding the earliest restart date could be in March 2026, but likely no later than April 1, 2026.

Curry explained that alterations can be discussed during the weekly and monthly meetings between CDOT and the contractor, but that major changes require "much more advanced discussion."

When asked by a member of the public if CDOT anticipates more than one bid on the project this time, Curry replied, "We sure hope so."

He explained that CDOT has been "selling" this project in Denver to the Colorado Contractors Association.

"We do have contractors that are interested in it," he added, explaining that the timing will likely fit into contractors' schedules better this go around.

"I'm hoping to get more bids," he

said.

Curry also replied to a question in regard to the winter shutdown, noting that "construction evidence" will be everywhere, but that two lanes of traffic will be maintained.

Curry also spoke about concerns of CDOT being able to cover the cost differences compared to the previous bid that was denied.

He noted that CDOT has been able to "find budget" to cover the new estimated cost of the project, "and, surprisingly, it came out to what the first bid was — imagine that."

He also explained that once a contractor submits a bid for the job, "that's his price," and that contractors take the market into account when they submit a bid.

In response to a question about if any of the restrictions that the local business representatives came up with made it into the contract, Curry explained that all utility work is required to be completed before any paving can be done.

He explained that part of the contractor's bid submission will outline how they plan on completing the utility work, but "we simply can't dictate where a contractor works when for convenience," adding that limitations can only be put in place for safety or congestion concerns.

He explained that anytime CDOT tries to dictate a specific time frame for pieces of the project, CDOT takes on a risk of time and money.

He noted that CDOT did review that option and found that it would increase the total cost by one-third and would add at least 72 working days.

"We've been scraping under the cushions for this job," he added.

Schwantes explained that prior to the selection of a contractor, a pre-construction meeting will be held to identify the critical components of the project.

"Please know that we are going to do our best to have your back and express those concerns to them," she said.

Schwantes also mentioned that CDOT has determined the size of the median cannot be reduced due to safety concerns.

Curry noted that the median is to help reduce the number of side-swipe accidents, "which we have a history of."

He noted the median will have a hard surface and the Pagosa Fire Protection District has acknowledged it will still be able to get emergency response vehicles through the area.

Mayor and Main Street board member Shari Pierce asked about the number of days and hours per week crews will be working.

Curry explained that it will be a "mostly daytime operation" with crews working Monday through Friday.

He noted that occasional weekend work might occur, which would have to be approved by the project manager.

One audience member asked if CDOT will be putting in a traffic light at the junction of U.S. 160 and U.S. 84, to which Schwantes explained that will not be a part of this reconstruction project.

tion project, but that CDOT's traffic and safety division is currently studying that intersection.

The issue of parking was also brought up with questions about what is being done.

Main Street Advisory Board chair Rick Holter explained that a task force has been working on the issue and is coming up with multiple solutions.

Curry added that there will be no parking on the street due to safety reasons, but that the overlook parking lot will remain open.

One member asked if the new pavement will be able to handle the large volume of semis that come through Pagosa.

Curry replied that the new pavement will be 9.5-inch-thick concrete and should be "more than enough" to withstand heavy truckload traffic.

He mentioned that the utility work will need to be completed before any concrete can be placed, also acknowledging a concern about having geothermal lines replaced.

He mentioned that some of the geothermal lines will need to be replaced as part of the project, along with water, sewer, electric and fiber lines.

"I think about every type of utility you can think of is getting moved or replaced," he said.

In response to a question about if businesses will be responsible for relocating any private utility lines, Pagosa Springs Community Development Director James Dickhoff explained that the town is planning on working with contractors to perform work on private utility lines that may need to be replaced and moved.

He also noted that all the utility work needs to be completed before the concrete is set.

In response to a concern about traffic being routed onto Lewis Street, Curry explained that CDOT never detours traffic onto non-state roads.

"The only thing I can say is that the locals know where to go," Curry said.

Schwantes added that educating locals with tips and tricks on how to navigate through the construction is also part of the process.

"Please walk a couple extra blocks to come to work ... things like that," she mentioned.

Holter indicated that the board will be putting together a "survival kit" that will have helpful information on how to navigate around the disturbances from the construction.

"We know construction is painful," Schwantes said, adding that CDOT is excited to move forward with the project.

Schwantes commented that there is a "dedicated and enthusiastic" group of people in the Pagosa community involved in this project.

"We want to join forces with them so we can make this project a success," she said.

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Adam Frisch, Democratic candidate for Colorado Congressional District 3, talks with Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke on Friday, Aug. 16, during a tour of homes being constructed as part of the organization's workforce housing program.

Community Development Corporation awarded \$20,000 grant

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) has been awarded \$20,000 from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority's (CHFA's) Direct Effect Awards.

A press release from CHFA announced on July 31 that \$1,362,000 would be donated to 104 nonprofit organizations around the state through the program.

The press release explains that award recipients include public housing authorities, cities, counties and local municipalities "whose missions align with CHFA's work to strengthen Colorado by investing in affordable housing and community development."

According to CHFA, the grant award "will help to build internal capacity by hiring staff to assist with grant execution and compliance."

Housing update

At a regular board meeting held by the PSCDC on Wednesday, Aug. 14, Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke provided an update on the organization's current housing project.

Lashbrooke explained that the Archuleta County Housing Authority (ACHA) is stepping in to provide income verification and deed monitoring services for the PSCDC's workforce housing development in the Trails and Chris Mountain II neighborhoods.

The PSCDC plans to build 45 homes over three years, with 10 homes set to be completed and available for qualified buyers to purchase by the end of this year.

Lashbrooke went on to explain that the agreement with the ACHA requires the PSCDC to create a memorandum of understanding (MOU) outlining the ACHA's role and responsibilities.

"I thought, 'How bad could it be?'" Lashbrooke said in regard to the cost of having an MOU drafted, explaining that ACHA asked for the PSCDC to

cover the costs.

She noted the total cost came out to approximately \$3,300, commenting it is an unbudgeted expense for the PSCDC.

PSCDC president Sherry Waner commented, "Unfortunately, it's pushing the cost up for the homeowners because we have to pass that cost on."

Waner also noted that the ACHA is charging individuals \$200 for a credit check and income verification, which the PSCDC is requiring in order to become an eligible buyer for the program.

Lashbrooke noted that the ACHA is not making any profit from that charge and that a third party is performing the credit check, which is causing the \$200 fee to be collected. Lashbrooke also noted that she does not understand the need for an MOU "because this is the job the housing authority should be doing," but that she understands "the value of the document."

Lashbrooke noted the only thing the ACHA will have to continuously monitor on the deed restriction for 33 years is that the home is owner-occupied.

Lashbrooke explained that the recent award from CHFA may be able to be used to cover the cost of the MOU.

She also noted the MOU establishes a five-year time frame with the option to renew.

Lashbrooke also briefed the board on another unforeseen costs associated with the housing project, explaining that the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association have holding fees for water and sewer connections.

She explained that the holding fee for 35 lots that the PSCDC received from the county is about \$9,000 per year.

Lashbrooke noted that this was not known when the lots were initially transferred.

"It keeps adding," she said. Waner commented on the topic,

highlighting a main reason why the PSCDC first got involved with affordable housing projects.

"One of the biggest reasons we were asked to tackle this project was to, one, identify what the hurdles and the roadblocks are," she said. "There's probably an opportunity for a lot of different organizations to come together to help remove those barriers to entry for creating affordability in housing."

Board member Brooks Lindner asked if PAWSD would be willing to waive the holding fees.

"Because they waived our capital investment fees, they are not willing to waive the holding fees," Lashbrooke said, adding that the PLPOA has to go to a vote for the fees to be waived.

"That's highly unlikely to pass for

us," she said.

"This seems like one that would be easy for them to waive," Lindner replied, noting this is "just [a] stagnant holding fee deal."

Lashbrooke also noted that PAWSD would not be able to collect this fee if the PSCDC were not doing its housing project.

Lashbrooke mentioned that the CHFA award might be able to be used to cover the holding fee.

The PSCDC will be holding its first housing opportunity drawing today, Aug. 22.

At the meeting, Lashbrooke noted there are four eligible homebuyers for this drawing. She noted that the PSCDC will hold another drawing in September and possibly one in December or January 2025.

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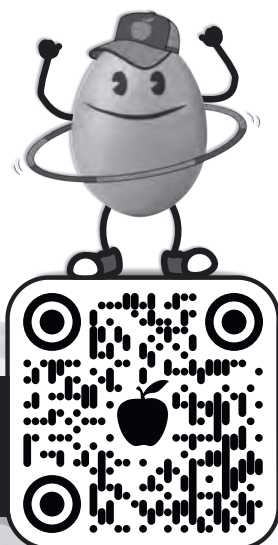
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Community Resource Center to host Lunch and Learn Sept. 30

By Marcy Mitchell
Community Resource Center

Grant research and assessing private and government grant funding is critical for the sustainability of nonprofits in Pagosa Springs. To help build that capacity, the Community Resource Center (CRC) is hosting a free Lunch and Learn at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library on Sept. 30 from noon until 1 p.m.

Nonprofit staff can bring a bag lunch and learn more about the Colo-

rado Grants Guide and grant research in Colorado.

The Colorado Grants Guide is part of the grant services program at the CRC and is designed to support small, rural and systemically marginalized communities that experience barriers accessing private and government grant funding.

In 2022, the CRC launched the guide on a new platform with increased functionality and features.

For more than 40 years, the CRC has worked with its partners across Colorado to increase access to in-

formation and build the capacity of organizations and connect nonprofits to funders in Colorado. Many Pagosa nonprofits have attended the CRC's Rural Philanthropy Days and other nonprofit trainings.

Marcy Mitchell, former executive director of Aspire Medical Services and Education, will be facilitating the Lunch and Learn session.

Mitchell served at Aspire in Pagosa Springs for seven years as executive director and wrote and received several grants. She also helped found the Early Childhood Council of Archuleta

County.

Register now at <https://events.blackthorn.io/en/1aHNXd6/non-profit-lunch-and-learn-ruby-ssison-library-4a3KVVWM8tN/> or view to learn more about the Colorado Grants Guide and grant research.

About the CRC

The CRC is a nonprofit organization founded in 1981. Its mission is to support, strengthen and galvanize change-makers across the nonprofit ecosystem, working together to create a more equitable Colorado.

Archuleta County Planning Department to hold community meetings regarding address changes on Colo. 151

By Ashley Springer
Archuleta County

The Archuleta County Planning Department recently issued address changes for three parcels located on Old Gallegos Road that were incorrectly addressed on Colo. 151.

Old Gallegos Road was originally declared a road by Resolution 96-26. At this time, no other address

changes have been made.

Additional address changes on Colo. 151 are being considered after emergency medical services were dispatched to the wrong address due to confusion regarding duplicate addresses in La Plata and Archuleta counties.

The Planning Department would like to discuss this issue and answer questions from residents in two community meetings scheduled to be

held at the TARA Community Center, located at 333 Milton Lane in Arboles.

The first meeting will take place Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. The second will take place Sept. 24 at 1 p.m.

RSVPs are not required, and this meeting is open to the public.

The Planning Department urges residents to ask questions at these events. The department wants the community to further understand

that where there is legitimate concern for the regard for safe and effective dispatch of emergency responders to a location, the Department will be compelled to make address changes. Changes will also be considered if requested by the property owner.

For further information, please contact the Planning Department, (970) 264-8341, or visit archuleta-county.org.

Corporation

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Business forum

At the Aug. 14 meeting, Lashbrooke introduced the idea of creating a business forum to help relay messages from the business owner community to elected officials.

"We hear from the electeds a lot that they're not hearing from the business community," she said.

Lashbrooke explained that due to the timing and location of PSCDC meetings, a lot of business owners are unable to attend and have to prioritize running their businesses.

Lashbrooke added that the business forum would "identify topics that our electeds would like to hear thoughts from our community on ... Just seek input from our business

community about where our community is going."

Lashbrooke noted the Town of Pagosa Springs is currently working on a strategic development plan and that business owners may want to weigh in on that.

Board member Warren Brown, who is also a county commissioner, commented that he'd like to see a

forum developed and that it is good to have "open conversations" with business owners.

Lindner, who is a town council member, suggested that the overarching theme of the forum could be focused on growth of the community.

"It's something that, we have a lot of constituents that are really concerned and freaked out about growth, and yet our businesses of course desire growth, so how do we balance that, and I think that would be an interesting topic," he said.

Brown questioned if this is something that would be open to PSCDC members only, or open to any business owners.

"It would absolutely be open to all businesses. I think we would be doing a disservice if we didn't ... every business has a voice in this community," Lashbrooke said.

She indicated that the next PSCDC membership meeting is scheduled for Oct. 22, and that the forum might be presented then.

Archuleta County, Pagosa Springs Golf Club work to combat foul smell on course grounds

By Ashley Springer
Archuleta County

Complaints to the Archuleta County Water Quality Department regarding "sewer-like" smells coming from golf course lawns after watering prompted an investigation into what could be the cause.

Earlier this month, Water Quality Department Manager Kevin Torrez met with course owner John Janowski, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Department of Property and Environment Manager Larry Lynch, and Wyndham Operations Manager Tom Barns to discuss the issue.

"I suspect it is simply decomposing biomass in the lake, kind of that hydrogen sulfide odor, a byproduct of bacterial decomposition that's released as a gas," Lynch said. "See it often in small, shallow bodies of

water. I don't believe it is anything toxic, but I'm not an expert on it. It may subside as we get into some cooler nights here in August, hopefully, but difficult to know for sure. I'm just making an educated guess here on what's going on.

"I think it may be possible to mitigate some of that issue with a management plan, but that would involve getting the owners involved and probably some level of funding, research and development of a plan. Could include things like lake aeration or other means. Technically, the water is owned by [the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District], and is primarily used to irrigate the golf course under agreement. The lake level fluctuates as irrigation is pulled out, but then recharged via a pumping system from nearby lakes."

Janowski and Barns worked to fill the lake to an appropriate flow level

and the smell subsided a great deal.

We will continue to have fluctuations in the smell's intensity, but we are hoping it calms as the weather changes. Lake water levels will continue to be monitored.

The lake will also be treated in early spring to mitigate the smell come watering time next summer.

Torrez said it was a group effort to find the problem, and the solution.

"The golf course and Wyndham have a plan to keep the smells at a minimum for the remainder of the year and are looking to begin mitigation efforts early next year. I will keep an eye on the situation and give a report in the next month or so," Torrez explained.

For more information, please contact the Water Quality Department, (970) 264-8342, or visit archuleta-county.org/754/water-quality-department.

LPEA ballots due by Sept. 17

By Amanda Anderson
La Plata Electric Association

The La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors has announced the cancellation of the 2024 director elections for two director districts, while the elections for Districts 1 and 4 will proceed as planned.

District 1 covers Archuleta County. In accordance with LPEA bylaws, if only one candidate is nominated for a district, the election may be canceled, and the candidate is declared elected by resolution. This year, no challengers were nominated for Districts 2 or 3.

Therefore, for District 2, incumbent Kohler McInnis will be declared re-elected as of Sept. 18. For District 3, incumbent Ted Compton will be declared re-elected as of Sept. 18.

In District 1, the qualified candidates are Dusty Mars and Kirsten Skeehan.

In District 4, the qualified candidates are Tim Wheeler and John Purser.

Ballots for the 2024 election were mailed out the week of Aug. 12 to members in Districts 1 and 4. Completed ballots must be received by 4 p.m. on Sept. 17.

Ballots may be returned through the following methods:

- By mail: Utilize the prepaid envelope included with the mailed ballot.

- By drop-off: In Pagosa Springs, ballots can be dropped off at the LPEA Office Pagosa Springs at 603 S. 8th Street or the Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder's Office at 449 San Juan St.

Alternatively, members can vote in person at the annual meeting on Sept. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the LPEA Durango Office in Bodo Industrial Park.

For more information about the annual meeting, to view Spanish translation of election materials or to register for the virtual meeting, visit lpea.coop.

Public Notices

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Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address:
Archuleta Combined Courts
109 Harman Park Dr.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
In the Matter of the Petition of:
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For a Change of Name to:
Emily Marie Morris
DATE FILED: August 6, 2024 11:22 AM
Case Number: 24C60
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public Notice is given on 8/3/24 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the District Court.
The Petition requests that the name of Emily Marie Geren be changed to Emily Marie Morris.
By Cheryl Mulbery, Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
Published August 15, 22, and 29 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*. (243769)

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Telephone: (970) 264-8160
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Anne Lincoln
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Tom.Rodriguez@LathropGPM.com
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NOTICE
ACCEPTANCE OF LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR **PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly to the property owners and residents within Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District ("District" or "PAWSD") of Archuleta County, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the District has an open seat on the Board of Directors for the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District. Letters of Interest for the open seat may be submitted at until August 28, 2024. To be considered, you must own property or reside within the boundaries of the District and be an active registered voter in Colorado. Please submit Letter of Interest to the Board of Directors President/Chairman Jim Smith c/o Renee Lewis at renee@pawsd.org or 100 Lyn Ave. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
Published August 22, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (244145)

Public Notice: San Juan Basin Public Health Bar Date Announcement
Please take notice that the San Juan Basin Public Health Department has established a Bar Date of September 3, 2024. All claims against the SJBPB Department must be submitted by September 3, 2024 to be reviewed. All claims must be submitted by this date to be considered for review. Late submissions will not be accepted. For further information on how to submit your claim or any related inquiries, please contact Damion Torkelson at dtorkelson@cordesco.com.
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Sports

GOLF

Smith finishes first, Pirates take fifth in Alamosa

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Johnathon Smith picked up his second win of the season in as many tournaments at the Alamosa Invitational on Friday, Aug. 16, with the Pagosa Springs High School Pirates finishing fifth out of 14 teams.

The Pirates finished behind Montezuma-Cortez, Monte Vista, Gunnison and Salida.

Smith shot two under par for a final score of 69 to finish first out of 62 golfers.

That effort included recording an eagle on one hole, birdie on three holes, par on 11 and bogey on three.

"Johnathon obviously played well again — really well," coach Mark Faber said, adding that one of the

team's golfers pointed out on the way home that Smith is undefeated on the season.

Tyler Dimond finished 27th with a score of 92. He shot a birdie on one hole and par on four. Cedar Liverett finished 33rd in his first tournament of the season with a 95.

He shot birdie on one hole and par on two. Faber noted Liverett played "all right," but added, "There's more there, for sure."

Isabel Galloway finished 52nd with a 110, shooting par on one hole.

The coach also highlighted improvements by Dimond and Galloway, stating Dimond got a little better and Galloway got "a lot" better from the season's first tournament.

The Pirates are now in the midst of a break from

action until Aug. 26, at which point they will play three tournaments in three days.

"We've got the whole week to work on stuff," he said, noting things for each golfer to work on over the week have been identified.

The Pirates will return to action on Monday, Aug. 26, at the Durango Hillcrest Open at Hillcrest Golf Course in Durango.

Faber indicated the tournament will begin with tee times.

The next day, the Pirates will head back to Cortez for another tournament that will begin at 9 a.m. at Conquistador Golf Course.

On Wednesday, Aug. 28, the Pirates will host their sole home tournament of the season beginning at noon at Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Pirates set to open season in Silverton Saturday

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams will spring into action for the season on Saturday with a race in Silverton.

This year's squad has 20 runners, according to coach Rachael Christiansen, who notes in an email to The SUN there is a good mix between veteran runners and new runners, with nine returning runners and 11 new runners.

"The boys' team has some strong runners returning with Jesse Beck, Peyton Jackson, Dylan Dempster, Connor Thomas, and Isaac Hanto," the coach highlights. "Those 5 boys are experienced and we're excited to have them back and see what they can do out there. We are also excited about our new runners which include freshman Jacen Easling and Merrick Tudor, sophomore Stetson Osborn, and junior Eli Nehring. Each of these runners have done middle school cross country and/or track. So they do have experience running and know what it takes to be successful in cross. I think this year we will see most of these boys running in a pack together, which can be a very good tactic when racing."

Christiansen also notes there are several runners returning on the girls' side who are looking to start the season strong.

"On the girls' side, we have Sienna Rose, Hailey Sams, Kaiya Lyons, and Madi Stretton returning. These 4 girls are tough and have been consistent in their training this summer and are all looking very strong to start the season," she wrote. "We are also excited to have 7 new female runners this year! We have new freshmen Vivy DavRem, Mila Miller, and Bella



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Pirate cross-country runners pose during their annual training trip to the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

Jackson joining us. Gwen Tyler and Jenavieve Betts are new sophomores, Addison Johnson is a new junior, and Kate Cernosek is a new senior to the team! Some have experience in middle school cross or track and some are brand new to the sport and we are looking forward to watching them grow each week!"

The teams unofficially kicked off the season with the annual trip to the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve recently, with the Christiansen indicating the trip sets the tone for the season and 11 runners attended.

"[W]e ran, played, and got stronger as individuals and as a team. Every year each team carries their 'burden' to the highest dune and this year both teams set new records by

making it up in 27:49 for the boys and 29:10 for the girls," she wrote. "It was amazing to see them work together, encourage each other, and ultimately do something incredibly difficult together. This experience set the tone for the season and we are looking forward to breaking new records and accomplishing big things [together]!"

The harriers will open their race season with a 9:45 a.m. "low-key" race in Salida on Saturday, Aug. 24.

"This is our first time racing here and we are really looking forward to it," Christiansen wrote. "This race will be a much more low-key race with no official timing or team awards. Instead, both boys and girls will be racing together at 9:45 and coaches will be responsible for timing." Christiansen

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Noon, Thursday, Aug. 29

Change in hours:

Monday, Sept. 2, The Pagosa Springs SUN office
will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Pirates to open season at Demon Invitational

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team is set to open its season this week in Grand Junction, with coach Katie Lorenzen indicating one of the team's biggest strengths in opening the season is its camaraderie.

Practices started on Aug. 12, with the first week being tryouts.

"We had 42 girls try out ... which always is nice to see so much interest in volleyball," Lorenzen said. "And, it's the toughest job we coaches have to make cuts. It's never fun, but we did get down to a nice number for our program."

Lorenzen added it's been a fun challenge to determine where the athletes fit best within the program.

"We've had so many discussions as coaches just figuring out where everyone fits, where we see their development happening over the years, and it's been really fun that it's actually been quite a challenge to determine who is on each team," she said.

She added there are a relatively balanced number of girls in each grade within the program and that there has been a lot of interest in the program in the younger grades.

She noted it was fun to see during tryouts where the athletes are starting and how much potential they have.

Lorenzen also noted the team's

members really root for each other, which she indicated she sees as a strength.

"What we've seen so far that feels so good in the gym is, top to bottom, how much everyone is rooting for each other and excited for each other," she said. "At our scrimmages this past Saturday there were ... numerous spectators who commented on how fun it was to watch these groups of girls that were having fun with each other and cheering each other on. That is, I think, probably our biggest strength right now."

The coach also noted the team is younger this year, rebuilding after having a senior-heavy team last season.

"We definitely have things we are going to work on," she noted. "You know, ... we were replacing a very senior-heavy team that was also very experienced, and so we've got a few younger girls out there on varsity for the first time. But it's really fun to see them, the younger girls, step up and want to fill those shoes, want to be better and better, and everyone around them just cheering them on."

The team will set to open its season on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23 and 24, at the Demon Invitational in Grand Junction.

At that tournament, the Lady Pirates are set to face 4A Glenwood Springs at 5 p.m. on Friday and 2A Meeker at 10 a.m. Saturday.

"I think it's gonna be great to see

this full group now after a week of real practice together playing against teams playing real matches," Lorenzen said, explaining not everyone was present the whole day at the scrimmages. "So, I think it's going to be fun seeing our whole group together against other teams that we haven't seen before."

She continued, "And, we are working on a number of little things, specifically our service passing and blocking, and I think as we get stronger in those areas it's gonna make a world of difference for us. But, still, what I see as being so exciting is just how much the team is excited for each other, cheering for each other, putting in the work and having fun."

The Pirates went 10-15 on the season last year and 3-5 in Inter-mountain League play. They fell out of contention at regionals.

Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of press time, but is subject to change.

Following the Demon Invitational, the Lady Pirates will again be on the road on Aug. 27 to take on the Dolores Bears at 6:30 p.m.

The Lady Pirates will host the Alamosa Mean Moose for their first home match of the year at 6 p.m. on Sept. 5.

On Sept. 7, the Pirates will host the Telluride Miners at 3 p.m.

The Lady Pirates will again be on the road on Sept. 12, this time to take on the Del Norte Tigers at 6:30 p.m.

The Lady Pirates will return to their home court on Sept. 14 for a 1 p.m. affair with the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

On Sept. 17, the Lady Pirates will take on the Bayfield Wolverines in Bayfield at 6:15 p.m.

On Sept. 21, the Lady Pirates will host the Centauri Falcons at 1 p.m.

The team will be back in action at home on Sept. 24 against the Kirtland Central Broncos.

The Lady Pirates will head to Cortez on Oct. 1 to take on the Panthers at 6:30 p.m.

The team will then head to Alamosa on Oct. 5 to take on the Mean Moose at 1 p.m.

On Oct. 8, the team will take on the Durango Demons at 6 p.m. in Durango.

The Lady Pirates will host the Wolverines on Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.

On Oct. 17, the team will head to Ignacio to take on the Bobcats at 6:30 p.m.

The Lady Pirates will head to La Jara on Oct. 19 for a 1 p.m. matchup with the Falcons.

The team will take on the 2A Monte Vista Pirates at home at 6 p.m. on Oct. 22.

The Lady Pirates will close out their regular season at the Coal Ridge Tournament on Nov. 1 and 2.

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Photo courtesy Tom Maddock

Players from the Pagosa Pickleball Club pose after winning the second annual Wolf Creek Challenge on Aug. 15 against teams from South Fork.

Pagosa Pickleball Club victorious in Wolf Creek Challenge

By Tina Heffner
The Pagosa Pickleball Club

The Pagosa Pickleball Club proudly sponsored the second annual Wolf Creek Challenge on Aug. 15.

This pickleball competition consisted of eight teams from South Fork and eight teams from Pagosa Springs.

We are thrilled to announce that the Pagosa Pickleball Club team members prevailed with total matches won: 35 to 29.

We want to thank Amanda Gadowski of the Pagosa Springs Park and Rec Department for her support for this friendly competition and all of the South Fork players led by their

captain, Hunter Davidson.

Pagosa Pickleball Club team members

Team 1: Greg Michalak/Beth Michalak.

Team 2: Monty Roper/Jane Wang.

Team 3: Rich McLean/Suzanne McLean.

Team 4: Bob Cooke/Bryan Ellis.

Team 5: Bruce Blomgren/Cindy McNow.

Team 6: Laura Kokinski/Chris Kaufman.

Team 7: Lance Roberts/Jeff Bohrer.

Team 8: Tom Johnson/Greg Schulte.

Cross-country

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tiansen wrote.

The coach indicated she believes a strength of the boys' team will be its pack running.

"They will be able to push each other during practices and at races they will be close together, adding on multiple points to each person they pass," she wrote.

She added the girls' squad has some strong, experienced runners who are likely to help the newer runners grow quickly.

"We think some of these girls will fill into our top 7 quite nicely," she adds.

Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of press time, but is subject to change.

After opening the season in Silver-ton, the Pirate teams will head to Durango on Aug. 31 for a 9 a.m. race.

The harriers will take part in the Joe Vigil Meet in Alamosa on Sept. 7 beginning at 10 a.m.

On Sept. 14, the teams will race in Bayfield beginning at 10 a.m.

On Sept. 20, the Pirates will race

in Dolores beginning at 10 a.m.

The Pirates will host a meet on Oct. 5 beginning at 10 a.m. on Reservoir Hill.

On Oct. 12, the teams will head to Mancos for races beginning at 11 a.m.

The Pirates will close out the regu-

lar season on Oct. 18 in Monte Vista, with races for the Eric Wolff Invitational beginning at 10 a.m.

Following the regular season, the Pirates will head to regionals hosted by Lamar.

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Change order for Light Plant Road project, multiple chip seal projects approved by county

By Clayton Chaney and Josh Pike
Staff Writers

At a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Aug. 20, the board approved a change order in the amount of \$18,500 for the Light Plant Road project currently taking place.

Earlier that day at a work session, Public Works Director Michael Torres explained that prior to milling on Light Plant Road, it was unknown that there was a state 911 fiber line at the hairpin turn headed east toward U.S. 84.

He noted the fiber line is owned by Lumen, also known as CenturyLink. "So, CenturyLink has been really hard to get a hold of and get anything done," he said.

Once CenturyLink "finally" came out to the site, it was determined that it could take up to two months before they could get a crew out to relocate the fiber line, Torres explained.

He explained that he asked for an alternative way to take care of the issue and it was decided that PAP, the selected contractor for the Light Plant repaving project, would dig a trench and have the line relocated.

Torres noted that the county will seek reimbursement from CenturyLink in the amount of \$14,500 to cover the cost of relocating the fiber line.

He also noted that CenturyLink is aware of this plan and that the county will be seeking reimbursement.

Torres added that paving on Light Plant Road began this week.

Also included in the change order

is \$4,000 for "additional work to be performed to reclean all roadside ditches after a significant rain event," a document attached to the meeting agenda states.

According to an email from Communications Specialist Ashley Springer, "Per Mike Torres, the project is still on schedule to be completed by the end of August."

Chip seal projects

At an Aug. 6 meeting, the BoCC approved awarding the 2024 county chip sealing project to A-1 Chipseal at a cost of \$846,324.

Earlier in the day, at the work session, Torres explained that the project would cover 10 miles of roads.

He indicated that the county received two bids on the chip sealing project, from PAP at a cost of \$872,980 and from A-1 at a cost of \$846,324.

A-1 is currently performing chip sealing work in Pagosa Springs, Torres stated, which meant that they would be faster to mobilize, in addition to being the lowest bidder.

He stated that the chip sealing will occur on roads where hot-in-place recycling work occurred earlier in the year, including sections of North Pagosa Boulevard, South Pagosa Boulevard, Navajo Trail Drive and Hatcher Circle.

Chip sealing will also occur on roads in the Lakewood Village area that were treated with Enviroad paving products in 2023, Torres stated, adding that Enviroad would also be coming to the area soon to perform repairs on these roads prior to chip sealing.

He expressed hope that this would

improve these roads and make them "nicer" since they currently "look like a gravel road."

Torres explained that the county initially anticipated that the cost of the chip sealing project would be about \$1.2 million and that he was working with A-1 to potentially do additional roads with the remaining funds since the initial project is less expensive.

The group then briefly discussed what roads might be selected for work, with Torres explaining that he plans to spend 80 percent of the budget on larger projects and dedicate 20 percent to smaller roads that have not received work in the past, including areas that were previously chip sealed but have deteriorated.

Commissioner Warren Brown stated that the roads treated by Enviroad in the Lakewood Village area should still be under warranty and commented that the county should investigate charging Enviroad for a portion of the cost of chip sealing those roads since they have "failed completely in many spots."

Torres stated that, from his discussions with Enviroad and others, he believes that the intention of Kevin Pogue, the previous public works director, was to chip seal these roads, although he was not sure why the Enviroad treatment was applied if the roads would ultimately be chip sealed.

In the future, he commented that chip seal would be the county's "best bet" for the roads in the area.

Brown asked County Attorney Todd Weaver to work with Torres to determine what legal options the county would have to seek reimbursement for

the projects, adding that he feels the county should be "made whole for that substandard product that was applied."

Weaver stated that he would look into the contracts and the county's legal options.

Torres commented that the contracts for the project were "kind of vague."

Commissioner Ronnie Maez questioned if there was a contract for the work.

Torres confirmed there was.

Brown noted that the Enviroad product began to fail soon after it was applied.

At the Aug. 6 BoCC meeting, Torres presented the bids and the commissioners unanimously voted to select A-1 for the project after indicating that they had no further questions.

During the regular meeting held by the BoCC on Aug. 20, the board voted unanimously to approve another chip seal project in the amount of \$348,367, also awarded to A-1.

The roads for this project include Fiesta Place, Enchanted Place, Day-spring Place, Carefree Place, Butte Drive and County Road 200.

Earlier in the day at a work session, Torres explained that due to the way the contract with Davis Engineering reads, the additional roads were not able to be included in a change order, but that a new project was created.

"These were all roads that were chip sealed long ago," Torres said, explaining that the roads are currently being milled and that chip sealing will begin next week.

"200 needs it bad ... well they all need it, but man," Maez said.

He explained that the Archuleta County treasurer, as well as the clerk and recorder, have adopted the Colorado State Archive retention schedule, as have 29 sheriff's offices across the state.

Shifting to the new record retention schedule would allow the ACSO to reassess its old records and catalog new ones in a more efficient manner, Le Roux concluded.

Maez commented that the new schedule would "probably be a better way of doing business."

Sheriff proposes updates to model traffic code, records retention schedule

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the model traffic code and the record retention schedule for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) with Sheriff Mike Le Roux at its Aug. 6 work session.

Le Roux explained to the BoCC that both proposals are intended to upgrade things already in place for the ACSO.

In 2020, the county adopted the 2018 Model Traffic Code, Le Roux stated, which he explained adapts state statutes on traffic law into a format that is easier to reference and that the county can adopt it, allowing any revenue from traffic citations to come back to the county instead of going to the state.

The ACSO had about 6,500 calls for service in 2018, Le Roux stated, while it had about 13,000 in 2023.

He added that the county also had 492,000 people pass through in the summer of 2023.

Le Roux explained that the 2024 Model Traffic Code has a significant number of changes from the 2018 version, but that most of these relate to punctuation or changes in state statutes.

He stated that, in 2020, the county omitted many portions of the traffic code since they involved things that were not available to the ACSO or not relevant to the county, such as rules around ski areas, vehicle ramps and minimum standards for commercial vehicles.

The ACSO did not have staff trained to enforce commercial vehicle statutes but has now worked extensively with the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and state port of entry staff to conduct vehicle inspections and issue citations, he explained.

By adding the rules for commercial vehicles in the code, the county could work more closely with the CSP to inspect vehicles and ensure safety, Le Roux commented, adding that this would help prevent crashes involving unsafe commercial vehicles.

He recommended that the county adopt the entire model traffic code instead of omitting portions to ensure that the ACSO would have the maximum amount of enforcement tools available to it.

He added that the 2024 Model Traffic Code also has additional rules concerning e-bikes and usage of phones while driving.

Le Roux explained that code includes a fee structure for fees to be paid to the state and county, and that most of these fees have remained the same, although some have decreased.

He concluded by recommending that the county adopt the 2024 code to bring the county up to date and give the ACSO more tools for traffic enforcement.

The county would like to keep this version of the traffic code for a "couple of years" after this, Le Roux stated, although potentially not for six years.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked Le Roux, if an ACSO deputy stops a commercial vehicle and cites it for a commercial vehicle violation, whether the money from this citation presently goes to the state instead of to the county due to the county's model traffic code not including rules on commercial vehicles.

Le Roux stated that is correct and that many commercial vehicle violations involve large amounts of money.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if the ACSO could cite a commercial vehicle for a safety violation.

Undersheriff Robert Hill explained that the county could do this once it has a deputy trained in commercial vehicle

inspections.

Le Roux added that the ACSO works in collaboration with the CSP currently, with the CSP performing inspections and then handing over the safety violations to the ACSO to report.

He explained that the training required to cite commercial vehicles takes approximately six months and is complex.

The ACSO used to have staff with this training, but they no longer work for the agency, Le Roux stated.

Maez asked if many counties in Colorado have moved to the 2024 Model Traffic Code.

Le Roux stated that he is aware of some counties that have switched to the code, although he did not have an exact count.

County Attorney Todd Weaver added that such switches were discussed in a county attorney listserv he is a part of.

Weaver stated that the traffic code is similar to many building codes in that it is not typically updated every year.

Le Roux commented that he does not support "change for the sake of change," but that he feels the county is becoming "outdated" and that he would like to update the code more frequently and to adopt the entire code.

He moved on to discuss records retention, explaining that the ACSO is looking at transitioning to the Colorado State Archives records retention schedule.

He stated that the ACSO has a large number of records that have been kept during its transition for its former offices in downtown Pagosa Springs to its new location in Harman Park and that state archives record retention schedule would provide a more comprehensive system for determining whether to dispose of or retain these records compared to the current ACSO record retention schedule.

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Education



Safe2Tell reports reach all-time high in 2023-2024 school year

By Mallory Boyce
Colorado Attorney General's Office

As the 2023-2024 school year draws to an official close, Safe2Tell saw a significant surge in report volume, with a more than 25 percent increase compared to the previous year.

The July monthly report, released Tuesday, reveals a total of 28,218 reports for the school year, the highest ever in Safe2Tell's history.

"Colorado's students and communities have demonstrated constant vigilance, as evidenced by the substantial increase in Safe2Tell reports that the program received this school year," said Attorney General Phil Weiser. "It's never been harder

to be a young person, and we must remain committed to our children's safety, mental health and well-being."

In July alone, Safe2Tell received 738 reports, a 17.5 percent increase from June and a 50 percent rise over July 2023. The most common issues reported in July were suicide (130), cyberbullying (38) and welfare checks (36).

"This increase in reports reflects a collective commitment to creating a safer environment for every student," explained Safe2Tell Director Stacey Jenkins. "We look forward to building on this progress in the upcoming school year."

False reports make up 3.7 percent of all reports submitted to the pro-

gram this year. False reports are those that contain untrue information and are submitted with the intent to harm, injure or bully another person.

Safe2Tell's anonymous reporting platform played a crucial role in protecting students' safety this past month:

- A report was received about a student bullying another student based on their appearance. School teams notified the parents and will take disciplinary action, monitoring the situation when school resumes.

- Another report highlighted a student using drugs and pressuring others to do the same. School teams are aware, and the dean and counselor will meet with the student when

the fall semester begins.

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 required by 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.

Grant opportunity for rural Colorado educators announced

By Danielle Dascalos
The Nathan Yip Foundation

The Nathan Yip Foundation recently announced that grants are available for rural Colorado teachers to create and implement classroom projects that will have a positive impact on students/classroom this year.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 13. Grant recipients will be notified in late October.

Teachers who work in more than 140 rural or small rural school districts in Colorado can apply to fund a dream they have for their students by completing a simple application available at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsO7dFAOYM26B51gA0Zrf42pyP_r_TRtz_XewnKOLRlnceA/viewform.

All teachers who work in a school district designated as rural or small rural in the state of Colorado are eligible. The grant can be used for just about anything that positively impacts students, whether it be a classroom, materials or an outing to expose students to something new, a classroom kit of tech training tools, or maybe an exciting new program for the school/classroom.

The Nathan Yip Foundation's mission is to empower Colorado students, staff and schools in an effort to address the educational and opportunity inequities that can exist between rural and urban schools in the state.

Teachers are encouraged to look at these grants as a chance to provide opportunities/experiences for students that might not be otherwise possible, either in the classroom or in school-related extracurricular activities.

What teachers can request funds for is only limited by their innovation.

Funds must be used for anything that will positively impact the students/school/community. This could include but is not limited to kits, equipment, materials that are beyond the scope of the district budget, traveling/conferences (for teachers and/or students), classroom supplies, etc.

In 2023, the Nathan Yip Foundation funded 69 teacher grant requests. Visit https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_k2Yjm02QbaZhNqa-P9XTbWoKggpUvz2e/view to see the grants funded in 2023 for some examples of things that we fund.

In addition, the Nathan Yip Founda-

tion will be expanding the grant program through an online platform that gives Colorado residents an ability to help fund grants this year.

At the Nathan Yip Foundation's Mid-Autumn Festival on Sept. 22, more than 350 people are expected to attend as the fundraising drive for Colorado Rural Teacher Grants kicks off.

Following the festival, a statewide, online fundraising drive will take place from Sept. 22 through Oct. 11 to continue to raise funds for Colorado Rural Teacher Grants. This three-week virtual fundraiser is an opportunity for schools, teachers, and the general public to encourage friends/family to support individual teacher requests directly with a tax-deductible donation.

Grant guidelines

- The teacher/school must be designated by Colorado Department of Education as rural or small rural. The list of districts in the state designated as such is available at <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeedserv/cderuraldesignationlist>.

- The grant amount can be anywhere from \$100 to \$2,000.

- The grant deadline is Sept. 13.

Commissioners approve funding for public art, bike skills park

By Clayton Chaney and Josh Pike
Staff Writers

At the Aug. 6 BoCC work session, the board heard a proposal from Pagosa Springs Recreation Supervisor Amanda Gadomski and Public Art Committee chair Sherry Phillips for additional art pieces to complement the recently installed Weeminuche Meadows sculpture.

Gadomski explained to the BoCC that the Weeminuche Meadows sculpture, which depicts a Hispanic shepherd, is made of bronze and was recently installed.

She commented that the Public Art Committee is trying to raise funds to commission two sheep statues to complement the shepherd, which would cost approximately \$30,000.

Due to staffing changes, Gadomski stated that the group was "behind" on budgeting for the project and was trying to "scramble" to gather funds for the acquiring the additional sheep before the price for the pieces increases.

She explained that the Town of Pagosa Springs supports public art and that the project also received funds from the Pagosa Springs Arts Council, although the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board did not choose to provide funding for the project when a request was made.

Gadomski stated that the committee could present a request to the tourism board again, but that she wants to potentially include the county in funding the project due to it reflecting the "rich heritage" of the community.

She stated that the group aspires to expand the statue into an "art installation" and to use some funding to install an interpretive sign explaining the cultural significance of the sculpture.

Due to the project being located on a multiuse trail, she proposed that Conservation Trust Fund monies could be used for the project.

Spears commented that research shows that "communities that embrace public art" see increased profits for businesses due to the art attracting people and starting conversations.

"It's just good business to invest in public art," she said. "It doesn't seem like ... when you think about hungry children and all the other vast needs that we have in this county — and across the country, really — art doesn't seem like it's that important, but it really is the foundation for building

business. ... Mental health as well is proven to increase with the addition of public art."

She added that the town created the Public Art Committee five years ago and has been able to significantly expand the amount of public art in the community.

Having the sculptures in bronze was a "real coup" Phillips commented, noting that having a bronze sculpture would be more expected in a large city than in Pagosa Springs.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked how much the group was asking the county to contribute toward the sculpture.

Gadomski stated that the county was being asked to contribute approximately \$10,000, with other donors also contributing to funding the project.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked what the Town of Pagosa Springs is contributing to the project.

Gadomski explained that the town has a \$20,000 annual budget for public art and is spending \$15,000 for new art in 2024, with the other \$5,000 being spent on maintenance.

She added that the town spent \$20,000 in 2023 on the Weeminuche Meadows sculpture, which also received \$20,000 in funding from the tourism board and \$10,000 in funding from the Pagosa Springs Arts Council.

Maez commented that he raised the issue of using county Conservation Trust Fund revenues to support funding sheep sculptures at a previous BoCC work session and that he was in favor of the proposal, although he felt that there potentially needed to be more than two sheep.

He added that he feels that the sculptures create an added attraction for the trail and that he would be willing to contribute more than \$10,000 for the project.

Gadomski commented that the sheep are the currently planned addition to the art installation, but that it will likely expand over time to include additional art pieces and cultural elements.

Phillips added that the arts committee has considered potentially adding an interpretive audio element to explain the history and context for the piece.

Medina commented that she supports the project, adding that her family were "longtime sheep herders" in the area and that the Weeminuche Meadows shepherd "needs some

sheep."

Commissioner Warren Brown also expressed support for funding the project, stating that the project would be a benefit to the community.

Maez added that the county has a significant amount of money remaining in the Conservation Trust Fund that could be used to fund the project.

At a regular meeting held on Aug. 20, the BoCC voted unanimously to contribute \$10,330 from the Conservation Trust Fund to have two sheep added to the Weeminuche Meadow sculpture.

During the meeting, Maez expressed support of the project and suggested the county could donate a little bit more and actually have three sheep installed.

Maez asked what the cost per sheep would be, and how much a third sheep would cost.

Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis explained that a third sheep would change the request from \$10,330 to \$17,500.

"I mean, two sheep ain't much," Maez said.

He commented that he would be in support of adding three sheep.

Medina agreed that three sheep would be better than two, but noted that the funds received in the Conservation Trust Fund are not guaranteed every year and can fluctuate, explaining that \$7,000 could be used to enhance other parks in the community.

Brown motioned to approve the funding request of \$10,330, which was seconded by Maez.

Bike park funding approved

Also at the Aug. 20 meeting, the BoCC unanimously approved a funding request from DUST2 in the amount of \$25,000 to go toward constructing a bike skills park at Yamaguchi Park South.

DUST2 representative Driz Cook previously gave a presentation to the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the BoCC at a work session, explaining the need for the park.

Cook previously indicated that DUST2 was seeking \$50,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund for the project, with half coming from the town and half coming from the county.

The project will likely begin next spring, according to Lewis.
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A special thanks to all who supported this event by voting, donating, and purchasing tickets. We are forever grateful to you!



ComFest

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A crowd enjoys music from the Bo DePena Trio at the year's final ComFest at Yamaguchi Park on Aug. 16. Drink proceeds from the event went to the Pagosa Community Initiative.

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Archuleta County coalition awarded \$125,000 grant

By Shelby Wieman
State of Colorado

On Tuesday, Aug. 20, Gov. Jared Polis, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) announced grant recipients for the Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative establishing two new partnerships in southwestern and southeastern Colorado.

There are now 20 outdoor regional partnerships covering about 75 percent of the state. First launched in 2021, the initiative funds regional coalitions that bring broad interests together to ensure that Colorado's lands, waters and wildlife thrive while also providing for equitable and quality outdoor recreation experiences.

"The collaborative energy behind the Regional Partnerships Initiative reflects the collaborative spirit of Coloradans. These partnerships give communities the opportunity to ex-

pand conversations around wildlife management, sustainable recreation and how we can protect our wild, open spaces," said Polis.

"We celebrate the most recent grant recipients for the Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative, a cornerstone in our efforts to foster sustainable outdoor recreation and conservation across Colorado," said CPW Director Jeff Davis. "The success of these partnerships reflects the dedication of communities across Colorado to steward their natural resources and recreation opportunities."

This grant cycle increases the amount of money invested in outdoor regional partnerships to \$4.9 million, with another round of grant funding opening in the fall of 2024 for coalition capacity and regional planning efforts.

Grant recipients include six established coalitions spanning the Western Slope and central mountains, and two emerging coalitions in the south-

eastern grasslands and Archuleta County.

New partnerships exemplify the rich cultural, natural and geologic history that stretches along the lower Arkansas Valley, Purgatoire River and southern San Juan Mountains.

In Archuleta County, the Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition is being granted \$125,000.

Blossoming from the collaborative foundation set by the Pagosa Area Trails Council, this new coalition will convene a larger and more diverse group of stakeholders with the shared goal of developing a sustainable outdoor recreation and conservation plan for Archuleta County and parts of Mineral and Hinsdale counties.

This investment will enhance the coalition's capacity to effectively engage stakeholders, develop informed strategies, and ultimately realize its goals for sustainable recreation and natural resource conservation.



Photo courtesy Kevin MacDonald

This pair of fawns were spotted in the area of Loma Linda recently, with the photographer spotting them while playing a game of cornhole.

Grass seed available for landowners

By Cynthia Purcell
San Juan Conservation District

The San Juan Conservation District is offering local landowners the opportunity to purchase a variety of seed mixtures for different conservation uses such as erosion control, weed suppression and grazing land improvement.

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Thanks for making conservation count.

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County Commissioner District 1

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I understand that relationships matter! For the last four years I have consistently and continually reached out to work with you, our community members, our local and regional elected officials, our State Senators, our House of Representative members and our Congressional Representatives and United States Senators without regard to political affiliation so we can serve you to the best of our collective ability.

As a former small business owner, I am all too familiar with the daily challenges our business community faces, to include employee hiring and retention and paying competitive wages and benefits. As someone who has purchased a home in our community, I understand many of the barriers faced by homebuyers. That is why championing attainable housing, whether it is through our Community Development Corporation or Habitat for Humanity just makes sense. **Teamwork among public and private entities** can make a dent in the housing challenge we face.

Lastly, I have worked tirelessly to **keep every campaign promise I made to you.** In doing so, it is my wish that my political legacy will have been to raise your expectations of what a county commissioner should be. I hope that we collectively demand that future commissioners commit to making this responsibility a full-time job and that we insist on having accountable commissioners who are genuinely interested in **faithfully serving you** the citizens of our wonderful county.

I am Warren Brown; it has been my honor serving you. I hope to continue to have this privilege, and I am asking you for your vote in the General Election, Tuesday November 5, 2024.

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Annual duck race set for Aug. 24

By John DeMarco
Knights of Columbus Council

The ducks are ready to hit the water. The Knights of Columbus Council #7560 is having its 21st Annual Duck Race in Town Park on Aug. 24 beginning at noon. Every year plastic ducks can be purchased for a chance to win the race and the first prize. There are five opportunities to win, and all prizes are cash. The first-place cash prize is \$1,500, second is \$750 and third place is \$500. There are also two opportunities for two randomly drawn ducks to win cash prizes of \$125.

Tickets are only \$10. Buy some ducks, win some bucks. The day will start at noon on Saturday, Aug. 24, with music by the Retro Cats; a food court with burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks; a beer garden; prize drawings; and games. The ducks will hit the water and the race will begin at 3 p.m. You will not want to miss it, but you need not be present to win.

Tickets are available at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd., Silver Dollar Liquor and at the park on race day.

Come out for an exciting day of food, fun and fellowship and get in on the action. Purchase tickets and your lucky duck just might add some extra cash to your wallet.

WHIPS luncheon planned for Aug. 27

By Nancy Ford
Women Helping in Pagosa Springs

WHIPS, Women Helping in Pagosa Springs, will have their monthly luncheon Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 11:30 a.m.

at the Elkwood Manor B&B. The cost is now \$20. We must have your RSVP by Sunday, Aug. 25. Call (970) 946-1895 to RSVP or if you have any questions. All women are welcome.

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Seventh annual Dancing with the Pagosa Stars a huge success

By Cory Henderson
Seeds of Learning

Last Saturday, Aug. 17, six Pagosa Springs stars and their coaches took the stage to dance for Seeds of Learning's fundraiser, Dancing with the Pagosa Stars (DWTPS).

All the costumes have been put away and the final votes tallied, and we are blown away by the results.

Through local community support, ticket sales, and votes from friends and family from around the country, DWTPS successfully raised more than \$240,000 to provide quality and affordable early childhood education to our neighbors throughout Pagosa.

The families, teachers, administration and Seeds Board of Directors are filled with gratitude for this amazing outpouring of support for Pagosa's future in our children.

With more than 200 guests, dozens of volunteers, stars, coaches, committee members, sponsors and production crew, Saturday night illustrated the amazing support Seeds receives from this community.

With your help, Seeds continues providing high quality early childhood education at an affordable cost to families throughout Archuleta County.

Now, for those who haven't already heard, Saturday night's winners were:

- Mirror Ball Trophy Winner: Janna Lilly with coach Jared Rogers.
- Best Male Dancer: Ramon Badell and coach Sharina Ramsey-Adams.
- Best Female Dancer: Lilly and Rogers.
- Best Showmanship: Roy Tinguete

ly and coach Ashley Butcher.

- Most Original Performance: MorgAnne Foster and coach Dale Scrivener.

- Vogue Award (Best Costume): Veronica Medina and coach Gus Palma.

- Red Hot Performance: Star Bo DePena and coach Jamie Anderson.

This year's success would not have been possible without the amazing dance production team, our incredible stars and coaches, volunteers, and support from the Pagosa community. Seeds of Learning would like to thank everyone who attended and voted for your favorite Pagosa dancing duo this year.



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Healthy Archuleta announces upcoming events

Healthy Archuleta

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Please join us this Saturday, Aug. 24, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Bring your coffee and your questions.

Food drive

We are excited to announce our quarterly food drive on Saturday, Aug. 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Market.

We invite you to support the food drive that supports

the local food pantries in our county by purchasing nonperishable items. All the donations directly benefit those in need at the seven local food pantries in Archuleta County.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we thank you all as a community. You make a huge, meaningful difference in our community. Thank you for being so supportive.

To learn more about the upcoming food drive, please visit the Healthy Archuleta website, <https://www.food-coalition4archuleta.org/food-drive.html>.

To learn more about the efforts of Healthy Archuleta, please visit www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org or send an email to fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

How families can get ready for a new school year

Special to The PREVIEW

Children will soon be trading in summer games for the bells of school as summer vacation gives way to the start of a new academic year.

August through September is prime back-to-school season, with children all across the country stocking their backpacks and shopping for new school wardrobes.

There is more to getting ready for the start of school than making sure pencils are sharpened and tablets are charged. Parents and children can work together to ensure the transition back to the classroom is as seamless as possible.

Adjust sleep and wake times

Summer vacation often means letting loose of schedules for a while, and that may translate into later-than-normal bedtimes and rising a little later in the morning.

Everyone in the household will have to reacquaint themselves with schedules that ensure kids get to school on time.

A few weeks before the first day of school, start incrementally going to bed at an earlier time and start waking up earlier each morning. Try to plan out the increments so that by the time the last few days of summer vacation wind down, the family is on target with a waking schedule that mirrors the school schedule.

Acclimate to being around people

Although summer vacation may involve trips that bring children in contact with other people, it may have

been some time since they've spent five or more hours per day around 20 to 30 people their age. It may take a transition period to get used to being around a bunch of peers, so families can visit places where there tend to be crowds of kids, such as zoos, aquariums, parks and trampoline centers. These can be low-pressure locations to dust off social skills.

Know the route or plan for school transportation

Students may be driven independently, ride the school bus, walk or bike, or carpool with others to and from school. Families can establish plans so that getting to and from school is not something kids need to worry about.

Practice routes and timing, taking into consideration that when schools open there will be much more traffic. Parents can reassure children that there will be a learning curve, but all of the kinks generally get worked out during the first week.

Avoid 'summer slide'

Most students don't want to think about studying, homework and testing while on summer break, but it can be beneficial to stay current on some lessons.

Summer slide refers to the loss of some of the learning achieved during the previous school year over the summer break.

Some experts say summer slide is overstated, but it can't hurt for students to refresh their memories on some math, science and language arts concepts over break so that they will be ready to hit the books when the new school year begins.

Prep for school lunches

Children and adults can work together to map out healthy eating options for school lunch. School lunches are built to be nutritionally diverse and have options that even picky eaters will like.

School is right around the corner, and families should get ready for the routine and needs that go with the academic year as the first day draws closer.



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Operation Christmas Child kickoff event set for Sept. 8

By AnneMarie Harper
Colorado Department of Human Services

Pagosa Springs will kick-off its 2024 season of Operation Christmas Child at Grace in Pagosa, 1044 Park Ave., at 2 p.m. on Sept. 8.

Join us for an action-packed rally from start to finish. You'll have opportunity to hear Elena Nicholson, a shoe box recipient from the former Soviet Union share her life changing story. Meet gold medal winners from Team Pagosa, see a fashion show by Dress A Girl, have a chance to win door prizes and pick up boxes to take home and fill.

Collection week will be Nov. 18-24 at the same location, where you can drop up your gifts of love from 1 to 3 p.m. each day.

Our little town has been making a difference in the lives of children around the world through Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, for the past 12 years.

Linda George, our drop-off team leader, is grateful for several business owners, churches, community clubs, and schools that have made red and green shoe boxes available to the community.

In just a few weeks you will see our shoe boxes displayed in stores

and church lobbies around Pagosa. It will make your participation fun and easy. Simply fill a box for a boy or girl with items you often take for granted like a toothbrush, bar of soap, washcloth, pencil, crayons, small toys, stuffed animals and personal notes. Every gift you give will bring joy to a child who has never experienced opening a Christmas present.

Come be part of this year's rally and learn how you can be part of Project 3000 and help us reach our goal this year. We love volunteers of all ages and would love to have your business or group participate to make this our best year yet.

Calm first-day-of-school jitters

Special to The PREVIEW

Starting school for the first time or simply returning to campus after another summer break can lead to mixed feelings. Kids may be excited to see their friends every day, but that comes at the price of the end of lazy summer days.

The first day of school is on the horizon, and parents may discover their children seem a bit despondent that vacation is coming to a close. Such feelings may stem from more than the end of summer vacation. Some students may be nervous about going to school. New faces, new experiences and new teachers can lead to a little anxiety.

Here are some ways to tame the nerves:

- Do a trial run. Before school starts, do a test run to the drop-off location, bus stop or pick up whomever will be carpooling together. Getting into that routine can help reduce nervousness.

- Participate in meet and greets. Some schools offer certain events designed to introduce students even before classes begin. Schools

may host ice cream socials or picnic lunches on school grounds, particularly for younger grades. These events give children an opportunity to get to know their classmates before the first school bell rings.

- Take a school tour. If a student is about to start in a new school or will be attending school for the first time, families will want to see if they can get tours of the school and facilities. Just one glance inside can be enough to familiarize students with the lay of the land, which might make things less scary on the first day.

- Practice conversation skills. Many modern kids have their eyes locked on devices. They may be a little rusty with ice breakers and initiating conversation. Role playing at home can give kids some ideas of how to forge new relationships in the classroom.

- Recognize and take concerns se-

riously. Parents and other caregivers can be receptive to conversation with children regarding their concerns about starting school. Talking about feelings can help kids tame their nervousness, especially when adults take them seriously.

Children may be nervous about starting school. Parents, caregivers and teachers can work together to help students overcome these jitters quickly.

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Back-to-school resources available for students of all ages

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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You can find nonfiction books and periodicals on a variety of topics from archaeology to zoology. Importantly, you also can find online resources 24/7 at www.pagosalibrary.org. Select the tab "Online Resources" at the top of the home page. The resources are listed in alphabetical order.

Britannica School is an online resource where students can discover encyclopedia articles, multimedia, primary sources, e-books and other learning resources that support student research and reinforce curriculum standards.

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The EMS team from Pagosa Springs Medical Center will be at the library on Saturday, Aug. 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a free hands-only CPR class.

They will review CPR and first aid knowledge, and you can practice skills and ask questions.

The session will also cover the Good Samaritan Law so that you will be comfortable using these skills when they are needed.

Please note this is a knowledge-based program — you will not be certified in CPR by taking this class.

Writers Guild publishes anthology

Ruby's Writers Guild has just pub-

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lished a new anthology, "Tales from the San Juans," which the members say includes "life musings, creative short fiction, retrospectives, poetry, novellas and short observations — all inspired by the beauty that surrounds us."

The book is available at the library for \$21.50, with net proceeds going to the library's building campaign.

Every Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m., the guild welcomes writers looking for opportunities, support, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

Dungeons and Dragons today

Today, Thursday, Aug. 22, and next Tuesday, Aug. 27, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Create a character and join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

Owl pellet lab tomorrow

Friday, Aug. 23, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., all ages are invited to a free owl pellet dissection lab to learn about owl pellets and see what they contain.

Paws to Read tomorrow

Friday, Aug. 23, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters are invited to share their favorite books with Maple, a therapy dog who love stories, at a free Paws to Read session.

Friday Flix tomorrow

Enjoy a PG free movie and popcorn Friday, Aug. 23, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Adult knitting Saturday

Join new and experienced knitters Saturday, Aug. 24, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is for

anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

Family storytime

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

Tween rock hounds

Get together with tweens every Wednesday this month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for free sessions to uncover the mysteries of gems, minerals, crystals and rocks.

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners, 5 to 6 p.m. for intermediate and 6 to 7 p.m. for advanced students. Please help us share the word about these classes.

Alert to Zane Grey fans

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See you next year!

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donor, we are adding nine books to our Zane Grey collection: "The Arizona Clan," "The Border Region," "Blue Feather," "The Deer Stalker," "The Last of the Plainsmen," "The U.P. Trail," "Under the Tonto Rim," "Nevada" and "The Ranger."

Nonfiction

"Knit & Wrap" contains 25 projects for capelets, collars and cowls. "Knitting Nature" by Norah Gaughan offers 39 patterns inspired by nature.

Large print

"An Unfinished Love Story" by Doris Kearns Goodwin recounts the author's and her husband's personal history of the 1960s from the point of view of two people deeply involved in the political world. "The Age of Grievance" by Frank Bruni examines the current state of politics in the U.S. "The Angry Land" by William and J.A. Johnstone is a Smoke Jensen western. "The Iron Horse" by James Reasoner is book one of a new Faraday western series.

DVDs

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Spanish-language memoir

"Incansable" ("Tireless") is a personal and political memoir written by Luis A. Miranda Jr. with Richard Wolfe. The author is a Puerto Rican political strategist, philanthropist,

advocacy consultant and author. The book includes a preface by his son, Lin-Manuel Miranda, creator of the Broadway musical hits "In the Heights" and "Hamilton" as well as the soundtrack music for the "Moana," "Vista" and "Encanto" animated films.

Books on CD

"Fire and Bones" by Kathy Reichs features forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan. "The Lost Coast" by Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman begins when a PI is hired to investigate minor financial discrepancies. "House of Glass" by Sarah Pekkanen focuses on a family whose life is built on lies. "Arkangel" by James Rollins is a Sigman Force adventure.

Thrillers, mysteries and suspense

"Out For Blood" and "Fields of Fire" by Ryan Steck are Matthew Redd thrillers. "Fire and Bones" by Reichs features forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan. "Shadow of Doubt" by Brad Thor is a Scot Harvath thriller. "Death in the Air" by Ram Murali is a debut suspense story about a wealthy American son of Indian parents. "The Last Word" by Elly Griffiths is a murder mystery in the Nataoka and Edwin series.

"Angel of Vengeance" by Preston and Child is a serial killer adventure featuring FBI Special Agent Pendergast. "Fragile Designs" by Colleen Coble begins when a woman uncovers a family secret as she opens a B&B. "A Calamity of Souls" by David Baldacci is a racially charged courtroom drama set in southern Virginia.

Other Novels

"Disappeared" by Rebecca J. Sanford tells of families separated searching for their loved ones in Argentina. "Flags on the Bayou" by James Lee Burke is a saga set in Civil War-era Louisiana in the 1860s. "Happy Harbor" by Rachel Hanna features a woman who returns to her small-town southern roots with her daughter. "Real Americans" by Rachel Khong follows a teen trying

to find his biological father.

"Martyr" by Keveh Akbar focuses on a drunk, addicted poet exploring the mysteries of his past. "Loyalty" by Lisa Scottoline explores colonization and corruption on Sicily. "Meet Me at the Starlight" by Rachel Hauck is set in a quaint Florida beach town. "Summer Romance" by Annabel Monaghan features a single mom. "A Love Discovered" by Tracie Peterson is a Heart of Cheyenne romance.

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"If you don't go out there and put in the work, if you don't go out and put in the effort, one, you're not going to get the results, but two, and more importantly, you don't deserve it." — Tiger Woods, American professional golfer widely regarded as one of the greatest golfers of all time and one of the most famous athletes in modern history. He is tied for first in PGA Tour wins, ranks second in men's major championships and holds numerous other golf records.

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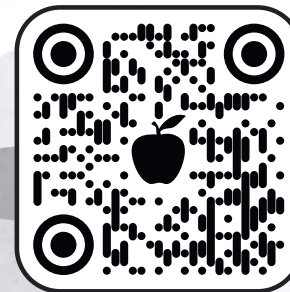


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Love affair with Winchester Pump

By **Betty Slade**
PREVIEW Columnist

To all my faithful readers, I want to thank you for your love and prayers. I could feel them. I know God heard your prayers and I'm still here. Thank you.

I did not get hit by lightning, but I have joined Gary Busey's out-of-this-world experience. I blacked out, went off the side of the road and traveled 55 feet down the side and hit a 4-foot-by-4-foot red square rock. I've been in limbo for two weeks.

Since recouping from an automobile accident and still in the hospital, I would like to share an article from another reader, which came in at the perfect time.

I'll be back with you in a couple of weeks. I've got some funny articles bouncing around in head, but I'm not quite there to make sense of them.

So, I am sharing an article from Gary Metcalf, a reader of The SUN:

"Hi Betty,
"I read your latest article in the Preview. It brought back fond memories of my love affair with 'Winchester Pump.'"

"I grew up on a small farm in Kansas. In those days farmers had habitat and food sources that bob white quail thrived on. Every farm had coveys of quail. Unfortunately that is not true today. My Dad loved to hunt quail. At the age of 12 he allowed me to hunt with him, with a single shot 20 gauge shotgun, that had a few inches of the barrel sawed off to give a wider shot pattern.

"Where we lived, we didn't have pheasant, so while in high school, Dad and I added a weekend in western Kansas hunting pheasant. Dad brought a Browning automatic and let me use his Model 97, Winchester pump gun. Some of my fondest hunting memories was bird hunting with my Dad. We didn't talk much, but enjoyed each others company.

"In 1958, fall was in the air and



thoughts of hunting were frequent. Two, newly wed, 19 year high school sweethearts, were in a store in Wichita, Kansas. I, being one of the two, was looking, as most hunters do, at the gun rack of the guns for sale. My new bride came by and asked what I was looking at. I said they have a Winchester, model 12, feather lite, 12 gauge, modified barrel shot gun, that is on sale for \$67.50. She said 'do you need one.' I said no, but that gun would be perfect for hunting birds with, but I don't think we can afford it. She said, why don't you buy it. Neither of us could imagine that would start a life long, extramarital love affair with 'Winchester Pump.'
"A brother-in-law joined our hunts and we shared several years of memory making hunts together. Dad and brother-in-law shot Browning automatics and I competed with 'Winchester Pump.' The Browning's were heavy guns and my pump gun being 'feather lite,' I could get it to my shoulder quicker and I got to where I could pump shells into the chamber and compete with my brother-in-law and his automatic.

"Nothing stays the same forever and three children and career choices took us to California in 1972. Hunting in CA is different than hunting in KS, and 'Winchester Pump' was put away for a long rest. After several years, duck hunting brought back the desire to start hunting again, and 'Winchester Pump' was brought out of retirement.


"For many years, I had an unspoken, secret dream of living in the mountains, riding horses and hunt-

ing. Sometimes if life events and decisions are made that effect realistic dreams, and they become reality. In 1996 I sold my business, retired and discovered Pagosa.

"Rifle's and bow replaced 'Winchester Pump' as weapons of choice and it was again retired, placed in gun

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Thursday, Aug. 22

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

Guided Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

T'ai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30, Yamaguchi Park. Free for those 60 and better.

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.

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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.

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 5-7:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour spotlights topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m.,

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'Escape to Margaritaville.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Friday, Aug. 23

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour spotlights topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Birding at Chimney Rock. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument.

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Lane

■ continued from previous page safe, along with five other Winchester and Remington 12 gauge pump shot guns, that had been won at Ducks Unlimited banquets and had never been shot.

"A few years later, having a grandson that showed some interest in hunting, I wanted him to experience the joy and thrill of hunting pheas-

ants. A pheasant hunt was booked in western Kansas and we were joined by my wife's cousin Ed. 'Winchester Pump' was forced out of retirement and grandson was given one of the never shot pump guns from the gun safe. Ed had a foreign made \$1,500+ Bertha shotgun. At the end of each hunt day, 'Winchester Pump' is the one that got the most birds.

"As you can tell, I share and understand Sweet Al's love affair with J.C. Higgins. No words can define it. J.C. just 'fit' Al, as WP 'fit' me. Every hunt has a story and those guns made those stories, unforgettable memories that we can recall and enjoy in our advanced years."

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Indoor Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Community Coffee. 1-3 p.m., TARA Historical Society Community Center. For more information, email TARACommunityCenter101@gmail.com.

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Friday Flix. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Participants will choose between a selection of PG-rated movies.

Bingo. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center. Free. Those under 18 must have an adult chaperone. For more information, contact (970) 264-2167.

San Juan Stargazers. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Social time will begin at 6 p.m., with the program following at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring eclipse pictures and stories to share. For more information, visit sanjuanstargazers.org.

'Escape to Margaritaville.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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Geology Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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Conversations in the Garden. 8:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Community Garden. A gathering to chat about the pleasures and challenges of growing at the local climate and elevation.

Pickleball Social Round-Robin. 8:30-11 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Two courts will remain available for open play.

Pagosa Springs Studio Tour. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone

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

DivorceCare/DivorceCare for Kids. 4-5:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A 13-week program that provides a safe environment for people who have gone through, are going through or are considering divorce and features experts on divorce and recovery topics. DivorceCare for Kids is for kids 5-12, with topics mirroring the adult sessions. For more information, email Jim Shook at jshookup@gmail.com or the church at admin@centerpointpagosa.com. You can register online at www.divorcecare.org. There is a \$20 fee for the workbook. Scholarships are available.

'Beautiful: The Carole King Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Sunday, Aug. 25

Pagosa Springs Studio Tour. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

'Escape to Margaritaville.' 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 26

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour spotlights topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Women's Fellowship. 9-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Audubon Rockies Volunteer Training Orientation. 9 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Volunteer orientation for the Four Mile Ranch environmental education program. Registration and details can be found at rockies.audubon.org.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15

a.m. If you haven't attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

Indoor Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

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

Healthy Aging and Yoga Therapy Class. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Deepening the Faith Classes. 6-8 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic

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Church classrooms.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

Labyrinth Guided Tour. 9:30-11:30 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Join a docent for a guided walk. Walking the labyrinth can bring a sense of releasing, receiving and renewal. The labyrinth is available from dawn until dusk and is located in the wooded area behind the parking lot at the wooded cross.

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

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park 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.

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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Pi Beta Phi San Juan Alumnae Club Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., home of Lisa Scott. A luncheon to honor Founders' Day and Golden Arrows and to welcome Lynn Constan on

her Pagosa visit. Bring your checkbook to pay your 2024-2025 dues or pay online. RSVP to Lisa by Aug. 19.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., Elkwood Manor B&B. The cost is \$20. Call (970) 946-1895 to RSVP by Aug. 25. All women are welcome.

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.

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

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.

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.

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Plus, when you're overtired, your brain's reward centers rev up, looking for something that feels good. So while you might be able to squash comfort food cravings when you're well-rested, your sleep-deprived brain may have trouble saying no to a second slice of cake.

Research tells the story. A study in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that when people were starved of sleep, late-night snacking increased, and they were more likely to choose high-carb snacks.

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And in a review of 18 studies, researchers found that a lack of sleep led to increased cravings for energy-dense, high-carbohydrate foods.

Add it all together, and a sleepy brain appears to crave junk food while also lacking the impulse control to say no.

Source: "Sleep More, Weigh Less." By Amy Patrel. <http://www.webmd.com>

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Art at the Pinnacles. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$25 for ages 10 and up. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Golf. Noon, Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

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

Mindful Drawing. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Tween Rock Hounds. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Get together with friends to uncover the mysteries of gems, minerals, crystals and rocks.

'Escape to Margaritaville.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Thursday, Aug. 29

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

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Pagosa Mini Closet Free Kids Clothing Exchange. 1-7 p.m., Open Door Church, 110 Trinity Lane. For more information, call Amy Dutton at (719) 440-4305 or visit facebook.com/pagosaminicloset.

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'A Patient and Caregiver's Guide to Understanding Mental Health and Cancer' Workshop. 4-5:30 p.m., virtual. Judy Austin, director of the Grief Center of Southwest Colorado will present. This program is developed for all cancer patients and cancer caregivers to learn the overall importance of mental health after a cancer diagnosis. This workshop educates participants on conversations with their care team about mental health, how mental health may change after a cancer diagnosis, and how to connect to mental health resources and support for you and your caregiver. To register, email Lexi Lyle at llyle@cancersupportswco.org or call (970) 403-3711.

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Healthy Archuleta Food Drive. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., City Market. A food-sharing opportunity to help the Food Distribution Center support the Archuleta County Food Pantry Network.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center CPR Hands-only Class. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sisson Library. EMS is offering a hands-only CPR class. This is a knowledge-based program and will not offer certification in CPR.

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Stars and Galaxies Program. 7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is offered when the earth is closest to the new moon, when the sky is at its darkest. A video presentation will be followed by a presentation explaining the significance of the night sky to the Ancestral Puebloans. Telescopes will be used to observe several different sky objects. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.



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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 black phoebe.

The two western phoebes, the Say's and the black, may share the same territory but within it utilize different habitats. Say's phoebes are often found in dry, open areas, while black phoebes are found around nearly any type of water: creeks, coastlines, rivers, reservoirs and backyard ponds.

Black phoebes are found along the Pacific coast from southern Oregon down through Central and South America and also breed in some southwestern inland areas, including ours.

Both sexes are small, plump-looking birds with large, peaked heads and long, dark tails. Their upperparts are colored sooty gray that blends to a dark, black head. Their bellies are solid white. Juvenile birds have browner backs and chestnut-colored wingbars.

These flycatchers are sit-and-wait predators, scanning for insects from low perches usually near or over water. Most often they feed on flying insects like bees, wasps, flies, beetles and dragonflies, and on spiders. It takes real skill to visually track an insect, judge where it is heading and fly out to snatch it midair. Like other birds that swallow their prey whole, including hawks and owls, they cough up hard, indigestible parts as pellets.

Tail wagging up and down while perched is a characteristic action of black phoebes. Studies to determine the reason for this and similar nervous movements like wing flicking and head bobbing by birds point to the conclusion that these actions are conducted to send a message to predators. These motions by a bird in the open signals that it is alert and ready to flee and not worth chasing.

Black phoebes do well living around people. While in natural habitats they plaster their nests of mud and grass on protected rock faces, cliffs and boulders and in tree hollows. In urban environments they have adapted to utilize man-made structures and build nests under eaves, and in culverts and abandoned wells. This adaptability has allowed them to rapidly extend their range northward in recent years.

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Archuleta Seniors Inc. and Archuleta County staff tour Terrawalk Farm recently.

Local farmers supplying produce for seniors

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

This 2024 growing season, Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) and Terrawalk Farms are partnering with Nourish Colorado to bring low-income older adults (age 55 and older) in Archuleta County locally grown, seasonal, organic produce shares through Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).

CSAs or farm memberships are a

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means of creating a mutually beneficial connection between consumers and their farmers. These partnerships result in a bi-monthly bounty of veg-

etables for the subscriber.

Last Thursday, ASI Executive Director Rose Chavez and Janet Monks, senior program and administrative manager, alongside Archuleta County Public Health Department WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) Coordinator Inez Lobato traveled out on Colo. 151 just past Chimney Rock to TerraWalk Farm, a small family

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farm located on the western side of Archuleta County.

We were greeted warmly by Chris Frederics (owner of TerraWalk) and Roger Candalaria (owner of Ranchito Alegre and the land where TerraWalk farm is located) once we arrived. Also present was Gretchen Groenke, nutrition program coordinator for Nourish Colorado.

We all gathered together on that beautiful summer day to enjoy a site visit to the farm and enjoy lunch where all the beautiful produce is grown for WIC and ASI clients.

During the visit, we had the opportunity to see all the beautiful gardens and high tunnels growing with a bounty of fresh, seasonal vegetables. We also heard from Frederics and Candalaria how they met several years ago when Frederics moved his family from the Front Range to Pagosa.

Kendall McAllister, a longtime Pagosa resident, is responsible for bringing this unlikely duo together, and we couldn't be more grateful for all the magic they are creating to support our local food system in Archuleta County. In fact, this is the first year that all the produce grown at TerraWalk Farm is going directly to residents of Archuleta County.

Participating clients of ASI receive a fresh, local organic produce box alternating weeks throughout the growing season, which runs June 2 to Oct. 18. Clients pick up their bi-monthly fresh produce boxes at the Pagosa Senior Center. Clients receive a call to remind them to pick up their boxes.

What's available this season? Below is a sample list of vegetables clients are receiving on a bi-monthly basis:

Produce share 1: Spinach, radishes, garlic scapes, kale, parsley and arugula.

Produce share 2: Lettuce, turnips, baby beets, mustard greens and greens mix #1.

Produce share 3: Spinach, radish, summer squash, greens mix #2, basil, kale and beets.

Produce share 4: Swiss chard, mizuna, carrots, turnips, arugula, summer squash and cucumber.

Produce shares 5-17: Greens of the week (kale, arugula, greens mix, Swiss chard, lettuce or Asian greens) and the following options that are subject to availability: tomatoes, carrots, turnips, cucumber, onion, beets, eggplant, summer squash, garlic and peppers (sweet and hot).

Produce share 18: Lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, cucumber, broccoli, leeks and cilantro.

In addition to their weekly food, clients also receive a quarterly newsletter that includes simple, relevant recipes, musings and photos of the farm they are supporting.

ASI would like to give a big shout-out to our hardworking farmers who make this program possible and all the clients who are enjoying this beautiful food. We would also like to

thank Nourish Colorado for funding this year's program. We hope to continue to offer this fantastic nutrition program to our community for many years to come.

For more information, contact ASI at (970) 264-2167.

Meals on Wheels, admin volunteers needed

The Community Cafe at the Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with Meals on Wheels deliveries, with our front desk pickup meals and in the office with administrative tasks.

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Bingo

The Senior Center will be hosting bingo twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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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 \$6, 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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Daffy Duck trademark
- 5 Some tournaments
- 10 Willy of "Free Willy"
- 14 2024 rom-com "The ___ of You"
- 15 Type of dust
- 16 Thunder sound
- 17 Shiny, as with tears
- 19 Not to mention...
- 20 Muppet maker Jim
- 21 Designer's pattern
- 23 Picked up the tab
- 25 While lead-in
- 26 Sinatra, for one
- 29 "Lent" body part
- 32 "Great!"
- 35 Slams, perhaps
- 36 Batman and Robin, e.g.
- 37 Docket item
- 38 Repair bill listing
- 39 Director Preminger
- 40 Kitchen pest
- 41 It shows the way
- 42 Indy 500 sound
- 43 Camping gear chain
- 44 Added together
- 46 Damon or Dillon
- 48 Afghan group
- 52 Claim again, as power
- 56 Noted canal
- 57 Sworn promise
- 58 Works together
- 60 Shade giver
- 61 Caddie, basically
- 62 It may be pitched
- 63 Partner of odds
- 64 Kind of silence
- 65 Whirlpool

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- 2 Slacker
- 3 River by the Louvre
- 4 Good enough
- 5 Intro
- 6 A.T.M. need
- 7 Way to go
- 8 Midmorning hour
- 9 Newscast components
- 10 Milky gems
- 11 A cousin of, perhaps
- 12 IMDb listing
- 13 Burn soother
- 18 Invoice word
- 22 JFK or LBJ
- 24 Render harmless
- 27 Pulsate painfully
- 28 "Survivor" slogan word
- 30 Garage occupant

- 31 Study, say
- 32 Slash mark?
- 33 Go down
- 34 Tossed out a number
- 38 Watches over
- 39 Abscissa's counterpart
- 41 Play divisions
- 42 Soft-palate sound
- 45 Table linens

- 47 McCourt's "Angela's ___"
- 49 With ___ breath
- 50 Revise
- 51 Janet Jackson hit of 1986
- 52 Way to learn
- 53 Come by honestly
- 54 Tooth part
- 55 Baum barker
- 59 Montblanc product

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Friday, Aug. 23 — Teriyaki beef and peppers, coconut rice, garden salad, vanilla yogurt, fruit and milk.

Monday, Aug. 26 — Ham steak with cherry glaze, scalloped potatoes, garden salad, fruit, brownies and milk.

Tuesday, Aug. 27 — Korean beef with cilantro rice, sauteed snow peas, garden salad, fruit, banana bread and milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 28 — Baja fish tacos, cabbage slaw, zesty black beans, garden salad, fruit, Key lime pie and milk.

Thursday, Aug. 29 — Crispy Cod-fish with tartar sauce, glazed carrots, wilted spinach, garden salad, fruit, Bavarian cream puffs and milk.

Friday, Aug. 30 — Vegetable lasagna with spinach and white sauce, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, sunrise muffin and milk.

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Hikers on the Colorado Trail.

Grumpy talk on the trail

By Marjorie "Slim" Woodruff
PREVIEW Columnist

I suppose it's the human thing on a hiking trail to acknowledge one another when passing. But on a well-used trail, the same comments come up time and time again.

"Good Morning." As an introvert I don't understand why I have to say "good morning" to every member of a 30-person group. Nor does "good afternoon" roll off the tongue as nicely. Too many plosives and fricatives. Yesterday I got yelled at for not saying a cheery enough "good morning" to a passing hiker. I did not realize I was at a "Downton Abbey" garden party.

Then there's the consoling "you're almost there" hello. For one thing, I am almost never almost there when assured that I am. Volunteers at 10Ks or marathons are warned to never, ever, tell someone they are almost there.

Almost there is when you can see the parking lot.

An annoying question is, "everything OK?" Why are they asking this?

Admittedly I have more gray hair than brown, but do I look so decrepit that they are concerned about my well-being? I wonder what they would do if I said, "It would really be OK if you took my pack."

"How you doing?" Do they really want to know that my trick hip is acting up and my pack irritates that weird spot on my scapula? Probably not.

"Good luck." Again, why? Is the only thing that will assure my success a whim of fate? I used to answer, "In the words of the immortal solo climber of Mount Everest, Reinhold

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Messner, 'I do not believe in luck.' That usually gets me a blank look.

"Where did you start and how

long did it take you?" People usually ask me this while hiking in Grand Canyon. But why ask a random stranger how they did? I'm not racing. One woman asked me this at Bryce Canyon National Park because she and her boyfriend were attempting a loop. She thought they were on the wrong trail, but her boyfriend thought she was wrong. Turned out

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The bread machine

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Before I left home, I had my mother teach me to cook the things I liked, especially homemade bread.

When Donna and I were dating, I did most of the cooking. I had been living on my own for some time and had become a good cook. Donna's mother, on the other hand, wouldn't let anyone in her kitchen when she prepared food, so neither Donna nor her siblings had learned to cook.

When we got engaged, Donna did a lot more cooking and had a natural talent for it. Her bread soon rivaled mine. There was only one time it turned out badly, and that was when my mother stopped by and decided to help. They say that too many cooks spoil the broth. I don't know about the broth, but I do know that what they made together was less than desirable.

For many years, Donna made bread for our large family and taught all our children to as well. But our lives started to change as our last

children headed off to school. Donna took on other activities, teaching and working on music, and her life was extremely busy. It was hard for her to find the time for many things, bread baking included. That was when I suggested she get a bread machine.

She knew it wasn't an insult to her cooking, but it was still hard for her to think she didn't have time for those things that were so important as our children were growing up. I told her she could just stick in the ingredients she always had and leave it to the machine to do all the mixing and baking. She said she would think about it.

The next day, she called me at work. "The strangest thing happened today. You know our friend, Grace. Well, she called today and asked if I could use a bread machine. Isn't that a strange coincidence?"

I laughed. "Extremely." "You didn't tell anyone we were thinking about getting one, did you?" Donna asked.

"No. I felt the decision had to be yours."

"Well, I decided it wouldn't hurt to try it," she said. "Could you pick it

up after work?"

I assured her I would, and when I finished, I went to Grace's house. She was a bit older than we were, and her children had left home.

When I knocked, Grace answered the door. She told me the machine was in the garage and led me to the side of the house. She pushed the buttons on the pad and opened the big door. There was the bread machine sitting prominently in the front of the car slot. It looked like it had hardly been used.

"Did you decide to quit making bread since your children are all gone?" I asked.

Grace shook her head. "You can't quit doing something that you never started."

That surprised me. I knew Grace was a good cook and just assumed she made homemade bread.

She must have seen my surprise, because she laughed. "It's not that I didn't try to make bread now and then. My children had homemade bread at neighbors' and friends' houses, and they wanted us to make it, too. But that was one thing I could never master. The bread always turned out like a brick off an ancient pyramid. After a few attempts, the children wouldn't ask again for about a year, and then the process would repeat itself."

"So, where does the bread machine fit into all of this?" I asked.

"For Mother's Day this year, my children decided to help me out and all chipped in to buy it for me."

"Did that help?" I asked.

She shook her head. "For some of us, it just makes it so we can make bad bread faster and easier."

I laughed as I picked up the little machine. The bread Donna made with it was always good, and after talking to Grace, I was grateful.

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he was the one who was wrong, and he wasn't happy about finding that out.

"Is it really harder hiking uphill?" Is this a trick question?

"Where are you going?" That seems a deep philosophical question to pose to a complete stranger.

"How was it?" I guess I could answer on a scale of one to 10.

"Was it worth it?" I'm always tempted to reply, "No, turn around now."

"Does this trail go anywhere?" "No," I want to say, "it just kind of sits there."

"If I hike down this trail, is there another way out?" Not really: Walk in, walk out is usually the case.

Sometimes a joker will ask, "Are we there yet?" "I sometimes answer, 'Buddha would say, 'We are always there.'" That gets me a laugh now and then.

Several times I have been asked where the next shuttle bus stop is. If this is asked while on a trail in the Grand Canyon, the answer is "A mile back and a thousand feet up the way you came." Poleaxed stare. "The bus doesn't come down here?" "No," I

want to say, "they tend to stick to the paved road."

One young man told me, "I hope I can do this." I said, "It looks as though you are." "No, I mean when I am as old as you." I guess I can take that as a compliment. Then there is the compliment: "I hope I'm as fit as you when I'm your age." I want to reply: "I might be as fit as your age."

A friend who let her hair go gray during COVID told me that she gets a lot more positive comments than she used to: "Young hikers used to mutter under their breath when I passed them. Now they tend to do a thumbs up and say, 'Good for you.'"

I was hiking one day with a group of women who have hiked the West on trails for years, when a man stepped to the side to let us pass. He beamed at us as he said, "You ladies look radiant." Now that is the kind of trail talk I like.

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A story from the heart

By Brianna Webster
PREVIEW Columnist

On the surface, it is coarse and hot where the sun beats down upon it. Disturb it enough with your fingertips for refreshing coolness and a distinct odor that is familiar and satisfying. Touching it, for even a moment, will stain your skin with its minerals. When it is dry and dull, the smallest breeze can lift it into the air, and when wet, it melds together like a buttered, warm slice of bread.

If you've spent any time tending to a garden, gallivanting through the forest or moving dirt for any number of reasons, you already know I'm referring to the earth. It's our home — for now — and has been in existence a lot longer than we have. We were created from its dust, and to its dust our flesh will return. Our temporary home gives us sustenance, healing and peace.

God is not thoughtless. He literally spoke all of creation into existence, except for man. Man he formed from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils. In the moments of quiet stillness, I ponder this change. Why did he not speak us into existence like everything else?

I believe this is because he wanted us to be absolutely perfect in His image.

I would like to parallel this thought with the idea that when we ask someone to do something for us, we are giving up the task to their idea of perfection or completion. However, when we choose to do a specific task ourselves, with our own hands, we take great pride in the outcome of that something. God took great care and great pride in creating each one of us. He gave us charge over the Garden of Eden to work it and watch over it; a desire to work and watch over the land and over creation. No wonder we love — no, we need — the outdoors.

No wonder there is solace in resting your head on the earth and gazing up at the stars in the quiet stillness of night. No wonder we find healing in being grounded and want to satiate our innate desire to nurture

A Matter of Faith

nature. It's part of our design, part of our flesh.

It is this idea that has led my heart, body and mind to utterly desire intentionality toward my children and their knowledge of God's creation.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 (HCSB): "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

This past spring I had my youngest kids — Baylee, 3, and Colin, 2 — help plant gladiolus bulbs around our home. I explained the need for nutrients from the dirt and sun and our responsibility to provide them with water. "But only God can make them grow." I must have repeated myself at least five times with every bulb we planted.

Every single day, my kids call out to me from around the house, "Mama, Look how much they've grown."

"Our plants are getting so tall," and I match their excitement with great joy and pride in my heart.

Reminding them once again that, "God made them grow. Let's tell Him thank you. Thank you, God, for making our plants grow. We love you and we love our plants."

How much joy and pride must God have in watching us grow to be more like Him? Sanctification is hard; becoming pure and free of sin by denying the flesh takes intentionality. How proud our Creator must be when we do. From dust we were created and to dust we shall return. Make the tough choice to reject the flesh. Make God proud and tell him "thank you," even when it is hard.

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New Thought Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service at 5 p.m. on Aug. 25 will be "The Bible & Astrology, Is There A Connection?" with Julie Loar, award winning author, astrologer and Egyptologist speaker.

Upcoming events

Every Thursday, 6 p.m.: Illuminations. Various subjects and speakers. A love donation will be accepted.

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By Eileen Doherty

Colorado Gerontological Society

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GARAGE SALE. Aug. 22 -24 from 8a.m. to 4p.m. Furniture, tools, men's clothes, household items, misc. 20 Timberline Dr, Pagosa Springs.

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Photo courtesy Lauri Heraty

After having such a good time at Runway for Rise last year, Laura Foster, Lauri Heraty, Robin Curvey and Kaitlin Mastin-Garcia formed team Kiss My Sass to walk the runway this year on Oct. 5.

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Voting open for Runway for Rise

By Dee McPeek
Rise Above Violence

On Saturday, Oct. 5, 12 team models will show off their recycled creations at Runway for Rise 2024 benefiting Rise Above Violence.

Each team will be competing for votes to raise the most money to support domestic violence programs and be awarded the 2024 Pagosa Prada Award.

Online voting for your favorite teams began on Monday, Aug. 12. Votes are \$1 and you can vote as often and for as many different teams as you like. Teams will be reaching out to family and friends for support, and every dollar received will be added to their team totals.

Your dollar votes also provide the funds for many Rise programs, including the new Economic Empowerment Program where clients move from short-term safety to long-term financial security. Ninety-eight percent of people who experience domestic violence also experience economic abuse. This program endeavors to overcome those effects by teaching topics such as budget-

ing, managing debt and improving credit.

Rise offers incentives for participation, including \$25 for each course module completed, a graduation award and up to \$500 matched savings upon completion of the program.

Team Kiss My Sass explained, “We are participating in the 2024 Runway for Rise to support those impacted by trauma. By raising awareness and providing financial support, we want to help rebuild lives and create a more compassionate Pagosa Springs. It’s about making a positive difference and fostering a sense of community.”

To vote for Kiss My Sass and all the other teams comprised of your friends and neighbors, go to www.riseaboveviolence.org.

Each team will be adding teasers about their creations, so you’ll want to revisit and vote often.

If you have any event questions, contact Annie Gian at annie@riseaboveviolence.org. Help support these teams using their time and creativity to stop domestic violence in Pagosa Springs.

Re-elect Warren Brown

County Commissioner District 1



As your District 1 County Commissioner, I have focused on improving our quality of life through limiting risks we face in seeking out basic services, improving our ability to secure food for ourselves and supporting educational funding opportunities to teach our school age children and provide new skills and improved skill sets to many in our workforce.

I understand that relationships matter! For the last four years I have consistently and continually reached out to work with you, our community members, our local and regional elected officials, our State Senators, our House of Representative members and our Congressional Representatives and United States Senators without regard to political affiliation so we can serve you to the best of our collective ability.

As a former small business owner, I am all too familiar with the daily challenges our business community faces, to include employee hiring and retention and paying competitive wages and benefits. As someone who has purchased a home in our community, I understand many of the barriers faced by homebuyers. That is why championing attainable housing, whether it is through our Community Development Corporation or Habitat for Humanity just makes sense. **Teamwork among public and private entities** can make a dent in the housing challenge we face.

Lastly, I have worked tirelessly to **keep every campaign promise I made to you**. In doing so, it is my wish that my political legacy will have been to raise your expectations of what a county commissioner should be. I hope that we collectively demand that future commissioners commit to making this responsibility a full-time job and that we insist on having accountable commissioners who are genuinely interested in **faithfully serving you** the citizens of our wonderful county.

I am Warren Brown; it has been my honor serving you. I hope to continue to have this privilege, and I am asking you for your vote in the General Election, Tuesday November 5, 2024.

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