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## Plane crash-landing reported near Colo. 151

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

A plane crash-landed around noon in the area of Colo. 151 and Forest Service Road 613 on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

According to a press release from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center received a 911 call at approximately 12:03 p.m. reporting that a light aircraft had

crashed.

The ACSO reports the first responding units located the downed aircraft on private property and, upon arrival, it was determined the pilot and passenger "had safely evacuated the wreckage and walked to a nearby residence and called for assistance."

It adds the extent of the injuries are unknown at this time.

"The plane had two passengers, one transported for medical assistance." ■ See Crash A7



Photo courtesy Betsy Carpio

A plane rests after crash-landing around noon on Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the area of Colo. 151 and Forest Service Road 613.

## Commissioners deny bids for vacant land

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

In a split vote during its regular meeting on Sept. 17, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a motion to reject all bids received for 11 pieces of property being auctioned off by the county, with commissioners Warren Brown and Ronnie Maez in favor of the motion and commissioner Veronica Medina opposed.

During a work session held earlier that day, County Attorney Todd Weaver explained to the board that the county has 11 pieces of property, all located along Bonita Drive in the Trails subdivision.

Weaver indicated the properties were listed on June 1 and closed on Sept. 1.

"Basically, none of them made the reserve that was set by the county," he stated, noting the county set a reserve. ■ See Land A7

## School board discusses policy concerning state name-changing law

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) is required to create a policy in regard to Colorado House Bill 24-1039 on nonlegal name changes. The bill was approved by Gov. Jared Polis on April 29.

At its regular meeting on Sept. 10, the BOE approved an amended agenda, moving the second reading of the district's new name-changing policy from the action items section to the discussion only items section.

ASD Superintendent Rick Holt explained that the board will need to adopt a policy to be in compliance with the state law.

"This policy is a result of a House bill that passed," Holt added.

According to the Colorado General Assembly's summary of the bill, "The act requires school personnel to address a student by the student's chosen name and to use the student's chosen name in school and during extracurricular activities."

The summary also states, "The act requires a school to implement a written policy outlining how the school will honor a student's request to use a chosen name."

During the meeting, Holt mentioned that the reason for moving the second reading of the district's policy under the discussion-only items was to allow for more conversation around the topic to make possible adjustments before formally adopting the policy.

"I just felt like from last time we had the chance to look at that and think about it, and we might've thought about it and asked more questions," Holt said.

He explained that the board will need to approve a policy and then later define more clearly the procedural aspect of the policy.

"We're just in the learning mode again, an exploratory mode," BOE president Bob Lynch said, explaining the board would not be formally adopting the policy during the meeting.

"As it stands now, we have a prac-

tice but we don't have a policy regarding this, and the law dictates we need a policy," Holt said.

Holt noted that the state bill instructs school boards to direct their superintendent to establish procedures allowing students to inform schools of name changes.

He added that after the policy is approved, he will come back to the board with those procedures defined.

"I think that that would probably be worthy of discussion as well," Holt said.

Holt mentioned that he was able to speak with a couple of other districts around the state that have already approved a policy, and their structure for when parents should be contacted in regard to a student requesting to be called by a different name than their legal name.

"I have not spoken to a district right now that has put an age requirement in," Holt added.

He also noted that he has spoken to two districts that chose not to use the language of "protected groups" in

■ See Policy A7



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The river runs higher than average on Wednesday, Sept. 18. The San Juan River was muddy and chocolate-like on Sept. 17 after heavy rainfalls spiked flows of more than 1,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) after sitting around 50 cfs 24 hours before. According to data from the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, from Sept. 16-18, rainfall totals in Archuleta County ranged from just under 1 inch near Chromo to more than 2.5 inches in northern portion of the county.

## 'Making the community better every day': Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County celebrating 30 years

By Monica Nigon

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County is celebrating 30 years of building homes with workforce families in Pagosa Springs this week.

Paul Lehmann, who served as board president from 2018-2021, joined the then-tiny affiliate as a volunteer in the summer of 2013.

At the time, Habitat Archuleta was completely run by volunteers and board members who donated their time. They didn't have a single part-time or full-time employee, according to Lehmann. Rather than utilizing the USDA Rural Development mortgages and grant funding the affiliate uses today, Habitat Archuleta was completely funded by donations from the community. ■ See Habitat A8



Photo courtesy Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County is celebrating 30 years of building housing for area families.

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## OUR VIEW

### A day of recognition

Friday, Sept. 20 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day — a day of tribute we unfortunately didn't know existed before Rick Walker of Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County emailed us about it. And we're glad he did.

After receiving Walker's email, we dug right in to learn more about the day and read some of the stories of those who finally made their way home despite being, often, buried in mass or unmarked graves after experiencing horrific events such as the Bataan Death March.

According to the POW/MIA Accounting Agency's website, "National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979 through a proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter. Since then, each subsequent president has issued an annual proclamation commemorating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day."

"A national-level ceremony is held on every National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Traditionally held at the Pentagon, it features members from each branch of military service and participation from high-ranking officials."

The website notes many ceremonies are held throughout the nation annually and adds, "No matter where they are held,

these National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies share the common purpose of honoring those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing."

According to the agency, whose mission is to "Provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation," more than 81,000 Americans remain missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War and the Vietnam War.

According to information provided by Walker which cites current statistics, 878 of those missing are from Colorado.

The agency website explains, "When American personnel remain captive, missing, or otherwise unaccounted-for at the conclusion of hostilities, the [Department of Defense] accounting community becomes the responsible agent for determining the fate of the missing and where possible, recovering them alive or recovering and identifying the remains of the dead."

"For those killed-in-action, the accounting community is charged with locating, recovering and identifying their remains."

Information provided to us by Walker includes a touching story of a private who was identified 80 years after his death.

Pfc. Lemuel Dent Jr. of Charles County, Md., served as part of the Buffalo Soldiers during WWII. Dent was stationed along the Gothic Line northwest of Pisa in Italy alongside other members of the 366th Infantry Regiment.

U.S. Army archive records show Dent was killed, with the information relating that Dent was riding a tank that came under fire while crossing a canal. The area remained under enemy control for another two months as the fighting continued, which delayed the possibility of recovering Dent's remains, as well as others who died.

It's reported that most of the regiment was "decimated."

Dent's identification was made from his burial site remains — part of a large-scale project at the Florence American Cemetery, where unidentified remains were buried as unknowns.

The agency has recovered American military personnel from around the world, included from places such as North Korea when possible.

Numerous other stories can be found through a quick online search — a heart-warming reminder that while these soldiers may have been lost, they are most certainly not forgotten.

Randi Pierce

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 19, 1924

The worst forest fire that has occurred in the San Juan National forest this season started Monday on the Piedra and was not extinguished until Wednesday, after about seventy acres had been burned over. The definite cause is not known but two hunters had been in that territory a short time previous, one of them later assuming the responsibility of starting the blaze from a discarded cigarette or match but not knowing positively that he had done so.

Unless there is a last minute "slip up" one of the most important realty deals for a long time in the San Juan Basin, will be consummated before January 1. It will involve the sale of the hot springs property and the expenditure of over a hundred thousand dollars in transforming the resort into one of the most modern health restorative institutions in America.

A group of Oklahoma capitalists has secured an option on the property from Mrs. O.F. Boyle, the owner, the option to expire on January 1.

Silas W. Smith of this city has prepared the plans for the resort which include a modern hotel, cottages, bathhouses and all the necessary buildings.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 16, 1949

One of the most interesting special editions received here in a long time was the 60th Anniversary edition of the Silverton Standard. Ross Beaber is editor of the Standard and in his 20 page edition many stories of the early days in Silverton were re-printed. Many of the cuts and illustrations were of pioneer days and depicted the heyday of the mining industry in that area.

There is a great demand for apartments this fall and many of the people coming in are unable to locate accommodations. Anyone having a modern apartment for rent is asked to leave word with Dick DeVore, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. It is anticipated that at least eight more apartments are needed at the present time.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 19, 1974

Construction of a chair lift at Wolf Creek Pass is going ahead nicely with some of the towers now in place. The new lift is expected to be ready by the time there is enough snow for skiing. Season tickets for the area are now on sale locally at the Citizens Bank.

Crews are installing underground electrical conduits in Eaton's Pagosa. The utilities there are all being placed underground. In many areas this means drilling the hard rock, then blasting out trenches. About \$900,000 was expended this year on the installation of water and sewer lines and most of the trenches had to be blasted.

The weather this past week has most certainly been of the fall type, which was to be expected. The trees and foliage on the mountains are rapidly turning colors, and there are now some snow capped peaks visible from town.

Temperatures, other than Wednesday of last week, have not been that warm. On the other hand night time lows haven't been too close to freezing. Maximum for the week was 80 degrees last Wednesday. Since that time the daytime highs ranged from 62 to 75.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 16, 1999

Debra Brown, representing the county-appointed Vision Committee, asked the county commissioners Tuesday to develop a position concerning the county commissioner's request that voters authorize them to retain excess revenues.

"We need to educate the public on the reasons they should support your proposal so the county will have funds for long-range planning," Brown said. "We're here to offer our help. What do we do? There is an air of suspicion about what you will do with the money. Our main question is, where will the money go?"

The county has placed an item on the Nov. 2 ballot asking voters to allow them to keep all excess county revenues excepting property tax revenues. In support of the county, the Vision Committee is asking the commissioners to cooperate in defining a position so that "we will all be telling the people the same things."

Last year the county appointed the Vision Committee and armed it with the task of making recommendations concerning county growth and development. Areas of concern include planning, zoning, and various building permit functions.

## LOOKING BACK



From the Sept. 23, 1993, Pagosa SUN — The 1993 Colorfest Balloon Rally attracted a record 23 balloon crews to Pagosa Springs last weekend. The balloonists traveled here from Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico and provided some early-morning photo opportunities.

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9/12	78	42	NA	NA	NA
9/13	76	43	NA	NA	NA
9/14	78	39	NA	NA	NA
9/15	76	44	NA	NA	NA
9/16	62	48	NA	NA	NA

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# Letters

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## Springfield, Ohio

Dear Editor:  
On CNN's State of the Union with Dana Bash, JD Vance said "If I have to create stories so that the American media actually pays attention to the suffering of the American people, then that's what I'm going to do". Bash pointed out that he just said he's creating stories. I have always thought that when one makes up a story, unless you're writing a fiction, it's called a LIE.

The Republicans' need to demonize persons of color to score political points has reached a new low. Now they are picking on "legal" Haitian immigrants who were invited by the town of Springfield, Ohio to settle there. The town was suffering from a declining population and a economy that saw shuttered businesses and a declining tax base. The 12,000 to 15,000 Haitians that have settled there have helped revitalize the town with the opening of new small businesses and the creation of new jobs. The town has started programs to help the immigrants integrate into American society, including Drivers Education and providing medical care. Yes, the town is struggling to provide basic services, but they feel it will be worth it in the long run. Today the longtime residents of Springfield

are flocking to Haitian restaurants and other businesses to support their new neighbors. Even the churches are happy with their new citizens because the pews are filling up again.

Republicans are turning every problem in the country into a grievance of some sort to drive their narrative that the US is "going to hell" and is being overrun by undesirables, i.e. black and brown people. The same stories were told by the far right in Britain during Brexit. The stories of immigrants eating ducks and swans from the parks, the raping and murdering of women and children and crime spiraling out of control. The far right in all countries use the same disgusting tactics. Since this country's Republican Party has been taken over by far right MAGA adherents, they are using the same tactics of fear, division and violence. The fact is, crime, particularly violent crime is down to pre-pandemic levels, an over 15% decrease. Inflation is under 3% and the economy is still growing. It's no wonder the Republicans need to "create stories", they have nothing of worth to offer.

Dave Butcher

## Trump

Dear Editor:  
President Trump is safe again and the power of prayer never fails. An agent sees a few inches of a gun barrel through bushes, he shoots, assassin doesn't, another miracle! Donald Trump has beat all odds against the evils of the radical left in full force. His fight, bold, strong-man leader, attitude will not surrender! The powerful Judeo-Christian following will continue to stand in the gap, prayer warriors for God to save America before its too late. Sadly, many well thinking Americans, Christians included, are so confused and affected, that they bow down, don't vote or vote for the arsonist of the past almost 4 years.

We applaud Mr. Vega for calling out leftie lies of Porco letters. Defending Pres, Trump and great stand for our Veterans is well received. Pres. Trump has done more for our military and gave more respectful care for our Gold Star Families than any president in recent memory. Remember, Kamala was the last person in the room when she and Joe owned the Afghanistan withdrawal debacle. The blood of 13 of our finest young military Americans were lost. Their families devastated. That blood is on Kamala's hands. She wants to be promoted to "Commander in Chief"? It's down right destructive and evil.

We also would like to applaud Mr. Witkowski, his letter "Campaign Issues". We were better off with and need Pres. Donald Trump back. We save our freedom, money, fuel, drill baby drill, police & military, prosecute, deport criminal illegals, gangs, sex & drug dealers. Seal the borders pro-Israel! Pathetically evil, Kamala and Tim, is their stand on abortion at any stage. If lethal injection, crushing the skull, doesn't kill the baby, lay baby on the counter to die. Lying ABC moderators, not happening! Yes, it is in at least 6 states, including Colorado! Almost 20 years as an obstetrical nurse, witnessing profound miracle of life many times over, hearing a baby's first cry, the precious face, this is Almighty God's handiwork, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you...Jeremiah 1:5. We vote life!

The lying Left calls Pres, Trump the "democracy destroyer", Kamala lied that Joe was fine, fit, Presidential just before the oust and "coronation of Kamala". She had 0 votes. She chose Tim Walz, former Minnesota governor, anti-American values ga-

lore, great cozy China, our adversary, preference. During the 2020, burn Minneapolis riots it was reported his wife opened his windows to breathe in the smells of peoples' properties (their lives' accomplishments) burning and called it glorious! He passed legislation allowing childrens' bodies to be sexually mutilated, without parental approval.

We have lived Kamala's values, now she takes out the salad utensils and tosses, more of the same and that is bad!

You would have to be unable to reason, totally uncaring, anti-America, socialist-marxist, etc. not to know Harris|Walz, are the "democracy destroyers"!

"The truth will set us free". Standing prayerfully, united in truth, courageous against injustice, "Our All Mighty God" will save America. "Righteousness exalts a nation, sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34. We stand firm with Pres. Trump!

Jan and Tom Camley

## Tennyson Sculpture Garden and Park

Dear Editor:  
The glimmer through the diamond belongs to the coal somehow before it is compressed toward a different relationship with light. A phoenix doesn't rise once, she keeps on reappearing out of darkness over and over and over again, infinitely, as a matter of fact, with the obduracy of a pearl, miracle of her joy in that the rising by necessity is unending in its reinvention and must be accepted as such. Out of and with this convulsive symphony of flame, through incensancy of volcanic lick, an imploring: incinerate in this euphoric gift as its giving and as its receiving and out of the perpetual and inevitable darkness, burden, affliction, despair, doubt, fear, find learning, find opportunity, recover chance and hear as well as become the plea to transform in faith, through difficulty and through sadness into art, discovery of your monstrously beautiful heart. Gratefulness singing and wildly opening from loss and brokenness. Dare, ask for the most durable and utterly infinite love. Which will then all burn down. And she closes her eyes once again to feel light, holding the ember forever in her gasoline hand.

Our town is now an emblem of this, given what our community has done and is doing with the space that had been inhabited by the wonderful Bear Creek Saloon, which burned down in the pre-dawn hours of October 22, 2016. I used to take my five year-old kid with his two best friends of the same age to play video games at their mini-arcade. Galaga, and that golf game where you spin the ball to swing the club... and a hunting game involving the crossbowing of digital deer. We usually stuck to Galaga while I snuck a beer or two. These were the years after my break-up with my son's mother and those kids were my entire life. Sure, there was work, and the rest of it, but those hours with those kids were what gave me the heart to face everything. One morning the water wouldn't work in our cabin on Hermosa Street and it was because that huge football-watching bar, along with the rest of the Adobe Building there on Lewis Street, had burned down.

Thank you Ms. Tennyson - and everyone who has worked and is working on the project of constructing and giving life to the Tennyson Sculpture Garden & Park. Get your North Georgia Candy Roaster Squash from Kendall and Debbie and tomatoes and collards that you could subsist on alone and with nothing else if you had to from Chris and Rue, weekly presences both, along with so many other creatives passing through or vending wares, collectively making Pagosa glow every Saturday morning at the Farmer's Market that has taken root right there in that same place where the conflagration had been. What a perfectly realized, Olmsteadian park, Ms. Tennyson. I walk through there with my son, 13 now, most Saturdays, in awe of and pretty proud of these transformations.

Jonathan Dobson

## Support for Brown

Dear Editor:  
It is my pleasure to express support for Mr. Warren Brown as he seeks re-election as a county commissioner.

What I appreciate about Commissioner Brown is that he listens, gets things done, takes accountability and cares about the wellbeing of the

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Joe and Mary Beth have finally conceded that you cannot outrun Father Time, so we are retiring while we are still able to enjoy life in this wonderful place. We want to express our gratitude to all our loyal customers and friends for their support and personal kindness, and invite you to drop by during the remaining time for one last visit.

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# Letters

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county and its citizens.

My neighbors and I had a long-term unresolved issue creating health and safety concerns that was also impacting our property values. This had gone relatively unaddressed by county leadership for nearly 10 years. Last summer and fall things escalated to the creation of even more environmental and safety hazards. It wasn't until talking with Commissioner Brown that meaningful action was taken. In less than one year Commissioner Brown motivated the correct parties and departments to resolve this matter and restore the health and safety of our neighborhood.

In this day and age finding a political official that listens and is accountable seems rare. Archuleta County let's keep this rarity at work for us! Please cast your vote for Warren Brown.

Erik Foss

## Support for Hooper

Dear Editor:

Recent articles in this paper on the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) board's conversation about the need to charge out-of-county residents for fire services was an enlightening look into the thought processes of Wayne Hooper who is running for Archuleta County Commissioner in District 1. Some of the Board members felt that charging those who lived out of the PFPD's district was a means of "educating them" on the cost of responding to fires to which Wayne responded that such an approach was "putting the cart before the horse". Education first.

Since reading these articles I had an opportunity to meet Wayne and learn more about him. As a fiscal conservative, he is fully on board with spending taxpayer money wisely. His approach would be to listen to the issues of importance to the community, and by "the community" he means not only people living in and around the town of Pagosa Springs, but also those in the more rural areas to learn what is important to them.

Wayne is a proactive instead of reactive guy, which is a much needed skill as a Commissioner. Prior to making a decision, he would put himself in the shoes of the taxpayer, which his work as a PFPD board member has demonstrated.

Roads are a top priority for Wayne whose plan is to develop a county-wide residential road improvement and maintenance plan, focusing first on the remaining main roads that need attention but then developing a lottery system by which all residential road issues are resolved for the long term.

Transparency in government is a concern for Wayne. Although attending the Commissioners work sessions or meetings are valuable, many residents are unable to do so. Wayne's goal as a commissioner is to focus on long-term planning, which would include reaching out to the community for their input, asking what they would like to see change in the county, and bringing them up to date on the Commissioner's perspective on the issue.

Because of his experience as a firefighter, paramedic, and Captain public health and safety are on his mind. How much magnesium

chloride are we inhaling when gusty winds blow dust everywhere? Is the long-term health risk worth the benefit? Realistic alternatives?

Wildland safety and protection, topics he not only lived on the job but also taught at the college level, are at the top of his list which includes working alongside our Sheriff and his deputies to put a comprehensive but realistic wildland protection and response plan in place.

Wayne Hooper is the man for the job. He will insure that there is no spending without adequate research to back up the need and the benefits to the community. He is a deep thinker, a planner, and a man of action who will ensure taxpayers money is well spent on important issues and reasons for decisions communicated to them. He will not sit back with a rubber stamp and passively approve every issue. Archuleta County needs this type of Commissioner.

Sally Kennedy

## Political violence

Dear Editor:

Is there ever a time when violence, or even the threat of violence, is appropriate? Absolutely not. Yet, in this super-charged political environment, Donald Trump's statements relating to bloodshed, retribution, and condoning violence by so-called "patriots" are recurring themes at his rallies. These statements are tolerated and often cheered by his supporters.

Are we supposed to be okay with innocent Haitians being threatened because of a fabricated meme to attract media attention?

Are we supposed to tolerate election workers being harassed and threatened in swing states? Is it acceptable for high profile GOP surrogates to "joke" that no one has attempted to assassinate Kamala Harris? Is it appropriate for a presidential candidate to declare that he "hates" a celebrity who has endorsed another candidate? What does this behavior tell us about provoking violence?

The problem with provocative statements is that they encourage persons of questionable mental stability to take violent action. Should this surprise anyone? Yet now, when the tables are turned, certain GOP politicians and personalities are "appalled" by violence directed at their candidate. Unless those politicians have vehemently condemned ALL provocative political language, they can spare me their hypocrisy.

The American people have, for too long, tolerated the hatred, the deliberate deception, and the crass cynicism voiced by Donald Trump.

His rhetoric is bound to become even more unhinged as his polls worsen. If we truly reject the ugliness of political violence, it's time to tell him "No more!"

K Muth

## Immigration

Dear Editor:

After watching the presidential debate on immigration, I decided to do a little digging. What I found was most disturbing. As of May 2024, the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security reported 7.8 million southern border encounters with illegal immigrants since the Biden/Harris regime took over. Additionally, the U.S. Border Patrol reports that 2 million illegals eluded escape and are

now loose in our country. They did capture 362 known terrorists, but who knows how many they didn't capture.

In 2021, Biden appointed VP Harris as "Border Czar" to deal with this problem. During her tenure, she has made a trip so several South American countries and made a cameo appearance at the El Paso border crossing. She has also attended several conferences on immigration. She has never gone to the epicenters of the border crisis such as the Texas Rio Grande Valley or Yuma, Arizona. Wow, what a leader.

So what are the results of VP Harris' efforts in protecting our southern border? Illegal border crossings have skyrocketed as has crime committed by illegals. One example is the explosion of fentanyl being bought in by gangs. In response to this, the governor of Missouri has been forced to send 200 National Guard members to Texas, the reason being the dramatic increase in fentanyl deaths and destruction of communities in his state. Here in Colorado, the New York Post reported on Tren de Arauca, a Venezuelan drug gang, taking over apartment complexes in Aurora. They showed pictures of men armed with rifles and interviewed one mother who was forced to leave because armed men keep trying to get in her apartment. Other people were afraid to say much because of the fear of retribution. (Of course, the response by our own congressman, Jason Crow, is that this is all a tempest in a tea pot.)

VP Harris aspires to be our next president. If her catastrophic handling of this one big responsibility is any indication, I shudder to think how our country would fare under her leadership. Let's pray she does not achieve her goal.

Charles Newton  
Highlands Ranch, Colo.

## Women

Dear Editor:

Vote for the Party that Respects and Honors Women

I can sympathize with those who oppose abortion. I do not believe that any woman considers abortion lightly.

But what happens when the government intervenes in a decision that should be between a woman and her doctor? We've seen it already, in states where abortion has been outlawed or severely restricted.

Women whose fetus is not viable forced to carry it to term. Doctors afraid of losing their license or even being imprisoned forced to make a decision that could imperil the mother's life. Girls who have been raped forced to go to another state to terminate their pregnancy.

If Trump is re-elected, we can expect a national abortion ban—possibly followed by a contraception ban. Trump has repeatedly bragged about overturning Roe v. Wade. His running mate has said he opposes abortion even to save the life of the mother.

Once a national abortion ban is in place, women and girls will not have the option of going to another state to receive care.

If reproductive freedom is important to you, you must vote!

Vote for Kamala Harris. Vote for the party that respects and honors women.

Philip Riffe  
Hesperus, Colo.

## Electric bills

Dear Editor:

Response to "Electric Bills" by Jim Welker: California indeed has the highest electric rates in the continental US (Hawaii has even higher rates), but it is not because of wind and solar. California ranks 12th among states with the greatest percentage of renewable electricity (see second table at <https://web.stanford.edu/group/efmh/jacobson/WWSBook/Countries100Pct.pdf>). The states with higher percentage include (in order of highest percentage) South Dakota, Montana, Iowa, Washington, Kansas, Oregon, New Mexico, Maine, Wyoming, Oklahoma, and North Dakota. All have lower electric rates. In fact, except for Maine, all are among the 20 states with the lowest electric rates. South Dakota makes more renewable energy than it uses, selling it to other states, and ranks 9th for lowest electric rates. North Dakota uses wind for 48% of its electricity, and has the lowest rates among all states.

A number of factors contribute to California's high rates, including passing along costs related to wildfires (<https://www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cal-advocates-website/files/press-room/reports-and-analyses/240613-public-advocates-office-electricious-wildfire-cost-increases.pdf>), the San Bruno gas explosion and the Alison Canyon methane leak. While energy storage and distribution for a future all-renewable grid are significant challenges, wind and solar are currently the cheapest options for new capacity.

Keith Sharp


## SNAP benefits

Dear Editor:

At the end of the BoCC Work Session last week, Commissioner Medina spoke about the latest meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, part of NACO (National Association of Counties). She expressed concern regarding progress on the Farm Bill and was particularly concerned that they want to cut SNAP, formally known as food stamps, and the impact that would have on residents of Archuleta County. A Farm Bill is supposed to be passed every five years but, unable to pass a new Farm Bill last September, Congress extended the old bill for a year — it sunsets on Sept 30, 2024.

I am gratified that Commissioner Medina is concerned that county residents may lose this vital benefit and that she brought it up in a public forum. She indicated that even though we have a robust food bank presence with Healthy Archuleta making an important impact, she felt that they would not be able to meet the demand that SNAP provides for our community. Reports from our Dept. of Human Resources show that more people in the county are applying and qualifying for SNAP benefits due to high grocery prices (google this: "Kroger, price gouging").

See Letters A5



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# Obituaries

## Gary Don Anglin

Gary Don Anglin, known to many as Cowboy, died Aug. 30, 2024, in Pagosa Springs, Colo. He was born Feb. 13, 1947, to Don and Minnie Jo "Jody" Anglin in Wheeler, Texas. His sister, Pam, was thrilled to have him join their family. She loved him so much she even let him cut teeth on her chin. He had an older half-brother, Stewart Anglin. He married Debbie Parker and they had a wonderful daughter, Erin Laree, who was the light of his life. Erin had two children, Declan and Paisley. He loved being their Papa. He had two nieces, Jo Kitsmiller and Cissi Wood. He stepped up to be their extra dad. He had fun adventures with them and listened to their joys, problems and dreams. He came by the nickname Cowboy while in high school because he rodeoed many weekends every summer and team roped with his dad for many years. During his rodeo days he calf roped, team roped and steer wrestled. He loved his horses, especially one called Big Red. He played high school football at Sanger High School in Sanger, Calif. His buddies were Mike Winter, Dave Bohannon and Mike Crawford. Over the years Gary developed many good friends, including Bud Elrod, DeeDee Black, cousin Kenneth Meek, first wife Marnie Reynolds and others too numerous to



mention. He was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Pagosa Springs. He loved his Savior Jesus Christ. While still in high school he learned to tool leather and went on from that to building custom western saddles. He was truly an artist, developing new floral patterns stamped in leather. Gary was a master of telling stories and making folks laugh. He was predeceased by both of his parents; his sister, Pamela Jo Kitsmiller; his brother, Stew; and great niece Juli Wood. He is survived by his daughter, Erin, and her husband, Ryan Bowers; grandchildren Declan and Paisley Bowers. He is also survived by his nieces, Jo Kitsmiller and Cissi Wood; his good friend and cousin Kenneth Meek; as well as many cousins and dear friends.

Services will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1879 Majestic Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 on Sept. 28, 2024, at 11 a.m.

## Dominick Michael Heid

Dominick Michael Heid passed away on the morning of Sept. 6, 2024, at his home in Pagosa Springs. He was born to Gregg and Vicky Heid on May 21, 1990, in Aurora, Colo. He was preceded in death by his brother, Timothy Joseph Heid, and is survived by his wife, Genae, and three children:



Arielle, 6, Ty, 4, and Everett, 8 months. Dominick and Genae moved from Denver to Pagosa in 2016 to escape the city for life in a small town. Dominick was an avid snowboarder and hiker. He loved the backcountry and Wolf Creek Ski Area. He also spent a lot of time in his "Man Cave," which was his garage, making things out of wood. His biggest love was his family. They hiked, biked and camped together every summer, and the last two winters he began teaching Arielle how to ski.

Gregg, Vicky, Genae and the kids express their heartfelt gratitude for the help they received in cleaning up the property and the numerous meals brought to the Heid house. When our family experienced this unexpected death, the outpouring of love from friends, family and members of a variety of church communities here in Pagosa and beyond helped us work through the sadness. We love you all.

A rosary will begin the memorial on Sept. 28 at 11 a.m., and the funeral Mass will begin at noon at John Paul II Catholic church on 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

## Patricia Gail Miller

Patricia Gail Miller, known as Patty Lynn to a majority of people she came across, was born Jan. 31, 1960, in Pagosa Springs and adopted to parents Billy and Helen Lynn. She passed away in her sleep after her battle with Alzheimer's disease and liver cirrhosis on Sept. 1, 2024, just before 1 p.m. She was a beautiful, kind and

funny soul who made friends with everyone she ran into, a true face and representation of the people of Pagosa Springs. She was reminiscent of the days when she was an avid horse rider doing barrel races for the county fair, meeting John Wayne while he was filming "The Cowboys" and staying next door with friends, watching her dad coach the Pagosa Boxing Club, working as a busser in her parents' diner The Dairy Cream, spending time with her graduating class of 1978, and working for Dr. Baker as a veterinary assistant, newspaper lady for the Denver Post and courier for Kangaroo Express. One of her greatest accomplishments that she was proud of was being a mother to Chris Miller, Nick Miller, Savannah Huizar and Raelynn Huizar, as well as a grandmother to Mya and Olivia Miller, Lillian Miller, and Freja Kuhl. Patty will be greatly missed by all her friends and family but remembered for the person she was, her warm hugs and the joy she brought to everyone.

Services will be held at Pagosa Bible Church on Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. We are asking that people wear tie-dye, animal and colorful shirts as she would have wanted people to be happy about the life she lived instead of being sad that she is not here. GoFundMe links and Zelle will be set up on Facebook. Please contact Savannah Huizar for more information.



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

By Ashley Springer  
Archuleta County

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

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

changes have been made.

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

The Planning Department would like to discuss this issue and answer questions from residents.

One meeting discuss the issue took place Sept. 18, and a second will take place Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. at the TARA Community Center, located at 333 Milton Lane in Arboles.

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

The Planning Department urges residents to ask questions. The department wants the community to further understand that where there

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

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

## Letters

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Who, exactly, is proposing to increase hunger in America, especially in small rural communities like ours? This proposal comes from Republican members of Congress, is supported by Republican leadership and is just what Project 2025 recommends. It is interesting that Donald Trump has tried to distance himself from this document while his party is already trying to implement its policies. Under the guise of reform, Project 2025, and a new Trump administration, would pare back benefits and make them harder for families to access. When you promise tax cuts to ultra wealthy Americans and extremely profitable corporations, you lose revenue and have to make it up somewhere — apparently, that would be on the backs (and in the stomachs) of low income Americans.

Project 2025 recommends moving the nutrition programs from the Dept. of Agriculture, where they began in the 1940's, to Health and Human Services. Moving 80 years of experience and program infrastructure from one federal agency to another would undoubtedly result in some disruption for states and local agencies working to feed hungry children — another clever way Project 2025 would undermine these vital programs.

The proposal to eliminate SNAP is

not the only toxic bit of Project 2025 the Republicans have inserted in the Farm Bill, i.e.: elimination of climate guardrails in the Inflation Reduction Act; stripping local governments of authority to regulate pesticides; reduce environmental review and public input for large-scale forest management projects; undermine USDA support for rural clean energy projects, especially solar; promote unsustainable farming practices by not reforming crop insurance to incentivize better practice. There's more in the Farm Bill and Project 2025 that should concern citizens who care about our future on this planet and the well-being of its inhabitants. Please vote like government policy can impact your life and community, because it does.

Lee Stopher

### Flawed ones

Dear Editor:

When I was born almost a Century ago, Left-handed was considered a "flaw" Of course, it really was not except for the public schools. We were an "inconvenience" Teachers could not adjust to teaching lefties as the

majority were right handed and desks were designed to accommodate the right-handed only. Even today, individual desks continue to favor the right-handed, providing no support for a left arm for writing. Our lefties simply place their left arm above the page and write from downward position rather than beside the page.

Sooooo, what to do? School Boards decided to deny the left-handed to enter school until parents trained them to be right-handed. Mercy me! Can you only imagine how many temper tantrums that must have caused. So, by the time I was school age, my parents had changed me, sort of. To this day, at times I am quite clumsy while I wait for my left and right hands to agree as to whose turn it is. Growing up, I was somewhat accident prone and my mother was very protective of me. I never got to have a bicycle because mother was afraid that my poor coordination might cause me to get hurt. I was not allowed to learn to drive for the same reason. My father was very annoyed with the issue of left vs. right as two of his 4 brothers were lefties with successful lives. Soon after my marriage in '1947, at age 19,

my dear husband purchased our first car, a 1939 Chevy Coupe (gear shift on the floor.) and he taught me to drive!

Interesting how many of our Presidents were left handed, Yes, many were. By the time my children were school age, that rule had finally been dropped. Of my three children, two are left handed and are very successful as is my one "right handed one". Yes, the school system accepted them "as is", and they were left to develop their lives and they have certainly "showed everyone" that success has no prejudice, right or left, both are gifted.

Cheers for the Lefties!

Patty Tillerson

## Local reporting that matters.



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# Town's Historic Preservation Board approves facade alterations for the Hersch Building

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 10, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, acting as the Historic Preservation Board, approved a certificate of alteration application proposing facade improvements for the Hersch Building at 452 Pagosa St.

Community Development Director James Dickhoff explained that the "facade rehabilitation" would include replacing all of the storefront windows and replacing the aluminum framing of the entrance with a wood framing.

He also explained that the current awnings would all be removed, but there was some discussion at the meeting about whether new awnings would be installed on the ground level.

The property is zoned as Mixed Use-Corridor (MU-TC), Downtown Business and Lodging Overlay District (ODB) and is part of the downtown historic business district.

As part of the town's certified local government designation, the town is required to maintain a Historic Preservation Board, "or commission of some sort," to review and decide on proposed alterations, developments and additions within the historic district, Dickhoff explained.

The town council appointed the planning commission to act in this role of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) "until enough members have been appointed to fill the role of the HPB," states the town's website.

Dickhoff noted that being a part of the certified local government program "opens our community up to available funding and resources to help us with historic preservation," he said.

Although the Hersch building "is not a listed local landmark, it is within the historic district, and so our adopted historic design guidelines apply to any building within the historic district," he explained.

He told the commissioners, "Your role tonight on this particular application is serving as the Historic Preservation Board" for the proposed alteration of the building's facade.

He added that town staff concluded that the proposed improvements comply with the approval criteria in the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

J.R. Ford, representing the alteration project, explained the plans for the improvements.

He noted that he has been working with Larry Lucas, architect for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Main Street Program.

He stated that the project meets the intent of "what you guys want to see happening downtown," and that the only question is about the awnings, adding that if you look back at photos through the years, "sometimes there were awnings and sometimes there weren't."

Ford added that the building's facade has changed over the years, and "we are trying to make it more uniform with what we think it would have looked like the best we can."

The project is "a good way of cleaning up the building and making it last another 75 years and then let somebody else deal with it then," he said.

Dickhoff explained that the town surveyed some of downtown's historic buildings in 2001 and the Hersch building "was identified in this particular survey."

Town staff's interpretation, after reviewing the survey, is that the original wood building burned down in a 1919 downtown fire and was subsequently rebuilt with brick to meet new building codes that required brick following the fire, Dickhoff added.

Ford said that he would like to "reappoint the brick, and put all the new windows in and insulate it with



Rendering courtesy Colorado Main Street, Town of Pagosa Springs

A rendering shows the proposed facade improvements for the Hersch building in downtown Pagosa Springs.

glass and then see what it looks like and see if it will work for the tenants."

On the awning question, he stated that if it won't work for the tenants without the awnings included, due to intense sunlight coming in through the windows, "then we can add the two awnings on the bottom [level] if we need to."

*"Well, originally it was wood on the outside," he explained, but that the construction of the walls are a mixture of "adobe, wood, brick, stucco and studs. That's all in that wall."*

J.R. Ford

"I'd rather take it in two steps and see if that works for you guys," he said.

Dickhoff chimed in, saying, "As many of you know, if you've been on main street, this side of the street gets a lot of sun beating down. It gets really hot with the way the building faces, so there's certainly value in considering the awning, even though not all of the historic photos showed an awning."

He continued, "From the staff's perspective, we would encourage the awning, whether it's now or later. I think it's up to the historic preservation board to consider this as part of your decision."

Board member Julie Gurule also encouraged Ford to include the awnings, especially on the ground level, and preferred that the awnings stay green, rather than the blue shown in the plans, to match the surrounding buildings.

She also asked about the two benches near the building, which appeared to be removed in the design plans, saying that she wants the benches to remain.

Ford noted that he'd prefer to have the benches removed, but that they "belong to the town," so it would be up to the town on whether to keep it or get rid of them.

He added that if the benches remain, he'd prefer that they be moved a little further from the building to prevent skateboarders and others from breaking the windows of the building.

"One of the reasons we got started on this is all those windows are broken from skateboards, or people sitting at those windows hitting them with their head ... we don't know exactly how all of them broke, but they keep breaking the windows or cracking them," he said.

He's noticed the windows being broken more often "since the benches have been in."

Gurule said, "I would recommend keeping the benches. We are a tourist town. Main street gets really busy and sometimes gentlemen are waiting outside while their wives are shopping ... and with benches there you also want a little bit of shade, so I'd recommend keeping the benches and keeping the awning."

Dickhoff suggested, on the issue of the benches, that the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT's) Main Street Reconstruction project could be an opportunity to move the benches farther away from the building.

CDOT plans include widening the sidewalk in this area during the project.

Dickhoff also explained that any new windows going in would be required to be "tempered glass," with Ford replying that tempered glass wouldn't prevent the windows from breaking, but would only prevent them from "shattering."

Ford added that the design plan for wood-framed windows would allow for replacing the windows one piece at a time if they break again in the future.

When asked about the time frame for completing the project, Ford stated that his plan was to be done before the CDOT project gets started downtown.

"If you give me approval, I'd love to, between now and June, be done before you guys start the highway [160] project," Ford said.

"I think one of the more difficult parts of this position is making opinions on style and color. It's something I certainly don't feel comfortable with," board member Chris Pitcher said.

He sought clarification on the brick.

"It sounds like you thought maybe the brick was a facade. It's not part of the original structure, is that correct?" he asked.

Ford affirmed this interpretation, with Pitcher asking him if the "construction of the building had a stucco exterior."

"Well, originally it was wood on the outside," he explained, but that the construction of the walls are a mixture of "adobe, wood, brick, stucco and studs. That's all in that

wall," he said.

He explained it as a hodgepodge of different building types, to which Pitcher responded, "It's the perfect Pagosa building," receiving chuckles from the crowd.

During public comment, echoing Gurule's statements, Maria MacNamee, owner of Happy Trails Boutique, expressed that she is in favor of keeping the benches.

She said that, as a tourist town, "we don't have enough sitting areas here," adding that awnings and benches "are very useful."

A motion was then made to approve the certificate of alteration application for the building facade improvements, with the inclusion of lower-level awnings, finding the application in compliance with the approval criteria of the town's LUDC.

The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

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# Education

## Rotary exchange students exploring new cultures

By Lisa Scott  
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is currently hosting Tommy Nigro, a high school junior, from Zevio, Italy, who arrived in Pagosa Springs on Aug. 21.

Zevio is in northeast Italy, in the famous Veronese wine province and is a town of 15,000 inhabitants.

Verona, adjacent to Zevio, is a medieval city on the River Adige with more than 250,000 residents that is famous for being the setting of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" and "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," and also boasts the Verona Arena, a huge first-century Roman colosseum used today as a modern amphitheater.

Nigro's family owns and operates a generational family groundwater drilling company, and he has an older brother, Aldo, beginning university studies.

At Pagosa Springs High School, Nigro is enrolled in typical American classes including U.S. history, English and math. He will also be taking technical drawing and science since he wants to pursue mechanical engineering, and he is in concert band to utilize his piano skills.

In Italy, Nigro played rugby for 11 years and is excited to play American football this fall. His first host family is Graham and Marcella Denen and their son Deglan, a junior, while other son Deiter is now attending University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Last school year, Charlotte Duranton, from France, was hosted by the families of Gwen and Tim Taylor and daughter Lucy, and Carole and Dave Nasralla and their Anja.

Everyone had wonderful exchange experiences and made close family connections.

This year, Anja Nasralla is an outbound Rotary exchange student spending her year in Alicante, Spain, a coastal town in southeast Spain, on the Iberian Peninsula, on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea.

The Rotary exchange program is



Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

Rotary International has a worldwide student exchange program that Pagosa Springs Rotary Clubs have participated in since 1991. Tommy Nigro is the current inbound student from Zevio, Italy. Anja Nasralla is the current outbound student living in Alicante, Spain. Pictured, left to right, are host family Deglan and Graham Denen, Nigro, Nasralla, and Carole and Dave Nasralla.

always interested in talking with students that are interested in the outbound program and families that are interested in hosting a student.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about this opportunity should contact Rotarians Lisa Scott, (970) 749-4268, lisascott5680@icloud.com; Marianne DeVooght, (970) 731-2009; Ronnie Doctor, (970) 946-6367; or Granton Bartz, (970) 946-2827.

The Rotary clubs in Pagosa Springs have participated in the International Youth Exchange Program since 1991. Students apply for this opportunity

through the local Rotary Club and are interviewed and selected by committees in each country. Once a student is placed, they spend 10 months in that community, attending high school, and live with two or three different families during their time abroad. This way, they experience different family environments and meet a wider variety of people.

Rotary clubs in Pagosa Springs include the noon club, which meets Thursdays at noon at Coyote Moon, and the evening club meets the first and third Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at Ramon's.

Rotary is always accepting new members and invites anyone who would like to explore the opportunity to make contact with any community Rotarian or the names listed above.

Rotary International is an international service organization whose purpose is to bring together dedicated individuals to exchange ideas, build relationships, take action, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are more than 46,000 clubs and more than 1.4 million members worldwide.

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## Daniels Scholarship applications now available for Colorado students

By Michael Teague  
Daniels Fund

From now until Oct. 18, graduating high school seniors in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming can apply for the Daniels Scholarship, which provides full cost of attendance to 19 partner colleges and universities across the four-state region.

Funding covers tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and other education expenses while students also receive a free laptop. With more than 3,000 Daniels scholar alumni now graduated and in the workforce, the Daniels Scholarship has had a profound impact on thousands of aspiring college students and their families.

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didn't have a way to pay for it," said Daniels Scholarship recipient Israel Oketunmbi. "That's where the Daniels Fund came in and I got a scholarship. I don't want people to be in the same situation I was."

"Daniels Scholars are the next generation of leaders, making a remarkable difference in their careers and communities across the nation," said Hanna Skandera, president and CEO of the Daniels Fund. "We are excited to continue empowering students with the opportunity to unlock their potential and achieve their educational goals."

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Selection criteria for the Daniels Scholarship include strength of character, leadership potential, commitment to serving their community, academic performance or promise, well-rounded personality, and emotional maturity and stability.

Applications for the scholarship close Oct. 18, and finalists will be notified in January. The first step typically takes less than an hour to complete. Following a personal interview process, scholarship recipients will be announced in late March.

The online application and additional information on the Daniels Scholarship are available at danielsfund.org/scholarships.

## Scholarships available for students seeking careers in mining, metal industries

By Nick Letzkus  
Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME), its divisions and affiliates are once again offering scholarships to SME student members seeking a career in the mining and minerals industries.

An application window for the 2024 SME scholarship season is currently open through Oct. 15.

Last year, \$715,838 in scholarships was awarded by SME Divisions, the SME Foundation, WAAIME and the Underground Construction Association (UCA). This figure represents nearly half of the approximately \$1.5 million in total financial aid given

out in 2023 when including the SME Foundation's PhD Fellowship and Academic Career Development Grant programs.

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## Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County

Photos courtesy Wayne Bryant

Community members gather for Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County's pancake breakfast and Young Eagle rides last weekend. The event provided free flights for kids 8-18, with 165 kids flying over the two days, including more than 100 who were first-time flyers.



## Land

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The assessment will be completed by January 2025, she indicated.

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County Executive Director Leah Ballard mentioned her organization currently has 24 lots, after nine lots were donated by the county last year.

She explained that Habitat has to pay \$27,000 annually just to hold vacant parcels, along with almost \$9,000 in fees for homeowner associations and the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

"At the moment, we aren't super eager to take on more," Ballard said, noting that it would be a difficult thing to pass, considering there are many Habitat organizations with the opposite problem of not being able to obtain any land to build on.

Aspen House Executive Director Pattie Copenhaver also spoke, explaining that Aspen House has had issues with PAWSD as its plan was to build an apartment-style building for adults with disabilities.

She noted that Aspen House would potentially have to pay nine sets of equity buy-in and capital investment fees, totaling about \$235,000, "and that's before we break ground."

Copenhaver noted that she was excited to be included in the discussion and believes there are opportunities for community collaboration to meet the needs of Aspen House and other nonprofits.

"I don't know if acquiring a lot or

two is really going to solve our problem," she added.

During the meeting, Medina also brought up the possibility of having workforce homes being built for rent, because not everyone in the targeted income category for workforce housing is ready to actually purchase a home.

"I feel like that is a need," she said.

Lashbrooke noted that the Trails neighborhood is zoned as single-family residential, which does not allow for high-density housing.

"I like the idea of waiting until we get the housing study done," Maez said.

Brown agreed with Maez in regard to waiting for the housing study to be completed, noting that the market might become more active after the presidential election.

Brown also explained that some of the bids received were just over \$2,000 and that the county treasurer's processing fees come out to \$1,859, which would result in the taxpayers only receiving a little more than \$300 for a parcel.

"I don't know if that's the value or the best that we can do for our community," he said.

Maez responded that it is "capitalism at its finest — I'd offer the lowest bid on them too."

He explained that he believes the community needs to continue to focus on providing workforce housing and that he is still hearing of young people struggling to afford a place to live by themselves.

"One of my main things is getting good, hardworking people into affordable homes," he said.

Maez initially motioned to table the decision on the bids until the housing study is complete, with Weaver explaining the motion needed to be amended and that the BoCC needed to make a decision to either approve or deny the current bids.

Maez amended his motion to deny the current bids, which was seconded by Brown and approved by a split vote of 2-1, with Medina opposing the motion.

### Other news

On Sept. 25, the BoCC will hold a joint meeting with the Mineral County Board of County Commissioners at 10 a.m. at the Bruce Spruce Lodge.

At a Sept. 10 work session, County Manager Jack Harper explained that Mineral County's administrator reached out to Medina earlier this year in regard to holding a joint meeting.

Mineral County has proposed one item of discussion, with that being presentations from both counties sheriff's departments and emergency management coordinators.

Commissioner Warren Brown requested an update on the Rio Grande cutthroat recovery effort that the county agreed to support last year.

"We were asked to support that effort and we very graciously agreed to do so ... I'd just like an update," Brown said.

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# Sports

## VOLLEYBALL



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Lady Pirate Charity Domingo saves the ball against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Saturday, Sept. 14. The Lady Pirates defeated the Panthers 3-1.

## Lady Pirates to host Falcons, Broncos

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team went 1-2 over the last week, moving the team to a 5-5 record on the season and 1-2 record in league play.

The Lady Pirates narrowly lost to the Del Norte Tigers in five sets on Thursday, Sept. 12, in Del Norte.

The Lady Pirates won the first set 25-23, lost the second 25-22, won the third 25-23, lost the fourth 25-22 and lost the fifth 15-13.

"Overall, it felt like Del Norte just had a little more collective fight than we had as a group," coach Katie Lorenzen said. "We had lots of good things that were happening, but just not quite that grit to finish things off when we

needed it."

Lorenzen noted some senior feedback in the locker room was that there wasn't enough talk on the court or enough urgency.

"So, we know those are things to work on," she said. "One place that we did not adjust well was when Del Norte's middle and right side tipped on us again and again and again right over the block and we weren't making that adjustment until way later in the game, but that should've happened a little bit sooner."

The coach also noted the team had too many service errors with 15.

"That right there could have changed the game ... the couple sets that we lost by just a few points would have been different if we didn't have 15 service errors for the match," Lorenzen

said.

The coach also noted the Lady Pirates did several things well.

"We did really well at the net with blocks," she said, noting she thinks the refs were inaccurately calling nets when Del Norte's attack would hit the net and push the net into the Lady Pirates. "So, we had a ton of net calls that I don't think were accurate, but I told the girls that we can't control that and we have to just move on and not be questioning the refs."

That, she added, might have taken some wind out of the team's sails, but the team was getting a lot of blocks and took Del Norte's top hitter out of the game for a while through blocks and digs.

The Lady Pirates tallied 13 total blocks in the matchup, which included

three solo blocks and 20 block assists.

Cadence Kerns led with seven block assists, with Aspen Pitcher following with five, including one solo and four

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## CROSS-COUNTRY

# Lady Pirates, Rose take first at Bayfield meet

**By Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams finished first and third at last weekend's Bayfield XC Invitational.

The Lady Pirates took first out of five teams and the Pirates took third out of nine teams.

"The race times were a little later than what we've been used to and the weather was warmer, but overall it was a very good day and we definitely got some gains out of the day," coach Ra-chael Christiansen wrote in the team's newsletter.

The Lady Pirates were led on the day by Sienna Rose, who finished first with a time of 23 minutes, 46.74 seconds.

"Sienna was first overall, beating out some tough runners from Dolores, Bayfield, and Farmington," the coach wrote. "She started off in 1st for the first mile, lost the lead for a bit to Dolores for the 2nd mile, but she was patient and raced smart and ended up taking the lead for good with about 1k left in the race."

Kaiya Lyons followed in third with a time of 24:36.47.

"This was a very strong day for her and she was only 50 seconds behind Sienna. Kaiya loves racing in Bayfield

and it suits her strengths," Christiansen highlights. "But we love seeing her so close to Sienna and know if we can continue that the team will get stronger and we'll have a better shot at qualifying for State."

The third Lady Pirate finisher was Bella Jackson, who ran a time of 26:39.83 to finish 11th.

Jackson was followed by Madisen Stretton in 12th with a time of 26:41.00.

"The two of them essentially raced the entire race together and finished 2 seconds apart," Christiansen wrote. "They both looked strong throughout the race, and even though Madi has been dealing with some hip and IT band issues, she put in a solid effort! Having these two girls running together is huge for the team."

The team's final scoring runner was Mila Miller, who finished 24th with a time of 29:23.50.

The coach notes Miller "had a big role to fill" and filled it "perfectly" with Hailey Sams out of the race due to illness and Adison Johnson out due to traveling.

Vivy DavRem followed in 26th with a time of 29:42.58.

"Having her and Mila running close together is also a great thing moving forward. We hope to see them even closer next time and see if we can get

the two of them moving up towards Bella and Hailey," Christiansen wrote.

Gwendolyn Tyler finished 38th with a time of 34:18.31, with the coach noting Tyler has been working hard at practices and it is beginning to show.

"As a team, these Lady Pirates finished first out of 5 teams by one single point," the coach points out. "We always try to emphasize placement in the races over times, and this is a great example of why. This course was hilly and dusty and resulted in slower times. However, not letting that slower time affect your mindset and to continue to push forward is huge. And these girls did just that. We are very proud of their effort out there and continue to look forward to the next few weeks and see what we can do."

The meet was much bigger on the boys' side than it's been in the past with nine full teams racing, Christiansen indicates, adding the Pirates were running against some strong competition.

Jesse Beck was the first Pirate across the line, running a time of 20:43.72 to take sixth.

"He missed out on the top 5 by .24 of a second," Christiansen wrote. "It was a strong effort by him and he put himself out there, trying to pressure those top 5 boys."

Following in seventh was Connor Thomas, who ran a time of 21:09.76.

Eli Nehring finished 18th with a time of 21:56.59, with the coach noting he had a "very strong race" until calf cramping slowed him down.

Merrick Tudor finished in 22:03.42 to finish 21st, who had a "stand out race," according to the coach.

"Merrick had been sick the past few days (that early season crud is certainly

making its way through the team right now) and we weren't sure if he was going to race or not. When he showed up and said he could, I'll be honest I wasn't expecting him to be in our top 5 finishers. But, he is tough! And pulled out a great race," Christiansen explains.

Dylan Dempster took 32nd with a time of 22:52.51, with the coach pointing out he has been working on his form and it's paying off.

Jacen Easling finished 39th with a time of 24:00.82 in his first race back following an illness that the coach notes took him out of racing and practices for about a week.

Isaac Hanto ran a time of 25:17.75 to finished 45th.

Asher Kurz finished 62nd with a time of 28:34.71.

Stetson Osborn, despite battling a stomach bug, finished with a time of 35:29.87.

"He was tough for attempting it, and even managed to finish the race very strong, but we know he will be excited to come back next time feeling much better," Christiansen wrote.

Christiansen adds the team's third-place finish behind Farmington and Bayfield was a solid placement with some good competition.

"And, our goal of closing the gap with Bayfield is progressing, as we were only 10 points away from them. The good news is that we will be racing against them again pretty much all season," Christiansen wrote.

Next up for the Pirate harriers is the Boggy Draw Bear Chase in Dolores on Friday, Sept. 20.

The Lady Pirates are slated to race at 10 a.m., followed by the Pirates at 10:30 a.m.

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## FOOTBALL

# Pirates to host Monte Vista for homecoming game

**By Clayton Chaney**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team will host its first home game of the season this Friday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium against Monte Vista.

This week is also homecoming week for the Pirates.

After having a bye last week with no game scheduled, the Pirates go into tomorrow's matchup with a 1-1 record on the season.

Monte Vista is coming off a 43-20 win against the North Fork Miners and now boast a 2-1 record on the season.

Coach Nathan Morales talked about the extra week of practice and how the Pirates will hopefully benefit from getting a few more days of rest before diving into the remainder of the season.

"That's going to be a grind," he said, noting the extra time allowed the Pirates to work on a few more things in preparation for tomorrow night's game.

Morales explained that with it being homecoming week and the team's first home game of the year, naturally, the team is excited to play in front of some more family members and friends.

"It's kind of a long week. There's a lot of stuff going on," he added. "It's a busy week."

Even with all the excitement and homecoming events going on, Morales mentioned that the upperclassmen have shown what it takes to stay focused and their ability to perform.

"Our older guys, they know what it takes to stay focused and complete the task at hand," Morales said.

He noted every school deals with the excitement of homecoming week and that Pagosa is no different in that sense.

"I'm excited for the guys this week," Morales added.

He also mentioned Monte Vista is a "tough team" and that Pagosa was able to match up against them in a brief preseason scrimmage earlier this year.

With the scrimmage only going for 10 plays, Morales explained it's difficult to gauge how the two teams will match up against each other in tomorrow night's game.

"They got some good players," he said.

Morales also noted that Monte Vista is coached well, and that their head coach has been around Colorado high school football for quite some time.

"We're going to have to practice well this week and do everything we can to get ready for Friday night's game," Morales said.

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# Volleyball

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assists. Lexi Campbell followed with four, including one solo and three assists. Dawson Iverson recorded the team's other solo block.

Pitcher, Kerns and Campbell each logged double-doubles in the matchup.

"Nice to see the double-double from three of our players," Lorenzen said, adding, "Cadence was really great at the net with seven block assists. Aspen was crushing it with almost hitting 1,000 early on. Every swing was a kill. But, by the end of the match, she hit .159 and she was taking a ton of swings and 17 kills. And, for Cadence to have 37 swings as a middle is really impressive. You don't usually find your middle that much, but she was doing really well, as well."

Pitcher's double-double came in the form of 17 kills and 24 digs.

Kerns had 10 kills and 11 digs.

Campbell had 12 kills and 12 digs.

The team had 48 total kills and 67 total digs.

Charity Domingo also had double-digit digs with 12.

Sophia Sottek had 30 of the team's 41 assists.

The team had four aces — two from Campbell and one each from Pitcher and Kerns.

Campbell led the team in serving points with 21 of the team's 83, followed by Sottek with 17, and 15 each from Pitcher and Kaila Limebrook.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, the Lady Pirates hosted the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers for a league matchup.

Lorenzen indicated the Lady Pirates weren't sure what they were up against with Montezuma-Cortez.

"I couldn't find any film on them, but they saw that they had recently beat Bayfield and Bayfield beat Centauri, so I didn't know what we were gonna come up against," she said. "So, just looking at the stats, we knew who their big hitter was and the girls did really well making an adjustment against their outside hitter who leads the team, has about double the kills as anyone else on their team. She got a couple really good kills early on and then our blockers made some adjustments and we got some blocks as well as a lot of just great touches that we were able to play, so I think that made a big difference for us."

The Lady Pirates dropped the first set 25-22 before rebounding to win the next three sets 25-14, 25-22 and 25-16.

Pitcher, Kerns and Sottek notched double-doubles.

Pitcher had 11 kills and 20 digs.

Kerns had 14 kills and 20 digs.

"Cadence took the most amount of swings of anyone, so, again, really impressive for a middle to be getting that many swings, and Cadence also led the team in hitting percentage with .226 as well as blocks with six block assists," Lorenzen highlighted.

Sottek had 12 digs and 30 assists.

The coach added Sottek did a great job running the team's offense.

"She had a very steady presence and did a great job keeping the team on track and delivering the ball to her hitters," the coach highlighted. "She also scored the final point of the game with a smart play, sending the ball over on the first contact deep to the end line and Cortez wasn't expecting it at all so it was a kill."

Sottek led the team with 21 serving points, followed by Kerns with 17 of the team's 67.

The team had 43 kills in the affair

and 77 total digs.

Lorenzen added the team showed improvement in serving with nine aces and only six errors.

Pitcher, Domingo and Kerns each had two aces.

The team hit .158 against the Panthers, which Lorenzen indicated was an improvement over the .089 hitting percentage against the Tigers.

"So, the girls did really well with coming out strong in the second set after we lost the first set and we won big, and that gave us some momentum," Lorenzen said. "Kaila took some good swings on the right side and was getting some good block touches, and Hayden [Peterson] had great defense in the back row that was really nice to see. And, Charity has done a lot of libero in different positions, not just playing left back but some right back, and we've been really impressed with her ability to adjust there and just being more vocal and getting more comfortable in her position, being assertive. So, that was all really good, and it was nice to get the win at home."

Then, on Tuesday, the team traveled to Bayfield for a league matchup against the Wolverines.

The Lady Pirates fell in three sets: 25-21, 25-10 and 25-19.

"Bayfield showed up to play and they lost recently to Cortez, so I think they were fired up and ready to defend their home court," Lorenzen said.

The coach added it is Bayfield's homecoming week.

"They were on the offensive and really going after it without any fear and really going after it aggressively, so kudos to them for that," she said.

"On our side, I really felt like we just wouldn't grab the momentum and go when it was within grasp, and we're figuring out why that is."

She added some of the discussion centered on the energy on the court.

"So, that's an energy on the court that we are looking to change. Who's gonna pick everyone up, hold everyone in the huddle longer and demand more of each person on the court? ... We have a lot of great pieces that can come together, we just need the glue that will hold us together."

Lorenzen added Bayfield was also "serving tough," but Sottek did a great job holding the offense, consistently giving her hitters very hittable balls and talking to her hitters.

"I'd say she did a fantastic job," she said.

Pitcher, the coach highlight, was taking really big swings and got a number of kills early, and the team had a number of tough serves and a few service aces.

The coach noted the girls were also too focused on calls they didn't agree with.

Lorenzen noted the night wasn't a great showing for Lady Pirate volleyball, but "we saw what we needed to work on and we look forward to seeing Bayfield the next time."

Stats from the matchup were not available by press time Tuesday.

The Lady Pirates will host half of their remaining home games over the next week.

The Lady Pirates will host the Centauri Falcons Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Falcons are 3-6 overall and 0-1 in league play.

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, the team will host the Kirtland Central Broncos from New Mexico at 6 p.m.

The Broncos are 3-4 on the season.



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Deceased.

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## GOLF

# Pirates take second at Monday tournament

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team took second at Monday's Chuck Soria Boys Invitational in Kirtland, N.M.

The Pirates finished behind the Farmington Scorpions.

Coach Mark Faber noted the Pirates avoided bad weather to play the tournament, with rain falling only at the beginning and end.

"It worked out OK," Faber said, adding, "I think we just got lucky; it rained all around us."

Faber noted the Pirates didn't face as tough of competition as they typically face, but the team played OK.

"We've still got work to do," he said, adding, "Once again, some really bright spots and trouble spots, and it was kind of that way all the way around."

Johnathon Smith finished second out of the 44 golfers competing with a score of 72.

Smith shot birdie on one hole, par on 15 and bogey on one.

Faber noted Smith played well, though not as well as he can play.

Tyler Dimond shot a 90 to finish 10th, with Dimond's effort including shooting par on five holes and bogey on nine holes.

Cedar Liverett finished 20th with a 96, which included shooting birdie on two holes, par on three and bogey on five.

Maximus Ibram finished 29th with a score of 106, shooting bogeys on six holes.

"He just keeps getting better and



The Pirate golf team poses after its second-place finish at the Chuck Soria Invitational in Kirtland, N.M., Monday.

Photo courtesy Mark Faber

better," Faber said of Ibram, noting he's making the biggest improvement right now and is in his first year of golf.

Max Brown finished 35th with a 112, which included shooting par on one hole and bogey on two holes.

Isabel Galloway took part in the girls' tournament, placing eighth out of 17 golfers with a score of 97, which Faber noted was positive.

Galloway's effort included shooting

par on five holes and bogey on five holes.

"She played well," Faber said.

On Monday, Sept. 23, the Pirates will take part in the SCA Spartans Boys Golf Invite at Walking Stick Golf Course in Pueblo hosted by Swallows Charter Academy.

The course is the same course state will be played on.

"I'd love for them to play well, but I

really want 'em to get a feel for the golf course," Faber said, adding the look at the course will give them a better idea of what they need to do to prepare for state.

He noted the team has already played in Cortez, the site of regionals, and knows how to prepare for that course.

"Hopefully it all comes together in the next couple of weeks," Faber said.

## SOCCER

# Pirates pick up two more wins

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate soccer team went 2-1 over the last week, suffering its first loss to the Crested Butte Titans on Tuesday, Sept. 17, in Crested Butte.

With two wins earlier in the week, first against the DSST: Montview Knights on Sept. 13 by a score of 2-1, and then a 1-0 victory against Manitou Springs on Sept. 14, the Pirates now have an overall record of 4-1-1.

Coach Trevor Gian commented on the Pirates' performance against the Knights, saying he "felt like we could play with them."

He mentioned the Knights "had some quality players all over."

Gian explained that the Knights took an early lead, going up 1-0 by halftime.

He noted that the Pirates "adjusted a few things" tactically and formationally for the second half, which ended up working out.

Alex Pham drew a penalty kick inside of the Knights' box, which Gavin Carter was able to convert, tying the match at 1-1.

Gian explained that the Pirates shifted their formation from a 4-2-3-1, into a 4-3-3, giving the Pirates some more speed and width going forward.

With the field being shorter than a standard size, the Pirates were able to get more pressure up top on the Knights' defense, Gian explained.

He noted that after Carter's goal, "the game opened up really well for us," and the Pirates started creating more quality opportunities offensively.

Gian also noted that the Pirates were able to keep the Knights in check defensively by limiting their opportunities to create quality attacks.

Gian mentioned the game got "a little chippy" and the Pirates were able to earn more free kicks.

Milo Deitemeyer was able to score the Pirates' second goal from a free kick 30 yards out from the Knight's goal, Gian explained, noting that Deitemeyer's strike was "a rocket."

"It was fantastic," Gian added.

At that point in the second half, the Pirates "dug in" defensively to see the rest of the game out and come away with a victory, Gian explained.

He highlighted the performance by Hudson Davis in the midfield role, saying, he's "really been impressive as well."

Gian noted that the Knights were a tough opponent and the way the Pirates were able to compete after traveling all day was impressive, especially having to come from behind to get the win.

"Really proud of the kids for that one," he said.

The next day, on Sept. 14, the Pirates traveled to Manitou Springs, where they were able to come away

with another victory, defeating the Manitou Springs Mustangs by a score of 1-0.

Gian explained that, similarly to the game against the Knights, the match against the Mustangs was physical and quick with both teams being aggressive toward the ball.

Gian also mentioned the Mustangs have a couple of impactful individual players and are a well-organized team.

The Pirates were forced to adjust their formation slightly in order to shut down one of the Mustangs' top players, Gian explained.

He mentioned the Pirates shifted into more of a stopper-sweeper combination defensively so that Pham could man-mark the Mustangs' main attacker throughout the match.

With the field being more narrow than a standard field, the Pirates wanted to shut down as much as they could through the middle from the Mustang's attack, the coach indicated.

"I think we did pretty well to slow down some of that play through the middle," Gian said, explaining he did not want to see the Pirates being forced to "overreact" when defending and work more on disrupting the attack and forcing the Mustangs to work around them.

The Pirates took the lead early in the first half and the game got a little more active from that point on, Gian explained.

He noted the Pirates "tried to settle in a little bit," and "kind of weathered a storm," with the Mustangs continuing to send balls in from the wider areas.

Gian commented on Pirate goalkeeper Christopher Young-Martinez's performance, noting he had at least 10 saves on the day.

"Anytime he's in there we feel pretty confident," Gian said.

He explained it can be easy to forget about the importance of having a quality goalie like Young-Martinez and that at times he can be taken for granted.

Gian mentioned that Young-Martinez displayed great leadership and was "absolutely phenomenal" throughout the whole weekend.

Gian also mentioned the two wins against DSST: Montview and Manitou Springs were big for the Pirates going forward.

"I was very proud of 'em," Gian said.

On Sept. 17, the Pirates traveled to Crested Butte, falling to the Titans 1-0.

Despite the loss, Gian commented that the Pirates played well and improved keeping their shape in the midfield and defensively shutting off lanes.

"It was a great game, to be honest. We were in it the whole way," Gian said, noting the Pirates created about five quality scoring opportunities.

"We're bringing a lot of that heart,

we're bringing a lot of that fight. We're letting people know who Pagosa is now," Gian said.

Crested Butte is the defending 2A state champion.

Gian also mentioned the Pirates did a good job of keeping their shape through transitions and forced the Titans to beat them with quality play rather than chasing the game.

"We're just building off each game," Gian said, noting it was a well-fought match all around for the Pirates.

Gian also commented that the Pirates are getting settled in a little more with defining their player roles and formations.

He added the Pirates were able to develop "some really good build up play," maintaining possession well at times and playing diagonal balls in behind the Titan's back line.

Gian also commented that the Pirates could be more aggressive in getting to the ball first on set pieces and corner kicks.

"I wish we could've got a little more aggressive to the ball," he said.

Gian mentioned that the game against Crested Butte was an all-around exceptional team effort by the Pirates.

"Everybody on the team really performed in their role exceptionally," he said.

Gian commented that Ryder King and Davis in the midfield "played phenomenal," along with noting performances by Pham, Carter, Deitemeyer and Young-Martinez.

Gian also mentioned the Pirates are becoming more effective as an overall team and relying less on individual efforts to carry them through games.

Additional stats for the games were not available as of press time Wednesday.

The Pirates are currently ranked eighth in the state's 3A division, according to Colorado High School Athletic Association's seeding index.

The Pirates have two more games coming up this week, starting with a league matchup against the Alamosa Mean Moose on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 11:30 a.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium.

Then, on Tuesday, Sept. 24, the Pirates will head over to Durango to take on the 4A Durango Demons.

Gian explained that the Pirates are looking to keep their momentum rolling and continue building their

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# Outdoors



Photo courtesy Christi Bode

This local Snowtel site measures snow depth near Wolf Creek Pass and is managed by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Here is Brian Domonkos, snow survey supervisor for NRCS.



Photo courtesy Christi Bode

Joe Tedder and Bill Milner measure snow depth at the Jackson Mountain snowtopography site. The coming snow season will be the second year of snowtopography measurement.

## SJWCD releases 'The Value of Snow' film

By Sally High  
San Juan Water Conservancy District

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD), with a grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, has released the first of three short educational films regarding the watershed and the future of the water supply in Archuleta County.

The video, "The Value of Snow," will be shown in multiple venues in the county and can also be viewed online via the SJWCD website: sjwcd.org.

The SJWCD is organized and funded by the citizens of Archuleta County to be an active leader in all issues affecting the water resources of the Upper San Juan River Basin.

In order to enhance the understanding of our limited water resources, the district employed professional filmmaker Christi Bode to produce these films.

All water uses — environmental, agricultural, recreational, industrial and municipal — are important and need to be understood. It is the goal of the SJWCD to use these tools to help our constituents gain knowledge and understanding of the benefits and the risks associated with our watershed and the water it provides. Our community's economy and our residents' well-being are directly dependent on the health of our watershed. The risks are many and include drought, wildfires, mass earth movements (landslides), pollution and diversions.

The second film in the series, "This is Your Watershed: Upper San Juan River," is under production and shows how collaborating with other water organizations and stakeholders enrich our understanding of our San Juan River home. It is expected to be released later in the year.

The films will explain the water supply by using qualitative and quantitative data collected over decades. Risk management and Colorado River Compact compliance requirements will be incorporated into explanations of the needs of all water users.

The creation of this film series is part of the SJWCD's strategic plan to educate the Archuleta County community about the water resources

of the Upper San Juan River Basin and related issues, including climate change, future water needs, water resource planning, water conservation and the work of the SJWCD.

Organizations and individuals interested in organizing a showing of "The Value of Snow" should contact the SJWCD through sjwcd.org. More information is available through the SJWCD website.

## Sept. 22 lecture to focus on 'New Light on Chimney Rock: The Sun, the Moon, and the Great Supernova of 1054'

By Ana Murray  
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) will present a free lecture, "New Light on Chimney Rock: The Sun, the Moon, and the Great Supernova of 1054," in its lecture series. The lecture will be presented by Dr. McKim Malville.

The magnificent astronomy of Chimney Rock National Monument may have had its start in the decade of the 1050s when the residents of the high mesa discovered both the supernova of 1054 and the standstill moon appearing above their eastern horizon.

This talk will discuss the evolution of Chimney Rock into a major ceremonial site by 1093.

Of the world's many places where archaeological evidence of major lunar standstills has been discovered, Chimney Rock is unique in the depth and breadth of its astronomical and cultural complexities.

Malville obtained his BS in physics from Caltech. After spending a year in the Antarctic, he came to the University of Colorado and got his Ph.D. in solar physics. Malville's first teaching position was at the University of Michigan. Returning to Boulder, he was on the research staff of the High Altitude Observatory of NCAR, and then he moved back to the University of Colorado, where he served as chairman of the Department of Astro-Geophysics.

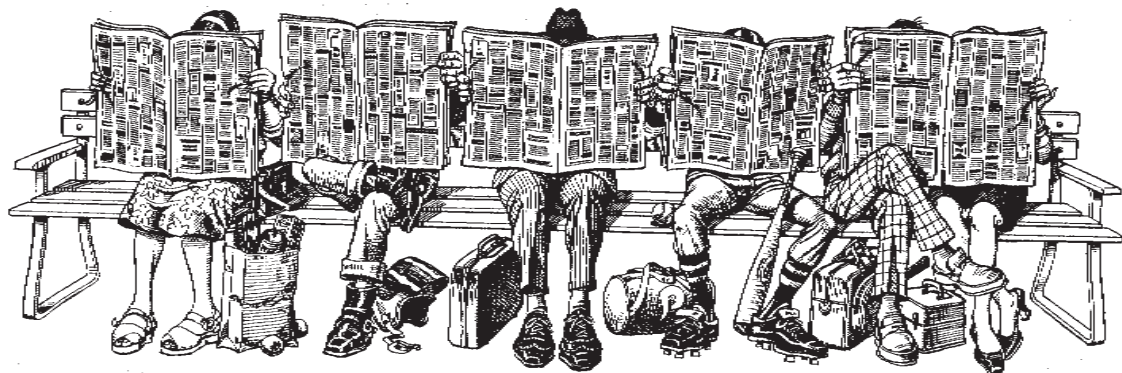
His research interests have ranged from the aurora, solar physics and,

more recently, archaeoastronomy. In 1997 he was a member of the team that revealed the world's oldest known megalithic astronomy at Nabta Playa near Abu Simbel in southern Egypt. In 2003 he was involved in the rediscovery of Llactapata and its sun temple, previously lost in a cloud forest near Machu Picchu. He is presently professor emeritus in the Department of Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences at the University of Colorado.

The lecture will be given on Sept. 22 in the Community United Methodist Church fellowship hall, located at 434 Lewis St. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. The talk will be from 7 to 8 p.m. with a short Q-and-A at the end.

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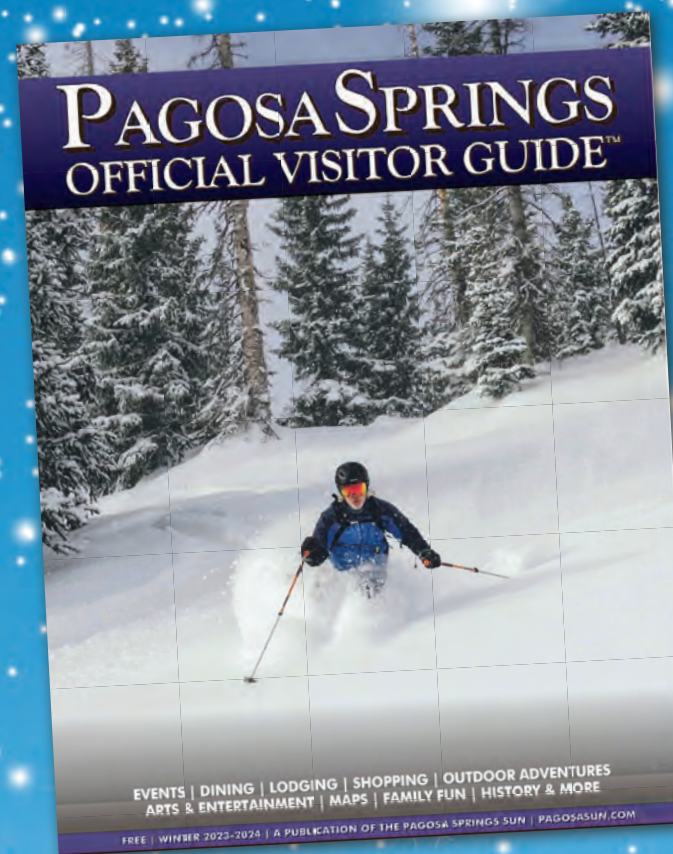
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# The Blotter

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**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**  
Aug. 26 — Information only, Flicker Lane.

Aug. 26 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Enchanted Place.

Aug. 26 — Violation of protection order-criminal, driving under restraint, lane usage violation, driving under the influence of alcohol, Ironwood Drive.

Aug. 26 — Not completed, County Road 982.

Aug. 26 — Second-degree motor vehicle theft, false reporting-false information, driving under restraint, Harman Park Drive, U.S. 160.

Aug. 26 — Lost and found, East U.S. 160.

Aug. 26 — Information only, Harman Park Drive.

Aug. 26 — Speeding 25 over maximum lawful speed limit, careless driving, Colo. 151.

Aug. 27 — Information only, Canyon Circle.

Aug. 27 — Recklessly discharges a firearm, cruelty to animals-neglect/mistreatment, County Road 500.

Aug. 28 — Violation of protection order-criminal, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, driving under the influence of alcohol, Hilltop Drive/River Run Drive.

Aug. 28 — Warrant arrest, River Run Drive.

Aug. 28 — Warrant arrest, Hilltop Drive.

Aug. 28 — Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, County Road 600.

Aug. 28 — Drug paraphernalia-possession, driving under the influence of drugs (all others), Badger Road.

Aug. 28 — Warrant arrest, Badger Road.

Aug. 29 — Not completed, Meadowlark Drive.

Aug. 29 — Information only, Railroad Court.

Aug. 29 — Information only, Bas-tille Drive.

Aug. 30 — Information only, West U.S. 160.

Aug. 30 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

Aug. 31 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, information only, Dandelion Drive.

Aug. 31 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Dandelion Drive.

Sept. 3 — Assault in the third degree, domestic violence, harassment, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, bias-motivated crimes-misdemeanor, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, driving under the influence of alcohol, Harman Park Drive/Park Avenue/North Pagosa Boulevard.

Sept. 3 — Agency assist, no location listed.

Sept. 4 — Information only, Colo. 151.

Sept. 4 — Information only, South 9th Street.

Sept. 5 — Driving under restraint, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, Jack Rabbit Road.

Sept. 5 — Dog at large, South Black-bear Place.

Sept. 5 — Information only, Dan-delion Drive.

Sept. 6 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Sept. 6 — Death investigation, Cloister Place.

Sept. 6 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Sept. 6 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Canyon Circle.

Sept. 6 — Speeding 20-24 over limit, driving under the influence of alcohol, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, Alpha Drive/Boulder Drive.

Sept. 7 — Information only, Beau-clar Place.

**Pagosa Springs Police Department**

Sept. 1 — Missing person, Talisman Drive.

Sept. 2 — Lost and found, South 2nd Street.

Sept. 2 — Careless driving, Country Center Drive.

Sept. 2 — First-degree criminal trespass motor vehicle, Aspen Village Drive.

Sept. 2 — Criminal trespass, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Sept. 3 — Careless driving, failed to notify police of accident, Eagle Drive.

Sept. 3 — Information only, South 8th Street.

Sept. 3 — Possession of a controlled substance-Schedule III, IV or V, drug paraphernalia-possession, assault in the third degree, menacing-intimidation (including stalking, threats), domestic violence, resisting arrest, South 8th Street.

Sept. 3 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Sept. 4 — Marijuana prohibited under age of 21/less than 12 ounces, South 8th Street.

Sept. 4 — Second-degree burglary-no force entry-nonresidence, Lewis Street.

Sept. 4 — Lost and found, Corner-stone Drive.

Sept. 4 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, Pagosa Street.

Sept. 4 — Follow-up, San Juan Street.

Sept. 4 — Follow-up, San Juan Street.

Sept. 5 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, South 6th Street.

Sept. 5 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, Aspen Village Drive.

Sept. 5 — Violation of a protection order-criminal, South 9th Street.

Sept. 5 — Violation of a protection order-criminal, Mesa Drive.

Sept. 6 — Camping prohibited in parks/rec facilities, San Juan Street.

Sept. 7 — Trespass warning, warrant arrest, Pagosa Street.

Sept. 7 — Lost and found, East Pagosa Street.

Sept. 7 — Violation of protection order-criminal, warrant arrest, East Pagosa Street.

Sept. 7 — Violation of protection order-criminal, resisting arrest, Pagosa Street/East Pagosa Street.

Sept. 8 — Nuisance/noisy animal, South 6th Street.

Sept. 9 — Nuisance/animal running at large, San Juan Street.

Sept. 9 — Lost and found, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Sept. 10 — Driving under restraint, Majestic Drive.

Sept. 10 — Drug paraphernalia-possession, assault in the third degree, criminal mischief under \$300 private, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Aspen Village Drive.

Sept. 10 — Criminal mischief, San Juan Street.

Sept. 10 — Child abuse, South 8th Street.

Sept. 11 — Left scene without providing information after striking unattended vehicle or property, Country Center Drive.

Sept. 11 — Vehicle accident no injuries, South 10th Street.

Sept. 11 — Criminal tampering, South 9th Street.

Sept. 12 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, Country Center Drive.

Sept. 12 — Harassment by phone or computer injury or damage threat DV, Aspen Village Drive.

Sept. 12 — Lost and found, Pagosa Street.

Sept. 13 — Shoplifting/conceals article for sale, U.S. 84.

Sept. 13 — Trespass warning, Country Center Drive.

Sept. 13 — Assault in the third de-

gree, U.S. 84.

Sept. 13 — Driving under restraint-alcohol/drug related, signal lamp viola-tion, North 2nd Street.

Sept. 14 — Warrant arrest, Great West Avenue.

Sept. 14 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Sept. 14 — Criminal mischief, Talisman Drive.

Sept. 14 — Lost/found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards**

Aug. 12 — Dallas Rivas, failed to obey lane use control signal, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

Aug. 12 — Frank Pretzchendorfer, failed to yield to oncoming traffic when making a left turn, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$116.

Aug. 12 — Joann Granados-Tapia, following too closely, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

Aug. 12 — John Santistevan, following too closely, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$116.

Aug. 12 — Gloria Valdez, failed to yield to oncoming traffic when making a left turn, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$116.

Aug. 12 — Wade Beiriger, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$72.

Aug. 12 — Allisianna Marquez-Baker, following too closely, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

Aug. 26 — Juvenile, illegal possession or consumption by underage person, 20 hours community service, six months supervised probation, costs and fees — \$170.

Aug. 26 — Cody Mills, careless driving, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$202.

Aug. 26 — Charadee Muniz, impeded normal flow of traffic on high-way, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$102.

Aug. 26 — Gregory Payne, vehicle crossed roadway, dividing space, median or barrier in an unlawful manner, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$116.

Aug. 27 — Joshua Holdren, prohib-ited acts-remain in any park between dusk and dawn, fine and costs — \$100.

Aug. 27 — Kayden Potter, shoplift-ing, fine and costs — \$135.

Aug. 27 — Jason Hollar, consume or possess an open container of alcohol in a public place, fine and costs — \$85.

Aug. 27 — Jacob Lucero, prohibited acts-to camp, sleep or reside overnight in any park, fine and costs — \$135.

**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**

Aug. 28 — Jose Antonio Ascencio Guizar, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Aug. 28 — Justin T. J. Roach, driving under FRA suspension, fines and costs — \$142.50.

Aug. 28 — Glenn Martin Jasper, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

Aug. 28 — Robert J. Chenault, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Aug. 28 — Jessie Michael Elledge, obstructing a peace officer, 12 months unsupervised probation, fines and costs — \$199.50.

Aug. 29 — Adolph Joseph Benys Jr., failed to stop at stop sign, fines and costs — \$105.

Aug. 30 — Jameson Travis Mendel, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Sept. 4 — Klayton Funderburgh, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Sept. 4 — Stephen P. Flowers, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Sept. 4 — Trenton Paul Engelking, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Sept. 4 — Rachel Yalon Dudzik,

speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Sept. 4 — Jeremy D. Boswell, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$120.

Sept. 4 — Jacob Roberto Sabo, stand-up paddleboard without personal flotation device, fines and costs — \$133.50.

Sept. 4 — Matthew Ryan Pacheco, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Sept. 4 — Jeannine Rene Price, drug paraphernalia-possession, fines and costs — \$91.

Sept. 4 — Stephen Bret Williams III, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Sept. 4 — Malinda Hart, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Sept. 4 — Brittany Karen Hemrick James, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Sept. 4 — Dustin M. Caldwell, minimum safety standards for motorcycles, minimum safety standards for motorcycles, minimum safety standards for motorcycles, fines and costs — \$195.

Sept. 4 — Lauren Carol McPeak, violation p/o-criminal, seven months probation, fines and costs — \$614.50.

Sept. 4 — Caleb Thomas Massey, driving under the influence, 48 hours community service, 12 months proba-tion, 10 days electronic surveillance, fines and costs — \$1,320.50.

Sept. 4 — Anna M. Ball, driving under the influence, 48 hours com-munity service, 10 days electronic surveillance, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,440.80.

Sept. 4 — Jason Ward, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Sept. 4 — Donnell J. Reval, speed-ing 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Sept. 5 — John Clarence Brayton, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

Sept. 5 — Paige L. Croniser, speed-ing 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$240.50.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**

Aug. 28 — Dylan Brent Sanchez, controlled substance-possession, assault 3-know/reckless cause in-jury, 120 days jail, fines and costs — \$1,341.50.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**

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## Last chance to order seed mixes

By Cynthia Purcell  
San Juan Conservation District

The San Juan Conservation District is offering local landowners the opportunity to purchase a variety of seed mixtures specially developed to provide a ground cover that requires very little watering.

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## Rio Grande National Forest to feature 'All Things Sandhill Crane' in Forest Specialist Series

U.S. Forest Service

Join the Rio Grande National Forest on Wednesday, Sept. 25, for the September edition of the Forest Specialist Series.

This month, we're learning about sandhill cranes as they make their way back to the San Luis Valley to spend the next couple of months refueling.

We'll talk about crane biology,

migration, habitat needs, good places to see them in the fall — basically, all things sandhill crane.

Specialist speaker Suzanne Beauchaine is the refuge manager for the Monte Vista and Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, where the staff work all year to provide habitat for sandhill cranes when they are here and for the multitudes of other migratory birds.

The program will be held live on-

line on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m. Visit the Rio Grande National Forest website or Facebook page for event information.

This event is part of the Rio Grande National Forest's Forest Specialist Series, a monthly online presentation to share information with our community. Brought to you in partnership with the San Juan Mountains Association, we hope you'll join us to learn more about your local public lands.



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## Changing of leaves signals additional mountain traffic

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

As summer turns to fall, the Colorado Department of Transportation is reminding drivers to anticipate additional traffic in the high country over the next few weekends as people head out to see the autumn leaves.

Mountain roads see increased traffic when the aspens begin turning to red and gold, so drivers and photo-takers standing and walking along roadways need to watch out for each other.

Be a smart leaf peeper with the following tips:

- Beware of other vehicles that may be traveling at lower speeds.
- Watch for vehicles pulling off the roadways and vehicles parked along the roadside.
- Find safe, designated areas to park.
- Drivers, be aware of pedestrians. People will be out of their vehicles, often taking photos.
- Pedestrians also should be extremely diligent and watch out for passing vehicles.

In addition, it is a great time to kick off the autumn travel season with Colorado Byways Roadtrip Weekend

Sept. 27-29. That weekend aligns with National Public Lands Day on Sept. 28.

Pairing up a beautiful scenic drive along with the popular enjoyment and volunteer conservation of public lands can provide an economic boost to rural communities. The bonus: Admission to the national parks and monuments is free on National Public Lands Day.

For more information, visit <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nps-celebrates/public-lands-day.htm>.

For more on the state's 26 scenic and historic byways, visit <https://www.codot.gov/travel/colorado-byways>, where you can learn fun facts, estimated drive times, key attractions, route length and more.

Another resource is [www.cotrip.org](http://www.cotrip.org) and the COtrip Planner App, where you can plan your route ahead of time by clicking on the scenic byways layer on the layers menu.

CDOT also is reminding drivers that highway work zones are possible, even on weekends. Although most projects shut down for the weekend, some may take advantage of favorable fall weather to continue construction activities before winter weather stops work until the spring.



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## Pagosa Area Trails Coalition seeking more funds to clear trails

By **Clayton Chaney**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Trails Coalition (PATC) went before the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) during a work session on Tuesday, Sept. 10, to make a funding request to help support its effort in clearing trails in the Pagosa Springs area.

PATC board president Bob Milford explained to the BOCC that the organization has been focusing on its clear the trails campaign over the past few years "because we had so many trees fall on our trails."

Milford noted that the organization has cleared "well over 30,000 trees in the last five years."

In 2018, about 50 percent of local trails were closed due to trees falling and covering trails, making them extremely difficult to navigate, Milford explained.

He noted that, since 2019, the PATC has been using a mobile app to track the amount of trees that have been cleared on our local trails.

Milford indicated that data recorded in the app shows that more than 400 miles of trails have been cleared since then.

Milford went on to mention that the PATC works with the U.S. Forest Service to recruit and hire trail clearing crews.

He noted that the PATC has had

success hiring crews through the American Conservation Experience, which mostly consists of college students looking for a summer gig.

Milford mentioned that through his own experience working with the PATC he's learned that "clearing trails is a young-person sport."

The PATC has raised more than \$500,000 in grants and through local funding over the past five years, Milford added.

He explained that it costs roughly \$50 per tree that gets cleared and that PATC aims to clear more than 5,000 trees each summer.

Milford requested \$50,000 from the county's 2025 Conservation Trust Fund account, noting that any amount awarded would be greatly appreciated.

He also mentioned that any funds the county chooses to award would be used within Archuleta County limits to comply with Conservation Trust Fund uses.

"I know these funds need to be spent in Archuleta County," he said.

Milford explained that the PATC is applying for a grant with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) for \$180,000 to \$200,000.

Milford also explained that he has met with Hinsdale and Mineral counties to request funding, but that those two counties would only be able to offer a letter of support for the grant application.

The PATC has been awarded grants in the past from CPW for the amounts of \$120,000 and \$150,000, Milford indicated.

He noted that the organization prefers to apply for grants that have a three-year cycle of funding, as compared to a one-year cycle.

Milford noted that if the PATC is awarded the next grant, the funds will be used throughout the 2025, 2026 and 2027 hiking seasons.

Milford also noted a lot of the trail clearing occurs at higher altitudes among Engelmann spruce species in designated wilderness areas, where use of machinery is prohibited, so crews must use cross-cut saws to cut and remove fallen trees from trails.

Milford mentioned that tree clearing needs to be done yearly and that the region has a lot of connecting trails that go to the Continental Divide Trail, which runs from Mexico to Canada.

The PATC works with multiple local outdoors organizations that assist in their trail-clearing efforts, Milford added.

"We've had so much support from all the different user groups," Milford said.

The BOCC commented on the importance of trail clearing, indicating the board would consider the item during the next fiscal year.

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## Blood drive results in 63 people donating 73 units

By **Sharee Grazda**  
Special to The SUN

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It may seem early to be thinking of events in December, but the next drive at Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive, will be Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

One week from the holiday, everyone busy with plans — but emergency surgery, traumatic injury,

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Thank you for doing your part to support patients in need.

## LPEA seeking community input

By **Amanda Anderson**  
La Plata Electric Association

In celebration of National Co-op Month this October, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) announced a series of focus group discussions aimed at shaping the future of the cooperative.

LPEA is seeking applicants for focus groups made up of cooperative members. Feedback received will contribute to the development of energy programs and decisions.

Dates and locations:

- Oct. 1: Pagosa Springs, noon to 2 p.m.
- Oct. 3: Durango, noon to 2 p.m.
- Oct. 8: Virtual, noon to 2 p.m.
- Oct. 21: Pagosa Springs, 5 to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 22: Durango, 5 to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 29: Virtual 5 to 7 p.m.

Members can sign up for a session via the form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1E12mBhg1UlrPbVSwgu17OS5Oey0iTOcZp-DTsjHETlm86aw/viewform>.

### RECREATION NEWS

## Registration now open for winter sports and activities

By **Matt Zaborowski**  
Town of Pagosa Springs

The Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for all winter sports and activities, including basketball, arts and crafts, open gym sessions, and youth fitness.

The registration fee will be \$45 for the first child and \$25 for the second child.

Youth fitness and open gym sessions will be \$10 drop-in fee for the first child and \$5 for the second.

Online registration is available through the town website at [pagosaspings.co.gov](http://pagosaspings.co.gov) or in person at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

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# ColorFest

Sept. 20-22



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September 19, 2024

# Celebrate the season at ColorFest Sept. 20-22

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

ColorFest 2024 is upon us and, with a hopeful weather pattern, we should have two days of hot air balloons, a delicious and entertaining Passport to Pagosa Food Festival, a rockin' Bands and Brews event and a picturesque Color Run to round out the weekend.

One of the most important additions to the weekend is there will be free shuttle service from the Reservoir Hill parking lot and Mary Fisher Park to the Town Park athletic

field both Friday night for the Passport and Saturday for the Brew Festival. We'll talk about that more later in the article.

## Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival

ColorFest weekend will kick off with the Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival on Friday evening, Sept. 20.

Numerous restaurants, food truck vendors and cater-  
■ See ColorFest on next page

## Live Performers



### Thursday

**Coyote Moon Lounge:** Man Next Door Uncovered, 8 p.m.

**Liberty Theatre:** Johnny Nicholas, 7 p.m.

**Pagosa Springs Golf Course:** Bob Hemenger, 5 p.m.

**The Pagosa Bar:** Karaoke, 7 p.m.

### Friday

**Coyote Moon Lounge:** Vincent Koehl, 6 p.m.

**Meltdown on Main:** Unexpected Em, 5:30 p.m.

**Mountain Pizza and Taproom:** Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.

**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** John Blackdog, 5 p.m.

### Saturday

**Coyote Moon Lounge:** Escape the Badlands, 7 p.m.

**East Side Market:** Open mic, 11 a.m.

**Mountain Pizza and Taproom:** Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.

**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** John Blackdog, 5 p.m.

### Sunday

**Coyote Moon Lounge:** Cooper Lavalley, 6 p.m.

**Mountain Pizza and Taproom:** Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.

### Monday

**Coyote Moon Lounge:** San Juan Mountain Boys, 5 p.m.

**Mountain Pizza and Taproom:** Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday

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

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# ColorFest

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 ers will be serving up delicious tastes of food to be paired with some fabulous domestic and imported wines. There will be some tasty red wines from Italy, Spain and Argentina, as well as cool rosés and a selection of sparkling wines and refreshing whites.

These restaurants really go out of their way to serve up the best of their fare as they also vie for awards throughout the night.

Attendees receive a collectible wine glass, more tickets for food and wine this year than in the past, guaranteed seating, a VIP gift and stellar entertainment.

This year homegrown talent and singing sensation Maxwell Miller will perform for our evening of fun. The event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m.

## Bands and Brews Festival

On Saturday afternoon, Sept. 22, the Bands and Brews Festival will take place in the athletic field from 4 to 8 p.m.

Two great musical groups, numerous breweries, cideries and distilleries will be on hand to rock the park.

CW Ayon will return after a hiatus of several years. His beautiful voice and uplifting music will get the show started at 4 p.m. Closing out the day will be Sol Over Luna from Denver. This high-energy band will be entertaining and will engage all those who want to dance.

Spirits and quaffs from around the state will be on hand to quench the thirsts and expand the connoisseurs' palette. We will also have some non-alcoholic seltzers for tasting. There will also be some new and returning food vendors, as well as some craft and youth-oriented vendors to round out the day.

For those not wanting to partake of the beer tasting, wine by the glass will be available for sale. A general admission ticket is required to enter the event; however, you are not able to taste the beers and ciders unless a beer-tasting ticket is purchase.

Tickets for the Passport to Pagosa and Bands and Brews events are still available online or you may purchase them at the door. Visit [www.pagosa-chamber.com](http://www.pagosa-chamber.com) for tickets.

## Shuttle service

Running both Friday evening and Saturday afternoon will be the new complimentary shuttle service

to better utilize the parking areas along San Juan Street, Mary Fisher Park and the parking are at the base of Reservoir Hill. Continuous shuttles will be running to get you to the event and back to your cars.

It will run from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday night and 3:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday. Please make use of this new service. Don't run the risk of parking illegally on Hermosa Street or the alleyway. Use the shuttle service and be comfortable.

## Hot air balloons

The hot air balloons will launch from the downtown area south of The Springs Resort on Saturday, Sept. 21, with balloons starting to inflate at about 7:30 a.m.

Spectators will not be allowed on the field where the balloons are launching. Parking is available at the Town Hall parking lot and businesses along Hot Springs Boulevard that are

■ See ColorFest on next page

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The annual clothing giveaway hosted by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is set for Oct. 18 and 19, with collection taking place in the days leading up to the giveaway.

## St. Patrick's Episcopal Church annual clothing giveaway, collection dates announced

By Michelle Chapman  
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Tired of your same old wardrobe? Start cleaning out your closets and drawers.

St. Patrick's will be accepting light-

ly used, clean winter clothing and boots for all ages each day the week of Oct. 14-18 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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to help you find just the right item for your loved ones at home.

Veterans are welcome to come make their selections on Oct. 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. We will be open for everyone on Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon.

## ColorFest

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closed on Saturday.

The view from the parking area at the base of Reservoir Hill is a wonderful place to watch the balloons inflate and launch with plenty of parking available.

On Sunday, the balloons will launch on the west end of town at the same time of day. The balloons will launch around the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Recreation Center, PLPOA Clubhouse and Eagle's Loft area. Spectator parking will not be allowed at the PLPOA Recreation Center or along U.S. 160. There are many locations throughout the west side of town where you can park and view the balloons.

Please do not block roads or highways to take your pictures on either day.

### Color Run/Walk

Also on Saturday morning, Sept. 21, Aspen House and Aspen House Services will host the annual Color Run/Walk.

This event takes place in Yamaguchi Park and begins at 8 a.m. with registration opening at 7:30 a.m. Your registration supports an important organization in our community as well as getting you a race T-shirt that will be doused with lots of color all throughout the course. This is a fun

and colorful event.

It is a beautiful weekend to celebrate the season of autumn, cooler temperatures, and the tastes and

energy of Pagosa Springs.

If you have questions about the weekend's events, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

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The eighth annual Community Fall Picnic and Raffle is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pagosa Catholic Community Pavilion at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. There will be family-friendly games, live music and free BBQ provided by the Knights of Columbus Council #7560. All are welcome.

## Community Fall Picnic and Raffle set for Sept. 22

By Roxanne Schick  
Pagosa Catholic Community

The eighth annual Community Fall Picnic and Raffle will be held on Sunday, Sept. 22, at the Pagosa Catholic Community Pavilion from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is a free event and everyone in the community is welcome. There will be free BBQ lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus Council #7560 at the Pagosa Catholic Community Pavilion, 353 South Pagosa Blvd. There will also be games for the kids and snow cones.

Taking the stage at 11 a.m. will be the Retrocats Band, who will provide part of the entertainment during the

event. The Retrocats have performed at numerous local events and have a large fan following. As the name implies, they cut their musical teeth during the '60s and '70s, and happily serve up a mix of classic rock, blues and country for your dancing and listening pleasure.

And, for a surprise number, Jocelyn Martinez, choir and theateric director of Bloomfield High School in New Mexico, will be singing at our event.

One cannot talk about the festival without mentioning the popular brown bag raffle, which includes donations from many local businesses. Tickets will be available that day for \$1 each. With the brown bag

raffle, you must be present to win. Winning tickets will be pulled starting at 2 p.m.

Rounding out the festivities is a separate all-cash raffle. The grand Prize is \$1,500, followed by \$750 for second prize, \$450 for third prize, \$200 for fourth prize and \$100 for the fifth prize.

Tickets are \$10 each and winners do not need to be present to win.

Tickets for this raffle may be purchased in advance at Pope John Paul II Church at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. from 9 a.m. to noon (Monday through Friday), or at the Chamber of Commerce and at the event.

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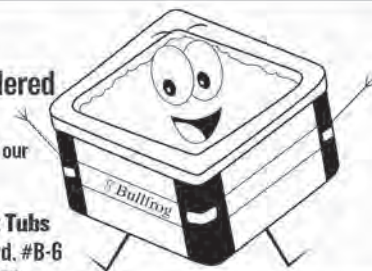
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# Mountain Chile Cha Cha autumn celebration set for Sept. 28

By Jacque Aragon  
Special to The PREVIEW

Come and join us in celebrating the vibrant colors of fall and the southwest green chile harvest.

Indulge in the Mexican beer garden, green chile cook-off and tasting, margarita contest and tasting, and groove to the live music by Sangre Joven and Str8 Shot.

To guarantee a top-notch experience for all, we are implementing a \$10 entry fee, and those 12 and under are free to get into our event. We have expanded the music lineup to provide an even more entertaining experience. We appreciate your understanding as we strive to make this event the best.

A portion of the event proceeds will support the Patty Aragon Memorial. It will be donated to Aspire, the only prenatal care clinic, pregnancy center and parenting education program in Pagosa Springs.

Thank you for being a part of our community; we look forward to seeing you there.

Register for the Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic by visiting [ilovegreenchile.com](http://ilovegreenchile.com) today.

## The happenings

The Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic at 12:30 p.m. Home and commercial cooks will compete for the best green chile.

The margarita contest and tasting will also be at 12:30 p.m. Local restaurants and bars will compete for the best margarita.

## WHIPS luncheon set for Sept. 24

By Nancy Ford  
Women Helping in Pagosa Springs

WHIPS, Women Helping in Pagosa Springs, will have their monthly luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 11:30 a.m. at Elk Trace Manor off Steven's Lake Road.

The cost is \$20 and a desert chocolate dipping for our Scholarship Fund will be \$15 for one plate and \$25 for two plates.

We must have you RSVP to (970) 946-1895. All women are welcome.



Photo courtesy Justin Treptow

The annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha, set for Sept. 28, celebrates fall and the southwest green chile harvest, as well as featuring a green chile cook-off and margarita contest.

Live Music by Sangre Joven and Str8 Shot will begin at 12:30 p.m. featuring Americano/Latin music.

The Mexican beer garden will open at 10 a.m.

Hatch green chiles will be roasted on-site all day starting at 10 a.m.

The Kids Corner will open at noon for fun and crafts for kiddos.

## Trail races canceled

Pagosa Fun! regrets to announce that the Chile Cha Cha 5k/10k trail races have been postponed this year due to ongoing construction on Light Plant Road, which could affect the course access.

While we won't be hosting the trail races this year, we encourage you to attend the Mountain Chile Cha Cha and Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic. The Cha Cha will open the entry gate at 11:30 on Sept. 28.

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Team Rebel Women hope to raise awareness as Leslee Vause, Joanne Howell and Candace Shapiro join forces to advocate for Rise Above Violence programs as one of the teams for this year's Runway for Rise event.

## Runway for Rise tickets sold out, other ways to support continue

By Dee McPeek  
Rise Above Violence

We're excited and a little sad to report all tickets for Runway for Rise are sold out.

We know there are still many of you hoping to attend. We have created a waitlist for last-minute cancellations. Go to [riseaboveviolence.org](http://riseaboveviolence.org), select "Purchase Runway Tickets" and sign up to be notified if any spots open up. If you have purchased a ticket that you cannot use, please notify [annie@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:annie@riseaboveviolence.org) so another supporter can attend.

While your opportunity to attend may have ended, your opportunity to make a difference has not. Your favorite teams are still asking for your voting dollars. They are working hard to raise the most money in votes and take home the Pagosa Prada Award.

Those dollars translate directly into incredible support for victims of domestic violence in Pagosa. Just go to [riseaboveviolence.org](http://riseaboveviolence.org) and reward your favorite teams with your money.

This week's featured team, Rebel Women, explained they "have joined in this wonderful event to bring recognition to a critical issue. We look forward to working hard to help educate our family, friends and community to the efforts of RISE and the support it provides to domestic violence victims."

We're proud to announce that the evening will include one special silent auction item for bidding. This unique piece of art, created by Sueyel Grace, is very meaningful for Rise Above Violence and will only be available on Oct. 5. Bidding will be open before and after the show and the highest bidder will take home this amazing piece of artwork.

All money raised through the silent auction, wine pull and team voting will go directly to Rise programs.

This organization has a multifaceted approach to violence in our community. Did you know representatives are willing to come talk to your group and provide general information all the way up to professional training specialized to your needs? Presentations range from sexual harassment prevention in your workplace, to how to help a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault in your neighborhood, workplace, or as a friend or colleague. Rise has worked with local clergy, educators, employers, health care systems and other allied professionals to become increasingly trauma-informed in ways to get involved so victims don't stay trapped in silence. Call Carmen at (970) 264-1129, ext. 1 for more information.

Questions? Contact Event Coordinator Annie Gian at [annie@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:annie@riseaboveviolence.org). Thank you for adding the fun to this fundraiser.

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Get ready for a night of toe-tapping tunes and unforgettable entertainment as the Jackson Mountain Ramblers take the stage at the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs' ninth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance on Oct. 12.

## Jackson Mountain Ramblers to play for ninth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance

By Donna Mosher  
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

If you love dancing the two-step and joining a crowd in a lively line dance, you won't want to miss the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs' ninth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance with fun live music by the Jackson Mountain Ramblers.


Based in Pagosa Springs, the Jackson Mountain Ramblers bring a joy-filled and energetic performance of musical craftsmanship to the stage. This acoustic band is known for catchy arrangements of popular hits from the '60s, '70s and '80s, with a few originals thrown in the mix.

Their motto is "Playing music we love for people we love."

Coming together a few years ago, the Jackson Mountain Ramblers planned to play only a couple of shows at the behest of a friend. They found their music was contagious, and people demanded more.


"For the past few years, we'd get together at one of our houses on random evenings and work on songs into the night," said vocalist Jason Rose. "Now we play in the area a couple times a month. Folks have a fun time, and we have a fun, creative outlet. We love being able to choose

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# Community Band fall concert announced

By Michelle Chapman  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society is proud to announce its Fall Concert Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) auditorium at 800 S. 8th St.

Your community band will perform several pieces selected by our conductors — Malinda Burnett, Dan Burch and Leo Baughman.

All our concerts are free of charge. However, we do gratefully accept donations to support our band and

contribute to educational music programs in town. Once again this year we have provided two PSHS graduates with scholarships to continue their music education, and will be purchasing a set of chimes for the high school band.

The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society Community Band is made up of local folks who love to play together. We welcome all ages and abilities — if you are willing to practice and learn, there is still time to join us for our fall concert.

Rehearsals are Sundays from 2 to

4 p.m. in the high school band room through Oct. 6. The dress rehearsal will be Thursday before the concert at 7 p.m.

If you are not quite ready to join this fall, come to the concert and introduce yourself and join us for our next.

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

# Dance

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music from our collective pasts that speak to our souls and to others. It makes us smile when we see how it makes other people smile."

The Jackson Mountain Ramblers offer soaring vocals, rich harmonies, a virtuosic saxophone and soul-thumping bass, along with accordion and acoustic guitar.

Add in tambourines, shakers, cajon, guiro, vibraslap, triangle and, of course, cowbell, and you have an evening of dancing and toe-tapping delight.

The Jackson Mountain Ramblers play fun and meaningful music they love for people they love. We think you'll love them, too.

Come find out for yourself at the barn dance on Oct. 12 from 7 to 10 p.m. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the Archuleta County Extension building. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. You can purchase tickets at the Chamber, Exit Realty or from your favorite Rotarian. Chuckwagon dinner tickets are available for \$15.

The barn dance always sells out, so buy your tickets soon. You help the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs support key projects, including

the Pagosa Outreach Connection, scholarships for local graduates, dictionaries for our third-graders, the Rotary Youth Exchange and community grants.

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is a vibrant organization committed to making a positive impact locally and globally. By raising funds and organizing volunteer efforts, the club supports impactful projects within the community and extends a helping hand to impoverished regions around the world. This dual mission reflects Rotary's commitment to humanitarian values and the belief in making a difference on a broader scale.

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1.4 million members worldwide, Rotary International is a service organization that brings together dedicated individuals to exchange ideas, build relationships, take action, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Exemplifying the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," local Rotary clubs provide support for local and international projects that improve the lives of others.

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# Unitarian Universalists add small-group ministry program

By De Anna L. Hoyle  
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

A renewed offering is beginning at the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. As we ease into the start of a new school and church year, we are adding Going Deeper-Small Group Ministry to our monthly programs.

This month, and into October our small group focus will be on "What the World Needs Now: Universalism in a Polarized Age."

The Sunday services have given us food for thought, and we will ponder questions in a safe, welcoming environment. This week the exploration takes us on a journey of curiosity into the following:

- Fear and its influence.
- The challenge of "Us vs. Them."
- Politics and identity.
- Our personal actions and ac-

countability.

We invite participants to bring a sack lunch if you choose, and treats and beverages will be provided.

We meet at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. on the north side facing Pagosa Peak.

What is small-group ministry for Unitarian Universalists (UUs)?

The following information is from UUA.org, the UU Association's website.

We embrace that ministry happens in relationship. Small-group ministry deepens and expands the ministry of a congregation by providing an intentional container for those relationships.

Small-group ministry provides several key patterns in congregational life:

- Intimacy or building community and deepening relationships.
- Ultimacy or providing opportunity for deeper spiritual exploration

and search for meaning.

• Group pastoral care or listening deeply to one another as each shares stories of their life journey. Deeper needs can be communicated to the minister or lay spiritual care team.

• Stickiness or the likelihood that people will feel that the congregation is their spiritual home.

• Accountability or the practice of being in covenantal relationship by making an intentional commitment to one another in service of the gathered group and its higher purpose.

• Leadership development for facilitators by practicing and getting support.

We welcome all interested in this timely topic to join us for contemplation and deep listening with fellow seekers. Attendance at the Sunday service is not necessary or required to attend this program, but all are invited to attend our added fifth Sunday, Sept. 29, as we continue the series and hear a sermon entitled "The Underdog," exploring how power and vulnerability impacts the call of Universalism.

# Spiritual Experiences Group to be at WholeExpo in Durango

By Laurah Brock Young  
Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

Would you like to learn more about Eckankar?

Would you like to attend a fun and holistic educational event?

The Spiritual Experiences Groups of Pagosa Springs and Durango will be co-hosts at the Eckankar booth during the WholeExpo in Durango Sept. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m to 5 p.m. each day.

This expo brings together participants with conscious, holistic and ecological perspectives to invest in the Earth, your health and your spiritual life.

One of the members of the Spiritual Experiences Group will be giving a talk on Saturday titled "The Secrets of Divine Creativity."

We would enjoy meeting you

and will be giving out free ECK Wisdom books on topics such as past lives, dreams, soul travel and other spiritual-related topics. Our booth will have a Wisdom Wheel that you can spin for a playful way to receive spiritual insights.

The expo will be held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds located at 2500 N. Main Ave. in Durango, in the main hall.

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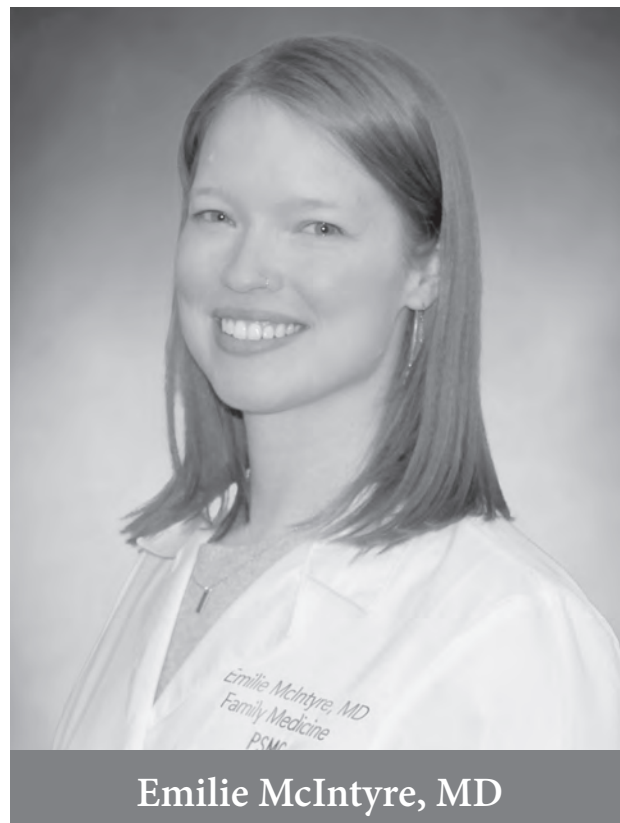
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# SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure  
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

Spiritual topics are discussed every Tuesday at the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center.

## Upcoming events

Sept. 24, 6 p.m.: Illuminations lecture series, "How Toxic Environmental Factors Affect Your Health and How to De-Tox" with Dave Carpenter, author, naturopathic doctor and veterans supporter. A love donation will be accepted.

Sept. 29, 11 a.m.: Wolfwood Refuge Tour with Paula Woerner and picnic with pipe ceremony with

Grandmother Fire Eagle and Shayla White Eagle.

Oct. 1, 6 p.m.: Illuminations lecture series, Grandmother Fire Eagle, "Messages from Mother Mary." A love donation will be accepted.

Oct. 8, 6 p.m.: Illuminations lecture series, "Astrology Basics 101: How the Signs Were Made" with Candace Isenberg, astrologer. A love donation will be accepted.

Oct. 12 and 13: Tibetan Master Sound Healer and Shaman Scott Maki sound bowl concert and workshop. Tickets are on sale now. Contact (970) 510-0309.

## About us

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is a 501(c)(3). We are an all-inclusive community honoring all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine. We are the "Good Vibe Tribe" who practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

The vision of SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is to empower each participating member to become their "best self." Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through self empowerment and awareness of the creator's divinity.

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes, and knowledge.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309.

# Good News Club for kids set to start Sept. 20

By Frank and Connie Porter  
Special to The PREVIEW

A Good News Club is scheduled to begin on Sept. 20 at Pagosa Springs Elementary School for kids in kindergarten through fourth grades. This club meets in the fitness room each Friday that school is in session from 1:15 to 3:15 pm.

A Good News Clubs is an exciting fun-filled weekly club in which the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. We also teach respect for authority, character qualities and moral values. To register for the club, use the registration form

that was in the Tuesday take-home folder.

Kids Kare is a Good News Club for 3- to 5-year-olds. It meets each Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive.

There is no charge for the programs and all kids from any school or home-schooled are welcome to come. The volunteers for all clubs are screened before we invite them to join the team.

For more information about these clubs for kids, email Frank and Connie Porter at ceflittlekids@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing your kids at their club.

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# God desires relationship

By Joyce Holdread  
PREVIEW Columnist

My dog argues with me. When I'm gathering my keys, my wallet and heading for the door, I tell her she can't come this time. She scrambles forward with an insistent bark and looks me straight in the eye: "But I wanna go with you." And this is OK because she's engaged in a relationship with me. She's communicating her true desires and her affection for me.

When Jesus chose his disciples, Mark's gospel relates He appointed the 12 first "that they might be with him" (Mark 3:14-15, NIV). The Son of Man and God wanted human companionship. Again, when visiting his friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus, He commends Mary for sitting at his feet, soaking up his words, and for her lavish expression of love in her outpouring of expensive perfume upon his feet. In comparison, her sister, Martha, while well-intentioned, was preoccupied with all the preparations involved in her welcoming hospitality. Her warm gesture was not wrong, but Jesus wanted to call her from her fears and frets into a deeper relationship with Him.

This yearning for relationship is reiterated throughout the Old Testament, as well.

God, via his prophets, constantly repeats to the nation of Israel: "I shall be your God, and you shall be my people" and "I will remove your heart of stone, and replace it with a heart of flesh" (Exodus 6:7; Jeremiah 31:33; Ezekiel 11:19-20, 36:26-28, NIV). But his people, like us today, oft times honored Him with their lips, while their hearts were far from Him, their worship composed only of the rituals and regulations imposed by men (Isaiah 29:13, Ezekiel 11:19-20, NIV). Yet the prophet declared the Lord's longing to extend his graciousness to them, His ascending to show them compassion, his bestowing of blessing on all who waited for Him (Isaiah 30:18, NIV). Longing, graciousness, rising, compassion, blessing, waiting — all themes of deep connection. The prophet continues — in their anguish, God suffered anguish, and his love and mercy redeemed them. Even when they grieved Him, He lifted them up and carried them (Isaiah 63:9, NIV). Anguish and empathy; love, mercy, redemption; lifting and carrying in the midst of grief — all words of throbbing relationship.

But relationship flows both ways. We love Him because He first loved us and called us into relationship. Rites or rules learned by rote don't bring us closer to God. Nor does obtaining knowledge about God forge deep bonds with our creator. Faced with the Pharisees' austere, legal demands of the way we should "worship" God, Jesus said His Father desired mercy and not sacrifice, the acknowledgment of His presence in our lives, not burnt offerings (Hosea 6:6, NIV). When his people were bemoaning the lack of God's response when they brought Him their sacrifices of calves, and rams,

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and doves, and rivers of oil, the prophet Micah reminded them: "He has shown you, O man, ... what the Lord requires of you: To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God," (Micah 6:8, NIV). These are the characteristics of relationship, not multistep formulas or collected knowledge.

Lastly, all healthy relationships make room for disagreement, doubt, or bargaining. The historical heavy-weights of Judeo-Christian scripture — Abraham, Moses, David, Peter, James, John, Thomas — all conversed candidly with God, brought audacious requests to the table, violated divinely prescribed boundaries to fulfill human

need, openly questioned and exposed their doubts. There was no slavish kowtowing, or relating at arm's length, or rebellious reactions. They were engaged in authentic relationship with their creator. Thus, they were heard, respected and responded to.

Increasingly, my dog is gaining this status as well.

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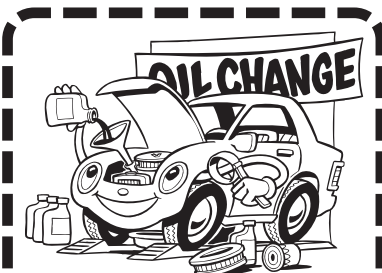
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ANSWER:



Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

The Sottek family, who moved to Pagosa Springs in 2023, made several connections at the annual Archuleta Health Fair and Expo. This year's event is set for Oct. 19.

## Archuleta Health Fair and Expo planned for Oct. 19

Healthy Archuleta

Heidi and Tom Sottek moved to Pagosa in 2023. Being new to town and with Tom Sottek working for the Springs Resort focusing on people and culture, they decided to attend the first Archuleta Health Fair and Expo put on by Healthy Archuleta.

With their recent move from Tennessee including four kids in tow, they were excited and eager to establish health care providers for their family.

"One brisk Saturday morning, before 'Michigan football' was televised, we headed to the Pagosa Springs High School to see what it was all about," Heidi Sottek shared. "Upon entering we were greeted by staff from Healthy Archuleta and asked to register, answering a few quick questions. From there we proceeded to enter an exhibit hall that had many tables. My husband connected with one of the medical groups and was able to establish a new patient appointment. We also picked up information on eye doctors in the area. A surprising part of the fair was the connection I made with local growers and different community vendors. In Tennessee, I was a part of a CSA. So, I was able to connect with the local CSA grower in this area to learn how I can be a weekly customer of their farm. Also in Tennessee I had my own com-

posting on our farm. Our property is smaller here in Colorado and I had not yet figured out my composting situation, but truly missed composting and the reduction of our carbon footprint. Thus, at the Health Fair, I was introduced to a local company out of Durango that has a composting kiosk here in Pagosa. This has now become a part of my weekly routine, and in exchange I receive healthy soil for my plants, flowers at home."

Heidi Sottek was "pleasantly surprised" with their experience at the fair. One of her biggest connections made was with Healthy Archuleta as an organization where she is able to give back with her time and knowledge as an oral health professional.

Mark your calendar: The 2024 Health Fair and Expo will be held on Oct. 19 at Pagosa Springs High School from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Preregistration begins soon. Make sure to secure your spot for labs and reserve your meal at our farm-to-table lunch. We hope to see you there.

For more information, visit our website and access the link to the preregistration form, <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/2024-archuleta-health-fair-and-expo.html>, or email us at [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com).

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**\$2,250,000**

MLS # 813104  
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To tour this home go to:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2453RunningHorse>

**247 Davis Cup Drive, Unit 4258**  
**\$355,000**

MLS # 811750  
Great condo with the primary bedroom on the main level and a second spacious bedroom on the second level. Updated kitchen with granite countertops and newer appliances. 2 beds/3 baths with 1,345 sq. ft.  
To tour this home go to:  
<https://tinyurl.com/247DavisCup>

**Under Contract**



**125 Coyote Drive • \$620,000**

MLS # 817374  
One owner 2nd home has 3.12 acres, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. The master is on the ground floor, front deck and back porch are covered.



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# Local author's new book set in Pagosa plus free grant funding help

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

"Pagosa Wild," the third book in local author Patty Latham's series featuring veterinarian Dr. Josie Tate, continues the author's record of skilled storytelling surrounded by familiar Pagosa scenes that will bring smiles of recognition to local readers and frequent visitors.

The book captures your attention from the opening pages that describe an arson barn fire on the heroine's ranch property.

As we follow Dr. Tate's daily routine as a vet in our small mountain community, the author's lifetime of veterinary experience and expertise, as well as her admiration and love for all animals, shine through the pages. Her wild mustang rescue sessions and puppy training classes for families are just two examples.

As the plot unfolds, readers learn a great deal about both pets and wild animals from a front-row seat. The story is enhanced by her husband Charlie's adventures as a Colorado Parks and Wildlife biologist. It's a nice twist and evidence of their powerful partnership when they decide to create a wildlife emergency station on their property to care for injured animals.

Throughout the book, readers will have personal memories brought back by frequent references to local geography, to institutions like The Pagosa Springs SUN, and to popular restaurants and bars.

This book joins "Pagosa Tears" and "Colorado Blood" in your library's collection so that all three in the series are available for your reading pleasure.

## Grant funding advice Sept. 30

Save the date of Monday, Sept. 30, from noon to 1 p.m. for a free educational presentation on how to navigate the world of grant funding. Bring your lunch and take advantage of Marcy's expertise on how to best use the Colorado Grants Guide.

Registration is required at (720) 644-9887.

## Online author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks continue with one more

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opportunity in September for you to interact with New York Times best-selling authors and ask questions.

For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

On Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. we'll experience "A Deep Dive in Character Development" with novelist Liane Moriarty, author of "Big Little Lies," "The Husband's Secret" and "Apples Never Fall."

## Dungeons and Dragons today

Today, Thursday, Sept. 19, and next Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

## Paws to Read tomorrow

Friday, Sept. 20, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters are invited to share their favorite books with Maple, a therapy dog who loves stories, at a free Paws to Read session.

## Friday Flix tomorrow

Enjoy a free PG movie and popcorn Friday, Sept. 20, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

## LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to the free LEGO Club on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours to free build.

## Pokemon Club on Saturday

If you're aged 6-11 and love Pokemon, this free club is for you. Bring your cards on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

## Knitting and crochet lessons

Learn to knit or crochet on Monday, Sept. 23, at our free gathering from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for ages 8 and up. Supplies will be provided.

## Family storytime

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

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## THE SUN MAY HAVE THE SECRET TO BETTER HEART HEALTH

Vitamin D — the sunshine vitamin — is one of nature's most potent and readily available nutritional. Its manifold benefits make it essential for health.

The article excerpted below offers compelling research. Worldwide, an estimated 1 billion people have inadequate levels of vitamin D in their blood, and deficiencies can be found in all ethnicities and age groups.

Indeed, in industrialized countries, doctors are even seeing the resurgence of rickets, the bone-weakening disease that had been largely eradicated through vitamin D fortification.

Why are these widespread vitamin D deficiencies of such great concern? Because research conducted over the past decade suggests that vitamin D plays a much broader disease-fighting role than once thought. Being "D-ficient" may increase the risk of a host of chronic diseases, such as osteoporosis, heart disease, some cancers, and multiple sclerosis, as well as infectious diseases, such as tuberculosis and even the seasonal flu.

Currently, there's scientific debate about how much vitamin D people need each day. The Institute of Medicine, in a long-awaited report released on November 30, 2010 recommends tripling the daily vitamin D intake for children and adults in the U.S. and Canada, to 600 IU per day.

The report also recognized the safety of vitamin D by increasing the upper limit from 2,000 to 4,000 IU per day, and acknowledged that even at 4,000 IU per day, there was no good evidence of harm.

The new guidelines, however, are overly conservative about the recommended intake, and they do not give enough weight to some of the latest science on vitamin D and health.

For bone health and chronic disease prevention, many people are likely to need more vitamin D than even these new government guidelines recommend.

Source: Vitamin D and Health." By Harvard University School of Public Health. <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/>

Bonus Tip: Visit <http://www.AmazingFacts.org> for spiritual refreshment every week!

*"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years..." Genesis 1:14*

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# Library

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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.

## Writers Guild

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

The guild has 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, with net proceeds going to the library's building campaign.

## 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.

## Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets, and also provides assistance in accessing the library's online resources.

No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions, but please bring your device's charger and passwords with you.

## Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS)

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.

## Nonfiction

"Vision" by recently retired fed-

eral Judge David Tatel is an inspiring memoir about his life as a blind jurist and his views of the American judicial system, especially the Supreme Court.

## Large print

"Fire and Bones" by Kathy Reichs is a Temperance Brennan forensic anthropology thriller. "Shadow of Doubt" by Brad Thor is a Scot Harvath CIA thriller. "Between a Flock and a Hard Place" by Donna Andrews is a Meg Langslow mystery. "The Wedding People" by Alison Espach features the only guest at an inn not there for a wedding. "Calder Country" by Janet Dailey is part of the Calder Brand bootlegger family series. "Peach Tea Smash" by Laura Childs is Tea Shop mystery.

## Other novels

"This is Why We Lied" by Karin Slaughter is a thriller set in an off-the-grid mountaintop lodge. We have three new books by William W. and J.A. Johnstone: "Some Die Young" is book two of the Man from Waco western series. "Talons of Eagles" takes place just after the Civil War. "Beans, Bourbon and Blood" is a Luke Jensen-Dewey McKenzie western set in Wyoming.

## Nonfiction DVDs

"All That Breathes" is an environmental documentary in Hindi with English subtitles. "Fantastic Machine" is a documentary exploring our unchecked obsession with image. "Ennio," mostly in Italian with subtitles, is a biography of Ennio Morricone, the Italian maestro who composed more than 500 soundtracks for movie classics like "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly." "Mammals" is a BBC six-episode production with Sir David Attenborough narrating.

## Donation guidelines

We are grateful to Medora Bass for her materials donations.

When we are open, material donations are accepted for the Friends of the Library at the front desk — not down the outside returns slot at the library or the drop box at City Market, please.

Guidelines for donations: Yes to popular fiction books published in 2013 or later, nonfiction books published 2018 or later, and children's and young adult books — all in excellent condition, please. No to CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray, VHS or cassette tapes; textbooks, outdated travel books or reference books because they do not sell. No more than two boxes at a time because of space constraints.

## Quotable quote

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." — Leo Buscaglia (1924-1998), author, lecturer and TV personality known as Dr. Love, the

Love Merchant and the Love Doctor.

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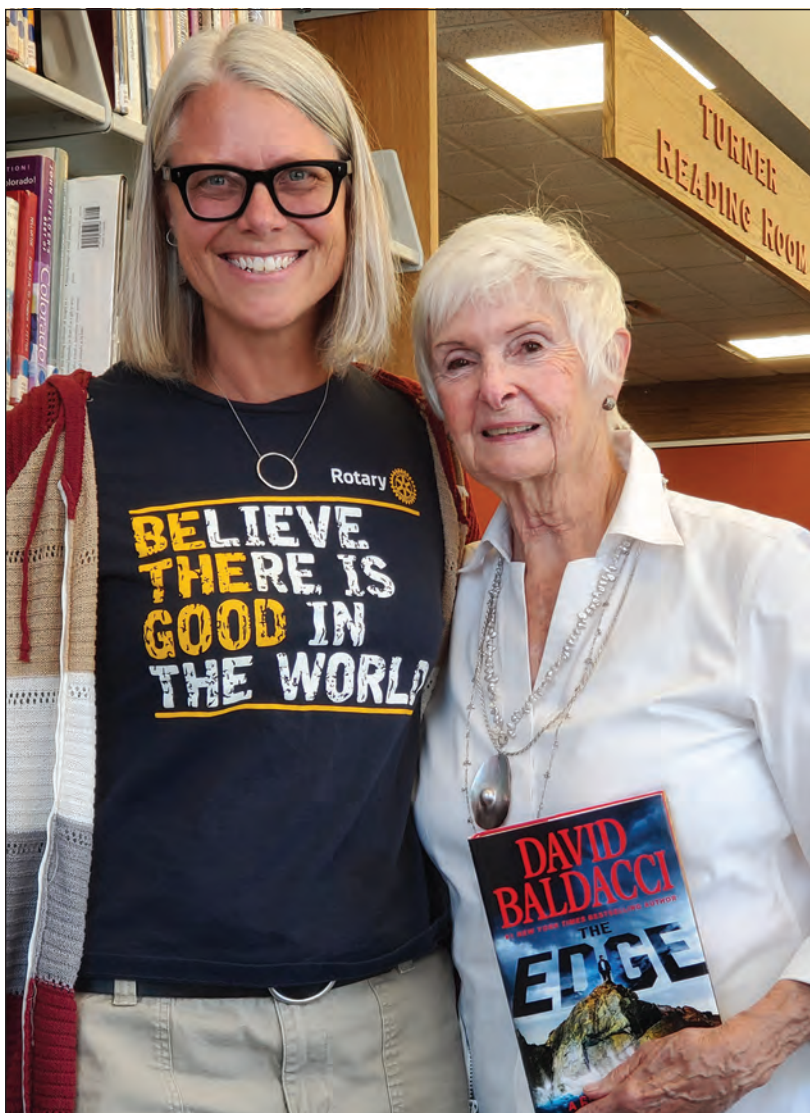


Photo courtesy Friends of the Library

Cici Stuart is the latest book winner for Friends of the Library. She said, "Reading lets me explore other cultures, other timeframes without actually going there." She likes historical fiction, nonfiction, and books about watercolors and cookbooks, especially Ina Garten (the Barefoot Contessa). She chose David Baldacci's "The Edge" because "it's different from what I normally read." Stuart and her husband live close to the library, so you may see her exploring the shelves for something new.

## Species spotlight: moonwort

By Ethan Proud  
PREVIEW Columnist

Hidden to all except the most observant or determined hikers and amateur botanists, moonwort is a funky plant that is a rare and exciting find.

It grows in areas that have seen past disturbance like retired logging roads, avalanche chutes, ski areas, and meadows grazed by deer and elk. They form associations with mycorrhizal fungi.

In order to spot these plants, you need to scan the ground between the wildflowers and plants that usually draw your eye. Moonworts bloom in July.

The shoot structure of moonworts is rather simple — one photosynthesizing branch and one spore-producing branch. Once the spore germinates, the plant will form underground for several years before emerging.

Moonworts only grow to about an inch in height, making detecting them very tricky.

Moonworts can be found in the Colorado Rockies and Archuleta County.

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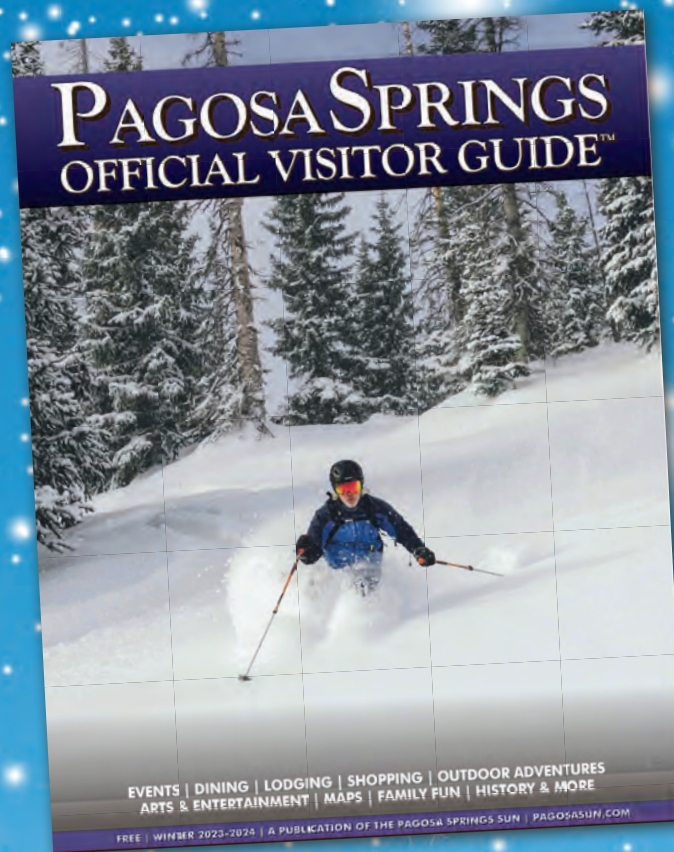
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# Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

When you are trying to identify the individuals in a group of small birds moving from place to place on the ground, it doesn't help to be looking for one that is described as lacking a field mark. That is the Brewer's sparrow, a slim, long-tailed bird that is one of North America's smallest sparrows.

One Brewer's trait to notice is an unmarked, grayish underside, which narrows the field of identification choices. Brewer's sparrows have a thin eyering, but this might be hard to see. Streaking on the crown can give its head a peaked look, and dark cheek patches are included in its description.

Unremarkable coloration serves this bird well in the muted gray-green colors of the sagebrush habitat where it is the most abundant bird during breeding season. The buzzy trilling songs of males are a signature of summer there. This is a bird so well adapted to arid environments that it can survive for weeks without drinking water. In summer it eats mostly small insects and spiders, adding more seeds in winter.

Brewer's sparrows breed in areas dominated by sagebrush in western states and Canada. There are a few known exceptions of birds occurring in alpine habitat in Colorado and a separate subspecies that breeds at higher elevation lands of dwarf willow and birch shrubs in Canada. They spend the winter in desert grasslands of the southwestern United States and Mexico.

We may travel through sagebrush country and think it dry and lifeless, but more than 350 species of animals and plants thrive in this habitat, and some are found nowhere else. Sagebrush steppe is a fragile ecosystem where the wise management of livestock grazing and energy development, and the control of invasive, fire-prone plant species, are critical to the survival of the life it supports.

For information on events, visit [www.weminucheadubon.org](http://www.weminucheadubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/](https://www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/).



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**Thank you for reading The SUN**

# Archuleta Seniors Inc.'s fall fundraiser underway

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist



Let the doubled donations pile up like the leaves in autumn.

Jump into the pile: As the seasons change, so too does Archuleta Seniors Inc.'s (ASI's) need to reach out again to our caring community for support.

Thanks to the kind donation of a matching grant provided by an anonymous benefactor, your generous donation during our fall fundraiser will be doubled up to \$5,000 through the end of October.

Although we are very grateful to our current funding partners, Archuleta County, San Juan Basin Area on Aging, Town of Pagosa Springs and grants from private foundations, still, it is not enough.

Thirty-seven percent of our funds are dependent on our ability to fundraise, via fundraising campaigns, community events and the generosity of people like you. Unfortunately, we have been informed that we can expect an 18 percent decrease in funding this next fiscal year even while our operation costs and need for services continue to increase.

But, with your help, we can make a difference and enhance the lives of our 60+ community and those who care about them. Please jump in today with your 100 percent matched donation and join in our ongoing efforts to provide our cherished elders, who have given so much to this community, with nutritional, health and social programming that will continue to enrich their lives.

Donations can be made directly to ASI, located in the Ross Aragon Community Center, at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., or by mail to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

We also take donations by phone, (970) 264-2167, or online donations via our Colorado Gives fall fundraising page: <https://www.coloradogives.org/story/Asifallfundraiser>.

## Seasonal food demonstration

With the peak of the growing season at hand, ASI is excited to welcome Chris and Rue Fredericks, and ASI Executive Director Rose Chavez, public health nutritionist, for a meet and greet with the community on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Pagosa Senior Center dining hall.

We will meet to discuss the free Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program for older adults that is going on this growing season and to enjoy a seasonal food demonstration.

The farmers will give a brief presentation about this summer's free CSA program for older adults and their philosophy in growing food for the community. They have also offered to provide some culinary

inspiration and seasonal food preparation suggestions for many of the items they grow.

Come prepared to enjoy an informative food demonstration and seasonal tasting of this low-carbon footprint, nutrient-dense, amazing food grown right here in Archuleta County.

Through a unique partnership with Nourish Colorado and Terra Walk Farm, Archuleta Seniors has been able to provide free weekly organic vegetable boxes to more than 30 older adults and their families in Archuleta County for the 16-week growing season during 2024.

Now we'd like the whole community to get an opportunity to learn about this program and meet the community members involved. Come celebrate the harvest with us, thank a farmer and be in the community.

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

## Resources for those with vision loss or low vision

Are you losing some vision? Are you legally blind? Do you want to build your skills? Would you like to meet others who are also dealing with vision loss?

Join the Colorado Center for the Blind at the Durango Senior Center in Durango, 2424 Main Ave., Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be an additional afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m., both at the Durango Senior Center.

You will learn about several resources that will be invaluable to you. They will provide hands-on learning experiences: techniques for independent travel, organizing your home, using your smartphone, reading books and much more. In the afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., they will provide individualized training and consultative services.

This free resource and training workshop is for low-vision and blind people of all ages, their families and friends. If you are unable to travel to Durango from Pagosa, ASI staff will have a resource sheet available shortly after the event and details to provide referrals.

This is sponsored by the National Federations of the Blind of Colorado and the Colorado Center for the Blind.

## Bingo

The Senior Center will be hosting bingo twice a month on Friday after-

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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Perching places
- 6 Tomb-raiding Croft
- 10 "\_\_\_ that special?!"
- 14 Parting word
- 15 Versed in
- 16 Have words (with)
- 17 Diverse populace
- 19 Volcano flow
- 20 Good buddy
- 21 Forum wear
- 22 Far from fearless
- 24 'Maggie May' singer Rod
- 27 Common sprain site
- 28 Cast a ballot
- 30 Actor Depardieu
- 32 Vitamin additive
- 33 Mammal's coat
- 34 Most "Esquire" readers
- 37 Adam of "Hustle"
- 39 Nazi police
- 41 Ginger \_\_\_
- 42 Goes away
- 44 Battery fluid
- 45 Did the tango
- 46 Common sci-fi setting
- 47 Pressing need?
- 50 Made booties, maybe
- 52 Plaid fabric
- 54 Drop from the eye
- 55 Goings-on
- 58 Assist in wrongdoing
- 59 Like some glasses
- 62 Spanish Steps city
- 63 Mideast's Gulf of \_\_\_
- 64 Aquatic nymph
- 65 Little hopper
- 66 Lothario's look

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67 Things to strive for

34 Nut from Australia

47 TV spy Maxwell

48 Social no-no

35 Sweeping

49 Plant malady

36 Focal point

51 Road-paving stuff

38 Camel's kin

53 Drive off

40 VCR insert

56 It may be raw

43 Opposite of dorsal

57 Bettor's concern

45 Made sudden moves

60 Texter's "Holy moly!"

46 Yo-yo need

61 \_\_\_ Zedong

### DOWN

- 1 Tiffany product
- 2 Creative spark
- 3 Heavy burden
- 4 Poker play
- 5 Fit
- 6 Samsonite stand
- 7 Shirts and skirts
- 8 Pooh pal
- 9 Picnic crashers
- 10 Cuba or Aruba
- 11 Kindle
- 12 Orange variety
- 13 Kind of show
- 18 Right this minute
- 23 Worries
- 25 Keep an eye on
- 26 Lady Macbeth portrayer, e.g.
- 28 Traveler's need, maybe
- 29 Rev. Roberts
- 31 Forever and a day
- 33 Part of a hammerhead

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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# Senior

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noons 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.

## 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.

## 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, Sept. 19 — Singapore coffee pork ribs, vegetable fried rice, snow peas, garden salad, fruit, chai pudding and milk.

Friday, Sept. 20 — Butternut squash, sage and mushroom lasagna; wilted spinach and onions; garden salad; fruit; carrot cake; and milk.

Monday, Sept. 23 — Baked Parmesan crusted salmon, broccoli hollandaise, quinoa rice pilaf, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 — Greek spinach-feta pie, lemon Greek potatoes, garden salad, fruit, hazelnut crunch bar and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 25 — Green chili pork with rice, southern biscuit, garden salad, fruit, cottage cheese and milk.

Thursday, Sept. 26 — Chicken lo mein, stir-fry vegetables, spring roll, garden salad, coconut-mango rice pudding, fruit and milk.

Friday, Sept. 27 — Beef spaghetti, Romanesco, garlic bread, garden salad, ambrosia fruit salad 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 make a reservation.

## 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.

## 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.

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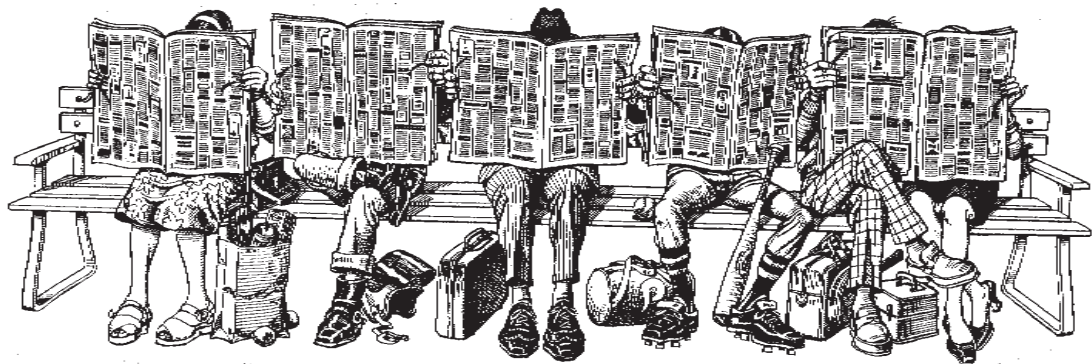
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# Preview Calendar

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

## Thursday, Sept. 19

**Outdoor Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

**Geology Hike.** 9 a.m., Ice Cave Ridge, San Juan National Forest. A free hike led by geologist Dave Bouquet. Preregistration is required at sjma.org.

**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.

**Community Supported Agriculture Program Meet and Greet.** 1:30 p.m., Senior Center. In addition to the meet and greet, there will be a food demonstration and seasonal tasting.

**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.

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**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.

**An Autumn Encore of the 19th Hole Concerts.** 5-6:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. A fundraiser for the Archuleta County Fund of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. Bob Hemenger will play.

**'Making Room at the Inn.'** 5:30-7

p.m., Community United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 434 Lewis St. Marcia Cantor from the Arvada United Methodist Church will speak about her congregation's experience working with the International Rescue Committee to host two refugee families, one from Columbia and one from Eritrea, who legally sought refuge in the United States and are receiving assistance with housing, job hunting, working through the immigration process and other needs. Join for a light dinner and discussion.

## Friday, Sept. 20

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

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

**Good News Club.** 1:15-3:15 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. A weekly club for kids in kindergarten through the fourth grade where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. For more information, email Frank and Connie Porter at cefflitlekids@gmail.com.

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

**Paws to Read.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Read with Maple, a therapy dog who loves stories.

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

**ColorFest: Passport to Pagosa.** 6-9 p.m., Town Park. Tickets for the

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wine and food festival are \$100. This is a 21+ event. For more information and tickets, visit [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com).

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Football.** 7 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Monte Vista. Homecoming.

**Saturday, Sept. 21**

**ColorFest: Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension.** 7:30 a.m., downtown.

**ColorFest: Aspen House Color Run/Walk 5K.** 8 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. This colorful event is open to participants of all ages and fitness levels. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/ColorFestColorRunWalk5K>.

**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](http://rec.gov). For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**Birding at Chimney Rock.** 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A fun and casual two-hour guided bird walk. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, and \$10 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via [rec.gov](http://rec.gov). For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**Art at the Pinnacles: Plein Air Workshop.** 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$25 for ages 10 and up. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via [rec.gov](http://rec.gov). For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**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.

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Soccer.** 10 a.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Alamosa.

**Pickleball Beginner Lessons.** 10 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts. Register on the Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation page at <https://secure.rec1.com/CO/pagosa-springs-co/catalog>.

**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](http://www.griefshare.org).

**Guided Great House Tour.** 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes

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**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.

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

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball.** 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Centauri.

**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](mailto:jshookup@gmail.com) or the church at [admin@centerpointpagosa.com](mailto:admin@centerpointpagosa.com). You can register online at [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org). There is a \$20 fee for the workbook. Scholarships are available.

**ColorFest: Bands and Brews Festival.** 4-8 p.m., Town Park. Tickets are \$10 for ages 15 and up. Beer tasting is \$35 for those 21+. For more information and tickets, visit [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com).

**Virtual Author Talk: Liane Moriarty.** 5 p.m., virtual. A deep dive in character development with global sensation Liane Moriarty, bestselling author of "Big Little Lies" and more. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

**Sunday, Sept. 22**

**Autumn Equinox Tour.** 5 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Watch the sun rise over the San Juan Mountains on the first morning of fall. The significance of the equinox to the Ancestral Puebloans will be discussed. 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](http://rec.gov). For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**ColorFest: Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension.** 7:30 a.m., uptown.

**Outdoor Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

**Eighth Annual Community Fall Picnic and Raffle.** Noon-3 p.m., Pagosa Catholic Community Pavilion.

**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.

**Major Lunar Standstill Special Lecture: Dr. Kim Malville.** 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Dr. Kim Malville will speak on "New Light on Chimney Rock: The Sun, Moon and the Great Supernova of 1054."

**Monday, Sept. 23**

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

**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.

**Learn to Knit or Crochet.** 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Come learn to knit or crochet. For ages 8 and up. All supplies will be provided.

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

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

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## Tuesday, Sept. 24

**Outdoor Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

**Stretching and Mobility Class.** 9:30-10:30 a.m., Senior Center. A stretching and mobility class for those age 55 and up.

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

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

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**WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m., Elk Trace Manor. The cost is \$20 and a dessert chocolate dipping for the scholarship fund will be \$15 for one plate and \$25 for two plates. RSVPs are required. Call (970) 946-1895 to RSVP. All women are welcome.

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

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

**Mahjong.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.  
**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.  
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**Men's Fellowship.** 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

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**Pagosa Catholic Quilters.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church

classrooms. For more information, contact Maxine Everaert at [quilters@ihmjp2.org](mailto:quilters@ihmjp2.org).

**Kids Kare.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A weekly club for 3- to 5-year-olds where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. For more information, email Frank and Connie Porter at [ceflittlekids@gmail.com](mailto:ceflittlekids@gmail.com).

**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.

**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.

**Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour.** 5-7:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour spotlights topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Pueblos. 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](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).


**'Wild Orchid Man on the Rocks' Premiere.** 5:30 p.m., Liberty Theatre. The Weminuche Audubon Society is sponsoring a premiere of the film about wild orchids in the Rockies featuring several local experts and internationally recognized taxonomist Stig Dalstrom. The film and music are by local filmmaker Darryl Saffer.

## Thursday, Sept. 26

**Outdoor Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

**Ruby's Writers Guild.** 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library.

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**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.

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

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

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**Community Coffee.** 1-3 p.m., TARA Historical Society Community Center. For more information, email [TARACommunityCenter101@gmail.com](mailto:TARACommunityCenter101@gmail.com).

**Good News Club.** 1:15-3:15 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. A weekly club for kids in kindergarten through the fourth grade where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. For more information, email Frank and Connie Porter at [ceflittlekids@gmail.com](mailto:ceflittlekids@gmail.com).

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

**Craftapalooza.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Create a variety of crafts for all ages.

**Stars and Galaxies Program.** 5:45 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is offered when the earth is closest to the new moon, when the sky is at its darkest. A video presentation will be followed by a presentation explaining the significance of the night sky to the Ancestral Puebloans. Telescopes will be used to observe several different sky objects. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Football.** 7 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Elizabeth.

**Saturday, Sept. 28**

**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

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**Mountain Chile Cha Cha.** 10 a.m., Town Park. The will include the Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic, live music and more. Entry is \$10, with those 12 and under admitted free. For more information, visit [www.ilovegreenchile.com](http://www.ilovegreenchile.com).

**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](http://www.griefshare.org).

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

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

**Sunday, Sept. 29**

**Outdoor Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.



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# Role models among us

By Betty Slade  
PREVIEW Columnist

## Artist's Lane

Football season is here. I've got my eye on three teams this year. My grandson Creede Wylie's team is from New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, N.M. Second, Deion Sanders, Coach Prime of the Colorado Buffaloes football team, and also the Kansas City Chiefs, with the professional skills of Patrick Mahomes. The leaders and role models of the game keep me interested.

Role models set the stage for their peers and the next generation with their focus, direction, tenacity and being true to what they believe. Some of them have had to fight their own demons, addictions and challenges to win at life. They know how to reach down into the hearts of these young men, pull out their potential and give them a better way of believing in themselves.

Throughout my grandson's athletic career, there were coaches and caring men who supported, taught and gave him faith to continue on his path in the athletic field.

Football head coach Olin Garrison taught the boys respect for their parents and the game. He came from the old-school ethics and principles. Coach Mike Kelly mentored Creede throughout his whole football career. After each game, Creede would watch videos with Mike for hours to learn about teams' plays and how players act on the field. This gave Creede an unusual gift of calling plays and challenging officials' calls.

The week before Creede left, Mike Kelly would be the one to give him sound advice. Dan Sanders would pray for him and confirm his call. Small acts, yet big shoes to fill.

Wrestling coach Dan Janowsky stood by him through dark times and good times. Coach Michael Martinez taught him to think like a champion, and men who came from their Pagosa glory days to help these young wrestlers succeed. All of these role models poured their best into my grandson.

Many took a personal interest in him and made the trip to state in 2014 to watch Creede take the title of Colorado state wrestling champion. These men of Pagosa helped him get to that podium.

During his football years here in Pagosa, Creede followed Tim Tebow

from the Gators through the highs and lows of his football career. Tebow never caved under the pressure of being rejected, traded and led into another career. His life was important to our grandson.

The passion to help young boys to grow into godly men stirred in Creede. He reached out to Pagosa's young athletes to help them. Then, within one week, Creede was called to accept a graduate assistant role at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, N.M. He quit his job and followed his calling. The football field would be his mission field for the Lord.

The first day, when he met the parents and the 12 young men he would coach, he said, "I'm a Christian. My door is always open to talk." One of the mothers cried, "I've been praying for my son. Thank you for coming."

So, when I recently received an email from my grandson, I remembered all the role models who brought him to this place and I want to say to you, "Thank you for being there for my grandson. Your work continues into the next generation. I encourage you to keep working with our young men in Pagosa. Your time, skills, and desire will continue to grow into good works."

Creede wrote, "I have accepted a Graduate assistant role at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM. While individually this position allows me to grow my career and receive the education that I desire, I plan on doing so much more.

"I see this as an opportunity to be a man of faith as God has provided a chance to disciple young men. My first question when taking the interview was, 'What is the faith like of the coaches that I will be sharing this facility with?'

"The team here is built on faith. Every Sunday I start my position meetings with scripture, to make sure the young athletes are receiving the word. Every practice we finish with a prayer. Every day the coaches' offices have worship music playing out

loud with no apology.

"With my experiences in football I have never felt something as strong as what we are trying to grow here."

Final brushstroke: Your labor of love does not go unnoticed. Sometimes there is that moment that we make a difference in someone else's life. We do not recognize the moment, but it shows up down the way. Don't lose faith of what you are doing.

### Reader comments

From one of the readers of this column:

"Dearest Betty: The Holy Spirit has just used your Preview column to give me a firm grip on a peace that I have been trying SO hard to get a grip on. It was such inspiring insight, laid out so clearly and I will reflect on your words many times for the remainder of this election cycle.

"Thank you Dear Sweet Sister in Christ, for allowing Him to use you to give us all a lot of comfort! In Him, Nancy Bard."

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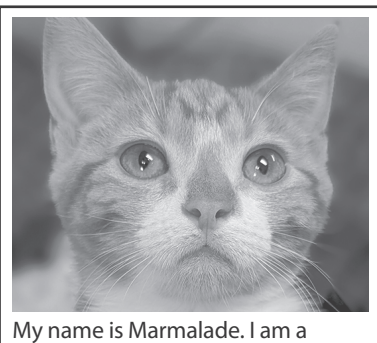
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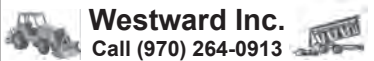
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**WINDOW CLEANING —RESIDENTIAL** Bonded and insured. 25 yrs. experience REFLECTIONS Window Cleaning. (480)892-1999 -FREE estimates.

**HEALTH**

**HOT SPRINGS HEALERS.** Sessions at hot springs! Also, cranial sacral, bodywork, massage. Serving Pagosa 27 years, Dr. Dean and Amanda, (970)844-0645, (970)903-5309.

**HELP WANTED**

**2 JOURNEYMEN FRAMING CARPENTERS** and 1 Apprentice. Top Pay. Log experience helpful but not necessary. Lost Park Builders Inc. 640 Pompa Dr. (970)731-1102.

**3R RANCH HIRING** one full or part-time position. Ranch and landscape maintenance. Must have own reliable transportation and valid driver's license. 40 hours a week available. \$20 to start. (970)264-5160.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ FRONT DESK PERSON** needed for diverse office. Must be MS Office proficient with strong business writing and communication skills, able to multi-task, organized and detail-oriented. Tech savvy a plus. Please send your resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com.

**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE.** Support staff, food runners, hosts, bussers. Full and part time. \$15/ Hour plus tips. See Chris Tuesday-Friday 3p.m.-5p.m or email to contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

**BUCKSKIN TOWING** is looking for front desk help. Monday -Friday 8 -5. Competitive pay. Call (970)264-2500 for more info or stop by 1435 E Hwy 160 in Pagosa to apply.

**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@orourkemediagroup.com.

**EXPERIENCED LINE COOK** for City Hall Cafe and Grill. Apply within. 2151 Eagle Drive.

**FT/PT HOST** at City Hall Cafe and Grill. Apply within. 2151 Eagle Drive.



Archuleta Housing has an immediate opening for a person with maintenance experience. This is a part-time position. This position involves taking care of small repairs, general maintenance and larger remodel projects. We have 65 apartments and common area grounds at 4 sites. Ability to take direction, work as a team or independently is needed. Must have valid driver's license and submit to a background check. Starting wage DOE. Please contact our office for an application office@archhouse@gmail.com 970-398-1860

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**METAL ROOF MAINTENANCE-** featuring roof screw replacement. Stop the leaks by changing out worn out screws with new screws and fresh washers. Call Arlies Chimney Sweep (970)731-2543.

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**PAGOSA SPRINGS STORAGE** has all size units available. 24 hour access, gated, with security cameras. Call for specials. (970)731-0007 www.pagosaspingsstorage.com.

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24/7 Service  
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**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE/ HOME CARE** checks, providing snow removal, landscaping, handyman services. Call Eric (970)946-2061.

**RICHARD DECLARK ELECTRICAL** is available for all your electrical services from remodels to new construction. I have been in Pagosa for 15 years, no job too small or too large. (970)903-1456.

**RIVERSTONE CARPET CLEANING.** 25 cents/sq. ft. and \$3 per stair. No hidden charges. Owner/operator 20 years experience. Professional, trustworthy and punctual. 100% eco-friendly. Call Mike at (970)403-9222. Credit cards accepted with no fee. Hallways and closets always free.

**WINTER WORK!**  
**Wolf Creek Ski Area is Hiring**  
Full & Part-Time/Holiday Positions:  
*Winter Seasonal: November - April*

- Lift Department
- Base Operations/Parking
- Ski School Instructors & Reservationist
- Food & Beverage \* Baker \* Barista
- Retail
- Ticket Office
- Ski & Snowboard Rental
- Snow Removal \* Grooming
- Custodial Building Maintenance
- Ski Patrol
- Guest Services/Snow Reporter
- Freelance Photographer

Applications at  
WolfCreekSki.com/employment  
Send applications and resumes to:  
WolfCreekSki@WolfCreekSki.com  
P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
**ALL POSITIONS OFFER SKIING PRIVILEGES**  
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**Terry's Colorado Home Supply and Ace Hardware**  
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**Full time, year around Cashier**  
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Starting at \$17/hr.  
Must be reliable, motivated and team oriented. Benefits include discounts, paid time off, profit sharing and more.  
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**Terry's ACE**  
525 Navajo Trail Dr.

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## WE ARE NOW HIRING!



### You belong on the Archuleta School District team!

Currently accepting applications for the following positions:

**Mechanics**

Full-time position with a starting salary of \$49,496-\$54,711 for a 250-day work schedule.

**Bus Drivers/Transportation**

Hourly position with a starting hourly pay of \$25.83 up to \$30.73 for 169 days

Benefits for all FULL-TIME positions include (but are not limited to) PERA State Retirement, Life Insurance, optional Health and Dental Insurance and paid Discretionary Days.

**Archuleta School District**

strives to achieve

"Success for Every Student — Every Class — Every Day."



For more details and to apply for these positions, click on "Job Postings" at [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com)  
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### TERRY'S COLORADO HOME SUPPLY AND ACE HARDWARE IS SEEKING A MOTIVATED, DEPENDABLE, DETAIL ORIENTED INDIVIDUAL FOR SALES IN OUR FURNITURE DEPARTMENT.

Product or home design familiarity is a plus; proficient computer skills, exceptional communication, people and customer service skills are a must have.

Job requires working in a team atmosphere, high level of professionalism, and building long term

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Starts at \$18/hr with benefits. Full time/40hr week.

Applicants will need to be available for weekends and holidays. Apply in person at 525 Navajo Trail Drive.

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### 1 full-time office person and 1 full-time Driver

Paid Vacation  
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**WJP/PRO**

3505 W. Hwy. 160  
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## CONTRACTOR SALES

Ponderosa Lumber is seeking a customer service oriented individual to assist contractors with purchasing building materials. Knowledge of building materials is necessary.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing excellent customer service
- Completing required paperwork
- Providing product information
- Data Entry

Please apply in person at

**Ponderosa Lumber**

2435 Eagle Drive or call (970) 731-4111



• Superintendent  
• Project Manager  
-Good pay, excellent benefits, must have experience for manager roles.

### BWD Construction is NOW HIRING!

**FULL AND PART-TIME FRONT DESK OPPORTUNITIES.** If you have a friendly, approachable, team-oriented attitude; strong customer service skills; comfort with computers; and a strong work ethic we'd love to talk. Shifts may include a combination of mornings, days, nights, and weekends. Our front desk is open 8a.m. to 10p.m. daily, including holidays. Download application at [www.pshotsprings.com](http://www.pshotsprings.com) or stop by to pick one up. Resumes / applications can be emailed to: [sales@pshotsprings.com](mailto:sales@pshotsprings.com), Attention Front Desk Position or dropped off at front desk. Healing Waters Resort & Spa, 140 Hot Springs Blvd.

**GENERAL LABORER NEEDED F/T or P/T Seasonal.** Assorted Duties. Please send resume or work history to [frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com). Phone (970)264-5000.

**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](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com).

**LAZY ONE PAJAMA SHOP** looking for part-time employee. 1-3 days/week. More info call (713)516-1915 or (713)594-7720.

**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](mailto:racheldevloo@gmail.com).

**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 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.

**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](mailto:employment@jandjinc.net).

**PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH** Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy has an opening for a full time Physical Therapy Tech. We are looking for a dependable, energetic multitasker who will enjoy helping people recover from surgeries, injuries, accidents and other health issues to join our team. No prior experience necessary. We offer competitive pay, \$16- 18 per hour, and benefits including paid holidays, paid sick leave, 401k plan, and a profit-sharing program. Please submit resume to RMPT 117 Navajo Trail Dr., Suite T or email to [rockymountainpt@yahoo.com](mailto:rockymountainpt@yahoo.com).

**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.

**PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT** Construction experience, knowledge of building codes, read and understand plans, project management and leadership experience helpful. Benefits. Call (970)585-1021.

**ROOF LABORER NEEDED** with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

**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](http://subway.com), or in person.

**THE FUNKY TRUNK IS HIRING** a part-time sales associate. 2 -3 days a week. Sales experience and social media proficiency preferred. Must be willing to work Saturdays. Come in, we're awesome!



### Pagosa Peak Family Dentistry is looking for a personable, flexible and smart individual to join our fun and fast-paced team as a DENTAL HYGIENE ASSISTANT.

A Dental Hygiene Assistant will help to manage the dental hygiene schedule and coordinate patient care; chart patient conditions and gather digital records and X-rays using high-tech equipment; assist both the dental hygienist and doctor with procedures; and, maintain sterile instruments and a clean work space.

Dental experience is a plus, but not required. We will train the right person, including X-ray certification. Earn a strong wage based on qualifications with a clear and structured path for advancement. Full benefits available, including health insurance, retirement, dental coverage and lots of perks.

If you would like to talk about this opportunity to join our truly amazing work family, then email Amber at [hello@pagosapeakfamilydentistry.com](mailto:hello@pagosapeakfamilydentistry.com)

**HOMETOWN INSURANCE** is looking to fill a full-time receptionist/administrative assistant position. Prior experience is required. Must be detail oriented, able to multi-task and proficient in Google Docs, Sheets, Excel, Word and Adobe. Phone and typing skills are a must. Our ideal candidate will have a friendly and warm personality while being professional, responsible and motivated. A customer-oriented approach is essential. Send resumes with references to [info@hippsllc.com](mailto:info@hippsllc.com).

**GOODMAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE** is looking for a sales associate, Saturdays required. Sales associates must be friendly and self-motivated. Ask about our benefits and employee discounts. Come pick up an application at 402 Pagosa Street.

**HELP WANTED** Experienced server /bartender preferred. City Hall Cafe and Grill. Apply within. 2151 Eagle Drive.

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**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](http://www.pagosafire.org). To apply, candidates must submit a completed Employment Application. Application packets can be obtained by email at [TBliss@PagosaFire.com](mailto: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 \$2,000. To find out more about these employment opportunities and apply online at [tchs4c.org/careers/](http://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.

**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](mailto:emeraldfoxboutique995@gmail.com).

**SMALL CRANE BUSINESS FOR SALE.** National Crane truck, business, client list, and all attachments come with business. Inquire at (970)903-2381.

**FOR SALE**

**2015 COACHMAN CATALINA** bumper pull trailer, 8 x33, one slide, very good condition, made by Forest River. \$15,000. (970)382-1510.

**BEAUTIFUL NATURAL SANDSTONE ROCK** for landscaping. 6" to 6 feet. Small, medium, large. Robert Scott (970)731-4707.

**BICYCLES** 2016 Surly LHT, size medium with extras, \$900. 2019 Salsa Horsethief, size small, carbon. \$2,600. Both excellent condition. (970)264-0373.

**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.

**DRY FIREWOOD-PINE.** Pick up \$240 a cord. Delivery available. Call for prices. Bayfield. Gabe (970)403-2784.

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE.** (719)937-8707.

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**FIREWOOD LOGS FOR SALE.** \$65.00 per ton, must have trailer. Forest Health Timber Products sawmill located on Cloman Blvd.

**FOR SALE**

**GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE.** Grounds maintenance equipment. Two large rotary mowers (brush hogs), 6 ft. wide, 3 point tractor, snow blower, other implements. Call for prices. (719)588-2872.

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**NEW QUEEN SIZE PLATFORM BED** with headboard. \$50 OBO. (954)830-1123.

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**ROOFTOP TENT.** Roofnest Condor XL. King size fold-out floor with 2-inch memory foam mattress, side windows with awnings, rainfly with clear sun roof panel. Included 82 sq. ft. floor size tent zips onto rainfly. Excellent condition. Purchased 2021 for \$3,690. Asking \$2500. Juli, [newmoon55@gmail.com](mailto:newmoon55@gmail.com) or (505)699-0150.

**SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS.** We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. (970)731-PAWN (7296).

**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**

**EXCELLENT HORSE QUALITY GRASS HAY.** Barn stored. \$9. (970)264-6779. Please leave a message.

**GRASS HAY, 750 lb., 5' round bales,** loaded on site. \$90.00 each, discount for 10 or more. (970)946-4067.

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**IRRIGATED PASTURE.** 4 miles north of Pagosa, Snowball Road. 20 minute ride to forests and streams. (970)946-6274.

**NATURAL FIELD HAY FOR SALE** \$14/ small bale. Please text/ call (970)903-7499.

**RABBITS FOR SALE.** Weaners pet grade and meat rabbits. Different sizes and colors. Dan Snow (719)849-8873.

**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](http://www.PagosaHumane.org).

**DOGGY DAY CARE 81147.COM.** Open 365 days of the year! Full day and half day doggy day care and overnight boarding. Conveniently located just 1 mile from downtown Pagosa. Call (970)264-9111.

**PETS**

**FOR POOCH SAKES GROOMING.** Appointments available with Kelly (303)819-2015. Mobile appointments with Barb (970)903-1290.

**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](http://leslieslittles.com).

**RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

**ATV HONDA RANCHER 4WD,** electric shift, 2003. Excellent condition. Always garaged, starts and runs great. \$2650 OBO. (775)537-8736.

**AUTOS**

**2000 JEEP WRANGLER.** 2 door with tow bar. 96,550 miles. \$8,300. Call Shellie (970)759-8109.

**2001 BUICK LESABRE** 122k miles. FWD. Sold as is. Mechanically sound. Body in great condition. \$2,650 OBO. (310)245-0555.

2001 Toyota 4Runner. 305,000 miles, in good shape. \$8,000 OBO. (970)946-8687.

**2017 KIA SORENTO EX** Premium Package SUV 4D in very good condition. 95,000 miles, 25 MPG Highway, AWD with Locking Differential, 2.0L Turbo, 18" Alloy Wheels, 1st and 2nd Row Leather Seats, Heated Front Seats, UVO 7" Touchscreen with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, SiriusXM Radio, Bluetooth, Push Button Start with Smart Key, Remote Start, 2nd Row Window Shades, Fog Lamps, Heated Outside Mirrors with Turn Signal Indicators, Privacy Glass, Roof Rails, Power Folding Side Mirrors, Blind Spot Detection, Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Smart "Hands Free" Power Liftgate, Cargo Cover and Tray, 2 Remote Keys. \$16,900. Contact Angelene at (970)264-4321.

**GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL!** 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

**SUBARU BAJA TURBO 2005.** 160k, \$14,999. One owner, very good condition, white over gray, moon roof, mud/snow tires. (505)688-7382.

**YARD SALES**

**ANTIQUES, BAMBOO RODS,** snow shoes, bow, skis, art paints, easels, canvas, paintings, golf clubs, tent, bike, tools, games, fishing rods, reels, tackle boxes, creels, farm wagon, furniture. 17 Navajo Court at Monte Vista. 8:00 -3:00. Friday 20th, Saturday 21st.

**YARD SALES**

**BE SURE TO CHECK** for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

**GARAGE SALE.** Need camping gear? Check out 91 Cleek Ct. Saturday, September 21 from 8:00a.m. to noon. Nemo 2p tent, sunshade, sleeping pad; Coleman stove, dishes, 5 gallon water jug, EZ-up, privacy tent, tarp.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW MINI STORAGE AUCTION** 10a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21. Registration at 9:30a.m. Cash only. 8 units to be auctioned. 146 Frontier Avenue across from rodeo grounds on Hwy 84.

**MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE.** Saturday 9/21, 9a.m. -2p.m. 440 Carlee Place. Pro Form elliptical, framing table with storage, dog crates, outdoor equipment, computer table, kitchenware, golf miscellaneous, mini fireproof safe, Oxypure air purifier, AlkaViva H2lonizer, e-bike, much more... rain or shine.

**STORAGE UNIT SALE.** Friday /Saturday, Sept. 20/21 8- 1p.m. Renner Mini Storage, 177 Bastille, Unit B39. Furniture and home goods.

**YARD SALE.** 8:00 till noon. Saturday 9/21 at 191 Holiday Ave. Household items, power tools, clothes, etc.

**COMMERCIAL FOR RENT**

**1800 S/F SILVERADO CITY SHOPPING CENTER** between Upscale Resale and Gustoso's restaurant. \$1800 monthly. (970)946-3902.

**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, [raswheeler@gmail.com](mailto:raswheeler@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.

**COMMERCIAL FOR RENT**

**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](http://rowfmanagement.com).

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**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.

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