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On to state!



Eleven DUST2 athletes have qualified for the Colorado High School Cycling League State Championship in Glenwood Springs Oct. 19 and 20. In the back row, from left, are Rylie Carr, Sophia Alexander, Gianna Shaeffer, Adelyn Hittle and Kaylee Hensle. In the front row, left to right, are Van Halterman, Aaron Sowle, Jackson Chaney, Weston Phillips and Justin Sewell. Not pictured is Eric Smith.

Photo courtesy Janine Emmets

County’s proposed 2025 budget presented

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The draft 2025 Archuleta County budget was presented at a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Oct. 15, by Finance Director Chad Eaton.

Eaton began his presentation by giving a timeline of planned budget work sessions with the BoCC that are scheduled for Nov. 13-15.

The BoCC will approve the final budget and appropriate funds during a regular meeting on Dec. 17, Eaton explained to the board.

On Wednesday, when asked about approving the budget after the Dec.

15 statutory deadline, county staff reported the budget approval would be moved to Dec. 3.

At the Oct. 15 meeting, Eaton mentioned the forces driving the 2025 proposed budget include external influences, internal strategic considerations, and statutes and county policy.

According to Eaton’s presentation, the internal strategic considerations include the building of a new county administration building, attempts to maintain a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for staff, the public health department and continuing needs for road maintenance.

Eaton also noted that an overall 2 percent growth of core operations bud-

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Semi crash leaves one with minor injuries

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A semi crash on Wolf Creek Pass Monday evening left the driver with minor injuries.

According to the Colorado State Patrol (CSP), the crash was dispatched at 5:40 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 14.

The CSP notes it was called in as a semi crash on U.S. 160 at mile post 159.

According to the agency, the semi

was on U.S. 160 on Wolf Creek Pass in a 25 mph zone when it failed to negotiate a right-hand curve. The truck overturned and slid across the eastbound lanes before striking the embankment off the south shoulder.

The driver, identified by the agency as 27-year-old Sarabjeet Singh, of California, was issued a summons for careless driving and no proof of insurance.

He had minor injuries, according to the agency.

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Commissioners discuss Archuleta Seniors Inc. proposal

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

At a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Oct. 15, more discussion took place in regard to the memorandum of understanding (MOU) being proposed by Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) that would have the county take on the organization as a county department.

County Attorney Todd Weaver led the discussion, prefacing that the discussion was based on what the state statute requires and allows in terms of funding senior services.

“The BoCC has the authority to fund senior services, but it’s not required,” he said.

Weaver explained that the law “leaves a lot of flexibility to the board on how they want to do that,” clarifying that the BoCC has the ability to fund senior services but is not legally required to.

He explained that the BoCC could fund senior services as its own county department or through an outside organization.

“So, there’s a lot of flexibility allowed under the law,” he added.

“It’s not a have to, it’s a want to,” Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented.

Weaver reiterated that funding senior services is not mandated by

the state, but that the BoCC is granted the authority to do so.

Weaver went on to explain that after reviewing the proposed MOU, he noticed a couple of things that stood out.

He noted that ASI borrowed the proposed MOU from a similar MOU used by Summit County, which proposes a hybrid type of arrangement between Archuleta County and ASI.

“Which I believe is perfectly legal,” he said, explaining a hybrid-style arrangement is an allowable approach to fund senior services.

Weaver noted the arrangement “allows for flexibility but also has concerns,” comparing it to the current structure of the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch intergovernmental agreement (IGA).


“It kind of reminds me a little bit of dispatch,” he said, “To me, the way dispatch is organized, to me, is a hot mess.”

Weaver noted that other entities feel similar in regard to the current dispatch situation.

“It kind of leads to indecision,” Weaver said, adding that not a lot of decision-making happens.

Weaver commented on the proposed county roles and responsibilities, noting that ASI staff would become county employees, which is

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Major lunar standstill event set for Oct. 21



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Photo courtesy Ashlyn Rochester

The aurora borealis, or northern lights, was visible around Pagosa Country last week, with some of the more vibrant colors appearing late in the night on Oct. 10.

School district reviews facility report cards

By Garrett Fevinger
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District Board of Education heard that several of its campuses and classrooms are in need of improvements after early findings from a summer survey were shared during the board’s meeting on Oct. 10.

Reviewing preliminary data collected by RTA Architects — a Colorado Springs-based firm specializing in educational projects — board members learned how the elementary, middle and high schools fared when assessed for educational adequacy and overall facility conditions.

“Educational adequacy actually talks about the quality of spaces that you have to deliver instruction,” RTA’s Doug Abernethy said. “The second part is the more tactile ... facilities-focused information.”

Assessing both measures, Abernethy explained his firm scored more than 200 metrics at each of the three schools, including classroom sizes, technology, furniture and outdoor spaces, with standards from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) also factoring in.

Abernethy noted the findings represented a bird’s-eye view of the strengths and challenges at each campus, and that more feedback from school staff and the community would be important in plotting a course forward.

Pagosa Springs Elementary School

With an overall score of 56 percent, Abernethy explained Pagosa Springs Elementary School’s (PSES’s) educational adequacy was “at a D or an F, depending on the teacher.”

He reported to the board, “We’ve assessed probably almost 200 buildings across the state using this metric, and [PSES] falls into the bottom third from a data perspective.”

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OUR VIEW

Finding the best route forward

"It's deja vu all over again" — Yogi Berra.
Recent discussions regarding the Pagosa Senior Center and Archuleta County Combined Dispatch are giving us flashbacks.

They're also reminding us of the importance of considering the past in making decisions for the future.

Among those things being considered by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners this fall are bringing senior services under the umbrella of Archuleta County and bringing dispatch oversight under the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

Each previously fell under the county and decisions were made to amend those structures to how both are currently operating.

The county operated the Senior Center, including in conjunction with Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI), until 2014.

While it existed previously, the working relationship between the county and ASI was formalized through an operational agreement in 2012.

Then, in 2013, the county opted to cease operating the Senior Center effective Jan. 1, 2014, as long as another organization

deemed suitable could take it over.

When an RFP was put out regarding operation of the center, only one entity responded — ASI.

The county deemed ASI suitable, and the decision was made.

In 2013, when the decision was made for the county to cease operating the Senior Center, the county cited, among other factors, the cost and impact to the county's budget, but continued to budget for the center in 2014 as a safety net.

The commissioners at the time voiced the need for services to continue at the current or a higher level for the seniors regardless of who operates the senior.

Then, last year, representatives of the center and ASI approached the county about the possibility of taking over operations, but no such decision was made.

The idea, however, resurfaced weeks ago with a twist — the county could take the center into its budget, but ASI could continue.

It's been suggested that the county and the nonprofit each have access to different funding opportunities to best leverage local funds for the benefit of our community's seniors.

This is certainly not a new approach, including locally, with other taxpayer-funded districts also supported by a nonprofit organization to help with fundraising and grants.

Similarly, dispatch operations were also previously under the ACSO, with the decision to move to a four-way intergovernmental agreement billed as a move to, among other things, save money in providing the services to the community.

We applaud the effort to find the best route forward on both fronts to provide the best services to the community possible, and it is certainly worth nothing that there are distinct differences in the current proposals and plans than the earlier ones.

Circumstances in the community are different and continuing to change.

We simply urge those in charge of making the decisions to go back, look at the history, look at the issues and problems that led to the changes then. Make sure issues have been or can be resolved. Make sure the people who depend on these services — all of us — aren't going to get the short end of the stick and feel like things have moved back a decade, or more.

Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the Oct. 8, 1992, Pagosa SUN — PAGOSA STING — It was "Amoeba-ball" at a Pagosa Sting soccer game with a Durango team on Saturday. A troop of Pagosa and Durango players surround a collision during action in a six-week soccer schedule involving teams from Pagosa Springs, Durango, and Ignacio.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 17, 1924

The new bridge across McCabe creek on San Juan street, constructed by John Latin for the state highway department and Archuleta county, was opened for travel Wednesday. It is a fine little structure of steel and cement with good rock foundations and the approaches built on an accepted grade.

Preparations are being made by the school board to segregate the fifth and sixth grades, now at the Baptist church with Mrs. Minnie Mote as teacher, and one of them will be moved to a room in the Sparks building and an additional teacher employed. The enrollment is more than one teacher can successfully handle.

There seems to be considerable confusion in the minds of many concerning the action of the board of county commissioners at its meeting last week anent the salary of the undersheriff. Under the resolutions passed, Sheriff Geo. A. Dutton will not draw a salary as sheriff, but instead his undersheriff, F.A. Byrne, will receive a salary of \$100 per month, all fees of the sheriff's office to be paid to the county. Though the supreme court has ruled that a county sheriff cannot legally draw a salary, there is nothing to legally prevent the payment by the county of a salary to his duly appointed undersheriff.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 14, 1949

According to figures released the first of the month by the Colorado Department of Revenue, business in Archuleta County is still on the up swing. The figures showed a 16 percent increase in sales tax receipts in August 1949 over August 1948. This was high for the San Juan Basin area with San Juan County showing a decrease of 5 percent.

The total collections for the month of August in Archuleta County were \$27,465.00 with an average of 58 establishments collecting the sales tax and paying it to the state.

A Ryan Navion plane belonging to Mr. Wilson of Midland, Texas, was badly damaged last Friday while taking off from the airport at Sunetha. Mr. Wilson was flying the plane and apparently got caught in a downdraft after reaching an altitude of 100 feet. The landing gear was up and the plane came down on the fuselage, damaging the propeller on the bottom of the plane. Mr. Wilson suffered no injuries except for minor bruises and a good shaking up.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 17, 1974

A branch of the Four Corners Sheltered Workshop has been established in this community. The number of employees there varies from eight to 15 and more are needed.

This is not a government project and is self sustaining. As a result there are few regulations that make it bothersome for workers on the project. It is designed to provide gainful employment for local residents who may have educational handicaps, physical handicaps, or cultural handicaps.

Workers in the project are paid on a piece-work basis and some of the more industrious and capable workers make reasonably good wages. In all cases the income is helpful in many ways. Some elderly people may work there part time to supplement pensions, other workers are those who suffer some disadvantage that does not make them normally employable in regular jobs.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 14, 1999

The preliminary Year 2000 Archuleta County budget was released this week at the regular Tuesday meeting of the Archuleta County commissioners.

In its infant form, the county financial road map for next year contemplates total revenues and expenditures of about \$15.4 million, down slightly from last year's \$15.6 million.

A lot of trimming is likely to take place before a final budget is adopted some time during December. In its current form, the budget represents the initial requests of department heads and other entities, according to County Manager Dennis Hunt. Current requests exceed anticipated revenue by \$616,591, a situation which must be corrected to conform with a state law requiring counties to produce a balanced budget.

A significant change this year is the absence of \$3,675,000 in revenues credited to the Fairfield Improvement Settlement Fund, the result of a bankruptcy settlement involving Fairfield Communities, Inc., the county, and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association. The monies are being used to improve the condition of certain Fairfield Pagosa roads to meet the requirements of the development's original improvement agreements with the county. That settlement sum is not included in the Year 2000 budget.

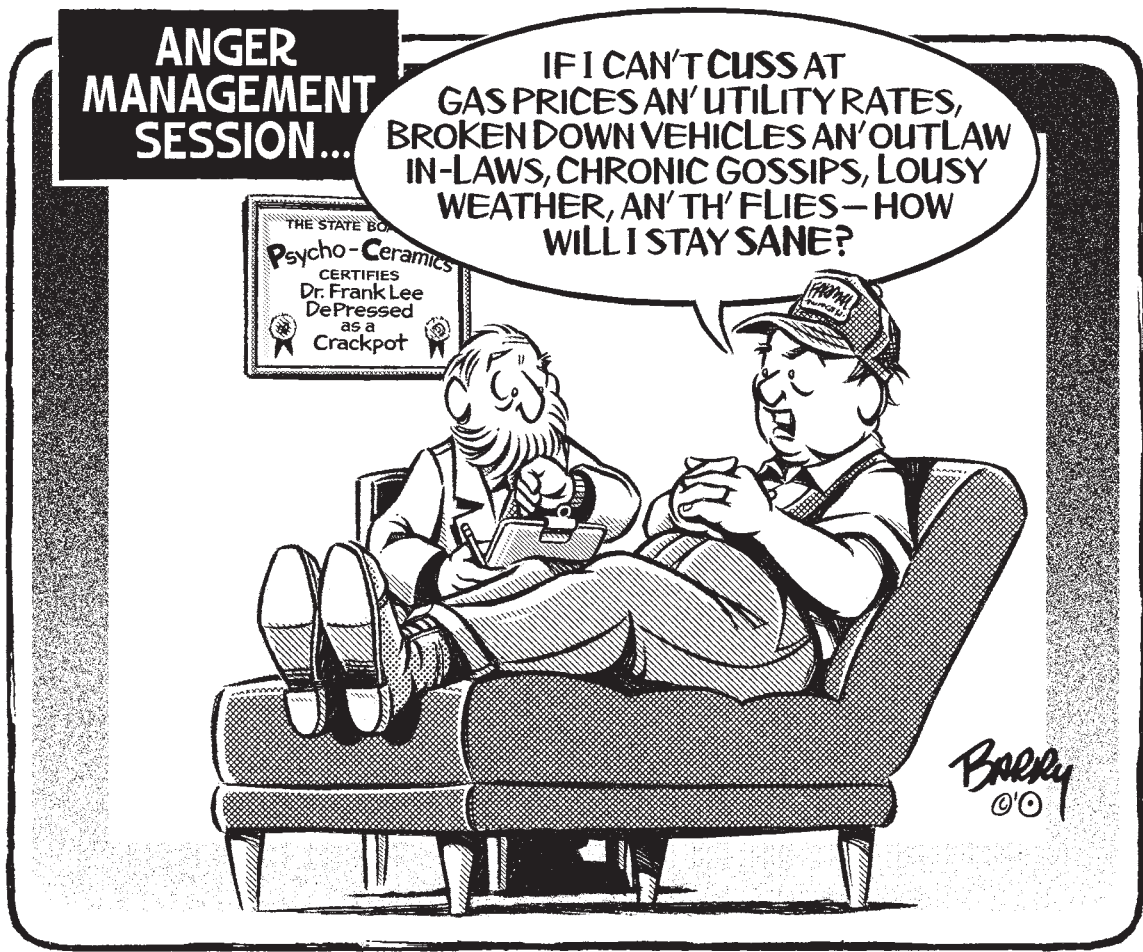
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Valuable lessons

Dear Editor:

As a long-time Republican, I was hopeful about the election of a fellow Republican, Warren Brown, to the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners in 2020. Mr. Brown had particular knowledge about our community from his work in the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office.

He talked about having a plan for the County government.

However, I felt disappointed when Commissioner Brown and then-Commissioner Alvin Schaaf chose their former colleague from the Sheriff's Office — Derek Woodman — to serve as County Manager. Mr. Woodman had no previous experience in county management. That lack of experience played out over the next two years, as various expensive mistakes were made by the commissioners and staff, resulting from Mr. Woodman's lack of understanding.

Additionally, we had the issue of Mr. Woodman's wife running the County Human Resources Department.

Another early mistake involved Commissioner Brown choosing to bill the Archuleta County taxpayers for "mileage" related to his drive to and from his office downtown. That

choice brought about an expensive legal challenge that cost the County considerable attorney fees. Reflecting on my 38 years as a volunteer serving the community at Town Hall, I cannot understand Commissioner Brown wanting to charge the taxpayers for his drive to work.

Commissioner Brown protested high gasoline prices in Pagosa a couple of years back by telling citizens that he brings empty gas cans to Durango and fills them up at lower prices. His fellow commissioner, Ron Maez, reminded Commissioner Brown that he was leaving tax money in Durango instead of contributing it to Archuleta County.

Another violation of public trust was Ballot Measure 1A, supported by Commissioner Brown. This measure would have increased County sales tax collections by 37% without a clear plan for how the money would be used. Fortunately, the voters rejected that increase by a 3-to-1 margin.

Anyone serving as an elected government leader for the first time has a big learning curve to manage — ask me how I know! As he seeks another term on the County Commission, I hope Commissioner Brown has taken his past mistakes as valuable lessons.

Ross Aragon

Check the facts

Dear Editor:

This election season, please don't let money influence your vote. As the spouse of a candidate, I've seen how outside groups try to create division and spread false information in our community. Some mailers claim to "check the facts," and as a voter, I encourage you to do just that.

Look at the actual sources. A La Plata County Democrat Forum took place on July 2, 2024, and can be fact-checked through that Zoom meeting with Colorado Senate and House candidates. Additionally, Club 20 held a nonpartisan debate on September 21, 2024, and you can watch this on their YouTube channel, which includes both Senate and House candidates along with Congressional debates.

Furthermore, a Story Corps Archive from December 10, 2022, features the mayors of Cortez and Ignacio having a respectful discussion with two different perspectives. It's worth a listen to understand balanced governance. Clark stands for balance and diversity in representation, striving to build bridges back to the middle, restoring a governance that can reach common ground.

Lastly, despite what Colorado Way Forward claims about appearances on PBS and NBC in September 2024, my husband was never on either network. This group is spreading lies to manipulate your vote. Please, be an informed voter and let these outside interests know that our community's vote cannot be bought. Balance and inclusiveness should guide us forward.

Sharon Craig Ignacio, Colo.

Vote

Dear Editor:

My many years of service in the United States voting/electoral system has given me a unique perspective. I have served as a poll worker and poll watcher in numerous locations; member of a Judicial Nominating Committee, appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida; an election judge reviewing and tallying voting ballots; and member of the League of Women Voters. I cast my first vote when I was old enough to vote. Suffice it to say, I've been voting and serving the electoral process for more

than five decades.

This plethora of experience is enhanced by my more than 40 years of practicing law. The reason I am outlining all this experience is because I have formed supportable opinions regarding the voting process, and electoral proceedings. I judge the systems to be of HIGH INTEGRITY. The individuals I have dealt with, whether worker, manager, or government official have proven to me that our voting system is intact. Serving in the states of Florida and Colorado since the 1970's allows me a panoramic view.

In the last national election, 2020, working as an election judge in Archuleta County, I experienced the current voting, and electoral activity. I am honored to recommend the integrity and efficiency of the Chief Election Official, Kristy Archuleta, Clerk and Recorder; the Archuleta County staff, as well as the present-day election judges. Thank you for strongly supporting our electoral process.

It's up to us, the electorate, to vote! My wise elder advice is to VOTE! I assure you that you can have full confidence in the system of voting here in Archuleta County.

Constance d'Angelis

Support for Wayne Hooper

Dear Editor:

The ballots are out, and election day is rapidly approaching. While the national and state races are getting the most attention, our local race for County Commissioner in District 1 is one that will have a direct impact on the residents of Archuleta County moving forward.

One of the topics that frequently comes up when talking about local politics is, "the good old boy network." As a result of this practice, the county has suffered not only financial loss but also, and I believe more importantly, the loss of faith in our county government.

As a county we have had substantial payouts and losses over the last few years related to a lack of research, accountability, and transparency. We are currently paying off a senior county employee that was terminated and most likely should never have been hired in the first place. The Transportation Center under construction is hundreds of thousands of dollars over budget. Additionally,

an ongoing ethics complaint has cost the county \$50,000 to date and don't forget about the costly software package the county bought but was unable to use. The last two issues mentioned can be tied directly to Wayne's opponent. And, I haven't even touched on the sale of the County Courthouse. Starting to think about change, I am.

Fortunately, we have a chance to make that change this year. The candidate running for commissioner in District 1, and not a part of the "good old boy network", is Wayne Hooper. Wayne is not new to Pagosa or to community service. He and his wife have been landowners here since 2006, residents since 2018. Wayne has served as a Fire Commissioner for almost 10 years, including two years here in Pagosa. No longer able to sit back and watch the community go into more debt, Wayne decided to try to make a difference.

Wayne is a retired firefighter, paramedic, Fire Captain and college professor. He has supervised firefighters during life and death situations, and he is not afraid to make hard choices for the good of the mission. He also taught ethics classes at the college level and will bring his expertise in this area to help rebuild lost trust.

As Wayne will tell you he is in the race to help make our community better. He doesn't need the job or the aggravation that comes with being an elected official, but he feels the county needs a change in leadership if it is going to move forward in a way meaningful to the citizens. Wayne will not compromise his integrity or his commitment to his wife and his Faith. He is a principled man.

We are blessed to live in the paradise we call home and want the best for the citizens. To make this a reality, I would encourage everyone to locate the candidates' and community-sponsored political adds in this issue of the Pagosa Sun to fully understand the need for change. Voting for Wayne Hooper is our ticket to change..

Milton Dodge

Proposition 129

Dear Editor:

As veterinarians who have spent our careers devoted to the health and welfare of pets and livestock in rural Colorado communities, we are alarmed at Proposition 129 on this November's Colorado election ballot.

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This proposition would create an unnecessary and potentially dangerous new role called a Veterinary Professional Associate (VPA) – a sort of “quasi-veterinarian” with much less training and experience than actual Doctors of Veterinary Medicine.

Under Proposition 129, a VPA's training would be mostly online with minimal hands-on instruction, yet these individuals would be allowed to diagnose illness and perform surgery, among other critical tasks. There's a reason this job does not exist anywhere in the United States – it's a bad idea.

Some proponents of the VPA have suggested this new position would help to alleviate shortages of veterinarians serving livestock and other large animals. But by their own admission, the VPA's training would be focused on providing services for dogs and cats. And there is absolutely no reason to think that these newly minted VPAs would be likely to choose to support small-animal practices in sparsely populated areas. Simply put, Colorado's rural communities need people who can provide care for livestock and companion animals. A VPA would not have the required training.

In Colorado and nationwide, leading organizations including the American Veterinary Medical Association are working diligently with lawmakers and other policymakers to address rural veterinary shortages, but Proposition 129 will do nothing to alleviate such problems. What it will do is put added stress on busy veterinarians who would be required to supervise highly complex and sensitive work by inadequately trained individuals.

Please protect Colorado's pets and other animals, and their owners, and keep the jobs of diagnosing of illnesses in, and performing surgery on, cats and dogs in the hands of the only healthcare professionals educated and trained to care for them properly – veterinarians. For the sake of our pets, we join the vast majority of our colleagues around our state in strongly urging Coloradoans to vote 'NO' on Proposition 129.

Dr. Kayla Henderson
Dr. Curtis Crawford
Monte Vista, Colo.

Piedra Park Metropolitan Improvement District

Dear Editor:

Thank you for taking the time to print the facts about this Board.

All previous questions were directed to the Board not the receptionist/bookkeeper, who doesn't even live in the district. The response should come from a Board member. The receptionist/bookkeeper response to most of my questions was as follows:

Not Public Business. I live in a small community. If the district issue is discussed at a Board meeting, it becomes public information. The Board has hired the new plant operator assistant which is the new chairman husband that is unlicensed or has no experience. I believe this is a paid position which should have been posted for anyone to apply. This is no different then the past chairman's husband acquiring the same position by nepotism.

The previous chairman of the Board has pumped water out of the District for years which is not permitted by the District by-laws.

Again, I am requesting the District to explain and prove to me: Where is the 100,000 gallons of water? (20 Semi Loads) That's a lot of water! Why didn't the plant manager catch this sooner? Why wouldn't the board go looking for this amount of water? This property is on the hill, which requires an electric pump. I provided the board with the electric bills. That showed no kilowatts were used.

Letters

After reviewing the spreadsheet, I found an error in the bookkeeping. As of this date, the Board has not addressed this issue. Again, this problem would have been resolved when it happened if the receptionist/bookkeeper would have directed my call to the appropriate person.

The District needs a full audit.

My request for the name of the District's attorney was. "He retired." The District has been running without an attorney for 7 to 8 years. Which is irresponsible. Well, they are going to need one because I am going to sue PPMID for discrimination plus the amount of the bill \$2564.00, (I paid this bill just to have the water turned on and a total for the courts cost), attorney fees, my time and educated accounting skills. I am not cheap.

Unfortunately due to an unforeseen circumstance, I was not able to attend the last meeting. The community really should try to come out and listen to what going on. PPMID needs a qualified resident, receptionist, bookkeeper, accountant, plant operator and attorney.

Qualified Individuals please run or apply for these positions.

Thank you! I'll keep you updated.
Barbara Drane

Support for Kamala Harris

Dear Editor:

This election is our opportunity to put behind us the division, hatred, and lies of the past and choose leaders who will work together with all Americans to build a better future for our country. We have one presidential candidate who has based his campaign almost entirely on stoking divisions and fears of people who are in some way different from him and his followers, and on denying scientific facts. That candidate, Donald Trump, has promised to give huge tax breaks to his fellow billionaires while cutting health programs that tens of millions of Americans rely upon when they face illness or injury. He has established his record as a union-buster, a sex abuser, and someone who has taken reproductive freedom from millions of American women. And, don't forget, a convicted criminal.

Kamala Harris is looking to the future and offers us hope for a fairer and less-divided America. She will work for all Americans, not just the super-rich, to protect our health care and health freedoms, build the middle class through middle-class tax cuts and stronger unions, and save our environment from the ravages of climate change, which we see every day in the form of bigger wildfires and stronger, wetter hurricanes.

Some of you will point out that we have been through some difficult economic times the last few years, and there is no denying that – every country in the world experienced surges of unemployment and then inflation due to the COVID pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine by Donald Trump's friend Vladimir Putin (to whom Trump even sent COVID tests at a time when they were scarce in this country).

However, because of the leadership of the Biden-Harris administration, these economic dislocations were less severe in the US than everywhere else in the world. Name me one country that came through this period of economic difficulty better than the good ol' USA. You won't and you can't, because there aren't any!

So while Trump looks to the past and rants about immigrants being convicted criminals (while he is the actual convicted criminal), let's put the MAGA divisions, lies, and hatreds behind us for good and elect a candidate who will work to build a stronger, fairer, more unified America – Kamala Harris.

John Farley

Proposition 127

Dear Editor:

My wife and I run goats on our

property just west of Pagosa Lakes. This is the first year in many years that we have not lost goats to mountain lions. Due to our many years of experience losing livestock to mountain lions, we ask you to vote NO on Prop 127.

Let's use a little common sense. If there is no mountain lion hunting season, Lions will lose their fear of humans. Have you ever noticed how large cats react to a child crying or screaming at a zoo? - Very Scary! .When you go for a walk in the woods there is a good chance a mountain lion is watching you, he sees you, we don't see him. If that lion has lost it's fear of humans, it is not a good situation. Think about the bears we have in town , getting in the garbage. They become unafraid of people (no hunting in town) and bad things can and do happen. Why do people who don't live or deal with lions keep trying to pass laws that have a big impact on those of us who do? Please vote NO on proposition 127.

Darwin Flaugh

Reading about leadership

Dear Editor:

I am engrossed reading the book "MOSES" by Chuck Swindoll. After reading chapter 14 entitled "Why Leaders Crack Up", I knew that this book and particular chapter 14 is a perfect fit for the leadership in Archuleta County and way beyond.

We are facing one of the most critical elections in the history of this nation and that includes Archuleta County. I recommend, urge and even plead with those in leadership, and that includes those in government, church, education and business leadership to ponder what Chuck Swindoll has written in his book "MOSES".

Chapter 14 is eleven pages. You are welcome to read it under our willow tree on Lake Pagosa at 965 Cloud Cap Avenue. We wish to thank everyone who will read the chapter prior to our next national and local election in November. Thank you Pagosa Sun for publishing this letter.

Peter and Rebekah Laue

Support for Warren Brown

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to voice my proud support for Mr. Warren Brown as Archuleta County Commissioner in District #1.

I first met Mr. Warren Brown in 2015 when he was employed with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. One thing I noticed right away when chatting with him, is that he is a very respectful person. He has always been very personable and polite to me. When I see him in town, he always takes the time to talk with me to hear about things that are important to me as well as learn about the history of Archuleta County and Pagosa Springs.

Recently I have heard that some of our citizens are concerned about County taxes, and it is easy to get caught up in rumors. Be sure your vote is based on facts rather than rumor.

Re-elect Mr. Warren Brown in November so he can continue to focus on issues that are important to us.

Frank Martinez

Kudos

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend the creator of the new Stephens Airport sign. It's very eye catching and colorful. Kudos!

Patricia McMahon

Lonely People

Dear Editor:

When in a familiar place and you notice someone sitting alone. What do you do? Human nature is to simply ignore the lonely one and find a place near someone we already know. I have lunch at the Senior Center a day

or two a week. Tables are set to accommodate 8 and they pretty much fill up as groups of friends arrive to enjoy lunch together, etc. Recently, I noticed a fellow using a walker. He came into the room and sat alone at an empty table. I decided to go over and sit with him. I began the conversation with "where did you come from?" He answered, "Montana". My goodness. I then asked what did he do in his younger days in Montana? He told me he was fireman, that he fought forest fires, etc. He asked about me as well. They began to serve our delicious hot meal and as we ate, we continued to visit. As our conversation continued, I came to realize that I was enjoying my lunch with a hero! I was so glad I sat with him and I hope he enjoyed my company. When dinner was over and we both were ready to leave, I offered to give him a ride home. He answered, "No thanks, it's only six blocks and I need the exercise!" what a guy! With his walker, he left with me.

Yes, I felt so blessed to have lunched with one so special. I wonder how much we are missing when we fail to reach out to someone alone. Yes, I plan to sit with him whenever we happen to lunch at the Center on the same day. Yes, our bodies may be breaking down but our spirit remains strong. Get acquainted!

Love is powerful!

Patty Tillerson

Support for Wayne Hooper

Dear Editor:

"It is time to infuse some fresh air and ethics into the practices of our leaders and public bodies."

Who wrote this? It was written on November 18, 2021, by former SUN Editor, Terri Lynn Oldham House. It was entitled, "Something stinks and it is not the water." The subject: The prevalence of corruption by elected Archuleta County officials.

'Stink' always has a source. The source is often from something that is rotting away. A rot has been prevalent in Archuleta County politics for way too long. Terri was right then, and now. We need some fresh air infused into our body politic.

What stunk, was a newly elected Commissioner who chose and promoted an unqualified close friend for new County Manager, to the exclusion of far more qualified candidates. What stunk was the nepotism and political favoritism of that new County Manager in hiring practices, and the raising of salaries. A cost came in terms of time wasted, taxpayer revenue lost, and innocent people harmed. All of that happened in this case. But have we learned our lesson?

Today, Derek Woodman, the former unqualified County Manager and good friend of Commissioner Brown is gone, but at great cost to tax payers. The former County Manager's wife is gone. Sadly, the former

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Business

PSCDC gives update on workforce housing project

By Garrett Fevinger
Staff Writer

Checking her email inbox one recent afternoon, Emily Lashbrooke said she noticed a message with an all-too familiar story: A full-time employee living in Pagosa Springs was on the brink of leaving the area for lack of affordable housing.

“They’ve been living with family but they’ve outgrown their welcome, and they can’t buy a house yet,” recalled Lashbrooke, executive director of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC). “This keeps happening more and more.”

During the PSCDC’s regular board meeting on Oct. 9, Lashbrooke explained her office was able to find an affordable rental for the employee, but indicated that rising home costs and limited vacancies are forcing Archuleta County workers to make tough decisions about where to live — and under what conditions.

“There are some apartment buildings that are being rented right now — they’re two-bedroom apartments — and we have five people living in them because they can’t afford to live any other way,” Lashbrooke told the board, and described ongoing efforts by the PSCDC to meet the housing needs and realities in Archuleta County.

Construction on the 10 homes the PSCDC is currently building for local workforce families and individuals is progressing, Lashbrooke told the board, with sites in development in the Trails and Chris Mountain subdivisions.

Homes on Lancer Court and Home Court, Ranger Park Drive and Lassen Drive were at various stages of completion, but all ready for winter weather, she reported.

As for who gets to live in them, Lashbrooke explained she and her team are working with 39 potential homebuyers and confident eight of those will be ready to join a lottery to purchase the income-restricted homes in early November.

The PSCDC expects the first owners to be occupying their new homes by early January 2025, Lashbrooke noted.

Prices for the homes, ranging from \$328,000 for a two-bedroom to \$389,000 for a three-bedroom with a two-car garage, are still below local market trends.

So far in 2024, the average sales price of two- and three-bedroom homes under 1,500 square feet and on less than one acre in Archuleta County is \$467,468 — up from \$450,175 in 2023, according to data provided by the Pagosa Springs Area Association of Realtors.

‘Throwing a dart at a board’

After a summer auction of 11 county-owned land parcels failed to return any acceptable bids, Lashbrooke noted she and Habitat for Humanity sensed an opportunity.

The parcels, located on Bonita Court, range from 0.1 to 0.17 of an acre, and had a reserve price of \$18,350.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners voted in September to reject the bids they received for the parcels when County Attorney Todd Weaver reported that none reached the reserve.

Hearing that, Lashbrooke relayed she and partners at Habitat for Humanity began to wonder, “What if we could use government money to buy government property, and everybody could win?”

To explore that option, Lashbrooke said she submitted a letter of intent to purchase the properties at the minimum price using funds available through the land banking provisions of Proposition 123, which offers funding to local governments and nonprofits to acquire land specifically for affordable housing development.

“We’re throwing a dart at the board,” Lashbrooke said of the effort, but expressed hope that it may one

day put “more affordable housing into play.”

“We don’t know if this will grow legs or go anywhere,” she said. “If we are approved ... then we’ll come back to this board with a resolution to be able to apply for that funding.”

Surveying the need

A tri-agency effort to collect a larger picture of the housing needs in Archuleta County will soon be ready to roll out, according to the PSCDC.

The housing needs assessment survey, administered by the ECOnorthwest consulting firm and paid for using grant funding awarded to the county, the Town of Pagosa Springs and the PSCDC, will soon be available for local residents and businesses to complete.

“It’s going to give us a lot of direction going forward,” said Jeff Sams, multi-jurisdictional housing coordinator.

Sams and Lashbrooke explained the survey will help the PSCDC and its partners further grasp the housing needs in the area and plan for the future.

“We really need to drill down some of the housing needs that we have in this community,” Lashbrooke said, adding the final results from the study are expected in mid-January. garrett@pagosasun.com

County’s planning commission approves minor subdivision on County Road 200

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On Sept. 26, the Archuleta County Planning Commission approved a minor subdivision plat review for a property located on County Road 200, north of downtown Pagosa Springs.

The landowner applied for a minor subdivision to divide the approximately 103-acre property into two parcels — one about 97 acres in size and the other about five acres in size.

Planning Manager Owen O’Dell explained that the parcel is currently zoned as agriculture ranching and that the county’s existing land use regulations require minor subdivisions to go through a sketch plan.

He also noted that the future land use map shows the area to be designated for very low-density residential development, allowing for two dwellings per lot.

The planning commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the minor subdivision, which was then unanimously approved

by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Oct. 15.

During the Sept. 26 meeting, O’Dell explained that the two parcels created from the minor subdivision would remain zoned as agricultural ranching, but that he anticipates the landowners pursuing a rezoning process in order to build “a few tiny homes and a few mobile home spaces for their employees,” on the smaller, five-acre parcel.

He mentioned that the tiny homes will be for full-time residents who work on the property and the mobile home spaces will be for recreational vehicles for seasonal employees.

“They’re trying to rezone to mobile home park, but that has to be heard at a public meeting at the county commissioner level,” O’Dell said.

He noted that “mobile home park” is the only zoning designation that would allow for multiple tiny homes and RV spaces to be developed on the property.

O’Dell also explained that the

planning commission was not voting on the matter of approving a mobile home park zoning designation, but that the commission was only voting on a recommendation of approval for a minor subdivision plat, to be officially approved by the BoCC.

“The rezone is completely separate from this,” he said. “And, the reason they would do the rezone is to achieve that tiny home village designation, so without one they won’t get the other.”

He explained that if the rezone is not approved, the parcel would still be subdivided, but just left as agricultural ranching.

Planning commissioner Peter Beaudry expressed concern that the smaller parcel being created would be less than 35 acres in size.

“My problem here is that they are in, by the code, regulations, it can’t be under 35 acres,” Beaudry said.

Development Director Pamela Flowers explained that the current regulations do not require that an agricultural ranching estate be 35

acres and that it is allowed to be five acres in size.

“That’s not my reading,” Beaudry said.

“Every time we’ve done a minor subdivision, we have created different zoning on that land,” Flowers replied.

Beaudry mentioned he is concerned about a smaller parcel being surrounded by larger parcels, commenting that it “looks like we’re doing a little spot.”

“We’re creating a mobile home park right in the middle of a bunch of ag ranching,” Flowers said, explaining that the development would also be creating employer-provided workforce housing, “which is a good thing.”

Beaudry referred to it as spot-zoning, and “really against everything I learned in planning.”

O’Dell explained that the owners do not plan on offering a commercial lodging establishment, but that the desire is to provide housing for employees on the property, noting the owners have employees to train ■ See Planning A12



■ Continued from A4

Public Works Director, Kevin Pogue, is also gone. But his departure is as a likely scapegoat to the former County Manager. Bad things happen to innocent people when power corrupts and upends people’s lives. Kevin was probably the best Public Works Director we ever had. It should be noted that, to this day, Kevin has never had the opportunity to publicly defend himself against the many accusations that were leveled against him. It would seem that Commissioners Medina and Maez realized this. They both were hesitant to renew Woodman’s contract, citing a lack of timely,

responsible supervision by the former County Manager. Kevin Pogue just got his life caught in the rotting mix of it all. Still, Brown alone favored renewal of Woodman’s contract.

What remains is Commissioner Brown himself, and a slew of new hires the county probably could do well without.

Now, Wayne Hooper is running in District 1 in opposition to Commissioner Warren Brown.

This new candidate has set roads as a necessary first priority, not a secondary choice when other more attractive options are offered. As a former firefighter himself, Wayne

understands the dangers and risks of wildfire to our community and will work to establish policies that keep our community safe. As a former professor of ethics, he will apply ethical principles to all decision making, hiring, and taxpayer expenditures. He does not speak of himself as a politician, but seeks to be a true representative of the people in the office he seeks.

On November 5, I hope the people of Archuleta County will let the needed fresh air in, and elect Wayne Hooper as a new and truer voice for Archuleta County residents.

Dwight Vilhauer

Letters

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Election Tracker			
Archuleta County Commissioner District 1			
The SUN asked candidates in the contested Archuleta County Commissioner District 1 race to provide a brief bio and answer the following questions. Answers are printed as they were received.			
	<div><div>Ken Bowles unaffiliated</div></div>	<div><div>Warren Brown Republican</div></div>	<div><div>Wayne Hooper unaffiliated</div></div>
Please provide a brief biography.	<p>My name is Ken Bowles. I've been an Archuleta County resident since 2007. I have a B.S. in biology, and 6 years of law enforcement experience specializing in felony drug investigations. More recently, I've been involved in the furniture industry since 1988 at all levels including retail, wholesale for vendors, and as the owner/operator of a large warehouse in Arizona. I have experience in managing people, locations, real estate, remodeling, building, inventory, costs, sourcing products, equipment, and logistics domestically and overseas. At present, I operate a small warehouse retail operation in Albuquerque (which I will shut down if elected). My wife Anita and I are familiar with the financial burden of living in Pagosa and have raised 2 children here. We own a vacation rental here and have had rentals and businesses elsewhere to help us afford to live here. I am pro-business and pro-planned-growth.</p>	<p>Warren is your County Commissioner in District 1. Warren is a third generation Coloradoan and grew up in a small mountain town on the Western Slope of Colorado. Warren earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Columbia Southern University and is a graduate from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.</p> <p>Warren has been in public service for more than thirty-one years. Warren has served several communities as a law enforcement officer including the citizens of Archuleta County where he retired as the Operation's Commander.</p> <p>Warren's resume also includes being a small business owner in Pagosa Springs where he and his wife ran a successful insurance and financial services agency for a number of years.</p> <p>Warren has invested in his communities, serving on numerous local boards and committees, working collectively to make Archuleta County a better place to work, live and raise our children.</p>	<p>My wife and I first visited Pagosa Springs in the late 1980's, bought property in 2006, and became full time residents in 2018. I spent my career in Public Safety serving my community as a firefighter, paramedic (including time as a SWAT medic and Flight medic) and finally as a Fire Captain. The last decade I devoted my time to teaching at a Community College as an Associate Professor of Fire Technology with an emphasis on Wildland fires and Ethics for Public Safety. I was Dept. Chair of Public Safety for 4 years. Over a period of 10 years, I was either elected or appointed to various community boards, working alongside several city Mayors and Council Members. On a personal front, I enjoy the beauty of our community through hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, and reading on snowy days. Ultimately, it is the people of this community that make this place so special.</p>
In your view, what is the role of a county commissioner?	<p>I believe the primary role of a commissioner is to set fiscal and county objectives and policy, make decisions that enhance the lives of citizens, manage (and protect) county assets, and hold county officials and employees accountable for their actions. I think public/private partnerships to create housing and aid our workforce are essential. The taxpayers should not be subsidizing private endeavors. I will maximize revenue with responsible taxation - approved by the taxpayers, restricted to specific uses, and those funds responsibly to improve workforce housing, infrastructure, and roads. I believe the failed recall of Veronica Medina was a direct attack for holding employees and officials accountable. I feel it was an example of poorly timed, mean-spirited, politics. Thank you Ms. Medina and Ron Maez!</p>	<p>The statutory obligation of a commissioner include levying taxes, entering into contracts and receiving grants and gifts, approving intergovernmental agreements, resolutions and ordinances, reporting to state and federal agencies as required, making appointments to various community boards and commission, caring for county property and acquisition and disposal of county property, acting as the Board of Equalization, and Liquor Board, road and bridge construction, maintenance and repair, adoption of subdivision regulation and week control. Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) members are required to attend at least one Regular BoCC meeting per month.</p> <p>It has been my experience that in addition to the statutorily required functions, it is a commissioner's responsibility to meet with people who comprise our community. If commissioners are to represent the citizens, we must know what their desires and expectations are so we can help translate these desires and expectations into actions.</p>	<p>In answering this question, the Archuleta County mission and vision statements come to mind, which include the concepts of service, accountability, and transparency. I see myself as one who applies those concepts to every decision before me, so that I act in the best interest of the community as a whole. This means using tax dollars wisely, always remembering the money doesn't belong to the county but has been entrusted to the commissioners by the taxpayers.</p> <p>Teamwork, another county core value, encompasses not only the commissioners working together to "create effective solutions and achieve shared goals", but also to work in partnership with the department heads and within the county structure to make good decisions, ensure accountability, and spend taxpayer money wisely. To fully achieve this, the Commissioners must always be willing and ready to listen to the voices of Archuleta County...YOU, the people.</p>
What is the biggest challenge facing Archuleta County? Briefly explain how you would address this.	<p>Affordable housing is clearly still our nemesis. I would immediately propose a 5% affordable housing tax on vacation rental proceeds to be paid by renters and are approved in each election cycle. It is reasonable fee and won't deter visitors from coming to Pagosa. These funds could only be used to secure land, improve infrastructure, fund housing, and pay for building materials for nonprofit or approved private partners. Donating lots is a start, but far short of what is required to effectively reduce or solve the housing shortage. This would require a special election which I am confident would be covered in the first months' proceeds. Doing these items has the potential to produce 7 figure funding annually. I am certain this measure would be met with overwhelming approval in Archuleta County - only time will tell.</p>	<p>There are four major challenges facing Archuleta County. They include, improving infrastructure, affordability of housing and goods, growth management and the Main Street Reconstruction Project.</p> <p>Due to the limit of text for these responses, I will address only two of these challenges, infrastructure and the Main Street Reconstruction.</p> <p>In spite of significantly increasing the Road and Bridge Budget over the last four years, it is not enough. I propose hiring a full-time grant writer who dedicates their time towards finding additional monies to address our infrastructure a timely fashion. I also believe the BoCC should continue to have the citizen Road and Bridge Committee to help with identification and prioritization of road maintenance and replacement.</p> <p>The Town, County and Tourism Board should commit funds in a grant program to help our business community through the challenging reconstruction period and employee creative ways to keep our tourists visiting our downtown area.</p>	<p>In the short term, the downtown Hwy 160 construction project has the potential for some incredible hardships for the business owners in terms of lost revenue. The County, Town, and Main Street Advisory Board must maintain its collaborative efforts to defend these businesses, working closely with CDOT to minimize these difficulties. We must strive to keep these local businesses open and profitable. These are our neighbors and friends.</p> <p>In the long term, let's stop with the band-aid approach to fixing our roads - do it once, do it right, and have an ongoing plan for maintenance. I have a long-term, fiscally responsible plan for a residential road paving program based on a lottery system that will be fair and equitable for all taxpayers. Let's reduce the air pollution, mud, and ruts by paving one mile at a time. We need to start this program sometime, and that time is now.</p>
Where would you propose to locate a county administration building? Why would this be the best location?	<p>We had a county building that was sold for a fraction of its value, without expert input or appraisal. It was a catastrophic error that cost the citizens millions and put the county in its current situation. It's an example of the lack of both planning and accountability in the last administration. I think naming a specific property may inhibit the county's ability to negotiate. Consolidating county administration facilities is the most intelligent approach. I believe a smaller 2 story building on a lesser acreage would be more appropriate. The current growth rate of 3% doesn't justify a 30,000 square foot facility, however, I do feel consolidating all the county offices to stop paying rent and provide for growth is the right move. I believe that the county has a financial expert reviewing these alternatives now as the timeline is short. I'd vote based on common sense and available information.</p>	<p>The location of the proposed County Administrative Building is an important decision. The building needs to be located within the county seat, which is in the Town limits.</p> <p>I support having this building within Harman Park as part of a county campus, making it more convenient for the user. However, the county has learned over the past construction project that the rock in this area increase the price of construction substantially. An alternate location is not out of the question in my mind, but cost and fit within a proposed area are critical in my mind.</p> <p>I am not aware of any commercial building on the market with enough room for the proposed 55 county employees, which would suggest building a new facility. While cost and location are critical, it would be wise to construct a facility large enough so it is not at capacity the moment it is finished.</p>	<p>Before addressing the "where", questions need to be answered as to "who and how". If I am elected, the initial step would be to understand the number of departments and employees involved in order to determine the size of the needed space. Next, a decision needs to be made on a fiscally responsible amount of taxpayer money that can be allocated to this.</p> <p>The commissioners also need to determine the necessity of all county employees being housed in one location or different locations. Are other existing properties available that would be cost-effective to lease?</p> <p>In terms of "where", we do need to find a property or properties that are readily accessible to the public with adequate parking. Looking along Hwy 160 or nearby would be ideal, but not a requirement. The key is to be transparent on each step taken during this process.</p>
What is an issue locally that you are passionate about, but don't hear the county commissioners talking about?	<p>Drugs in our schools. I've heard only one commissioner talking about it. If you read my biography, you'd be right to guess that I am not a big pro-substance fan. I don't believe we have a K9 trained for drug detection. I'd like to see us fund a few more deputies, partner with the town, and secure a dog, instead of wasting time and money on petty regulations. I'd also like to see increased police staffing on weekends and over the holidays. I will say that for whatever reason, lately I have seen a noticeable difference in the visibility of our county units on the road in our neighborhoods and enforcing traffic. By doing so, we can combat the upward trends of increased drug and human trafficking in our county.</p>	<p>Growth management should be a regular topic within the BoCC, specifically what can we do to make sure we have the necessary water and electrical resources we will need to move forward as a community in the coming years.</p> <p>Currently, as I understand it, much of the water that is available to our water users is sent down stream because we do not have a water surface storage option. Although this has been discussed in the past, I am not aware of any substantive conversation that are ongoing.</p> <p>I have been made aware that LPEA has some limitation on their ability to supply electrical services to some proposed developments. I would like to see if the BoCC could engage LPEA to see what can be done to collectively secure these resources for future home and business developments.</p>	<p>As an Associate Professor, I taught Ethics as a college course for 10 years. Ethics is my passion, but behaving in an ethical fashion seems to be lacking in many of our political figures today. As a Commissioner, I will strive to set an example of what ethical behavior is and ensure that if ethical standards are breached to openly address the matter.</p> <p>As an example, the cost the County has paid over \$45,000 defending my opponent's unethical behavior (reimbursement for travel to and from work), currently being investigated by the Colorado Independent Ethics Committee (IEC). This is not acceptable. We, as representatives for the people, need to adhere to the strictest ethical standards. The citizens deserve nothing less.</p> <p>"The ultimate measure of a man is not when he stands in moments of comfort or convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>
The commissioners vote at regular meetings to approve payment of bills; however, the public doesn't know what those bills are because they are not attached to the agenda. Would that practice continue with you as commissioner? Explain.	<p>I think an abridged, uncomplicated version of bills to be approved would be appropriate. What I have found particularly frustrating at these meetings is the format. It doesn't allow any attendee to ask any questions of the commissioners. How are they accountable when the very people that pay their salaries can't ask questions! I think a format where questions could be submitted to the commissioners or county employees (and may or may not be taken the at the discretion of the commissioners) would be beneficial to the public; it would certainly aid in the transparency so many of our fellow citizens claim they want from our public officials. Inappropriate, complicated, or blatantly combative would be passed over. Two-way communication is critical in our democracy...open the floor to civilized discussion occasionally!</p>	<p>The proposed expenditures within the Accounts Payable the commissioners vote on during the Regular Board of County Commissioner's meetings are in a link attached to the agenda. These expenditures are itemized and published in the newspaper as well. These detailed expenditures are what that the commissioners themselves receive to review prior to voting. Again, these documents are also made available through the county's website.</p> <p>The only detailed expenditures not made available to the public line by line are the credit card expenditures that the commissioners review prior to voting. This detailed information is not made available to the public line by line, because the account information associated with these expenditures would be compromised. However, the total dollar amount of the expenditures are made available to the public.</p> <p>In short, I support transparency and am open to suggestions on how we can bring this information to the public</p>	<p>This is a good example of the lack of attention to the county's mission and core values of transparency and accountability that has caused misunderstanding in the public eye. The meeting agendas do not include a line item that specifies in plain English that the commissioners plan to discuss the paying of bills. Since the citizens often cannot attend the meetings, it is imperative that the agenda accurately describes what will be addressed, and the minutes reflect in detail the outcomes of each line item. Currently this is not the case.</p> <p>In addition, much can be done to improve the availability of and access to information the public should have on the county's website. An example is the county's organizational chart. Who reports to whom? Where is the accountability?</p> <p>We can and must do better, but it will require strong leadership that I can and will bring to the table.</p>



2024 Statewide Ballot Issues

The Colorado Constitution (Article V, Section 1(7.3)) requires the Colorado Legislative Council to publish the ballot title and legal text of each statewide ballot measure. A “YES/FOR” vote on any ballot issue is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a “NO/AGAINST” vote on any ballot issue is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.

Amendment G

Modify Property Tax Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities

The ballot title below is a summary drafted by the professional legal staff for the general assembly for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Colorado constitution. The text of the measure that will appear in the Colorado constitution below was referred to the voters because it passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the state senate and the state house of representatives.

Ballot Title:

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the expansion of eligibility for the property tax exemption for veterans with a disability to include a veteran who does not have a service-connected disability rated as a one hundred percent permanent disability but does have individual unemployability status?

Text of Measure:

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

SECTION 1. At the election held on November 5, 2024, the secretary of state shall submit to the registered electors of the state the ballot title set forth in section 2 for the following amendment to the state constitution:

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, section 3.5 of article X, **amend** (1)(c) and (1.5) as follows:

Section 3.5. Homestead exemption for qualifying senior citizens, veterans with a disability, and surviving spouses receiving dependency indemnity compensation - definition. (1) For property tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2002, fifty percent of the first two hundred thousand dollars of actual value of residential real property, as defined by law, that, as of the assessment date, is owner-occupied and is used as the primary residence of the owner-occupier shall be exempt from property taxation if:

(c) For property tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2007, only, the owner-occupier, as of the assessment date, is a ~~disabled~~ veteran WITH A DISABILITY.

(1.5) For purposes of this section, ~~“disabled veteran”~~ “VETERAN WITH A DISABILITY” means an individual who has served on active duty in the United States armed forces, including a member of the Colorado national guard who has been ordered into the active military service of the United States, has been separated therefrom under honorable conditions, and EITHER has established a service-connected disability that has been rated by the ~~federal~~ UNITED STATES department of veterans affairs as one hundred percent permanent disability through disability retirement benefits or a pension pursuant to a law or regulation administered by the department, the department of homeland security, or the department of the army, navy, or air force OR HAS INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYABILITY STATUS AS DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

SECTION 2. Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote either “Yes/For” or “No/Against” on the following ballot title: “Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the expansion of eligibility for the property tax exemption for veterans with a disability to include a veteran who does not have a service-connected disability rated as a one hundred percent permanent disability but does have individual unemployability status?”

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123, Colorado Revised Statutes, if at least fifty-five percent of the electors voting on the ballot title vote “Yes/For”, then the amendment will become part of the state constitution.

Amendment H

Judicial Discipline Procedures and Confidentiality

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Ballot Title:

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning judicial discipline, and, in connection therewith, establishing an independent judicial discipline adjudicative board, setting standards for judicial review of a discipline case, and clarifying when discipline proceedings become public?

Text of Measure:

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

SECTION 1. At the election held on November 5, 2024, the secretary of state shall submit to the registered electors of the state the ballot title set forth in section 2 for the following amendment to the state constitution:

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, section 23 of article VI, **amend** (3)(a), (3)(e), (3)(f), (3)(g), and (3)(h); and **add** (3)(c.5) and (3)(k) as follows:

Section 23. Retirement and removal of justices and judges. (3) (a) There shall be a commission on judicial discipline. It shall consist of: Two judges of district courts and two judges of county courts, each selected by the supreme court, AS PROVIDED BY LAW; two citizens admitted to practice law in the courts of this state, neither of whom shall be a justice or judge, who shall have practiced in this state for at least ten years and who shall be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate; and four citizens, none of whom shall be a justice or judge, active or retired, nor admitted to practice law in the courts of this state, who shall be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate. AN APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL NOT APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (3)(c.5) OF THIS SECTION TO THE COMMISSION.

(c.5) (I) THERE IS CREATED THE INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY WITHIN THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT. THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT FORMAL JUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS. THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD ALSO SHALL HEAR APPEALS OF THE COMMISSION’S ORDERS OF INFORMAL REMEDIAL ACTION. APPEALS TO THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD ARE CONFIDENTIAL. THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD CONSISTS OF FOUR DISTRICT COURT JUDGES WITHOUT ANY JUDICIAL OR ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY HISTORY, APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME COURT; FOUR ATTORNEYS WITHOUT ANY JUDICIAL OR ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY HISTORY WHO ARE LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN COLORADO AND WHO RESIDE IN COLORADO, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE; AND FOUR CITIZENS WHO ARE NOT JUDGES OR ATTORNEYS LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN COLORADO, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE. AN APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL NOT APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION TO THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD. FOR THE PURPOSE OF STAGGERING TERMS, WHEN MAKING THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL DESIGNATE TWO MEMBERS FROM EACH CATEGORY TO A FIVE-YEAR TERM AND TWO MEMBERS FROM EACH CATEGORY TO A THREE-YEAR TERM. ALL SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS; EXCEPT THAT IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY ON THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD, THE ORIGINAL APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT, IN THE SAME MANNER AS AN ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, A REPLACEMENT TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM.

(II) UPON ORDER OF A FORMAL HEARING PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(e) OF THIS SECTION, A PANEL OF THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD SHALL CONVENE TO CONDUCT THE HEARING. A PANEL CONSISTS OF ONE JUDGE, ONE ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN COLORADO, AND ONE CITIZEN. THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, OR THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESIGNEE, SHALL RANDOMLY SELECT THE PANEL FROM AMONG THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD’S MEMBERSHIP. THE RANDOM SELECTION OF A PANEL IS A PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION.

(e) (I) The commission may, after such investigation as it deems necessary, DISMISS A COMPLAINT, order informal remedial action, OR order a formal hearing to be held before it A PANEL OF THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD concerning the removal, retirement, suspension, censure, reprimand, or other discipline of a justice or a judge. ~~or request the supreme court to appoint three special masters, who shall be justices or judges of courts of record, to hear and take evidence in any such matter and to report thereon to the commission.~~ THE RESPONDENT JUSTICE OR JUDGE MAY APPEAL THE COMMISSION’S ORDER FOR INFORMAL REMEDIAL ACTION TO A PANEL OF THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD. THE ADJUDICATIVE PANEL SHALL REVIEW THE COMMISSION’S INFORMAL REMEDIAL ACTION ORDER FOR ABUSE OF DISCRETION. AN APPEAL OF AN INFORMAL REMEDIAL ACTION ORDER IS CONFIDENTIAL CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (3)(g) OF THIS SECTION.

(II) After a formal hearing, ~~or after considering the record and report of the masters, if the commission finds good cause therefor, it the ADJUDICATIVE PANEL may DISMISS THE CHARGES BEFORE IT; take informal remedial action; or it may recommend to the supreme court ORDER the removal, retirement, suspension, censure, reprimand, or other discipline, as the case may be, of the justice or judge.~~ THE COMMISSION ADJUDICATIVE PANEL may also **recommend** ORDER that the costs of its THE investigation and hearing be assessed against such justice or judge. THE JUSTICE OR JUDGE MAY APPEAL AN ADJUDICATIVE PANEL’S DISCIPLINARY ORDER, AND THE COMMISSION MAY APPEAL AN ADJUDICATIVE PANEL’S DISMISSAL OR DISCIPLINARY ORDER, TO THE SUPREME COURT OR, WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(f)(II) OF THIS SECTION ARE PRESENT, TO THE TRIBUNAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(f)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

(f) (I) ~~Following receipt of a recommendation from the commission, the supreme court shall review the record of the proceedings on the law and facts and in its discretion may permit the introduction of additional evidence and shall order~~ ON APPEAL OF AN ADJUDICATIVE PANEL’S ORDER FOR removal, retirement, suspension, censure, reprimand, OR OTHER discipline, ~~as it finds just and proper, or wholly reject the recommendation OR~~ A PANEL’S DISMISSAL OF CHARGES, THE SUPREME COURT, OR THE TRIBUNAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(f)(II) OF THIS SECTION IF THE TRIBUNAL IS HEARING THE APPEAL, SHALL REVIEW THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS ON THE LAW AND FACTS. WHEN REVIEWING THE ADJUDICATIVE PANEL’S DECISION, THE SUPREME COURT SHALL REVIEW MATTERS OF LAW DE NOVO, REVIEW FACTUAL MATTERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE ADJUDICATIVE PANEL’S DETERMINATION IS CLEARLY ERRONEOUS, AND REVIEW ANY SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE ADJUDICATIVE PANEL FOR ABUSE OF DISCRETION. ~~Upon an order for retirement, the justice or judge shall thereby be retired with the same rights and privileges as if he retired pursuant to statute. Upon an order for removal, the justice or judge shall thereby be removed from office, and his salary shall cease from the date of such order. On the entry of an order for retirement or for removal of a judge, his office shall be deemed vacant.~~

(II) IN PROCEEDINGS IN WHICH THE CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3)(f)(II) ARE PRESENT, A TRIBUNAL COMPRISED OF SEVEN JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS AND DISTRICT COURT SHALL REVIEW THE DECISION OF THE ADJUDICATIVE PANEL OR HEAR ANY OTHER APPEAL IN THE SAME MANNER AND USE THE SAME STANDARDS OF REVIEW AS THE SUPREME COURT WHEN IT REVIEWS DECISIONS AND HEARS APPEALS AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(f)(I) OF THIS SECTION. THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, OR THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESIGNEE, SHALL RANDOMLY SELECT MEMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL FROM AMONG ALL DISTRICT JUDGES AND COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES WHO DO NOT HAVE A CURRENT DISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATION OR PROCEEDING PENDING BEFORE THE COMMISSION OR ADJUDICATIVE BOARD; HAVE NOT RECEIVED A DISCIPLINARY SANCTION FROM THE

COMMISSION, ADJUDICATIVE BOARD, OR SUPREME COURT; AND ARE NOT OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW, COURT RULE, OR JUDICIAL CANON TO RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM THE TRIBUNAL. A TRIBUNAL MUST NOT INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE MEMBER WHO IS A COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE AND NOT MORE THAN ONE DISTRICT JUDGE FROM ANY ONE JUDICIAL DISTRICT. THE RANDOM SELECTION OF TRIBUNAL MEMBERS IS A PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION. THE TRIBUNAL SHALL REVIEW DECISIONS AND HEAR ANY OTHER APPEALS IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

(A) WHEN THE PROCEEDINGS INVOLVE A COMPLAINT AGAINST A COLORADO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE;

(B) WHEN A COLORADO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE IS A COMPLAINANT OR A MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE PROCEEDING;

(C) WHEN A STAFF MEMBER TO A COLORADO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE IS A COMPLAINANT OR MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE PROCEEDING;

(D) WHEN A FAMILY MEMBER OF A COLORADO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE IS A COMPLAINANT OR MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE PROCEEDING; OR

(E) WHEN ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST DUE TO WHICH MORE THAN TWO COLORADO SUPREME COURT JUSTICES HAVE RECUSED THEMSELVES FROM THE PROCEEDING.

(III) UPON A DETERMINATION THAT A SANCTION IMPOSED BY THE ADJUDICATIVE PANEL IS AN ABUSE OF DISCRETION, THE SUPREME COURT OR, IF APPLICABLE, THE TRIBUNAL, SHALL REMAND THE PROCEEDINGS TO THE PANEL THAT IMPOSED THE SANCTION WITH DIRECTIONS THE COURT OR TRIBUNAL DEEMS NECESSARY.

(IV) UPON AN ORDER FOR RETIREMENT, THE JUSTICE OR JUDGE IS RETIRED WITH THE SAME RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS IF THE JUSTICE OR JUDGE RETIRED PURSUANT TO STATUTE.

UPON AN ORDER FOR REMOVAL, THE JUSTICE OR JUDGE IS REMOVED FROM OFFICE AND THE JUSTICE’S OR JUDGE’S SALARY CEASES FROM THE DATE OF THE ORDER. ON THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER FOR RETIREMENT OR FOR REMOVAL OF A JUSTICE OR JUDGE, THE JUSTICE’S OR JUDGE’S OFFICE IS DEEMED VACANT.

(g) (I) ~~Prior to the filing of a recommendation to the supreme court by the commission COMMENCEMENT OF FORMAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS against any justice or judge, all papers filed with and proceedings before the commission on judicial discipline or masters appointed by the supreme court, pursuant to this subsection (3), shall be ARE confidential, and the filing of papers with and the giving of testimony before the commission or the masters shall be privileged; but no other publication of such papers or proceedings shall be privileged in any action for defamation; except that the record filed by the commission in the supreme court continues privileged~~ IS CONFIDENTIAL. A PERSON IS ABSOLUTELY IMMUNE FROM ANY ACTION FOR DEFAMATION BASED ON PAPERS FILED WITH OR TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD, THE SUPREME COURT, OR THE TRIBUNAL, BUT NO OTHER PUBLICATION OF THE PAPERS OR PROCEEDINGS HAS ABSOLUTE IMMUNITY IN ANY ACTION FOR DEFAMATION and a writing **which** THAT was privileged prior to its filing with the commission ~~or the masters~~ does not lose such privilege by such filing.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3)(g), THE COMMISSION MAY:

(A) RELEASE INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATUS OF AN EVALUATION, INVESTIGATION, OR PROCEEDING TO THE VICTIM OF MISCONDUCT OR THE COMPLAINANT; AND

(B) RELEASE INFORMATION ABOUT A COMPLAINT THAT RESULTED IN INFORMAL REMEDIAL ACTION OR PUBLIC DISCIPLINE OF A JUDGE OR JUSTICE TO THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR AS NECESSARY FOR THE SELECTION OF A TRIBUNAL PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(f)(II) OF THIS SECTION; ANY RELEVANT COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE OR JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION, THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY REGULATION COUNSEL, AND THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE, OR SUCCESSORS TO EACH COMMISSION OR OFFICE; THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS; THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING APPLICANTS FOR THE SENIOR JUDGE PROGRAM AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(c.5)(I) OF THIS SECTION; AND OTHER LIMITED RECIPIENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION ALLOWED BY RULE; AND

(C) MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE AGGREGATE INFORMATION ABOUT TRENDS OR PATTERNS IN COMPLAINTS MADE TO THE COMMISSION, BUT THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT MAKE PUBLIC ANY INFORMATION THAT IDENTIFIES ANY SPECIFIC PERSON OR COMPLAINT.

(III) A RECIPIENT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(g)(II)(B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL PRESERVE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INFORMATION SUBJECT TO ANY SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY LAW.

(IV) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY PROVIDE BY LAW FOR CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING AND COMPLAINANT RIGHTS CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (3)(g)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

(h) ~~The supreme court shall by rule provide for procedures before the commission on judicial discipline, the masters, and the supreme court. The rules shall also provide the standards and degree of proof to be applied by the commission in its proceedings.~~ A justice or judge who is a member of the ~~commission~~ COMMISSION, ADJUDICATIVE BOARD, TRIBUNAL, or supreme court shall not participate in any proceedings involving his THE JUSTICE’S OR JUDGE’S own removal or retirement.

(k) (I) THERE IS CREATED A RULE-MAKING COMMITTEE TO ADOPT RULES FOR THE JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE PROCESS. THE RULE-MAKING COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME COURT; FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD; FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSION; AND ONE VICTIM’S ADVOCATE, AS DEFINED IN LAW, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. MEMBERS SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THEIR APPOINTING AUTHORITY. THE RULE-MAKING COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT A CHAIR WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE. THE RULES MUST INCLUDE THE STANDARDS AND DEGREE OF PROOF TO BE APPLIED IN JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE PROCEEDINGS; CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING PROCEDURES; AND COMPLAINANT RIGHTS DURING THE EVALUATION, INVESTIGATION, AND HEARING PROCESS. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY PROVIDE BY LAW FOR CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING AND COMPLAINANT RIGHTS.

(II) THE RULE-MAKING COMMITTEE MAY PROMULGATE SPECIFIC RULES GOVERNING PROCEEDINGS BEFORE A PANEL OF THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD. THE COLORADO RULES OF EVIDENCE AND COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, AS AMENDED, APPLY TO PROCEEDINGS BEFORE A PANEL OF THE ADJUDICATIVE BOARD UNTIL AND UNLESS THE RULE-MAKING COMMITTEE PROMULGATES RULES GOVERNING PANEL PROCEEDINGS. RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(k)(II) APPLY TO FORMAL PROCEEDINGS INITIATED ON OR AFTER APRIL 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote either “Yes/For” or “No/Against” on the following ballot title: “Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning judicial discipline, and, in connection therewith, establishing an independent judicial discipline adjudicative board, setting standards for judicial review of a discipline case, and clarifying when discipline proceedings become public?”.

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123, Colorado Revised Statutes, if at least fifty-five percent of the electors voting on the ballot title vote “Yes/For”, then the amendment will become part of the state constitution.

Amendment I

Constitutional Bail Exception for First Degree Murder

The ballot title below is a summary drafted by the professional legal staff for the general assembly for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Colorado constitution. The text of the measure that will appear in the Colorado constitution below was referred to the voters because it passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the state senate and the state house of representatives.

Ballot Title:

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning creating an exception to the right to bail for cases of murder in the first degree when proof is evident or presumption is great?

Text of Measure:

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

SECTION 1. At the election held on November 5, 2024, the secretary of state shall submit to the registered electors of the state the ballot title set forth in section 2 for the following amendment to the state constitution:

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, section 19 of article II, **amend** (2); and **add** (1) (d) as follows:

Section 19. Right to bail - exceptions. (1) All persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties pending disposition of charges except:

(d) FOR THE OFFENSE OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, AS DEFINED BY LAW, COMMITTED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d), WHEN PROOF IS EVIDENT OR PRESUMPTION IS GREAT.

(2) Except in the case of a capital offense OR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, if a person is denied bail under this section, the trial of the person shall be commenced not more than ninety days after the date on which bail is denied. If the trial is not commenced within ninety days and the delay is not attributable to the defense, the court shall immediately schedule a bail hearing and shall set the amount of the bail for the person.

SECTION 2. Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote either “Yes/For” or “No/Against” on the following ballot title: “Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning creating an exception to the right to bail for cases of murder in the first degree when proof is evident or presumption is great?”

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123, Colorado Revised Statutes, if at least fifty-five percent of the electors voting on the ballot title vote “Yes/For”, then the amendment will become part of the state constitution.

Amendment J

Repealing the Definition of Marriage in the Constitution

The ballot title below is a summary drafted by the professional legal staff for the general assembly for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Colorado constitution. The text of the measure that will appear in the Colorado constitution below was referred to the voters because it passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the state senate and the state house of representatives.

Ballot Title:

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution removing the ban on same-sex marriage?

Text of Measure:

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

SECTION 1. At the election held on November 5, 2024, the secretary of state shall submit to the registered electors of the state the ballot title set forth in section 2 for the following amendment to the state constitution:

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **repeal** section 31 of article II as follows:

Section 31. Marriages - valid or recognized. ~~Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state:~~

SECTION 2. Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote either “Yes/For” or “No/Against” on the following ballot title: “Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution removing the ban on same-sex marriage?”

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123, Colorado Revised Statutes, if a majority of the electors voting on the ballot title vote “Yes/For”, then the amendment will become part of the state constitution.

Amendment K
Modify Constitutional Election Deadlines

The ballot title below is a summary drafted by the professional legal staff for the general assembly for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Colorado constitution. The text of the measure that will appear in the Colorado constitution below was referred to the voters because it passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the state senate and the state house of representatives.

Ballot Title:

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the modification of certain deadlines in connection with specified elections?

Text of Measure:

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

SECTION 1. At the election held on November 5, 2024, the secretary of state shall submit to the registered electors of the state the ballot title set forth in section 2 for the following amendments to the state constitution:

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, section 1 of article V, **amend** (2), (3), and (7.3) as follows:

Section 1. General assembly - initiative and referendum. (2) The first power hereby reserved by the people is the initiative, and signatures by registered electors in an amount equal to at least five percent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of secretary of state at the previous general election shall be required to propose any measure by petition, and every such petition shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. Initiative petitions for state legislation and amendments to the constitution, in such form as may be prescribed pursuant to law, shall be addressed to and filed with the secretary of state at least three months AND ONE WEEK before the general election at which they are to be voted upon.

(3) The second power hereby reserved is the referendum, and it may be ordered, except as to laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, and appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of state and state institutions, against any act or item, section, or part of any act of the general assembly, either by a petition signed by registered electors in an amount equal to at least five percent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of the secretary of state at the previous general election or by the general assembly. Referendum petitions, in such form as may be prescribed pursuant to law, shall be addressed to and filed with the secretary of state not more than ~~ninety days~~ EIGHTY-THREE DAYS after the final adjournment of the session of the general assembly that passed the bill on which the referendum is demanded. The filing of a referendum petition against any item, section, or part of any act shall not delay the remainder of the act from becoming operative.

(7.3) Before any election at which the voters of the entire state will vote on any initiated or referred constitutional amendment or legislation, the nonpartisan research staff of the general assembly shall cause to be published the text and title of every such measure. Such publication shall be made at least one time in at least one legal publication of general circulation in each county of the state and shall be made at ~~least fifteen days prior to the final date of voter registration for~~ FORTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE the election. The form and manner of publication shall be as prescribed by law and shall ensure a reasonable opportunity for the voters statewide to become informed about the text and title of each measure.

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section 25 of article VI as follows:

Section 25. Election of justices and judges. A justice of the supreme court or a judge of any other court of record, who shall desire to retain ~~his~~ THE JUSTICE'S OR JUDGE'S judicial office for another term after the expiration of ~~his~~ THE JUSTICE'S OR JUDGE'S then term of office shall file with the secretary of state, not more than six months AND ONE WEEK nor less than three months AND ONE WEEK prior to the general election next prior to the expiration of ~~his~~ THE JUSTICE'S OR JUDGE'S then term of office, a declaration of ~~his~~ THE JUSTICE'S OR JUDGE'S intent to run for another term. Failure to file such a declaration within the time specified ~~shall create~~ CREATES a vacancy in that office at the end of ~~his~~ THE JUSTICE'S OR JUDGE'S then term of office. Upon the filing of such a declaration, a question shall be placed on the appropriate ballot at such general election, as follows:

"Shall Justice (Judge) of the Supreme (or other) Court be retained in office? YES/.../ NO/.../..." If a majority of those voting on the question vote "Yes", the justice or judge is thereupon elected to a succeeding full term. If a majority of those voting on the question vote "No", this will cause a vacancy to exist in that office at the end of his then present term of office.

In the case of a justice of the supreme court or any intermediate appellate court, the electors of the state at large; in the case of a judge of a district court, the electors of that judicial district; and in the case of a judge of the county court or other court of record, the electors of that county; shall vote on the question of retention in office of the justice or judge.

SECTION 2. Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote either "Yes/For" or "No/Against" on the following ballot title: "Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the modification of certain deadlines in connection with specified elections?"

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123, Colorado Revised Statutes, if at least fifty-five percent of the electors voting on the ballot title vote "Yes/For", then the amendment will become part of the state constitution.

Amendment 79
Constitutional Right to Abortion

The ballot title below is a summary drafted by the professional staff of the offices of the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the legal staff for the general assembly for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Colorado constitution. The text of the measure that will appear in the Colorado constitution below was drafted by the proponents of the initiative. The initiated measure is included on the ballot as a proposed change to current law because the proponents gathered the required amount of petition signatures.

Ballot Title:

Shall there be a change to the Colorado constitution recognizing the right to abortion, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting the state and local governments from denying, impeding, or discriminating against the exercise of that right, allowing abortion to be a covered service under health insurance plans for Colorado state and local government employees and for enrollees in state and local governmental insurance programs?

Text of Measure:

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. Legislative declaration. We, the voters of the state of Colorado, hereby find and declare:

- (a) Colorado has been a leader in affirming the right to abortion since 1967;
- (b) In 1984, Colorado adopted Amendment 3 which has had the unintended consequences of denying health insurance coverage for abortion services for state and local public employees, even in cases of rape, incest, continuation of a pregnancy that gravely endangers the patient's health, or even when it is clear there is a fatal fetal condition;
- (c) Amendment 3 also prevents use of health insurance coverage provided through Medicaid for abortion services, even when continuing the pregnancy gravely endangers the patient's health or when it is clear there is a fatal fetal condition;
- (d) In 2022, the United States supreme court reversed the long-standing decision of *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), that had provided federal constitutional protection for abortion rights, leaving decisions about the right to abortion up to policy makers at the state level;
- (e) In 2024, Colorado voters recognize Amendment 3 has had discriminatory and harmful effects on state and local public employees and those enrolled in state sponsored insurance programs and their families;
- (f) Voter reversal of this policy is consistent with U.S. supreme court rulings on recognizing equal access to rights, such as the right to vote. *Harper v. Virginia Board of Elections*, 383 U.S. 663 (1966). Therefore, it is timely and appropriate for voters to enact this amendment now.

Section 2. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 32 to Article II as follows:

Section 32. ABORTION

THE RIGHT TO ABORTION IS HEREBY RECOGNIZED. GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT DENY, IMPEDE, OR DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE EXERCISE OF THAT RIGHT, INCLUDING PROHIBITING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ABORTION.

Section 3. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **repeal** section 50 of article V.

Amendment 80
Constitutional Right to School Choice

The ballot title below is a summary drafted by the professional staff of the offices of the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the legal staff for the general assembly for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Colorado constitution. The text of the measure that will appear in the Colorado constitution below was drafted by the proponents of the initiative. The initiated measure is included on the ballot as a proposed change to current law because the proponents gathered the required amount of petition signatures.

Ballot Title:

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution establishing the right to school choice for children in kindergarten through 12th grade, and, in connection therewith, declaring that school choice includes neighborhood, charter, and private schools; home schooling; open enrollment options; and future innovations in education?

Text of Measure:

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section, 18 to article IX as follows:

Section 18. Education - School Choice (1) PURPOSE AND FINDINGS. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE THAT ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS A QUALITY EDUCATION; THAT PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN; AND THAT SCHOOL CHOICE INCLUDES NEIGHBORHOOD, CHARTER, PRIVATE, AND HOME SCHOOLS, OPEN ENROLLMENT OPTIONS, AND FUTURE INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION.

(2) EACH K-12 CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO SCHOOL CHOICE.

Proposition JJ
Retain Additional Sports Betting Tax Revenue

Question:

Without raising taxes, may the state keep and spend all sports betting tax revenue above voter-approved limits to fund water conservation and protection projects instead of refunding revenue to casinos?

The General Assembly referred this question to the voters in House Bill 24-1436, which is available online under Referring Legislation at: <https://leg.colorado.gov/bluebook>

Proposition KK
Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax

Question:

SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$39,000,000 ANNUALLY TO FUND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND AT-RISK YOUTH, SCHOOL SAFETY AND GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION, AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER VIOLENT CRIMES BY AUTHORIZING A TAX ON GUN DEALERS, GUN MANUFACTURERS, AND AMMUNITION VENDORS AT THE

RATE OF 6.5% OF THE NET TAXABLE SALES FROM THE RETAIL SALE OF ANY GUN, GUN PRECURSOR PART, OR AMMUNITION, WITH THE STATE KEEPING AND SPENDING ALL OF THE NEW TAX REVENUE AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE?

The General Assembly referred this question to the voters in House Bill 24-1349, which is available online under Referring Legislation at: <https://leg.colorado.gov/bluebook>

Proposition 127

Prohibit Bobcat, Lynx, and Mountain Lion Hunting

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Ballot Title:

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning a prohibition on the hunting of mountain lions, lynx, and bobcats, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting the intentional killing, wounding, pursuing, entrapping, or discharging or releasing of a deadly weapon at a mountain lion, lynx, or bobcat; creating eight exceptions to this prohibition including for the protection of human life, property, and livestock; establishing a violation of this prohibition as a class 1 misdemeanor; and increasing fines and limiting wildlife license privileges for persons convicted of this crime?

Text of Measure:

Be it Enacted by the People of the State Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 33-4-101.4 as follows:

33-4-101.4. TROPHY HUNTING PROHIBITED – EXCEPTIONS – LEGISLATIVE DECLARATION – RULES – PENALTY – DEFINITIONS. (1) The voters of Colorado find and declare that any trophy hunting of mountain lions, bobcats, or lynx is inhumane, serves no socially acceptable or ecologically beneficial purpose, and fails to further public safety. Trophy hunting is practiced primarily for the display of an animal's head, fur, or other body parts, rather than for utilization of the meat. Moreover, it is almost always conducted by unsporting means, including, but not limited to, using packs of dogs with electronic devices to pursue and entrap affected animals in places from which they cannot escape in order to achieve the kill. Therefore, it is appropriate and necessary to ban trophy hunting of mountain lions, bobcats, and lynx in Colorado.

(2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

(a)(I) "TROPHY HUNTING" MEANS INTENTIONALLY:

(A) KILLING, WOUNDING, PURSUING, OR ENTRAPPING A MOUNTAIN LION, BOBCAT, OR LYNX; OR (B) DISCHARGING OR RELEASING ANY DEADLY WEAPON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-1-901(3) (e), AT A MOUNTAIN LION, BOBCAT, OR LYNX.

(II) "TROPHY HUNTING" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(A) ANY ACT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION IF IT WAS CONDUCTED IN THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN LIFE, LIVESTOCK, REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY, OR A MOTOR VEHICLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-3-106 AND APPROPRIATE NONLETHAL METHODS HAVE BEEN USED AS DEFINED BY THE COMMISSION, EXCEPT THAT LETHAL MEANS MAY BE USED TO DEFEND HUMAN LIFE;

(B) ANY ACT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION IF IT WAS CONDUCTED BY AN AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WHEN THE EMPLOYEE IS ACTING IN HIS OR HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY;

(C) THE ACCIDENTAL WOUNDING OR KILLING OF A MOUNTAIN LION, LYNX, OR BOBCAT BY A MOTOR VEHICLE, VESSEL, OR TRAIN;

(D) THE USE OF NONLETHAL METHODS BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO CAPTURE A MOUNTAIN LION, BOBCAT OR LYNX FOR PURPOSES OF BONA FIDE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, FOR RELOCATION PERMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES OF THE DIVISION OR FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OF THE ANIMAL BEING CAPTURED AS PERMITTED BY SECTION 33-6-206(1)(a), (1) (c), OR (1)(d);

(E) ANY ACT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION IF AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE PURSUANT TO SECTION 35-40-101 TO CONTROL DEPREDATING ANIMALS;

(F) EUTHANASIA OF AN ILL OR INJURED MOUNTAIN LION, BOBCAT, OR LYNX, DONE FOR HUMANE REASONS, BY A PERSON LICENSED TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE UNDER THE COLORADO VETERINARY PRACTICE ACT, ARTICLE 315 OF TITLE 12;

(G) ANY ACT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION IF IT WAS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO A SPECIAL LICENSE ISSUED BY THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE UNDER SECTION 33-4-102(2)(a), 2(i), OR (13); OR

(H) ANY ACT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION IF IT WAS CONDUCTED BY AN EMPLOYEE OR CONTRACTOR OF A FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING HUMAN HEALTH OR SAFETY PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-6-205.

(b) "PURSUING" MEANS FOLLOWING OR CHASING IN ORDER TO ATTACK, ENTRAP, WOUND, OR KILL, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, USING ONE OR MORE DOGS IN SUCH ACT.

(3) TROPHY HUNTING OF ANY MOUNTAIN LION, BOBCAT, OR LYNX IS UNLAWFUL.

(4) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, SHALL BE PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 18-1.3-501.

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF ANY OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION WHO HOLDS A WILDLIFE LICENSE SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD OR EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF SUCH A LICENSE FOR FIVE YEARS.

(c) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF TWO OR MORE OFFENSES UNDER THIS SECTION IS PROHIBITED FROM HOLDING OR EXERCISING THE PRIVILEGES OF SUCH A LICENSE FOR LIFE.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-4-102, **amend** (1.4)(s) as follows:

33-4-102. Types of licenses and fees - rules. (1.4) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (1.5) and (1.6) of this section, the division may issue the following resident and nonresident licenses and shall collect the following fees:

	Fees
Nonresident	Resident
(s) Mountain lion	48.00
660.00	

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-6-107, **amend** (9) as follows:

33-6-107. Licensing violations – penalties – rule. (9) For the purposes of this section, any person, any member of such person's family, or any employee of the person may hunt, trap, or take black-billed magpies, common crows, starlings, English or house sparrows, common pigeons, coyotes, ~~bobcats~~; red foxes, raccoons, jackrabbits, badgers, marmots, prairie dogs, pocket gophers, Richardson's ground squirrels, rock squirrels, thirteen-lined ground squirrels, porcupines, crayfish, tiger salamanders, muskrats, beavers, exotic wildlife, and common snapping turtles on lands owned or leased by the person without securing licenses to do so, but only when such wildlife is causing damage to crops, real or personal property, or livestock. Any person may kill skunks or rattlesnakes when necessary to protect life or property. The pelts or hides of any mammals taken under this subsection (9) may be transferred, possessed, traded, bartered, or sold by a person who holds an appropriate small game license.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-6-109, **amend** (3)(c) as follows:

33-6-109. Wildlife – illegal possession. (3) A person who violates subsection (1) or (2) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, depending upon the wildlife involved, shall be punished upon conviction by a fine or imprisonment, or both, and license suspension points or suspension or revocation of license privileges as follows:

(c) For each elk, bear, moose, LYNX, BOBCAT, or mountain lion, a fine of one thousand dollars and an assessment of fifteen points.

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-6-110, **amend** (1)(a) and (c) as follows:

33-6-110. Division action to recover possession and value of wildlife unlawfully taken. (1) The division may bring and maintain a civil action against any person, in the name of the people of the state, to recover possession or value or both possession and value of any wildlife taken in violation of articles 1 to 6 of this title. A writ of replevin may issue in such an action without bond. No previous demand for possession shall be necessary. If costs or damages are adjudged in favor of the defendant, the same shall be paid out of the wildlife cash fund. Neither the pendency of such civil action nor a criminal prosecution for the same taking shall be a bar to the other; nor shall anything in this section affect the right of seizure under other provisions of articles 1 to 6 of this title. The following shall be considered the minimum value of the wildlife unlawfully taken or possessed and may be recovered in addition to recovery of possession of the wildlife:

(a) For each eagle, member of an endangered species, rocky mountain goat, moose, rocky mountain bighorn sheep, MOUNTAIN LION, BOBCAT, or lynx...\$1,000

(c) For each pronghorn, deer, or black bear ~~or mountain lion~~...\$500

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-1-102, **amend** (2) as follows:

33-1-102. Definitions. (2) "Big game" means elk, white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose, rocky mountain bighorn sheep, desert bighorn sheep, rocky mountain goat, pronghorn antelope, black bear, ~~mountain lion~~; and all species of large mammals that may be introduced or transplanted into this state for hunting or are classified as big game by the commission.

SECTION 7. Effective date - applicability. This measure shall be effective on and after the date it is declared by proclamation of the governor to have been adopted by voters and shall apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date.

Proposition 128
Parole Eligibility for Crimes of Violence

The ballot title below is a summary drafted by the professional staff of the offices of the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the legal staff for the general assembly for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Colorado Revised Statutes. The text of the measure that will appear in the Colorado Revised Statutes below was drafted by the proponents of the initiative. The initiated measure is included on the ballot as a proposed change to current law because the proponents gathered the required amount of petition signatures.

Ballot Title:

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning parole eligibility for an offender convicted of certain crimes, and, in connection therewith, requiring an offender who is convicted of second degree murder; first degree assault; class 2 felony kidnapping; sexual assault; first degree arson; first degree burglary; or aggravated robbery committed on or after January 1, 2025, to serve 85 percent of the sentence imposed before being eligible for parole, and requiring an offender convicted of any such crime committed on or after January 1, 2025, who was previously convicted of any two crimes of violence, not just those crimes enumerated in this measure, to serve the full sentence imposed before beginning to serve parole?

Text of Measure:

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-22.5-303.3, **repeal and reenact, with amendments**, (1) and (2); and **add** (1.5) and (2.5) as follows:

17-22.5-303.3. Violent offenders – parole. (1) ANY PERSON SENTENCED FOR SECOND

DEGREE MURDER, FIRST DEGREE ASSAULT, FIRST DEGREE KIDNAPPING, UNLESS THE FIRST DEGREE KIDNAPPING IS A CLASS 1 FELONY, FIRST OR SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL ASSAULT, FIRST DEGREE ARSON, FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY, OR AGGRAVATED ROBBERY, COMMITTED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1987, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AFTER HE HAS SERVED SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE SENTENCE IMPOSED LESS ANY TIME AUTHORIZED FOR EARNED TIME PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-22.5-302. THEREAFTER, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 17-22.5-303 (6) AND (7) APPLY.

(1.5) ANY PERSON CONVICTED FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER; FIRST DEGREE ASSAULT; CLASS 2 FELONY KIDNAPPING; SEXUAL ASSAULT UNDER PART 4, ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 18; FIRST DEGREE ARSON; FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY; OR AGGRAVATED ROBBERY, COMMITTED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AFTER SUCH PERSON HAS SERVED EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE SENTENCE IMPOSED UPON SUCH PERSON. THEREAFTER, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 17-22.5-303 (6) AND (7) APPLY.

(2) ANY PERSON CONVICTED FOR A CRIME COMMITTED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, FOR ANY CRIME ENUMERATED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, WHO HAS TWICE PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVICTED FOR A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AFTER HE HAS SERVED THE SENTENCE IMPOSED LESS ANY TIME AUTHORIZED FOR EARNED TIME PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-22.5-302. THEREAFTER, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 17-22.5-303 (6) AND (7) APPLY.

(2.5) ANY PERSON CONVICTED AND SENTENCED FOR A CRIME COMMITTED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, FOR ANY CRIME ENUMERATED IN SUBSECTION (1.5) OF THIS SECTION, WHO HAS TWICE PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVICTED FOR A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, SHALL BEGIN PAROLE AFTER HE HAS SERVED THE FULL SENTENCE IMPOSED. THEREAFTER, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 17-22.5-303 (6) AND (7) APPLY.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-22.5-403, **amend** (2.5)(a) as follows:
17-22.5-403. Parole eligibility. (2.5)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, any person convicted and sentenced for second degree murder, first degree assault, first degree kidnapping unless the first degree kidnapping is a class 1 felony, first degree arson, first degree burglary, or aggravated robbery, committed on or after July 1, 2004, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, shall be eligible for parole after such person has served seventy-five percent of the sentence imposed upon such person, less any time authorized for earned time granted pursuant to section 17-22.5-405.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.
This act takes effect on the date of the proclamation of the Governor announcing the approval, by the registered electors of the state, of the proposed initiative.

Proposition 129
Establishing Veterinary Professional Associates
The ballot title below is a summary drafted by the professional staff of the offices of the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the legal staff for the general assembly for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Colorado Revised Statutes. The text of the measure that will appear in the Colorado Revised Statutes below was drafted by the proponents of the initiative. The initiated measure is included on the ballot as a proposed change to current law because the proponents gathered the required amount of petition signatures.

Ballot Title:
Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes creating a new veterinary professional associate profession, and, in connection therewith, establishing qualifications including a master's degree in veterinary clinical care or the equivalent as determined by the state board of veterinary medicine to be a veterinary professional associate; requiring registration with the state board; allowing a registered veterinary professional associate to practice veterinary medicine under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian; and making it a misdemeanor or to practice as a veterinary professional associate without an active registration?

Text of Measure:
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-315-102 as follows:
12-315-102. **Legislative declaration.** (1) This article 315 is enacted as an exercise of the police powers of the state to promote the public health, safety, and welfare by safeguarding the people of this state against incompetent, dishonest, or unprincipled practitioners of veterinary medicine. It is hereby declared that the practice of veterinary medicine is a privilege conferred upon persons possessed of the personal and professional qualifications specified in this article 315.

(2) THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO DECLARE THAT:
(a) THERE IS A CRITICAL VETERINARY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE IMPACTING THE ANIMALS OF COLORADO;
(b) THE VETERINARY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE IS CAUSING AN ACCESS-TO-VETERINARY-CARE CRISIS IN COLORADO;
(c) THE ACCESS-TO-VETERINARY-CARE CRISIS IS THREATENING THE WELFARE OF COMPANION ANIMALS, THE LIVELIHOOD OF MEMBERS OF COLORADO'S ANIMAL AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY, AND THE SAFETY OF OUR FOOD SUPPLY;
(d) THE VETERINARY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE AND ACCESS-TO-VETERINARY-CARE CRISIS CANNOT BE SOLVED WITHOUT SEEKING NEW WAYS TO BRING ADDITIONAL PEOPLE INTO THE VETERINARY WORKFORCE; AND
(e) EXPERTS IN VETERINARY MEDICINE HAVE IDENTIFIED A MID-LEVEL VETERINARY PRACTITIONER CAREER PATHWAY AS ONE SOLUTION TO THE VETERINARY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE AND ACCESS-TO-VETERINARY-CARE CRISIS.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes 12-315-104, **amend** (21.5) and **add** (21.7) as follows:
12-315-104. Definitions. As used in this article 315, unless the context otherwise requires: (21.5) "Veterinary professional" means a veterinarian licensed pursuant to this part 1, A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE REGISTERED PURSUANT PART 2 OF THIS ARTICLE 315, and a veterinary technician registered pursuant to part 2 of this article 315. (21.7) "VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN VETERINARY CLINICAL CARE, OR THE EQUIVALENT, AND WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 12-315-203.7.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes 12-315-105, **add** (1)(r) as follows:
12-315-105. License requirements and exceptions - definitions - rules. (1) A person shall not practice veterinary medicine in this state if the person is not a licensed veterinarian. A person shall not practice artificial insemination or ova transplantation of cattle or other animal species in this state except in accordance with section 12-315-106 (5)(c). This article 315 does not prohibit:
(r) A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE FROM PRACTICING VETERINARY MEDICINE THAT IS:
(I) WITHIN THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE'S ADVANCED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE; AND
(II) PERFORMED WHILE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED VETERINARIAN WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE'S PERFORMANCE.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-315-106, **amend** (5)(a), (5)(b), (5)(d), and (7); and **add** (5)(j) as follows:
12-315-106. Board of veterinary medicine - creation - powers - rules. (5) The board has the power to:
(a) Examine and determine the qualifications and fitness of applicants for a license to practice veterinary medicine or for registration as a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE in this state;
(b) Pursuant to section 12-20-404, issue, renew, deny, suspend, or revoke licenses to practice veterinary medicine or registrations of veterinary technicians AND VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES in the state or otherwise discipline or fine, or both, licensees or registrants consistent with this article 315 and the rules adopted by the board under this article 315;
(d) Establish, pursuant to section 12-20-105, and publish annually a schedule of fees for licensing and registration of veterinarians, and veterinary technicians, AND VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES. The board shall base the fee on its anticipated financial requirements for the year.
(j) APPROVE A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATION FOR PURPOSES OF CREDENTIALING VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES IN THIS STATE. THE CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD MAY:
(I) REQUIRE COMPLETION OF A UNIVERSITY-APPROVED PROGRAM FOR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES; AND
(II) REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT PASS A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE NATIONAL EXAMINATION.
(7) The powers of the board are granted to enable the board to effectively supervise the practice of veterinary medicine and of veterinary technicians AND VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES and are to be construed liberally to accomplish this objective.

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-315-112, **amend** (1)(ee) as follows;
12-315-112. Discipline of licensees. (1) Upon receipt of a signed complaint by a complainant or upon its own motion, the board may proceed to a hearing in accordance with section 12-315-113. After a hearing, and by a concurrence of a majority of members, the board may take disciplinary or other action as authorized in section 12-20-404 against an applicant for a license or a licensed veterinarian for any of the following reasons:
(ee) Failure to properly supervise a veterinary student, a veterinary student preceptor, a veterinary technician, A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE, or other veterinary staff;

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, article 315 of title 12, rename Part 2 as follows: Part 2. VETERINARY TECHNICIANS AND VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-315-201, **add** (1)(c) and (1)(d) as follows:
12-315-201. Additional board duties - rules - repeal. (1) In addition to any other duties specified in this part 2 or section 12-315-106, the board shall:
(c) REQUIRE BIENNIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES, AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD BY RULE, AS A CONDITION OF RENEWING REGISTRATION; AND
(d) ADOPT ANY RULES NECESSARY FOR THE PRACTICE AND SUPERVISION OF VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES.

SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-315-203.7 as follows:
12-315-203.7. Veterinary professional associate - qualifications- registration - fees - continuing education - rules. (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DESIRES TO PRACTICE AS A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE IN THIS STATE MUST FILE AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION WITH THE BOARD, ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED APPLICATION FEE, IN THE MANNER DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.

(2) Qualifications. TO BE QUALIFIED FOR REGISTRATION AS A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST:
(a) BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE; AND
(b) HOLD A MASTER'S DEGREE IN VETERINARY CLINICAL CARE OR THE EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.

(3) Registration. COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PRACTICES AS A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE IN THIS STATE MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD FOR THE REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES.

(4) Rules. PRIOR TO REGISTERING VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH, BY RULE:

(a) THE TIME FRAMES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION, RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION, AND SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF REGISTRATION FOR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES;
(b) THE METHOD FOR AN APPLICANT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION;
(c) ANY INFORMATION OR CONFIRMATION REQUIRED BY THE SUPERVISING, LICENSED VETERINARIAN;
(d) ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-315-201(1)(c) AND SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION; AND
(e) ANY OTHER RULES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

(5) A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE IS SUBJECT TO ANY BIENNIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-315-201(1)(c) AND RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(d) OF THIS SECTION AS A CONDITION OF RENEWING REGISTRATION.

SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-315-204 as follows:
12-315-204. Use of title restricted. (1) On and after January 1, 2024, only a person who is registered pursuant to this part 2 may use the title "veterinary technician" or "registered veterinary technician" or the initials "VT" or "RVT".
(2) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026, ONLY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-315-203.7 MAY USE THE TITLE "VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE" OR "REGISTERED VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE" OR THE INITIALS "VPA" OR "RVPA."

SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-315-206 as follows:
12-315-206. Expiration, renewal, reinstatement, or reactivation of a registration - inactive status - rules - definition. (1) A registration issued pursuant to this part 2 is subject to the renewal, expiration, reinstatement, and delinquency fee provisions specified in section 12-20-202 (1) and (2). A person whose registration expires is subject to the penalties provided in this part 2 or section 12-20-202 (1).
(2) The board, by rule, may waive a veterinary technician's OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE's renewal fee while the veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE is on active duty with any branch of the armed services of the United States. The period during which the renewal fee is waived cannot exceed the longer of three years or the duration of a national emergency.
(3) The board shall not renew, reinstate, or reactivate a registration issued pursuant to ~~section 12-315-203(3)~~ THIS PART 2 unless the veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that the veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE maintains active credentialing with the credentialing organization OR THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE CONTINUES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS PART 2. Subject to board rule, the evidence may be provided by an attestation on the registration application.
(4) (a) Upon notice to the board, the board shall transfer a veterinary technician's OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE's registration to inactive status. If a person whose registration is in inactive status wishes to resume practicing as a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE the person shall apply to the board in a form and manner approved by the board and shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the board, that the person has obtained and maintains credentialing in good standing by the credentialing organization OR THE PERSON CONTINUES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS PART 2.
(b) The board may pursue disciplinary proceedings pursuant to section 12-315-207 against a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE whose registration is inactive pursuant to this subsection (4) for conduct that violates this part 2 that the person engages in while the registration is in inactive status.

SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-315-207, **amend** (1) introductory portion, (1)(e), (1)(f) introductory portion, (1)(f)(I), (1)(g), (1)(I), (5), and (8) as follows:
12-315-207. Discipline of a registered veterinary technician – registered veterinary professional associate – repeal. (1) Upon receipt of a signed complaint by a complainant or upon its own motion, the board may proceed to a hearing in accordance with section 12-315-113. After a hearing, and by a concurrence of a majority of members, the board may take disciplinary action as authorized in section 12-20-404 against an applicant for a registration or a registered veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE for any of the following reasons:
(e) Unprofessional or unethical conduct or engaging in practices that are in violation of generally accepted standards for practice as a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE or prescribed by the rules of the board;
(f) The veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE:
(I) Has a registration or credential as a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE in another state revoked or suspended;
(g) Practicing as a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE while in inactive status or while the person's registration is expired;
(I) A determination that the individual is mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction, and the court has entered, pursuant to part 3 or 4 of article 14 of title 15 or section 27-65-110 (4) or 27-65-127, an order specifically finding that the mental incompetency is of such a degree that the individual is incapable of continuing to hold a registration as a VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE OR veterinary technician;
(5) With respect to denying the issuance of a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE registration or taking disciplinary action against a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE, the board may accept as prima facie evidence of grounds for the action any federal or state action taken against a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE in another jurisdiction if the violation that prompted the disciplinary action in the jurisdiction would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under this section.
(8) The board may suspend the registration of a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE who fails to comply with an order of the board issued in accordance with this section. The board may impose the registration suspension until the registrant complies with the board's order.

SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-315-208, **amend** (1)(a)(I) introductory portion, (1)(a)(I)(B), (1)(b), and (2) introductory portion as follows:
12-315-208. Examination of registrants - behavioral health - mental health - physical conditions. (1)(a)(I) If, upon receipt of a signed complaint by a complainant, the board has reasonable cause to believe that a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE is unable to practice as a veterinary technician with reasonable skill and safety to patients or clients due to a physical condition or a behavioral health, mental health, or substance use disorder, the board may require in writing that the veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE submit to an examination to evaluate:
(B) Any impact the physical condition or the behavioral health, mental health, or substance use disorder has on the veterinary technician's OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE's ability to practice as a veterinary technician with reasonable skill and safety to patients and clients.
(b) If a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE fails to submit to an examination required under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the board may suspend the veterinary technician's OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE's registration until the veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE submits to the examination; however, if the veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that the failure to submit to the examination is due to circumstances beyond the veterinary technician's OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE's control, the board shall not suspend the veterinary technician's OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE's registration.
(2) Every veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE in this state is deemed, by practicing as a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE or applying for a renewal of the person's registration, to have:
SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-315-209.7 as follows:
12-315-209.7. Duties of licensed veterinarian - direction and supervision of veterinary professional associate - rules. (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON PRACTICING AS A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE MAY PERFORM DUTIES AND ACTIONS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-315-105(1)(r) THAT ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE'S ADVANCED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE IF THE PERSON PERFORMS THOSE DUTIES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED VETERINARIAN.
(2) A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE SHALL PERFORM ONLY THOSE DUTIES OR ACTIONS DELEGATED BY THE LICENSED, SUPERVISING VETERINARIAN FOR WHICH THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE HAS THE NECESSARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE, AS DETERMINED BY THE SUPERVISING VETERINARIAN, TO MEET GENERALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF VETERINARY CARE.
(3) IF A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE IS DELEGATED DUTIES BEYOND THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE'S TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE, THE LICENSED VETERINARIAN:
(a) IS IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 12-315-112(1)(ee) ;
(b) MAY BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ANY NEGLIGENCE OF THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE IN PROVIDING CARE TO AN ANIMAL; AND
(c) MAY BE SUBJECT TO PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-315-112.
(4) IF A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE PERFORMS DUTIES BEYOND THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE'S TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE OR DOES NOT CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO PERFORM ALL DUTIES AND ACTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-315-105(1)(r) UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED, SUPERVISING VETERINARIAN AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE MAY BE SUBJECT TO:
(a) A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-20-405;
(b) DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ANY NEGLIGENCE OF THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE IN PROVIDING CARE TO AN ANIMAL; AND
(c) DISCIPLINE PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 12-20-404 FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 12-315-207(1)(n).

SECTION 14. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-315-210 as follows:
12-315-210. Unauthorized practice - penalties. A person who practices or offers or attempts to practice as a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE without an active registration issued under this part 2 is subject to penalties pursuant to section 12-20-407 (1)(a).
SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-20-404, **amend** (1)(d)(II)(M) as follows:
12-20-404. Disciplinary actions - regulator powers - disposition of fines - mistreatment of at-risk adult – exceptions - definitions. (1) General disciplinary authority. If a regulator determines that an applicant, licensee, certificate holder, or registrant has committed an act or engaged in conduct that constitutes grounds for discipline or unprofessional conduct under a part or article of this title 12 governing the particular profession or occupation, the regulator may:
(d)(II) A regulator is not authorized under this subsection (1)(d) to refuse to renew the license, certification, or registration of a licensee, certificate holder, or registrant regulated under the following:
(M) Article 315 of this title 12 concerning veterinarians, veterinary technicians, AND VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES.

SECTION 16. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-20-407, **amend** (1)(a)(V)(W) as follows: **12-20-407. Unauthorized practice of profession or occupation - penalties - exclusions.** (1) (a) A person commits a class 2 misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-501 if the person: (V) Practices or offers or attempts to practice any of the following professions or occupations without an active license, certification, or registration issued under the part or article of this title 12 governing the particular profession or occupation: (W) Veterinary medicine or as a veterinary technician OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE, as regulated under article 315 of this title 12; or **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-20-408, **amend** (1)(f) as follows: **12-20-408. Judicial review.** (1) Except as specified in subsection (2) of this section, the court of appeals has initial jurisdiction to review all final actions and orders of a regulator that are subject to judicial review and shall conduct the judicial review proceedings in accordance with section 24-4-106 (11); except that, with regard only to cease-and-desist orders, a district court of competent jurisdiction has initial jurisdiction to review a final action or order of a regulator that is subject to judicial review and shall conduct the judicial review proceedings in accordance with section 24-4-106 (3) for the following: (f) Article 315 of this title 12 concerning veterinarians, **and** veterinary technicians, AND VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES. **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-72-204, **amend** (3)(a)(XIV) as follows: **24-72-204. Allowance or denial of inspection - grounds - procedure - appeal - definitions - repeal.** (3) (a) The custodian shall deny the right of inspection of the following records, unless otherwise provided by law; except that the custodian shall make any of the following records, other than letters of reference concerning employment, licensing, or issuance of permits, available to the person in interest in accordance with this subsection (3): (XIV) Veterinary medical data, information, and records on individual animals that are owned by private individuals or business entities, but are in the custody of a veterinary medical practice or hospital, including the veterinary teaching hospital at Colorado state university, that provides veterinary medical care and treatment to animals. A veterinary-patient-client privilege exists with respect to such data, information, and records only when a person in interest and a veterinarian OR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE enter into a mutual agreement to provide medical treatment for an individual animal and such person in interest maintains an ownership interest in such animal undergoing treatment. For purposes of this subsection (3)(a)(XIV), "person in interest" means the owner of an animal undergoing veterinary medical treatment or such owner's designated representative. Nothing in this subsection (3)(a)(XIV) shall prevent the state agricultural commission, the state agricultural commissioner, or the state board of veterinary medicine from exercising their investigatory and enforcement powers and duties granted pursuant to section 35-1-106 (1)(h), article 50 of title 35, and section 12-315-106 (5)(e), respectively. The veterinary-patient-client privilege described in this subsection (3)(a)(XIV), pursuant to section 12-315-120 (5), may not be asserted for the purpose of excluding or refusing evidence or testimony in a prosecution for an act of animal cruelty under section 18-9-202 or for an act of animal fighting under section 18-9-204. **SECTION 19. Effective date.** This act takes effect on January 1, 2026.

Proposition 130
Funding for Law Enforcement
The ballot title below is a summary drafted by the professional staff of the offices of the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the legal staff for the general assembly for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Colorado Revised Statutes. The text of the measure that will appear in the Colorado Revised Statutes below was drafted by the proponents of the initiative. The initiated measure is included on the ballot as a proposed change to current law because the proponents gathered the required amount of petition signatures.
Ballot Title:
Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning state funding for peace officer training and support, and, in connection therewith, directing the legislature to appropriate 350 million dollars to the peace officer training and support fund for municipal and county law enforcement agencies to hire and retain peace officers; allowing the fund to be used for pay, bonuses, initial and continuing education and training, and a death benefit for a peace officer, police, fire and first responder killed in the line of duty; and requiring the funding to supplement existing appropriations?
Text of Measure:
Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:
SECTION 1. Statement of purpose. The people of the State of Colorado find and declare: (1) This measure is enacted in response to a significant increase in crime, and especially violent crime, in the state of Colorado. (2) The people of Colorado find, determine, and declare that the criminal laws of the state of Colorado must be more rigorously and comprehensively enforced. (3) The people further find, determine, and declare that Colorado will be a safer place if Colorado recruits, trains, retains, and rewards the best and brightest law enforcement officials in Colorado to prevent and enforce crimes against the people of the state of Colorado. (4) The people further find, determine, and declare that it is the goal of the people of the state of Colorado that our state be the best state in the union for a police officer to work, live and raise a family and that, in furtherance of that cause, the state will provide more resources, more man power, more training, and more support to law enforcement – including the families of those slain in the line of duty. (5) The people further find, determine, and declare that the legislature has failed to adequately fund the law enforcement of this state, and the provisions of this act should be construed in a way that promotes a better, stronger, more comprehensive law enforcement system in the state.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-535 as follows: **24-33.5-535. Peace Officer Training and Support Fund.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY A PEACE OFFICER TRAINING AND SUPPORT FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND", TO ASSIST IN RECRUITING, TRAINING AND SUPPORTING PEACE OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. (2) MONEY MAY ONLY BE USED FOR BONA FIDE PEACE OFFICER FUNCTIONS AND NOT PROGRAMS FOR OTHER HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS. (3) THE MONEY MUST SUPPLEMENT AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT OTHER STATE OR LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS TO AGENCIES AND SHALL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO INCREASE OTHER TOTAL FUNDING. **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-503, **add (1)(ee) as follows:** **24-33.5-503. Death Benefit.** (1)(ee) THE SURVIVING SPOUSE, CHILDREN OR ESTATE OF ANY PEACE OFFICER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY SHALL BE PAID ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN DEATH BENEFITS FROM THE PEACE OFFICER TRAINING AND SUPPORT FUND CREATED IN C.R.S. 24-33.5-535. THIS PAYMENT IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PAYMENTS INCLUDING WORKERS COMPENSATION, SURVIVOR BENEFITS IN A PENSION SYSTEM, OR OTHER BENEFITS PROVIDED BY LAW. **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-536 as follows: **24-33.5-536. Appropriation.** THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE \$350 MILLION TO THE PEACE OFFICER TRAINING AND SUPPORT FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF: (1) GRANTING FUNDS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES FOR OPERATING MONEY TO: (a) INCREASE ANNUAL PAY FOR POLICE, SHERIFF AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS; (b) PROVIDE ONE TIME HIRING, RETENTION OR MERIT BONUSES TO ATTRACT, MAINTAIN, OR REWARD EXCEPTIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS; (c) HIRE ADDITIONAL POLICE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OR SPECIFIC TYPES OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, INCLUDING GANG ACTIVITY, DRUG CARTELS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, STOLEN VEHICLE UNITS, AND DRUG INTERDICTION AT THE STATE'S BORDERS AND ALONG THE STATE'S INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS; (d) INITIAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INCLUDING USE OF FORCE TRAINING, RESTRAINT AND NON-LETHAL FORCE TRAINING, PHYSICAL FITNESS TRAINING OR ENHANCEMENT, POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE OR OTHER RELATED AREAS OF STUDY, AND OTHER PROGRAMS AND DISCIPLINES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING AND RE-TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN THE STATE OF COLORADO; AND (e) MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND AS MAY BE NEEDED TO PAY THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILDREN OR ESTATE OF POLICE, FIRE OR OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. **SECTION 5.** Effective date.

This act takes effect on the date of the proclamation of the Governor announcing the approval, by the registered electors of the state, of the proposed initiative.
Proposition 131
Establishing All-Candidate Primary and Ranked Choice Voting General Elections
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Ballot Title:
Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes creating new election processes for certain federal and state offices, and, in connection therewith, creating a new all-candidate primary election for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer, CU board of regents, state board of education, and the Colorado state legislature; allowing voters to vote for any one candidate per office, regardless of the voter's or candidate's political party affiliation; providing that the four candidates for each office who receive the most votes advance to the general election; and in the general election, allowing voters to rank candidates for each office on their ballot, adopting a process for how the ranked votes are tallied, and determining the winner to be the candidate with the highest number of votes in the final tally?
Text of Measure:
Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:
SECTION 1. Declaration of the People of Colorado
(1) It is in the interest of the people of the state of Colorado to modernize our election system so that all voters and candidates have equal access in certain state and federal elections and voters have more choice to elect candidates who better reflect the will of a majority of the voters. In furtherance of this objective, the people of the state of Colorado establish that all voters have the right to: (a) Participate in an all-candidate primary election featuring all candidates for those state and federal offices, with the final four candidates advancing to the general elections; (b) Vote for any candidate they prefer, regardless of political affiliation or non-affiliation; and (c) Participate in general elections where candidates are elected by a majority of votes. (2) This equal access provides voters more choices, generates more competitive candidates for elective office, promotes more meaningful voter participation, and holds elected officials more accountable.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **amend** (19.7), (23.4), (34.4), and (49.7); and **add** (1.05), (7.3), (19.1), (34.3), (43.5), (45.7), and (46.4), as follows: **1-1-104. Definitions.** As used in this code, unless the context otherwise requires: (1.05) "ACTIVE CANDIDATE" MEANS ANY CANDIDATE OR SLATE OF CANDIDATES WHO HAS NOT BEEN ELIMINATED OR ELECTED. (7.3) "COVERED OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATE OFFICER, AND STATE SENATOR OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE SERVING IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. (19.1) "HIGHEST-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE" MEANS THE ACTIVE CANDIDATE ASSIGNED TO A HIGHER RANKING THAN ANY OTHER ACTIVE CANDIDATE. (19.7) "Instant runoff voting" means a ranked voting method used to select a single winner in a race, as set forth in **section** SECTIONS **1-4-207** AND 1-7-1003(3). (23.4) "Overvote" means the selection by an elector of more names than there are persons to be elected to an office, THE SELECTION OF MORE THAN ONE NAME IN AN ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY FOR A COVERED OFFICE, THE ASSIGNMENT OF MORE THAN ONE NAME TO ONE RANKING IN AN ELECTION USING A RANKED VOTING METHOD, or the designation of more than one answer to a ballot question or ballot issue. "Overvote" does not include the ranking of multiple candidates in an election using A RANKED ~~instant-runoff~~ voting METHOD ~~in accordance with part 40 of article 7 of this title 1-~~ (34.3) "RANKING" MEANS THE NUMBER AVAILABLE TO BE ASSIGNED BY A VOTER TO A CANDIDATE TO EXPRESS THE VOTER'S PREFERENCE FOR THAT CANDIDATE; THE NUMBER "1" IS THE HIGHEST RANKING, FOLLOWED BY "2," AND THEN "3," AND SO ON. (34.4) "Ranked voting method" means a method of casting and tabulating ballots **votes** that allows electors to rank the candidates for an office in order of preference and uses these preferences to determine the winner of the election. "Ranked voting method" includes instant runoff voting and choice voting or proportional voting as described in ~~section~~ SECTIONS **1-4-207** AND 1-7-1003. (43.5) "ROUND" MEANS AN INSTANCE OF THE RANKED VOTING TALLY AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-4-207 AND 1-7-1003. (45.7) "SINGLE CHOICE VOTING" MEANS A METHOD OF CASTING AND TABULATING BALLOTS THAT ALLOWS ELECTORS TO INDICATE A CHOICE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR AN OFFICE AND USES THESE CHOICES TO DETERMINE THE WINNER OF THE ELECTION. (46.4) "STATE OFFICER" MEANS THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE STATE TREASURER, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO. (49.7) "Undervote" means the failure of an elector to vote on a ballot question or ballot issue, the failure of an elector to vote for OR RANK any candidate for an office, or the designation by an elector of fewer votes than there are offices to be filled; except that it is not an undervote if there are fewer candidates than offices to be filled and the elector designates as many votes as there are candidates. **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-101, **amend** (1), (2), (3), and (4), as follows: **1-4-101. Primary elections - when - nominations - expenses.** (1) Except as provided in section 1-4-104.5, a primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall be held on the last Tuesday in June of even-numbered years to nominate candidates of political parties to be voted for at the succeeding general election. Except as provided by section 1-4-1304(1.5), only a major political party, as defined in section 1-1-104(22), is entitled to nominate candidates in a primary election. (2) (a) Each political party that is entitled to participate in the primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE must have a separate party ballot for use by electors affiliated with that political party. An elector is not required to vote in the same party primary as the elector voted in as part of a presidential primary election occurring in that same year, if such an election is held. (b) The county clerk and recorder shall send to all active electors in the county who have not declared an affiliation a mailing that contains the PRIMARY ELECTION ballots FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE of all of the major political parties. In this mailing, the clerk shall also provide written instructions advising the elector of the manner in which the elector will be in compliance with the requirements of this code in selecting and casting the ballot of a major political party. An elector may cast the ballot of only one major political party. After selecting and casting a ballot of a single major political party, the elector shall return the ballot to the clerk. If an elector casts and returns to the clerk the ballot of more than one major political party, all such ballots returned will be rejected and will not be counted. (3) All nominations by major political parties for candidates for ~~United States senator, representative in congress;~~ all elective ~~state,~~ district, and county officers; ~~and members of the general assembly~~ shall be made by primary elections; ~~except that, for general elections occurring after January 1, 2001, nominations by major political parties for candidates for lieutenant governor shall not be made by primary elections and shall be made pursuant to section 1-4-502(3).~~ Neither the secretary of state nor any county clerk and recorder shall place on the official general election ballot the name of any person as a candidate of any major political party who has not been nominated in accordance with the provisions of this article, or who has not been affiliated with the major political party for the period of time required by section 1-4-601, or who does not meet residency requirements for the office, if any. The information found on the voter registration record of the county of current or previous residence of the person seeking to be placed on the ballot is admissible as prima facie evidence of compliance with this article. (4) Except as otherwise provided in this code, all primary elections FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall be conducted in the same manner as general elections insofar as the general election provisions are applicable, and the election officers for primary elections have the same powers and shall perform the same duties as those provided by law for general elections. **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-4-101.5, as follows: **1-4-101.5 All-candidate primary elections for covered offices - when - nominations - expenses.** (1) AN ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR A COVERED OFFICE SHALL BE HELD ON THE LAST TUESDAY IN JUNE OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE SUCCEEDING GENERAL ELECTION. (2) THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CANDIDATES FOR A COVERED OFFICE SHALL BE CONDUCTED WHEREBY ALL CANDIDATES WHO QUALIFY FOR THE BALLOT, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NON-AFFILIATION, SHALL APPEAR ON THE SAME BALLOT AND EACH ELECTOR, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NON-AFFILIATION, IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR ANY ONE CANDIDATE PER EACH COVERED OFFICE SPECIFIC TO THE DISTRICTS OF THE ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION. THE FOUR CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR EACH COVERED OFFICE ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION. (a) THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION DOES NOT SERVE TO DETERMINE THE NOMINEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY OR POLITICAL GROUP BUT INSTEAD SERVES TO NARROW THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES WHOSE NAME WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION. (b) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PREVENT POLITICAL PARTIES, ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER GROUPS FROM ENDORSING A CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES OF THEIR CHOICE FOR COVERED OFFICES NOR SHALL IT PREVENT A CANDIDATE FROM ACCEPTING OR REJECTING ANY NUMBER OF SUCH ENDORSEMENTS. (c) (I) CANDIDATES WHO QUALIFY FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IN AN ORDER ESTABLISHED BY LOT. (II) FOR A CANDIDATE WHO IS AFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY, THEIR POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION SHALL APPEAR NEXT TO THEIR NAME. NO CANDIDATE SHALL HAVE A POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION NEXT TO THEIR NAME UNLESS THE CANDIDATE WAS AFFILIATED WITH THE POLITICAL PARTY, AS SHOWN IN THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM, NO LATER THAN THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF THE JANUARY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION. (III) FOR A CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY, THE WORD "UNAFFILIATED" SHALL APPEAR NEXT TO THEIR NAME. (d) CANDIDATES ADVANCING FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THESE COVERED OFFICES SHALL BE DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS: (I) AT THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THESE COVERED OFFICES, ONLY THE FOUR CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THESE COVERED OFFICES. (II) IF THERE ARE FOUR OR FEWER CANDIDATES FOR ONE OF THE COVERED OFFICES, THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THAT COVERED OFFICE SHALL STILL BE HELD AND THE RESULTS MADE PUBLIC, AND ALL CANDIDATES MUST BE DECLARED THE CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION. (III) IN THE EVENT IT CANNOT BE DETERMINED WHICH FOUR CANDIDATES RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES DUE TO A TIE FOR THE FINAL ADVANCING POSITION, THE TIED CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES WHO WILL PROCEED TO THE GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE DETERMINED BY LOT. (IV) IF, BEFORE BALLOTS ARE PRINTED FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-5-412, ANY CANDIDATE WHO ADVANCES FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION WITHDRAWS, DIES, OR IS DEEMED DISQUALIFIED, THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE NEXT HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES AT THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION, BUT WHO DID NOT ORIGINALLY ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION, TAKES THE WITHDRAWN, DECEASED, OR DISQUALIFIED CANDIDATE'S PLACE ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT. (e) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES, INCLUDING RULES FOR WITHDRAWING CANDIDATES AND WRITE-IN CANDIDATES, FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR COVERED OFFICES AND THE PROCESS BY WHICH CANDIDATES ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION. NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS LAWS REGARDING SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE VII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION. (3) NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-4-502(3). (4) THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL SEND TO ALL ACTIVE ELECTORS IN THE COUNTY A MAILING THAT CONTAINS THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT FOR COVERED OFFICES. IN THIS MAILING, THE CLERK SHALL ALSO PROVIDE WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS ADVISING THE ELECTOR OF THE MANNER IN WHICH THE ELECTOR WILL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CODE IN SELECTING AND CASTING THE BALLOT. AFTER SELECTING AND CASTING A BALLOT, THE ELECTOR SHALL RETURN THE BALLOT TO THE CLERK. THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY BY RULE ADOPT ADDITIONAL BALLOT REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO AVOID VOTER CONFUSION IN VOTING IN THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION. (5) NEITHER THE SECRETARY OF STATE NOR ANY COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL PLACE ON THE OFFICIAL ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT THE NAME OF ANY PERSON AS A CANDIDATE WHO DOES NOT MEET RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE, IF ANY. THE INFORMATION FOUND ON THE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD OF THE COUNTY OF CURRENT OR PREVIOUS RESIDENCE OF THE PERSON SEEKING TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IS ADMISSIBLE AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE. (6) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS CODE, THE ELECTION OFFICERS FOR ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTIONS HAVE THE SAME POWERS AND SHALL PERFORM THE SAME DUTIES AS THOSE PROVIDED BY LAW FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS. (7) ALL EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PREPARATION OR CONDUCT OF THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE PAID OUT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-4-101(5). **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-4-103, as follows: **1-4-103. Order of names on primary ballot.** (1) Candidates designated and certified by

assembly for ~~a particular~~ AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall be placed on the primary election ballot in the order of the vote received at the assembly. The candidate receiving the highest vote shall be placed first in order on the ballot, followed by the candidate receiving the next highest vote. To qualify for placement on the primary election ballot, a candidate must receive thirty percent or more of the votes of the assembly. The names of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes for designation by assembly shall be placed on the primary ballot in the order determined by lot in accordance with section 1-4-601(2). Candidates by petition for ~~any particular~~ AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall follow assembly candidates and shall be placed on the primary election ballot in an order established by lot.

(2) CANDIDATES FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR A COVERED OFFICE SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IN AN ORDER DETERMINED BY LOT.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-4-104, as follows:

1-4-104. Party nominees. Candidates voted on ~~for offices~~ at primary elections FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE who receive a plurality of the votes cast shall be the respective party nominees for the respective offices. If more than one office of the same kind is to be filled, the number of candidates equal to the number of offices to be filled receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees of the political party for the offices. The names of the nominees shall be printed on the official ballot prepared for the ensuing general election.

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-104.5, **amend** (1), (2), and (3), as follows:

1-4-104.5. Primary election canceled - when. (1) If, at the close of business on the sixtieth day before the primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, there is not more than one candidate for any political party who has been nominated in accordance with this article or who has filed a write-in candidate affidavit of intent pursuant to section 1-4-1101 for any office on the primary election ballot, the designated election official may cancel the primary election and declare each candidate the party nominee for that office at the general election. For purposes of other applicable law, such nominee shall be deemed a candidate in and the winner of the primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE. The name of each nominee shall be printed on the official ballot prepared for the ensuing general election.

(2) If a major political party has more than one candidate nominated for any office OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE on the primary election ballot, the primary election shall be conducted as provided in section 1-4-101.

(3) If, at the close of business on the sixtieth day before the primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, there is not more than one candidate for each major political party who has been nominated in accordance with this article for any office on the primary election ballot and a minor political party has more than one candidate nominated for any such office, the primary election shall be conducted as provided in section 1-4-101 for the nomination of the minor political party candidate only.

SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-4-207, as follows:

1-4-207. Final four general elections. (1) EACH ELECTOR MAY VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR EACH COVERED OFFICE FOR THE CANDIDATES ADVANCING FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION. EACH GENERAL ELECTION FOR COVERED OFFICE SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING.

(2) THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR COVERED OFFICES SHALL BE FORMATTED AS FOLLOWS:

(a) THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES ADVANCING FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION AS DETERMINED UNDER SECTION 1-4-101.5 ALONG WITH THEIR POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, SHALL BE PLACED ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT IN AN ORDER DETERMINED BY LOT.

(I) FOR A CANDIDATE WHO IS AFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY, THEIR POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION SHALL APPEAR NEXT TO THEIR NAME. NO CANDIDATE SHALL HAVE A POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION NEXT TO THEIR NAME UNLESS THE CANDIDATE WAS AFFILIATED WITH THE POLITICAL PARTY, AS SHOWN IN THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM, NO LATER THAN THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF THE JANUARY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION.

(II) FOR A CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY, THE WORD "UNAFFILIATED" SHALL APPEAR NEXT TO THEIR NAME.

(b) THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS SHALL BE DESIGNED SO THAT THE VOTER MAY RANK CANDIDATES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE.

(3) A VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO RANK AS MANY OR AS FEW CANDIDATES FOR THE COVERED OFFICES ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AS THE VOTER WISHES, INCLUDING RANKING JUST ONE CANDIDATE PER COVERED OFFICE.

(4) EACH BALLOT SHALL COUNT AS ONE VOTE FOR THE HIGHEST-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE ON THAT BALLOT. THE CANDIDATE WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES AT THE END OF THE RANKED VOTING TALLY IS ELECTED. THE RANKED VOTING TALLY SHALL PROCEED IN ROUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

(a) IF THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO ACTIVE CANDIDATES, THE ACTIVE CANDIDATE RANKED HIGHEST ON THE FEWEST BALLOTS IS ELIMINATED. BALLOTS RANKING THE ELIMINATED CANDIDATE ARE COUNTED FOR THEIR NEXT-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE AND A NEW ROUND BEGINS.

(b) IF THERE ARE TWO OR FEWER ACTIVE CANDIDATES, THE RANKED VOTING TALLY IS COMPLETE AND THE CANDIDATE WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES IS ELECTED.

(5) BALLOTS FOR EACH GENERAL ELECTION FOR COVERED OFFICE CONDUCTED BY INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING SHALL BE TREATED AS FOLLOWS:

(a) (I) AN UNDERVOTE DOES NOT COUNT AS AN ACTIVE OR INACTIVE BALLOT IN ANY ROUND OF A RANKED VOTING TALLY OF THAT CONTEST.

(II) AN INACTIVE BALLOT IS A BALLOT THAT CEASES IN A ROUND OF A RANKED VOTING TALLY TO COUNT FOR ANY CANDIDATE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE RANKED VOTING TALLY OF THE CONTEST BECAUSE EITHER:

(A) ALL CANDIDATES RANKED ON THE BALLOT HAVE BECOME INACTIVE; OR

(B) THE BALLOT INCLUDES AN OVERVOTE AND ANY CANDIDATES RANKED HIGHER THAN THE OVERVOTE HAVE BECOME INACTIVE.

(6) DURING A RANKED VOTING TALLY, A BALLOT SHALL REMAIN ACTIVE AND CONTINUE TO COUNT FOR ITS HIGHEST-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY SKIPPED OR REPEATED RANKINGS ON THE BALLOT. A SKIPPED RANKING OCCURS WHEN A VOTER LEAVES A RANKING UNASSIGNED BUT RANKS A CANDIDATE AT A SUBSEQUENT RANKING. A REPEATED RANKING OCCURS WHEN A VOTER RANKS THE SAME CANDIDATE AT MULTIPLE RANKINGS.

(7) IF TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES ARE TIED WITH THE FEWEST BALLOTS, AND THE RANKED VOTING TALLY CANNOT CONTINUE UNTIL A CANDIDATE IS ELIMINATED, THEN THE CANDIDATE TO BE ELIMINATED SHALL BE DETERMINED BY LOT. ELECTION OFFICIALS MAY RESOLVE PROSPECTIVE TIES BETWEEN CANDIDATES PRIOR TO THE RANKED VOTING TALLY. THE RESULT OF ANY TIE RESOLUTION MUST BE RECORDED AND REUSED IN THE EVENT OF A RECOUNT. IF THERE ARE TWO CANDIDATES TIED WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES AND THE RANKED VOTING TALLY IS COMPLETE, THE CANDIDATE TO BE ELECTED SHALL BE DETERMINED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW OR BY LOT, AS APPLICABLE.

SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statute, 1-4-502, **amend** (1), (3) (a), and (3) (c); and **add** (1.5), as follows:

1-4-502. Methods of nomination for partisan candidates. (1) ~~Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (3) of this section, Nominations for United States senator, representative in congress, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, member of the state board of education, regent of the university of Colorado, member of the general assembly, district attorney; and all county officers to be elected at the general election may be made by primary election under section 1-4-101 or by assembly or convention under section 1-4-702 by major political parties, by petition for nomination as provided in section 1-4-802, or by a minor political party as provided in section 1-4-1304.~~

(1.5) A CANDIDATE FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR A COVERED OFFICE UNDER SECTION 1-4-101.5 MAY BE MADE BY ASSEMBLY OR CONVENTION UNDER SECTION 1-4-702.5 BY MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES, BY PETITION FOR NOMINATION AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 1-4-801 AND 1-4-802, OR BY A MINOR POLITICAL PARTY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1-4-1304.

(3) For general elections: (a) The ~~nomination~~ NOMINATIONS OF ~~a major political party~~ for CANDIDATES FOR lieutenant governor shall be made by the ~~party's candidate~~ CANDIDATES for governor ADVANCING TO THE GENERAL ELECTION FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-4-101.5. No later than seven days after the official statewide election results for the ALL-CANDIDATE primary election are certified pursuant to section 1-10-105 (1), the ~~party's candidate~~ CANDIDATES for governor shall EACH select a candidate for lieutenant governor and shall file a written nomination of the candidate with the secretary of state. ~~Other nominations for the office of lieutenant governor may be made by petition for nomination of an unaffiliated candidate as provided in section 1-4-802 or by a minor political party as provided in section 1-4-1304 (2).~~

(c) Any person nominated as the candidate for lieutenant governor ~~of a major political party~~ pursuant to subsection (3)(a) of this section shall file a written acceptance with the secretary of state by mail or hand delivery. The written acceptance must be postmarked or received by the secretary of state within thirty days after the nomination. If an acceptance is not filed within the required time, the candidate is deemed to have declined the nomination, and the nomination must be treated as a vacancy to be filled as provided in part 10 of this article 4.

SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-601, **amend** (1) (a) and (4) (a), as follows:

1-4-601. Designation of candidates for primary election and all-candidate primary election - definition. (1) (a) Assemblies of the major political parties may make assembly designations of candidates for nomination on the primary election ballot FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE AND FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT FOR A COVERED OFFICE. Except as provided in subsection (1)(b) of this section, an assembly shall be held no later than seventy-three days preceding the primary election.

(4) (a) No person is eligible for designation by assembly as a candidate for nomination at ~~any~~ a primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE AND FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT FOR A COVERED OFFICE unless the person was affiliated with the political party holding the assembly, as shown in the statewide voter registration system, no later than the first business day of the January immediately preceding the primary election, unless otherwise provided by party rules.

SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-4-603, as follows:

1-4-603. Designation of major political party candidates by petition. (1) Candidates for major political party nominations for the offices specified in section 1-4-502(1) that are to be made by primary election may be placed on the primary election ballot by petition, as provided in part 8 of this article.

(2) CANDIDATES FOR COVERED OFFICES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 1-4-502(1.5) MAY BE PLACED ON THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT BY PETITION, AS PROVIDED IN PART 8 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-604, **amend** (1) (a), as follows:

1-4-604. Filing of petitions. (1) (a) Every petition or certificate of designation by assembly in the case of a candidate for nomination for any national or state office specified in section 1-4-502 (1) AND *(1.5)*, or for member of the general assembly, district attorney, or district office greater than a county office, together with the written acceptances signed by the persons designated or nominated by such assembly described in section 1-4-601(3), shall be filed by the presiding officer or secretary of such assembly and received in the office of the secretary of state.

SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 1-4-605, as follows:

1-4-605. Order of names on primary ballot. Candidates designated and certified by assembly for AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED ~~a particular~~ office shall be placed on the primary election ballot in the order of the vote received at the assembly. The candidate receiving the highest vote shall be placed first in order on the ballot, followed by the candidate receiving the next highest vote, and so on until all of the candidates designated have been placed on the ballot. The names of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes for designation by assembly shall be placed on the primary ballot in the order determined by lot in accordance with section 1-4-601(2). Candidates by petition for AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED ~~a particular~~ office shall follow assembly candidates and shall be placed on the primary election ballot in an order established by lot.

SECTION 14. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-702, **amend** (1) and (3), as follows:

1-4-702. Nominations of candidates for general election by convention. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a political party may choose to change from the nomination of candidates by primary election to the nomination of candidates by assembly or convention for ~~all offices including, but not limited to, united states senator, representative in congress, all~~ elective state, district; and county officers; ~~and members of the general assembly~~ if at least three-fourths of the total membership of the party's state central committee votes to use the assembly or convention nomination process; ~~except that nominations by major political parties for candidates for lieutenant governor shall be made by the party's candidate for governor pursuant to section 1-4-502 (3).~~ Such vote of the party central committee shall occur no later than October 1 of the year preceding the year in which an assembly or convention nominating process is to be used.

(3) Whichever method of candidate selection is chosen by a major political party as between primary election, assembly or convention, all of the candidates for that party at any level of office in that election year must be selected by such method, except that the requirements of this provision shall not apply to a primary for president of the united states if such an election is held OR TO THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR A COVERED OFFICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-4-101.5.

SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-4-702.5, as follows:

1-4-702.5. Nominations of candidates for all-candidate primary election for covered offices by convention. (1) POLITICAL PARTIES MAY CHOOSE TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES BY ASSEMBLY OR CONVENTION TO THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR COVERED OFFICES.

(2) A POLITICAL PARTY NOMINATING CANDIDATES BY PARTY ASSEMBLY OR CONVENTION SHALL NOMINATE THE CANDIDATES OF THE PARTY AND MAKE SUCH NOMINATIONS PUBLIC NOT LATER THAN SEVENTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION.

SECTION 16. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-801, **amend** (1), (2) (a.5), and (2) (b), as follows:

1-4-801. Designation of party candidates by petition. (1) Candidates for political party nominations FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE to be made by primary election AND CANDIDATES FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY FOR COVERED OFFICE may be placed on the primary election ballot by petition. Every petition to nominate candidates for a primary election OR FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION shall state the name of the office for which the person is a candidate and the candidate's name and address and shall designate in not more than three words the name of the political party which the candidate represents. No petition shall contain the name of more than one person for the same office.

(2) The signature requirements for the petition are as follows:

(a.5) Every petition in the case of a candidate for a member of the United States house of representatives, member of the state board of education for a congressional district, or member of the board of regents of the university of Colorado for a congressional district must be signed by eligible electors resident within the district for which the officer is to be elected. The petition requires the lesser of one thousand five hundred signers or signers equal in number to ten percent of the votes cast in the district at the ~~contested or uncontested primary election for the political party's candidate for the office for which the petition is being circulated or, if there was no primary election, at the~~ last preceding general election for which there was a candidate for the office.

(b) Every petition in the case of a candidate for member of the general assembly or any district office greater than a county office must be signed by eligible electors resident within the district for which the officer is to be elected. The petition requires the lesser of one thousand signers or signers equal to thirty percent of the votes cast in the district at the ~~contested or uncontested primary election for the political party's candidate for the office for which the petition is being circulated or, if there was no primary election, at the~~ last preceding general election for which there was a candidate for the office.

SECTION 17. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-802, **amend** (1) introductory portion, as follows:

1-4-802. Petitions for nominating minor political party and unaffiliated candidates for a partisan office. (1) Candidates for THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION, for partisan public offices OTHER THAN FOR COVERED OFFICES to be filled at a general election, or FOR A congressional vacancy election, who do not wish to affiliate with a major political party may be nominated, other than by a primary election or a convention, in the following manner:

SECTION 18. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-904, **amend** (2), as follows:

1-4-904. Signatures on the petitions. (2) (a) For petitions to nominate candidates from a major political party in a partisan election, each signer must be affiliated with the major political party named in the petition and shall state the following to the circulator: That the signer has been affiliated with the major political party named in the petition for at least twenty-two days as shown in the statewide voter registration system, and that the signer has not signed any other petition for any other candidate for the same office. THIS REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO PETITIONS FOR CANDIDATES AFFILIATED WITH A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 1-4-801(3), SEEKING TO PETITION ONTO THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT.

(b) Petitions to nominate candidates from a minor political party or unaffiliated candidates in a partisan election may be signed by any eligible elector who has not signed any other petition for any other candidate for the same office. THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b) APPLIES TO PETITIONS FOR CANDIDATES AFFILIATED WITH A MINOR POLITICAL PARTY, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 1-4-801(3), SEEKING TO PETITION ONTO THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT.

SECTION 19. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-1304, **amend** (1.5) and (2) introductory portion, and (5), as follows:

1-4-1304. Nomination of candidates. (1.5) (a) A minor political party may nominate candidates for offices OTHER THAN COVERED OFFICES to be filled at a general election AND CANDIDATES FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION by petition in accordance with section 1-4-802.

(b) (I) A minor political party may nominate candidates for offices OTHER THAN COVERED OFFICES to be filled at a general election by assembly. A MINOR POLITICAL PARTY MAY NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR COVERED OFFICES FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BY ASSEMBLY. Except as provided in subsection (1.5)(f) of this section, an assembly shall be held no later than seventy-three days preceding the primary election.

(c) If an assembly designates more than one candidate for an office OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, or if an assembly designates one or more candidates FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE and one or more candidates qualifies by petition, the candidate of the minor political party for that office shall be nominated at a primary election held in accordance with this code. A minor political party may prohibit unaffiliated electors from voting in the party's primary election so long as the prohibition is in accordance with the party's constitution, bylaws, or other applicable rules. Any minor party choosing to prohibit unaffiliated electors from voting in its primary election must notify the secretary of state of the prohibition not less than seventy-five days prior to the primary election.

(d) If only one candidate is designated for an office OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE by petition or assembly, that candidate shall be the candidate of the minor political party in the general election.

(2) Nominations by a minor political party, to be valid, must be made in accordance with the party's constitution or bylaws. No nomination under this section is valid for a ~~any~~ general election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE unless the nominee:

(5) Nothing in this part 13 shall be construed to allow a minor political party to nominate more than one candidate for AN ~~any one~~ office OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE.

SECTION 20. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-402, **amend** (1), as follows:

1-5-402. Primary election ballots for offices other than covered offices. (1) No later than thirty-two days before the primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, the county clerk and recorder shall prepare a separate ballot for each political party. The ballots shall be printed in the following manner:

(a) All official ballots FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR OFFICES OTHER THAN COVERED OFFICES shall be printed according to the provisions of sections 1-5-407 and 1-5-408; except that across the top of each ballot shall be printed the name of the political party for which the ballot is to be used.

(b) The positions on the ballot FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR OFFICES OTHER THAN COVERED OFFICES shall be arranged as follows: First, ~~candidates for United States senator; next, congressional candidates; next, state candidates; next, legislative candidates;~~ next, district attorney candidates; next, other candidates for district offices greater than a county office; next, candidates for county commissioners; next, county clerk and recorder candidates; next, county treasurer candidates; next, county assessor candidates; next, county sheriff candidates; next, county surveyor candidates; and next, county coroner candidates. When other offices OTHER THAN COVERED OFFICES are to be filled at the coming general election, the county clerk and recorder, in preparing the primary ballot, shall use substantially the form prescribed by this section, stating the proper designation of the office and placing the names of the candidates for the office under the name of the office.

SECTION 21. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-5-402.5, as follows:

1-5-402.5. All-candidate primary election ballots for covered offices. (1) NO LATER THAN THIRTY-TWO DAYS BEFORE THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR A COVERED OFFICE, THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL PREPARE THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT. THE BALLOTS SHALL BE PRINTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

(a) ALL OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR COVERED OFFICES SHALL BE PRINTED ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 1-5-407 AND 1-5-408.

(b) THE POSITIONS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR COVERED OFFICES SHALL BE ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS: FIRST, CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR; NEXT, CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES; NEXT, STATE CANDIDATES; AND NEXT, LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES.

SECTION 22. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-403, **amend** (2) and (4); and **add** (2.5), as follows:

1-5-403. Content of ballots for general and congressional vacancy elections. (2) For all elections except those for presidential electors, every ballot shall contain the names of all candidates for offices OTHER THAN COVERED OFFICES to be voted for at that election whose nominations have been made and accepted, except those who have died or withdrawn, and the ballot shall contain no other names. When presidential electors are to be elected, their names shall not be printed on the ballot, but the names of the candidates of the respective political parties or political organizations for president and vice president of the United States shall be printed together in pairs under the title "presidential electors". The pairs shall be arranged in the alphabetical order of the names of the candidates for president in the manner provided for in section 1-5-404. A vote for any pair of candidates

is a vote for the duly nominated presidential electors of the political party or political organization by which the pair of candidates were named.

(2.5) FOR ALL COVERED OFFICE GENERAL ELECTIONS EVERY BALLOT SHALL CONTAIN THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES ADVANCING FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION, EXCEPT THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR WITHDRAWN, AND THE BALLOT SHALL CONTAIN NO OTHER NAMES.

(4) The name of each person nominated FROM A PRIMARY ELECTION OR ADVANCING FROM AN ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION shall be printed or written upon the ballot in only one place. Each ~~nominated~~ person's name may include one nickname, if the person regularly uses the nickname and the nickname does not include any part of a political party name. Opposite the name of each person ~~nominated~~, including candidates for president and vice president and joint candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, shall be the name of the political party or political organization which nominated the candidate FROM A PRIMARY ELECTION OR WITH WHICH A CANDIDATE FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY IS AFFILIATED, IF ANY, expressed in not more than three words. Those three words may not promote the candidate or constitute a campaign promise.

SECTION 23. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-404, **amend** (2); and **add** (2.5), as follows:

1-5-404. Arrangement of names on ballots for partisan elections. (2) Between July 1 and July 15 of each election year, the officer in receipt of the original designation, nomination, or petition of each candidate FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall inform the major political parties, each minor political party that has nominated at least one candidate, and the representative of each political organization that has filed a nominating petition for at least one candidate of the time and place of the lot-drawing for offices to appear on the general election ballot. Ballot positions shall be assigned to the major political party, minor political party, or political organization in the order in which they are drawn. The name of the candidate shall be inserted on the ballot prior to the ballot certification.

(2.5) IN THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR A COVERED OFFICE, THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES ADVANCING FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION IN AN ORDER DETERMINED BY LOT.

SECTION 24. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-407, **amend** (2), as follows:

1-5-407. Form of ballots. (2) The ballots shall be printed so as to give to each eligible elector a clear opportunity to designate his or her choice of candidates, joint candidates, ballot issues, and ballot questions by a mark as instructed. On the ballot may be printed words that will aid the elector, such as "vote for not more than one" IN ELECTIONS CONDUCTED USING SINGLE CHOICE VOTING. FOR ELECTIONS CONDUCTED USING A RANKED VOTING METHOD, THE BALLOT SHALL INCLUDE LANGUAGE THAT WILL AID THE ELECTOR IN RANKING CANDIDATES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE.

SECTION 25. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-408, **amend** (1), as follows:

1-5-408. Form of ballots - electronic voting. (1) Ballot cards placed upon voting equipment shall, so far as practicable, be arranged as provided by sections 1-5-402, **1-5-402.5**, 1-5-403, and 1-5-404; except that they shall be of the size and design required by the voting equipment and may be printed on a number of separate ballot cards that are placed on the voting equipment.

SECTION 26. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-412, **amend** (3), as follows:

1-5-412. Correction of errors. (3) (a) If, before the date set for election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, a duly nominated candidate withdraws by filing an affidavit of withdrawal with the designated election official, or dies and the fact of the death becomes known to the designated election official before the ballots are printed, or is deemed disqualified, the name of the candidate shall not be printed on the ballots.

(b) (I) IF, BEFORE THE DATE SET FOR THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR A COVERED OFFICE, A DULY NOMINATED CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS BY FILING AN AFFIDAVIT OF WITHDRAWAL WITH THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, OR DIES AND THE FACT OF THE DEATH BECOMES KNOWN TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL BEFORE THE BALLOTS ARE PRINTED, OR IS DEEMED DISQUALIFIED, THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE SHALL NOT BE PRINTED ON THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT.

(II) IF A CANDIDATE FOR COVERED OFFICE ADVANCING FROM THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ELECTION WITHDRAWS BY FILING AN AFFIDAVIT OF WITHDRAWAL WITH THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL, OR DIES AND THE FACT OF THE DEATH BECOMES KNOWN TO THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL BEFORE THE BALLOTS ARE PRINTED, OR IS DEEMED DISQUALIFIED, THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE SHALL NOT BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT, AND THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 1-4-101.5(2)(d)(IV).

(c) Except in the case of a vacancy to be filled in accordance with section 1-4-1005, 1-4-1006, or 1-4-1009, OR IN AN ELECTION CONDUCTING USING A RANKED VOTING METHOD, if the ballots are already printed, the votes cast for the withdrawn, deceased, or disqualified candidate are invalid and shall not be counted. IN AN ELECTION CONDUCTED USING A RANKED VOTING METHOD, BALLOTS SHALL CONTINUE TO COUNT FOR THEIR HIGHEST-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE, IF ANY.

SECTION 27. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-201, **amend** (1), (2), (2.3), (4), (5), and (6), as follows:

1-7-201. Voting at primary election for an office other than a covered office. (1) Any registered elector, including a preregistrant who is eligible under section 1-2-101 (2)(c), who has declared an affiliation with a political party that is participating in a primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE and who desires to vote for candidates of that party at a primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall show identification, as defined in section 1-1-104 (19.5), write their ~~his or her~~ name and address on a form available at the voter service and polling center, and give the form to one of the election judges.

(2) If the name is found on the registration list, the election judge having charge of the list shall likewise repeat the elector's name and present the elector with the party ballot FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE of the political party affiliation last recorded.

(2.3) An eligible unaffiliated elector, including a preregistrant who is eligible under section 1-2-101 (2)(c), is entitled to vote in the primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE of a major political party without affiliating with that political party. To vote in a political party's primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE without declaring an affiliation with the political party, any eligible unaffiliated elector shall declare to the election judges the name of the political party in whose primary election the elector wishes to vote. Thereupon, the election judges shall deliver the appropriate party ballot FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE to the elector. In addition, any eligible unaffiliated elector may openly declare to the election judges the name of the political party with which the elector wishes to affiliate and complete the necessary forms. An eligible elector must separately date and sign or date and initial a declaration of affiliation with a political party form in such manner that the elector clearly acknowledges that the affiliation has been properly recorded. Thereupon, the election

judges shall deliver the appropriate party ballot to the eligible elector.

(4) Party ballots FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE shall be cast in the same manner as in general elections. An elector shall not vote for more candidates for any office than are to be elected at the general election as indicated on the ballot.

(5) Instead of voting for a candidate whose name is printed on the party ballot FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, an elector may cast a write-in vote for any eligible candidate who is a member of the major political party and who has filed an affidavit of intent of write-in candidacy pursuant to section 1-4-1101. When no candidate has been designated by an assembly or by petition FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE, a write-in candidate for nomination by any major political party FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE must receive at least the number of votes at any primary election that is required by section 1-4-801(2) to become designated as a candidate by petition.

(6) The provisions of subsections (1), (2), and (4) of this section shall not apply to a primary election FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A COVERED OFFICE conducted as a mail ballot election pursuant to article 7.5 of this title.

SECTION 28. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 1-7-201.5, as follows:

1-7-201.5. Voting at all-candidate primary election for a covered office. (1) ANY REGISTERED ELECTOR, INCLUDING A PREREGISTRANT WHO IS ELIGIBLE UNDER SECTION 1-2-101(2)(c), WHO DESIRES TO VOTE IN THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR COVERED OFFICES SHALL SHOW IDENTIFICATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-1-104(19.5), WRITE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS ON A FORM AVAILABLE AT THE VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER, AND GIVE THE FORM TO ONE OF THE ELECTION JUDGES.

(2) IF THE NAME IS FOUND ON THE REGISTRATION LIST, THE ELECTION JUDGE HAVING CHARGE OF THE LIST SHALL LIKEWISE REPEAT THE ELECTOR'S NAME AND PRESENT THE ELECTOR WITH THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT.

(3) INSTEAD OF VOTING FOR A CANDIDATE WHOSE NAME IS PRINTED ON THE ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT, AN ELECTOR MAY CAST A WRITE-IN VOTE FOR ANY ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE WHO HAS FILED AN AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-4-1101.

SECTION 29. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-307, **amend** (2), as follows:

1-7-307. Method of counting paper ballots. (2) Each ballot shall be read and counted separately.

(a) FOR EACH ELECTION USING SINGLE CHOICE VOTING, ~~Every~~ EVERY name and all names of joint candidates separately marked as voted for on the ballot shall be read and an entry made on each of two accounting forms before any other ballot is counted. The entire number of ballots, excepting "excess ballots", shall be read, counted, and placed on the accounting forms in like manner. When all of the ballots, except "excess ballots", have been counted, the election judges shall post the votes from the accounting forms.

(b) FOR EACH ELECTION USING A RANKED VOTING METHOD, BALLOTS SHALL BE COUNTED PURSUANT TO PART 5, OF THIS ARTICLE 7.

SECTION 30. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-503, **amend** (1), as follows:

1-7-503. Manner of voting. (1) Each eligible elector, upon receiving a ballot, shall immediately proceed unaccompanied to one of the voting booths provided. To cast a vote, the eligible elector shall clearly fill the oval, connect the arrow, or otherwise appropriately mark the name of the candidate; ~~or~~ the names of the joint candidates; OR, IN THE EVENT THE ELECTION USES A RANKED VOTING METHOD, RANK THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES of the elector's choice for each office to be filled. In the case of a ballot issue, the elector shall clearly fill the oval, connect the arrow, or otherwise appropriately mark the appropriate place opposite the answer that the elector desires to give. Before leaving the voting booth, the eligible elector, without displaying the marks thereon, shall place the ballot in the privacy envelope so that the contents of the ballot or ballot card are concealed and shall place the envelope and the ballot or ballot card in the ballot box.

SECTION 31. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-508, **amend** (2), as follows:

1-7-508. Determination of improperly marked ballots. (2) Votes cast for an office to be filled or a ballot question or ballot issue to be decided shall not be counted if a voter marks more names than there are persons to be elected to an office or if for any reason it is impossible to determine the elector's choice of candidate or vote concerning the ballot question or ballot issue; except that an elector's rankings of multiple candidates in an election using ~~instant runoff~~ A RANKED voting METHOD shall be recorded and counted in accordance with~~section~~ SECTIONS **1-4-207** AND 1-7-1003 and rules promulgated by the secretary of state. A defective or an incomplete mark on any ballot in a proper place shall be counted if no other mark is on the ballot indicating an intention to vote for some other candidate or ballot question or ballot issue.

SECTION 32. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-509, **amend** (2) (a), as follows:

1-7-509. Electronic and electromechanical vote counting - testing of equipment required - rules. (2) (a) A public test of voting equipment shall be conducted prior to the commencement of voting in accordance with this section by processing a preaudited group of ballots produced so as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each ballot question or ballot issue. The test shall ensure that the system accurately records votes when the elector has the option of voting for more than one candidate in a race. The test shall ensure that the voting system properly rejects and does not count overvotes and undervotes. If the equipment is to be used in an election using ~~instant runoff~~ A RANKED voting METHOD, the test shall ensure that the voting system accurately records, counts, and tabulates an elector's rankings of multiple candidates in accordance with ~~section~~ SECTIONS **1-4-207** AND 1-7-1003 and rules promulgated by the secretary of state.

SECTION 33. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-107, **amend** (2.7), as follows:

1-7.5-107. Procedures for conducting mail ballot election - primary elections - first-time voters casting a mail ballot after having registered by mail to vote - in-person request for ballot - return envelope requirements - repeal. (2.7) Subsequent to the preparation of ballots in accordance with ~~section~~ SECTIONS 1-5-402 AND **1-5-402.5** but prior to the mailing required under subsection (3) of this section, and no sooner than forty-five days nor later than thirty-two days before an election, a designated election official shall provide a mail ballot PACKET FOR ALL-CANDIDATE PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR COVERED OFFICES AND FOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR OFFICES OTHER THAN COVERED OFFICES to a registered elector requesting the ballot PACKET at the designated election official's office or the office designated in the election plan filed with the secretary of state.

SECTION 34. Severability.

If any provision of this initiative, or the application of any provision of this initiative to any person, office, or circumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this initiative and the application of its provision to any person, office, or circumstance, shall not be affected by the holding.

SECTION 35. Effective Date.

This initiative takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2026.

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horses.

He also explained the owners' plan to construct two tiny homes for their year-round employees and provide two to three RV spaces for seasonal employees.

Planning commission chair Matt Nobles asked if the landowners could pursue a variance from the BoCC to allow for more dwellings to be placed on the property rather than going through a minor subdivision and rezoning process.

"It just seems like the better way to go would be not doing the subdivision and try to do the variance," Nobles said.

"That could've been an option I didn't consider," O'Dell replied.

Nobles expressed concern about the minor subdivision and rezoning process, mentioning that the property may be sold one day and used for something other than what the current landowners are proposing.

"One day it will be sold," Nobles added.

Beaudry indicated that he would be more supportive of Nobles' suggestion.

"I could go along with it," he added.

Flowers indicated that anything other than a tiny home village would have to go through another rezoning process, even if the property is sold off.

O'Dell mentioned an example of a parcel in the Chromo area that is about seven acres in size.

He noted the property is improperly divided and is surrounded by properties 100 acres or larger, and that the planning staff did not recommend approval of subdividing the seven-acre lot because it would not be consistent with other properties in the area.

"County Road 200 on the other hand ... has numerous areas, all around, that has five acres, six acres, four acres — that were all subdivided appropriately," O'Dell said.

He mentioned that staff took those concerns in consideration when reviewing the minor subdivision application.

"That's why I felt comfortable recommending approval on this to the commission here," he added.

Multiple public comments were given on the matter, with one resident explaining that they bought their property in the area because of the "pristine nature" and the "openness."

The resident acknowledged that there are other properties in the area that are around five acres in size and have been subdivided for various reasons, but expressed concern about an "ugly little" mobile home park in the middle of a scenic area, suggesting the commission put a condition in that dictates the landowners cannot sell the parcels separately.

Nobles explained that the planning commission can't control the selling of properties, "but yes ... what you stated is definitely concerning."

O'Dell chimed in explaining that the rezoning for a mobile home park to be permitted is completely separate from what the planning commission was voting on that day.

Flowers commented that she has heard previous planning commissioners say, "I hated the project, but I had to vote yes because it met the standards," explaining that the board has to approve whatever falls within the county's standards and that they cannot vote against something simply because they do not like it.

"Our recommendation is not swayed by opinion, it is swayed by what is in black and white in the regulations," O'Dell said.

Planning commissioner David Pribble motioned to recommend approval of the minor subdivision final plat, which was unanimously approved by the commission.

The BoCC unanimously approved the minor subdivision during a regular meeting held on Oct. 15.

Our Community Eats conditional use permit

During the Sept. 26 meeting, the planning commission also unanimously approved a conditional use permit (CUP) for Our Community Eats (OCE) to operate a food distribution center.

OCE is a local nonprofit organization that recently relocated to the former Tennyson Building Event Center located at 197 Navajo Trail Drive, and in doing so were required to apply for a CUP through the county in order to continue operating.

"A new investor has allowed them to purchase the property," O'Dell said, adding that the land use regulations allows for the use under a CUP.

O'Dell explained that staff's recommendation to approve the CUP included conditions such as parking area paving requirements, and having a grading and drainage study on the property performed.

He noted that the county's paving requirements require a minimum of 10 percent of the parking area to be landscaped, with one tree island per every five spaces.

OCE President Kathrine Solbert commented that the organization is 100 percent volunteer run and the pantry is open for eight hours a week.

She stated that she was unsure of how the organization would be able to pay for the paving of the parking lot and a drainage study.

Flowers explained to the commission the commission would need to

approve the CUP with the conditions, but that OCE could pursue an adjustment through the BoCC in order to not be required to do any paving or a drainage study.

Solbert explained that the paving standards would limit the organization's ability to receive food donations, mentioning that large trucks need to be able to access the parking lot.

Solbert also inquired about if a drainage study had ever been performed on the property.

The commission and Flowers noted that there is no record of a drainage study ever being performed on the property.

Beaudry asked if every commercial business has to go through this process, to which O'Dell replied that they do.

O'Dell explained there have been multiple proposals in the area that had to meet the same requirements.

The board then unanimously approved the CUP, as Flowers explained that OCE would likely receive approval of a variance from the BoCC, allowing the food pantry to operate without having to fulfill the conditions put forward by the Planning Department.

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Attorney general issues advisory on legal protections for voters, polling centers

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Attorney General Phil Weiser issued a public advisory this week to remind Coloradans of their right to vote free from intimidation and to ensure polling places remain secure as the 2024 election approaches.

The advisory replaces a previous version issued in 2022 and reflects the enactment of new state legislation, Senate bills 23-276 and 24-131.

The advisory outlines the importance of maintaining a secure, accessible voting process in Colorado, and provides clear guidance on what constitutes voter intimidation. It also details the penalties for violations, which include fines and imprisonment.

"Colorado's democracy is built on the right of every eligible voter to cast their ballot safely and freely, without fear or intimidation," said Weiser. "We will not tolerate any attempts to undermine the integrity of our elections, and those who seek to intimidate voters or disrupt poll centers will be held accountable."

Highlights from the public advisory include:

- Voter intimidation is illegal: Under Colorado law, voter intimidation includes threatening, harassing or coercing voters to influence their decision to vote or refrain from voting. It is punishable by a fine of up to

\$1,000, imprisonment of up to 364 days, or both.

- No harassment near polling places: Campaigning or aggressively questioning voters about their citizenship, age or how they intend to vote within 100 feet of a polling center or ballot drop box is unlawful.
- Firearms are prohibited: A new law passed by the legislature this year now prohibits both concealed and open carried firearms (the prior law barred just open carry) within 100 feet of polling locations or ballot drop boxes on election day or during voting periods. Certain exceptions are provided for people on their private property, uniformed security guards and peace officers.
- Certified poll watchers only: Poll watchers must be officially certified and may not interfere with or intimidate voters at any time.

For additional information, please see the public advisory at <https://coag.gov/app/uploads/2024/10/Public-Advisory-Voter-Intimidation-10-14-2024.pdf>.

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Main Street board discusses reconstruction bids, business grants

By Garrett Fevinger
Staff Writer

A winning bid to reconstruct the stretch of U.S. 160 passing through downtown Pagosa Springs could arrive as soon as Nov. 18, lending momentum to the state-led project that is expected to break ground next spring.

Main Street Coordinator Kathleen McFadden explained that bidding for the project will open on Nov. 7 — about three weeks later than originally planned — with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) due to report results back by Nov. 18.

“They will let us know how many bids they received, and if they are qualified and if they’re within budget,” McFadden told the Main Street Advisory Board during a meeting on Oct. 10.

Details about the winning bid would be scant, McFadden explained, including which company won the contract and for how much.

“[CDOT] will not give us the name of the contractor and they will not give us the amount,” McFadden explained. “Just that they are in the process of selecting a contractor and will notify us when they’ve selected one.”

Should CDOT not receive any acceptable bids for the project, McFadden noted that information would also be shared on Nov. 18.

The meeting’s venue had not been determined as of press time Wednesday, but McFadden said the public would be invited to attend the update.

In the event no acceptable bids are received, McFadden suggested the Main Street Advisory Board will regroup with the Town of Pagosa Springs to reassess the scope and budget of the project — envisioned as a revitalization of the downtown area.

What that revitalization might look like began to crystallize for McFadden during a recent trip to Del Norte, she explained, where she and Emily Lashbrooke of the Pagosa Springs Community Development

Corporation (PSCDC) toured a similar reconstruction effort that’s taking place along the town’s main street.

“The biggest takeaway was the major impact, visually, of seeing the work that’s been done compared to the work underway, compared to the work that has not yet been done,” McFadden said.

Assessing the improvements in Del Norte and wondering how to harness additional community support for Pagosa’s project, Lashbrooke and McFadden noted they realized a significant piece of the puzzle was still missing.

Recalling the moment during a PSCDC meeting on Oct. 9, Lashbrooke described the missing piece as a visual rendering of what a reconstructed main street would look and feel like once complete.

“If the general community had a drawing or rendering of what this project is going to look like when it gets done, it can change that negative tone to a positive very quickly,” Lashbrooke said.

Together, Main Street and the PSCDC are pursuing grants to fund the rendering work, which they guessed could cost up to \$40,000.

“We’ve already checked with CDOT,” Lashbrooke said, “and they do not have the funding to do those renderings, and they don’t normally do that on a project.”

In addition to the visualization, the Main Street board is exploring ways to minimize disruptions to traffic and local businesses during reconstruction.

One approach will be assembling a grant-funded assistance program designed to offset expenses and potential lost revenues for businesses impacted by the project.

“We’re very confident that we’re going to be able to make that happen,” McFadden said of the nascent program. “We believe it’s ... this grant money that could be the make or break for businesses in our community.”

Main Street Advisory Board member Rosanna Dufour suggested the effort could help assuage lingering concerns over short-term economic losses during the project.

“I think it will change the entire tone of these Cone Zone meetings,” Dufour said of the potential grant funds, and may result in “people being able to embrace the upgrade rather than focus on the impact to their business.”

Parking, too, has been on the minds of board members, and what to do about the nearly 180 spaces that are likely to be lost while construction takes place.

To make up the difference, McFadden explained the town has partnered with the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library and The Springs Resort and Spa — with the majority of temporary spaces being offered up by the resort.

“They are fully committed to working with us and providing 120 to 150 parking spaces in their south lot,” McFadden said. “That will more than take care of the parking spaces that we’re going to lose ... during construction.”

Middle school greenhouse

Work to secure grant funding for a new greenhouse at Pagosa Springs Middle School is underway, McFadden reported during the Oct. 10 meeting.

Partnering with a local garden builder and supplier, the Main Street board is envisioning interior upgrades and new exterior paneling for the highway-facing structure.

The renovation, which is priced at \$17,203, would include new raised beds, grow lights, specialized panels for filtering UV light and fresh paint.

“This has been a fun journey,” McFadden said, adding that she expects the grant application for the project to be completed by December, with hopes of getting “work started as soon as possible. It has to be a shovel-ready project.”

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Town to begin keeping all marijuana sales tax revenue generated within town limits

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The Town of Pagosa Springs has recently decided to start retaining all of the marijuana retail sales tax generated from shops located within town limits.

The topic was first brought to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) during a work session held on Oct. 8 at which County Attorney Todd Weaver explained it was discovered that there was never a formal agreement put in place determining how marijuana retail sales tax would be distributed between the town and county.

Weaver provided additional information during a work session held by the BoCC on Oct. 15 in regard to the lack of a formal agreement between the town and county.

He explained that a former county employee noticed a discrepancy with a retailer operating a storefront in the town, along with a second storefront in the county, but were paying sales tax from both locations to the town.

“They were paying all of their marijuana sales tax to the town,” Weaver said.

He explained that the town and county have been splitting all of the retail marijuana sales tax from each store located within the town or county.

“Everything was being split 50/50 between all the retail stores,” Weaver said, referring to the current agreement as “some type of ... gentleman’s handshake agreement.”

He added, “And it turns out, there was never, ever a formal agreement between the town and the county to split that 50/50.”

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that previous county and town employees likely assumed it as regular sales tax.

Weaver reiterated that the agreement was never formalized.

“They just agreed to do it that way, which technically should not have happened,” Weaver said.

In an email to The SUN, Weaver states, “Since there was never a formal agreement between the Town and County to split the marijuana sales tax 50/50, the Town simply decided to retain all of the MJ sales tax from the retail stores within Town limits and the County, by default, then receives the MJ sales tax from the retail stores within its jurisdiction.”

He noted that this does not require a vote for approval from the BoCC.

During the Oct. 15 work session, Weaver mentioned that, given the town’s situation in looking to repair its failing sewer systems, “they’re looking to get any revenue they can.”

Maez commented, “I don’t blame ‘em.”

Commissioner Veronica Medina mentioned that moving forward

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Fire protection district talks budget, future planning

By **Garrett Fevinger**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District previewed a draft of its 2025 budget during the regular meeting of its board of directors on Oct. 1, with additional spending proposed for new firefighters and enhancements to its existing training center.

The district anticipates its proposed addition of three full-time firefighters in 2025 will require an extra \$201,734 — or about \$67,000 per benefited position — and will help the fire district maintain higher levels of minimum staffing and plan for future growth, Fire Chief Robert Bertram explained.

“Right now our minimum staffing is three. When we have four, we’re able to split our crews a lot easier,” Bertram said. “More than half the time we’re running as three, so we don’t have that ability.”

Looking ahead, Bertram explained the additional hiring would also support staffing another station.

“We’ve got to start building up from somewhere so we don’t have just a ton of new people on shift,” he said. “This will help get us set up for the future.”

Revenues from 2024 will, in part, offset the proposed additional spend-

ing, the budget shows, including un-anticipated returns from investments and general property taxes.

“We completely underestimated what COLOTRUST was going to bring us in this year,” Bertram said, describing 2024 dividends from the district’s investment portfolio. “Here, today, we’re at \$116,000. We still have a few months to go.”

The district is hoping to collect \$140,000 from the trust by the end of the year and \$110,000 in 2025.

“We don’t know what the market is going to be next year,” Bertram added.

Property taxes also delivered revenues for the district.

According to the draft budget, the district received \$53,385 more than what it initially projected — an amount largely due to procedural maneuverings by the state to withhold a portion of the revenue before releasing it back to local entities, Bertram explained.

“Last year we weren’t really sure if we were truly going to get that,” Bertram said in a follow-up interview with The SUN.

He added that because the amount the state withholds is based on a sliding scale of assessed property values, it’s difficult to budget for.

In 2025, revenues from property taxes are projected to be \$4.2 million, according to the draft budget.

Just how much money the district will be allowed to collect from property taxes in the future came under examination during the meeting as the board discussed an impending revenue cap that resulted from a special legislative session in August.

Dino Ross, the fire district’s attorney, explained that the amount of future revenue the district reaps from property taxes would be capped at 10.5 percent over the course of a two-year period beginning Jan. 1, 2025.

Bertram added that the cap only applies to property tax revenue.

“We’re basically tied to that right now,” he said, adding he anticipates the full impact of the cap to manifest in future district budgets.

The proposed 2025 budget also calls for an additional \$40,000 set aside for improvements to the existing training center, located near Station 3 south of Pagosa Springs.

“We do have a good training center,” Bertram said, “better than a lot of departments.”

The improvements, he added —including tools and props for replicating various fire scenarios — are designed to “bring our skills to that

next level.”

He continued, “I anticipate this is going to be ongoing for many years to come,” adding the district is currently in the midst of hiring a full-time training captain — an expense budgeted for in 2024.

“[The captain] will be instrumental in moving us forward and upping our training program,” Bertram said.

The fire district is scheduled to hold a public hearing of the proposed 2025 budget during its November board meeting, with a final vote tentatively scheduled for December.

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Facility

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Built in 1968, Abernethy explained the elementary school is approaching the end of its useful life, citing the building’s capacity, safety risks and potential barriers to academic achievement.

“The No. 1 place where children get hurt in America is actually in traffic,” he said, pointing to the school’s busy pickup and drop-off zones.

Limited visual connections to hallway corridors were also a concern, Abernethy noted.

With a calculated total capacity of 783, Abernethy explained the functional capacity of the school was actually lower — around 639.

That could prove problematic, he added, if enrollment at the school rises and student-teacher ratios are kept near or below current levels.

Other challenges Abernethy outlined were the sizes of the school’s library and cafeteria, the absence of a gymnasium, and the lack of views to the outside from many of the classrooms.

“Roughly one in every four classrooms in this building doesn’t have an exterior window,” Abernethy reported, and explained test scores have been shown to increase from 8-12 percent when students and teachers have access to views and natural daylight.

Pagosa Springs Middle School

Facing similar challenges as the elementary school, Abernethy explained Pagosa Springs Middle School scored a 55 percent when evaluated for its educational spaces and condition.

“There’s just some inherent challenges that we have with the middle school,” he said, pointing specifically to its age and location on U.S. 160.

The school building, built in 1954, is struggling to keep pace with current trends and standards in education, Abernethy noted.

“From an instructional standpoint, the way we deliver instruction today is very different than we deliv-

ered it 70 years ago,” he said.

CDE standards recommend today’s classrooms be around 900 square feet, Abernethy explained, noting classrooms in the middle school are about 740 square feet, hindering teachers’ ability to modify the learning environment.

With most of the school’s outdoor recreation spaces located across the highway and under control of the town, Abernethy suggested student safety is also an issue at the school.

Limited space for small group work and interventions, an under-sized cafeteria and outdated furniture also contributed to the school’s low assessment score.

Pagosa Springs High School

“This is as good a score as we’ve seen,” Abernethy said of the 26-year old high school building, which received a passing score of 74 percent when measured against RTA’s educational rubric.

Abernethy complimented the school’s overall condition as well as its outdoor amenities, spaces for collaborative work, as well as its safety and security upgrades.

But with the school operating at about 91 percent capacity, Abernethy explained other questions around special education, intervention and student success spaces would eventually arise.

“You don’t have room for some of those things right now,” he said. “We start to run into challenges where we can’t create spaces that’ll support the educational delivery model.”

Current spaces for career technical development will likely need to be expanded in the future, according to RTA’s analysis, with additional storage and an auxiliary gym also identified as potential improvements to the campus.

Next steps

As the school district and RTA continue to refine data collected during the summer’s assessment, plans to share more details about

the schools’ facilities condition and soliciting community feedback are also underway.

After gathering initial feedback from school staff, the district plans to offer three opportunities for community members to weigh in.

Those sessions are tentatively scheduled for late October and after the general election in November, with additional details forthcoming.

Describing the information sessions, Abernethy said, “We want to find out where the pinch points are, where some of the challenges are, the things that are going well.”

He added that the pace of any improvements would largely be determined by the school board and the community.

“It’s really up to the board and the community to have a conversation about where’s the priority, what do they think of the timing and what really makes sense,” he said.

There’s not yet been an evaluation conducted for the San Juan Mountain School building, but Superintendent Rick Holt suggested one may soon be needed.

“It’s under-designed for its capacity,” Holt said of the school, which currently has an enrollment of around 50 students, according to administrators. “It is a concern. It’s also our newest building, which is also a concern.”

By December, Holt explained he hopes to have a better idea of what staff and community envision for the other schools — including defining top priorities and which areas to direct funding.

Until then, Holt noted he hopes to communicate the gap between “what we have and what we could have, before assigning dollar amounts to any potential improvements.

“What would we like to do better?” Holt asked. “[I’m] trying to keep that as our focus right now.”

He added, “I’d like the community to be considering what we could do for our students before we talk about how much [that] would cost us.”

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Tax

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with this will have an affect on the amount of marijuana retail sales tax the county receives.

County Finance Director Chad Eaton explained that the overall average monthly difference is a .4 percent decrease, or roughly \$3,000 to \$4,000 less going to the county.

He noted that equates to approximately \$30,000 less annually.

Maez noted there “aren’t many” retail marijuana stores under county jurisdiction.

There are currently seven retail marijuana storefronts in the Pagosa Springs area, with two under county jurisdiction and five under town jurisdiction.

“That could change ... or not,” Medina said.

Weaver indicated that the current marijuana retail store owners do not want to see more storefronts popping up, as they believe the market is currently saturated and that more stores will not increase business, but rather

spread it around.

Eaton explained that the county is waiting on reimbursement for marijuana retail sales tax for the past two months that was paid to the town.

Weaver mentioned that with the legalization of recreational and medi-

cal marijuana in neighboring states such as New Mexico, the marijuana industry in Colorado is starting to see a decline in sales figures.

“It’s not quite the attraction as it used to be,” Weaver said.

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Town council discusses 2025 budget proposal at work session

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Oct. 10, the Pagosa Springs Town Council met for a work session to discuss the town's proposed budget for fiscal year 2025.

A portion of the session was used to educate the council on how to navigate a new software being utilized by the town for the budget, a software called ClearGov.

However, there was also substantive discussion about the proposed budget.

Council member Mat deGraaf asked Town Manager David Harris a general question about past budgets and how much revenues could be expected to grow.

"What is typical for increases in budgets, in normal years?" deGraaf asked, with Harris answering that it's largely dependent on the economy at any given time since revenues for the town, largely dependent on sales tax revenues, fluctuate depending on the state of the economy.

From "a revenue perspective," Harris said, it's a "fluid number."

deGraaf then asked how the town could ensure that it continues to see growth in revenues to continue supporting "compensations and packages" for employees, making the town an attractive and competitive employer going forward into the future.

"How do we get more money into the General Fund to help support those efforts?" he asked, with Harris suggesting that the town could consider getting "beyond the sales tax."

"There are a lot of ideas floating out there" to "solve the revenue question," Harris said, mentioning that franchise taxes are one possibility.

"Do we throw a tax on our garage collection? Do we throw a tax on our electricity with LPEA?" he asked.

The town is no longer able to charge internet service providers for the use of its right of way, he explained, "but we are still able to charge electricity and waste service providers."

He mentioned impact fees as another possibility to "build up a robust capital war chest for the eventual replacement or expansion of the sewer

system or water system, or whatever you're operating."

He also floated the idea of considering an increase in the lodging tax, "in order to fund some projects that would put heads in beds during the shoulder seasons. Is that a civic center, for example? A place where we can hold conventions.

"Is that something we would want to steer towards parks and trails?" to try and attract sports competitions to the area, such as "a youth volleyball meet or a youth soccer meet?"

"I think it would be helpful for all of us to all sit down and ask ourselves, 'How do we want to fund all of these things, let alone our day-to-day operations?'"

Later in the meeting, deGraaf stated that the new budget software was useful in "organizing 10 million different pieces in a way" town staff "could work with, but I'm still left wanting my general overview of the finances of each department."

He wondered if the council really needs this level of detail, "when I'm really just looking for a 30,000-foot view."

Town Clerk April Hessman replied, "This program [ClearGov] is very, very robust," and it does give the "30,000-foot view," as well as the smaller details, once the user gets comfortable navigating the system.

Council member Leonard Martinez suggested that when he "jumped into the budget," using the new software, he wasn't getting what he "was looking for," either, "which was how the budget related to strategies."

He added that the details weren't "helping me at all in terms of that."

He continued, "That's what I was trying to find, but couldn't."

Martinez expressed that he wants to see how the budget was directly aligned to the council's strategic goals and priorities.

The latest budget proposal lists the town's sanitation district, staffing and workforce housing as the town's top three priorities.

Martinez explained he was hoping to see these priorities reflected in the budget, but that it was not clear to him how these issues were being addressed

in the document.

Harris explained that the issue of sanitation would be "fluid over the next few months" as the town looks to finance repairs to its system with \$4.5 million worth of revenue bonds.

On staffing, he noted that the 2025 budget proposes a 2.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment "to keep salaries competitive" for town employees, "so we don't lose ground on that," with the price of this increase costing \$130,378 across all funds.

Harris explained on Oct. 1 that, compared to 2025, money will be saved by the town "changing its insurance provider for health, life, dental, and disability beginning in November 2024."

"By making this change, the Town will save approximately \$220,000 across all funds in 2025," the budget proposal states.

On the issue of workforce housing, Harris said that "we have a new full-time housing coordinator that's partially funded with grants, partially funded by the county."

He added that, once the new housing coordinator "is up to speed, we will be having conversations about the Servitas project."

Servitas is a Texas-based developer that the town contracted with to build workforce housing on town-owned property.

The housing project has stalled due to the developer and the town having a difficult time making it "pencil" at the price points the town wants for workforce housing in the community.

The council was able to work through three sections of the proposed budget — the Geothermal Utility Fund, Conservation Trust Fund and Trust Impact Fund — without making any major changes to the proposed budgets for these funds.

On the Geothermal Utility Fund proposal, Public Works Director Karl Johnson explained that the town is replacing the system's heat exchanger and circulation pumps, saying that these improvements would be paid for through a grant.

He explained that the current equipment has been there since the system was built in 1982 and would

be "in much better shape" after the repairs.

On the Conservation Trust Fund, there was some question about the town's land purchase of riverfront property, at the former Bob's LP site, which is currently under negotiation.

The purchase price of the property, around \$800,000, would be paid for mostly through two grants — a state Great Outdoors Colorado Community Impact Grant, and a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant — that the town has applied for.

The "out-of-pocket" cost to the town for the property, if these funding mechanisms both work out, would be \$50,000 that the town would take from its Conservation Trust Fund.

Mayor Shari Pierce asked why this was not accounted for in the budget proposal, with Harris explaining that "we are still in negotiations, so we don't have a definitive number there, and we would probably be looking at our reserves to help cover that purchase."

He continued, "It's a fluid question right now. Until we get hard numbers, we can't plug anything in right this second.

He added that, from the revenue side, "we are still hoping for those two grants" to pay for the property purchase.

He said that "until we know for sure, it's hard to place in the budget," with Hessman adding that "we don't want to budget for things that haven't been set in stone."

"Do we need to make adjustments in case those [grants] come through?" she asked.

Hessman explained that the \$50,000 could come from reserve funds, and "that adjustment could be made if that comes through."

Pierce replied, "Well, that's nice, but that wasn't the discussion we had to use reserves" for the property purchase. "So, I just see this as having to be another discussion."

She said, "If we get the grants" the town's allocation would be \$50,000, and that money was not allocated for in the budget proposal.

"We didn't say we would go into reserves to do it. We said we would put it in the budget," she said.

The council is set to hold another budget work session on Thursday, Oct. 17, following it's regular meeting at 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

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gets are included in the 2025 proposed budget, which is down from previous years that included a 4 percent growth.

"This year we cut it down to a minimum of 2 percent," he said.

Total revenues listed for 2025 are at \$50,030,819.92 and total expenditures are listed at \$53,319,800.74, according to Eaton's presentation.

This includes a revenue of \$29,514,113.19 in the general fund, and expenditures of \$29,466,545.63.

Road and Bridge is listed to have a total \$7,910,10.32 in revenues with \$11,688,653.14 in expenditures.

The Department of Human Services is listed to have a total of \$3,724,459 in revenues with \$2,509,654.06 in expenditures.

The Public Health Department has \$1,208,159 in revenues with \$1,185,201.76 in expenditures.

The IA fund has no revenues listed, with \$1,500 listed in expenditures.

The Archuleta County Combined

Dispatch fund has \$1,581,002.71 listed in revenues and \$1,495,732.61 in expenditures.

The Conservation Trust Fund is listed to have \$175,000 in revenues and \$160,600 in expenditures.

The Justice System Capital has \$800,000 listed for revenues and no expenditures listed.

The Solid Waste fund has \$2,252,050 in revenues with \$2,940,505.79 in expenditures.

The Airport fund has \$945,544 in revenue and \$1,019,984.14 in expenditures, and Fleet Management has \$1,920,389 in revenues with \$2,851,432.61 in expenditures.

Eaton also highlighted the 2025 expenses by major type, noting that in 2024 personnel costs were listed at \$18,199,702.11 and in 2025 it is listed at \$19,158,606.90, or a 5 percent increase.

A 19 percent decrease in materials and services is proposed, with 2024 showing \$19,616,662.94 and 2025 showing \$15,538,775.16.

Eaton noted the total expense across all funds in 2024 was listed at \$55,656,796.05, and for 2025 that is listed at \$53,319,800.72 — a 4 percent decrease.

"A lot of this falls in materials and services due to the pass-through funds," Eaton commented.

Overall revenues for 2025 compared to 2024 reflect a 2 percent decrease, or a decrease of \$1,216,997.27, going from \$51,247,817.19 to \$50,030,819.92.

This includes a 78 percent increase in the Airport funds revenues going from \$532,479 in 2024 to \$945,544.

"So, we are looking at some capital projects that will be coming through that will increase that by \$413,000," Eaton said.

Eaton's 2025 proposed budget presentation can be viewed online at <https://www.archuletacounty.org/212/Budgets>. The proposed budget can also be found at the Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder's Office at 449 San Juan St.

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Medical center’s draft budget presented

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors heard a presentation of the district’s draft budget on Thursday, Oct. 10, with the budget anticipating the addition of cardiopulmonary services and expansion of other services.

The board oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger presented an overview of the draft budget to the board, explaining the district’s finance committee had gone over it in detail the night before.

Keplinger explained to the board that the district believes it will have some “unknown variables” to contend with, adding the district always does.

She also prefaced the budget presentation by noting PSMC is coming back into a pattern following the pandemic, but is not 100 percent there.

Further, she noted the medical center is still using contract labor in areas where it has not been able to hire.

Budget assumptions

The budget document presents a number of budget assumptions used with respect to both revenues and expenses.

With respect to revenues, the listed budget assumptions include:

- A transfer from the district’s foundation to PSMC in the amount of \$450,000, “which represents funds raised for the remodel of the Sterile Processing Department, as well as, additional capital requests.”
- An average 4 percent increase in patient volume and an average 4 percent increase in prices.
- Anticipated revenue increases in the cancer center due to steady growth, in pain management due to the expansion of the service line, in radiology due to the increase in volume, in surgery due to the addition of

an additional orthopedic surgeon, in cardiopulmonary due to the addition of pulmonary function testing equipment and a full-time pulmonologist, and in cardiology due to having an echo tech for the entire year.

During the Oct. 10 meeting, Keplinger noted the district is also looking at a surgical robot, noting the robot is on the capital list, but that PSMC may lease one first to ensure the volume is there.

The capital list shows the surgical robot with a cost of \$900,000.

Board president Kate Alfred noted the robot is a “big deal for us.”

PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb added that younger athletes especially want that technology, and people are getting knee replacements younger now.

She added the robot company will also advertise PSMC as a site that uses its robot.

With respect to expenses, the budget document lists the following assumptions:

- PSMC’s largest expense continues to be labor. The budget includes a 3 percent increase in wages to employees without an employment agreement (providers and senior leaders). It also shows a net increase of 8.46 full-time equivalents.
 - An increase in costs (inflation) of 4 percent in medications, 4 percent for supplies and 3 percent for the employee health insurance plan.
 - “We will continue to see increased costs needed to enhance our security with regards to IT.”
 - Other expense increases are specific to departments and based on projects expected to be completed in 2025.
- Keplinger indicated during the meeting that expenses related to capital replacement will change, giving the example that PSMC was still working on getting prices on bronchoscopes.

Budget numbers

After presenting the budget meth-

odology to the board, Keplinger showed the board draft numbers for 2025, noting the statement is “not very pretty.”

The document shows total patient revenues of \$90,075,263 (a 15 percent increase from 2024 annualized figures) and total net patient revenues of \$43,181,938 (compared to \$37,503,530 in the 2024 annualized figures).

Including operating grants and other operating income, the budget shows total net revenues of \$45,438,206, which is 2 percent less than the 2024 annualized amount.

Operating expenses are listed at \$48,735,373 — 10 percent less than 2024’s annualized figure.

Keplinger noted an increase of almost \$3 million in salaries, saying, “That’s a big jump for us.”

She also noted she expects more implanted devices with a second orthopedic surgeon on board, with the devices expensive for PSMC.

Operating revenue less expenses is listed as a deficit of \$3,297,167. The 2024 annualized figure is \$3,799,686.

Nonoperating income — which includes grants, interest income, tax revenue, donations and other sources — is estimated at \$3,391,756, leaving a bottom line of \$94,589.

The annualized 2024 figures show nonoperating revenue of \$4,019,468, leaving a projected bottom line of \$219,782.

The budget includes a potential \$2,889,900 in capital outlay.

A cash-flow statement for budget year 2025 projects beginning cash of \$14,755,819 and ending cash of \$13,090,454.

Keplinger suggested there will be further revisions to the budget before it is adopted, which is anticipated to occur in November.

Pulmonary service line

In late May, the board voted unanimously to approve starting a pulmonary service line.

Prior to approving moving for-

ward with the service line, the board heard a presentation from CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb and Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger.

Webb began the presentation by explaining that pulmonary medicine is a branch that specializes in diagnosing and treating diseases of the lung and other parts of the respiratory system.

She further added that conditions treated would include asthma, bronchitis, chronic cough, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or COPD, interstitial lung disease (which she noted is on the rise in the country), lung cancer/lung mass, pleural disease, pulmonary edema, pulmonary arterial hypertension, pulmonary nodules, shortness of breath and sleep apnea/sleep studies.

“We were tasked with finding ways to increase our revenue and sustainable service lines that could help this hospital and our community,” Webb told the board.

She added the closest pulmonary medicine doctors are in Durango and while tests or consultations are ordered, some people are unable to go to Durango or choose not to.

She added there are a lot of people locally with lung disease.

She explained that service line studies would include pulmonary function testing, bronchoscopy, lung biopsy and spirometry, with referrals to ancillary services including blood gas analysis, complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic panel, X-ray, CT scan and MRI.

She then showed the board an image of a pulmonary function testing machine and explained that the tests are noninvasive and show how well the lungs are working.

“The tests measure lung volume, capacity, rates of flow, and gas exchange,” the presentation states. “This information can help your healthcare provider diagnose and decide the treatment of certain lung disorders.”

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not much of a concern.

However, he explained, the problem he noticed lies in the ability to hire and fire employees, explaining the MOU states that the process is done through mutual agreement between ASI and the county.

“That’s wonderful if everyone agrees. What happens if ASI, their board and the board of county commissioners do not agree?” Weaver said.

He noted there is a similar issue in the hiring and firing of the executive director position.

“Boards don’t always see eye to eye,” he said.

“Been there, done that,” Maez said.

Weaver also explained that he was not sure if giving an outside board the ability to hire and fire county employees “is an improper delegation of board’s authority,” noting that he would need to do more research on that topic.

“That raises all kinds of employment law issues,” Weaver added.

He mentioned that if the county is paying the salary and benefits then, “to me, they’re either county employees or they’re not.”

Weaver expressed that the “in between ground” raises more problems than solutions.

He again compared the arrangement to that of dispatch, noting that dispatch has had issues with its executive director not having clear direction as to who to report to.

“This arrangement kind of re-

minds of dispatch with the executive director there,” he said, noting the chair of the combined dispatch board changes every year.

In an interview, County Manager Jack Harper confirmed that Devin Moffat submitted his resignation as emergency communications director on Oct. 2.

Harper indicated that Elizabeth Blizzard has been appointed as interim emergency communications director.

“It’s caused a lot of problems in my life,” Weaver said, adding that “[Moffat] never got the direction he needed.”

Weaver suggested that if the BoCC decides to move forward with the MOU being proposed by ASI, then “that’s something that needs to be flushed a lot more.”

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if the county would become liable for employee claims by having ASI employees become county employees.

Weaver confirmed that would become the county’s liability.

Maez commented that he believes most of the details can be worked through, but his main concern is the economic impact it would have on the county.

Other concerns about if the county’s Human Resources and Finance departments have the bandwidth to take on an additional 10 employees from ASI.

“Not that this wouldn’t work, it just needs to be flushed out a little more,” Weaver said.

He mentioned that a major benefit of the MOU would be that ASI could become eligible for more grant opportunities.

Home heating funds

Also during the Oct. 15 work session Department of Human Services (DHS) Director Heidi Martinez informed the BoCC of the state’s Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), which is a federally funded program that helps eligible families pay a portion of their winter home heating costs.

Martinez explained that the state will provide \$20,000 to the county for families to receive through the program.

She noted that the funds can be used to cover “whatever main heating source” families choose, noting that can include natural gas, propane, wood or electric.

Martinez indicated the program begins Nov. 1, and those who were

in the program last year may have already received an application for this year; however, those who were not in the program last year cannot get an application until Nov. 1.

She also indicated that DHS is proposing to increase the number of applications received and decrease the amount of applications denied.

Proof of income, “or the lack thereof,” a Colorado driver’s license and proof of heating bill are required to be approved for the program, she explained.

Martinez explained that it is a onetime benefit, and it doesn’t matter whether applicants apply on Nov. 1 or the final day, April 30, 2025 — they will receive the same benefit.

Later that day at a regular meeting held by the BoCC, the program was unanimously approved as part of the meeting’s consent agenda.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Sept. 30 — Harassment-calls repeatedly, County Road 600.

Sept. 30 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Harman Park Drive.
Sept. 30 — Information only, Ute Drive.

Sept. 30 — Failed to display valid registration, driving under the influence of alcohol, U.S. 160.

Oct. 1 — Information only, County Road 700.

Oct. 1 — Lost and found, Ace Court.

Oct. 1 — Second-degree motor vehicle theft, Corral Court.

Oct. 1 — Information only, Cat Creek Overlook.

Oct. 1 — Operated motor vehicle with expired license plates, driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI per se, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, tail lamp violation, Aspen Village Drive.

Oct. 2 — Possession of a controlled substance, driving under restraint-alcohol/drug-related, prohibited use of weapon/firearm while under influence, U.S. 160.

Oct. 2 — Harassment by phone or computer-injury or damage threat-DV, Harman Park Drive.

Oct. 2 — First-degree assault-aggravated-weapon, Harman Park Drive/Vista Boulevard.

Oct. 3 — Second-degree burglary-forced entry-nonresidence, criminal mischief-\$1,000 to \$5,000 business,

second-degree criminal trespass, Rainbow Drive.

Oct. 3 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, West U.S. 160.

Oct. 3 — Reckless endangerment, violation of protection order-criminal, obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, accessory to crime if crime was class 3, 4 or 5 felony, vehicular eluding, West U.S. 160.

Oct. 3 — Information only, Highland Avenue.

Oct. 4 — Unlawful ownership of dangerous dog-misdemeanor, Grant Court.

Oct. 4 — Information only, Bonanza Avenue.

Oct. 5 — Contributing to the delinquency of a minor-misdemeanor, Prospect Boulevard/South Pagosa Boulevard.

Oct. 5 — Unlawful ownership of dangerous dog-misdemeanor, Hurt Drive.

Oct. 5 — Lost and found, U.S. 160.
Oct. 5 — Under the influence of alcohol, DUI per se, U.S. 160.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Sept. 29 — Violation of protection order-criminal, driving under restraint-alcohol/drug-related, San Juan Street.

Sept. 30 — Child abuse knowingly and recklessly, North 5th Street.

Sept. 30 — Harassment/following person in public place, South 8th Street.

Sept. 30 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, East Pagosa Street.

Oct. 1 — Careless driving, South 10th Street.

Oct. 2 — Second-degree burglary-forced entry-nonresidence, Rob Snow Road.

Oct. 2 — Theft-less than \$50-from yard, Pagosa Street.

Oct. 2 — Violation of protection order-criminal, warrant arrest, Lewis Street.

Oct. 3 — Hit and run failed to remain on scene of accident-damage only, Eagle Drive.

Oct. 4 — Unauthorized use of financial transaction device-under \$1,000, South 8th Street.

Oct. 4 — Owner operated vehicle or permitted vehicle to be operated without insurance, Majestic Drive.
Oct. 6 — Information only, South 8th Street.

Oct. 6 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI per se, Talisman Drive.

Oct. 7 — Information only, South 5th Street.

Oct. 7 — Assault in the third degree, South 8th Street.

Oct. 8 — Traffic stop, U.S. 160.
Oct. 8 — Nuisance/accumulation of weeds, junk, garbage, North 8th Street.

Oct. 8 — Violation of protection order-criminal, East Pagosa Street.

Oct. 9 — Disorderly conduct/discharges a firearm, South 6th Street.
Oct. 9 — Careless driving causing injury, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Oct. 9 — Vehicle accident with injuries, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Oct. 9 — Information only, South 10th Street.

Oct. 10 — Motor vehicle theft, North 6th Street.

Oct. 10 — Careless driving, San Juan Street.

Oct. 11 — Assault in the third degree, South 9th Street.

Oct. 11 — Lost and found, San Juan Street.

Oct. 11 — Assault, South 9th Street.

Oct. 12 — Traffic stop, North 8th Street.

Oct. 12 — Traffic stop, Eagle Drive.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Oct. 1 — Jarad Corbin, driving under restraint-alcohol-related, fines and costs — \$507.50.

Oct. 2 — Damian Kent, driving under restraint, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$277.50.

Oct. 2 — Eduardo R. Armijo, driver's license-driving without, headlamps-failure to dim, fines and costs — \$129.50.

Oct. 2 — Matthew James Arkins III, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

Oct. 2 — Joshua Edwards Brzana, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$255.

Oct. 2 — Shaun M. Dinan, registration-unregistered vehicle, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$207.50.

Oct. 2 — Kacey Marie Foster, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

Oct. 2 — Jeremy Lee Martin, driver's license-driving without, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$207.50.

Oct. 2 — Jason L. Whittemore, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

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Thursday, Oct. 17

Archuleta County Marijuana Ordinance Update Task Force meeting. 1 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <http://archuletaacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Board of Health meeting. 3 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletaacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 22

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

Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd. View the meeting on Microsoft Teams using meeting ID: 211 697 380 209, passcode: 72rBqf.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

La Plata Electric Association town hall meeting. 6 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information, visit lpea.coop.

Thursday, Oct. 24

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

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Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletaacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Monday, Oct. 28

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

Tuesday, Oct. 29

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

Thursday, Nov. 7

Main Street Advisory Board meeting. 4 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information, visit <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Thursday, Nov. 14

Main Street Advisory Board meeting. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information, visit <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd. View the meeting on Microsoft Teams using meeting ID: 211 697 380 209, passcode: 72rBqf.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library

Board meeting. 4 p.m., Zoom. For more information, visit <https://www.pagosalibrary.org/board-meetings>.

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors. 5 p.m., Pagosa Peak Open School, 3133 Cornerstone Drive. For more information, visit pagosapeakopenschool.org.

Thursday, Nov. 21

Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletaacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Board meeting. 4 p.m., Zoom. For more information, visit <https://www.pagosalibrary.org/board-meetings>.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd. View the meeting on Microsoft Teams using meeting ID: 211 697 380 209, passcode: 72rBqf.

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By Garrett Fevinger
Staff Writer

Commissioners and administrators from Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties tentatively agreed to raise District Attorney (DA) Sean Murray’s salary by \$63,000 during a joint virtual work session on Oct. 7 — but noted the additional pay would likely result in cuts to the DA’s budget.

Though not yet official, the raise would increase Murray’s annual pay from \$130,000 to \$193,008 and take effect in early 2025.

It would also be the first raise in 13 years for the position, according to Murray, who serves all three counties in the 6th Judicial District.

The discussion to increase Murray’s salary was sparked in part by legislation arriving in 2026 that will restructure compensation for DAs and assistant DAs across the state.

Murray currently earns the minimum salary allowed by law, but Senate Bill 24-13 will require his pay be no less than a full-time district court judge by July 2026; those judges currently earn the \$193,008 Murray is requesting.

The bill further stipulates that 80 percent of the funding for the DA’s salary will continue to come from the state, with the remaining 20 percent to be paid by counties.

Until that bill goes into effect, Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties would share the cost of the \$63,000 raise.

Calculating the financial impacts for 2025, the La Plata County Finance Department reported Archuleta County’s portion would hover around an additional \$12,300.

The more populous La Plata County would contribute another \$50,000, roughly, with San Juan County paying an extra \$700.

“That’s a huge increase,” Archuleta County Commissioner Ronnie Maez said of Murray’s proposed raise. “And we’re not big counties; we don’t have a lot. I know La Plata County ... has a 20 percent reduction in their budget. We’re looking at our budget coming up, and we’re looking at cutting it, as well.”

In a presentation to the counties, Murray also advocated for promotional reclassifications for other attorneys in his office with hopes of filling vacancies and improving retention.

“I know that this is a tough time to make a big ask,” Murray said, and acknowledged feeling “somewhat uncomfortable” requesting a raise for his own position, but added expanded salary ranges for his deputy district attorneys would help stem turnover and preserve institutional knowledge.

“Every attorney that I work with in the DA’s office generally feels overwhelmed by appeals, by motions, by trials,” Murray said, adding that his office is understaffed by two attorneys — soon to be three.

“It’s created an effect where we’re feeling like we’re treading water,” he said.

The commissioners expressed agreement that continued support of the DA’s office is important, but questioned how to reconcile that support with fiscal realities looming for counties in 2025.

“How can we do the best with what we have and support our district attorney and his office, and also keep in mind the budget that we have to balance going forward?” Archuleta County Commissioner Warren Brown asked.

La Plata County Commissioner Marsha Porter-Norton described experiencing a sticker shock when first considering the proposed salary increase, but noted that issues of public safety are at stake, too.

“This is a key position in our law enforcement tool kit,” Porter-Norton said, “and to not give cost of living [increases] is really concerning to me. So, I am for this.”

San Juan County Administrator William Tookey joined Porter-Norton in wondering why the DA’s salary had remained stagnant for 13 years.

“How did we, over the years, allow the DA’s salary to not be increased?” Tookey asked. “No cost of living for 13 years? That’s something I think we messed up on our end, for sure.”

He added, “Had we been paying a little closer attention ... we wouldn’t be looking at such a huge increase now.”

The Colorado Constitution prevents county commissioners from changing a DA’s salary in the middle of a term, Murray noted, explaining

the timing of his request as coinciding with the upcoming 2025 term.

He is currently running unopposed for DA in the 6th Judicial District.

“I look at this as a cost-of-living catch-up,” Porter-Norton said, point-

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ing out that former DA Christian Champagne had also raised the issue with commissioners.

“So, this isn’t coming out of the blue. ... Christian Champagne really did try to address this,” Porter-Norton

said.

She suggested approving Murray’s full raise while examining whether a proposed 20 percent increase to the DA’s 2025 budget could be trimmed.

“What we can hopefully get consensus on is raising the salary of the DA, but then taking that budget increase down a bit,” she said. “We’re having to cut everywhere, and it’s hard to justify a 20 percent increase.”

Archuleta County commissioners Veronica Medina and Maez both expressed support for the idea.

“If it happens that way, then I would be totally in full support of it,” Maez said. “We’ve all got to tighten up. Not just us, but also the DA.”

Considering the raise, Medina also requested additional performance metrics from Murray.

“I hear from you that you have a large caseload, but what are those numbers looking like as far as current cases in Archuleta County?” Medina asked Murray earlier in the session. “You’re asking for a significant increase. It would be nice to see overall where we’re at ... and your success rate, performance-wise.”

Murray explained that while crime appears to be down, juvenile prosecution has gone up.

He pointed the public to his office’s online dashboard where more performance metrics and statistics can be found.

He agreed to gather that data for the commissioners as they continue to finalize the 2025 budget, with final passage expected in December.

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Sports



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The Pagosa Springs Middle School boys' B football team poses after logging an undefeated season and winning the San Juan Basin League Championship on Oct. 5 at Golden Peaks Stadium. The team defeated the Miller Angels 22-14 in the championship game.

Soccer

Pirates claim Intermountain League title

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate soccer team picked up back-to-back league wins away from home over the last week, clinching the top spot in the Intermountain League (IML) for the season.

Boasting an overall record of 7-2-3, including a league mark of 4-1-1, the Pirates have secured first place in their league, coach Trevor Gian confirmed on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

The Pirates traveled to Alamosa on Oct. 12 to take on the Alamosa Mean Moose for a second time this season.

The Pirates tied the Mean Moose 1-1 in their first matchup in September, but were able to come away with a 1-0 victory the second time around.

"That was a pretty big win for us, to go on the road over there," Gian said.

Pagosa got on the scoreboard with about 10 minutes remaining in the first half with a goal from Chance Ramirez, Gian explained.

He noted that the goal came from a quality transition play between Ramirez and Gavin Carter "finding a little bit of two-touch play, give and go's," that opened up space for Ramirez to shoot from just inside of Alamosa's box with a low, back-post shot.

"There were some really good moments in that first half," Gian said. "We had a lot of really good stuff early going for us in that game."

Gian mentioned the Pirates wanted to be aggressive early on and convert a scoring chance early in the game.

"For us to find some of that success like that, and find some quality touches, was really awesome," he added.

Gian also mentioned that multiple freshmen are stepping up and getting experience.

He noted that Hudson Davis is "really playing phenomenal" in the midfield, along with Angel Ramirez, who started as a central midfielder for the Pirates.

Gian mentioned that Angel Ramirez "has really brought a lot of the last two games."

Gian also commented on the efforts from Edgar Castillo and Elmer Castillo, explaining they have both stepped into outside midfielder roles and both have a "natural way about how they play."

Gian explained that the Pirates had to make some adjustments throughout the game against Alamosa, with Ryder King being unavailable, Alex Pham playing a sweeper position and Jacob Castaneda playing in a central midfield role.

"We're finding success with people stepping up all over the place," Gian said.

Gian mentioned that it was a tough game and that Alamosa is a talented team.

"But, I can't say enough how impressed I am and how proud I am of what we're doing, with the personnel we're doing it with," Gian said.

He went on to explain that the second half against Alamosa turned out to be a fairly physical game, describing it as "intense" and "chippy." Gian explained that the game had big implications about who would be in control of winning the IML.

"They needed to win as much as

we did," he said.

Gian mentioned the Pirates made adjustments to get some more pace defensively and tried to settle in for the last 20 minutes to keep Alamosa out of the net.

"Really proud and impressed about how my team responded to that," Gian said in regard to the physicality of the match, adding, "Our guys did a fantastic job of fighting and staying alive and getting out of it."

On Oct. 15, the Pirates traveled to Bayfield to face off against the Bayfield Wolverines, also for a second time this season.

"Really proud and impressed about how my team responded to that," Gian said in regard to the physicality of the match, adding, "Our guys did a fantastic job of fighting and staying alive and getting out of it."

The Pirates lost to the Wolverines earlier this month at home by a score of 2-0, but were able to come up with a 1-0 victory this time on the road.

Gian explained that the Pirates were able to come up with a few scoring chances in the first half, noting that "Jacob and Chance up top were working really well."

Gian also commented that Bayfield was able to find success in the first half by moving the ball along the edges and finding some room for shots.

"It was back and forth the whole way that first half," Gian said.

Gian noted the Wolverines had a couple of looks from about 20 yards out that either hit the crossbar of the goal or forced a save from Christopher Young-Martinez.

"They're a pretty quality team," Gian said of the Wolverines.

After a scoreless first half, the second half started similarly, but the Pirates were able to find a breakthrough with a goal from Carter with 13 minutes remaining, Gian explained.

"Can't say enough about him ... his play has been phenomenal for us this year," Gian said of Carter.

Gian explained that Carter's goal was a "great individual effort," beating multiple players down the left side and leading to a quality finish.

Gian mentioned the entire game "was a complete team effort," but noted that Carter "went and handled business" to get his goal and give the Pirates the lead.

Gian noted the Pirates did a good job adjusting defensively in the second half to shut down the Wolverines' chances from the outside and applied pressure on their defense.

"The fact that we did capitalize on one is the difference," Gian said in comparison to the Pirates' first matchup against the Wolverines.

He mentioned the Pirates' created a bunch of scoring opportunities in the first matchup, but weren't able to put any of them away.

"This game was pretty similar," Gian said, adding that the Pirates were able to contest the Wolverines' shots and apply enough pressure to keep them from scoring.

He added that he felt the Pirates still could have added more goals to make for a more comfortable win.

"We could've put quite a few more in," he said.

Gian also praised his midfielders and attackers for being able to find space behind the Wolverines.

He added that the game was physically intense, but "in the spirit of the game."

Gian also commented on Young-Martinez's performance as goal-keeper for the Pirates, noting that "he was a huge asset in goal."

Gian noted the two wins were important for the Pirates and let them control their destiny in winning the league.

"We wanted to go in and win it," he said in regard to the game against Bayfield, explaining that a tie would've left the Pirates' hoping for certain results in other matches around the league in order to stay in first place in the IML.

Additional stats for the two games were unavailable as of press time Wednesday.

The Pirates have two regular season games remaining, including hosting Fruita Monument tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 18, at Golden Peaks Stadium at 4 p.m. for senior night.

The next day, on Oct. 19, the Pirates will head to Leadville to play against the Lake County Panthers at 1 p.m.

"We're riding pretty high on emotion," Gian said, explaining that the team will likely be keeping practice fairly light and loose.

"We've been through a long season already," he said, noting that the team has "been through the fire now."

He mentioned that the Pirates are looking to finish out the season on a high note as these last two games give the Pirates a chance to boost their state rankings and earn a high postseason seeding.

Pagosa is currently ranked 17th in the state's 3A Seeding and Selection Index.

"I'm proud of these guys, the whole team. We're building something from the ground up," Gian said.

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FOOTBALL



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Pirate Creede Dozier breaks away from multiple Wolverine defenders to score the Pirates’ first touchdown of the night on Thursday, Oct. 10. Dozier ran for a total of 70 yards on the night.

Pirates fall prey to Wolverines in final seconds

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team lost in the final seconds of its game against the Bayfield Wolverines last Thursday, Oct. 10, at Golden Peaks Stadium.

The Pirates jumped out in front 14-0 in the second quarter with two rushing touchdowns — an 11-yard from Creede Dozier and a 53-yard from Colton Lucero — and took that lead into halftime.

Bayfield was able to get on the board in the third quarter with a 51-yard touchdown pass. A successful extra-point attempt brought the score to 14-7, with the Pirates leading.

The Pirates were able to hit back on their next offensive possession with another rushing touchdown from Lucero, going for 26 yards, extending their lead back to a two-possession game at 21-7.

Bayfield opened the scoring in the fourth quarter, finding the end zone from a 15-yard rushing touchdown with about 10 minutes remaining to make the score 21-14 and make it where the Wolverines could tie the game with one score.

The Pirates would then put together another scoring drive, taking off almost six minutes on the clock, that was capped off by another Lu-

cero rushing touchdown, this time for 33 yards.

Another successful extra-point attempt put the Pirates back up by two scores at 28-14.

Bayfield would go on to score on its next possession with a 48-yard touchdown pass to bring the score to 21-28 with just over three minutes

According to stats from the Colorado High School Activities Association, Lucero currently leads the state across all divisions in total rushing yards so far this season, racking up 1,366 rushing yards through six games.

remaining in the fourth quarter.

On the next possession for the Pirates, multiple penalties were called that ended up putting Pagosa in a third down and long situation with more than 20 yards needed for

a first down.

Lucero was able to pick up about 15 yards on a carry to make it fourth down and about 5 yards to go for a first down with the ball just inside of the Wolverines’ territory.

The Pirates elected to go for it rather than punt.

The play was blown up by the Wolverines, tackling Lucero in the backfield for a loss on the play and a turnover on downs.

With just over two minutes left, the Wolverines took over possession and were able to move the ball downfield quickly.

A handful of penalties on the drive, including a defensive pass interference call and a horse-collar tackle on the Pirates also contributed to the Wolverines’ getting the ball down inside of the Pirates’ 10-yard line.

The Pirates’ defense was able to hold the Wolverines at the goal line and force a fourth-and-goal situation from the 5-yard line.

After an incomplete pass attempt from the Wolverines on fourth down, the Pirates were set to get the ball back with a turnover on downs, but penalties from both teams on the play resulted in the down being replayed, setting up another fourth-and-goal situation.

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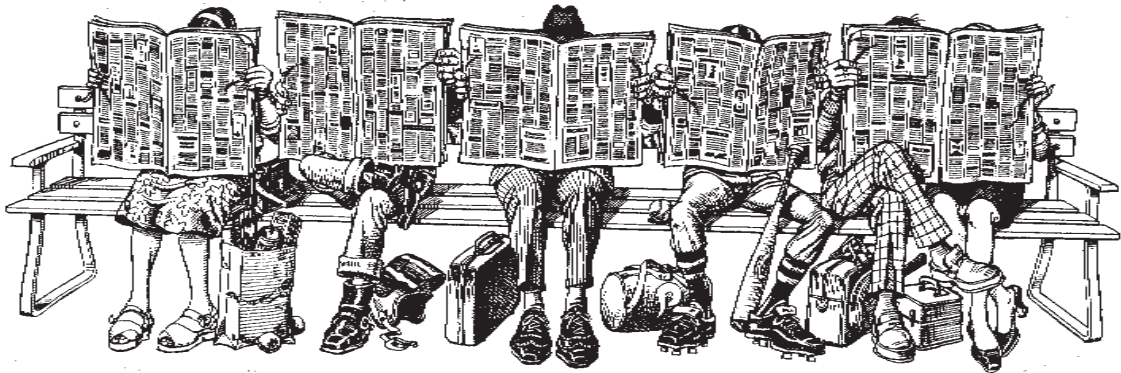
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CROSS-COUNTRY

Pirates set to return to racing at Monte Vista meet

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

After an unplanned week off of official racing, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country team will be back in action on Friday for its final regular-season meet.

Following Friday's meet, the Pirates will next take part in regionals on Oct. 24 in Colorado Springs, with the state meet following on Nov. 2.

While the Pirates originally planned to race at Mancos' Chicken Creek Challenge last week, the team changed course after a land dispute in the area pushed Mancos to move its meet to the course of the Boggy Draw Bear Chase in Dolores.

Instead of attending the meet at its new location, the team stayed home to run time trials locally.

In the team's newsletter, coach Rachael Christiansen explains, "this decision was done with the idea that we want faster courses towards the end of the season. Monte Vista is completely flat and regionals has 1 hill. We did our hard work on hills mid season, and this weekend we

went for turnover and speed instead."

The coach adds that, due to the long weekend and the fact the team didn't have an actual race, numbers were low, but "those that did come out had a great workout and we saw some big improvements from a few!"

"All in all, we are looking forward to this Friday and seeing the benefits of a few fast, hard workouts of recent weeks."

Coach Rachael Christiansen

The coach notes Jesse Beck ran well, finishing first on the boys' team with a time of just over 20 minutes.

"He has been having a hard time bouncing back from illness midseason, but this workout was one of his strongest since he first got sick in September," she wrote.

Dylan Dempster followed, according to the coach, breaking 21 minutes for the first time ever and setting a new personal record (PR).

"Dylan has been to almost every practice all season and has been getting stronger and faster every week. It was exciting to see him earn a PR even without the excitement of a race and we can't wait to see what he's got in him over the next couple weeks," Christiansen wrote.

Eli Nehring was the team's third runner, with the coach noting he "had a solid speed workout" and should be ready to set a new PR this weekend after shaving about 30 seconds off his time.

Isaac Hanto broke 22 minutes for the first time ever, with Christiansen noting that, in addition to setting a new PR, he looked strong from the start.

"He's another one who has been very consistent and those bricks we've been stacking throughout the season are about to pay off big time," she wrote.

Weston Sweet also logged a fast time and put in a lot of work, the

coach highlighted.

Only three Lady Pirates took part in the time trials, according to Christiansen.

Sienna Rose, she relays, ran her second-fastest time of the season despite being sick earlier in the week.

Madisen Stretton also ran her second-fastest time, according to the coach, and was 20 seconds off her PR.

Gwendolyn Tyler also ran her second-fastest time of the season, Christiansen reports.

"While we didn't trace, looking back on our choice to run a time trial in town, we are happy with it," Christiansen wrote. "We had 2 PRs, a couple who were 30 seconds or less off of their PR, and just about everyone ran at least their 2nd fastest 5k ever. All in all, we are looking forward to this Friday and seeing the benefits of a few fast, hard workouts of recent weeks."

On Friday, the Pirates will take part in the Eric Wolff Invitational in Monte Vista.

The Lady Pirates are slated to race at 10 a.m., followed by the Pirates at 10:45 a.m.

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Football

■ Continued from B2

This time the Wolverines were able to get into the end zone with a 5-yard rushing touchdown, leaving only 21 seconds left in the game.

With the score at 28-27, the Wolverines elected to go for a two-point extra-point attempt, which the Pirates denied.

Bayfield then lined up for an on-side kick attempt and were able to come up with the recovery to keep possession and start their drive from about the 50-yard line.

Bayfield was able to run two plays and move the ball to within field goal range.

A successful 42-yard field goal attempt put the Wolverines up 30-28 with three seconds left in the game.

After a touchback on the kickoff, the Pirates were able to run one play before time ran out.

"I thought we played well enough to win," coach Nathan Morales said, mentioning that "the ball didn't bounce our way the last four minutes."

Morales mentioned he was pleased with the way the Pirates played, noting they had a few younger players step up and fill in.

Morales also noted that the Pirates were prepared for the Wolverines' on-side kick attempt and that the Pirates' hands team was on the field for the kick, but was unable to recover the football.

"I was real pleased in the way they played and the way they fought," he said.

When asked about the penalties called against the Pirates during the game, Morales explained that the delay-of-game calls did not affect them as much as offensive holding penalties.

"Those ones didn't bother us," Morales said about the delay-of-game penalties, explaining the Pirates need to work on being more disciplined with blocking correctly.

He added, "I gotta do a better job and make sure we're coached up and not doing those things."

Morales also commented that the Pirates generally do a good job of responding to setbacks like penalties, noting the Pirates had to deal with first and 20 or first and 25 multiple times on the night and were still able to come up with first downs.

"We just gotta be more disciplined, and that's something I'll have to shore up this week," he said.

Morales also mentioned Bayfield fought hard and is coached well.

"I still think we played well enough to win, and I think we should've won the game," Morales added.

The Pirates ended the night with a total of 555 yards of offense, with Lucero leading the team in yards.

Lucero rushed for 400 yards and three touchdowns on 33 carries on the night.

According to stats from the Colorado High School Activities Association, Lucero currently leads the state

across all divisions in total rushing yards so far this season, racking up 1,366 rushing yards through six games.

Creede Dozier ended the night with 70 rushing yards and one touchdown on seven carries. He also completed one of seven passing attempts for 4 yards to Lucero.

Dozier went down with an injury late in the first half and sat out for the majority of the second half.

Morales explained that, with Dozier out, Seth Zeigler stepped in as quarterback for the Pirates.

Zeigler ran for a total of 66 yards on 12 carries.

Alex Pacheco had one rushing attempt for 4 yards, and Jayton Ross had two rushing attempts for a total of 1 yard on the night.

Gavin Carter made four out of four extra-point attempts on the night.

The Pirates' defense tallied a total of 36 tackles on the night, with Ross leading the team with seven solo tackles.



Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week Dylan Dempster Cross-country



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Comments from coach Rachael Christiansen: "Dylan is the definition of coachable. He is always looking to improve himself in the sport and works hard for his team as well. He is respectful, kind, and considerate. This year has been a huge year of growth for Dylan in all aspects of the sport. He has earned

himself a new PR, placed 2nd on the team (highest finish yet), and has been present at just about every practice. When he is not putting in the work himself, he is cheering on his team and encouraging them to do their best. Dylan is a standout athlete on and off the course and we are so grateful to have him be a part of our team."



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VOLLEYBALL



SUN photo/Randi Pierce
Lady Pirate Sophia Sottek keeps the ball in play Tuesday evening against the Bayfield Wolverines. The team fell 3-0 in the match.

Lady Pirates looking to rebound against Ignacio, Monte Vista

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team will be looking to right the ship over the next week as they take on the 2A Ignacio Bobcats and Monte Vista Pirates. Pagosa's Lady Pirates will face the Bobcats at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, in Ignacio.

The Bobcats, the No. 21 team in 2A girls' volleyball, own a 12-6 overall record. Then, on Tuesday, Oct. 22, Pagosa will welcome Monte Vista at 6 p.m. for the team's final home game of the season. Monte Vista's Pirates are 4-11 on the season. Pagosa's Lady Pirates fell to a 7-9 overall record and 2-5 league mark

Tuesday evening with a loss to the No. 13-ranked Bayfield Wolverines. The Lady Pirates are ranked 29th in 3A volleyball. The Lady Pirates fell prey to the Wolverines in three sets: 25-15, 25-11 and 25-21. "Bayfield definitely deserves some credit for serving really tough tonight," coach Katie Lorenzen said following the matchup, "and they put up really big block as well." In addition to that, the coach indicated Pagosa struggled with passing and establishing a rhythm. "We struggled like we did at Bayfield. We struggled passing, and it was hard to get into any sort of offensive rhythm or just rhythm for the whole night, any groove for the whole night when we were struggling passing."

"The entire coaching staff has really been on the girls this season about creating energy on the court ... even if there's not a super exciting play that we win — no matter what, if we get a point, finding a way to create energy."
Coach Katie Lorenzen

When the Lady Pirates were able to take some good swings, the coach added, they were "often up against a really big block." She added, "We just never got into a groove tonight, but Bayfield really did play a solid game, and they kept us out of our game." The Lady Pirates were also without Hayden Peterson off the bench, who Lorenzen noted has been under the weather. "So, that was a bummer to not have another option for someone to go in when we may have just needed

anything different," she said. The Lady Pirates had eight kills on the night, led by three from Lexi Campbell. Aspen Pitcher followed with two. Sophia Sottek, Kaila Limebrook and Dawson Iverson each had one. The team had two aces — one from Campbell and the other from Cadence Kerns. The Lady Pirates had six service errors. The Lady Pirates had seven total blocks. Iverson put up a solo block, while Kerns led with five assisted

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SUN photo/Randi Pierce
Lady Pirate Lexi Campbell puts the ball over the net against the Bayfield Wolverines Tuesday. Campbell led the team in kills on the night.

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56 NUTRIA CIR
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Parcel:569915310013
Subdivision: OLD WEST LANDING Lot:22 OWL Sec:15 Twn:35 Rng:2W
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R020604 BARNAS KATHERINE
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Subdivision: COTTAGES ASPEN VILLAGE Lot:50 CAAV Sec:21 Twn:35 Rng:2W
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391 LAKE ST
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Parcel:569522401014
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block:1 Lot:6 AS 1 Sec:22 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W
1253 OAK DR
Total Due:\$1,049.75

R011569 BERMEA CAROL R
Parcel:569922203003
Subdivision: PAGOSA ALPHA Lot:22-5N & 5 MID PA Sec:22 Twn:35 Rng:2W NW4NW4 NE4NW4 AND THE SW4NW4 NE4NW4
482 E MCCABE ST
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Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:260 AS 6 Sec:16 Twn:34U Rng:3W
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69 ELK DR
Total Due:\$1,094.26

R002570 BOOTH JOHN F JR
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Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block:7 Lot:16 AS 1 Sec:1 Twn:34 Rng:3W
91 ELK DR
Total Due:\$1,365.78

R003822 BORDERS JASON R
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2001 RUNNING HORSE PL
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R003728 BUTLER KELLY COWAN
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73 BUTZKE CT
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R016831 DITTER STEVEN J
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Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:753 AS 6 Sec:15 Twn:34U Rng:3W
58 LAZY CT
Total Due:\$528.96

R012851 EDWARDS FAMILY HOLDINGS LLC
Parcel:569936103008
Subdivision: HOLIDAY ACRES 2 Block:4 Lot:26 HA 2 Sec:36 Twn:35 Rng:2W
1885 SHENANDOAH DR
Total Due:\$2,463.26

R002683 EISLER BLAKE DESEAN
Parcel:569302102102
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block:13 Lot:22 AS 2 Sec:2 Twn:34 Rng:3W
266 SPARROW CIR
Total Due:\$224.78

R015529 ELLIS DEBORAH ANNE
Parcel:569316103011
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:595 AS 6 Sec:16 Twn:34U Rng:3W
154 ENGINEER POINT
Total Due:\$528.96

R015528 ELLIS DEBORAH ANNE
Parcel:569316103011
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:594 AS 6 Sec:16 Twn:34U Rng:3W
154 ENGINEER POINT
Total Due:\$528.96

R015933 ESPINOSA GEORGE
Parcel:569333100074
RURAL Sec:33 Twn:34U Rng:3W 34U-3W SEC 33 N2NW4; N2NE4; 33-34U-3W #93000846
X COUNTY RD 700
Total Due:\$108.87

R012392 ETHEREDGE G H PAT
Parcel:569930201005
Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot:46 PT Sec:30 Twn:35 Rng:2W
27 PAISLEY CT
Total Due:\$327.75

R003380 FARNSWORTH JOHN S
Parcel:569311411020
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block:8 Lot:20 AS 4 Sec:11 Twn:34 Rng:3W
324 STAIRLIGHT PL
Total Due:\$951.09

R010302 FEATHERSTONE SHERRY L
Parcel:569919429007
Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot:552 PV Sec:19 Twn:35 Rng:2W
102 PORT AVE
Total Due:\$313.69

R015534 FELDHAUS TYLER R
Parcel:569316103017
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:605 AS 6 Sec:16 Twn:34U Rng:3W
452 DOC ADAMS RD
Total Due:\$528.96

R008135 FERNANDEZ R A & BARBARA LYNN
Parcel:569917103040
Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES 2 Lot:87 PIP 2 Sec:17 Twn:35 Rng:2W
51 TRAP CT
Total Due:\$911.29

R003215 FIGUEROA LUZ A
Parcel:569311204005
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block:5 Lot:5 AS 2 Sec:11 Twn:34 Rng:3W DOES NOT INCLUDE MH/ 990012351160
315 MEADOW LARK DR
Total Due:\$244.81

R015457 FIORINO PAUL
Parcel:569315404124
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:800 AS 6 Sec:11 Twn:32 Rng:1E
130 SCHROEDER CT
Total Due:\$47.07

R015692 FLORES MICHAEL ANTHONY
Parcel:569316306013
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:46 AS 6 Sec:16 Twn:34U Rng:3W
102 WEST VIEW RD
Total Due:\$528.96

R015076 FORBES STACY WYNETTE
Parcel:569309306064
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:400 AS 6 Sec:9 Twn:34U Rng:3W
1477 DOC ADAMS RD
Total Due:\$44.31

R004243 FORD BRETT H
Parcel:569524406012
Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot:373-374 PT Sec:24 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W
714 TRAILS BLVD
Total Due:\$51.00

R001918 FRANTZ DANNY
Parcel:558336208026
Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot:641 PHE Twn:34 Rng:2W
100 N PINESCENE CT
Total Due:\$592.20

R010827 FRIESEL BRIGITTE V
Parcel:569920207044
Subdivision: LAKEVIEW ESTATES Lot:582 LVE Sec:20 Twn:35 Rng:2W
268 STEAMBOAT DR
Total Due:\$1,676.64

R000027 FROULA LAURIE L TRUSTEE
Parcel:557910200045
RURAL Sec:9 Twn:36 Rng:1W A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NE4NE4 RURAL Sec:10 Twn:36 Rng:1W A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NW4NW4
3000 USFS 647
Total Due:\$2,685.86

R019027 GADDIS JAMES WILLIAM
Parcel:569315202078
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot:285 AS 5 Sec:15 Twn:34 Rng:3W
X DAVE'S PL
Total Due:\$722.58

R013755 GALLEGOS CHRIS J
Parcel:568705201014
Subdivision: PAGOSA PINES 4 Lot:5 PAG PINES 4 Sec:5 Twn:34 Rng:1W
186 ECHO CREEK DR
Total Due:\$1,263.49

R014282 GALLEGOS STEVE R
Parcel:568728102002
Subdivision: RIO BL SUB A Block:2 Lot:2 RBV A Sec:28 Twn:34 Rng:1W
56 THUNDER BASIN CT
Total Due:\$1,403.23

R005774 GARCIA ANGELICA M
Parcel:569904420010
Subdivision: LAKE PAGOSA PARK Block:19 Lot:10 LPP Sec:8 Twn:35 Rng:2W
28 E RADIANT CT
Total Due:\$999.37

R020214 GARDNER ALLEN
Parcel:616117211027
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK SUB 1 Block:1 Lot:14, PP 1 Sec:17 Twn:32 Rng:5W
X LAKE VIEW DR
Total Due:\$274.00

R020212 GARDNER ALLEN
Parcel:616117211025
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK SUB 1 Block:1 Lot:6, PP 1 Sec:17 Twn:32 Rng:5W
X LAKE VIEW DR
Total Due:\$274.00

R020210 GARDNER ALLEN
Parcel:616117211023
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK SUB 1 Block:1 Lot:4 PP 1 Sec:17 Twn:32 Rng:5W
X LAKE VIEW DR
Total Due:\$274.00

R001055 GARZORIA ENRIQUE & CONSUELO V
Parcel:558325302155
Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot:295 PHE Sec:25 Twn:36 Rng:2.5W
1450 HILLS CIR
Total Due:\$1,376.14

R003980 GATSCHE TIMOTHY E
Parcel:569315302047
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot:296 AS 5 Sec:15 Twn:34 Rng:3W
90 MCCLAIN CT
Total Due:\$722.58

R012407 GB HOLMES FAMILY TRUST
Parcel:569930201028
Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot:22-23 PT Sec:30 Twn:35 Rng:2W
168 SAM HOUSTON AVE
Total Due:\$1,474.19

R010859 GERMOND KELLIE
Parcel:569920208031
Subdivision: LAKEVIEW ESTATES Lot:86 LVE Sec:20 Twn:35 Rng:2W
146 DRIFTWOOD DR
Total Due:\$2,283.78

R015168 GHOREISHI ALI
Parcel:569310204002
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot:64 AS 5 Sec:10 Twn:34U Rng:3W
247 GULLY PL
Total Due:\$416.43

R015170 GHOREISHI ALI
Parcel:569310204004
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot:66 AS 5 Sec:10 Twn:34U Rng:3W
163 GULLY PL
Total Due:\$423.14

R015169 GHOREISHI ALI
Parcel:569310204003
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot:65 AS 5 Sec:10 Twn:34U Rng:3W
199 GULLY PL
Total Due:\$451.02

R015167 GHOREISHI ALI
Parcel:569310204003
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot:63 AS 5 Sec:10 Twn:34U Rng:3W
295 GULLY PL
Total Due:\$453.28

R015171 GHOREISHI ALI
Parcel:569310204007
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot:76 AS 5 Sec:10 Twn:34U Rng:3W
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<div><div>R015699 LUGO KAREN Parcel:569529100028 RURAL Sec:29 Twn:34U Rng:4W SE4NW4 5055 STATE HWY 151 Total Due:\$2,129.89</div><div>R015256 LUTZ PERRY ALEXANDER Parcel:569315201033 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:671 AS 6 Sec:15 Twn:34U Rng:3W 72 JAN'S CT Total Due:\$528.96</div><div>R002786 LUX JASON Parcel:569302204027 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block:5 Lot:33 AS 2 Sec:2 Twn:34 Rng:3W 396 BOBCAT LN Total Due:\$693.23</div><div>R002787 LUX JASON Parcel:569302204028 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block:5 Lot:34 AS 2 Sec:2 Twn:34 Rng:3W 340 BOBCAT LN Total Due:\$1,263.40</div><div>R002382 LYNK HARRY ABE II Parcel:569301100602 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block:11 Lot:2 AND; Lot:3 AS 1 Sec:1 Twn:34 Rng:3W AS 1 194 SPRUCE CIR Total Due:\$1,207.76</div><div>R011688 MAKISH STEPHEN S & MAKISH DIANE L LAPPEMAN- Parcel:569923209049 Subdivision: PAGOSA ALPHA Lot:23-12 S2 PA Sec:23 Twn:35 Rng:2W S2NW4S4W4N4W4 914 OAKBRUSH ST Total Due:\$2,697.20</div><div>R004510 MANDY DAVID G Parcel:569525203019 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:232-233 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 127 YEOMAN DR Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004509 MANDY DAVID G Parcel:569525203018 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:234-235 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 105 YEOMAN DR Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004479 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST Parcel:569525110009 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:181 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 1408 TRAILS BLVD Total Due:\$485.21</div><div>R004514 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST Parcel:569525204001 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:201-202 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 1580 TRAILS BLVD Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004516 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST Parcel:569525204003 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:205-206 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 64 YEOMAN DR Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004504 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST Parcel:569525203013 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:244-245 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 1541 TRAILS BLVD Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004480 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST Parcel:569525110010 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:179-180 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 1436 TRAILS BLVD Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004497 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST Parcel:569525203006 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:259-260 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 1503 TRAILS BLVD Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004508 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel:569525203017 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:214-215 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 154 YEOMAN DR Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004519 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel:569525204006 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:212-213 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 114 YEOMAN DR Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004502 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel:569525203011 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:248-249 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 64 MARTIN CT Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004505 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel:569525203014 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:242-243 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 23 YEOMAN DR Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004506 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel:569525203015 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:240-241 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 43 YEOMAN DR Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004499 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel:569525203008 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:254-255-256 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 75 MARTIN CT Total Due:\$650.16</div><div>R004512 MANDY DAVID G TRUSTEE Parcel:569525203021 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:228-229 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 173 YEOMAN DR Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004521 MANDY DAVID G TRUSTEE Parcel:569525204008 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:216-217 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 36 CHIEFTAIN CT Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004503 MANDY DAVID G TRUSTEE Parcel:569525203012 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:246-247 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 42 MARTIN CT Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004500 MANDY DAVID G TRUSTEE Parcel:569525203009 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:252-253 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 79 MARTIN CT Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004501 MANDY DAVID G TRUSTEE Parcel:569525203010 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot:250-251 CMV 2 Sec:25 Twn:35 Rng:2.5W 78 MARTIN CT Total Due:\$595.17</div><div>R004428 MARTIN LANCE Parcel:569311423004 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block:20 Lot:19 AS 4 Sec:11 Twn:34 Rng:3W 131 HAYSTACK LN</div></div> <div><div>Total Due:\$464.17</div><div>R002339 MARTIN LEON MATTHEW Parcel:569301101026 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block:4 Lot:6 AS 1 Sec:1 Twn:34 Rng:3W 1170 OAK DR Total Due:\$1,049.75</div><div>R015375 MARTINDALE SHAWN Parcel:569315304045 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:518 AS 6 Sec:15 Twn:34 Rng:3W 107 GEORGE'S CT Total Due:\$528.96</div><div>R017193 MARTINEZ MATTHEW Parcel:615113400056 RURAL Sec:13 Twn:32 Rng:1W A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SE4 3701 COUNTY RD 391 Total Due:\$2,082.25</div><div>R013353 MARTINEZ RYAN L Parcel:570131100023 RURAL Sec:31 Twn:35 Rng:1W TRACT IN NW4NE4 RURAL Sec:32 Twn:35 Rng:1W TRACT IN NW4NW4 DOES NOT INCLUDE M/H 990012351106 44 PEAK VIEW CT Total Due:\$4,100.14</div><div>R011367 MARTINEZ STANLEY J & ANNETTE A Parcel:569921211032 Subdivision: PAGOSA ALPHA Lot:21-11A PA Sec:21 Twn:35 Rng:2W S2NW4S4W4N4W4 77 W MCCABE ST Total Due:\$2,697.20</div><div>R010994 MBT PROPERTIES LLC Parcel:569920231006 Subdivision: SOUTH VILLAGE LAKE Lot:6 SVL Sec:20 Twn:35 Rng:2W 425 LAKESIDE DR Total Due:\$2,804.54</div><div>R003505 MEDLIN GABRIEL AUGUST Parcel:569312107007 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block:9 Lot:7 AS 3 Sec:12 Twn:34 Rng:3W 183 ECHO LN Total Due:\$894.68</div><div>R015497 MILLER BRANDON KEITH Parcel:569316101003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:658 AS 6 Sec:16 Twn:34U Rng:3W 657 JUSTIN'S RD Total Due:\$528.96</div><div>R012173 MILLER MICHAEL A Parcel:569928332120 Subdivision: COLO TIMBER RIDGE #2 Lot:120 CTR 2 Sec:34 Twn:33 Rng:1W 728 MARIPOSA DR Total Due:\$4,869.05</div><div>R011839 MILLER PATRICIA G Parcel:569924213011 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block:60 Lot:14 PS DOES NOT INCLUDE M/H 990012352051 550 S 7TH ST Total Due:\$431.54</div><div>R013505 MIRANDA JESUS REAL Parcel:570132301029 Subdivision: PAGOSA PINES 3 Lot:30 PAG PINES 3 Sec:32 Twn:35 Rng:1W DOES NOT INCLUDE M/H 990012350976 441 PINEVIEW RD Total Due:\$697.16</div><div>R011714 MONTANO WICKY M & TRANA PEGGY L Parcel:569923400013 RURAL Sec:23 Twn:35 Rng:2W 35-2W SEC 23 2A WEST OF COUNTY ROAD IN LOT 12; 23-35-2W #20612504 1363 COUNTY RD 500 Total Due:\$1,433.02</div><div>R019765 MOORE MATTHEW HARRIS Parcel:569729402042 Subdivision: RIO BL VAL 2 Lot:5B RBV 2 Sec:29 Twn:34 Rng:1W X CHAMBERS PL Total Due:\$51.00</div><div>R003987 MUETHER WILLIAM H & MARY LOU Parcel:569315302082 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot:255 AS 5 Sec:15 Twn:34 Rng:3W 878 CAROL'S CURVES Total Due:\$867.97</div><div>R014992 MUNRO ELIZABETH A Parcel:569309105016 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot:151 AS 5 Sec:9 Twn:34U Rng:3W 196 TOM'S PL Total Due:\$1,190.69</div><div>R017216 NATIVE STAR RANCH LLC Parcel:615518300003 RURAL Sec:18 Twn:32 Rng:2W SE4SW4, S2S2S2NE4SW4, AND ALL THAT PART OF THE NW4SW4 LYING AND BEING WEST OF THE NAVAJO RIVER 3001 COUNTY RD 551 Total Due:\$3,018.37</div><div>R002744 NELSON KEVIN R Parcel:569302202148 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block:15 Lot:45 AS 2 Sec:2 Twn:34 Rng:3W 784 CACTUS DR Total Due:\$729.26</div><div>R002689 NEWMAN MACK Parcel:569302102085 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block:10 Lot:5 AS 2 Sec:2 Twn:34 Rng:3W 977 RACCOON DR Total Due:\$1,796.78</div><div>R002629 NEWMAN MACK A Parcel:569302101012 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block:11 Lot:10 AS 2 Sec:2 Twn:34 Rng:3W 968 RACCOON DR Total Due:\$729.26</div><div>R019131 NIMBUS LAND TRUST Parcel:570108300160 RURAL Sec:8 Twn:35 Rng:1W A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SE4 X E US HWY 160 Total Due:\$72.92</div><div>R014899 NOURIAN KEVIN & HALOOSSIM MARK Parcel:569304404005 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot:144 AS 5 Sec:4 Twn:34 Rng:3W 88 TOM'S PL Total Due:\$381.13</div><div>R014898 NOURIAN KEVIN E Parcel:569304404004 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot:142 AS 5 Sec:4 Twn:34 Rng:3W 52 TOM'S PL Total Due:\$381.13</div><div>R015278 OMAS JARED Parcel:569315201058 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:707 AS 6 Sec:15 Twn:34U Rng:3W 424 GUN BARREL RD Total Due:\$528.96</div><div>R015277 OMAS JARED Parcel:569315201057 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:706 AS 6 Sec:15 Twn:34U Rng:3W 394 GUN BARREL RD Total Due:\$528.96</div><div>R015276 OMAS JARED Parcel:569315201056 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:708 AS 6 Sec:15 Twn:34U Rng:3W 434 GUN BARREL RD Total Due:\$528.96</div><div>R003733 OMAS JARED COLE Parcel:569313206008 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block:1 Lot:9 AS 4 Sec:13 Twn:34 Rng:3W 344 BLUE JAY CIR Total Due:\$1,080.90</div><div>R015823 ORMSBEE VANCE Parcel:569317101014 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:217 AS 6 Sec:17 Twn:34U Rng:3W 235 CAT CREEK OVERLOOK Total Due:\$528.96</div><div>R011621 ORTEGA DELILAH & TUCSON JOAQUIN Parcel:569923102003 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block:56 Lot:11 THRU; Lot:14 LOTS 11-12-13-14; LOTS 11 AND 12 CONTAIN THE MOBILE HOME; LOTS 13 AND 14 ARE VACANT WITH IMPROVEMENTS. 474 S 10TH ST Total Due:\$1,928.64</div></div> <div><div>R003982 OSTAPOWICZ MICHAEL REVOCABLE TRUST ESTABLISHED 8/17/2017 Parcel:569315302049 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot:293 AS 5 Sec:15 Twn:34 Rng:3W 623 CAROL'S CURVES Total Due:\$722.58</div><div>R013975 PACK CODY W Parcel:568715100032 RURAL Sec:15 Twn:34 Rng:1W W2NE4NE4NE4 X CATCHPOLE DR Total Due:\$1,149.17</div><div>R013955 PACK DIANE F Parcel:568714200019 RURAL Sec:14 Twn:34 Rng:1W W2W2NW4NW4 DOES NOT INCLUDE MH 990012351908; TAXABLE 2002 701 CATCHPOLE DR Total Due:\$512.22</div><div>R018988 PAGOSA LODGING LLC Parcel:569921226035 Sec:21 Twn:35 Rng:2W A TRACT OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF PARCEL A OF THE PAGOSA LODGE MINOR IMPCT SUBDIVISION X W US HWY 160 Total Due:\$83.84</div><div>R006576 PANTER ADRIENNE J Parcel:569913325004 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block:47 Lot:6 PS Sec:13 Twn:35 Rng:2W 343 S 9TH ST Total Due:\$51.00</div><div>R013530 PARGIN KAREN E Parcel:570132303016 Subdivision: PAGOSA PINES 2 Lot:14 , Subdivision: PAGOSA PINES 4 Lot:19 PAG PINES 2 Sec:32 Twn:35 Rng:1W 379 TERRY ROBINSON RD Total Due:\$1,527.86</div><div>R016187 PAYNE PEGGY Parcel:569501201015 Subdivision: RIO BL CAB SITE 1 Lot:60 RBCS 1 Sec:1 Twn:33 Rng:2W DOES NOT INCLUDE M/H 990012350997; 284 PIPER PL Total Due:\$188.27</div><div>R000831 PENSCO TRUST CO LLC CUSTODIAN FBO ERIN MCNEALY'S IRA 100% Parcel:558322440103 Subdivision: RESERVE PAG PEAK PH4 Lot:135 RPP 4 Sec:24 Twn:36 Rng:2.5W 613 CLINT CIR Total Due:\$2,015.87</div><div>R015450 PEREZ FABIAN M Parcel:569315404117 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot:796 AS 6 Sec:15 Twn:34U Rng:3W 149 SCHROEDER CT Total Due:\$528.96</div><div>R012097 PETERSON ALTHEA BAILEY Parcel:569928201003 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS Lot:109 PM Sec:28 Twn:35 Rng:2W 651 CAPRICHIO CIR Total Due:\$3,317.89</div><div>R020621 PETTUS DAVID M Parcel:568714100025 Subdivision: PETTUS MINOR SUBDIVISION Lot:1 PMS Sec:14 Twn:34 Rng:2.5W 1548 COUNTY RD 326 Total Due:\$55.07</div><div>R002272 PHILLIPS MELVIN E Parcel:568908300012 RURAL Sec:8 Twn:34 Rng:4W A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN A PORTION OF THE NW4SW4 TRACT IN 8-34-W # 20205383 DOES NOT INCLUDE M/H 990012350036 468 COUNTY RD 166 Total Due:\$4,267.36</div><div>R003433 PINUELAS JUAN FRANCISCO MENDOZA Parcel:569311425001 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block:7 Lot:3 AS 4 Sec:11 Twn:34 Rng:3W DOES NOT INCLUDE MH 990012351830 91 BLUE JAY DR Total Due:\$340.70</div><div>R003536 PORTER MTN HOMES LLC Parcel:569312202003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block:3 Lot:16 AS 3 Sec:12 Twn:34 Rng:3W 96 OAKRIDGE DR Total Due:\$1,734.46</div><div>R016430 POSIVIATA MARK R Parcel:569529405010 Subdivision: SAN JUAN RIVER EST 1 Lot:19 SJRE 1 Sec:29 Twn:33 Rng:2W 342 ESTATES CIR Total Due:\$2,758.58</div><div>R018303 POWDERMAKER DAVID Parcel:570105102001 Subdivision: ALDRIDGE MC BRIDE MINOR Lot:1 AMBM Sec:5 Twn:35 Rng:1W 3821B E US HWY 160 Total Due:\$445.60</div><div>R012929 POWDERMAKER DAVID Parcel:570105100017 RURAL Sec:5 Twn:35 Rng:1W TRACT IN NE4 3821A E US HWY 160 Total Due:\$1,049.76</div><div>R009479 PROFFITT RODNEY B Parcel:569919186007 Subdivision: LAKEWOOD VILLAGE Lot:26 LWV Sec:19 Twn:35 Rng:2W 223 WOODSMAN DR Total Due:\$1,005.02</div><div>R014240 RACKHANG DARIAN Parcel:568727301004 Subdivision: HUDSON RIO BLANCO 4 Lot:9 HRB 4 Sec:15 Twn:34 Rng:1W 9901D US HWY 8 Total Due:\$1,753.04</div><div>R003583 REGNER GARRETT Parcel:569312204021 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block:13 Lot:31 AS 3 Sec:12 Twn:34 Rng:3W DOES NOT INCLUDE MH 990012352156/M002210 222 RIVER RUN DR Total Due:\$203.29</div><div>R000877 RICE HAROLD Parcel:558325201007 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot:30 PHE Sec:13 Twn:36 Rng:2.5W 13 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Outdoors



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Comet C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) streaks across the sky the evening of Sunday, Oct. 13.

Major lunar standstill event set for Oct. 21

By Ana Murray
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Most people are familiar with the moon's cycle and how it changes its shape from crescent to full, as well as changing its rising position along the horizon.

But, unknown to many, the moon has a much longer cycle called the major lunar standstill.

Every 18-19 years, the moon's tilted orbit aligns with the Earth's axis, bringing it to its farthest northern or southern rising position.

At Chimney Rock National Monument, during this major lunar standstill alignment, the moon dramatically rises between the impressive rock pinnacles — Companion Rock and Chimney Rock. It is a timely, but very short-lived event when this amazing alignment happens.

A thousand years ago, when the Ancient Puebloan people built the Great House and ceremonial spaces at Chimney Rock, they did so with a purpose — as many of today's scholars believe — to view this rare and spectacular event.

On Monday, Oct. 21, Chimney Rock National Monument will host a live event at the amphitheater to explore the current major lunar standstill at this important Native American site and its relationship to Stonehenge and other worldwide locations.

This presentation will feature telescopes and stargazing under the monument's majestic dark skies; presentations on astronomy, ar-

chaeology and culture from leading experts; Native American music; light refreshments for purchase; and, most importantly, a live-streamed viewing of the waning gibbous moon rising between the natural pinnacles.

Chimney Rock National Monument is one of a few places on Earth where the moon rises between two natural rock pillars during a major lunar standstill.

Because access to the upper area of the monument requires strict restrictions for safety concerns, this event will be held in the accessible, outdoor amphitheater near the Visitor Center. And there — after a wonderful program preceding the event — the long-awaited and anticipated rise of the moon between the pinnacles will be shared via satellite from our crew on the upper mesa.

Check-in is at the Visitor Center parking lot from 8 to 8:45 p.m., with concessions and stargazing. The gate will be locked at 8:45 p.m. Live presentations in the amphitheater will begin at 9 p.m. The program should conclude about 10:20 p.m., after the moonrise.

Please dress warmly and consider bringing blankets and cushions for your comfort on the stone seats. Please leave your dogs at home. No dogs are allowed at this event, with the exception of service dogs who are trained to assist a person with a disability. No alcohol, smoking/vaping, or drugs — only a "once in a lifetime" experience to be had in our beautiful natural setting.

Join us in celebrating this rare event — the next major lunar standstill won't happen for another 18 years. Since we have no control over the weather and cannot guarantee the moon's sighting at the exact time of the major lunar standstill, a refund will not be issued in the unfortunate event the moonrise between the pillars is not visible. All other amphitheater programs will continue as scheduled.

This major lunar standstill event may be modified or canceled due to weather or conditions outside of our control. If the event is modified due to weather, no refunds will be issued for any reason. If canceled, refunds can only be issued by contacting Recreation.gov, which issued the reservation.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for ages 5-12, and free to those under 5.

Making a reservation through the Recreation.gov website or the call center, (877) 444-6777, is the only way to guarantee a spot for this program since seating is limited. Recreation.gov charges a \$1 reservation fee that is nonrefundable. Reservations will be cut off 12 hours prior to the start of the program.

Walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available and can be purchased at the gift shop during the check-in time. Tickets are \$25 and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to check the Recreation.gov website to make sure the event is not sold out before you come as a walk-in. No refunds will be issued for no-shows.

Chimney Rock National Monument closes for season

By Lorena Williams
San Juan National Forest

Chimney Rock National Monument's visitor center and visitor services closed for the season Oct. 15.

All facilities will be closed, including the visitor center, restrooms and gift shop. There will be no trash service available at the site, and no vehicles are permitted past the gate off Colo. 151.

Limited parking is available prior

to the gate, and visitors are reminded to not block the gate to allow for emergency access to the area.

Foot traffic and nonmotorized bikes are permitted into the site, although we ask visitors to stay on the roads and the trails. E-bikes are prohibited when the monument is closed. Additionally, no dogs are allowed on the archaeological trails on the mesa at any time.

Chimney Rock National Monument is scheduled to reopen mid-

May of 2025, as weather conditions allow. Information on the official opening date will be posted on the San Juan National Forest website and Facebook page in the spring.

For more information, please contact the Pagosa Ranger District at (970) 264-2268.

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

Colorado State Patrol looks at pedestrian crashes in seasonal towns

Colorado State Patrol

Colorado has seen pedestrian fatalities steadily increase over the last four years, with motorists, street design and pedestrians all playing a possible role in these tragic incidents.

While large cities with heavy commuter traffic seem a likely place for these crashes, statewide crash data reveals that counties with seasonal traffic and tourism may see a disproportionately high number of these incidents.

"Population-dense areas, such as Denver and El Paso, are the obvious locations for pedestrian crashes, and they do land within the top three counties for 2023," stated Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol, citing statewide crash data from the Colorado Department of Transportation. "Yet, it may surprise the public to also see counties like Larimer (40), Montrose (8) and La Plata (8) with multiple serious injury or fatal pedestrian crashes last year."

Communities and towns can see an influx of pedestrian and vehicle traffic seasonally or over weekends. Larimer County includes a significant college campus, while the cities of Montrose and Durango can see heavy tourism and population influxes.


"Pedestrian-involved crashes happen year-round but definitely increase in the summer and peak in autumn months," stated Packard. "Motorists that live or work in towns that experience population swings need to stay alert and adjust to people unfamiliar with the area."

Pedestrians also have a lot of responsibility. While communities may vary, traffic control devices are common. Following basic safety rules, such as only crossing at intersections or crosswalks, following traffic control devices, and removing distractions (e.g., looking at phones, having headphones on, etc.), are key to being responsible.

A misconception many people have is that motorists are always at

fault for pedestrian-involved crashes since they are larger, heavier and rarely cause death to the driver or passengers. Any roadway user holds a responsibility to follow traffic rules and can be cited or found responsible for a crash.





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Empower your health journey at Archuleta Health Fair and Expo

Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta is thrilled to announce Dr. Julie Buchner as the keynote speaker for the 2024 Archuleta Health Fair and Expo.

Buchner, a dedicated physician and a champion of community health, will share her expertise on cardiovascular health. Learn how to keep your heart happy and healthy, and discover the ways you can prevent heart disease.

Join us on October 19 at Pagosa Springs High School and gain valuable insights from Buchner and other local health experts.

Buchner is not only a dedicated physician, but also a committed community member. She volunteered at last year's health fair, leading a workshop session on physical activity.

"I loved connecting with new and familiar faces," she shared. "The event deepened my ties to Archuleta

County and highlighted our community's passion for healthy living. It was truly inspiring," she said.

This year's health fair promises to be just as impactful. If you're seeking to connect with your community and explore Pagosa's wellness offerings, mark your calendar.

We asked Buchner about Pagosa's health care strengths.

"We've recently welcomed three new primary care providers to our clinic," she said, "so it's easier than ever to access quality care for your whole family."

Buchner is particularly inspired by Pagosa's active, health-conscious residents.

"People here are passionate about healthy living," she noted, "and they're eager to share that passion through outdoor clubs, fitness groups and healthy food initiatives."

Want to connect with these folks and learn more about Pagosa's wellness resources? Join us at the Archuleta Health Fair and Expo for a chance to learn from Buchner

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Live Performers



Thursday

Coyote Moon Lounge: Open Mic w Eric Wade, 7 p.m.
The Pagosa Bar: Karaoke, 7 p.m.

Friday

Coyote Moon Lounge: Retro Cats, 7 p.m.
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon Lounge: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 6 p.m.
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Maxwell Miller, 5 p.m.

Sunday

Coyote Moon Lounge: Totally Happy Campers, 5 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: Ron and Susan, 5 p.m.

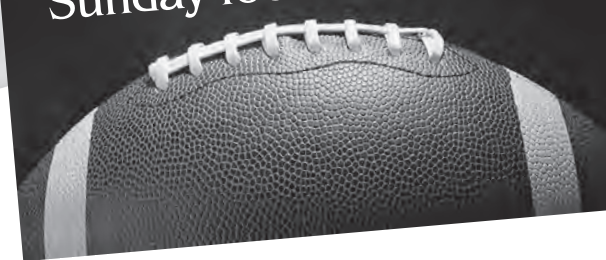
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United in strength: How you can help end domestic violence

By Amanda Briggs
Rise Above Violence

Domestic violence is not just a personal issue. It's a community issue.

When we stand united, we have the power to create lasting change here in Pagosa Springs.

But, how can you help? It starts with recognizing that even small actions make a difference.

One way to help is by learning how to truly support domestic violence survivors. While it may be natural to want them to take immediate steps to leave an abusive situation, it's crucial to trust that survivors know their circumstances and safety better than anyone else. Leaving an abuser is often a complex and dangerous process, and survivors are experts on their own experiences.

Pushing someone to take steps they aren't ready for or trying to make decisions for them can be harmful

Health

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and other local experts. It's a great opportunity to explore everything our community has to offer.

Save the date. Join your community for the Archuleta Health Fair and Expo on Oct. 19 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School.

Alongside inspiring talks from experts like Buchner, you can access wellness labs, connect with health care providers, learn about oral health, discover mental health resources, sample local products and enjoy a delicious farm-to-table lunch. Register today to secure your preferred lab time and get your wellness passport, which you can fill with stickers from different booths at the fair and redeem for a free day pass to The Springs.

Want to make a difference in your community and support healthy living? Join our growing team of volunteers for the Archuleta Health Fair and Expo. It's a fantastic way to connect with neighbors, learn about local resources and contribute to a healthier Pagosa Springs.

For more information, visit our website and access the link to the registration form and/or the volunteer form <https://www.foodcoalition-4archuleta.org/archuleta-health-fair-and-expo.html>, or email us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

and counterproductive. Instead, we must offer nonjudgmental support, listen to what they need and empower them to make decisions at their own pace. Supporting survivors means believing them, standing with them and respecting their choices, even if those choices don't align with what we might think is best.

Ultimately, the goal is to help survivors feel in control of their own lives and safety, rather than imposing our own expectations.

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Rotarians in Pagosa Springs will participate in World Polio Day efforts to raise awareness, funds and support to end polio. On Oct. 25, Rotary members will ring bells at City Market and ask for contributions, large or small. Your donation to Rotary International’s PolioPlus fund will help us achieve a world in which no child is paralyzed by polio again.

Rotary to ring bells to eradicate polio Oct. 25

By Donna Mosher
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

The first round of an international campaign to vaccinate children in the Gaza Strip against polio last month vaccinated nearly 560,000 kids, who received initial doses amid pauses in the war there. Stamping out the virus, however, will require a second round of vaccinations. Children need two doses of this vaccine for effective protection against polio.

The recent detection of variant poliovirus type-2 isolates in environmental samples and the confirmation of a 10-month-old child who has contracted polio in Gaza — the territory’s first confirmed report of polio in 25 years — is a stark reminder that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere.

Rotary International committed \$500,000 to bolster the Gaza initiative, channeling these funds through a dedicated Polio Outbreak Response Fund.

Rotarians in Pagosa Springs will act in honor of World Polio Day to raise awareness, funds and support to end polio. On Oct. 25, Rotary members will ring bells at City Market and ask for your contributions, large or small.

Your donation to Rotary International’s PolioPlus fund will help us achieve a world in which no child is paralyzed by polio again.

In 1985, Rotary adopted the goal of immunizing all of the world’s children against polio. In 1988, the World Health Organization joined Rotary International in the fight against polio. The Gates Foundation joined with Rotary in 2002.

It’s vital that the campaign in Gaza succeed, not only for the children there, but for children in neighboring areas and worldwide.

When the initiative launched, there were 350,000 cases of polio every year. Today, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent.

To sustain this progress and continue to reach every child with the polio vaccine, Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million each year to support global polio eradication efforts. The Gates Foundation has pledged to match that 2-to-1 for a total yearly contribution of \$150 million.

If we miss you on Oct. 25, please consider donating online at endpolio.org, or mail a check to Rotary Pagosa CAE, P.O. Box 685, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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Wellness labs and cancer screenings to be offered at health fair

Archuleta County Public Health Department

The Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD) is partnering with Healthy Archuleta to offer the second annual Archuleta Health Fair and Expo.

With a focus on prevention and wellness, the ACPHD is running the lab portion of the fair and encourages community members, especially those without insurance, to take advantage of the amazing pricing of the labs at this year's fair.

Labs at this year's health fair include CMP, CBC, lipid, A1c, TSH, vitamin D

and PSA. Please remember, if you will be receiving lab testing at the health fair, you must fast (not eat or drink anything except water) for 12 hours prior to getting any blood drawn.

These labs help monitor your health and can support disease prevention — but what all do they do?

A CMP (comprehensive metabolic panel) is a routine blood test that measures 14 substances in your blood to provide information about your body's chemical balance, metabolism, liver and kidney health.

A CBC (complete blood count) is a blood test that measures the following components of your blood:

- Red blood cells (RBC): The number of red blood cells in your blood.
- White blood cells (WBC): The number of white blood cells in your blood.
- Hemoglobin (Hgb): The amount of hemoglobin in your blood.
- Hematocrit (Hct): The percentage of your blood that is made up of red blood cells.
- Platelets: The number of platelets in your blood.
- Mean corpuscular volume (MCV): The average size of your red blood cell.
- White blood cell differential: The

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Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership fundraiser set for Friday

By Pauline Benetti
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

Come join the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP), a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, for our fall fundraising event this Friday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

Enjoy our amphitheater venue with fantastic local music provided by The Robin Davis Duo, featuring multi-instrumentalist Robin Davis and wife Jimi Davis. Together, the two blend old-time bluegrass with their own originals.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, and kids 12 and under are free. Buy tickets in advance at <https://www.pagosagreen.org/2024-fall-fundraiser/> or in person at the event with cash, credit or debit card.

In addition to the incredible music, the GGP will be selling beer

and wine, with all proceeds directly benefitting the GGP. A food truck will also have hotdogs and specialty hotdogs for sale.

The three domes on the San Juan Riverwalk have become emblematic in our community. Powered by local volunteers and using geothermal heat, each dome has its own purpose and all three demonstrate sustainable food production.

This fall fundraising event will directly impact our efforts to repair the beloved Education Dome, which is now seven years old and showing its age. After a recent inspection by the dome manufacturer, it was found to be in need of extensive maintenance. Currently, the Education Dome is closed to the public for these repairs and our hope is to reopen this winter.

Please join us this Friday to help raise the funds necessary to restore

the Education Dome to its full potential for our community.

Should that not be possible, consider going online at <https://www.pagosagreen.org/> to make a donation or become one of our sustaining members.

Giving with an open hand: Donations to Community Foundation's Archuleta County Fund to be matched until Oct. 31

By Briggen Wrinkle
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

Until Oct. 31, the Open Hand Fund is matching every dollar donated, up to \$10,000, for the Archuleta County Fund.

The Community Foundation's Archuleta County Fund is a quasi-endowed fund that grants annually each fall to a nonprofit in the Pagosa area. The grantee is chosen by a committee of locals who focus on the tangible impact those dollars will have on a nonprofit and the community.

The Foundation's Open Hand Fund is offering this matching donation opportunity to increase support

for local organizations.

"Our anonymous donor wishes to encourage others in the community to make a contribution to help provide more grants in the future," said Tracy Pope, deputy director of the Community Foundation. "By matching every dollar up to \$10,000, they hope to inspire others to join in and make a meaningful difference for nonprofits in Archuleta County."

For those who would like to donate to the Archuleta County Fund and make a bigger impact by doubling their dollars during the Open Hand Fund match, visit swcommunityfoundation.org/dollar-for-dollar and click the "Donate Now" link at the bottom of the page.



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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

Oct. 19, 10 a.m.: Wolfwood Refuge fundraiser. Labyrinth brickmaking to honor the energy spiral at Wolfwood

Fair

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number of different types of white blood cells in your blood.

Overall, CBC is a common test that can help identify a range of conditions, including anemia, infection and leukemia.

A lipid panel is a common blood test that health care providers use to monitor and screen for your risk of cardiovascular disease. The panel includes measurements of your cholesterol levels and a measurement of your triglycerides. It looks for and helps evaluate your risk of cardiovascular diseases like heart disease, heart attack (myocardial infarction) and stroke.

An A1C test, also known as a hemoglobin A1C or HbA1c test, measures a person's average blood sugar level over the past three months. It is a blood test that can help diagnose diabetes and prediabetes, and monitor how well a person is managing their diabetes.

A TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) test is used to find out how well your thyroid is working. It can tell if you have hyperthyroidism (too much thyroid hormone) or hypothyroidism (too little thyroid hormone) in your blood.

A vitamin D test measures the level of vitamin D in your blood to make sure you have enough for your body to work well. Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones and teeth. It also helps keep your muscles, nerves and immune system working normally.

As October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we also want to highlight cancer screening services.

Specifically at the health fair, women can receive a free breast exam and learn more about the Women's Wellness Connection (WWC) — a program offered through the public health department.

The WWC includes free cervical and breast cancer screening to those who qualify. The WWC program is specifically for uninsured or underinsured women 21 and older for cervical screening, and 40 and older for breast cancer screening, which can include a mammogram. Stop by the ACPHD table at the fair to learn more or call (970) 264-2409.

Men can also sign up for a PSA test (prostate-specific antigen), which

Refuge in Ignacio. Sign up now. Contact (970) 510-0309.

Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m.: Illuminations lecture series, "Quantum Healing Hypnosis Technique" with Niara Isley, author and quantum healer. A love donation will be accepted.

Oct. 29: Illuminations with Ted Eckerson and Shayla McClure on "Environmental Factors that are

measures the level of PSA in a man's blood, screening for prostate cancer. This is done through a blood draw and can be done at the same time as the other wellness labs. Men getting their PSA checked should be advised to stay off bicycles, horses and sexual activity for 48 hours prior to getting blood drawn.

You can preregister for the health fair at <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/>. This allows you to pick your time slot for labs and sign up for the farm-to-table lunch.

Walk-ins are also welcome for all health fair activities.

There are lots of free offerings at the health fair this year, including free vision and hearing screenings, free dental screenings and STI (sexually transmitted disease) testing.

Providers from the Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Pagosa Medical Group and Pagosa Springs Integrated Health will also be on-site to share what services they offer, and to schedule follow-up appointments to discuss lab results. Bilingual services are available to ensure that services are accessible to our Spanish-speaking families.

Lab costs are as follows:

The cost is \$20 for all CMP, CBC, Lipid, A1c and TSH. Remember, individuals signing up for labs need to fast (not eat or drink anything except water) for 12 hours prior to getting blood drawn.

The cost is \$6 for PSA (for men only). Men getting their PSA checked should be advised to stay off bicycles, horses and sexual activity for 48 hours prior to getting blood drawn.

The cost is \$16 for vitamin D. Individuals signing up for labs need to fast (not eat or drink anything except water) for 12 hours prior to getting blood drawn.

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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.



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Tutoring for elementary students resumes, pumpkins available for carving contest

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Children in first through third grade are invited to free sessions on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. where they will build essential skills in core subjects as they are tutored in reading and math. Preregistration is required.

Free pumpkins available

Starting next Wednesday, Oct. 23, you are welcome to pick up free pumpkins at your library to decorate for the pumpkin contest. One per family while supplies last.

The decorated entries are due Oct. 30 or 31. Fun prizes for the winners will happen at a Halloween party from 4 to 5 p.m. on Oct. 31.

Friends book sale

Our new free weekly Lifelong Learning Lecture series continues today with five more interesting presentations, all from 6 to 7:15 p.m. on Thursdays through Nov. 14:

- Today's talk, Oct. 17, features Cindi Galabota, library foundation director, and Barb Brattin, our new library director, will review the status of our library expansion, and share the architectural drawings and fundraising plans. We have raised more than \$2.2 million of our \$4.5 million goal.

- Oct. 24, Bill Trimarco from the Wildfire Adapted Partnership will share tips on how you can make your property fire safe by creating defensible space, planning evacuations and preparing well.

- Oct. 31 will showcase Dayton Romero on Zoom discussing the many opportunities the Senior Planet social media platform offers you via their OATS (Older Adults Technology Services) program. Senior Planet is an AARP nonprofit offering many free classes for seniors.

- On Nov. 7, Matt Huber from the Colorado Avalanche Information Center will explain the power of avalanches and give you practical advice on how you can have safe fun in the mountains during the winter.

- On Nov. 14 Doug Coombs, a member of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club, will share his remarkable photos from four different trips to Africa and describe options for traveling to Africa.

Pick up a brochure at the library for more details on each of these presenters and their informative talks. No registration is required to attend.

Online author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks continue with one more opportunity in October 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>.

Tuesday, Oct. 22, at noon will



feature Lori Gottlieb examining the truths and fiction we tell ourselves.

Messy art and crafts

All ages are invited to get messy for the fun of making art tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 18, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at this free session when we will make sculptures out of natural materials. All supplies will be provided.

LEGO Club Saturday

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

Pokemon Club Saturday

If you're aged 6-11 and love Pokemon, this free club is for you. Bring your cards on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Knitting and crochet lessons

Learn to knit or crochet on Monday, Oct. 21, at our free gathering from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for ages 8 and up. Supplies provided.

Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. For information, contact Susan at (970) 946-3396.

Shakespeare read-aloud Monday

Shakespeare fans of all ages are invited to join in reading aloud "Romeo and Juliet" Mondays, Oct. 21 and 28, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. as the free Shakespeare Read Aloud Club restarts. This is an all-ages program. Call Jenny at (240) 426-7887 for more information.

Adult DIY next Tuesday

At the free adult DIY next Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Renee will help you create a masterpiece via the art of collage. All supplies will be provided.

Dungeons and Dragons

Today, Thursday, Oct. 17, and next Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Create a character and join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

Family storytime

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

early literacy skills.

Teen/tween activity

Join us in the teen area every Wednesday after school from 4 to 4:30 p.m. this month for a fun craft or challenge. Activities will range from taste tests to art challenges to minute-to-win-it-style games.

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."

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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

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Allison Community Church brisket dinner fundraiser to be held Saturday

By Norma Conley
Allison Community Church

The Allison Community Church brisket dinner fundraiser will be held on Oct. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Allison Community Church (2724 CR 329 in Allison).

Enjoy either smoked or unsmoked brisket, cheesy potatoes, rolls, dinner salad, deserts and drinks. Adults are \$15, children 6-12 are \$7, and under 6 are free.

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The Pagosa Catholic Community led the annual Rosary Rally on Saturday, Oct 12. More than 22,500 rallies were held around the nation praying for the country, children and families.

Unitarian Universalists to continue ‘What Our World Needs Now: Universalism in a Polarized Age’ series

By De Anna Hoyle
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

“It is not enough that we are wounded
“It is not enough that we care
“We are called to practice loving
“With a skill we hardly knew was there.”

The above lyrics are written by singer/songwriter Judy Fjell, and serve as an introduction to the theme for this Sunday’s service at Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. The sermon, entitled “Near Enemies,” delivered by the Rev. Elaine Aron-Tenbrink, will be streamed along with added worship elements by lay leaders of the fellowship.

Aron-Tenbrink served the Peace Corps in West Africa, was a hospital chaplain and served the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis until 2019. She now serves as assistant minister of Foothills Unitarian Church in Fort Collins.

She is passionate about creating spaces that invite us to discern movements of spirit and cultivate compassion, which will be the focus of her sharing.

She states compassion is where love meets suffering and, yet, sometimes confusion about what it means to practice compassion gets in our way and we end up doing the opposite. These behaviors are a phenomenon that Buddhist psychology call “near enemies” of our actual values. Through personal experience

and stories, Aron-Tenbrink helps us understand how it creates separation instead of connection to one another. This sermon is fourth in the series “What the World Needs Now: Universalism in a Polarized Age.”

Through the generous offering of Foothills Unitarian, we are able to stream these sermons and offer small-group discussion, deepening our understand and practice of putting love at the center and living into our values in concrete ways. We welcome you as we build community, grow in spirit and do good.

Our fellowship meets the first and third Sundays at 10:30 a.m. You can find us at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. on the north side facing Pagosa Peak. Joining us through our offered Zoom services is also an option using the following meeting link: <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/8991941305>.

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Presenters Dave and Nicky Schneider will present about “Greening Our Economy” at the Creation Care Pagosa meeting on Oct. 24.

Creation Care meeting on Oct. 24 to feature presentation on ‘Greening Our Economy’

By Sarah L. Riehm
Creation Care

On Thursday evening, Oct. 24, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Creation Care will present a program on “Greening Our Economy,” presented by Dave and Nicky Schneider.

Each monthly Creation Care meeting features a free educational program and a healthy meal provided by the members.

If you plan to attend, please email sarah.riehm@gmail.com so we have enough food. All meetings are held in the fellowship hall at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Enter through the side door by the parking lot.

Presenters Dave and Nicky Schneider recently relocated here from Wisconsin.

“We have a treasure trove of expert scientists and environmentalists residing right here in Pagosa,” said co-founder Sarah Riehm, “which allows us to continue our thought-provoking and insightful programs free to the public. Dave and Nicky are fun, high- energy, and informative presenters who will provide a spirited evening for all.”

They are also proud parents of Pirate football varsity player Emile Schneider.

“Let’s work together to build the circular economy,” said Dave

Schneider. “Today’s profits-over-all paradigm threatens a peaceful and prosperous tomorrow; but through partnership with people and planet, all of us today can make better choices to ensure that the next generations have access to the same healthy and vibrant future we enjoy, forever.”

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Dave Schneider worked for the Worldwatch Institute in Washington, D.C., as an intern with the United Nations Environment Programme, as well as the Rocky Mountain Institute in Colorado. He has a M.Sc. in sustainable development from the University of Wisconsin with a focus on green economics and ongoing international climate negotiations through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The UNFCCC is an international treaty among countries to combat “dangerous human interference with the climate system.”

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Martha, Mary and faith

By Stan and Roberta Counsell
PREVIEW Columnist

We all know that Satan has continually fought against the plans of God. From the very beginning (Gen 3:1-6), Satan was there in the garden tempting Adam and Eve, "... you'll be like God." Even though he was thrown from Heaven, he continues to fight and fail at every turn.

Faith is an important part of a Christian's belief system. It encompasses much that greatly benefits us, the believers. So, of course, Satan is there to work his sly craftsmanship with spins, twists and outlandish "doctrines".

To cover all of faith would be impossible for lack of space. But, let's return to Martha, Mary and Jesus regarding Lazarus' death and burial. John 11:1-44 gives us the whole of the story, but we will go, for now, only to verse 39.

A quick summary: Martha, by stern cultural training, was an in-charge personality. Mary's interest was softer, wanting to hear Jesus' every word, making closeness with Him vitally important. Both responded

A Matter of Faith

to the "late" arrival of Jesus differently. Martha, from the Greek, quietly chiding Him ("to point out directly") while Mary fell prostrate in reverent worship while expressing her utter confusion.

We are very much like that. When the Lord seems late and unconcerned, we can get angry and tell Him such in no uncertain terms. Or, we can spiritually fall at His feet in confusion and despair but still know that His plans are far greater than ours.

Mary, and the many Jews that followed, loudly wept before Jesus. There is much that is overlooked here in our English translation. When Jesus "saw" all of them weeping and wailing, that word meant that He "fully knew from within" what was really happening. Their grief had swallowed up their faith that He was still in control. In short, there was no

hope or belief that He could do anything, that His miracles had limits.

To grieve over a loss is gut-wrenchingly painful, but not necessarily accusative or judgmental. But, such grief can take a horrible turn. With this grief walling off their faith in Him, they forgot such scriptures that said otherwise. Psalm 135:6a says, "The Lord does whatever pleases Him throughout all heaven and earth ..."

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And, in Isaiah 55:9 it is recorded, “For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts.” Lastly, Hebrews 11:6a says, “Without faith in God, it is impossible to please Him ...”

We presume we are in control of our lives, with our daily choices, but when things go wrong, we seem to turn to God as a last resort, even alarmed that He didn’t do things our way. The Lord is not sleeping, lost in thought, or distracted; He’s still Almighty God.

Verse 33 is an unbelievable eye-popper that many sincere people miss. Jesus observed Mary and the crowd weeping, meaning they were “in great pain with grief, bewailing loudly.” They felt utterly without hope, that God had somehow failed them. It further mentioned that the sight of such moved Jesus (“to snort with anger, murmur, groan, be indignant”), greatly troubling him (“agitated, losing calmness”).

The Lord deeply hurts when we are grieving. But, when our pain completely swallows up the greatness of God, even pointing raging fingers at Him, such a sight can bring forth displeasure, even righteous anger. But, it’s certainly not directed at us, rather that faith in Him is destroyed, His children having lost their sight of Him. The Lord doesn’t want that to befall His people.

Jesus, having already said to His disciples that He would raise Lazarus from the dead, sprang into action to benefit all that were in such faithless anguish. Jesus asked them to take Him to the grave, that Lazarus was going to rise. Still, Jesus’ heart was frustrated. They had, in various ways, blamed Him for Lazarus’ death, that Jesus did nothing in that situation.

In verse 35 it is understood by many that Jesus wept, wailing aloud like all the others. But, such isn’t accurate in the Greek. The word wept, throughout the New Testament (“klaio”), is always recorded as “deep pain, grief, bewailing.” But, when referring to Jesus, a totally different word is used (“dakryo”) meaning “to weep,” but its root word (“dakru”) illuminates the meaning further “to shed a tear.” Have you even been so frustrated or torn apart that a tear welled up in your eye?

Yet, many of the Jews, taking note of Jesus, mistook His heart for mere friendship while others spoke critically, that He opened the eyes of

a blind man but didn’t do anything for Lazarus.

This didn’t bode well with Jesus, for verse 38a records that He again being “to snort with anger, murmur, groan, be indignant.” Or, as the Amplified Bible literally says, “Jesus, again being deeply moved within (to the point of anger) ...” In our vernacular, Jesus was not a “happy camper” at such firm unbelief that He was incapable of doing anything. Imagine, the Son of God actually being doubted by all, His presence utterly hopeless.

We presume we are in control of our lives, with our daily choices, but when things go wrong, we seem to turn to God as a last resort, even alarmed that He didn’t do things our way.

Martha, in verse 39, reinforces such hopelessness by pointing out (“to advise directly”) that her brother was dead for four days. In short, she’s telling Jesus that His being at the tomb is a waste of time.

We, in our fallen nature, reach a breaking point with some ugly and urgent tragedies in life. We sought the Lord in earnest prayer thinking He would “jump to it” and rescue us. Time passes and nothing has happened. Our heart and hope reaches disparity: God won’t help or He’s unable to.

In our final segment we will see if the Lord is almighty or limited in what He can do in such hopeless circumstances — stay tuned for the answer.

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Tips for thinking about life insurance

By J. Skyler McKinley
AAA — The Auto Club Group

It's an important time for Colorado families to make sure their life insurance coverage will protect their future.

Per AAA research, 70 percent of all U.S. households would have trouble covering everyday living expenses after just a few months if the primary wage earner was gone.

And, according to a new study from LL Global, a record number of American adults — 42 percent, or 102 million people — say they need (or need more) life insurance. That's alarming because life insurance is an integral part of a financial plan, no different than a budget or savings account.

"The best way to think about life insurance is to think about everything that makes your life so worthwhile," said Skyler McKinley, regional director of public affairs for AAA. "How would you want to protect your loved ones? What do you want for their future? When you take a couple minutes thinking about how life insurance can factor into your family's financial security, you can get back to what really matters: Spending time with those you care about."

AAA offers the following things to think about.

How much life insurance do I need?

As a rule of thumb, your life insurance policy should equal six or seven times your current salary. Or you can determine what your policy needs to cover by subtracting your assets from your financial responsibilities, but accurately finding that number is a lot easier said than done. Use the calculator at <https://www.aaalife.com/life-insurance-needs-calculator> to help inform your needs, then speak with a specialist to talk about life insurance options.

Is employer-provided insurance enough?

While it's a nice benefit to have, life insurance through work is a perk, not a plan.

If your family relies on your income to make ends meet, this kind of coverage just won't be enough. Most employers offer one or two times your salary in coverage, meaning your family could be OK for the first year or two. But what happens in year three, four, five and so on?

What's more, your coverage is often tied to your employment, so if you change jobs, you may lose that insurance.

Remember, life insurance can cover a lot of expenses — debts such as your mortgage, medical and funeral bills and estate taxes — and those expenses add up, fast. Most folks will want more coverage than they can get through work.

Do you need insurance

if you're young and healthy?

It's unlikely that you'd need your life insurance as a young, healthy person, in the statistical sense that you're less likely to get sick and pass away. However, life insurance is typically less expensive and easier to get the younger and healthier you are.

If you wait until you are chronically or terminally ill, you may find your ability to purchase insurance to be a little more limited.

If you're single and you don't have dependents, you might think you don't need coverage. Here's the problem: If you pass away unexpectedly when you're young, you may leave behind a lot of unpaid expenses for your family or executor to deal with. Life insurance guarantees those expenses can get paid so that your family will never need to worry about them.

Do you need insurance if you're nearing retirement?

Some folks who are near retirement age will say, "Well, the house is paid off and the kids are out of college, so my family is covered, and I don't need life insurance." That may be true, depending on your financial picture. But increasingly, people live longer — and can spend 20-30 years in retirement. Good life insurance can make up for losses in your retirement nest egg, and make sure your spouse or partner will be OK financially even if you haven't closed the gap in retirement savings.

Is life insurance expensive?

Per research from LIMRA, 78 percent of Americans overestimate the true cost of a basic term life policy. To wit, 44 percent of millennials said they thought the cost of a policy was \$1,000+ per year.

In reality, a simple term life insurance tends to offer low and more flexible premiums compared with other kinds of insurance. The younger and healthier you are when you buy your coverage, the less expensive the policy will be. As you age, you can always choose to expand your coverage.

What's the difference between term and permanent life insurance?

Having a positive discussion about life insurance means understanding its types.

Term life insurance is for a fixed period, such as 10 or 20 years. If you die during the specified period, your beneficiary will be paid a death benefit — or the face value of the policy.

Permanent life insurance is designed to remain in place for your entire life, for which your beneficiary receives the death benefit. In addition, you may be able to borrow from

the cash value or surrender the value when canceling the policy.

What if I have a pre-existing condition?

Though it could be an obstacle, having a pre-existing condition doesn't automatically mean you won't be able to buy life insurance. Consult with a licensed insurance agent about policies that may not require a medical exam, as well as about life insurance designed for people with specific pre-existing conditions, such as cancer and diabetes.

When should I think about life insurance?

You should get in the habit of reviewing things regularly. Be sure to look at any big life changes. If it's worth celebrating, it's worth covering.

If you recently got married, you'll want to make sure your coverage can support your spouse and any shared expenses.

Did your household grow? Life insurance policies can cover the costs of raising a child, as well as future expenses, like college tuition.

Did you buy a new house? Life insurance will make sure your family will always have a place to call home.


Where should I start?

Talk to a local agent: Insurance should be unique and tailored to your family, and life insurance is no different. An agent can help you find the best coverage option that works for your life and your financial picture, all while helping you put a plan in place for the future. Coverage options include debt, future college tuition, loss of income and other family financial goals.

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Wyoming shoots itself in the foot

By Jonathan Thompson
PREVIEW Columnist

This summer, the Biden administration offered Wyoming \$35 million to help the state plug and clean up abandoned oil and gas wells. When Wyoming turned down the cash, it seemed hard to believe.

It could cost the state more than twice that amount to reclaim its 1,000 or so defunct wells that remain unplugged. Economists have also warned that market forces will continue to diminish the state's main revenue source — severance taxes on fossil fuels.

That's not all. Last year, Wyoming turned down federal money for electric vehicle charging stations. Then, when Gov. Mark Gordon refused to take part in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's pollution reduction program, the state lost tens of millions of dollars in federal funding.

Meanwhile, the state is spending millions of taxpayers' dollars on lawsuits seeking to eviscerate Biden administration rules aimed at protecting the environment and human health, and mitigating harmful effects of climate change.

It's all part of a disturbing shift among Western Republicans and the states they dominate. They are veering away from the more pragmatic conservatism of Teddy Roosevelt or even Ronald Reagan, and into the hard-right, anti-government quagmire.

Gordon has been swept up in this shift. Gordon was born in New York City and grew up on the family ranch in Kaycee, Wyo. He registered as a Republican at age 18, attended Vermont's Middlebury College, then came back to Wyoming to continue ranching. At the same time, he pushed back on the coalbed-methane drilling boom that was ravaging his state, a fact missing from his official biographies.

Gordon's activism included serving on environmental groups' boards, and he went on record attacking the energy industry for turning Buffalo into "the place that stinks on the way to Casper." Nevertheless, he later worked for an oil company as its conservation director.

He still straddled the fence politically, donating to both Republican and Democratic candidates and committees on a state and national level during the 1990s and early 2000s. But, he was not an anomaly; this sort of ideological flexibility was once common in Western states.

When Gordon ran for Congress as a moderate in 2008, he said both the Republican Party and the Sierra Club had "gotten off track," with the GOP moving too far to the right and abandoning Roosevelt-style conservatism.

He said environmentalists also

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became less willing to compromise, particularly on public-land grazing issues.

Gordon ended up losing the primary to hardliner Cynthia Lumis — now a U.S. senator — after she attacked Gordon for his environmental ties and bipartisan tendencies. But Gordon stuck to his relatively moderate stance when he ran for governor in 2018 and defeated hardliner Harriet Hageman — who would later unseat Liz Cheney.

As governor, Gordon has acknowledged human-caused climate change and supported clean-energy development while also looking to keep the fossil fuel industry afloat by pushing carbon capture rather than closing coal plants or regulating drilling.

He was forceful and eloquent in condemning the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, tweeting: "Interfering with the peaceful transfer of power is an affront to the very Constitution that has made our country what it is. I believe America will not—cannot—stand for this assault on our democracy."

This centrism has played well with voters. Gordon easily won a second term in 2022. But the radical right-wing, climate-denying branch of Wyoming's legislature, the Freedom Caucus, has relentlessly blasted him for it.

In purple states, such as Arizona, the radicalization of the GOP has been met with backlash from moderates, who can seek refuge in a growing Democratic Party. But in Wyoming, newcomers fleeing more liberal states are turning the legislature a deeper shade of red, lending power and members to the Freedom Caucus.

The Wyoming governor has struggled to hold his ground. His rhetoric on Biden's purported "war on fossil fuels" — and the state's legal challenges to common-sense environmental protections — have grown more strident, even though Gordon knows full well that market forces, not regulations, are behind the industries' decline.

The intent here is not to heap criticism on Gordon; he gets enough of that from his party members. Rather it is to lament the imminent extinction of the moderate, conservation-leaning, pragmatic Western Republican.

Think of all those missed opportunities. In today's political climate, Gordon either must adapt or be thrown out of office, and that's not good for Wyoming or the West.

Jonathon Thompson is a contributor to writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is the editor of The Land Desk and a longtime Western author and writer. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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Helping someone who can't hear

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

Have you ever tried to convince someone they can't hear? My Sweet Al and I go 'round and 'round with his hearing situation. He believes he can hear just fine, but I'm here to tell you he can't.

When we get together the kids say, "Make sure Daddy has his hearing aids so he will be a part of the evening."

I ask them, "Do you know what it takes to get those hearing aids into his ears? It's an arm-wrestling bout and a knockout fight every time."

He says they hurt, too big, too loud. They fall out when he takes off his glasses. I think it's a way to check out. I've heard every excuse. It doesn't bother him that he can't hear, but it bothers me.

In 2014, I noticed I couldn't hear and was missing out on important conversations. I've been around people who can't hear. They sit there grinning like Cheshire cats, nodding their heads and pretending they hear. Everyone has to repeat everything, and talk louder and louder.

I said, "I'm not going to do this to everyone."

I took tests, bought a pair of good hearing aids and had no problem.

My daughter said, "I'm buying hearing aids for me and I'll take Daddy and get him some too."

So, she did. She made an appointment in Albuquerque and took him. They tested his ears. He needed them and we purchased them.

That should've taken care of the problem. It didn't. From the beginning, Al said they didn't fit and he refused to wear them. She recently ordered another pair for her dad and we are waiting for them to be delivered.

Meanwhile, we had a relative from the East Coast over for dinner. He came with our children to our home.

Get into the spooky spirit this Halloween

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Come Oct. 31, there is extra mischief in the air, and who knows what might be lurking around those dim corners? Halloween is a time when the line between having fun and being scared is easily blurred.

While trick-or-treating and attending parties are ways to enjoy the final day of October, there are plenty of other ways to make Halloween more fun:

- Read some scary stories. There's something to be said about reading scary stories or poems on Halloween. Readers' imaginations take over on Halloween as they envision scary characters and scenarios. Edgar Allen

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We hadn't seen him for over 28 years and were thrilled to see him again.

We welcomed him and asked him about his flight.

"I can't hear." He shook his head. "Nothing?"

He shook his head no. I thought to myself, "Oh me, this is going to be a long evening."

He pulled a box from his pocket and showed us some cheap hearing aids he bought from a television ad. These hearing aids fell out of his ears and wouldn't keep a charge. He was in a dilemma and didn't know what to do.

During the evening meal, most of the conversation continued at one end of the table, leaving our guest out of the fun and laughter. I said I had an old pair I bought 10 years ago.

"There's nothing wrong with them, I just replaced them last year. Let me get them, they take batteries and I still have extra batteries. No problem with charging them."

I put in new batteries and he tried them on.

"Can you hear?" "Not really."

That evening the children had asked me to make sure Daddy had his hearing aids on. After back and forth and some strong convincing, Al was wearing his.

Knowing Al had new ones coming, I said to him, "Take your hearing aids out."

Shocked and with no response, Al sat there refusing to move.

I said to him, "You said you could hear. You didn't need hearing aids."

"I don't." "Let me have them." I took them

from him, cleaned them and handed them to our guest. "Try these on."

Our guest put them in his ears. I said, "Can you hear?"

He nodded his head, "They're too loud. I can hear myself."

Our daughter jumped up. "They're just like mine, I know how to adjust them." She fixed them.

"These are not cheap. You'll need to charge them every night."

"Oh, I will." "Are they comfortable? Do they feel like they will fall out?" I asked.

"No. They fit perfectly. I can hear fine." He smiled, enjoyed the rest of the evening, and interacted with everyone.

The conversation, with a lot of laughter as to what just happened, shifted back to the end of the table where our guest was. My poor Al sat there baffled and wondering what just happened.

Our other daughter said to our guest, "Welcome to the family. You are a part of us now."

The next morning, Al said, "You gave away my hearing aids."

"Don't worry, he needed them and you said you could hear just fine."

Final brushstroke: Our guest needed hearing aids more than my Sweet Al thought he did. Al's hearing aids are in the ears of a new family member and on a flight back to the East Coast.

Sometimes you have to lose it before you know that you need it. Welcome to the family.

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Poe, author of many notably macabre works, is a popular read come Halloween.

- Go pumpkin picking. Most people already make pumpkin picking an annual treat. Don't overlook misshapen pumpkins that can be carved into spooky jack-o'-lanterns. Also, enhance Halloween decor with pitted and warty gourds that lend that scary appeal.

- Create a haunted house. Instead of going elsewhere to get chills and thrills, transform your house or yard into a spooktacular vision and invite neighbors to explore.

- Make creepy crafts. Children can get a kick out of crafting Halloween

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decorations. Drape a piece of muslin over a beverage bottle and spray it with laundry starch. Let sit and the muslin will stiffen when it dries. Paint on black circles for eyes and hang your "ghost" from a string.

- Whip up Halloween treats. Candied apples, extra-rich brownies and mini hot dogs wrapped in crescent rolls to look like mummies are just some of the ways to create a scary Halloween feast.
- Have a costume theme. Everyone in the household can get in on the fun by planning costumes to fit

a theme. For example, everyone can dress like the Addams family.

- Host a Halloween book club. Those who love to read can ensure the October gathering of a book club is one that features a discussion of a scary book. Those looking for a scare can explore horror authors like Stephen King, Anne Rice, Dean Koontz, Clive Barker, Shirley Jackson and Tananarive Due.
- Host an outdoor movie. Projectors can now be hooked up to smart-phones and tablets, so it's easier than ever to watch movies outside. Simply project a device onto a screen, white

fence or even a bed sheet. Since it gets dark somewhat early in October, the movie doesn't have to start very late. Depending on the audience, choose a movie that is very scary or only mildly so if children will be viewing.

- Organize a Halloween treat exchange. Similar to a Christmas "Secret Santa," participants put together a wrapped gift of homemade or store-bought foods and exchange with others.

Halloween can be made even more entertaining with some extra activities that appeal to people of all ages.

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Bird of the Week



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

Recently large groups of white-crowned sparrows have been making their presence known, flying from shrub to shrub and singing in the open. Mixed within these boisterous sparrow flocks may be a shyer, smaller bird, the Lincoln's sparrow. The word often used to describe this secretive sparrow is skulker, a reference to its habit of sneaking along the ground, rarely straying far from cover.

During breeding season, this is a bird of wet meadows with dense patches of willows, alders and sedges. In summer it is found in subarctic and subalpine regions from Alaska across Canada and in Rocky Mountain regions in the west.

This sparrow is seen here beginning in February when it returns from winter ranges farther south. Then it may show up under feeders, searching the ground for seeds while it waits for snow to melt in higher elevation bogs. In southwestern Colorado, nest building begins as early as late May. The song of the male is described as bubbly and wren-like, but he stops singing about halfway through the incubation period. By the end of July, young birds have left the nest.

Lincoln's sparrows are frequently seen again at this time of year at lower elevations before departing by November. Although it may join groups of other sparrow species in migration, even in places where it is common it tends to be solitary.

The Lincoln's sparrow can be confused with its closest relative, the song sparrow. Both have dark streaks across the breast and a central dark spot, but the streaks are finer and crisper in the Lincoln's. Buff-colored lines below the beak and buff coloring across the top of the chest are identifying marks of the Lincoln's. When its crown feathers are raised, its head can have a pointy shape.

Observe the sparrows in brushy areas and look closely at ones along the Riverwalk and you may find this attractive sparrow.

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Thursday, Oct. 17

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Clothing Collection. 9 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Lightly used, clean winter clothing and boots for all ages will be accepted.

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.

End-of-Life Education. 1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

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.

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.

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.

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Cindi Galabota, library foundation director, and Barb Brattin, the new library director, will review the stats of the library's expansion project.

Friday, Oct. 18

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 ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Paws to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Read with Maple, a therapy dog who loves stories.

Messy Art: Nature Crafts. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Get messy and make art. Make sculptures out of natural materials. All supplies will be provided.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Clothing Giveaway for Veterans. 4-6 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Fundraising Concert. 5-7 p.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership amphitheatre, Centennial Park. The Robin Davis Duo will play. Tickets will be \$20 at the gate.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Soccer. 5:30 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Fruita Monument.

Full Moon Program. 6:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$30 with an early, guided tour. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Saturday, Oct. 19

Archuleta Health Fair and Expo. 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. For more information, www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org or email fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

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

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St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Clothing Giveaway. 8 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 9:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Park and enter at the rear of the building. Social hour begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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.

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>.

Mount Allison Grange Craft Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon, Mount Allison Grange, 2622 County Road 229, Allison. Learn how to crochet and/or make a coaster using needlepoint.

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.

LEGO Play. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-11 years old. Bring your own or use our 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.

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

Allison Church Brisket Dinner Fundraiser. 5-7 p.m., Allison Church yard, 2724 County Road 329. Enjoy a brisket dinner for \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 6-12. Children under 6 eat free. Proceeds will be

used for mission projects to help people in the community who need a little extra help.

Sunday, Oct. 20

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

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 at 6 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 21

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Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

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

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.

Shakespeare Read Aloud Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join in reading aloud "Romeo and Juliet" together. For more information, call Jenny at (240) 426-7887.

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

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Major Lunar Standstill. 9 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Gaze at the stars, hear presentations by guest speakers and view the

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Caravan beast
- 6 In things
- 10 Sluggers' stats
- 14 Amazon assistant
- 15 Here, in Madrid
- 16 Slangy ending for "buck"
- 17 Wallops
- 18 It may keep things moving
- 20 Gilbert and Sullivan work
- 22 Hits, old-style
- 23 TV's "___-Team"
- 24 Longings
- 26 LA clock setting
- 27 Business tax deduction
- 32 Squid cousins
- 35 Sounds of reproof
- 36 Course setting: Abbr.
- 37 Field for Marie Curie
- 39 Stops
- 41 Listening device
- 42 Alley prowlers
- 44 Odd pages
- 45 Race with jumps
- 48 To and ___
- 49 Unit of loudness
- 50 Feature of 1-Across
- 54 Laughed loudly
- 57 Hertz rival
- 59 Paycheck deduction
- 61 ___ cum laude
- 62 Lenovo competitor
- 63 Relaxed gait
- 64 Writer Asimov
- 65 With a discount of
- 66 Figure in red
- 67 Perception

DOWN

- 1 Explorer John
- 2 First Hebrew letter

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- 3 Free-for-all
- 4 Arch's outer curve
- 5 Use a surgical beam
- 6 Lose momentum
- 7 Iconic hairspray brand
- 8 Do a voice-over
- 9 Knights
- 10 Certain bigot
- 11 Most ill-mannered
- 12 Skye of "Say Anything"
- 13 They're often loaded
- 19 Stalemates
- 21 Hardly surprising
- 25 Missile in '90s news
- 28 "Paradise Lost", e.g.
- 29 Repeating
- 30 Catch or latch follower
- 31 Capone's nemesis

- 32 Prefers, with "for"
- 33 Online dialogue
- 34 Bodoni and Bookman, e.g.
- 38 One of Hitchcock's
- 40 Cold storage
- 43 Spirit of Salzburg
- 46 Proofer's finds
- 47 Deceptive schemes

- 51 Deprive of courage
- 52 Michelle and Cass
- 53 Finish second
- 54 Iranian money
- 55 Years back
- 56 Farmer's place, in a kids' song
- 58 Goddess of fertility
- 60 Overly

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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moon rising between the pillars via livestream. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, and \$10 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimney-rockco.org.

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Stretching and Mobility Class. 9:30-10:30 a.m., Senior Center. A stretching and mobility class for those age 55 and up.

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Virtual Author Talk: Lori Gottlieb. 5 p.m., virtual. Lori Gottlieb will speak on "Examining the Truths and Fictions We Tell Ourselves." For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Adult DIY: Creative Collage with Renee. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Experiment with how far the art of collage has evolved. You'll create

your own masterpiece.

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

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Men's Fellowship. 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Monte Vista.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

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The excerpt below provides a great starting point. "Greens are the No. 1 food you can eat regularly to help improve your health," says Jill Nussinow, MS, RD, a culinary educator in Northern California and the author of *The Veggie Queen*. That's because leafy vegetables are brimming with fiber along with vitamins, minerals, and plant-based substances that may help protect you from heart disease, diabetes, and perhaps even cancer. Even so, Americans are not eating as many vegetables each day as dietary experts recommend. To encourage you to put more leafy vegetables on your plate, WebMD asked Nussinow to rank the country's most widely-eaten greens from most nutritious to least.

Kale: This nutrition powerhouse "offers everything you want in a leafy green," says Nussinow, who gave it her first-place ranking. It's an excellent source of vitamins A C, and K, has a good amount of calcium for a vegetable, and also supplies folate and potassium. Kale's ruffle-edged leaves may range in color from cream to purple to black depending on the variety. Before cooking with kale, collards, turnips, and chard, Nussinow recommends swishing the greens in a water-filled sink, draining the sink, then repeating this rinse until the leaves are dirt-free. Her favorite cooking method for these four greens is to rub the leaves in olive oil or tahini (sesame paste) and cook them for five minutes with garlic, olive oil, and broth.

Collards: Used in Southern-style cooking, collard greens are similar in nutrition to kale. But they have a heartier and chewier texture and a stronger cabbage-like taste. "Collards are an under-appreciated vegetable and most people don't know about them," suggests Nussinow. She says they're also popular with the raw food movement because the wide leaves are used as a wrapper instead of tortillas or bread. Down South, collards are typically slow cooked with either a ham hock or smoked turkey leg. A half cup has 25 calories.

Source: "Leafy Greens -- Ranked and Rated." By Cari Nierenberg. <http://www.webmd.com>

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

"Better is a dinner of herbs where love is..." Proverbs 15:17 first part

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Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

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

Seasonal Art Class: Styrofoam Printing. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.
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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Creation Care Pagosa. 5:30-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Dave and Nicky Schneider will present a program on "Greening Our Economy."

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.

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Bill Trimarco from the Wildfire Adapted Partnership will share tips on how you can make your property fire safe by creating defensible space, planning evacuations and preparing well.

'It Ends With Us' Viewing and Discussion. 6 p.m., Liberty Theatre. Rise Above Violence will host a showing of the movie based on Colleen Hoover's bestselling novel, and the film will provide the background for a panel discussion with area professionals and a community conversation. Tickets are available at riseaboveviolence.org.

Friday, Oct. 25

Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

Beginners' Basket Weaving. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration is required for the two-class session. Limited to six patrons. The cost is \$10. Bring your own lunch so you can learn from the instructor while you eat.

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 ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Craftapalooza. 2-3:30 p.m. Come make some scary crafts for the Halloween holiday. All ages are welcome.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Football. 7 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

Saturday, Oct. 26

Beginners' Basket Weaving. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration is required for the two-class session. Limited to six patrons. The cost is \$10. Bring your own lunch so you can learn from the instructor while you eat.

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.

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

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

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven't attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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

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Outdoor Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park South pickleball courts.

Pickleball Beginner Lessons. 8:30-11 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Register on the Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation page at <https://secure.rec1.com/CO/pagosa-springs-co/catalog>.

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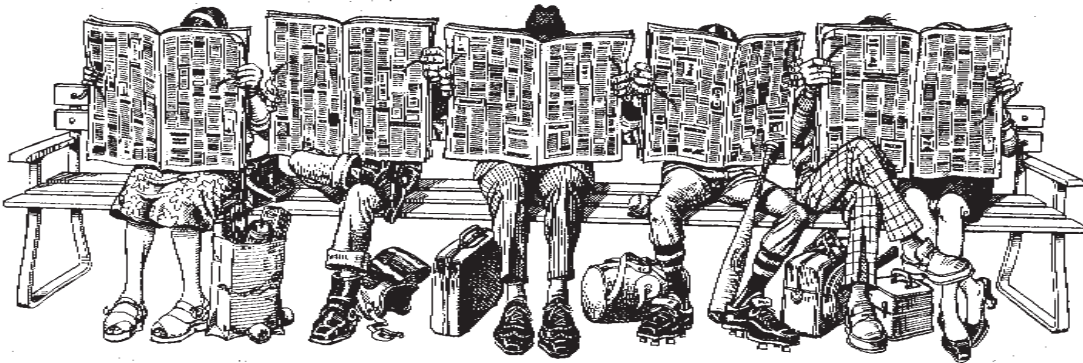
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Seasonal art class set for Oct. 24

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Learn the easy process of styrofoam printing.

Participants will be given a piece of styrofoam where they can indent the foam with a pencil, creating a relief image. The theme is autumn leaves. Markers will be used to color the image. Dampened printmaking paper will be placed over the styrofoam and rubbed to transfer the image onto the paper.

Make one print or make multiple prints.

The class will be offered Oct. 24 at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center dining hall.

The instructor for the class is Becky Crowe, a former art teacher. She is also a printmaker who has had her work published.

Fall fundraiser

Let the doubled donations pile up like the leaves in autumn.

Jump into the pile: As the seasons change, so too do Archuleta Senior 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.colorado-gives.org/story/Asifallfundraiser>.

Healthy aging and yoga therapy classes series

The Healthy Aging Yoga Series continues to be offered in person at

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the Pagosa Senior Center on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

It is structured by therapeutic yoga tools and techniques with chair movement, standing stretches, gentle postures, breathing practices and reflective meditative moments.

Monthly themes for the series include topics such as sustainable strength for healthy aging individuals, brain health, heart and cardiovascular health, mental and emotional well-being, community connections, and stress management, to name a few.

Classes will be educational for participants to utilize practices in daily life and are meant for all levels of experience with yoga.

Mats and chairs will be provided at the Senior Center. Some blocks and Therabands are available, too. The addition of yoga props is always welcomed.

We request that individuals new to the series arrive early for intake inquiries and to please communicate with our new instructor, Kimberly Anderson, directly by email at zinkgraf@gmail.com.

Stretching and mobility class

Community members are invited to attend new free weekly classes every Tuesday this fall and winter from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Pagosa

Senior Center (located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., in the back of the Ross Aragon Community Center).

The stretching and mobility classes for older adults (age 55 and up) are designed to help build balance in the body through functional exercises that aim to improve mobility and flexibility.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of techniques that can help enhance overall movement efficiency.

Though not necessary, a mat is recommended for this class.

The program is instructed by local ballet dance instructor Dee Pitchon, who will provide modifications to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the exercises.

Bingo

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

Bingo will be on Nov. 8, Nov. 22, Dec. 6 and Dec. 20.

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

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T'ai Chi Chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this practice.

All classes will be free for older adults (age 60 and better) and will last approximately one hour in the dining hall.

No special clothing or equipment is required.

For more information, call (970) 264-2167.

Senior Conversations

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

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

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

It meets each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together.

Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com.

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 coco-

nut 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, Oct. 17 — Dover sole in orange beurre-blanc sauce, broccoli romanesco, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Oct. 18 — Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes, mushroom gravy, sauteed greens, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit, brownie and milk.

Monday, Oct. 21 — Pork ziti bake, broccoli, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, cranberry nut muffin and milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 22 — Asian chicken salad with mandarins, toasted almonds, chow mein noodles, potstickers and sauce, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 23 — Vegetarian Moroccan stew, spinach and artichoke dip, pita chips, garden salad, cottage cheese, fruit, and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 24 — Beef tacos and cheese, tortillas, refried beans, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Friday, Oct. 25 — Closed for Employee Appreciation Day.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$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.

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Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-N-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

Mahjong

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How to start your own book club

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C.S. Lewis is credited with saying, “We read to know we are not alone.”

Though reading is often a solitary activity, sharing and discussing books can serve as an even greater reminder that we are not alone.

For those who say they do not love to read, they probably just haven’t found the right book yet. One way to be exposed to different literary styles and authors is to be part of a book club. Readers might actually want to start their own club.

A book club can include your friend group or it can pull relative strangers together. By reading with others on a deadline, you may be

more likely to stick with reading and retain more of what you’ve read.

Here are some simple ways to start a book club of your own:

- Start small. If you’re inexperienced, it is best to begin small when setting up the book club. Privately reach out to a few different people you know enjoy books and see if they would be interested. Ask them to invite a few other people to help the club grow.
- Stay organized. Digital tools can help book club organizers stay on top of things and inform the club. Many clubs utilize social media platforms like Facebook groups. Bookclubs is an application designed especially for book clubs. Make an account

to organize your book club, receive book recommendations and view discussion guides.

- Identify your intentions. The
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receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Medicare call by appointment

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Mindful drawing

Mindful drawing is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Join our friendly instructor, Roberta Strickland.

Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center. This activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three

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motivation behind a book club is to read, but you might want to narrow that even further. Perhaps you want to make new friends. Or maybe you want to explore a certain literary genre exclusively. Create a book club business plan of sorts where you fully express your intentions for the club.

• Choose the vibe and meeting style. Some book clubs are rigid with a set schedule and firm deadlines. Others are more relaxed with meetings being shuffled around to accommodate everyone's lives. Create a game plan of where you will meet, how often you meet and how books and discussion points will be selected.

• Select your first book: Look to Goodreads, Amazon reviews and other book-related resources to find a popular book. Various celebrities also have their own book club recommendations, so that may be a safe place to start.

• Opt for a slow weeknight for meetings. People tend to be busy on the weekend with other social engagements, so book clubs may be best hosted on a Monday or Tuesday evening. When establishing the book club, poll potential attendees to see what the majority want. Try to be consistent with the meeting day and time to keep the book club rolling along.

• Prepare discussion questions. It's easy for a book club meeting to

veer away from the book or for there to be a lull in conversation unless it is guided along. A discussion question list will help keep people chatting about what's important: the book.

• Be open about costs. Some book clubs are free and others require a fee to join to help pay for meeting spaces or refreshments. Be up front about how costs will be absorbed.

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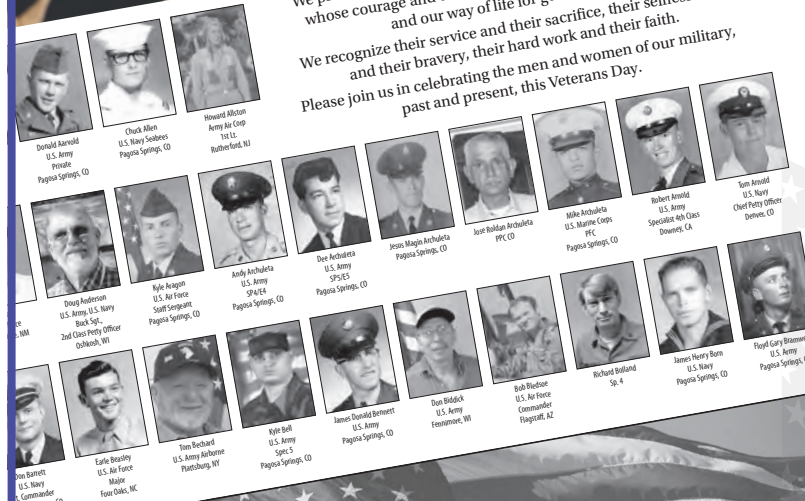
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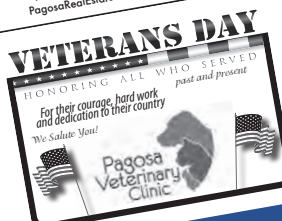
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Nonprofit challenges and cobras

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Calvin loved his job. He worked for a nonprofit charitable organization that was trying to expand into other countries. He loved helping people and providing for the needs of those who didn't always have the means to take care of themselves.

But there was one thing he didn't like. Calvin was part of a team that worked to build headquarters in underdeveloped countries. Calvin enjoyed working with people in these countries and learning about new cultures and customs. But what he didn't like was that some laws made it hard to get their job done, and the ones that were the worst had to do with squatters.

Calvin had read about squatters in the United States taking advantage of good people who would let them stay in their homes, or others who overstayed their time in rental units. He read lots of stories, but none of them matched what he faced in some third-world countries.

He was currently working to secure all the permits to start building in just such a country. His organization had purchased a nice piece of land and secured a reputable contractor. Everything was ready to proceed when the squatters moved in.

Calvin had been working for about a year through all the legal channels he

could to get the squatters out. But a big problem he learned was that, for some of them, this was their job. Some giant, unethical corporations were paying squatters to move in on specific pieces of property. If the squatters stayed long enough, then the land belonged to the squatters. Once that happened, the corporations paid off the squatters and took over the land. Calvin had watched this happen all around him.

One big problem was that his organization had been fighting this for so long that the time was approaching when the squatters would own the land. A related problem was that the contractor and his men were struggling to find other part-time work for the length of time that they hadn't been able to build. They were anxious to have full-time employment.

One day, the contractor, who went by the name of Hector to all foreigners, approached Calvin.

"Would you mind if I deal with the squatters in the way we deal with them here in our country?" Hector asked.

"We don't want to do anything illegal, or hurt or threaten anyone," Calvin said.

"It is not illegal since you own the property," Hector said. "We won't threaten or hurt them, but they will choose to leave."

It sounded to Calvin like Hector planned to pay the squatters to leave. He had tried that himself, but they refused because of

their contract with the big corporation. Calvin just assumed Hector knew better. He was more sure of this when Hector said it would cost about \$2,000.

That was peanuts compared to what had already been spent on lawyers and legal fees, so Calvin agreed. A few weeks later, Hector returned and said the squatters were gone. The government inspector came to the property to verify that and, soon, Calvin had the permits necessary to start building. Calvin was curious about how Hector got the job done and asked him about it.

"It was easy," Hector said. "I went to a local pet store and bought lots of cobras. Since it is legal to put any animal you want on your own property, I released them onto the land. The squatters were extremely happy to leave."

"You bought \$2,000 worth of cobras?" Calvin asked in surprise.

Hector shook his head. "I paid \$400 for cobras. The other \$1,600 was to pay the snake hunters to capture them again and make sure all of them were accounted for."

Calvin thought it was unconventional, but no one was hurt, and building commenced. Calvin was happy to know that his organization would be able to help people here, probably even the squatters themselves.

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2014 ECLIPSE EVOLUTIONX 20FBS travel trailer, good working condition. Queen walk-around bed, slide-out with U-shape dinette, 3-burner range/oven, 2 propane tanks, 2 lead acid batteries included. \$10,500. Paul (970)309-5035.

WANTED

ROOMMATE WANTED. \$600/ month. For details, call between noon and 6p.m. (970)903-5139.

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.

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.

YARD SALES

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

ESTATE SALE. Friday and Saturday, 18th and 19th. 8a.m. sharp. Household items, furniture, tools, decorative stuff, snowblower and more. Hwy 160 West, right on Oak, right on Elk Drive, house #491. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

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YARD SALES

GARAGE SALE. Sofa with queen size bed, freezer, refrigerator, gas stove, various mirrors and pictures. 10/17 -10/19. 288 Bonanza Ave.

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COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

2000 SF (WITH ADDITIONAL LOFT STORAGE) flexible commercial/ industrial space on the western side of Pagosa Springs. 15' Ceilings with 2 14' overhead garage doors. 3 Phase Electric. Will be delivered as a shell space ready to be customized. Available August 1st. \$2,100. (415)999-7931, 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.

HIGH-VISIBILITY EAGLE DRIVE location with large signs facing 160. Nicely renovated with two offices, large flexible space, bathroom, plenty of parking. \$2k/ month includes utilities. Call/ text (970)444-2124.

PAGOSA VALLEY PROPERTIES: Offering "Aspen Plaza ProSuites" These are Professional Office Suites available for Long Term rental from 135 SF to 205 SF, priced from \$465-\$669/ month. Also, Large Conference/ Event Room Available. Call (970)889-2022 for more information.

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RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

1 BED, 1 BATH TINY HOME in downtown. No smoking. No pets. \$1025/ month includes utilities. (970)946-2137.

1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH apartment, centrally located. Ground floor entry. Water, sewer, gas, fiber optic Internet included. Available November 1st. (970)946-8687.

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT. Washer/ Dryer. Utilities included. \$1300/ month. Inquiry at (970)946-7190.

2 BEDROOM, 1.5 BATH DUPLEX APARTMENT. Located on large lot with lawn, borders golf course. \$1500/ month plus utilities. Has garage and lots of storage. (970)946-4181.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH MOBILE in downtown Pagosa. Good condition. No smoking. No pets. \$1300/ month. (970)946-2137.

800 SQ. FT. CABIN. Refurbished, 2 bedroom. Laundry room, all new appliances, new flooring, wood stove plus electric heat. 8 1/2 miles north, private. Two people max. First month, security deposit and last month. \$1500. Available now. Please leave a message. (970)731-2010.

DOWNTOWN 2 BEDROOM, 1 bath condominium townhouse. Newly constructed, quiet street, walk anywhere downtown. Infloor heating, 2 patios, \$2,000/ month, all utilities included. (707)227-9630. No pets. No smoking.

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RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

HOME FOR RENT. 2 bedroom, plus office and garage. \$1550 a month reduced for 7 -9 month lease. Updated, wood floor and new carpet. Includes washer dryer with efficient new HVAC heat. (970)507-0703.

LONG TERM RENTALS AVAILABLE! Contact Team Pagosa by calling (970)731-8599 or visit teampagosa.com to see listing pictures. **TP-4:** Unfurnished 3 bed 2 bath 1 car garage townhome duplex, one unit available. Newly remodeled and updated. All appliances including gas fireplaces. Pet allowed. \$2200/ month. Call for more info. **TP-8:** Amazing furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath home that sits on 35 private acres in the Chimney Rock area. This is a must see property. \$2000/ month with some utilities included. Call for more info. **TP-26:** Unfurnished 3 bed 2 bath 2 car. Wood burning stove. Lake Hatcher area. Pet OK. \$2250/ month. **TP-30:** Sweet furnished loft bedroom 2 bath condo. Washer/ dryer and updated kitchen. Great views. Call for more info. Available 9/01/24. \$1650/ month. No pets. **TP-31:** Single story 3 bedroom 2 bath 2 car garage home. \$2650/ month. No pets. Call for more info. **TP-34:** Beautiful furnished. 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage home in Twin Creek. Small dog allowed. Available through the winter starting 10/15/24 -5/31/25. All utilities included. \$3000/ month. **TP-36:** Furnished luxury townhome on the river downtown. 3 bedroom 3 bath 1 car garage. Available 11/01/24 to 9/15/25. All utilities included. No Pets. \$3200/ month.

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NICE, FURNISHED 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath plus office home. Washer/ dryer, includes utilities. Available 1-7 months at \$2500/ month. Call (970)903-0187.

STUDIO APARTMENT available in the Davis Cup units. LOWERED rate of \$1050/ month +utilities. Pets MAY be considered pending the application. Please call for information: (719)439-5360.

RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

TWO BED, ONE BATH UPSTAIRS APARTMENT for rent. Shared laundry. \$1300/ month includes utilities. \$500 deposit. No dogs, cats ok. No partying, no people in and out. 1- 2 people, quiet and respectful of other tenants and property. Landlord lives next door. (970)903-0966.

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41-SPACE RV and 14 CABINS RESORT. Rare River and Highway frontage! 35+ Acres. Turn-key furnished, 2025/ 2026 bookings (stays & events). Gift Shop, Restaurant (chef leased), Home. Barn, Corral, Horses. Multi-generational Colorado business opportunity. Work 4 months, relax 8 months! Wen Saunders (970)903-0038. Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates.

HOMES FOR SALE

HOME FOR SALE. 3200 square feet on 3 acres. 181 River Forest Drive. See on Zillow. Agents welcome. \$730K (970)585-9181.

HUNTER CABINS. Off Grid, 1 Bedroom, 3.3 Acres, Mountain Views (\$90s). 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath (\$200,000) includes: 3- Bedroom Septic, Water Cistern, Electric, RV Pole Barn. Wen Saunders (970)903-0038. Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates.

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ACREAGE PRICE REDUCTIONS! All No HOA! (Highway 160) 2 creekside parcels (\$80s), (Hollow) 2 parcels, electric & RV pad installed, 2.4 acres (\$90s). Off-Grid, Seasonal RV Welcomed: (Crooked) 3.94 Acres, 2 parcels (\$30s), (Gun Barrel) 1+ Acre, backs tribal land (\$19,950), (Waynes) 2.51 Acres, mountain views (\$50s). More Land Available. Call For List! Wen Saunders (970)903-0038. Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates.

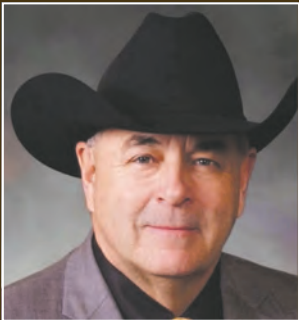
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Re-elect Warren Brown County Commissioner District 1



I am proud to support and endorse Warren Brown. Commissioner Brown has been a respected voice for Archuleta County and a wonderful resource at the Colorado State Capitol for rural issues and challenges.

— Senator Cleave Simpson (R)
Colorado Senate District 6



I believe that Warren brings strong assets to his role, and our community is incredibly fortunate to have him serving as a County Commissioner.

With his ability to develop and foster relationships, and as an active and engaged member of our community, I feel that Warren is an excellent choice to continue his role as County Commissioner for Archuleta County. I believe that he brings the utmost in honesty and integrity to the role.

— Mike Le Roux (R)
Archuleta County Sheriff

I am honored to endorse Warren Brown for County Commissioner District 1.

With over 25 years of continued public service and a commitment to community safety, Warren continues to bring his leadership and passion for community to the people of Archuleta County. I believe Warren Brown is a man of integrity and high moral character. Someone who will always work for the people of Archuleta County. I look forward to working with Warren on the issues that affect each and every one of us in SW Colorado.

— Clark Craig (R)
Mayor — Town of Ignacio
Candidate House District 59



I endorse Commissioner Warren Brown for re-election as your District 1 Commissioner.

Seeking local input and collaboration on proposed legislation has always been important to me. Although

Commissioner Brown and I may have some political difference, we share a passion for teamwork and improving our communities.

— Barbara McLachlan (D)
House of Representative in House District 59



I endorse Warren Brown — Warren has a long history of working collectively with people from all walks of life to better his community.

— Sean Murray (R)
6th Judicial District
Attorney



Now is the time to keep moving forward and continue getting things done.

***Vote for Warren Brown in the
General Election Tuesday, Nov. 5***

***Archuleta County, I humbly ask for your support
in my re-election bid for District 1 County Commissioner.***

During my next term, I want to focus my efforts to improve our infrastructure including roads, buildings, human capital and partnerships.

My plan is an outcome-based, data driven strategy to provide consistency in scheduling road and building maintenance, improvements and replacement.

By identifying and publishing the county's medium and long range infrastructure needs, the taxpayers and the commissioners can better assure the correct decisions are being made.

Archuleta County should be a place everyone should want to work. Creating strategic recruiting and retention hiring processes that recognize and reward the employee's performance will better assure continuity of operations and longer retention of employees.

Lastly, I plan to build upon our valuable relationships with local business owners, citizens, and stakeholders, while being a good partner to our regional, state and federal counterparts.



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