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Town seeks grant funding to expand river access

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Aug. 22, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a resolution authorizing the town to apply for grant funding from the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Community Impact Grant Program and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

If awarded, the grant funding would go toward the purchase of 3.63 acres of property adjacent to the San Juan River near the junction of U.S. 160 and U.S. 84.

An agenda brief on the matter states that the funding would support the first phase of the East Gateway River Park Project, which would include purchasing the land, an environmental assessment, site improvement design, cleanup, boat ramp installation and parking improvements.

An executive summary plan, drafted by the town, states, "Future project phases will include constructing additional amenities such as restrooms, a handicap-accessible fishing pier, shade structures, paved parking, and a riverwalk trailhead."

It also states, "This funding will catalyze the community vision to create public river access facilities at the eastern gateway into Pagosa Springs, where no formal access currently exists."

The town is seeking \$420,000 from the GOCO program, with award notifications expected by November, and an additional \$499,275 from the LWCF, with award notifications coming in March, Community Development Director James Dickhoff explained at the meeting.

Dickhoff explained that, if the resolution passed, the town would also seek "grant match funds" from Archuleta County's Conservation Trust Fund.

The agenda document states that the town will request \$30,000 from the county's fund and will request \$50,000 from the town's own Conservation Trust Fund.

A concept plan submitted to GOCO reveals that the purchase of the property would cost \$800,000, and the overall first phase of the project would cost about \$999,275.

Dickhoff explained that GOCO received more than 30 concept plans

■ See Access A8



21st annual Duck Race

Photos: Randi Pierce and Gene Tautges

The Knights of Columbus hosted the 21st annual Duck Race downtown on Saturday, with a picnic preceding the annual race, which saw hundreds of plastic ducks take to the San Juan River. The race was more swift than usual this year, with the river running at about 260 cubic feet per second at the time.



'There's a cliff out there': School board discusses draft facilities assessment

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District Board of Education held a board retreat on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at The Springs Resort.

Those in attendance included ASD Superintendent Rick Holt; board president Bob Lynch; and board members Tim Taylor, Amanda Schick, Butch Mackey and David Iverson.

Other ASD staff members in attendance included Director of Operations Josh Sanchez, Financial Director Eric Burt and Human Resource Director Heather Schultz.

Holt updated the board with some initial discoveries from the district's facilities assessment report performed by RTA Architects out of Colorado Springs.

"Our schools are 50 years old," Holt said.

Holt clarified that a final report from RTA has yet to be released and that "these are draft reports," mentioning that the feedback he has received from RTA at this point is "worth talking about."

He explained that ASD staff will be meeting with RTA representatives next week to further discuss the assessment and gather any important missing information in regard to the ASD facilities' utility systems.

"The middle school sewer system is beginning to fail," Holt said. "It has

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Archuleta School District students set to begin school Sept. 3

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The majority of Archuleta County students will be returning to their classroom's next week, with the first day of school for Archuleta School District students set for Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Some students have already gone back to class, with the district's charter school, Pagosa Peak Open School, returning on Aug. 15.

The Pagosa Springs high school, middle school, elementary school and the San Juan Mountain School will begin their school years on Sept. 3.

District principals and teachers have already returned to their offices and classrooms to start preparing for the year.

"As we kick off the elementary school year, we're thrilled to welcome back our students and introduce new families to our vibrant school community," Pagosa Springs Elementary School Principal Kelly Vining wrote in an email to The SUN. "This year promises to be filled with exciting learning opportunities, new friendships, and memorable experiences. Our dedicated teachers are ready to guide and support each child on their educational journey. Here's to a fantastic year ahead, brimming with growth and enthusiasm. Welcome back, everyone!"

San Juan Mountain School principal Stewart Bellina states in an email to The SUN, "San Juan Mountain School is gearing up for its fifth

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School board appoints David Iverson as new member

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

In a pair of votes over the course of a week, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education appointed David Iverson to fill the board's vacancy.

Iverson replaces Dana Guinn, who resigned due to moving, as the direc-

tor of District 4.

The first of the votes came after the board interviewed the two applicants for the position — Iverson and Angie Ranson — but was done via secret ballot, which is prohibited by state law and ASD policy.

Both statute and ASD policy allow for secret ballots only in voting on board leadership (the board presi-

dent and vice president).

The SUN requested the ballots used at the Aug. 20 via a Colorado Open Records Act request, with those ballots showing three directors opted for Iverson and one opted for Ranson.

Then, on Aug. 27, the board held a special meeting to rescind action taken to appoint Iverson on Aug. 20 and to formally make the appoint-

ment again.

"The reason for that is because of a procedural error that occurred at that date that we were made aware of and appreciate," board president Bob Lynch stated at the Aug. 27 meeting.

He explained that the board would be going back to the point in the Aug. 20 meeting at which the interviews

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OUR VIEW

Back to school

Next week, the bulk of Archuleta County's students will return to classrooms.

We wish all of the students, educators, administrators, other school officials and parents/guardians a happy, successful school year full of growth and learning on many fronts.

We look forward to seeing the successes of the students and staff, and to reporting to the community just a few of the many highlights we know will come.

We also wish everyone a safe school year.

Following are safety tips from the American Red Cross that can help our students — our future — have a safe year.

If your student is younger or going to school for the first time, teach them:

Their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult and how to dial 911.

Not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know.

If your child walks to school, teach them to:

Walk on the sidewalk. If no sidewalk is available, walk facing traffic.

Stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.

Cross the street at the corner, obey traffic signals and stay in the crosswalk.

Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.

If your student takes the bus to school, teach them to:

Get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive.

Board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop and the driver or attendant has instructed them to get on. And teach them to only board their bus, never an alternate one.

Stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.

If your student rides their bike to school, teach them to:

Always wear a helmet.

Ride on the right in the same direction as the traffic is going.

If you drive your child to school, teach them to:

- Always wear a seat belt. Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lap-shoulder belt fits properly (typically for children ages 8-12 and over 4 feet, 9 inches), and ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.

If you have a teenager driving to school,

make sure they:

- Use seat belts.

- Don't use their cellphone to text or make calls, and avoid eating or drinking while driving.

- Drivers should remember to slow down, and remember:

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop — slow down and be prepared to stop.

- Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off.

- Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.

- Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn and all children have reached safety. This includes two- and four-lane highways.

- If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 29, 1924

Brick laying has commenced in earnest on the Pagosa school building, Halberg & Son of La Junta being in charge of the work.

It will be at the Arlington hotel in Pagosa Springs for two weeks, commencing Monday, Sept. 1st, and during that time will make the following prices on dental work:

An upper and lower set of teeth (Twenty-first Century Teeth) \$25.00. Former price was forty dollars and some dentists charged fifty and sixty dollars.

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Persons living out of town and desiring to make appointments in person, by letter or phone, will receive prompt attention. Do not wait until the last day.

W.D. Milton, Dentist.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 26, 1949

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, of New Jersey, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oppenheimer and children Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Zane Grey, son of the late Zane Grey are spending several days visiting in the Blanco Basin at the Steve Slesinger ranch. Mr. Grey and Mr. Slesinger are associated in some business matters and have been friends for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Grey are also well acquainted with the Fred Harmans.

Zane Grey is the best known author in the United States and it is hard to find a person who has not read one or more of his moving western novels and stories of the early day pioneers.

Mr. R. Zane Grey is also quite prominent in literary circles, and with Stephen Slesinger is associate editor of the Zane Grey Western Story magazine.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 29, 1974

The San Juan Lumber Co. sawmill shut down last Friday and will remain closed for an indefinite period. The planer is still operating and will be for a few weeks. Woods crews and road construction crews are scheduled to work until weather forces a stoppage. A depressed lumber market, high interest rates, and the general economic conditions were given as the reason for the shutdown. No definite date has been given for restarting mill operations, but lumber company officials say that the mill will be closed for at least 60 days.

Work on tower foundations at the Wolf Creek Ski Area was expected to be completed this week, with towers to go up next week. The dry weather this month has been a help with the construction work at the area and chairlift installation is going ahead rapidly. Ben Pinnell, who is managing the area this year, spoke to a large crowd of local citizens at a Chamber of Commerce lunch here last Friday. He told the group of promotional plans, operational plans, and other aspects of the ski area. Increased ski area business will be a big boost to the local economy this year.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 26, 1999

County expansion plans took a giant step forward Tuesday, when the commissioners agreed to purchase 4.87 acres of land at a cost of \$750,000.

The property is located across Hot Springs Drive from land being developed by the Town of Pagosa Springs as a new municipal center and just north of the new Apache Street bridge. Money for the purchase had been taken from general fund reserves two years ago and placed in a special capital improvements fund.

"The county is growing and the demand for services is expanding," said Commissioner Gene Crabtree. "This is a wise move that will help us to meet the people's needs over the next 20 years. We're overcrowded now and it will only get worse."

"I have to echo what Commissioner Crabtree said," said fellow Commissioner Bill Downey. "And it's only logical to locate near where the town plans on building their offices."

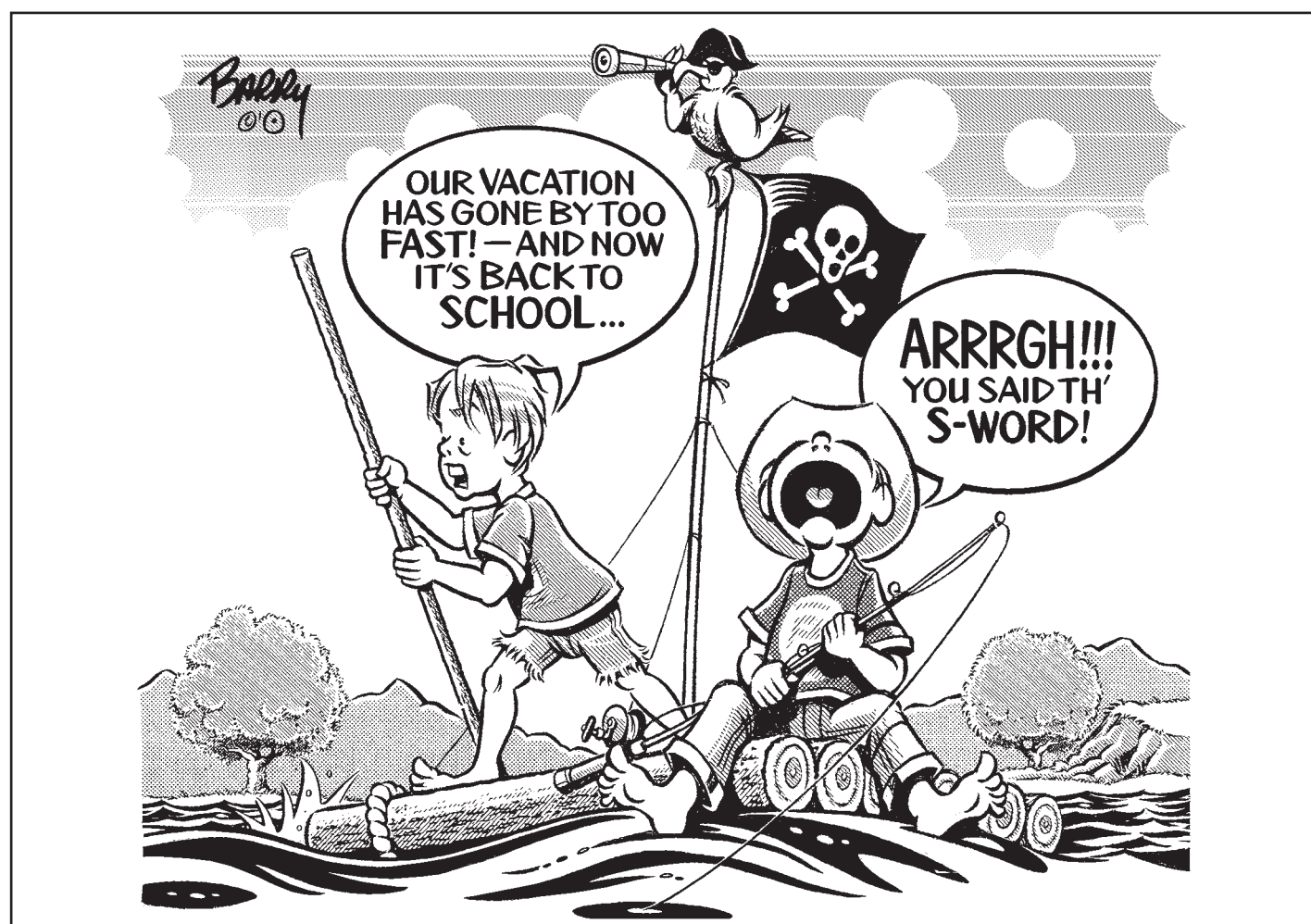
For several years, pressure has been bearing on the commissioners to provide additional space for district and county court activities. Also, additional office and storage space is needed for the county clerk, treasurer, assessor, and planning and building permit department departments.

One of the more perplexing decisions will be to decide which county offices to leave in the existing courthouse and which to move to a new location.



From the June 26, 1980 Pagosa SUN — GRAND OPENING — Golfers enjoy a barbecue at the grand opening of the back nine holes at the Pagosa Golf Club last Saturday. Players came from several communities to participate in the tournament and in the barbecue that followed.

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Views on Trump

Dear Editor: Whatever your political bent, certainly w/extreme exceptions, it is important as every community/nation needs different points of view.

So, who would you think is best to tell the truth about Donald Trump. I believe it's the persons who worked closely, were hired and trusted by him

So let's just listen to three of them. First, Lt. General McMaster, served w/distinction in all our recent wars and then as Trump's National Security Advisor. Followed by John Bolton, an absolute arch conservative. Both detested Trump and found little of value or insight in his words, actions and found no beliefs that held anything other than his personal gain. Both wrote scathing books regarding their time w/Trump. And then there is Melania's secretary, Stephanie, who was practically adopted sharing all the families birthdays & holidays. Stephanie resigned on January 6th during his insurrection and recently

came out for Harris relating many of Trump's comments aside about his supporters, and strikingly his belief in the value of lying. Trump views all his supporters, except other \$billionaires, as "Basement Dwellers." It means that as a realtor, the cheapest and lowest class of renters are those who can only take the basement aptmt. Keep in mind, this is how he see's his supporters....valueless, common, to-be-used and despised. And then, she quoted Trump (you're not going to like this), "people will believe anything you tell them if you say it often enough." Ring-a-bell, "the last election was stolen from me!" How many times have you repeated Trump's blatant without any proof categorical lie?

Let's forget Trump is a convicted felon, woman molester and blatant 'big-time' tax cheat. So, here's the question, why would anyone choose to vote for someone to be our President whose closest trusted work colleagues have nothing to say about him but scorn and damning insights. Well, maybe you would if you were one of his 'Basement Dwellers.'

David Blake

Transparency

Dear Editor: Archuleta County Commissioners have proposed purchasing a parcel of land for a new administration Building and "future development." The purchase price of \$2.2 million dollars is in excess of \$435,000 PER ACRE.

This seems to be economically extravagant for our county and with encouragement I am certain that a more economical option is available.

As many of us need to be more thrifty in this economy, so do our Commissioners.

Poppy Borland

Illegal immigration

Dear Editor: A couple of weeks ago I wrote an opinion piece in which I stated that I believed illegal immigration was the biggest issue on the ballot in November. I still believe this, as we are in a death spiral with our current immigration policy and will be facing the end of America as we know it if it is allowed to continue.

This is a major issue for more than 60% of the voters, so I expected that the Democratic Party would at least play lip service to solving the problem during the DNC. Shock... they didn't. In fact they wish to continue down the same path the Biden Administration has taken.

What I find most interesting about the current Democratic Party immigration policies is how similar the ideas are to those that have ruined Europe. It's almost like the liberals in Europe and here at home are getting their marching orders from the same source. Could this be part of the New World Order and the Globalist Agenda?

Most likely. Common sense will tell you that unfettered immigration by those who share none of the values of the host country can only lead to open conflicts between the two groups. We have witnessed illegal immigrants, people from disparate nations, afforded protections by the liberal government of the host country and given benefits such as welfare and housing at the expense of the

country's taxpayers. This leads to animosity between the two groups and eventual destruction of the way of life for the citizens of the invaded country. Just in the last week we have seen attacks in Britain, Germany, and France all by illegal immigrants who despise Western culture.

What makes this so painful to watch is that the destruction of the European Nations was brought about by just a handful of left-wing political leaders, certainly not based on input from their constituents, who are now living through the consequences. The majority of citizens did not ask that their country be given over to those who come to conquer not assimilate, yet here they are. Britain is currently clearing thousands of low-level drug offenders and gang members out of their prisons to make room to jail their own citizens who speak against the illegals and the problems they are causing. How does this happen? I believe it is because of voters who have been brainwashed by the media to put personality before policy.

We still have a chance to put the brakes on our destruction, but people are going to have to focus on the policies of the candidates and forget personal animosities. You don't want to be the person hearing their grandchildren tell you that they are afraid to go to school because the "new kids" tell them this is no longer their country, and they are not welcome here. Don't think it can't happen in America. Look to Europe to see what our future holds if we continue with our current immigration policies.

Milt Dodge

Cultivated-meat research

Dear Editor: Any politician who sincerely cares about animal welfare should support increased public funding for cultivated-meat research. For those who aren't familiar with the concept, cultivated meat is grown from livestock cells, without slaughter. There's arguably no policy that could do more to reduce nonhuman suffering and premature death.

While the new protein has been approved for sale in the United States, it's currently too expensive to mass produce. This can be rectified with more government money for cellular-agriculture development. All compassionate legislators, at both the

state and federal level, should aggressively back the effort.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Conn.

Recall petition meeting

Dear Editor:

A public meeting was held this past Saturday where Veronica Medina was invited to answer questions regarding the recall petition to remove her from office. First - I really thought we'd have a bunch of adults in the room, but quickly learned that was not the case. There were 20 or so people attending, and I'd say at least 15 of them were supporters of Veronica. Their goal, the same as they did when I advised a location where I'd be available to take signatures was to hijack the process. The meeting started with Veronica announcing she was there to answer questions and that it had to be done IMMEDIATELY because she could not attend the full 90 minutes due to other commitments. Recall representative Rachel advised she had a short presentation to go over first so everyone would understand WHY the recall efforts was started in the first place and to share the Colorado state statutes believed to have been violated. I set up this meeting. It was NOT her meeting. Since the room was full of her supporters - who apparently don't know the rules one is to follow in a meeting, we were shouted down and told to let her answer questions. We agreed to let her take over and answer questions first - with the context of why the recall is happening to happen second. Most of the questions centered around the property purchase issue - rather than the recall specifics. Veronica's supporters obviously forgot what they learned in elementary school - specifically - when someone is talking - you don't interrupt. You don't spew insults to those who are talking.

After nearly an hour of this childish behavior - the reason for the recall was presented but even then we were not allowed to finish. The speaker was continually interrupted and the adults in the room did not have the common decency to wait until it was completed to ask their questions. VERONICA STAYED FOR THE ENTIRE 90 MINUTES - plus. Oh - she also had the county attorney attend. Hopefully

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Additionally, border fences, walls, and benches in disrepair will be removed or scheduled for removal.

Plots may be purchased at Town Hall and are for interment rights only. The land continues to be owned by the Town of Pagosa Springs, which is responsible for providing perpetual care and for setting rules of the cemetery. Families and friends are more than welcome to care for the plot of a loved one within guidelines established by the Town Council including the following rules:

- Burials are not permitted without a completed application available at Town Hall.
- The planting of plants, shrubs, bushes, and trees are not authorized.
- The placement of fencing, border fences, T-posts, rebar posts, and statues are not permitted.

A complete set of rules may be obtained from Town Hall or at pagosasprings.co.gov/cemeteries.

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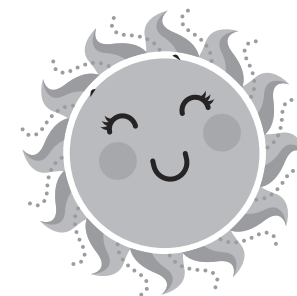
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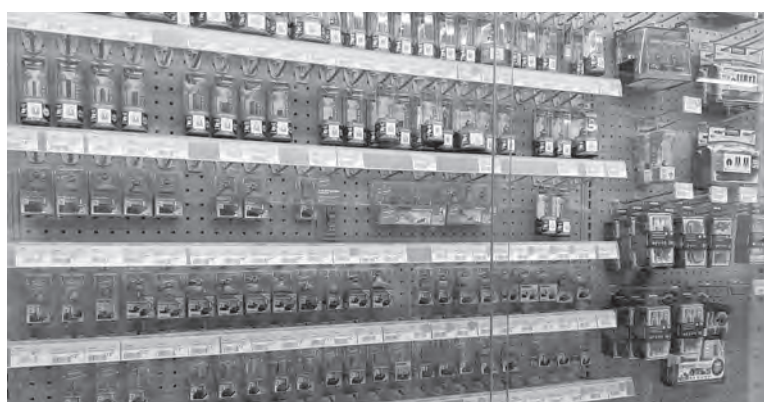


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By Kathy Harker
Town of Pagosa Springs

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his attendance fell within his contract and we taxpayers don't get billed for his presence. Yes, I'm disgusted with Veronica and her cronies - who were happy to say they've known her for years and years and what a great person she is. Veronica campaigned to stop the "good old boys club" but apparently, she replaced it with her "good old girls club".

One thing I did learn via the county attorney was that the property being sold is owned by a local resident. That got me thinking - that person could have used any of the real estate companies in town - but picked the ONLY ONE that had a 1099 COUNTY COMMISSIONER who COULD VOTE ON PURCHASING this property. More info can be found on reclaimarchuleta.org - please become informed on this issue!

Peggy Knudson

'Basement dwellers'

Dear Editor:

During the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago former President Trump's White House press secretary told delegates that Trump, when out of the public eye, would mock his supporters and refer to them as "basement dwellers." Stephanie Grisham began her remarks by saying, "I wasn't just a Trump supporter. I was a true believer—one of his closest advisors." [2]

"She likened the Trump family to her own family and recounted spending Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's at Trump's Florida estate, Mar-a-Lago," Steve Padilla explained in the LA Times. [3] "He has no empathy, no morals, and no fidelity to the truth," Grisham added. [4]

Grisham said she was the first senior White House staffer to resign on Jan. 6, 2021, the day Trump supporters stormed the Capitol in an attempt to block President Biden's election victory certification. [5] "I couldn't be part of the insanity any longer," she explained. [6] Although her revelation isn't overly surprising given Trump's myopic, criminal nature, it is weird.

In fact, Democratic politicians and others have taken to describing Trump and his running mate, Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio), as "weird." As explained by HuffPost contributor Ed Mazza, "the former president doesn't like it at all, as he's repeatedly denied being weird in recent weeks." [7]

However, having to say you're "not weird" would seem to confirm the opposite. And in the infamous words of former President George W. Bush (following Trump's January 2017

inauguration), "That was some really weird [expletive]." [8] The weirdness continues.

David Lien [1]

[9] This is his personal opinion and not that of any other group/organization.

[1] David Lien is a hunter, author, and former Air Force officer.

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[9] David A. Lien. "A Higher Calling." Association of Air Force Mis-sileers (AAFAM) Newsletter: March 2011, p. 4.

David Lien
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Battleground states

Dear Editor:

On Nov. 3rd, 2020 President Donald Trump was leading in the battleground states, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin. A phenomenon occurred. Shortly after midnight a flood of mail-in ballots and absentee ballots began entering the count. As these ballots were tabulated, Donald Trump's large leads in these states disappeared and the votes gave Joe Biden the lead. Donald Trump was ahead in Wisconsin by more than 110,000 votes, more than 290,000 votes in Michigan, more than 356,945 in Georgia, and a whopping half million in Pennsylvania. These huge leads evaporated by Nov. 7th and Joe Biden was now leading in these four states. That was Phenomenal! "That these four states had a swing of more than a million and a half votes after midnight on election day is probably unprecedented in American history" said Peter Navarro. One wonders if this same phenomenon will repeat itself in 2024?

John Meyer

Medal of Honor

Dear Editor:

Audie Murphy must be spinning in his grave. Many know Murphy as the star of western movies. What some people may not know is that he was the most decorated American combat veteran in World War II. He received every military combat award for valor available from the United

John Porco

Growth

Dear Editor:

In 2019, Archuleta County had a

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population of 13,928. Five years later in 2024, Archuleta County's population is 14,389. That's a total increase of 3.3% over five years or a net gain of 52 people per year. This slow growth pattern has existed for decades. Contrast that with the rapid growth of debt the County has undertaken.

During that same period, the County Commissioners took on \$19 million debt for the Detention Center and the Justice Center. If they approve the proposed Administration Building, that will add another \$15-20 million. That's a total debt of \$34-\$39 million of principle debt, not including the cost of financing that debt.

For the three aforementioned buildings, the annual repayment cost will be approximately \$2 ½ million dollars—each and every year!! Can we afford to take on this level of debt with a slow growing resident population?

How are the County Commissioners able to do this? By using lease/purchase agreements and Certificates of Participation, the County can obtain monies to finance capital improvement projects without requiring taxpayer approval. It is an expedient method, but not necessarily a wise method to fund projects.

Pagosa is a tourism-based economy which is subject to all kinds of ups and downs. What happens if tourism takes a hit? What happens if Propositions 50 and 108 pass with resultant significant loss of revenues to Archuleta County?

Shouldn't the County be living within or even below its means to build a financial safety net? If not, other programs will have to be cut to afford our new County government buildings if hard times come.

Say no to this expansion of debt. Other cost-effective options are available.

The County Commissioners will reconsider the proposed County Administrative Building at their meeting on SEPTEMBER 3rd. Let them know how you feel before it's too late.

Joe Rovig

IS ARCHULETA COUNTY LIVING WITHIN ITS MEANS?

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South Pagosa Concerned Citizens

Services

Janice L. Riggs

Services for Janice L. Riggs (1944-2024) will be held at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on Oct. 12, at 10 a.m. There will be a light reception directly following the service. Please send flowers to the staff and residents of BeeHive Homes in Pagosa Springs or the staff at Mercy Hospice in Durango in lieu of sending them to her service.



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Fire district expresses opposition to ballot initiatives

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Board of Directors approved a resolution expressing opposition to Colorado statewide ballot initiatives 50 and 108 at its Aug. 6 meeting.

Both initiatives will appear on the 2024 general election ballot in Colorado and provide proposals to reduce property taxes that would also potentially impact the funding of local governments reliant on property taxes for revenue.

Fire Chief Robert Bertram opened the discussion of the resolution by explaining that the Special District Association of Colorado and the Colorado State Fire Chiefs are urging fire districts to adopt resolutions opposing ballot initiatives 50 and 108.

PFPD board member Wayne Hooper asked PFPD legal counsel Dino Ross to present "both sides" of the issues related to the initiatives, including their impact on the PFPD and on the property taxes for local residents.

Ross began by explaining that the state has experienced large increases in property values and assessments due to rising housing prices, which has caused protests from residents about the increasing tax burdens they face.

He stated that Colorado has had the Gallagher Amendment in place since 1982, which fixed commercial property taxes at 29 percent of actual value.

Under the amendment, Ross indicated, residential property taxes are adjusted to maintain a statewide balance where 55 percent of property tax revenues come from commercial and 45 percent come from residential.

However, he stated that the increases in residential property values "far outpace" increases in commercial values, causing decreases in residential property taxes, falling from 21 percent in 1982 to 7.15 percent in 2020.

He explained that the function of the Gallagher Amendment was damaged by the imposition of the Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), which prevented property taxes from increasing in years where property values fell.

"So, the swing that was supposed to happen with Gallagher got broken," Ross said, adding that the Gallagher Amendment was removed by the Colorado Legislature in 2020.

He explained that the removal of the Gallagher Amendment created a situation where the Legislature frequently adjusts the property tax rates with little guidance and has "opened the door" for statewide ballot issues like initiatives 50 and 108.

Ross stated that Initiative 50 will change the state constitution to cap yearly revenue growth at 4 percent for local governments, meaning that a government cannot collect more than 4 percent more property tax revenue one year than it did the year before.

He commented that this would benefit the taxpayers by reducing the growth of property taxes, although it would also have the "unintended consequence of devastating local governments."

The cap would potentially prevent local governments from keeping up with inflation and would stop them from accumulating revenue for "the lean years," such as when a recession occurs.

"I sincerely, in my heart, believe if something like this goes through, you could be seeing the door shut on a lot of local governments that just can't

make ends meet anymore with that kind of cap," Ross said. "It's well intentioned perhaps and would provide short-term benefit, but the trade-off is going to be devastating in terms of local services."

He explained that Initiative 108 has, in his opinion, "even more significant issues with it than Proposition 50."

He noted that, since Initiative 108 is a legislative amendment and not a constitutional amendment, it would only require 50 percent of votes to pass compared to the 55 percent required for a constitutional amendment.

Initiative 108 would permanently reduce the residential assessment rate from 7.15 percent to 5.7 percent and the commercial rate from 29 percent to 24 percent, Ross commented.

He added that this would be a "staggering reduction" in property tax revenues, with a projected initial impact of reducing property tax revenues statewide by \$3 billion.

Ross explained that the initiative requires the state government to backfill local governments for the reductions in property tax revenues.

He commented that this "simply is not going to happen" given the backfill amount would be 50 percent of the state's overall budget.

PFPD board member James Martin commented that there is no cap on the increases of costs of equipment and supplies, which could make it difficult for the district to maintain its current equipment and operations if the rate of growth of its revenues is lower than the rate of increase for its costs.

"That's really the pros and cons," Ross said. "You get a property tax reduction — could be substantial depending on your area and what your property's worth. But, you're going to see a significant impact on local government and services."

Hooper asked if the Legislature is working on a third property tax reduction proposal.

Ross explained that the Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 233, which would go into effect if the ballot initiatives fail and would also cause "substantial" reductions in property assessment rates.

He commented that SB 233 would also impact local government, but not to the same degree as the two ballot initiatives.

Hooper stated that he read that smaller counties and districts would experience the largest impacts from the ballot initiatives and asked Ross if he agreed with this.

Ross stated that this is true and that smaller districts would be less able to absorb the revenue losses compared to larger districts with more diverse revenue streams.

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difficult for the district to maintain its current equipment and operations if the rate of growth of its revenues is lower than the rate of increase for its costs.

Ross commented that the initiatives do not account for the rising costs districts are experiencing.

Martin asked if there is another revenue source the district could use to make up the cost shortfalls.

Bertram stated that the district now has the ability to seek the approval of a sales tax for the district and to impose impact fees due to recent legislation, which gives it "more options than we've ever had."

Martin commented that sales tax could be useful because the burden would partially follow on persons traveling through the community.

Ross commented that the Legislature approving allowing fire districts to collect sales taxes is a significant success for fire districts as it opens up other revenue sources to help reduce the impact of declines in property tax revenues.

PFPD board member Ronald Beckman asked if there would be a public education component included in the resolution to oppose the passage of the ballot initiatives.

Bertram commented that the resolution would allow statewide groups to list the district in lists of fire districts opposing the ballot initiative, thus assisting the statewide campaign against the initiatives.

Ross stated that the district is limited in what public education it can do by the Fair Campaign Practices Act.

He explained that the district could only publicize the resolution in the same manner that it publicizes other official district acts, which would mean publishing the resolution on the district's website.

Ross noted that the district cannot expend funds to campaign against the resolution except for the fire chief being able to spend \$50 expressing his opinions on the resolution.

He added that the district could put together a factual statement presenting the arguments for and against Initiative 108, although it could not do so for Initiative 50 since it is a constitutional amendment and the courts have determined that districts cannot spend district funds presenting factual statements on constitutional amendments.

The value of adopting the resolution would be having the district listed alongside other local governments opposing the initiatives, Ross stated, adding that this information would be used by statewide campaign organizations against the initiatives.

He noted that this campaign will be expensive, involving millions of dollars of expenditures.

Ross stated that the district can also answer unsolicited questions about the initiatives and their impact on the district, although it cannot advocate for how to vote on the initiative as part of providing this information.

However, he noted, the fire district board members as private citizens have the ability to express their personal opinions on the initiative, although they must be clear that they are not speaking for the district when doing so.

The board then unanimously voted to adopt the resolution opposing initiatives 50 and 108.

The resolution covers the concerns discussed at the meeting, adding that the losses in property tax revenues may negatively impact the district's ability to provide services and its ability to successfully plan for the future.

SBA to Host Third Annual Small Business Cyber Summit During Cybersecurity Awareness Month

By Christopher Chavez
U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) recently announced that it will host its leading Small Business Cyber Summit on Oct. 16 and 23.

The free cybersecurity series builds on the National Cybersecurity Strategy (available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/oncd/briefing-room/2024/03/04/national-cybersecurity-strategy-one-year/>) to equip America's 34 million small businesses with the tools and resources they need to bolster their cybersecurity infrastructure.

In collaboration with multiple federal agencies, the SBA's Small Business Cyber Summit will offer hands-on advice, interactive forensic assessments and cyber-expert panels discussing local and federal resources that are readily available to entrepreneurs across America.

"The rapidly changing landscape of the digital world poses new and

evolving risks for small businesses. Fortunately, the SBA is poised to assist small businesses in preparing robust defenses to overcome these challenges and avoid costly disruptions," said Acting Associate Administrator for SBA's Office of Entrepreneurial Development Aditi Dussault. "The SBA's Small Business Cyber Summit is designed to provide entrepreneurs with the expertise and resources necessary to ensure they are fully equipped to face these vexatious threats."

Registration for the event is open to all and is free. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/SBACyberSummit2024>.

About the summit

Comprised of digestible and compactable segments, attendees will have the opportunity to network and access practical tips, problem-solving strategies, industry trends, threat avoidance and small business testimonials to learn how to help small

business owners defend themselves against cyberattacks.

Cyberattacks are a growing threat to small businesses and the U.S. economy.

According to the FBI's Internet Crime Report, the cost of cyber-crimes against the small business community reached \$4.57 billion in 2023 — a 38 percent increase from the previous year.

Small businesses are attractive targets because they have information that cybercriminals want, and they typically lack the security infrastructure of larger businesses.

Surveys have shown that many small business owners feel their businesses are vulnerable to a cyber-attack. Yet many businesses cannot afford professional IT solutions, have limited time to devote to cybersecurity or do not know where to begin.

The third annual SBA Cyber Summit will address these formidable challenges with turnkey solutions.

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Rendering courtesy Reynolds Ash + Associates, Town of Pagosa Springs

A rendering shows plans for the renovation and expansion of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

Town's Design Review Board approves sketch design for library expansion, renovation

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Aug. 20, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, acting in its capacity as the Design Review Board, approved a sketch major design application from the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library for its plan to renovate and expand the facility by more than 3,000 square feet.

The library's current footprint is an existing 7,500-square-foot building, and the proposed project includes interior and exterior upgrades, as well as "full-site improvements,"

which include "reconfiguring the existing parking lot, a large community reading garden and a smaller children's garden," states an agenda document on the matter.

A project overview document, prepared by the architects for the project, Reynolds Ash + Associates, states, "Overall, the Library has not had a major renovation or expansion in nearly 20 years and is in need of more space for programming and service space."

The document also states that the library "has great visibility from the highway, but architecturally it does

not stand out or present itself as a community building and Library."

The renovation and expansion project aims to "architecturally improve visibility and highlight the new entry," the document states.

Lauren Davis, representing the architects at the meeting, described the existing building as "dated" and "a little bit underwhelming," saying that the new design strives for the "wow factor," which would ultimately create a better community space.

The design proposed includes a glass and aluminum store-front look that tries to utilize natural light as

much as possible, Davis explained.

The existing stucco would get a new color coat on it to match the new color scheme of various grays, dark blue and aluminum, and a new roof would also be installed, she added.

The plans also include a reconfiguration of the parking lot.

Davis noted that the library hopes to add a children's library section as well as a multipurpose community space as part of its new programming.

Community Development Director James Dickhoff explained that the sketch design largely complies with the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

However, Dickhoff also noted that there were certain conditions that the applicant would need to address in its final major design review application.

Some of the conditions that will need to be met before final design review would include stormwater and snow storage plans, verification from utility providers about their ability to serve the expanded facilities, and detailed lighting and landscaping plans, he explained.

The board unanimously approved these sketch design plans, with Julie Gurule being absent from the meeting.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

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/>.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

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

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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/>.

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

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/>.

Monday, Sept. 9

CSU Advisory Committee meeting. 11:30 a.m., CSU Extension Office, 344 U.S. 84. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

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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/>.

Tuesday, Sept. 17

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PROPOSED: COUNTY BUILDING LAND PURCHASE

Background

Archuleta County is approaching a critical milestone with just three years left on the lease for the current courthouse building.

Within that remaining time period, they must purchase land and complete construction on a new County building.

To ensure our community continues to thrive, the County has identified a unique opportunity to purchase land & construct a new County building, using funds already set aside—without incurring additional debt.

For over a year, the County has been searching for the most cost-effective & community-focused solution.

Proposed Solution & Benefits

After thorough evaluation, this proposed property offers a compelling option, offering a lower cost per square foot compared to other alternatives.

This project is more than just a new building; it's a catalyst for growth in Pagosa Springs.

Local developers have taken community input & are eager to contribute to our community's prosperity by creating additional development around the County building, including:

- New commercial spaces for shops & restaurants
- Much-needed workforce housing for our essential community workers—teachers, nurses, law enforcement, EMS, & others who are crucial to our daily lives

The 99-acre development is expected to significantly boost tax revenue, which will benefit vital services like:

- Schools
- Hospital
- Fire Department
- Other local districts

This increased revenue will provide more resources for the services that keep our community safe, educated, & healthy.

We understand that change can be challenging, but this development is designed with the best interests of Pagosa Springs at heart.

The developers are committed to fostering healthy growth that locals can be proud of, ensuring that Pagosa Springs remains a vibrant, welcoming, & prosperous community for generations to come.



In Honor of Labor Day

The Primary Care Clinic and Outpatient Services
will be closed on Monday, September 2,
reopening on Tuesday, September 3 to serve you.

The Emergency Department is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Driver sentenced following fatal three-car crash

By Hailey Sams
SUN Intern

Eduardo Arroyos, 43, was recently sentenced for his involvement in a crash that resulted in the death of a 29-year-old pregnant woman in 2023.

At about 9 a.m. on Aug. 30, 2023, Erica Augustine, in a Dodge Journey, was slowing down to make a left turn

onto an access road when she was rear-ended by Arroyos, who was driving a Kia Sportage. She was pushed into the eastbound lane and struck by a Chevy Silverado, the Colorado State Patrol reported at the time.

It was reported that Augustine was flown to a Denver hospital, where she died of her injuries. Her newborn survived, but with injuries and com-

plications of its own.

Arroyos was transported to the medical center with moderate injuries and the driver of the Chevy was uninjured, it was reported. Arroyos and the Chevy driver are both from Colorado, with Augustine being from New Mexico.

Arroyos pleaded guilty to one count of careless driving that was the

"proximate cause of death to Erica Augustine," according to the plea agreement.

Three counts of careless driving resulting in injury were dismissed.

In July, Arroyos was sentenced to four years of supervised probation and 100 hours of community service, as well as \$2,575.50 in fines and costs.

Sheriff's Office to hold Citizen's Academy this fall

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) is proud to announce the commencement of our Citizen's Academy this fall. The academy will begin on Oct. 8 and conclude on Dec. 3.

The classes will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. at the ACSO Emergency Operations facility located at 777 County Road 600 (Piedra Road).

The ACSO's mission is to protect and serve the citizens of our county through innovative hard work and community partnership. The Citizen's

Academy is designed to provide an overview of this commitment and to create open dialog with our community members.

After an introduction by Sheriff Mike Le Roux and his command staff, the topics presented during the academy include:

- Statutory obligations of the sheriff.
- Patrol operations.
- Use of force and firearms.
- Animal control.
- Detention operations and programs.

- Courts and extraditions.
- Criminal case investigations/crime scene investigations.
- The Office of Emergency Management.
- Wildland firefighting.
- Search and rescue.
- Dispatch and public records.
- School resource officer.

Our commanders, professional staff leaders and deputies responsible for each area will present on the topics.

One of the highlights of the academy is the field day, during which

students will participate in scenario-based training. The scenarios will include responding to calls involving stress and critical decision-making, traffic stops, and building searches.

The academy's capacity is limited to 15 students.

All applicants must be 18 years old and a resident or business owner in Archuleta County. All students must complete the application to be considered for attendance in the academy.

The fee for the academy is \$20, which covers the cost of a student T-shirt, materials and refreshments.

The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Aug. 5 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, U.S. 84.

Aug. 5 — Drug paraphernalia-possess, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, Hurt Drive.

Aug. 6 — Child abuse, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Harman Park Drive/County Road 391.

Aug. 6 — Agency assist, County Road 600.

Aug. 6 — Theft-\$1,000-\$2,000, second-degree motor vehicle theft, Jack Rabbit Road.

Aug. 7 — Dog at large, Canyon Circle.

Aug. 8 — Second-degree burglary, criminal mischief under \$300 private, third degree criminal trespass, obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, Lake Street/Vista Boulevard.

Aug. 8 — Failure to comply, Vista Boulevard.

Aug. 8 — Not completed, Pebble Circle.

Aug. 8 — Agency assist, Ironwood Drive.

Aug. 9 — Criminal attempt to commit class three felony, second-degree burglary, third-degree criminal trespass, Great West Avenue.

Aug. 9 — Not completed, Buttercup Drive.

Aug. 9 — Not completed, County Road 146.

Aug. 9 — Not completed, Catchpole Drive.

Aug. 10 — Information only, Blue Heron Circle.

Aug. 10 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, domestic violence, Crooked Road.

Aug. 10 — Obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, disorderly conduct-petty, obstructing highway or passageway, pedestrian-drunk on highway, U.S. 160.

Aug. 10 — Dog at large, West View Road.

Aug. 10 — Criminal mischief under \$300 public, Ute Drive.

Aug. 10 — Stalking-emotional distress-protection order violation, third-degree criminal trespass, domestic violence, violation of protection order-criminal, harassment follows in public place, driving under restraint-alcohol/drug related, careless driving, Crooked Road.

Aug. 12 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Enchanted Place.

Aug. 13 — Duty to report use of force, Harman Park Drive.

Aug. 13 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

Aug. 13 — Information only, Cloman Boulevard.

Aug. 13 — Information only, County Road 600.

Aug. 14 — Trespass warning, Ranchland Drive/Betty's Court.

Aug. 14 — Not completed, County Road 600.

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child abuse, domestic violence, violation of protection order-criminal, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks DV, County Road 500.

Aug. 15 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, Cascade Avenue.

Aug. 15 — Agency assist, USFS 651.

Aug. 15 — Fraud by check-other method, U.S. 160.

Aug. 15 — Not completed, County Road 359.

Aug. 16 — Lost and found, Harman Park Drive.

Aug. 16 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Homestead Drive.

Aug. 17 — Lost and found, Parelli Institute Drive.

Aug. 17 — Harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Aug. 17 — Information only, Fawn Gulch Road.

Aug. 17 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Aug. 19 — Death investigation, Escobar Avenue.

Aug. 19 — Alcohol-under 21-possession/consumption, Eagle Drive.

Aug. 20 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Indian Paint Brush Drive.

Aug. 20 — Information only, County Road 337.

Aug. 21 — Nuisance/vicious animal, West View Road.

Aug. 21 — Information only, South 10th Street.

Aug. 21 — Information only, Capstone Circle.

Aug. 21 — Unlaw possession Schedule III, IV, V, V except ketamine or flunitrazepam, assault in the third degree, domestic violence, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Holiday Lane/Canyon Circle.

Aug. 21 — Not completed, Harman Park Drive.

Aug. 22 — Criminal mischief, Rec Center Road.

Aug. 22 — Agency assist, U.S. 84.

Aug. 22 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, County Road 500.

Aug. 22 — Information only, Beuclyer Place.

Aug. 23 — Agency assist, Zuni Street

Aug. 23 — Information only, Dandelion Drive.

Aug. 23 — Lost and found, County Road 982.

Aug. 23 — Lane usage violation, driving under the influence of alcohol, U.S. 160.

Aug. 23 — Agency assist, Oakridge Drive.

Aug. 23 — Not completed, North Pagosa Drive.

Aug. 23 — Assault in the third degree, child abuse, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Country Meadows Place.

Aug. 24 — Assault in the third degree, criminal mischief \$300-\$1,000 private, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Driftwood Drive.

Aug. 24 — Information only, Grenadier Place.

Aug. 24 — Information only, Nature's Way Court.

Aug. 24 — Information only, Raccoon Drive.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Aug. 4 — Lane usage violation, driving under the influence, DUI per se, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, Goldmine Drive.

Aug. 4 — Death investigation, U.S. 84/Steamboat Drive.

Aug. 6 — Lost and found, East Pagosa Street.

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Aug. 6 — Careless driving, failed to notify police of accident, Aspen Village Drive.

Aug. 6 — Criminal mischief, South 9th Street.

Aug. 6 — Warrant arrest, North 5th Street.

Aug. 6 — Information only, North 8th Street.

Aug. 7 — Disorderly conduct/offensive utterance or gesture, Village Drive.

Aug. 7 — Criminal mischief, criminal trespass, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Aug. 7 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-family-gun, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, Florida Street.

Aug. 7 — Criminal trespass, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Aug. 8 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Talisman Drive.

Aug. 8 — Lost and found, Pagosa Street.

Aug. 8 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Aug. 8 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Aug. 11 — Theft-\$50 to \$300 shoplifting, third-degree criminal trespass, Aspen Village Drive.

Aug. 12 — Registration-fictitious plate, speeding 10-19 mph over limit in school zone, no insurance-driver, U.S. 160.

Aug. 12 — Second-degree burglary, criminal mischief \$300-\$1,000 business, Lewis Street.

Aug. 12 — Lost and found, Pagosa Street.

Aug. 12 — Theft/intending to deprive person, Eagle Drive.

Aug. 12 — Reckless endangerment, child abuse, driving under the influence of alcohol, Eagle Drive.

Aug. 13 — Lost and found, San Juan Street.

Aug. 13 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

Aug. 15 — Death investigation, Majestic Drive.

Aug. 15 — Theft/intends to deprive person, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Aug. 15 — Careless driving, Cornerstone Drive.

Aug. 15 — Theft/intends to deprive person, South 8th Street.

Aug. 16 — Second-degree burglary-no force entry-residence, North 8th Street.

Aug. 17 — Possession/consumption open container of alcohol in public, Hermosa Street.

Aug. 17 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Hermosa Street.

Aug. 17 — Trespass warning, Pagosa Street.

Aug. 18 — Careless driving-cause death, Talisman Drive.

Aug. 19 — Lost and found, South 5th Street.

Aug. 19 — Second-degree burglary-forced entry-residence, criminal mischief \$300-\$1,000 private, North 8th Street.

Aug. 19 — First-degree criminal trespass motor vehicle, North 4th Street.

Aug. 20 — Harassment-repeatedly insults/taunts/challenges, no location listed.

Aug. 20 — Lost and found, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Aug. 20 — Trespass warning, warrant arrest, North 8th Street.

Aug. 21 — Criminal mischief, domestic violence, no location listed.

Aug. 21 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks a person, Cornerstone Drive.

Aug. 21 — Missing person, no location listed.

Aug. 21 — Lost and found, Pagosa Street.

Aug. 22 — Theft-\$2,000 to \$20,000 from vehicle, first-degree criminal

trespass, Talisman Drive.

Aug. 22 — Vehicle accident with injuries, U.S. 160/Trinity Lane.

Aug. 22 — Assault in the third degree, domestic violence, Goldmine Drive.

Aug. 22 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive.

Aug. 23 — Sexual assault-no consent, unlawful sexual contact-fondling, North 5th Street/Hot Springs Boulevard/North 15th Street/Zuni Street.

Aug. 23 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.

Aug. 23 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Aug. 24 — Information only, South 9th Street.

Aug. 24 — Agency assist, Boulder Drive.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge

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Access

Continued from front and that the town's plan was "1 of 15 that was selected to move forward with applying for the grant."

"We are working very closely with the grant administrator at GOCO, and we really have a great staff over at GOCO helping us through the process," he added.

He continued, "The reason we are applying for two grants is that we will be more competitive with both granting entities. If we asked for all the money from one, it makes us less competitive."

He also explained that one is a federal grant and the other is a state grant, "so we can use each of them to cover the match on both grants."

If the town is awarded both of the grants, as well as utilizing the town's and county's Conservation Trust Fund funds, "we would be able to cover" the entire cost of the project, "in totality," he explained.

He walked the council through

"plan B," in case the town only gets awarded one grant, explaining, "then I think town council would have to be making that decision on if we could cover the other half of the purchase price on the property."

He explained that the property is the "former Bob's LP site ... currently being leased to Basin Co-op," and that the town is working with the executor of the property.

He also said that this property was identified by the River Corridor Master Plan of 2012 as important for expanding public river access.

"As you are all well aware, we really don't have a lot of public access ... for boaters especially," explaining that the property in question "does go pretty much to the edge of the asphalt next to the Conoco station" and that kayakers and tubers "are already using it."

He said that staff's opinion is that "this is an opportunity to consider purchasing the property."

"I think this is a 'now-or-never' scenario," he said, "because if we don't consider buying this property, it will end up in a commercial developer's hand ... which will make it much more complicated to ever have the town acquire it for public access in the future."

When opened to questions and comments, council member Madeline Bergon expressed that the town should "keep an open mind" about the different kinds of boat ramps so as not to cause more erosion on the stream bank of the property.

"It doesn't necessarily have to be a gravel ramp," she said. "There are other methods, like a railing system, that people can just slide their boats down on, that would be a little less intrusive."

Mayor Shari Pierce explained she wanted some clarification that if the town is able to get both grants, then the cost to the town would only be the \$50,000 that it would need to pull from the town's Conservation

Trust Fund.

"So, you're not gonna come back and ask for more money if we're successful in these two grants?" she asked Dickhoff.

Dickhoff explained that if the town receives both grants, that would pay for the first phase of the project, but that the town may want to come back later for future phases that could include a larger parking lot and Riverwalk connectivity.

Pierce suggested that she supports acquiring the property, but added, "I don't think we can afford it" if the town doesn't get the grant funding.

"It's a slam dunk," she said, if the town is ultimately awarded both grants.

When a motion was made to approve the resolution supporting the town to apply for the two grants to finish the East Gateway River Park Project, it was seconded and passed unanimously by the council.

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'Cliff'

Continued from front developed a few bows in the lines — things get backed up the way they shouldn't."

Holt explained that two sections of sewer lines were recently scoped, and both sections have bowing lines.

"So, that was concerning," he said.

Taylor questioned if the bowing is a systemic issue and if it is occurring in a main sewer line serving the middle school building.

Sanchez explained that one of the sections is a main sewer line running underneath a main hallway of the building.

"It's actually bowing, literally, under the two staff restrooms," Sanchez said.

"We have some important decisions to make," Holt added, noting, "That's just one of the system issues that we're starting to develop."

Holt reminded the board that only draft reports have been compiled by RTA.

"They're subject to change and update," he said.

Holt went on to explain part of the assessment being performed by RTA features an educational adequacy score which grades the "spaces our kids are learning in."

He indicated that according to the draft report, the elementary school scored a D- and the middle school received a grade of F.

Holt mentioned that RTA recommends a grading of C to be an adequate learning space.

Holt also mentioned that although high-quality education is happening

in those spaces, it is still something the district needs to look for an opportunity to improve.

Holt noted that the results of the assessment are going to factor in on how the board goes about its master planning process.

"I think we should wait until they are not draft to share them, but we are starting to get that feedback," Holt said in regard to the draft assessment from RTA.

Holt noted that there are multiple spaces at the elementary and middle schools that have no windows. He also mentioned the roof at the high school is a "nonstop distraction."

"I told 'em not to do it when we did it," Mackey said in regard to the high school roof.

"We have some things we should be concerned about at the high school, as well," Holt said.

Lynch noted that the high school is now 25 years old.

"Our new high school is 25 years old," Mackey added.

Taylor mentioned that the board may want to look into some sort of contingency plan for major capital improvement projects that could be coming the district's way.

"We waited so long and if something happens to that, that school's going to be shut down," Taylor said.

Holt indicated that the district is looking for an immediate solution, a three-year solution and a permanent solution in regard to bringing facilities "up to par."

"We need something in place right now we can do," he added.

He explained that the district was made aware last year of a pipe that was backing up into the middle school's kitchen.

Holt went on to explain that a section of the middle school was scoped last year by a gentleman who had previously scoped the school's systems about 20 years ago.

At that time the district was cautioned about the potential problems ahead, Holt explained.

"Maybe the bows are just catastrophic at this point," he said.

No draft reports were opened or shared during the retreat.

"I'm reluctant to open up all those reports, just because they are draft," Holt added.

He went on to explain that the district needs to prioritize safety concerns, legal requirements and quality of learning environments first.

Holt noted there is a difference in a teacher wanting an extra whiteboard in their classroom and a teacher complaining about no air flow and inconsistent temperatures in their classroom.

Sanchez explained that the district is looking at what it can do to get through this school year, and then looking at what improvements can be made next summer.

Sanchez also spoke about how more issues could arise just from trying to access a problematic sewer pipe.

"We're starting to see major systems fail," Holt added.

Schick questioned if the final assessment result would be shared

at the board's September meeting, with Holt indicating that is the current plan.

He explained that the overall purpose of the facilities assessment from RTA is to let the district know the amount of funds needed for the buildings to be brought up to industry standard.

Mackey mentioned that being code-compliant with modern building codes will be costly.

"Is the orange carpet the best anymore?" Sanchez asked.

"There's a cliff out there, and it's getting closer by the day," Mackey said.

Holt explained that the district has a "healthy reserve" and that it can afford to fund a few more repairs.

"We have the funds to patch a few more things," he said.

Holt explained that the district is looking into how to move currently unassigned reserves into assigned reserves, potentially for a contingency on capital improvement projects.

Schick asked at what point does the board need to give absolute directness, to the point of deciding that the district needs a new building.

Holt cautioned that the board "take a stance" on the matter and that the district will need to gather feedback from the community to see the best way to move forward.

Holt indicated that the district will hold community meetings in the coming months to discuss the final results of the facilities assessment. clayton@pagosasun.com

The Blotter

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July 24 — Eduardo Arroyos, careless driving resulting in death, four years supervised probation, 100 hours community service, fines and costs — \$2,575.50.

Aug. 7 — Boni L. McIntyre, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.

Aug. 7 — Michael P. Brown, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$290.

Aug. 7 — Cade Franklin Cooper, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Aug. 7 — Jatziri A. Hernandez, fail to yield right of way/stop sign, fines and costs — \$27.50.

Aug. 7 — Douglas Ryan Lewis, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$290.

Aug. 7 — Kubas Bryan Richard McDermond, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$255.

Aug. 7 — Maverick James Webb, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$160.

Aug. 7 — Travis Earl Stewart, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Aug. 7 — Rickey T. Roanhorse, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$233.50.

Aug. 8 — Kevin James Hartman, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$179.50.

Aug. 15 — David Lee Henson, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Aug. 19 — Cleveland Wilburn Stevens Jr., speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$255.

Aug. 20 — Gary Scott Musgrave,

speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Aug. 20 — Sara Elizabeth Good, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Aug. 21 — Ronald David Escalante, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$290.

Aug. 21 — Roan Daniel King, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Aug. 21 — McKencie Leadingham, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Aug. 22 — Jose Epimeno Maez, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, fines and costs — \$130.50.

Aug. 23 — Tomena Sue Goodwin, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Aug. 23 — Ernan M. Martinez, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs

— \$190.

Aug. 23 — Rohit S. Padmarao, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

Aug. 26 — Catherine Aylin Cakir, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Aug. 8 — David Green, theft-\$1,000-\$2,000, 41 days jail, fines and costs — \$2,524.75.

Aug. 22 — Jasmine Yvette Trevino, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$249.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

Aug. 19 — Gena Renee Mathews, driving under the influence-with 3+ priors, 24 months probation, 90 days jail, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$2,709.50.

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Water conservancy district discusses changes to project manager bidding process

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors discussed amendments to its request for proposals (RFP) for a general project manager for the district's reservoir project at its Aug. 19 meeting.

The board ultimately tabled the issue to allow it to receive legal advice on potential revisions to the structure and scope of the RFP at its September meeting.

SJWCD board president Candace Jones updated the board on the RFP, explaining that the board previously tasked her and SJWCD board member Charles Riehm to work on the RFP and that they had drafted an RFP that was sent to seven firms, including Ehat Consulting, Davis Engineering Service, Harris Water Engineering, Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), SGM Engineering, J-U-B Engineers and Wright Water Engineers.

She stated that Rick Ehat of Ehat Engineering declined to work on the project due to his expertise being in construction, not planning.

SEH stated it is not interested in the project, Jones explained, and J-U-B — which is located in Palisade, Colo. — stated that it has limited contacts in the area and thus is not interested in the project.

SGM excluded themselves from the project due to a conflict of interest, she stated.

All three of the remaining companies were "leery" of making a proposal given the scope and one-year

timeline of the RFP, Jones and Riehm explained, with Riehm adding that the firms felt that the project would be possible over a longer timeline, but the master planning and other work included could be difficult to complete in a year given the staff and resources available to the firms.

Jones stated that the firms were also concerned about providing cost estimates given the structure of the RFP.

She stated that all of the remaining firms "expressed interest," but were not prepared to respond to the RFP as presented.

This was "good learning," Jones commented, explaining that, in an executive session earlier in the meeting, the board discussed questions for its attorney aimed at helping clarify the RFP.

Jones explained that she and Riehm had spoken with Davis Engineering and Harris Engineering and had plans to meet with Wright Water Engineers in the future.

Following this, Jones stated, the board will conduct a planning exercise to help identify steps in the master plan, what organizations would be involved and what order these steps would need to occur in.

She commented that the scope of the RFP would likely be narrowed to focus on facilitating this planning exercise, although the specific details of this exercise and how this would relate to the already-released RFP would need to be further discussed.

Riehm added that this exercise would aim to determine the steps for creating the reservoir and what

firms would need to be contracted for the work.

He stated that the planning exercise would likely involve all three firms and would help determine where their expertise could be useful in moving the project forward.

The exercise would help the board determine its goals and assist in SJWCD's budgeting for 2025, Riehm added.

The master plan would also help the board identify grants and contract grant writers to help obtain funds, he commented.

SJWCD board member Rob Hagerberg commented that this planning exercise could be a "good solution" to the board's difficulty in determining next steps for building the reservoir.

Jones stated that the board had adjustments to the procurement process on its agenda — which she recommended tabling — and asked if any board members had comments on the proposed process.

SJWCD board member Rodney Proffitt commented that the planning exercise would help the district determine what steps are needed and be able to take concrete steps forward, which Riehm expressed agreement with.

Jones commented that having multiple firms involved in the planning process could help address the capacity issues raised by many firms.

Riehm stated that the remaining firms are variable in size and that the firms could take different portions of the project depending on their interests.

"We don't know how that workshop will go," he said. "We're not trying to guide it, we're just trying to figure it out with everybody in the room already having said, 'We can't do everything you've asked us but we're willing to do something.' And they've all indicated a willingness to get together in the workshop."

Riehm added that the board would have to determine how having these firms attend the workshop would interact with the RFP and if the SJWCD would have to pay them for attending, which would potentially require terminating the current RFP.

SJWCD board member Randy Cooper commented that the workshop seems like an effective next step and that he would want the master planning process to move forward as quickly as possible.

Riehm commented that the RFP is part of a "cycle of learning" and that the board has now learned what firms might be interested in working on the project despite not receiving formal replies to the RFP.

Jones stated that she believed the board should table adjustments to the RFP and that it could discuss potential RFP changes and receive legal advice at its September meeting.

The board then unanimously voted to table the issue until the September meeting.

Prior to the vote, SJWCD board member Joe Tedder commented that he supports the board's current direction and that he did not see any alternatives to its current approach.
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Board

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A motion to rescind the action of appointing Iverson at the Aug. 20 meeting that action was unanimously approved.

"That action from last Tuesday [Aug. 20] is rescinded," Lynch stated.

He explained that the board was to begin at the point in which the interviews concluded and that "no sheets of paper" from the previous meeting would affect the decision made at the Aug. 27 meeting.

A roll-call vote revealed that Lynch ranked Iverson as his first choice and Ranson as his second.

Board members Amanda Schick and Tim Taylor also ranked Iverson as their first choice, and board member Butch Mackey ranked Ranson as his

first choice and Iverson as his second choice.

Lynch explained that the based on those rankings, the board needed to make a motion to appoint a new candidate to the board.

A motion to appoint Iverson to the board as director of District 4 was seconded and unanimously approved.

Iverson then again took the oath of office.

Both candidates were interviewed separately at the Aug. 20 meeting, with the board asking the same eight questions to each candidate.

Some of those questions included:

- Why do you want the position as board member?
- What are your skills and abilities as a board member?
- What goals and objectives would

drive your budgeting process?

- What would be your major contribution to the board?
- What are your most effective communication skills?

Ranson indicated that she was interested in being on the board because of how well the board listens to the feedback of the community, and that she has grandchildren in the district.

Ranson highlighted the way the board handled its graduation requirement changes last year as being impressive in how the board listened to the community.

She also mentioned that communication is one of her best attributes and that she would prioritize teacher salaries and building needs during budgeting.

Ranson explained she is also good at handling and resolving conflicts.

Iverson mentioned he works remotely and is wanting to find ways to contribute to the community he actually lives in. He noted he has four daughters currently in the district.

Iverson mentioned that one of his best skills is being a good listener, as it pertains to his job of gathering data and feedback from multiple departments within his company.

Iverson also indicated that he would prioritize hiring and retaining teachers, noting educational studies show that to be important in delivering high-quality

education.

Iverson mentioned that he likes to be as direct and precise as possible when communicating, and that persistence is important when trying to achieve a goal.

He explained that the overarching goal is to prepare kids to be able to function in the world and that basic educational skills such as literacy are needed.

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School

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year, and we are looking forward to kicking things off on Tuesday with our new student body. We start every year with 2 weeks of building culture and supporting students as they develop our norms and learn the procedures and goals of our school."

Pagosa Springs Middle School Principal Chris Hinger and Pagosa Springs High School principal Sean O'Donnell were not available for comment by press time on Wednesday.

At a retreat on Aug. 27, district staff and the school board discussed common values shared amongst its members, with the main one being how to find ways to give every kid the best chance to succeed in the district's schools.

Superintendent Rick Holt mentioned that "right now we operate on a system that is highly effective for some of our students, and is yet to be effective for too many of our students."

Holt also commented on the diversity amongst the board, saying he "could not think of a more balanced board of really practical experiences that can help craft a great way forward."

He added that each member has a unique background and offers a

different world view.

"We're very fortunate as an organization to have that going for us," he said.

Holt also mentioned the board has a collective responsibility to respond to the desires of the community, rather than developing a plan on its own and not taking in community feedback.

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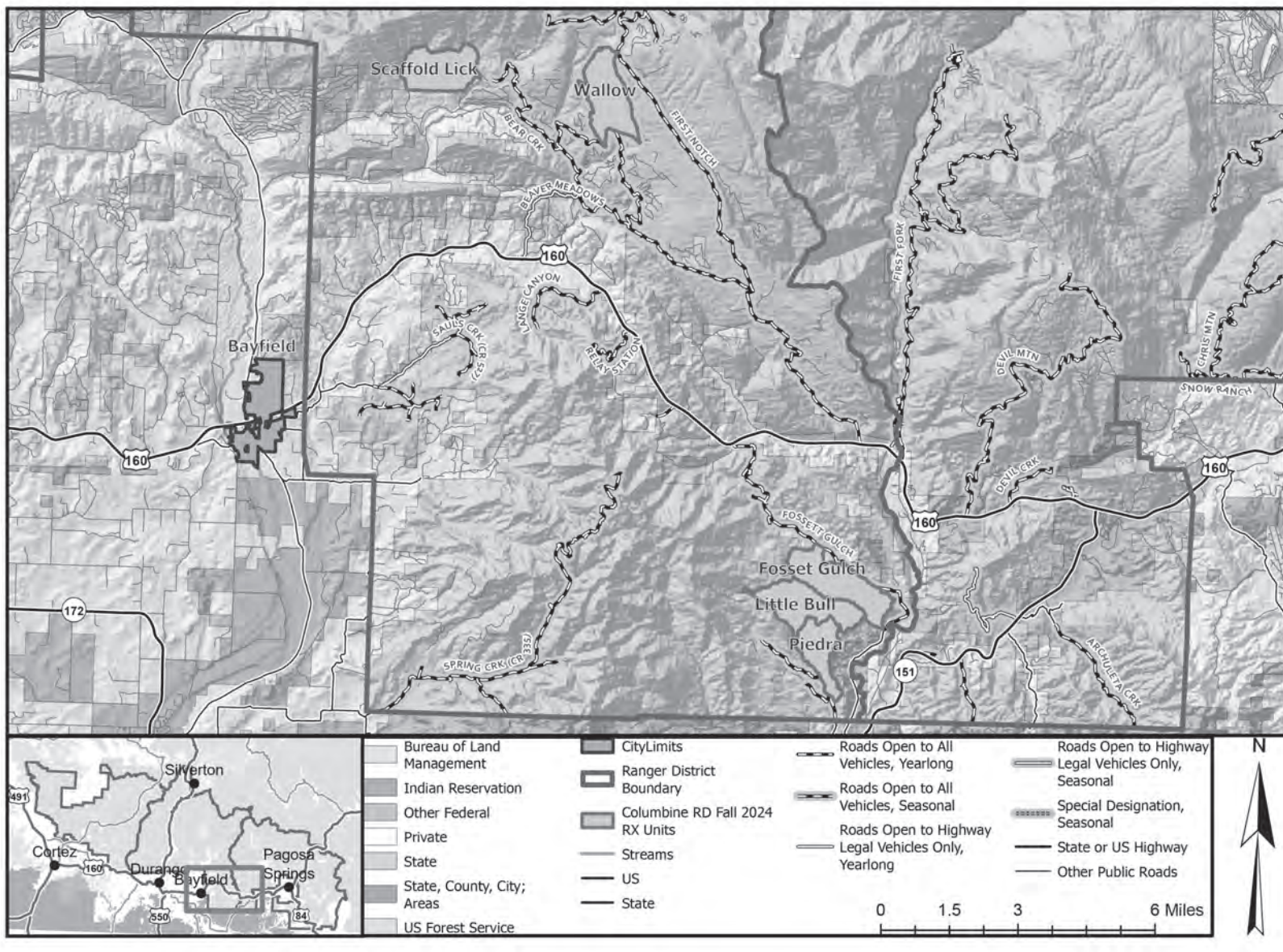


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Columbine Ranger District planning prescribed burns in Beaver Meadows, Southern HD Mountains

By Kris Allen
U.S. Forest Service

To reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and improve forest health, the Columbine Ranger District is planning to burn approximately 5,000 acres in the Beaver Meadows and Southern HD mountains of the San Juan National Forest.

The planned burn areas are approximately 10 miles northeast and 12 miles southeast of Bayfield.

Operations may begin as soon as early September and may continue

into November, depending on weather conditions and availability of fire personnel and other resources.

Prescribed fires will only be ignited when all weather, fuels and smoke requirements are met. Ignitions will take place over several consecutive days, and operations may take several weeks to complete.

Burning operations will be conducted by district personnel and other fire resources from the Forest Service and partner agencies, using both ground and aerial ignition.

Smoke will be heavier in the

mornings following burning operations, although it should clear by midday. Smoke will be visible from Arboles, Bayfield, Pagosa Springs, and the U.S. 160 and Colo. 151 corridors near those towns.

These burn units are part of the larger Vallecito-Piedra and Southern HDs integrated vegetation management projects aimed at reducing hazardous ground fuels and long-term risk of catastrophic wildfire, as well as restoring ponderosa pine ecosystems and improving wildlife habitat.

The forests in Southwest Colorado are part of a fire-adapted ecosystem, which has historically experienced frequent, low-intensity fires on a large scale. Prescribed fire replicates that fire regime under controlled conditions.

Learn how smoke from prescribed fire may affect your health by visiting the Colorado Department of Public Health website: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

For more information, please contact District Assistant Fire Management Officer (fuels) Noah Daniels at noah.daniels@usda.gov.

For information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874 or visit the forest website.

CSU Extension director taking on new role

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Archuleta County CSU Extension Director Robin Young is resigning from her current role with the Extension office this week.

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Aug. 13, Young informed the board that her last day as the CSU Extension agent will be Aug. 29.

"Trust me, it was a very hard call," Young said.

She explained that she has taken a new position within the state Extension office and is "very excited about this role," adding that she is not leaving Pagosa.

"Pagosa is my home," she said. Young's new position will be the CSU state natural resource specialist, which will allow her to work on state-level projects, she explained.

Young has served as the county's CSU Extension director for the past seven years, she explained.

"It doesn't seem like it's been that long," Young added. "It's been a real pleasure to serve Archuleta County."

During the Aug. 13 work session, Young spoke about this year's county fair, highlighting Fair Coordinator Tonya Steadmon's dedication and role in putting on the fair.

"It was a fabulous fair," Young said, also mentioning this year was a record livestock auction.

She mentioned having the paid coordinator position was beneficial, but that the fair board could still have more involvement with coordinating the fair.

"There are expectations of this working board being appointed by the county commissioners," she said.

Commissioner Veronica Medina acknowledged that putting on the fair takes a lot of resources and time.

Medina noted that the fair board has 15 positions and that only six were filled this year.

Young suggested that changing the title from fair coordinator to fair manager might alleviate some of the

pressure and encourage board members to be more proactive in assisting with running the fair.

Young also highlighted her staff at the Extension office, saying, "Archuleta County Extension office probably is the No. 1 staff in the state."

She added, "These people have performed above and beyond" compared to other Extension offices around the state.

Young noted that the timeline for bringing in a new Extension director is unknown, commenting that "CSU tends to move at the speed of molasses."

CSU Extension Administrative Assistant Terry Schaaf will serve as the interim director.

Young also mentioned she will still be involved in the community and her contact information will remain the same in her new position.

"I really just can't say enough about my time that I've spent here because it's just been so wonderful to work with all of you," Young said.

Medina asked what the county should expect in regard to the transition at the Extension office and where it could offer support.

Young explained that most of the staff has been there longer than she has and that they have dealt with four different directors.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez expressed that he has been pleased with Young's work over the years, noting she has "been awesome" to work with.

Medina also asked about the status of wolves being introduced back into parts of the state.

Young indicated that the state has released wolves in the northern and central parts of the state, but they are currently not planning to release any wolves in Archuleta County.

"It's kind of, 'let's make this decision and then ask permission,'" Young said, mentioning that is not a preferred method of decision-making.

She added, "As for now, I know that they're not coming into our neck of the woods."

Young also noted that wolves in New Mexico are not supposed to be

within 30 miles of the state border with Colorado or Utah.

"Do the wolves know that?" Maez said.

Medina also asked Young about the biggest problems ranchers are dealing with in the county, inquiring about transient populations camping on private land.

Young noted that populations living in the national forest is always an "on-going problem," but that more so "the encroachment of breaking down into smaller acreage, losing water rights" is a concern.

She explained that younger generations of ranchers and farmers are choosing to sell off their land, sometimes in 35-acre chunks due to feeling the need to profit off the land, rather than continuing ranching and farming traditions.

Young added that the local ranchers and farmers need the county's support in terms of acknowledging their needs, and not necessarily through subsidies.

Young explained that with the increased activity in the real estate market since the COVID-19 pandemic, there is an increased need in educating buyers and sellers on water rights in the area.

"I'd say No. 1 is water," Young said, in regard to challenges that ranchers and farmers in the county are currently dealing with.

Maez noted that states in the country are starting to purchase water rights from other states to secure water needs.

Young encouraged that real estate agents need to educate buyers and sellers on water rights, specifically related to the state of Colorado.

"As more and more people come into the county, I think that that's going to be the No. 1 thing to look at," Young said.

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Sports



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Junior Weston Phillips makes his way through the JV boys to move from a 38th start place to a 14th-place finish at the Cloud City Challenge in Leadville last weekend.

Mountain bike team opens season with Cloud City Challenge

By Adelyn Hittle
DUST2

Kicking off a much-anticipated race season, the Pagosa Springs DUST2 mountain bike team raced in Leadville, Colo., (10,119 feet) last weekend.

The team races there annually at the end of August. The course consists of a 6.2-mile loop with 620 feet of elevation gain, taking place on the land of the Colorado Mountain College.

Racers pedal through tight single-track and long double-track trails to traverse the course. With much better weather conditions than last year, all of the DUST2 riders were able to complete their races without being stopped by lightning.

Eleven racers rode at the Cloud City Challenge last weekend.

Weston Phillips (junior) started off the morning at 8:30 a.m., in the JV boys' category, clocking a time of 1 hour, three minutes for two laps to place 14th out of 83 participants. He added 442 points to the team total.

Rylie Carr (senior) was the next to start at 9:55 a.m. in the varsity girls' division. Carr is the first DUST2 female rider to be selected to race varsity, and she timed out after two of the three laps, with a finish of 18th, and logged 455 points for the team.

The next to race were the sophomore boys at 11:35 a.m., racing two laps, with six DUST2 riders.

Jackson Chaney came in first of our team in 17th position with a time of 1:07. Eric Smith came in next in 20th position with a time of 1:09. Justin Sewell came in in 27th position with a time of 1:11. Aaron Sowle was

next to come through, in 30th, with a time of 1:12. Van Halterman was 32nd to come through with a time of 1:13. Heath Leentjes came in 47th out of 58 riders with a time of 1:22.

The JV girls' race was next to start at 12:45 with two DUST2 riders racing two laps. Adelyn Hittle (sophomore) was the first to come in with a time of 1:10, placing fourth and contributing 512 points to the team. Kaylee Hensle (junior) came in shortly after in 11th position with a time of 1:29, and contributed 460 points to the team.

The last race of the day was the freshmen girls. They started at 2 p.m. with four riders being released every 30 seconds. This time trial start was used in order to help them get used to racing before doing a mass start. Gianna Shaeffer was DUST2's lone rider in this division. Starting in the

first line, Shaeffer started well and came in with a time of 1:25 for two laps to place ninth.

She earned 434 more points for the team to bring the team total to 4050 points on the day, putting the team in sixth place in the division.

The rain held off until 4:45 p.m. at the awards to end an amazing day of racing for everyone.

The team is excited to attend the second race of the season in Eagle, Colo., at the Haymaker Classic on Sept. 7.



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SOCCER

Pirates to kick off season with Saturday home game

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team will be kicking off its season this weekend with a home match against the Central Grand Junction Warriors at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31, at Golden Peaks Stadium.

The Pirates will then begin league play on Tuesday, Sept. 3, hosting the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers at 4:30 p.m.

Coach Trevor Gian explained that the team has had some "pretty good preseason workouts," which included a trip to Montrose for a couple of scrimmages.

Gian mentioned the program has 27 players on the roster to make up a varsity and junior varsity team, adding that number may change a little with kids coming back for the start of the school year.

He noted that the varsity team will have two seniors, seven juniors, three sophomores and probably five freshmen.

Gian is in his first year leading the team, after coaching the Lady Pirates' soccer team last spring.

He explained that he worked with the Pagosa Rangers soccer club for 10 years, serving as the director of coaching for five.

He spoke about wanting to "set a culture and kind of build from there" in taking over the boys team.

"We're definitely trying to figure out our identity," he said, explaining that the team will be relying on its upperclassmen and experienced players to help lay the groundwork for the program.

Gian mentioned the team has been focusing on communication, understanding formation, being aggressive and putting a solid effort through its preseason training sessions.

"Communication is always huge," he added, mentioning good communication and being the first to the ball can help dictate a game.

"We're just trying to build that up right now," Gian said.

He explained that he wants the team to be able to find ways to contend and be a tough opponent for any team.

"If you're going to be playing Pagosa, it's going to be a tough one," Gian said, adding that the Pirates should be able to "come home proud of ourselves at least knowing we're building something."

Gian explained that he anticipates the Pirates being competitive in league play this season, but that they will have some tough games against quality teams outside of the league.

He mentioned that Central Grand Junction is going to be a physical, fast and quality opponent.

Gian added that how the Pirates respond to the first official match

of the season will be important for getting comfortable in the game atmosphere.

Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of Tuesday, Aug. 27, but is subject to change.

After the match against Central Grand Junction on Aug. 31 and the match against Montezuma-Cortez on Sept. 3, the Pirates will go on a series of road games starting with Aztec Tigers in Aztec, N.M., on Sept. 7 at 11 a.m.

Next they will travel to Denver to take on DSST: Montview at 4 p.m. on Sept. 11.

The Pirates will then head to Manitou Springs on Sept. 14, to face off against the Manitou Springs Mus-

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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Pirates go 3-2 to open season

By Randi Pierce and Hailey Sams
Staff Writers

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball went 3-2 in its first week of the season.

The Lady Pirates opened action on the season in Glenwood Springs at the Demon Invitational, where the team went 2-2.

"We took a real small group and had I think really great team bonding time," coach Katie Lorenzen said, "and I think lots of growth on the court."

The Lady Pirates opened tournament play against the host Glenwood Springs Demons on Friday, Aug. 23, but fell in two sets — 25-12 and 25-10.

Aspen Pitcher led the team with two of its total four kills in the match, with the others made by Lexi Campbell and Cadence Kerns.

Campbell led the team in attacks, logging 13 of the team's 49.

Dawson Iverson and Campbell scored one ace each for the team.

Kerns and Campbell led the team in serving points, with each scoring three of the team's 16 serving points.

The Lady Pirates had three blocks on the day, with Pitcher recording one solo block and one assisted block. Kerns, Kaila Limebrook and Iverson each had one assisted block.

Campbell led the team in digs with six of the team's 21. Pitcher followed with four.

Sophia Sottek had the team's only two assists in the matchup.

Pitcher logged 14 of the team's 39 serve receptions in the game with no errors. The team had five serve reception errors.

"We started off pretty rough, but it was not surprising with a lot of young girls — young in terms of varsity experience," Lorenzen said. "There were a ton of jitters in our first match, so I wasn't worried that that's where we were going to be at for the season, it's just we were starting with a lot of jitters, a ton of errors. So, the first game was kind of just a wash."

After that, Lorenzen explained, the team made a change going from a six-two to a five-two.

"It looked like it worked for us," she said. "It gave middles a chance to run slides."

The Lady Pirates next faced the Roaring Fork Rams, defeating the Rams in three sets.

Pagosa took the first set 25-12, dropped the second set 25-20 and won the final set 15-6 to log the win.

Iverson and Pitcher led the team with six kills each out of the team's total 17 kills.

The team had five aces in the game. Campbell and Iverson scored two each, with Kerns scoring one.

Limebrook led the team in serving points with eight. Sottek, Campbell and Kerns each tallied seven serving points in the matchup, with Pitcher having six.

The team had 43 serving points against the Rams.

The Lady Pirates had six blocks, with Kerns logging two solo blocks and two assisted blocks. Pitcher and Iverson each had a solo block, and Campbell and Limebrook each tallied an assisted block.

Kerns led the team with seven of its 18 digs.

Hayden Peterson led the team with five of its nine assists, with Sottek contributing four.

Campbell logged 12 serve receptions with no errors and Pitcher logged 10 with no errors.

The team had 31 serve receptions with three errors.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, the Lady Pirates played against the Meeker Cowboys and Coal Ridge Titans, falling to the Cowboys but securing a victory against the Titans.

Against the Cowboys, the Lady Pirates lost 2-0, with the first set being 25-23 and the second being 25-9.

Pitcher led the team with six of its 17 kills and recorded the team's only ace.

Pitcher and Sottek earned eight and six of the team's 25 serving points, respectively.

The Lady Pirates had two blocks in the game, with Pitcher notching one solo block, and Kerns and Peterson each recording an assisted block.

Sottek also led the team in digs with nine of its total 28. Kerns had five.

Sottek logged seven of the team's 12 assists against the Cowboys.

Campbell had the most serve receptions on the team with 20.

Pitcher followed with nine serve

receptions. The team totaled 41 serve receptions with two errors.

The Lady Pirates defeated the Titans 2-1 to round out tournament play.

Coal Ridge took the first set 25-20, but the Lady Pirates fought back, winning the next two sets 25-20 and 15-10, respectively.

Campbell and Pitcher led the team with six kills each out of the 21 kills against the Titans.

Iverson contributed three of the team's four aces, with Limebrook laying the other.

Pitcher led the team in serving points, landing 12 of the 47 serving points the team scored, with Limebrook following with nine.

The Lady Pirates had five total blocks, with Campbell logging one solo block and three assisted. Kerns had three assisted blocks and Iverson notched a solo block.

Pitcher also led the team with seven of its 34 digs, with Kerns following with six.

Peterson had the most assists on the team, with 10 out of the team's total 16.

Lorenzen highlighted several aspects of the team's play at the tournament.

"I think both middles did really well over the weekend," Lorenzen said.

Iverson, a sophomore, she noted, had quite a few kills and a really good hitting percentage with few errors.

Kerns, a senior, barely played middle last year at the end of the season, according to the coach, but is "looking super strong."

Kerns is also playing back row and is strong all around, she added.

Lorenzen also highlighted the team's outside hitters, who she noted took the "junk balls when necessary" and stayed low error.

She also noted Pitcher and Iverson both logged high hitting percentages as outside hitters, which she called "awesome."

"So, that was really good," she said. "Defensively, I think we have some discipline stuff to work on, but we did have some great hustle plays. And, overall, the theme of the weekend was just high energy and girls who are excited for each other. And that's the most fun thing to watch, is their excitement for each other."

On Tuesday, Aug. 27, the Lady Pirates were victorious against the Dolores Bears.

The Lady Pirates won in three sets against the Bears: 25-6, 25-14 and 25-17.

Out of the team's 25 kills, Pitcher and Kerns led with eight and seven each, respectively.

"Both outside hitters hit .500, so that was a great performance for both of them," Lorenzen said of Pitcher and Campbell.

Pitcher, Sottek, and Campbell each tallied three service aces for the team, leading the team's 12 total, which Lorenzen called "huge."

The team scored 58 serving points, with Sottek and Campbell leading with 17 and 13, respectively.

The Lady Pirates had four total blocks, with Pitcher and Campbell each notching a solo block. Limebrook and Iverson each had two assisted blocks.

Sottek and Kerns each had five of the team's 18 total digs.

Sottek was the only Lady Pirate with double-digit assists, picking up 14 of the team's total 22.

Pitcher had the most service receptions on the team, with nine of the team's 26.

"We were playing in a very small gym and it gets really loud," Lorenzen said. "There was a point when the ref blew the whistle and play continued for what felt like 10 seconds, it was probably like five, and no one could hear because it was so, so loud no one could hear the whistle she was continuing to blow. So, it was fun to play in that environment, come out with the sweep."

Lorenzen added all of Pagosa's teams ended with sweeps against Dolores.

"So, that was a great start, and we saw some pretty awesome things from the younger girls," she said.

She added that, overall, it was a "really exciting day" to see the growth that has occurred in the last two weeks.

The Lady Pirates will next play on Sept. 5, when they will open league play against the Alamosa Mean Moose.

The Mean Moose are 1-0 on the season.

For more on the matchup, see the Sept. 5 issue of The SUN.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Pirates open season at 'low-key' meet

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams opened the season last weekend in Silverton.

Soccer

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On Sept. 17, the Pirates will match up against the Crested Butte in Crested Butte at 4 p.m.

On Sept. 21, the Pirates will host a league match up against the Alamosa Mean Moose at 10 a.m.

The Pirates will then get back on the road to face off against Taos in Taos, N.M., at 4 p.m. on Sept. 24.

On Oct. 1, the Pirates will host another league opponent, the Bayfield Wolverines, at 4 p.m.

The Pirates will then travel on Oct.

The meet, coach Rachael Christiansen previously explained, was "low key," with the coaches responsible for timing their own athletes and all runners competing at the same time.

"We ran our first race of the season in Silverton this past week," Christiansen wrote in a recap of the race. "This was our first time going to this meet, and while it was a small and low-key event, we enjoyed getting the opportunity to race and saw some big successes and learned a few things we need to work on."

On the girls' side, Christiansen highlights, Adi Johnson ran her first official high school cross-country 5k and came in first place for the girls.

"Kaiya Lyons was right behind her, taking 2nd overall," Christiansen wrote. "This was a great race for both of these girls and we're excited to see the 3 of them race together once we have Sienna Rose back from her trip overseas."

Christiansen notes Madi Stretton was the team's third runner and raced a minute faster than her season-opener last season.

Hailey Sams, the coach relayed,

finished "a fraction of a second behind her."

Vivy DavRem, one of the team's new freshman runners, according to the coach, finished as the team's fifth runner, with Mila Miller 20 seconds behind her.

"As 2 new freshman runners, these girls showed a lot of heart and promise for future races," Christiansen wrote.

The coach notes it was also the first high school cross-country 5 k for Gwen Tyler and Kate Cernosek, adding that five of the team's eight runners ran their first official cross-country 5k in Silverton.

Christiansen notes the Lady Pirates have a lot to learn from the experience, "but with that learning will come growth and speed!"

She notes that no awards were given out at the meet, but the Lady Pirates would have finished first out

See Cross-country A13

Public Notices

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for a "Certificate of Alteration" application for the Hersch Building located at 452 Pagosa Street (Hwy 160), proposing a building facade renovation, located within the Town's designated Historic District. The acting Historic Preservation Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. to consider the Certificate of Alteration application for consistency with the Town's Historic Preservation regulations. The public hearing will be conducted at Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and available for remote attendance via the Zoom meeting platform. To access the meeting agendas and staff reports, click the round Minutes and Agendas tab located below the photo on the home page of the Town's website, pagosaspings.co.gov. You may also view the application at mypagosa.org/proposed-development-projects. We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Division prior to the public hearing date, with any questions at either 970-585-8636 or kdeluche@pagosaspings.co.gov. Written comments received 7 days prior to the meeting or public hearing will be forwarded to the Historic Preservation Board for their consideration. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearing. Published August 29, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*, (244642)

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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 Mulberry, Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
Published August 15, 22, and 29 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*, (243769)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Marjorie Nossaman Lincoln aka Marjorie N. Lincoln aka Marjorie Lincoln aka Marty Lincoln, Decedent

Case Number 2024PR30042
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before December 13, 2024, or the claims may be forever barred.

Anne Lincoln
88 Point Place
Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147
Published August 15, 22 and 29, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*, (243369)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

INTER-MOUNTAIN PROPANE LLC has applied for a Board Conditional Use Permit, Outdoor Storage to operate their Propane Business on the Parcel in TWIN 35, RING 2W, at 1061 Cloman Blvd, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-120). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR).

Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on September

3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.

Published August 15 & 29, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*, (243400)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

Kayla Edwards has applied for MEADOWS 3 AMENDMENT 2024-01 FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Lot 68XZ and Lot 69XZ in Sec: 31 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W, at 841 Hersch Avenue, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-122). The property is zoned PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD).

Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on September 3, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.

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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

Lucia Gonzales has applied for the GONZALES MILNOT SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Lot 1 and Lot 2 in Sec: 15 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W, at 335 Rob Snow Road, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-112). The property is zoned RESIDENTIAL (R).

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partment, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on September 3, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.

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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

Omar Pereyra has applied for a CONCRETE BATCH PLANT BOARD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT on the Parcel in Cox East Allison Subdivision, Lot 3, Sec 14 Twn 32, Rng 6W, at 20420 State Hwy 151, Arboles, CO (PLN24-105). The property is zoned COMMERCIAL (C).

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LPEA will be accepting bid proposals to lease approximately 60 acres of undeveloped land for non-commercial farm crop and grazing in the Ignacio area on CR 314. If interested in submitting a proposal, please contact Jerry Sutherland by e-mail at jsutherland@lpea.coop

on or before 5 p.m. on September 6th, 2024.

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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 Damien Torkelson at dtorkelson@cordesco.com.

Published August 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*, (242934)

The Estate of Larry Webb
Case No 68211 08
To: Philip Webb

Last Known Address: P.O. Box 1794, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Bevan & Associates has filed an Application to Approve Settlement and Distribution of Wrongful Death and Survival Claims in Lorain County Probate Court. A hearing will be held on the Application, October 1, 2024, at 8:00 o'clock a.m. in the Wayne County Probate Court, 107 West Liberty Street, Wooster, Ohio, 44691.

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GOLF



Photo courtesy Mark Faber

Lady Pirate Isabel Galloway readies a shot during the Durango Hillcrest Open on Monday, Aug. 26. Galloway ended in a four-way tie for 40th with a score of 95.



Photo courtesy Mark Faber

Pirate Cedar Liverett watches his shot during the Durango Hillcrest Open on Monday, Aug. 26. Liverett tied for 25th with a score of 90, helping the team to a fourth-place finish.

Pirates take fourth, fifth in tournaments

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team played three tournaments in three days earlier this week, moving the Pirates into the second half of their season.

"It's getting better," coach Mark Faber said.

On Monday, the Pirates took fourth at the 11-team Durango Hillcrest Open, behind a pair of Durango teams and Montezuma-Cortez.

Smith tied for first at the event with Durango's Drew Jepson, with both shooting two under on the par-71 course.

Smith notched birdies on six holes, par on eight and bogeys on six.

Cedar Liverett tied for 25th with a score of 90.

His effort included shooting par on six holes and bogey on six.

Isabel Galloway ended in a four-way tie for 40th with a score of 95.

Her effort included shooting par on five holes and bogey on four holes.

Tyler Dimond finished tied for 52nd with a 106, which included shooting par on two holes and bogey on six.

On Tuesday, the team took part in the Montezuma-Cortez Varsity Invitational, where they finished fifth out of nine teams, behind Durango, Montezuma-Cortez and Monte Vista.

Smith finished second at the event behind Montezuma-Cortez's Vince Lopez, who finished the day two under par.

Faber relayed that Smith shot par on the final hole, while Lopez birdied it to win.

Smith finished with a 71 on the par-72 course, with that including shooting eagle on five holes, par on 10 and bogey on two.

Faber noted he's "proud of him sticking with it and staying after it."

Dimond and Liverett finished as part of a four-way tie with scores of 86.

Dimond shot birdies on two holes, par on five and bogeys on seven.

Liverett shot par on nine holes and bogeys on five.

Galloway finished 39th with a score of 112, shooting par on two holes and bogey on one.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Pirates hosted the Pagosa Springs

Invitational.

Results of the tournament were not available by press time Wednesday and will be reported in the Sept. 5 issue of The SUN.

"Isabel, Cedar, Tyler are all getting better," Faber said, indicating the scores don't reflect all of the progress. "We're heading in the right direction."

Faber noted it's clear everyone is working hard, which he appreciates.

"We're just trying to get everybody to their potential," he said.

The Pirates will play in only one tournament over the next week — the Monte Vista Tournament at Monte Vista Golf Club at 9 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 6.

Faber noted it will be nice to only have one tournament during the first week of school.

Cross-country

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of the four teams present.

The coach indicates the boys' squad also logged a number of high-lights at the opening meet.

"On the boys' side we saw Jesse Beck win his first race," she wrote. "He ran a time of 20:24, which was over a minute faster than his season opener last year, on a harder course at elevation."

Connor Thomas was the Pirates' second finisher, coming in third overall 30 seconds behind Beck.

Next for the Pirates was Eli Nehring, who finished ninth overall in his 5k debut, the coach indicates.

"Right behind him was Dylan Dempster and only 1 second behind

Dylan was our new freshman runner Merrick Tudor," Christiansen relays. "Stetson Osborn, running his first year with us, was just 4 seconds behind Merrick, giving us a great 3-5 pack! This is very exciting moving forward as these boys are going to be able to challenge each other during practices and then work together as a team during races."

Following about a minute later, according to the coach, was Isaac Hanto and freshman Jacen Easling.

Christian notes the race was the first official high school cross-country 5k for four of the eight Pirates, as well.

She adds that "while there are a few areas we need to work on, overall everyone performed well! The score

was not officially recorded, however we did some quick math and saw the boys would have finished 2nd out of the 4 teams, only behind Bayfield. As we progress this season, we will be looking to close that gap with Bayfield since they are some of our biggest competitors looking towards State at the end of the season."

This week, the teams will take on another new course, this time in Durango at Durango Mesa Park.

"This is the first year Durango has put on this race and we are excited to go and test out a new course," Christiansen wrote.

The Pirate boys will race at 9:15 a.m., while the Lady Pirates will follow at 9:45 a.m.

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Special Olympics New Mexico Four Corners Invitational softball tournament



Photo courtesy Joanne Irons

The Special Olympics Pagosa Springs softball team poses for a photo at the Special Olympics New Mexico Four Corners Invitational softball tournament in Farmington, N.M., Saturday, Aug. 24, where they brought home the gold medal, beating their opponents from Albuquerque and Pecos Valley. Pictured in the back row are Servando Ramos, coach Bryan Looper, Bill Arnold, Wayne Walls, Zack Irons, Dalton Walls, Jim Smith, Jesse Aragon and Anastasia Smith Tuck. In the front row are Andy Arnold, Colle Looper, Chris Brown, Levi Brown and Samuel Kelley. Not pictured is Bret Jackson.



Photo courtesy Joanne Irons

Meredith Irons stands with the gold medal she earned in the softball skills event at the Special Olympics New Mexico Four Corners Invitational softball tournament in Farmington, N.M., on Saturday, Aug. 24.



Photo courtesy Joanne Irons

Jace Mills shows off his gold-medal finish in the softball skills event at the Special Olympics New Mexico Four Corners Invitational softball tournament in Farmington, N.M., on Saturday, Aug. 24.

FOOTBALL

Pirates to face Kirtland Central in season-opener

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team will be in action this weekend in its first regular-season game of the 2024 season.

The Pirates will be heading to Kirtland, N.M., on Friday, Aug. 30, to take on the Kirtland Central Broncos starting at 7 p.m.

The Pirates finished with an overall record of 7-4 last season, including a league record of 3-1, which saw them finish second in the state's 2A Intermountain League.

The Pirates made it through the first round of playoffs before being knocked out by Eaton in the quarterfinals.

This year's roster features a total of 42 players, including 13 freshmen,

11 sophomores, eight juniors and six seniors, according to MaxPreps. There are four players on the roster with no grade listed.

The Pirates began official practice on Aug. 12 and traveled to Monte Vista for a preseason scrimmage on Aug. 23.

Coach Nathan Morales could not be reached for comment by press time Wednesday.

Schedule

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

After the Pirates' matchup against the Broncos on Aug. 30, the Pirates will then be on the road again to take on the Centauri Falcons in La Jara on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m.

The Pirates' first home game of the

season will be on Sept. 20, when they host Monte Vista at Golden Peaks Stadium at 7 p.m. This will be the team's homecoming game.

The following week, on Sept. 27, the Pirates will host Elizabeth at 7 p.m.

On Oct. 4, the Pirates will face off against Salida in Salida at 7 p.m.

On Oct. 10, the Pirates will be back home to host Bayfield at 7 p.m.

The Pirates will be on the road the following week, taking on Gunnison in Gunnison at 7 p.m. on Oct. 18.

The final home game of the regular season is scheduled for Oct. 25, with the Pirates hosting Montezuma-Cortez at 7 p.m.

The last game of the regular season will be on Nov. 1, when the Pirates take on Alamosa in Alamosa at 7 p.m.

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Nearly \$90,000 available to aid law enforcement in locating those who wander due to medical issues

By Rob Low
Colorado Bureau of Investigation

Nearly \$90,000 in state grant funding is available to support local governments in finding missing persons.

Applications for the Supporting Recovery Programs Persons Who Wander Grant Program will be accepted from Sept. 2 until Nov. 8.

The program, supported by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), provides grant funding to assist local governments or their designees in locating persons with medical conditions such as Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, autism, brain injury, or developmental, cognitive, neurological, or chromosomal disorders by encouraging county sheriffs' departments, municipalities, and county or municipal designees to establish recovery programs and provide tools that will increase the chances of saving the lives of lost and missing persons.

"After two successful years, the CBI is pleased to announce another cycle of funding under the Persons Who Wander Grant Program. The Bureau recognizes the continued need for recovery resources to assist families with members who wander due

to medical or cognitive issues," said CBI Director Chris Schaefer. "This program has provided resources for Colorado communities to obtain equipment, training and valuable community outreach. We believe these efforts have and will continue to make a significant impact on recovery programs, particularly in our smaller or more rural communities."

The funding is available to any county, municipality or local law enforcement agency seeking to create a new recovery program or maintain an existing program. The grants could be used in various ways, such as to provide tracking technology resources, personnel training and community

outreach efforts. Law enforcement interested in applying for this grant who have questions should contact CBI Grant Specialist Drake Brownfield at drake.brownfield@state.co.us.

Applications can be submitted at <https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/Wander2025>.

Senate Bill 22-187, passed during the 2022 Colorado legislative session, expands assistance provided to Colorado families of persons who wander, along with the availability of state-sponsored grants to assist local governments with recovery programs.

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August 29, 2024

28th annual Four Corners Folk Festival to feature legendary performers, rising musical stars

By Johnathan Hunt
KSUT

Fourteen bands and musicians from a variety of genres highlight the 28th annual Four Corners Folk Festival, which returns to Reservoir Hill in Pagosa Springs, Colo., from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1.

Headliners include Bluegrass Hall of Famer Sam Bush, acclaimed Latin rock band Ozomatli and rising indie rock singer/songwriter Sunny War.

"We are excited to welcome back festivarrians to Reservoir Hill for the Four Corners Folk Festival," said KSUT Executive Director Tami Graham. "The lineup reflects both the festival's long history and the quality of our diverse on-air programming that our listeners appreciate."

While still maintaining deep acoustic music traditions, the 2024 Four Corners Folk Festival lineup reflects the music heard on the KSUT Music Blend by including artists in rock, Americana, country, bluegrass, folk, Native American and other genres.

"Part of KSUT's mission is music discovery," said KSUT Development Director and Music Director Chris Aaland, who serves as the talent buyer for the festival. "Our lineup includes core artists like Sam Bush and Drew Emmitt alongside up-and-coming acts like Lizzie No and the Fretliners.

"We are also proud of our roots as one of the nation's oldest tribal radio stations, and we're committed to presenting Indigenous performers in a variety of genres."

This year's Indigenous performer, Monica Taylor, is a rising star in Oklahoma red dirt, country and folk circles, and is of Cherokee descent.

Single-day, weekend and patron passes are on sale at www.ksutpresents.org, as are camping passes and a very limited quantity of vehicle passes.

TopHouse, the Jeremy Garrett Band, Laurie Lewis and the Right Hands, the Stillhouse Junkies, Rebecca Frazier, Rachel Garlin and Farmington Hill complete the bill.

Bush is no stranger to the Four Corners bluegrass scene. Earlier this summer, he performed at his 50th Telluride Bluegrass Festival, where he's earned the nickname "The King of Telluride." He is one of just six people to be inducted twice into the International Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame, first as a member of New Grass Revival in 2000 and later as a solo performer in 2023. Such albums as "Glamour & Grits," "Howlin' at the Moon" and "King of My World" have become fan favorites. Bush will be appearing at the Four Corners Folk Festival for the sixth time.

The Grammy-winning Los Angeles group Ozomatli has built a legion of fans since forming in 1995. They

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Live Performers



Friday

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Maxwell Miller, 5 p.m.

Saturday

East Side Market: Michael Dae Hanlon, 11 a.m.
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Ron and Susan, 5 p.m.

Sunday

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Steve Blechschmidt and Rodger Bennett, 5 p.m.

Monday

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Steve Blechschmidt and Rodger Bennett, 5 p.m.

Tuesday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Ron and Susan, 5 p.m.

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 are best known both for incorporating their activist viewpoints with an eclectic mix of musical styles, which blend American genres such as jazz, funk, reggae, ska, hip-hop, soul, and rock and roll with Latin and tropical sounds like salsa, cumbia, merengue and Norteño. They performed to a sold-out audience of more than 1,500 people at KSUT's 2023 Party in the Park.

War is a Nashville-based singer/songwriter who began her career by forging a unique path through acoustic folk-punk music. She released a series of EPs and albums, including 2018's "With the Sun" and 2021's "Simple Syrup." Four Corners Folk Festival fans discovered her in 2022 when she performed as one-half of War and Pierce with fellow songwriter Chris Pierce. Just last year she released "Anarchist Gospel," which fielded such national hits as "No Reason" and "New Day," both of which received substantial airplay in major AAA radio markets around the country.

Drew Emmitt is a household name in the Colorado bluegrass and jam band world. He is one of the founding members of Leftover Salmon, which introduced itself to the Four Corners in the early 1990s. The multi-instrumentalist (it's not uncommon for Emmitt to switch between electric guitar, acoustic guitar, mandolin and fiddle in a single concert) has released three solo albums and another with String Cheese Incident singer/guitarist Billy Nershi in addition to his near 35 years of touring and recording with Leftover Salmon. His band at the Four Corners Folk Festival will include Leftover Salmon's banjo player, Andy Thorn, and Emmitt's guitarist son, Eli Emmitt, who is a recent Fort Lewis College graduate.

Garrett is best known as a founding member of The Infamous String-dusters. While he is best known as a fiddler, he also performs on guitar and mandolin on his solo recordings and tours. His recent solo albums expands on his work with the Dusters, which has become one of the nation's top-grossing jam bands regardless of genre. Garrett's 2020 project, "Circles," incorporated electronic sounds with acoustic instruments, while 2022's "River Wild" was a true bluegrass record.

TopHouse is a new name to local music fans, but the Nashville-based quartet has developed touring strongholds in the Midwest and

on Colorado's Front Range. Their original sound owes as much to rock and Celtic as it does to folk and bluegrass. Critics compare their sound to Mumford and Sons, and The Head and The Heart.

Lewis is widely regarded as one of the pioneering women of bluegrass. A triple threat on fiddle, guitar and mandolin, she has been one of the anchors of the Bay Area bluegrass scene since the mid-1970s. Lewis is a Grammy winner and multiple IBMA

award winner, for best song in 1994 and twice for female vocalist of the year in 1992 and 1994. She has released more than 20 albums through the years, both solo outings as well as projects with Blue Rose, Kathy Kallick, Tom Rozum and, since 2006, with her current backing band, The Right Hands. Earlier this summer, she released her latest album, "Trees."

The Stillhouse Junkies formed in the tasting room of Durango Craft ■ **See Festival on next page**

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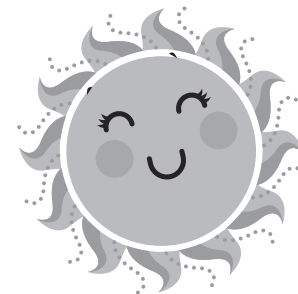
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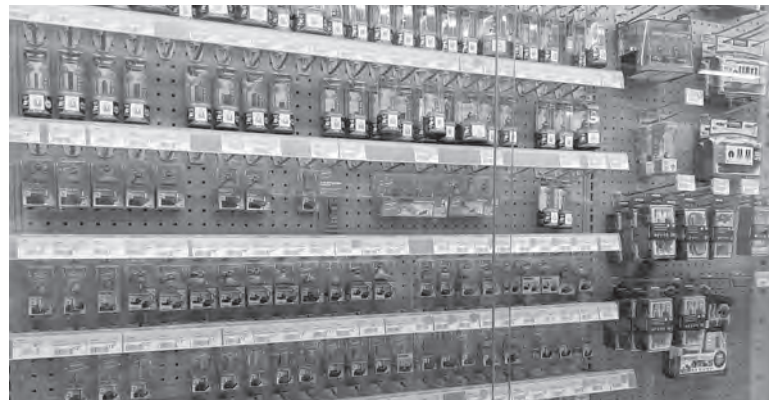


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Spirits in 2017, where they performed on a nearly weekly basis for a couple of years. Winners of the 2021 IBMA Momentum Band of the Year award, they'd already recorded a couple of albums and an EP as indie artists before released the widely acclaimed "Small Towns" album in 2022, exposing them to bigger festivals and more national airplay. The core duo of Fred Kozak (guitar, mandolin) and Alissa Wolf (fiddle) added a new bassist, Matt Thomas, earlier this summer. Thomas cut his musical teeth with such bands as Man About a Horse, The Reckless Folk and Tonewood.

No is a fast-rising star in the Americana and folk worlds, having won the praise of Billboard and Rolling Stone magazines for early albums like 2017's "Hard Won" and 2019's "Vanity." In the last decade, she has toured with Iron and Wine, Adia Victoria, and Sarah Shook and the Disarmers while performing at the Newport Folk Fest, Americanafest, South by Southwest and Hardly Strictly Bluegrass. Her new record, "Halfies," will certainly draw Grammy attention and has been featured on AAA and Americana stations around the nation.

Frazier is an award-winning guitarist, singer and bandleader from Virginia with strong ties to Colorado. The first woman to appear on the cover of Flatpicking Guitar Magazine, she was part of the popular Front Range band Hit and Run Bluegrass in the mid-2000s along with Aaron and Erin Youngberg (of FY5 fame), ex-husband John Frazier and dobro player Todd Livingston. Her second solo album, "When We Fall," was released in 2013, and it was more than a decade before she dropped "Boarding Windows in

Paradise" earlier this month. The new album features a host of guest artists, including Sam Bush, Béla Fleck, Stuart Duncan, Barry Bales, Josh Swift and Trey Hensley.

Garlin is a San Francisco-based singer/songwriter who has released eight albums, including 2023's "The Ballad of Madelyne & Therese," which

The Fretliners are a Front Range bluegrass band that pulled off the rare band contest double by winning both the Telluride and Rockygrass band competitions in 2023 (something that was only done once before, by Spring Creek in 2007).

is a soundtrack for the story of forbidden love. Set both in the present day and the 1940s, it follows its namesake couple as they navigated times when their love could only be undercover, in code or in the margins of bars.

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the Telluride and Rockygrass band competitions in 2023 (something that was only done once before, by Spring Creek in 2007). One of the hardest-working bands in bluegrass, they had mainstage appearances at Telluride Bluegrass, Rockygrass, the Durango Bluegrass Meltdown and Rhythms on the Rio in 2024. They released their eponymous debut album in 2023, followed by a three-song EP this past June.

Taylor has woven a lifetime and stories from her rural Cherokee roots near Stillwater, Okla., but also one that was enhanced by living in Telluride during her young adulthood, where she discovered her musical voice. Early records like 2009's "Cimarron Valley Girl" and its follow-up, "Cotton Shirt," helped establish a regional following in her native state's red dirt scene. Her breakthrough album, 2022's "Trains, Rivers & Trails," featured her own originals, plus loving covers of John Hartford's "Gentle on My Mind," Billy Bragg and Wilco's "Minor Key," and The Byrds' "The Ballad of Easy Rider."

The Durango-based Farmington Hill has been rocking local bars and festivals since forming more than a decade ago. Fronted by singer/guitarists Erik Nordstrom (Lawn Chair Kings) and Paul "Bubba" Judice (The Freeman Social, The 13's) with intention exploring alternative country and cowpunk, the group includes original member Kelly Rogers on lap steel and bassist Jim Belcher and drummer David Sachs. Collectively, the five members bring a combined 100 years of experience in the Four Corners music scene. Farmington Hill has released three albums, including 2013's "Bridge to Nowhere," 2016's "More Rock Than Eagle Block" and a live album.



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- The County Commissioners will reconsider the proposed County Administrative Building at their meeting on SEPTEMBER 3rd. Let them know how you feel before it's too late.

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South Pagosa Concerned Citizens

Veterans for Veterans to host pancake breakfast, free flights for kids

By Richard Walker
Veterans for Veterans

On Sept. 14, Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County will be conducting its third annual Community Pancake Breakfast at Stevens field airport, just off of County Road 600.

The breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. till 11 a.m. and is free to all. Donations will be accepted.

Although the pancake breakfast will be served only on Sept. 14, on

both Sept. 14 and 15 from 8 to 11 a.m., the Young Eagles program will be providing free flights for kids from 8 to 18 at the airfield.

Parents must preregister their children at this website: <http://www.young eagles.com> and choose 81147 in the location box as indicated, and choose your desired date for your kid's flight.

No flights will be authorized at the event; you must preregister. Each child who flies will receive a com-

memorative photo and a log book recording their flight. Don't miss this great opportunity to have your child enjoy a wonderful flight experience.

There will be an honor guard performance by the American Legion Post 108.

Happy trails: Robin Young departing as local Extension agent

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Hello wonderful Archuleta County community:

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing my last article for "Extension Viewpoints" as your ag and natural resources Extension agent (now called Specialists) and county director.

I have accepted a new position within Extension as the state natural resources specialist. I will be developing programs for communities around the state on all topics and issues in natural resources, including the Rocky Mountain Naturalist Program and the Native Plant Masters Program. I will have the opportunity to follow my passion for conservation, land stewardship, emergency management, outdoor recreation, youth engagement and more.

I have been so blessed to have spent the last seven years working in the best Extension office in the state. My staff — Terry Schaaf, Becky Jacobson and Tonya Steadmon — are amazing. They have built their reputations on merit and professionalism, and I couldn't be more honored to work with such fantastic women. I will certainly miss the team.

I have also been blessed to work with all of you in this wonderful community. From walk-ins to identify a

plant or an insect, to property visits to discuss wildfire risk or land stewardship, projects that positively impact our community, the programs that educate from experts, and, of course, the county fair that showcases our youth and communities' talent, this job has been so exciting and fun.

I don't know when the new director will be hired, but you all are in good hands with Schaaf as the interim director. If she doesn't know the answer, she will find it for you. Please be patient with the staff as they will be down one person in the office.

It has been a true pleasure to serve you in this role, and I look forward to serving the state in my new role. The good news is that I don't have to move. Pagosa Springs and Durango will remain my communities. My email will remain the same; please reach out if you have a question.

Thank you all for a wonderful time in the Archuleta County Extension Office. I will miss you all in this capacity. I hope to see you around.

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Please join us in supporting the community during the upcoming quarterly food drive on Saturday, Aug. 31, at City Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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To learn more about the upcoming food drive, please visit the Healthy Archuleta website, <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/food-drive.html>.

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Background

Archuleta County is approaching a critical milestone with just three years left on the lease for the current courthouse building.

Within that remaining time period, they must purchase land and complete construction on a new County building.

To ensure our community continues to thrive, the County has identified a unique opportunity to purchase land & construct a new County building, using funds already set aside—without incurring additional debt.

For over a year, the County has been searching for the most cost-effective & community-focused solution.

Proposed Solution & Benefits

After thorough evaluation, this proposed property offers a compelling option, offering a lower cost per square foot compared to other alternatives.

This project is more than just a new building; it's a catalyst for growth in Pagosa Springs.

Local developers have taken community input & are eager to contribute to our community's prosperity by creating additional development around the County building, including:

- New commercial spaces for shops & restaurants
- Much-needed workforce housing for our essential community workers—teachers, nurses, law enforcement, EMS, & others who are crucial to our daily lives

The 99-acre development is expected to significantly boost tax revenue, which will benefit vital services like:

- Schools
- Hospital
- Fire Department
- Other local districts

This increased revenue will provide more resources for the services that keep our community safe, educated, & healthy.

We understand that change can be challenging, but this development is designed with the best interests of Pagosa Springs at heart.

The developers are committed to fostering healthy growth that locals can be proud of, ensuring that Pagosa Springs remains a vibrant, welcoming, & prosperous community for generations to come.





Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

The Pagosa Springs Community Choir will start rehearsals for its annual Christmas concerts on Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the Pagosa Springs High School band room. Registration is at 6 p.m. The concerts are scheduled for Dec. 13, 14 and 15.

Community Choir to start rehearsals for Christmas concerts

By Heidi Tanner
Pagosa Springs Community Choir

The Community Choir in Pagosa Springs will begin rehearsals for our Christmas concerts on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Rehearsals are held in the band room at Pagosa Springs High School weekly on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Community Choir has been operating for more than 20 years, and the group's Christmas concerts are beloved by the Community and are a landmark of Pagosa Springs Christmas festivities.

This year's concerts will be held on Dec. 13 and 14 at 7 p.m., and on Dec. 15 at 4 p.m.

If you enjoy singing, please join us. It is helpful, but not necessary, to read music to participate in the

choir. Our music director, Dan Burch, is a wonderful vocal coach and we provide learning tracks which you can use to practice at home. Venita Burch, our accomplished accompanist, also assists in learning parts and we have plenty of rehearsals to help us prepare.

Rehearsals are fun and challenging leading up to our series of three concerts, which are very rewarding to present to the community.

Registration for this year's season will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

There is a registration fee of \$20 which is utilized for the purchase of new music and operating expenses of the choir. There is some additional expense for wardrobe requirements for our concerts and you have the option to purchase or rent our concert attire. Financial assistance is

available for wardrobe if needed. Lastly, students can participate free of charge. Registration and wardrobe fees can be paid with cash or check during registration.

Our theme for the 2024 season is "Joy to the World," and Dan Burch has chosen some wonderful music for us to sing.

Look forward to singing Christmas favorites such as "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Joy to the World" along with some lesser-known and new pieces such as "His Light in Us." Please come and lift your hearts with song to celebrate the Christmas season.

We will look forward to welcoming you at registration on Tuesday, Sept. 10, starting at 6 p.m. in the band room of Pagosa Springs High School. Rehearsal will begin at 7 p.m. sharp.



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Barb Brattin has been named library director of the Ruby Sisson Library effective next Tuesday, Sept. 3. For the last 10 years in Wisconsin, Brattin has been director of the Kenosha Public Library, with 85 employees, five locations and two bookmobiles.

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Meet Barb Brattin, your new library director

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We are extremely proud to introduce you to Barb Brattin, your new library director, who has arrived from Wisconsin to take up her post effective next Tuesday, Sept. 3.

She replaces longtime director Meg Wempe, who resigned for a second career in nursing.

Brattin brings an impressive record of educational and practical experience to her new job. She has a BA in history from the University of Akron and a masters of library science from Kent State University, both in Ohio. As well, her energy and enthusiasm make clear she is a positive person who is looking forward to working and living in Pagosa.

For the last 10 years, Brattin has been director of the Kenosha Public Library, with 85 employees, five locations and two bookmobiles. And her accomplishments don't stop there.

In 2020 her workplace was named Wisconsin Library of the Year. During her tenure she introduced technology and self-service initiatives, implemented online donations and electronic marketing strategies, redesigned outreach services, and led a major capital campaign to finish the library's fifth location.

In fact, this new fifth library may be her proudest work achievement.

Created especially to serve children in first through fifth grades living in a challenged neighborhood, it combines books and interactive offerings to encourage reading and has attracted widespread use among families.

"I need to have a purpose to my work," Brattin explained. "I believe libraries can be such a powerful force when they meet the needs of their communities."

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Brattin also played a leadership role in multiple community partnership projects, several at the request of the mayor, resulting in awards including the Outstanding Community Impact Award in 2018.

How were we able to find and attract Brattin to Pagosa? Katie Cloudman, a member of the library's Board of Trustees, points out that her hiring was the result of an extensive nationwide search. And because Brattin had a strong desire to return to mountain life, she kept an eye on the online Colorado Department of Education job listings.

From 2005-2013, Brattin was director of the Telluride library, where she was named Colorado Librarian of the Year in 2007. Back then she had heard of Pagosa and been here for short periods of time.

Much as she loved life in the Midwest, on her visits as part of the interview and hiring process she felt a sense of purpose here.

"I could sense from meeting the trustees and staff that this mountain town had my kind of caring, competent and smart people," she said.

She looks forward to hiking, cross-country skiing and "immersing myself in nature" — including gardening, a pastime she greatly enjoys.

Brattin has purchased a house in the Chris Mountain area. Last week she arrived with dog Gigi and cat Garfield, and they have been busy moving in to their new home.

Sons Neil and Eric live with their

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- Are there competitively priced parcels elsewhere?

I personally believe these questions need to be publicly answered before moving forward with this purchase, or any future purchase of this magnitude. As your Commissioner, these are the questions I would ask. Please contact me with your thoughts on this at the email below.

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families in Louisiana and in the Washington, D.C., area.

On behalf of the library's Board of Trustees, Cloudman said, "We looked long and hard and hoped to find the best, and we believe it was 'mission accomplished' when we found Barb. She brings a full arsenal of fabulous ideas and we are incredibly lucky to get her."

Please welcome Brattin to her new community and her new job the next time you come to the library.

Library closure

Your library will close early on Monday, Sept. 2, for Labor Day.

Writers Guild publishes anthology

Ruby's Writers Guild has just published 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.

Save the date for hiking safety

Come hear guidelines and helpful tips for hiking safety in our wilderness environs from members of our local San Juan Outdoor Club and the Upper San Juan Search and Rescue organization next Thursday, Sept. 5, from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

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fic's emergency management team may also be present to answer your questions about its role in assisting persons lost in our mountains.

Craftapalooza tomorrow

All ages are invited to create a variety of crafts Friday, Aug. 30. We will have several free different craft stations set up. Stop by anytime from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Tie-dye event tomorrow

Tweens and teens are invited to come by to create some new looks for the school year at a free tie-dye extravaganza Friday, Aug. 30, from 4 to 5 p.m.

CPR class Saturday

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.

Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, Sept. 3, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. There is no minimum skill level needed.

Note this group now meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

Medicare intro

Learn about Medicare coverage

and how to sign up and navigate the Medicare system on Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in a presentation by Caryn Hill of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging as you continue on or enroll in Medicare.

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.

Teen/tween activity

Join us in the teen area every Wednesday after school from 4 to 4:30 p.m. this month for a fun craft or challenge. Activities will range from taste tests to art challenges to minute-to-win-it-style games.

Dungeons and Dragons

Today, Thursday, Sept. 5, 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.

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.

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Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Activities calendars

Pick up monthly events calendars at the library so you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your family.

Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages. To access this free digital collection, download the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and four-digit PIN. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

Novels

"A Season of Harvest" by Lauraine Snelling is book four in the Leah's Garden series. "The Sweet Blue Distance" by Sara Donati features a woman who helps new mothers. "All My Secrets" by Lynn Austin is a Gilded Age novel about three generations of women in 1890's New York.

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- Fresh cut & artificial flowers & shrubs
- Flags
- Statues
- Disposable vases
- Solar lights
- T-posts and rebar posts

Additionally, border fences, walls, and benches in disrepair will be removed or scheduled for removal.

Plots may be purchased at Town Hall and are for interment rights only. The land continues to be owned by the Town of Pagosa Springs, which is responsible for providing perpetual care and for setting rules of the cemetery. Families and friends are more than welcome to care for the plot of a loved one within guidelines established by the Town Council including the following rules:

1. Burials are not permitted without a completed application available at Town Hall.
2. The planting of plants, shrubs, bushes, and trees are not authorized.
3. The placement of fencing, border fences, T-posts, rebar posts, and statues are not permitted.

A complete set of rules may be obtained from Town Hall or at pagosasprings.co.gov/cemeteries.



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Photo courtesy Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Friends and Foundation

Best-selling author Anne Hillerman, daughter of Tony Hillerman, will appear in a series of events Sept. 13-14 to benefit the Mountains of Opportunity library expansion campaign.

Anne Hillerman, author of popular Navajo detective novels, to appear in Pagosa Springs

By Leslie Cole

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Friends and Foundation

Best-selling author Anne Hillerman, whose mystery novels continue the Leaphorn and Chee detective stories popularized by her father, Tony Hillerman, will be the guest of honor at a weekend of events Sept. 13-14 supporting the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library expansion.

Hillerman's latest thriller, "Lost Birds: A Leaphorn, Chee and Manuelito Novel," continues the beloved detective series created by her father, Tony Hillerman, and is the author's ninth novel.

Hillerman, who splits her time between Santa Fe, N.M., and Tucson, Ariz., with frequent trips to The Navajo Nation, will be at the following events in Pagosa Springs, all benefiting the Mountains of Opportunity Campaign.

Anne Hillerman events benefiting the library expansion:

- Sept. 13: Friends of the Library Movie Night, 7 p.m.

Pick up a signed copy of "Lost Birds" and join the author to watch and discuss the first episode of "Dark Winds," the AMC series based on several Tony Hillerman books. Anne Hillerman is an executive producer for the show. Tickets are \$30 advance or \$35 at the door and include wine/beer and light snacks. Join the Friends of the Library at Pagosalibrary.org.

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- Sept. 14: Writers workshop at Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 9 to 11 a.m.

Explore the writing craft with Anne Hillerman and husband Dave Tedlock, a writing instructor at Pima Community College. The workshop is limited to 20 participants. Tickets are \$25; a combo ticket, \$65, includes admission to the Fireside Chat.

- Sept. 14: Ruby's Meet and Greet with Anne Hillerman, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., at the library.

Meet the best-selling mystery author and purchase a signed book. Anne Hillerman's thought-provoking mysteries bring to life the terrain, people and lore of the American Southwest and Four Corners region. This event is free.

- Sept. 14: Fireside Chat, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., 6 p.m.

Anne Hillerman will sit down with Rick Holter, a former NPR journalist who now lives in Pagosa Springs, for a live interview and conversation. Admission includes craft hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets \$50 advance or \$55 at the door.

All events benefit the Mountains of Opportunity campaign to upgrade and expand Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

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Free stretching and mobility class to start Sept. 3

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Community members are invited to attend new free weekly classes every Tuesday this fall and winter, starting Sept. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Pagosa Senior Center (located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., in the back of the Ross Aragon Community Center).

The stretching and mobility classes for older adults (age 55 and up) are designed to help build balance in the body through functional exercises that aim to improve mobility and flexibility.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of techniques that can help enhance overall movement efficiency.

Though not necessary, a mat is recommended for this class.

The program is instructed by local ballet dance instructor Dee Pitchon, who will provide modifications to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the exercises.

Farmers market vouchers

If you love to shop at the Pagosa Farmers Market, are 60 or older, or if you are 200 percent of poverty, please call Deb Herera of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging at (970) 403-2164 to put your name on the list for \$50 in vouchers to redeem for local foods.

Then, visit the Pagosa Farmers Market any Saturday during the growing season (starting July 6 and running through the end of September) to redeem your vouchers.

The Pagosa Farmers Market is at the Tennyson Sculpture Gardens and Park on Lewis Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Bingo

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

Bingo will be on Sept. 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11.

Participation is free, and we ask you bring yourself and a friend for joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes from local businesses for all winners, and snacks will also be provided.

No RSVP is required; just show up. All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with an adult chaperone.

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

Emotional Freedom Technique sessions

Join Judith Newman at the Pagosa Senior Center (451 Hot Springs Blvd.) the second Wednesday of each month — Sept. 11 and Oct. 9 — to learn and/or refresh your Emotional Freedom Technique, also known as tapping skills, to support yourself with self-care, relief from anxiety and community support.

All classes start at 10 a.m. and last 45 minutes to an hour. Please bring a friend or come alone. All are

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welcome.

T'ai Chi Chih

The Senior Center offers T'ai Chi Chih with accredited instructor Patti Popovich each Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to support older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life. Meet at the gazebo in Yamaguchi Park, 684 S. 5th St.

T'ai Chi Chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this practice.

All classes will be free for older adults (age 60 and better) and will last approximately one hour in the dining hall.

No special clothing or equipment is required.

For more information, call (970) 264-2167.

Senior Conversations

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

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

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

Share lunch Monday through Friday

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 with harvest chutney, Singaporean pork ribs, vegetarian lasagna, Hawaiian shrimp with coconut rice and always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand-prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or

for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Aug. 29 — Crispy Codfish 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.

Monday, Sept. 2 — Closed to celebrate Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 3 — Giant stuffed portabella mushroom with vegetables and feta cheese, naan bread and hummus, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 4 — Barbecue country pork ribs, corn casserole, apple pie, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Sept. 5 — New England clam chowder, oyster crackers, glazed carrots, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Sept. 6 — Pork tenderloin with harvest chutney, scalloped potatoes, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$6 helps to sustain our program. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to

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Mobile food pantry service

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Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

COVID-19 test kits

The Senior Center will no longer be distributing free COVID-19 test kits.

Please stop by the Archuleta County Public Health Department at 502 S. 8th St. These kits are available to anyone in the public that needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext.2.

Mindful drawing

Mindful drawing is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Join our friendly instructor, Roberta Strickland.

Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center. This activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with

those you have missed over the last couple of years.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Board vacancies

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Choosing joy over happiness

By Shanna Robb
PREVIEW Columnist

With depression rates on the rise along with the onslaught of negative distractions trying to get everyone's attention, perhaps it is time to reflect on one question: "Do you seek happiness or joy?"

While on the surface these two emotions appear to be the same, they are significantly different. Even psychologists, who study behavior and brain function, believe there is a qualitative difference.

Happiness is described as a fleeting emotion that is exhilarating and often tied to a particular place, person, identity or event. It seeks pleasure in the moment.

Joy, on the other hand, is a long-lasting state beyond happiness that is not dependent on external circumstances. Joy can coexist with hardship and difficulty.

In short, happiness is a feeling based on circumstances and joy is a state of mind that defines circumstances.

Open the Bible and the words "joy" and "rejoice" appear more than 400 times. In John 15:11, Jesus

A Matter of Faith

Christ's intention for all is clear, "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

Think about it. Jesus wants to give us His joy — not just any joy.

Meg Bucher, a Christian author, provides this perspective: "The difference in the Biblical definition of joy is the source. Worldly possessions, accomplishments, even the people in our lives are blessings that make us happy and fuel joyfulness. However, the source of all joy is Jesus."

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Habitat for Humanity volunteer spotlight: Kate Crawford

By Monica Nigon

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

While Kate Crawford and her husband had been coming to Pagosa Springs for 30 years to vacation, they made the permanent move to Pagosa Springs in 2018. When she arrived, she knew she wanted to get involved in her new community.

Crawford had only been in town for a short time before she came across a booth outside the Choke Cherry Tree staffed by Habitat Archuleta volunteers. Her choice of where to volunteer was obvious.

"I love volunteering because I've been blessed so much in my life. My parents always taught me to give back," she said, adding, "and that just kind of fell in my lap."

Crawford had nine years of experience fundraising and event planning for the Ronald McDonald House in her home town of Albuquerque, N.M. She applied her skills for Habitat Archuleta, hosting the first ever Hats Off for Habitat event, which quickly became a yearly iconic event in Pagosa Springs.

Crawford said that when she joined the board of directors, "We were struggling in the community; no one knew we were around anymore. So, we knew we had to boost our visibility."

With the dedication of Crawford, the board of directors, Board President Paul Lehmann and Executive Director Lori Henriksen, Habitat Archuleta resurged in 2019 as a prominent nonprofit in Archuleta County.

After Crawford hosted a free Christmas event with various crafts for kids, she said the community understood, "We are here. We're in the community, and we're here to stay."

Crawford said that as she got more involved with Habitat Archuleta, she grew to appreciate the passion of its volunteers and staff.

"Meeting the families and being able to provide them with a safe place to live was just so rewarding," she said. "Habitat became another passion."

Crawford was board president from 2021 until the end of 2022. She and her husband, Mike, moved to

the Front Range for a short time after her tenure.

"Coming back here this last May, we drove into town, and we just looked at one another and said, 'This is where we need to be,'" she said.

Because of Kate Crawford's superior dedication to Habitat Archuleta as a volunteer and board president, she was awarded Volunteer of the Year at this year's Volunteer Appreciation Party.

"I don't do this to get recognition," she said. "It's the way I was raised, to help others ... what an honor. I'm still just over the moon. It's the last thing I ever expected."

Now that she has retired from the board of directors, she said she's excited to get back on the build sites and set aside her administrative duties.

Kate Crawford added she likes to bike and goes for a walk every day with friends.

While she looks back on her Habitat Archuleta career and looks forward to what's to come in her dedication to the organization, she added she's been "very thankful. It's just been a lot of fun."

Learn the A, B and Cs of Medicare at Medicare 101 class

By Caryn Hill

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging

Medicare doesn't need to be confusing. Attend this free introductory class to Medicare at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 1 p.m.

This class is open to everyone, whether currently enrolled in Medicare or planning to enroll soon.

A certified Medicare counselor from San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) will present Medicare basics such as:

- Medicare eligibility and when

to enroll.

- Definitions and explanations of parts A, B, C and D, and Medigap plans.

- Deadlines, open enrollment dates and avoiding penalties.

- How Medicare works with other health insurance plans.

Medicare counselors from SJBAAA are certified by the Colorado State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and are not associated with any health insurance company.

Attending a Medicare 101 class is a great way to start your journey and

meet your local SHIP counselors.

To register for the class, please leave a message and your contact information at (970) 264-0501, ext. 2. You can leave a message 24/7.

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library is located at 811 San Juan St.

If you can't attend the class but would like to meet with a Medicare counselor, call (970) 264-0501, ext. 2 to request an appointment.

The SJBAAA Medicare office is located in the Pagosa Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Counseling sessions are by appointment only.

'Aging Faithfully' book study for women to start Sept. 9

By Shanna Robb

Pagosa Catholic Community Women's Fellowship

According to market research, the median age of women is rising. Following the upward trend is the makeup and cosmetic surgery industries which have surpassed a combined value of \$674 billion. Yet, neither of these industries help women embrace the beauty of aging.

"Aging Faithfully: The Holy Invitation to Growing Older," written by Alice Fryling, offers a perspective shift where aging is seen as a "holy invitation from God to grow."

The 10th book she has written, readers are offered tools to navigate the journey of aging through retirement, lifestyle changes and new limitations.

Fryling encourages men and women to "embrace the final season of their life, as is God's plan."

During a phone interview with

Fryling from her Monument, Colo., home, she shared that she wrote "Aging Faithfully" as a how-to book for those questioning how spirituality could affect their view on aging.

The assumption is "that as we work our way through the loss of productivity due to aging, we can enter into a deeper relationship with God and experience more spiritual fruitfulness," she said.

The Pagosa Catholic Women's Fellowship is leading a seven-week book study of "Aging Faithfully." All Christian women, regardless of religious affiliation, are invited to participate.

The women's fellowship offers unconditional sharing that aims to bring women closer to Jesus Christ.

The book study will start on Monday, Sept. 9, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, located at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Rosary is at 9 a.m., followed by the book study and fellowship from

9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come for all or as you wish.

The book is available online.

For more information, call the parish office at (970) 731-5744.

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Unitarian Universalists will discuss 'The Tool of Curiosity in Love and Oneness'

By DeAnna L. Hoyle

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The following two quotes are from the Rev. Ron Phares and the Rev. Ruth Rinehart, respectively, shared at two different Sunday services in August.

"We have been willingly fooled into the saturating notion that we are independent things; discrete from one another, personas disjointed from other personas, sensory machines reactive to but distinguished from a sensual world."

"We are a covenantal religion, Unitarian Universalists. We have no creed that you need to recite each week, and submit yourself to spiritually. We recognize a great diversity of beliefs, and we covenant to walk together in religious community."

This Sunday, Sept. 1, we will have a different kind of service with a focus on "The Tool of Curiosity in Love and Oneness" as presented by our recent guest ministers.

Journalist Monica Guzman states, "Curiosity is a tool in our thinking that we can aim right at things we don't understand especially when what we don't understand is hurting us."

With that in mind and heart, we will apply curiosity to our wondering questions as a way to live our values in the world.

Facilitated by De Anna Hoyle, community engagement coordinator, and member Pauline Benetti, using a world café-style of gathering around tables and sharing deeply, we will reflect on these past messages and fellowship together.

Refreshments will be provided, so come grow your spirit.

'What Our World Needs

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

In place of our Sunday service Sept. 1, we will have a Saturday "Refresh Your Spirit" fundraising event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center at the Pagosa Lodge.

Upcoming events

Aug. 29, 6 p.m.: Illuminations. Jenelle Syverson will present "Delectable Benefits of Ca Ceremonial Cacao Heart Opening." A love donation will be accepted.

Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: "Refresh Your Spirit Fundraiser." Book your appointment by contacting (970) 510-0309.

Sept. 1: No Sunday service due to the fundraiser.

Sept. 8, 11 a.m.: Scott Maki will speak on the spiritual healing effects and benefits of sound healing with

Now'

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship is excited to be partnering with Foothills Unitarian Church in Fort Collins for a series: "What the World Needs Now — Universalism in a Polarized Age."

Consider this series, beginning Sept. 15 and continuing Sept. 29, as an antidote to election anxiety, shared by the ministers at Foothills Unitarian Church. We will explore the challenge of living out the Universalist belief that everyone is worthy of love, especially in a world filled with daily frustrations and divisiveness. It highlights how easy it is to let irritation and outrage overshadow our commitment to a broader, inclusive love.

"What Our World Needs Now" invites us to delve into these challenges together, building resilience and courage to widen the circle of love, even in difficult times.

All are welcome to get curious with us as we make friends, grow in spirit and do good.

About the Pagosa UU Fellowship

Pagosa UU Fellowship in-person services are normally on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing Pagosa Peak. Online services continue through Zoom using the following meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8991941305>.

In-person meditation practice is held most second and fourth Sundays at 9 a.m. If you are interested in meditation Sundays, we encourage you to email PagosaUUF@gmail.com so you can be added to the contact list. This way you will be informed of cancellations and other notices.

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We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community. For additional information about the fellowship, please see the website www.pagosauu.org.

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The relationship between sleep and immunity is strong enough to require our attention.

The power of adequate sleep is underestimated. See today's article excerpt for more relating to this topic.

One way that sleep affects the immune system was recently noted: A test showed that when a person does not get enough rest, the immune system answers with an inflammatory response. This rise in inflammation can be harmful, especially when it is chronic.

Heart disease, for example, is known to have inflammation as a trigger. Scientists therefore wanted to isolate the reasons for this response due to a lack of sleep.

Another study examined the immune system's activity in a group of healthy individuals after a week of poor sleep. They then looked at those who had slept well for the week. What researchers found was that there was more immune system activity in those who did not have enough sleep.

This may sound like a good thing, but it really isn't: The activity triggered more allergies and asthma than in those with good amounts of sleep. Asthma is already known to be aggravated by lack of sleep and this study helped to explain why. Other immune activity that was seen was an increase in inflammation.

Sleep patterns have also been observed over longer periods of time. What was found was that not only does sleep affect the brain, but it affects our metabolism and immune systems as well. The longer a person goes without adequate sleep, the more at risk they are for other chronic diseases. Scientists and other medical professionals worry about some of these risks. Cardiac disease, particularly when it involves the blood vessels, is a major risk.

The immune system's inflammation response makes one vulnerable to this. Type 2 diabetes is another disorder that can be traced to chronic inflammation. Source: "Think Sleep Deprivation Won't Affect Your Immune System? Think Again." By Eric Cohen.

Bonus Tip: Visit <http://www.AmazingFacts.org> for spiritual refreshment every week!

"Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you." Psalm 116:7

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Byron Greco

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

This bird, whose scientific name translates as beautiful sparrow, is also named for its blue plumage, the shade of which is found in the precious stone lapis lazuli. In breeding plumage, a male wears the color of a brilliant blue sky on his back, has a pumpkin-colored breast and a white belly.

Females and immatures have blue tints in their wings and tail but are brown above and pale cinnamon below. Lazuli buntings are small, stocky, and finch-like with conical-shaped bills. Along with the western tanager and blue grosbeak, they are members of the cardinal family.

These western birds live in brushy hillsides, often near streams, and hide in thickets, hedges and gardens. Most of the time they are found low in the understory or on the ground, where they forage for a variety of insects in summer, and the seeds of grasses, weeds and waste grains at other times. They will come to bird feeders.

In spring, males arrive first on breeding grounds that extend south from southwestern Canada into northern Arizona and New Mexico, and from the coast west into parts of the Dakotas and Nebraska. A first-year male practices the songs of older males in the neighborhood and then composes his own similar but unique song by arranging the order, timing and length of his segments. Males can recognize each other by their songs even if the differences are too subtle for us to hear.

After breeding season, these birds molt some of their body feathers before migrating to molting hot spots in southern Arizona, New Mexico and northwestern Mexico. Here they stay up to two months feeding and replacing feathers before heading further south to winter grounds along the coast of western Mexico.

The dynamics of molting, when damaged and worn feathers are replaced, vary among bird species. Some birds acquire a whole new look with twice yearly seasonal molts, some replace a few feathers at a time and some complete a series of molts over several years before acquiring full adult plumage.

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



Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group to meet virtually Sept. 3

By Dion Hollenbeck
Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group

The Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Our group consists of survivors of prostate cancer and men who have been diagnosed with prostate issues, including BPH and cancer.

We discuss experiences with resources, diagnosis and treatments for the disease. Anyone is welcome.

For more information and a Zoom invite, please contact prostategroup-dro@gmail.com.

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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.

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.

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.

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. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

'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.

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.

'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).

Friday, Aug. 30

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour spot-

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Pet lovers' org.
- 5 Photographer's request
- 10 Whole lot
- 14 Grad student's grilling
- 15 Moulin Rouge city
- 16 Fed. watchdog
- 17 Setting for the 2005 film, "Waiting"
- 19 Costner flick "___ Range"
- 20 Hay fever medicine
- 21 Finger-wagger's word
- 22 Parks on a bus
- 23 Home follower
- 25 Prickly bush
- 28 Hercules type
- 30 Boring routine
- 33 Golf spots
- 35 Battlefield worry
- 37 Comics canine
- 38 Dry, in a way
- 40 Skiing mecca
- 41 Cockpit reading
- 43 Folded food
- 45 1950 film noir classic
- 46 Greyhound, e.g.
- 48 Melancholy verse
- 49 Bake in a shallow dish
- 51 N.Y. summer times
- 53 Bit of info
- 55 Know-how
- 60 Knock about
- 61 Shasta's home
- 62 Passionate about
- 63 Subway entrance
- 64 Takes out
- 65 Use a spyglass
- 66 Cut, as ties
- 67 Big name in applesauce

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- 2 Type of school
- 3 Carry's partner
- 4 Superheroes often have them
- 5 Cowboy gear
- 6 Grammy-winning Carey
- 7 Persia, today
- 8 Football official
- 9 Not an exact fig.
- 10 Hullabaloo
- 11 Casual canvas shoe
- 12 "Pardon me"
- 13 Glazier's sheet
- 18 Love to pieces
- 21 E-mail command
- 24 Dance that "takes two"
- 25 Vast
- 26 10:1, e.g.
- 27 Type of commerce
- 29 Fail to say
- 31 Clear a cribbage board

32 Quick to get

- 32 Quick to get ticked
- 34 State under oath
- 36 Turbulent situation
- 39 Bring back, say
- 42 Stiffly formal
- 44 Urban area, for short
- 47 Stack again

50 Comic's

- 50 Comic's specialty
- 52 Yield
- 53 Plumbing problem
- 54 Crackerjack
- 56 Caesar's 44
- 57 Skinny
- 58 Strain, as flour
- 59 Toward sunrise
- 61 HTML go-with

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

Craftapalooza. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library.

Tie Dye Extravaganza. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Create some new looks for the school year.

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Saturday, Aug. 31

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.

Riverwalk Naturalist Tours. 8 a.m., Native Plants Garden on the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Join naturalist guides on a tour of discovery through the Riverwalk wetlands conservation area. Tours are free and last approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars optional. Pets should be left at home. No reservations are needed. This program is sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners and The Springs Resort. For more information, email pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

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

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Soccer. 9 a.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Grand Junction Central.

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.

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

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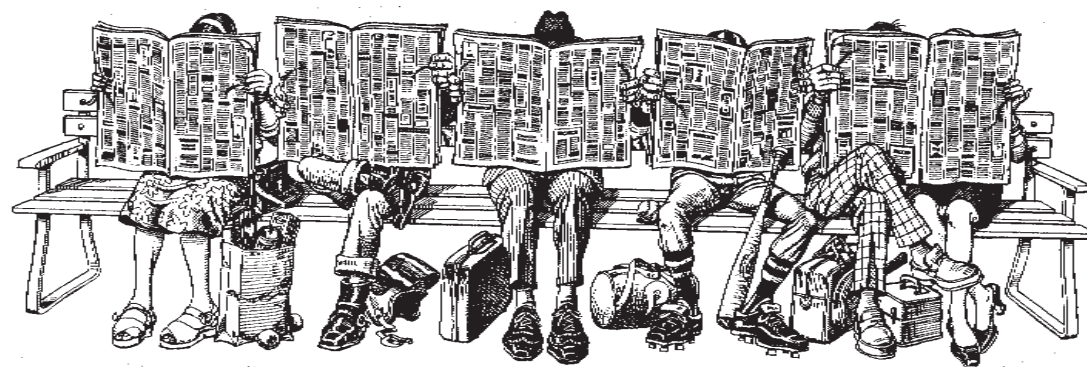
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Guided Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov.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

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.

A Weekend with Anne Hillerman: Ruby's Meet and Greet with Anne Hillerman. 12:30-1:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Meet the best-selling mystery author and purchase a signed book. Anne Hillerman's thought-provoking mysteries bring to life the terrain, people and lore of the American Southwest and Four Corners region. This event is free.

'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).

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 Pueblos. 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.chimney-rockco.org.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 9 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.

Stretching and Mobility Class. 9:30-10:30 a.m., Senior Center. A stretching and mobility class for those age 55 and up.

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.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.- noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger.

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

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

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Soccer. 4:30 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

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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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.

Medicare 101. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn from Caryn Hill of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging about Medicare, navigating the Medicare system, and other vital information as you continue on or enroll in Medicare.

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

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

Teen/Tween Activity. 4-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Head to the teen area every Wednesday after school for a fun craft or challenge. Activities will range from taste tests to art challenges and minute-to-win-it-style games.

Thursday, Sept. 5

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

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.

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

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Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Alamosa.

San Juan Outdoor Club and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue Presentation. 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Hear guidelines and helpful hints for hiking safely in our wilderness environs. The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office's emergency management team may be present to answer questions about its role in assisting persons lost in our mountains.

Friday, Sept. 6

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

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

All-Ages Gaming. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Play on the library's Xbox.

Tween/Teen Takeover. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. The large meeting room and some of the computers will be set aside for tweens/teens to use and spend time with friends.

Saturday, Sept. 7

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.

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A 13-week program to assist with the healing process, regardless of how long it is since your loved one passed. For more information, call Marie Rasco at (970) 946-9379 or Centerpoint Church at (970) 731-2205. You can also register and learn more at www.griefshare.org.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-11 years old. Bring your own or use the library's LEGOs to free build. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball. 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Telluride.

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.

Sunday, Sept. 8

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Operation Christmas Child Kickoff Rally. 2 p.m., Grace in Pagosa, 1044 Park Ave. Hear from a shoe box recipient, meet gold medal winners from Team Pagosa, see a fashion show from Dress A Girl, have a chance to win prizes, and pick up shoe boxes to take and fill.

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, Sept. 9

Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

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.

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

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Making yourself and finding yourself

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

I had just finished the last day of my computer science class when a young man entered the room and came to my desk. "Professor Howard, do you remember me?"

I remembered that he had been a former student, but nothing more.

He smiled. "My name is John Lindstrom."

Suddenly, a load of memories returned with the mention of his name. The last time he had been in my class was years earlier. He had been an exceptional programmer. He had excellent logic skills and intuitive ideas for solving problems. He was a natural at finding errors and correcting them. There were times that he would have a few issues, but the minute I gave him some direction, he ran with it and never had the same problems again.

But even with all his talent in programming, he seemed to doubt himself. He came up to my desk after class many times, expressing concerns about his ability in programming and in school in general. I would share my belief in his skills and give him some encouragement. He seemed good with that for a week or two, but then he would return with the same doubts.

What I remembered most was our conversation on the last day of class. He waited until everyone else was gone before turning in his test. I glanced at it and could tell he had done an excellent job.

"Will you be in my network programming class next semester?" I asked.

John shook his head. "All semester, my roommates have been asking me if I am sure I want to program all my life and whether I have the ability to make it. They said a person can't know what they really want if they haven't experienced the things the world has to offer. We are all going to take some time off from school to travel the world and find ourselves." He paused momentarily and then asked, "What do you think of that?"

"You know, John, going out into the world to find yourself can be fraught with peril. Often, people who try to 'find themselves' lose themselves instead. Like water always seeks the downward channel, the world tends to drag down anyone who does not have their focus set. If a person is fixed on something, they tend to move upward, even if

it is hard. That is not to say that you will make it to what you are focused on, but that is often because you find something even better.

"In my life, I have found that it's not about finding myself, but about making myself. When I am working toward something, opportunities come, many outside what I am

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working on. As I have learned and attempted things, many of them new and outside my ability, I have been pleasantly surprised to find talents and skills I never knew I had, all while developing others. That doesn't mean it has been easy, but one of the things I gained was the tenacity to see things through to the end.

"I'm not telling you not to seek new adventures and ideas. That is what life is about. But do it with the idea of making yourself, not letting the world tell you what you are. Don't give anyone or anything that power over you, not even your roommates."

When I finished, John stood there for a moment. I wondered if he thought I was just some old guy with ancient ideas. When he did speak, he seemed thoughtful.

"I appreciate your advice," he said. "My parents, grandparents, and other adults around me just said it was a stupid idea. At least you gave me something to think about." And with

that, he left.

I thought about that conversation now as he stood in front of me again, and I asked him how his adventure had turned out.

John sighed. "Not so well for my roommates. They started trying drugs, parties and all sorts of things.

But every time I was about to join them, I thought, 'Is this what I want to make of myself?' and I refrained often from the activities. It wasn't long before I left them. I'm glad I did, because some of the things they did got them into trouble, and they ended up serving time. Meanwhile,

I finished my degree and started a web development company that is doing well."

He smiled. "I just stopped to say thanks. It was in making myself that I found myself."

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Go all-electric — and help change the world

By Auden Schendler
PREVIEW Columnist

The company I work for recently built a new ticket office at the base of Buttermilk Mountain in Aspen, Colo. Environmentally, we killed it: argon-gas-filled windows, super-thick insulation and comprehensive air sealing, 100 percent electrification using heat pumps instead of gas boilers.

All within budget. Yet one of the first comments we received was from a famous energy guru: “Nice building. But why do you have a heating system at all?” Or more simply put: “Why didn’t you build a perfect building, instead of just a really good one?”

Solving climate change could depend on how we answer that question. My answer: Society needs the Prius of buildings, not the Tesla X.

The green building movement didn’t originate only from a desire to protect the environment. It often had elements of the bizarre ego gratification that trumped practicality.

Recall “Earthships” that used old tires and aluminum cans in the walls. Geodesic domes were interesting looking but produced inordinate waste to build. They also leaked. Rudolf Steiner’s weirdly wonderful Goetheanum was an all-concrete structure designed to unite “what is spiritual in the human being to what is spiritual in the universe.”

Early practitioners such as Steiner, Buckminster Fuller and Bill McDonough, among others, were often building monuments, whose ultimate goal became the concept of “net zero.” Net zero was a building that released no carbon dioxide emissions at all.

Designers achieved that goal by constructing well-sealed, heavily insulated, properly oriented and controlled buildings — but then they did something wasteful. They added solar panels to make up for carbon dioxide emissions from heating with natural gas. The approach zeroed out emissions, but at extraordinary cost that came in the form of added labor, expense and lost opportunity.

While net zero wasn’t a good idea even when most buildings were heated with natural gas, the rapid decarbonization of utility grids — happening almost everywhere — and advances in electrification make the idea downright pointless.

Instead, all you need to build an eventual net zero building is to go all-electric. It won’t be net zero today, but it will be net zero when the grid reaches 100 percent carbon-free power. So, all that really matters is that building codes require 100 percent electrification.

Yet many communities remain focused on that sexy goal of net zero, and therefore include requirements for solar panels or “solar ready” wiring. Even apart from the issue of cost, many utilities don’t need rooftop solar because they increasingly have access to huge solar arrays, giving

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them more electricity than they need in peak times.

What utilities really need is energy storage and smart management. That means home batteries and grid integration that allows utilities to “talk” to buildings and turn off appliances during peak times. The problem is that environmentalists haven’t evolved: Just like we can’t retire our tie dyes, we think “green” means rooftop solar panels.

My company’s Buttermilk building passes the only test that matters: “If everyone built this kind of structure, would it solve the built environment’s portion of the climate problem?” The answer for our building is “yes.”

Still, aspirational monuments matter. We need the Lincoln Memorial, the Empire State Building. But if we’re going to solve climate change in buildings, which is about a third of the total problem, new structures will have to reconceive what we consider

efficient and beautiful. And it doesn’t have to break the bank.

Electrification, for example, is getting cheaper every year. Years ago, I served on an environmental board for the town of Carbondale in western Colorado. The overwhelming interest there was ending dandelion spraying in the town park. But, at one point, we worked on a building.

After a long conversation about the technical tricks and feats we could pull off, a Rudolf Steiner disciple named Farmer Jack Reed said: “We should also plant bulbs in the fall so colorful flowers blossom in the spring.”

“Why?” I asked, stuck in my own technocratic hole.

He said: “Because flowers are beautiful and they make people happy.”

So, too, are realistic solutions as we adapt to climate change.

Auden Schendler is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent non-profit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is senior vice president of sustainability at Aspen One. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.



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Resetting the clock

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

"Call my kids," I yelled to the EMTs. "Tell them what happened."

Everything went blurry. I was told later the EMTs were following right behind my Sweet Al and me and one of them gave me CPR. All I remember was blacking out and our vehicle plunging down 55 feet before hitting a 4-foot-by-4-foot red rock that stopped the fall.

Our kids arrived on the scene quickly and spoke with the police and the insurance company.

They followed through with everything from that moment on.

My Sweet Al and I were flown to a hospital in Colorado Springs. That is where the fun began.

Al was bumfuzzled with the unfamiliarity, not knowing what was going on. The hospital staff moved me from my room to his to settle him. Our beds were 10 feet apart. A curtain hung between us.

With seven broken ribs, a banged-up knee, a long gash, black and blue, and a broken ankle, I could not move. Al yelled from the other side of the curtain, "Honey, get me some stool softener."

The room was full of staff and family. I heard giggles.

"Not now. Wait. I can't move." Heavens. I didn't realize that would be a cry from every patient in a hospital bed — the "Stool Softener Warrior Cry."

A nurse came to the side of my bed and said, "Your husband asked me to send a memo to his wife. He wants to tell her that he loves her."

All night long, Al tried to get out of the bed. I'd tell him, "Stay in bed. They don't want you to get up without their help."

"I don't need any help." I couldn't find the phone. I yelled,



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"Al is getting out of bed." I woke up the whole hospital.

With the morning light, Al was entertaining the staff with his hunting stories. I sighed. Not now, Al.

Al had two broken ribs and a collapsed lung. By the end of the week, Al had regained strength and our son took him home. Again, the children moved in to help and shifted schedules to take care of us.

For me, it was surgery and gaining mobility. I spent many hours on my back praying and gaining new insight as to what the days would look like for us. This hiccup is temporary, not terminal. It will bring a different day.

When I woke up from surgery in

the recovery room, I stared at the clock. It seemed the hands on the clock kept changing. I asked the Lord what that was all about. In my spirit, I heard the words, "I'm resetting the clock for you." Wow. What does that mean? Was he generous to give me more time? Who knows.

I felt like He said, "You're in the third act of the play. The third act is about resolution and wrapping up the story. It can be quick, or tying up loose ends could take years to finish.

At this moment I have many things to wrap up. First of all, get someone to tie up Al's open hospital gown.

I believe this whole thing was to get my attention and know what needs to be done in these last few years I have on this earth.

Final brushstroke: I felt so much love in your prayers. Thank you for all the support you've shown. I'm going to be around for a while. I'm in a wheelchair at the moment learning how to drive it.

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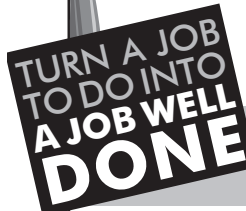
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HELP WANTED: PART-TIME ACCOUNTANT Community United Methodist Church seeks a part-time accountant (20 hours/ week). Candidates must have an accounting degree and at least 5 years of experience. Responsibilities include managing financial records, preparing reports, and overseeing budgeting. Strong organizational skills are required. Send your resume to the church at pastor@cumcps.org, or mail it to P.O. Box 300, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or drop it off at the church 434 Lewis St. to apply.

HELP WANTED

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE. Opening a result of an internal promotion! The Pagosa Springs SUN is recruiting for a dynamic, versatile customer service representative. This position is required to work at our office at 457 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Hours 8am to 4pm. Job Responsibilities: • Account Management: Support the Advertising Department with account management activity that's associated with customers running ads in The SUN, PREVIEW, special publications and on our digital platforms. • Administrative: Handle postal paperwork, insertion order processing and payment processing for advertising and subscriptions. • Service: Provide personable, friendly customer service answering phones and interacting in person with customers that visit the office. • Communication: Serve as a point of contact for internal and external communications. Answer phones, respond to emails and direct inquiries to the appropriate team members. • Project assistance: Assist with special projects and initiatives as needed. Requirements: • 3-5 years of experience working in an office. • Excellent attention to detail and accuracy in data entry. • Strong organizational and time management skills to meet payroll deadlines. • Excellent communication skills on the phone and through all communication channels. • High level of proficiency in MS Excel and other Microsoft Office applications. • Compensation Range/ Benefits • \$17-\$20/hour depending on experience level. • Eligible for medical, dental and vision benefits on the 1st of the month after 30 days of employment. • Eligible to enroll in the company's 401 (k) retirement savings on the 1st of the month after 90 days. The company matches 50% of your contribution up to 2.5% of total compensation. • 16 days of PTO plus 4-5 paid holidays. • Opportunity for advancement and career growth within the company. **About the Company:** O'Rourke Media Group is a family-owned, diversified media company that was formed in 2018. Originally just a holding company that owned a few newspapers, O'Rourke Media Group (OMG) has established itself as an industry-leading, digital media company comprising a cutting edge digital agency and an impressive group of award-winning, hyper-local print newspapers and niche magazines. OMG now operates in nine states and 38 markets with 51 publications and hyper-local websites. Send along your email or letter of interest directly to CEO Jim O'Rourke at jorourke@ourourkemediagroup.com.

IMMEDIATE OPENING for CDL Driver / Equipment Operator. Experience is forestry equipment helpful. Must pass drug test. Local driving only. Please send your resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com.

MALT SHOPPE NOW HIRING. Apply in person between 9a.m. and 2p.m.

MASSAGE THERAPIST WANTED. Part-time, evenings, could grow to full-time. Competitive pay. Please apply in person at The Overlook, 432 Pagosa Street. Monday-Friday, 8a.m. to 5p.m.

MOUNTAIN MAMA MASSAGE is looking for LMTs to join our team! Utilize your healing gifts in our fun, relaxed work environment where you are appreciated! TOP PAY \$50/hour +tips. Email racheldevloo@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED

MOUNTAIN SPIRITS IS SEEKING customer service associates. Must be available nights and weekends. We offer accrued vacation/ personal time, performance-based bonuses twice a year, and employee discounts. Please apply in person.

NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON is hiring a full-time cashier nights and weekends. Competitive wages. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL is hiring a church and school secretary. Please contact Leah Hellrich for position details at (816)585-2892.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL is hiring a Kindergarten Teacher. Please contact Leah Hellrich for position details at (816)585-2892.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL is looking to hire a PE Teacher for our school. Hours are M-Th from 12:30 -3:30 p.m. Please contact Leah Hellerich if you are interested in the position at (816)585-2892.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL is looking to hire a Preschool Aid. Please contact Leah Hellerich if you are interested in the position at (816)585-2892.

OWNERS, THERE IS A LONG TERM RENTAL SHORTAGE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS. We have a waiting list for approved tenants. Need all types of rentals. Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! Rocky Mountain Realty & Rentals (970)507-1192.

PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Come join a growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please email your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

ROOF LABORER NEEDED with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

(970) 264-2100

Classifieds

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

HELP WANTED

SAN JUAN HOMES, a well established builder here in Pagosa Springs is seeking a motivated, responsible person with framing experience to join our team. This is a full-time, 40 hours a week position that is year-round. Must be capable and comfortable with working on a roof and high locations. Must have DL, transportation, and housing. We offer competitive pay based on experience, 401k and paid time off. To schedule an interview, please call our office at (970)697-1107 or email sjhomes@yahoo.com.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR /TEACHER: Restorative Practices. Pagosa Peak Open School is looking for a passionate person to join their team. The Restorative Practices Coordinator will help build positive school culture, coach staff, and work with students and families on implementing Restorative Practices in our school. This is a 30 hr/ week (during the school year) position with a salary range of \$30,000 - \$35,000. Please reach out to the school director, Emily Murphy, at emurphy@ppos.co.

SEEKING PART-TIME HELP. For landscaping, experience helpful. Must have valid drivers license and transportation. Contact Eric. (970)946-2061.

SUBWAY IS HIRING. Enjoy working in a fun environment with a great team? Earn a strong hourly wage with tips while serving our wonderful community. Apply online at subway.com, or in person.

THE PAGOSA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT is seeking highly motivated candidates for the position of Fire Inspector (\$49,000 - \$53,544 DOQ). This is a full-time position with standard benefits. The ideal candidate will have extensive communication skills, attention to detail, and the ability to maintain a positive working relationship with all members and the public. Full job description can be found on the District website at www.pagosafire.org. To apply, candidates must submit a completed Employment Application. Application packets can be obtained by email at TBliss@PagosaFire.com, or by calling Tomi Bliss (970)731-4191. Applications received after September 20, 2024, 5:00p.m. (MST) will not be considered.

TRI-COUNTY HEAD START is NOW HIRING caring and talented Toddler and Preschool Teachers at our Pagosa Springs locations. Sign on bonus of \$1,500 - \$2,000. To find out more about these employment opportunities and apply online at tchs4c.org/careers/. Positions are open until filled. Equal Opportunity Employer.

TRIMMER WANTED. We are looking for a trimmer to join our Pagosa Craft team. Pay is based per pound. Flexible hours- Previous trim experience preferred. 21+ only, MED badge required. Please bring a resume into the store at 127 Goldmine Dr.

HELP WANTED

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is hiring a Full Time Staff Accountant. Those with Bookkeeping, Payroll, Accounts Payable or public accounting experience are encouraged to apply. Familiarity with Microsoft Excel is preferred. Attention to detail, and organizational skills are required. The office is located at the Ski Area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass and requires commuting throughout the year. This is a year-round position, with longer hours during the winter operating months, and a shorter work week in the summer months. This position offers skiing privileges and the compensation starts at \$34 per hour depending on experience. Full slate of insurance benefits and PTO available after a probationary period. Please email resume to: Payroll@WolfCreekSki.com.

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is hiring an Accounting Assistant. Those with Bookkeeping, Accounting, Clerical or Human Resources experience are encouraged to apply. The office is located at the Ski Area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass and requires commuting throughout the winter months. This position offers skiing privileges and the compensation starts at \$24 per hour depending on experience. Please email resume to: Payroll@WolfCreekSki.com

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

DREAMING OF OWNING your own clothing boutique? The Emerald Fox Boutique is For Sale! \$79k. Call Bianca at (505)507-1152. emeraldfoxboutique995@gmail.com.

GAS STATION, CONVENIENCE STORE comes with nine long-term leases, high producing. \$1,650,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

FOR SALE

2015 COACHMAN CATALINA bumper pull trailer, 8 x33, one slide, very good condition, made by Forest River. \$15,000. (970)382-1510.

BICYCLES 2016 Surly LHT, size medium with extras, \$900. 2019 Salsa Horsethief, size small, carbon. \$2,600. Both excellent condition. (970)264-0373.

COMMERCIAL TOTAL GYM. This is the Encompass Recovery Series and it provides the optimum functional training experience. Works multiple muscle groups together for a complete workout. Perfect for your physical therapy, wellness program, strength building. Cost over \$5,000 new. Sell for \$1000 OBO. (970)585-4528

DO YOU BURN FIREWOOD? Pine mix available. \$325 a cord or \$600 for a HUGE dump truck load! Contact Dan with FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

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FIREWOOD FOR SALE. Pine and aspen. Cut about 16" long, split. Delivered by longbed truckload. Call (970)946-4450.

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FREE OR BEST OFFER Epson WF-7720 Printer: Prints only black with up to 13" x19", 11" x17" and 8.5" x11" sheets. (970)946-7218.

NEW 20' CONTAINERS FOR SALE or rent. We deliver to homes or businesses. Pagosa Springs Storage (970)731-0007.

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TWO 50-GALLON STEEL DRUMS with lids. Used, great condition, \$35 each. Can be seen on Thursday or Friday at Pagosa Springs SUN, 457 Lewis Street.

LIVESTOCK

GRASS HAY, 750 lb., 5' round bales, loaded on site. \$90.00 each, discount for 10 or more. (970)946-4067.

IRRIGATED PASTURE. 4 miles north of Pagosa, Snowball Road. 20 minute ride to forests and streams. (970)946-6274.

PETS

ADOPT FROM THE Humane Society. Stop by or call (970)731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer. www.PagosaHumane.org.

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LOVING DOG CARE BY LESLIE N. Text Pet Info to (469)667-4480. Boarding, day care, drop ins, house sitting. References and reviews available. Look for info on: leslieslittles.com.

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2001 BUICK LESABRE 122k miles. FWD. Sold as is. Mechanically sound. Body in great condition. \$2,650 OBO. (310)245-0555.

AUTOS

2001 Toyota 4Runner. 305,000 miles, in good shape. \$8,000 OBO. (970)946-8687.

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GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL! 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

YARD SALES

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

Fri/Sat 8/30- 31 7:30 -2:00, 853 Majestic Dr. Household Items, Flower Shop Vases /Items, Antiques, Fabric, Crafts, Priced to Sell.

HUGE MOVING SALE. Starting Saturday, August 10 -Every Saturday and Sunday in August. 8 -3. 418 South 7th Street.

HUGE YARD SALE. Saturday, Aug. 31, Sunday, Sept. 1. 8a.m. -2p.m. 110 Fairway Place. Don't miss out on our fantastic yard/ moving sale. Furniture, household items, books, jewelry, tools, paint tools, yards tools and snowblower. Everything is priced to sell.

MOVING SALE. Friday and Saturday, 8a.m. 127 Walnut Place. Kitchen items, decor, skis, garden and more.

YARD SALE. Friday 8/30 and Saturday 8/31, 9 -1. Craftsman radial arm saw, Weber gas grill, kayak, stereo equipment, bike, household goods and kids' stuff. No junk. Everything works.

COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

2000 SF (WITH ADDITIONAL LOFT STORAGE) flexible commercial/ industrial space on the western side of Pagosa Springs. 15' Ceilings with 2 14' overhead garage doors. 3 Phase Electric. Will be delivered as a shell space ready to be customized. Available August 1st. \$2,100. (415)999-7931, raswheel@gmail.com.

2000 SQ. FT. SHOP/ WAREHOUSE 14x 14 overhead door. Restrooms and natural gas. Good parking. \$1700 per month. Call Doug (970)946-3762 or (970)731-4792.

4 OFFICE SPACES. Freshly remodeled, \$400-\$525. Well suited for spa services, 140-270 sq. ft. Beautiful spacious restrooms. (970)946-3232.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE for rent on 2nd floor with private bathroom. \$400/ month including utilities and WiFi. No smokers. No pets. (970)946-2728.

FOR LEASE 5600 sq. ft. shop/ warehouse. Finished interior in Cloman Industrial Park. Eight 14ft overhead doors, spray booth, 3 phase electricity, natural gas heat. \$5,500/ month. "Lease option to buy possible." 2 acres. (970)946-3762 or (970)731-2847.

NEW CONSTRUCTION WAREHOUSES / WORKSHOPS available to rent. Cloman Park 1100 to 2200 sq. ft. 1.20 a sq. ft. Contact: (720)470-2653. rowfmanagement.com.

VACATION RENTALS

OWNERS, WE ARE BOOKED UP AND NEED MORE VACATION RENTAL PROPERTIES! Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! Rocky Mountain Realty & Rentals (970)507-1192.

STAY AT THE SANCTUARY. "Susan made me feel right at home. Her homestead is beautiful and a lot of time and energy has gone into it. I learned a bit staying there and would go back." -Kevin. "Susan is a wonderful lady. She is willing to help you with anything, so I suggest you speak-up if you need something but also, she will give you as much space as you want." -Liz. See us on Airbnb at https://tinyurl.com/fssabb.

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1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH apartment, centrally located. Ground floor entry. Water, sewer, gas, fiber optic Internet included. Available November 1st. (970)946-8687.

3 BEDROOM 1200 sq. ft. 5 minute walk to Pagosa Lake. Washer/ dryer, dishwasher, etc. Some utilities paid. No pets. \$1,450. Call John for details and photos (720)960-4910 or (303)881-1407.

BEAUTIFUL 4 BEDROOM HOME. Top of the water shed. 4 miles out Snowball Road. Huge mountain views. Live water. Irrigated. One minute to National Forest and trout streams. \$3,600. (970)946-6274.

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CLEAN DUPLEX UNIT. Two bedroom, Jack and Jill bathroom, one car garage. \$1400/ month. Small pet considered. Call (303)905-8324 to set appointment.

FURNISHED LAKEFRONT LOG CABIN. Two beds, two bath with garage. Six months or less. Start Nov. 1st. Core area. No pets. Utilities negotiable. \$2900 month. (970)946-4967.

FURNISHED PRIVATE GUEST SUITE available for 3+ month rental only, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, dining, living area, walk out deck, two miles from town and no pets. References/ back ground check required. (970)759-4821.

HOME FOR RENT. \$1,850. Pines Drive. Two bedroom plus office. Available Oct 1st. 9 months lease only. mnenergy88@gmail.com.

HOUSE FOR RENT in Pagosa Lakes. 1,000 SF, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, garage. No pets, unfurnished. \$1,900/ month +deposit and utilities. Call (970)398-1515.

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BAR AND GRILL IN ARBOLES on 1 Acre for \$450,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

DOWNTOWN, MULTI-FAMILY .52 acre -3 lots, views, close to river, all utilities available. \$500,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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LARGE BUILDING AND LAND in prime business location. \$1,250,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

OPEN HOUSES

OPEN HOUSE. 741 Buttercup, 11 -2. Saturday, August 31. D-Log Home, no HOA. Call Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties (970)903-2817.

OPEN HOUSE. Lone Wolf Bar & Grill, 20 Sunset Trail, Arboles. 11 -2. Sunday, Sept. 1. Call Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties (970)903-2817.

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IMMACULATE 3/2 HOME with beautiful hardwood floors. Steps from National Forest, big mountain views. \$539,000. Peggy Andrews, Independent Broker. (970)946-0473.

MOTIVATED SELLER. Artesian well, hobby farm. Two bedroom, two bath. 1.7 acres. No HOA. \$595,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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1.19 ACRES WITH VIEWS OF NAVAJO LAKE. All utilities nearby. \$99,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

1.2 ACRES, MOUNTAIN VIEWS, electricity near, No HOA, close to town. \$35,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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5.25 ACRES Mountain views flat buildable. Located between Allison and Ignacio. \$95,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

LAND/ BUILDING SITES

MOUNTAIN VIEWS, MEADOWS. Unique high elevation and complete privacy. 5.6 acres bordering national forest, (970)769-3588 blancoretreat@gmail.com.

READY FOR YOUR DREAM HOME with utilities installed and insulated pump house. No HOA. 1 acre. \$159,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

TWO ADJACENT 5 ACRES LOTS. Available Separately. Meadows 4. Details at www.BLANCA257.com. Scott (970)731-4421 or fscott409@outlook.com.



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Photo courtesy Karen Ross

The Modern Warriors team of Sylvia Thompson, Julia Nell, Ali Braun and Karen Ross are powering up to support Rise Above Violence and the critical programs provided to domestic violence survivors with the Runway for Rise event on Oct. 5.

Veterans Crisis Line

free, confidential support to veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends 24/7/365.

(800) 273-8255

or text 838255

Tickets now available for Runway for Rise

By **Dee McPeek**
Rise Above Violence

Tickets are now available to attend the Oct. 5 Runway for Rise benefiting Rise Above Violence.

Reserved seats are \$75 and general admission seats are \$50. Purchase your tickets online by going to riseaboveviolence.org.

The night will begin with a Runway Wine Pull. The price is \$50 for a bottle to take home. There are a variety of wines being offered, all valued between \$30 and \$180. Included is a chance to win the Wowza wine, a Kathryn Hall Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 valued at \$235.

Lauri Heraty, the Wowza winner last year, said, "It was a treat! I celebrated someone's engagement with it. Definitely a great one!"

The show will include 12 models parading creative outfits using egg cartons and tape while guests vote for their favorites with their dollars.

The team raising the most money wins the Prada Award. The real winners will be the domestic violence clients who will be helped by your generosity.

The members of the Modern Warriors team believe in the programs provided by Rise Above Violence.

"Our friendship was born through hard CrossFit workouts and encouragement in lifting each other up.

"The 21st century woman embodies the strength and femininity of a Modern Warrior even in a society where 37 percent of Coloradans experience domestic violence and 1 in 3 some form of sexual abuse. That is why we are proud to be part of Runway for Rise: to empower women," the team's members stated.

Did you know that advocates working for Rise Above Violence answered 812 hotline calls for help and support last year? When you donate or attend events like Runway for Rise, you are ensuring advocates are available 24/7 to answer the call. Thank you for being a big part of the solution.

Don't miss this end-of-the-season event. We expect tickets to sell out quickly, so gather your girlie friends and reserve your seats at riseaboveviolence.org today. Have questions? Contact Event Coordinator Annie Gian at annie@riseaboveviolence.org.

We hope to see you there.

Come and join us to celebrate our one-year anniversary of being open!

Sunday, Sept. 1st • 9 am-5 pm



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