## **Aspen Village topic of discussion**

Dental facility project approved — A10



### Water conservancy district rejects offer to buy **Running Iron** Ranch

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

At a Nov. 7 special meeting, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors voted to reject an offer to purchase the Running Iron Ranch, the proposed site for a future reservoir.

The site is jointly owned by the SJWCD and the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

PAWSD has recently been taking steps toward selling the property, which the SJWCD has repeatedly objected to.

Those steps include voting to file a lawsuit to determine whether it can sell the property despite SJWCD's opposition under the three-way agreement between PAWSD, SJWCD and ■ See Offer A9

## **Fire district** receives impact fee study result

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer





## **Veterans Day ceremony**

SUN photos/Garrett Fevinger

Local veterans and citizens commemorated Veterans Day Monday, Nov. 11, with a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park. The ceremony included, among other elements, a flyover, blessing and rifle volley.



## County considers abandoning some bridges

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Public Works Department is considering abandoning multiple bridges throughout the county.

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Nov. 12, the board heard from Public Works Director Mike Torres and Road and Bridge Manager Eric McRae in regard to abandoning four bridges throughout the county.

Those bridges include the Navajo bridge, Caracas bridge, Carrico Street bridge and the Old Gallegos Road bridge.

Torres explained the main reason for proposing to abandon the bridges is that there is no public access from the bridges and that they lead onto private property, noting the county has "bridges that lead to nowhere." See Bridges A9

## LPEA, Tri-State execute term sheet

By Amanda Anderson La Plata Electric Association

La Plata Electric Association Inc. (LPEA) and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc. have successfully executed a term sheet as part of the two cooperatives' contract

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) is looking to move forward with implementing impact fees across the district.

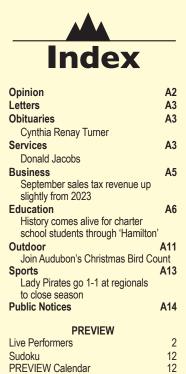
The PFPD Board of Directors heard the results from an impact fee study performed by BBC Research and Consulting during a regular meeting held on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The lead consultant for BBC on the project, Michael Verdone, presented the study to the board.

Verdone began by noting the PFPD currently serves more than 12,350 residents across 319 square miles.

The fees being proposed by BBC are \$1,426 for single-family developments, \$1,104 for multifamily developments and 65 cents per square foot

See Impact A8



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termination negotiations.

This agreement encompasses critical components including power purchases, transmission commitments and the sale of utility assets from Tri-State to LPEA.

The term sheet establishes a framework for a mutual release of claims, with both parties committed to finalizing a settlement agreement. At that time, LPEA and Tri-State will jointly file for dismissal of the pending lawsuit in La Plata County District Court.

"As we transition away from our all-requirements contract, we want to emphasize that this decision is not a reflection of our longstanding relationship with Tri-State, but rather a step toward adapting to changing needs," said Ted Compton, LPEA board president. "At the heart of this agreement is our commitment to cooperation among cooperatives, which encourages us to work together in mutually beneficial ways that support long-term success for both of us."

See LPEA A9

## **Chris Hansen named new LPEA CEO**

**By Amanda Anderson** La Plata Electric Association

The Board of Directors of La Plata Electric Association Inc. (LPEA) is excited to announce that Chris Hansen has been selected as the new CEO, effective Nov. 12.

This decision comes after a national search to fill the CEO position, succeeding Interim CEO Graham Smith, who has been leading the organization since March.

"Chris' extensive experience and commitment to sustainable energy make him the ideal leader for our cooperative as we navigate the evolving energy landscape," said Ted Compton, LPEA board president. "We were very fortunate to have Chris in our search pool, and the board seized the opportunity to bring a leader of Chris' cali-

energy industry background, vision for the future of electric utilities and understanding of emerging opportunities will serve our members well.

ber to LPEA. His

Hansen Hansen

most recently

served as a Colorado state senator and the executive director of the Institute for Western Energy.

With more than 25 years of experience in the environmental and energy sectors, he brings a strong blend of technical expertise, policy knowledge and management experience to his See CEO A8





Photo courtesy Scott DW Smith, Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek Ski Area and the Southern San Juan Mountains welcomed winter weather with a 24-inch storm last week. The new snowfall increased skiers and snowboarders access to roughly 90 percent of the terrain at the ski area, with that amount later increasing to 95 percent.

# Opinion

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## **OUR VIEW**

## Focusing on the positive

and smoothly.

Things have been tense lately.

angry, at peace, grieving and more.

largely ruled the day.

election

Although there are big political differ-

We've seen many, both in our commu-

marathon of division that led up to the

But it's not the only silver lining and

positive thing we've noticed lately. We've

also noticed a number other things around

our community lately that we feel are worth

the day following the Nov. 5 election, we

had multiple letters to the editor in our

inbox congratulating others on the election,

both on wins and on how well the election

was run locally. We appreciate the class

shown between candidates throughout

the election, and the hard work so many

put into making the election run securely

Before we ever made it into the office

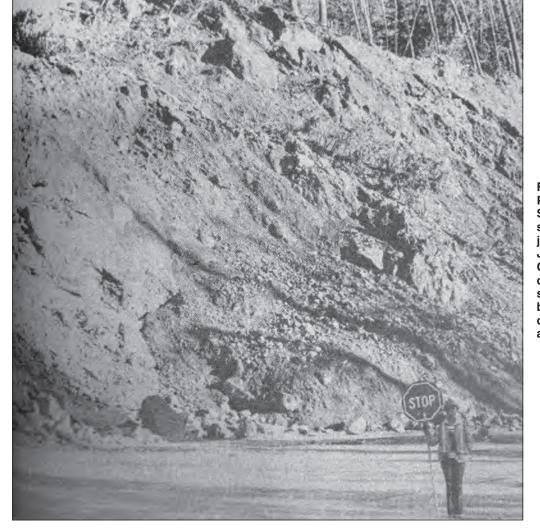
highlighting, among them:

The recent election was touted as one of • After years of the county not attaching the accounts payable being considered to the most stressful in modern American history, and the results have left people happy, the agenda for public review prior to a decision to approve them, we were pleased to see Archuleta County attach those to the commissioners' special meeting agenda ences among the area's residents and reasons for those differing beliefs, we are for Nov. 6. We applaud the move for many pleased to live in a place where civility reasons, among them the simple facts that increased transparency and opportunity for accountability can help people undernity and across our nation, calling for unity stand how our government is operating. It to allow us to move forward in a positive also has the potential to help instill more manner, which we hope comes to fruition. trust in local government. We hope this A push for understanding and unity is change, which The SUN has pushed for for certainly a big silver lining following the years, is made permanent.

On Monday, we again had the pleasure of attending multiple events honoring our country's veterans, and, as always, what we experienced warmed our hearts. And, again, we give kudos to Pagosa Springs Middle School's eighth-graders, teachers and administration. For 23 years, they have worked to make our community's veterans feel seen, appreciated and thanked. And, for 23 years, the students have had an amazing hands-on opportunity to speak to veterans from several different branches and service times, offering them a small glimpse of how these men and women served and serve our country.

Speaking of students working hard, it's

## LOOKING BACK



From the May 29, 1980, Pagosa SUN – BIG SLIDE – The earth slide that came down iust above the San Juan Overlook on Wolf Creek Pass is a large one and an idea of its size may be obtained by comparing the size of the flag girl standing

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worth highlighting that every Pagosa

Springs High School fall sport had at least

one individual make the postseason. That

shows dedication by the student athletes

both in the classroom and on the field,

court and trail; dedication by the coaches

who rearrange their schedules to make

time to help the student athletes be their

best; and families and fans who support

nity had a lot of happy youngsters follow-

ing the recent Halloween celebrations. We

thank the the town's Parks and Recreation

Department for again hosting the trick-or-

treat trail, as well as the town, Visit Pagosa

Springs, local law enforcement and emer-

gency responders, other organizations, and

other individuals who took part in putting

on the larger Halloween Hootenanny event,

as well as those who made the festivities

that took place on Halloween fun and safe

who have mentioned what a great commu-

nity we live in and that, if they don't already

live here, they hope to soon. We agree. A

community is defined by the people in it,

and we have some pretty awesome people

here. It's the things like those listed above

that show just how great this community is.

Randi Pierce

We've talked to several people lately

It's also worth noting that the commu-

the teams in numerous ways.

for families.

### LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

## **100 years ago** Taken from SUN files of

November 14, 1924

The dispute between Colorado and New Mexico over a strip of land along the Colorado side of the boundary line between the two states will come to a head Nov. 17, when the suit brought by New Mexico is argued before the United States supreme court. Most of the land in question is in Archuleta county.

The controversy has been in progress six years and the outcome depends on which survey is accepted as correct by the supreme court.

It is said that in the event of a New Mexico victory, numerous surveys in Colorado will be upset.

Drilling has been discontinued at the hot water well on the school grounds and the well is now being capped. The board believes that the present temperature of 114 degrees, which is gradually increasing, will be sufficient for heating the school building. It is recalled that the Rumbaugh well gained about fifteen degrees in temperature after drilling ceased, and the same results are expected in this well. The present flow is heavy enough for all needs, there being a 68-pound pressure at present.

> 75 years ago Taken from SUN files of November 11, 1949

Arrangements have been made by a group of ranchers in cooperation with the Pagosa Rod and Gun Club to hold a mountain lion hunt on Sunday, November 20. Bill Jackson has made arrangements with a hunter from Espanola, N.M., who will have his dogs here on that date to run the lions.

A meeting will be held on the 19th to decide which area the hunt will be held in. Ranchers are asked to observe the lion sign on their ranches and report the latest sign at the meeting. The dogs must have sign that is not more than two days old to order to trail the animals.

Several ranchers in the county have lost cattle as a result of the activities of the big cats and it is hoped that several of them can be killed this fall.

Mountain lions are predators in every sense of the word and every winter takes a heavy toll of the deer in the Upper San Juan Basin. They also kill quite a few cattle and an occasional horse.

### 50 years ago

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#### Taken from SUN files of November 14, 1974

A budget, totaling more than one million dollars for the fiscal year of 1975, was adopted by the school board Tuesday of this week. This is the first time that any local governmental unit budget has exceeded the million dollar mark.

Wolf Creek Ski Area is now scheduled to open Friday, November 22. Snow depth is adequate, a new chair lift has been installed, and the area is expected to be a popular one this year. Lift lines and crowding have been helped by an enlarged parking lot and the new chair lift. The lift is capable of carrying 1000 skiers per hour to the top of the Continental Divide while the old lift could carry less than 300 per hour.

Snowfall on Wolf Creek Pass this season is inching toward the 100 inch mark. To date it totals 90 inches and there is about two feet of snow on the ground.

October snowfall this year was 55 inches compared to 13 last year.

## 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

November 11, 1999

Closed doors Tuesday separated the Archuleta County commissioners from the people who elected them. Events transpiring behind those closed doors may close doors between the commissioners and four elected county officials.

At issue is the perception by the four elected officials that County Manager Dennis Hunt is granting larger raises to people in his department than are being allowed in other departments. Although the commissioners are responsible for adopting the budget. Hunt, along with finance officer Tracy Allen, is charged with preparing the budget for the entire county.

Each of the four elected officials say their departments are not being treated fairly when it comes to employee raises.

"Why are we left out in the cold?," asked Country Clerk June Madrid. "We are given a memo telling us to limit our employee raises to 2.9 percent. Then we see Dennis giving his people raises anywhere from 5 to 20 percent. They tell me what happens in other departments isn't my business. Then one of my people quits and goes to work for the sheriff for \$5,000 a year more than I can pay. Another employee quit and went to work for Taco Bell."



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#### Presidential election

Dear Editor:

Well, this Presidential election is over and America truly made a decision. When I look at the map of states that went Red there is no doubt about the depth & popularity of the decision.

For me the issue of who was going to win began to shadow Trump with the appearance of young Black men in his audiences. Big why, but there they were.

This morning the stock market soared and so did the dollar's value. The cabal of Tech Billionaires were ecstatic and Musk was beside himself with glee.

What..why...who did or didn't doesn't matter this morning.

What does is the sweep of his election. Whatever my personal convictions, DJTrump will be our next President.

What's it mean for the future, well there's plenty to worry about but little chance to effect any outcome. But whatever it will be, America made this choice.

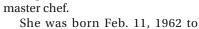
David Blake



#### **Cynthia Renay** Turner

Cynthia Renay Turner passed peacefully Oct. 17, 2024. She had a life marked by multiple illness-

es, but always maintained a positive and spiritual outlook on life. Her incredibly varied careers included being a pilot, paramedic on life flight, physical therapist and



#### **Election shout-out** Dear Editor:

I want to give a big shoutout to my fantastic team that made yesterday's (Tuesday) election run seamlessly here in Pagosa Springs. As the IT Director for Archuleta County, I had the privilege of working alongside two outstanding professionals, Jacob Kurz and Joseph Marquez. These guys were on top of their game, ensuring that all technical aspects went off without a hitch.

I also want to extend my profound admiration to Kristy Archuleta and her team. Their dedication and months of hard work truly made a difference in ensuring a smooth election day. They've been busting their tails for months to get everything ready for the big day, and their hard work really paid off. They made sure everything was in place, and it showed in how smoothly things ran.

I'd also like to acknowledge the State of Colorado, whose readiness to assist provided us with an extra layer of support and confidence.

So, here's to everyone who played a part in making this election a success. Your hard work and dedication made all the difference!

Gabriel Cersonsky Archuleta County IT director

#### **Climate change**

Dear Editor:

I voted and climate change is a priority issue for me. Our temperatures are getting hotter and I am very concerned about the risk of wildfires. I am also concerned with the significant increases in my home insurance premiums. I urge Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper and Congresswoman Boebert to take as much meaningful

## Services

### **Donald Jacobs**

Please join us for a celebration of life honoring a beloved, long-time member of our Pagosa Springs community, Donald Jacobs.

Donald passed away July 13, 2024, and will be remembered in a special service at the Pagosa Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church, 40 Oren Road, on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, at 3 p.m. Call (970) 731-1005 for more information.

Refreshments will be served afterward

#### **El Pomar** Foundation

action as possible to address climate change in the remaining legislative session. I also urge Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper, as well as our new representative, Jeff Hurd, to make action on climate a priority in the next legislative session. Prompt, meaningful actions are needed.

Gail Harriss Durango, Colo.

#### Thanks and congratulations

Dear Editor:

I want to thank all of you who voted in this last election, November 5,, especially those who supported me for Commissioner in District 1. I have met so many wonderful people while campaigning and have come to realize even more what an amazing place we live in. The beauty that surrounds us is incredible, but what makes our home special is all the kind and generous folks who call this place home. I would like to congratulate John Ranson and Warren Brown for their success as our next Commissioners. My prayer for both of them, along with Veronica Medina, is for wisdom and a humble spirit as they guide Archuleta County over the next several years. Let us all put our divisions aside and come together as fellow citizens by being kind to one another and reaching out to help those in need who surround us. God has truly Blessed us in Pagosa Springs. May we never forget that. Wayne Hooper

### **Proposition KK**

It is with great pride and appreciation that I am thanking Coloradoans with passing imperative and essential life-saving legislation through Proposition KK. This landmark measure will provide essential funding for mental health services for veterans, at-risk youth, and crime victims. This measure will raise an estimated \$39 million dollars annually to address critical gaps in mental health and victim support services across the state.

The federal government, under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), chose to reduce funding to states for crime victims, dropping over 75% since 2018. Proposition KK was Colorado's answer to be increasingly self-sustaining and ensure our youth, veterans and victims are provided for, without dependance on the ever-changing federal funding tides. Instead, this proposition allows

Colorado to guarantee funding each year, relying less on the feds to do the right thing year after year.

Rise Above Violence lost over 27% of funding through VOCA starting January 2025 and there are more funding cuts expected. We are now safeguarded with this measure to allow continued support to some of our most vulnerable - victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. As a voice for our clients, I thank each of you who voted yes on this measure. We can continue to guarantee our services are always free, from paying a victim's rent for six months, to providing free legal representation; from paying for emergency groceries, gas, and heat, to paying for tires and car repair so victims and their children make it safely to school and work.

Thank you to those who voted YES to making a safer, healthier Pagosa. Carmen Lewis

#### Presidential transition

Dear Editor:

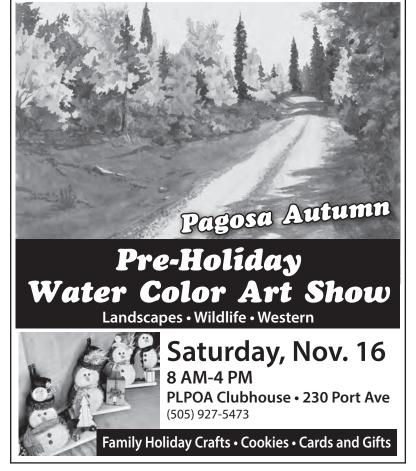
Though I am saddened by the election results, I am gladdened by one thing. Our Republican friends apparently agree that we have free and fair elections again! Isn't that wonderful? Of course we know that if the results had been different there would be all kinds of crying and chaos. (My previous letter indicates that I was mentally prepared for that nonsense). The adults in the room know that you cannot only respect results when you win.

That, as patriotic Americans we accept the results of our elections.

Please take note how Harris graciously conceded, and how she and President Biden plan to continue our American tradition of a smooth transition of power. President Trump ran roughshod over that tradition last time as we all know. Not only did he refuse to allow a Biden transition team in, but he also didn't even attend the inauguration. What a child. Vice President Harris has said that she will (of course) certify this election, something that JD Vance would not commit to doing if he were VP. Hopefully he will have learned to follow the constitution when his turn comes.

Those of you who did otherwise last time, please watch and learn how this transition takes place. Memorize it. Let us never again experience what

we did four years ago. Sue Wells







Dear Editor:

Charlotte Ann (Paulaskas) Jones and Virgil Wayne Turner. She is survived by her daughters, Jessica Erin Shelley and Fawna Micheal Winters, and six grandchildren: Erin Micheal Shelley, Kamea Michelle Mincey, Alina Mary Mincey, Katelyn Dowdell, Savanna Francisco and Anthony Francisco.

She was loved by her partner, Peter, and a strong network of friends and will be forever missed.

Services are to be announced.

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The SUN generally does not edit letters, but reserves the right to do

### approves \$155,204 to organizations in Southwest region

#### By Erin Hannan El Pomar Foundation

El Pomar Trustees approved \$155,204 allocated to 14 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the Southwest region at the foundation's September trustees meeting. Through the foundation's grant-

making process: • Archuleta County Education Cen-

ter Inc. received \$5,000 for Wings Early Childhood building expansion; regional merit.

• Healthy Archuleta Inc. received \$10,000 for youth mental health programming; regional council.

• The Pagosa Community Initiative received \$22,235 for afterschool programming, and staff, board and organizational development; regional council.

• The Pagosa Springs Arts Council received \$2,500 for the sheepherder bronze sculpture addition; regional merit.

• The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation received \$25,000 for library expansion and renovation; competitive.

• HomesFund received \$20,000 for homebuyer education and housing counseling; competitive.

 United Way of Southwest Colorado received \$10,000 for Team UP for Youth Mental Health program; competitive

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of generalpurpose grant making. The competitive process remains the foundation's primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding.

Additionally, over the last 87 years, El Pomar has either developed or been entrusted with the stewardship of a number of other funds, as well as presenting merit grants in each region recommended by trustees and regional council members. Competitive applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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## **Veterans Day breakfast**

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Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-graders presented the 23rd annual Veterans Day breakfast at the Ross Aragon Community Center on Nov. 11. The breakfast offered an opportunity for students and veterans to visit, a demonstration of a flag-folding ceremony that takes place after a veteran's death, history of major conflicts, music and more.











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# **Business**

## September sales tax revenue up slightly from 2023

#### By Garrett Fevinger Staff Writer

September sales tax collections increased by 0.78 percent compared to last year's figures, according to reports released Nov. 7 by Archuleta County Finance Director Chad Eaton.

Eaton notes that the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County received a total of \$1,649,275.21 from September

tax revenues, with \$829,033.36 going to the town and \$820,241.85 going to the county.

The slight increase from last year accounts for an additional \$12,807.54, according to the report.

The report highlights the categories that are up in comparison to September 2023, including:

• Construction at 26.69 percent, or \$10,988.86.

 Manufacturing at 24.92 percent, or \$16,912.78. \$5,271.05.

• Information at 6.85 percent, or \$1,788.01. • Finance and insurance at 4.83

percent, or \$87.11. • Professional, scientific and techni-

cal services at 1.66 percent, or \$216.64. • Other services (except public administration) at 45.86 percent, or

at 18.48 percent, or \$6,947.29. · Accommodation and food ser-

• Miscellaneous at 2.54 percent, or

According to the report, categories that were down in comparison to September 2023 include:

• Retail trade at 1.97 percent, or \$17,501.85. • Real estate and rental and leasing

vices at 2.97 percent, or \$9,713.85.



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## **Employee Benefit and Retention Forum announced**

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By Mary Jo Coulehan Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Many of our businesses are in the throes of working on budgeting for 2025. One of the biggest line items for most businesses is payroll and benefits. Another big concern is employee retention and the task of constantly needing to train new people.

What benefits, if any, can you offer that help retain good people? Most think it is all about health care coverage. And, in many cases, health care is the biggest benefit employees are looking for. However, there are other health care options and things you can do to create meaningful benefits.

The Chamber will be hosting an Employee Benefit and Retention Forum on Dec. 5 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Included in this forum will be representatives from various health care options showing an array of health care offerings or navigation systems that you or your employees might be able to utilize.

In addition, we will be discussing other benefit "perks" or options that you might be able to offer as an employer.

Think you know all the answers or have exhausted the ideas on various perks you could offer as an employer? I can guarantee you have not. I am amazed at some of the creative op-

tions that I am hearing businesses offer these days.

If you are one of those employers that has thought outside the box, please attend this forum and share your ideas. If you are an employer looking for ideas, please attend this forum. If you are looking at ways that you might be able to offer, in part or total, health care options, please attend this forum.

We have agencies including Archuleta County Public Health, Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Peak Health Alliance (formerly Elevate Health Plans), direct primary care options (which are very popular in certain communities), sliding scale payment options and business owners sharing other benefit options.

If you can't offer full health care coverage, what other options might you be able to offer? Do you know what new services our local health care providers and agencies are offering?

The health care world is changing quickly and, as an employer, to retain good employees, you need to be able to offer your employees options.

We have some creative retention/ perks that employers are offering. We want you to attend the forum, so we won't mention some of them in this article.

However, just saying thank you and rewarding staff is an important part of business ownership. What an employee considers a perk, we may not. So, have you even asked your employees what local perk they might like? The forum is free, snacks will be provided and it is open to business and individuals alike.

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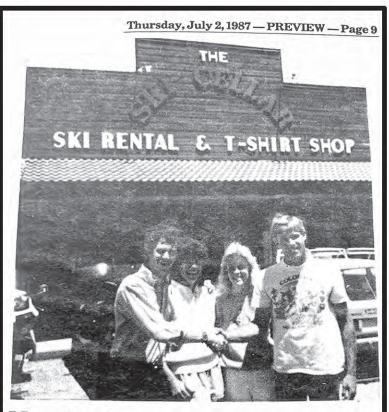
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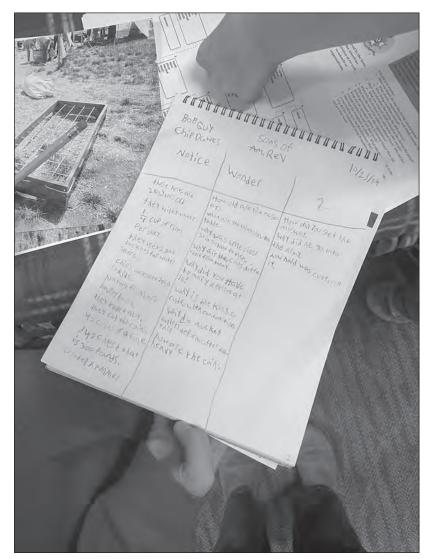
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# Education



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## History comes alive for charter school students through 'Hamilton'

Local reporting that matters.

**By Emily Murphy** Pagosa Peak Open School

"Does a person's perspective influence their opinion?"

Fifth- and sixth-graders at Pagosa Peak Open School are grappling with this question during their current American Revolution project. How do perspectives on history shape a story? Why is it important to view history through multiple lenses?

Students compared and analyzed literary and informational texts, and listened to experts from the Sons of the Revolution in order to better comprehend the foundations of our country.

Additionally, students are being given the opportunity to see "Hamilton" live in Denver on Nov. 20 due to the generosity of multiple donors who support the performing arts in our community.

"We are going to 'Hamilton' in Denver to encourage students to see history come alive and be inspired by professional performers," Projectbased Learning Advisor Rue Graham said. "Social studies and history can be colorful, loud and exciting. I prefer to offer learning opportunities to students that are lasting memories of experiences rather than exclusively from pages of a textbook."

Integration of the arts is a crucial component to project-based learning, whether it be a fieldwork learning opportunity or an end product of a project. Providing students multiple modalities to think about the same academic concepts makes learning equitable and pushes everyone as an individual learner.

"Students who do not normally see themselves as an artist or performer have opportunities to try new things through these opportunities," Graham said. "Experienced performers or confident artists get to share their strengths, and have opportunities for leadership in the learning community."

Students will then create a product that shares a perspective of the American Revolution and develop their own opinions on the Loyalists and Patriots.

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## **Colorado Accountability Task Force recommends** overhaul of state education accountability systems

Colorado Department of Education

A task force created to examine the state's education accountability system is recommending a major overhaul — including adjustments to ratings for schools and districts — to better reflect the achievement of different student groups and to provide parents, guardians and family members with a clearer understanding of how well schools prepare students for life after high school.

The Accountability, Accreditation, Student Performance and Resource Inequity Task Force, formed under House Bill 23-1241 by the Colorado General Assembly, recently released its report recommending improvements to Colorado's education accountability system to more accurately address the needs of students and schools.

The 26-member task force that included parents, educators, students and community leaders from across Colorado held more than 150 hours of meetings to discuss how to improve the system. The focus was to address gaps in educational outcomes and to make sure all students have fair access to resources.

In total, the task force developed 30 recommendations aimed at helping the state better evaluate and support student success.

"I am thrilled that 26 diverse voices from across our state came together

to identify ways to strengthen our accountability and accreditation system, focusing on addressing academic inequities and expanding opportunities for all," said Wendy Birhanzel, task force chair and superintendent of Harrison School District 2. "While these recommendations are essential, they are just the beginning. Our commitment to this work must continue to ensure that every student in Colorado has access to the educational opportunities and outcomes they deserve."

State Board of Education chair Rebecca McClellan, who was the task force's co-chair said, "I want to express my sincere gratitude to Colorado's legislators for focusing on academic opportunities and inequities that contribute to achievement gaps. A special thank you also goes to our facilitators, and the Colorado Department of Education staff for their unwavering support as we navigated our work. I deeply appreciate the dedication of the 26 task force members, whose commitment to our charge, collaborative spirit and innovative ideas have been invaluable in shaping our recommendations. I share their hope that these recommendations will support the continued focus on advancing academic equity, growth and achievement for every student in Colorado."

The recommendations cover four core areas: accountability frame-

works, state assessments, public reporting and engagement, and continuous improvement practices. Key recommendations:

 Refining school and district ratings: The task force suggests changing how schools and districts are rated to reflect the achievements of various student groups more accurately. This includes adding support for smaller student populations and addressing achievement gaps.

• Better metrics for growth, achievement and postsecondary readiness: To give parents a clearer idea of how schools prepare students for college or careers, the task force recommends adding new measures focused on postsecondary and workforce readiness.

• Modernizing state assessments: Recommendations include creating assessments that adapt to student needs, offer multilingual options and provide quicker results to help teachers and the community understand student progress.

· Improving data sharing and accessibility: Recognizing the importance of accessible information, the task force proposes a statewide dashboard. This dashboard would offer clear, easy-to-understand data on school performance for parents, educators and policymakers.

• Strengthening improvement processes: The task force suggests

creating a system of early identification and targeted support to help schools and districts address issues as they arise and recognize their successes

These recommendations show the task force's commitment to a system that not only assesses performance, but also promotes continuous improvement and community engagement. By adding a new dashboard, clearer rating frameworks and improved reporting, the accountability system could become a valuable tool for guiding education policy and resource allocation across Colorado.

The report also suggests areas for further study, including exploring best practices for assessing students with disabilities and leveraging technology, such as AI, in state assessments.

The task force encourages the Legislature, the State Board of Education, the Colorado Department of Education and all education stakeholders to implement these recommendations.

The full report is available for public review, detailing each recommendation and suggested pathways for the accountability system's future.

The 1241 task force's executive summary can be found at https://drive.google.com/file/ d/1vbam913qT4TwSix\_wuaWIM9IijSO4wPj/view.



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### Safe2Tell annual report confirms historic year in reporting

#### By Mallory Boyce Colorado Attorney General's Office

A record-breaking 28,218 reports were submitted to Safe2Tell in the 2023-2024 school year, highlighting the program's growing importance as a critical resource for Colorado students and communities.

According to the annual report released Tuesday by the Colorado Attorney General's Office, suicide, bullying, drugs and school threats led the list of concerns, with school complaints rising to the most-reported category for the first time in Safe2Tell's history.

"The rise in reports reflects both the increasing challenges young people are facing and the commitment of Safe2Tell's trainers and ambassadors in building awareness across Colorado," said Attorney General Phil Weiser. "Today's students need support more than ever, and I am thankful Safe2Tell offers a trusted, accessible platform where they can voice their concerns and help make our schools safer for everyone."

bullying (2,832) each made up about 10 percent of all reports, followed by drugs (1,473) and threats (1,062), which collectively accounted for 41.32 percent of submissions.

The report also details outcomes where the program safeguarded student's safety and saved lives by prompting parental involvement, counseling, investigations, welfare checks and, when necessary, school disciplinary action or arrests.

The report recommends replacing the broad school complaint category with three new report types for the 2024-2025 school year to better align with Safe2Tell's mission. The new categories - staff, facility and policyrelated safety concerns - will allow for improved responses to student reports and more comprehensive data reporting.

"These categories sharpen our focus on specific safety concerns, empowering school districts and law enforcement to better support children and communities across Colorado," said Safe2Tell Director Stacey Jenkins. "This approach ultimately

Colorado schools relating to Safe2Tell education and outreach for their students, staff and communities. It also recognized its first Gold Star School, Stargate Charter School, in March.

Of the total number of reports the program received during the 2023-2024 school year, 3.7 percent were false. False reports contain untrue information and are submitted to the program with the intent to harm, injure or bully another person.

In accordance with C.R.S. 24-31-611, the Safe2Tell annual report is submitted to the Education and Judiciary committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Colorado General Assembly.

The October 2024 monthly report was also released Tuesday, revealing 3,492 reports. In October, Safe2Tell saw a 26 percent decrease in report volume compared to a recordbreaking September, with the most common issues being suicide (411), bullying (352) and school safety concerns: staff (303). False reports make up 2.5 percent of all reports submitted to the program so far this

school year.

Safe2Tell is a successful violence intervention and prevention program for students to anonymously report threats to their own, and others', safety. Safe2Tell is not an emergency response unit nor mental health counseling service provider; it is an information pathway for distributing anonymous reports to local law enforcement and school officials required by state law.

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

The annual report indicates a notable rise from last year's 22,246 reports, and provides analysis and recommendations to further strengthen the program. School complaints (2,856), suicide threats (2,847) and

creates safer schools, where students feel their concerns are understood and appropriately addressed."

Safe2Tell also commenced a new Gold Star program in fall 2023 to acknowledge the work being done in

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Founded in 2016, Sherpa Real Estate has quickly built a reputation for its concierge-level services, providing clients with personalized, on-the-ground guidance as they explore the unique mountain lifestyle of Southwest Colorado.

The merger with Jim Smith Realty combines Sherpa's modern approach with the extensive history and knowledge Jim Smith Realty has cultivated since 1987.

"Jim Smith, in my opinion, was Pagosa's original creative thinker in this space from the late '80s forward," said Chris Liverett, founder of Sherpa Real Estate.

"We are excited to combine his long history with our fresh, innovative concepts, and share a mutual desire to provide the best services to our clients."

Liverett added, "This merger brings together two great companies with a shared vision of delivering local expertise to clients who come from all over the world."

Jim Smith, broker/owner of Jim Smith Realty, echoed this excitement. "As the leader of Jim Smith Realty for the past 37 years, I would like to thank everyone who trusted us with their real estate needs. With great anticipation, we join hands with Chris Liverett and Sherpa Real Estate in this merger, which we believe will offer enhanced services and expertise to our clients. Chris and Sherpa Real Estate are bringing more innovation into this marketplace than any other company, and we are thrilled to merge our past with their future."

The merger reflects the growth of Pagosa Springs' real estate market, which has seen increasing interest from both local buyers and out-ofstate clients seeking to experience the area's scenic beauty, outdoor activities, and laid-back mountain lifestyle.

By joining forces, the two companies will now offer an expanded range of services, blending cutting-edge technology and marketing with decades of local experience to provide seamless, customized

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### Real Estate

Founded in 2016, Sherpa Real Estate has helped clients realize their mountain lifestyle dreams by offering trustworthy real estate services in Southwest Colorado. Known for its boots-on-the-ground approach, Sherpa provides local guidance and personalized service for those seeking homes and land in Pagosa Springs and the surrounding areas.

#### About Jim Smith Realty

Established in 1987, Jim Smith Realty has been a pillar of the Pagosa Springs real estate community for over 37 years. The company has earned a reputation for delivering personalized guidance and expert knowledge to clients seeking residential, commercial, and land properties in Southwest Colorado.

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## Archuleta School District examining student cellphone usage

#### By Garrett Fevinger Staff Writer

With 95 percent of U.S. teens reporting having access to personal smartphone devices, administrators and teachers in Archuleta School District (ASD) are continuing to discuss what role, if any, those devices should play during the school day.

In a January study published by the Pew Research Center, nearly all of the nation's teens reported using smartphones — most of which come equipped with a bevy of applications engineered for entertainment and engagement.

Oftentimes, that engagement is taking place during school hours.

Reviewing ASD's cellphone use

policy at its Oct. 14 meeting, ASD Board of Education members grappled with the varying approaches to enforcing the policy within the district itself.

In its current form, the general policy acknowledges "personal technology devices" can be potentially useful tools in educational settings, but leaves schools to regulate their usage.

At Pagosa Springs Middle School, for example, cellphone use during the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:25 p.m. is not allowed, while the high school asks teachers to enforce their own rules around cellphone use during instructional time.

"The high school has the most flexibility, where it's simply saying,

teachers, you know your content, you know what you're teaching, you can figure out how much is enough," ASD superintendent Rick Holt said, summarizing the high school's individualized enforcement approach.

For Darcy DeGuise, an English teacher at the high school, the battle for her students' attention is a daily one — and the competition is stiff.

"I can't compete with a threeminute Tik Tok video," DeGuise reported to the board on Nov. 12.

"As effervescent and engaging as I might be, I cannot compete with someone who is demure or nonchalant," she added with a chuckle, referring to recent social media trends and the smorgasbord of content luring student attention away.

It's not for lack of trying, she noted, but according to DeGuise, what's lost in efforts to curb student cellphone use is valuable instructional time.

"I find that it is a huge time suck," she said. "It is a fight every single day to get them to put their cellphones up, to put [them] in a cellphone pocket." A more comprehensive, schoolwide policy regarding the use of

smartphones in the high school's classrooms would be supportive of other teachers facing similar challenges, DeGuise suggested.

"I think that it would be something worth considering and worth continuing to discuss, and not just leave it up to individual teachers, because it is a burden," she said.

Research indicates DeGuise is not

alone.

According to a fall 2023 survey, also conducted by the Pew Research Center, 72 percent of U.S. high school teachers said cellphone distraction is a major problem in the classroom, compared with 33 percent of middle school teachers and 6 percent of elementary school teachers.

In that survey, high school teachers were the least likely to say their school district has policies regarding student use of cellphones in the classroom, and, of those with a policy, high school teachers were the most likely to say the policies are difficult to enforce.

According to Holt, regulating young people's relationship with their phones is an undertaking fraught with complexities that, to

be effective, likely needs to extend beyond the school day.

"We are dealing with kids who are up reading uncontrollable content without parental supervision, who come in with wild ideas about what life is like out in the world and what it means to be attractive, or what it means to be successful," Holt said. "We're trying to manage that situation as best we can.

"[This] is a problem for our community, and it is so massive, it sometimes makes me a little nauseous trying to figure out how would we resolve that. How do we do it? I do think it's through a long educational campaign, much the way that society fought big tobacco. That's what it's going to take."

#### County renews IGA to continue splitting sales tax revenues 50/50 with town

#### By Clayton Chaney Staff Write

During a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Nov. 12, the board unanimously approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Town of Pagosa Springs to split sales tax collections 50/50 between the town and county

During the meeting, County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that the IGA currently in place expires at the end of this year.

"This is basically a revision of that same IGA," Weaver said, adding the new IGA will go through 2034.

He noted that the sales tax and the 50/50 split between the two entities were approved by voters, and that the IGA lays out how the money is handled.

Weaver mentioned that the IGA was mainly revised by the Town of Pagosa Springs' attorney and that the main changes consist of "cleaning up some language" to make it consistent throughout the document.

Weaver also explained that the original agreement between the two entities dates back to before 1958, when there was 1 percent sales tax that split 50/50.

He noted that a series of agreements have been passed since then, "basically changing the sales tax rate."

According to the IGA approved on Nov. 12 by the BoCC, prior agreements were approved in 1983, 1988, 1994, 2001 and 2008.

"But that 50/50 split continued," Weaver said.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked why the county was addressing the matter and why there would be a termination date in the agreement since the issue is voter-approved. Weaver explained that the IGA outlines how sales tax is calculated and distributed between the county and the town, noting it sets out parameters "of how it's going to work."

Weaver indicated that the county will collect all of the sales tax and then distribute to the town its portion.

Weaver also noted that the termination date in the IGA does not terminate the 50/50 split.

According to the IGA attached to the Nov. 12 meeting agenda, the county currently distributes 50 percent of its 4 percent sales tax revenue to the town, but the 2014 IGA terminates Dec. 31.

"This Agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 2025, and shall continue through December 31, 2034. If the parties fail to amend, renew or otherwise extend this Agreement prior to its termination, then the

Agreement shall continue to be in full force and effect on an annual basis thereafter. Either party may terminate this Agreement effective December 31st of the calendar year in which notice of termination is provided, by giving at least ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the other party and providing a copy of such notice to the [Colorado Department of Revenue]," the new IGA states.

The new IGA also states that if an amount received is not equally divisible by two, then the Department of Revenue in its discretion will distribute one cent more to either the town or the county.

The IGA can be viewed in its entirety online at the county's website at https://www.archuletacounty. org/AgendaCenter under the Nov. 12 regular meeting agenda.

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## Impact

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for nonresidential developments. Verdone explained that the fees would be a onetime charge on new developments, and that it must be "reasonably related to the overall

cost of the capital" the district currently has. He noted that the impact fees cannot be used to remedy deficiencies

in capital facilities that already exist. Verdone provided some background information as to how the PFPD is legally allowed to implement impact fees, noting Colorado Revised Statute 29-20-104.5 "gave fire districts the authority to impose impact fees."

He explained there "has to be a triggering mechanism" to impose the impact fee on developments, which is usually the pulling of a building permit.

impact fee.

Verdone notes in his study that 86.4 percent of development in Archuleta County is single family, while multifamily developments take up 5.7 percent and nonresidential accounts for 7.9 percent.

He explained that the replacement value is then multiplied by the percentage of each development categorv and "that tells us how much capital you have to serve these different land use categories."

Then, he takes the number of units in each category and divides the cost of capital to serve that group.

Verdone's report shows there are 7,546 single-family developments, 646 multifamily developments and 499 nonresidential developments currently in the county.

"Each single-family residential unit

had any discussion with the town or Martin asked if the fees could be

implemented in January 2025. Bertam explained that the district has a " little bit of homework" to do, such as determining how the fees will be collected.

"It'd be nice to at least have a conversation with the county and the town," Hooper said.

county.

PFPD attorney Dino Ross explained that, "Prior to adopting or establishing a fee, statute requires a 60-day comment period," and notice to every county and municipality affected is required.

He mentioned there is usually a public hearing held for residents to provide comment, and a resolution is needed that establishes the impact fee schedule

entertain an additional salary increase on top of what has already been included in the district's 2025 draft budget.

Hooper explained that a 3 percent increase in wages was included in the draft budget, but mentioned that "the cost of living in Pagosa is much more."

Hooper proposed raising the increase in wages by 5 percent, instead of 3 percent, noting that would be an additional \$35,000 and adding "the money is available."

Bertram confirmed that the district has enough funds to cover that increase.

Hooper mentioned that it takes about the same amount of money just to get one person hired and trained, and that the additional wage increase would demonstrate to the district's staff that "we recognize the cost of living here."





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Verdone explained that the district has to quantify the reasonable impact of development on the district's facilities and that there "has to be some sort of rational or logical connection between the fee that you are charging and the impact the new development has on your capital facilities."

He explained that, along with not being able to use the impact fees to remedy current deficiencies, land owners also cannot be asked to provide "site-specific dedication or improvements.

Verdone explained that his company uses a process to calculate the suggested impact fees which involves looking at the current population and area served while considering how much the area is expecting to grow.

Verdone noted that more rural districts tend to have higher impact fees.

He explained that all of the district's equipment, buildings and land are given an estimated replacement value.

Verdone noted that he used his company's database to estimate "what we think the replacement values are of your equipment," which is "about \$12.4 million in today's dollars."

He mentioned that patterns of development and the percentage of certain development categories within the district were taken into account when calculating the suggested

has about \$1,400 in capital to serve," Verdone stated.

He offered comparisons to other districts around the state similar in size to the PFPD, noting the suggested fees fall in the middle to lower end of other districts' impact fees.

According to Verdone's report, the Castle Rock Fire Protection District has an impact fee of \$1,116 for singlefamily homes, while Elk Creek Fire Protection District has a fee of \$2,583 for single-family developments.

Verdone also provided expected revenue ranges going forward that are based off of the state's population growth forecast.

He notes that the district can expect approximately \$159,000 in revenue from the fees in 2025, which could grow to \$223,000 over the next five years.

PFPD board member James Martin asked if the implementation of the impact fees requires the county's approval.

Verdone explained that it does not, but he suggested giving residents a three- to six-month grace period when implementing the fees.

Board member Wayne Hooper asked if the PFPD has had any communication with Archuleta County or the Town of Pagosa Springs about implementing the fees.

PFPD Chief Robert Bertram explained that the district has not yet

"So, a little bit of work to do," Ross said.

Hooper asked if the district needs to specify where the money will go and if a new fund will be created.

Ross explained that the money would need to go into a new account, reiterating the fees cannot be used to remedy existing deficiencies.

However, he noted the fees can be used to make changes or improvements on existing capital or facilities if that is needed to expand service.

Ross also explained that the statute does not specify how the fees are collected, and that the district could collect the fees directly from developers or partner with the county to collect the fee.

Bertram mentioned the next step for the district to take is to notify the town and county of the fees.

The board unanimously approved a motion for Bertram to use the impact fee study from BBC to notify the town and county and have a resolution drafted, along with publishing a notice for public hearing on the matter.

PFPD Manager Tomi Bliss indicated in a later interview that a date for the public hearing has yet to be determined.

#### Salary increases

Also during the Nov. 5 meeting, Hooper asked the board if it would

PFPD board chairman LeRoy Lattin asked how the district's wages compare to other fire districts in the area.

Bertram explained the PFPD is on par with the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District, based on recent job postings, and the Durango Fire Protection District has slightly higher wages.

Board member Ryan Foster mentioned the PFPD has done a lot of work with increasing salaries, tuition reimbursement and providing insurance options, which he notes has all been beneficial for the district's employees.

Martin explained that all a fire district is is a group of people coming together to protect us, and "you can't do enough for them."

Board member Ronald Beckman mentioned that the increase could potentially cause issues with trying to expand staff later on.

"It's definitely a line item that's rapidly increasing," Foster added.

Martin mentioned that it will force the district to increase its revenues.

"I think it's a good thing all around," Beckman added.

The consensus of the board was to direct Bertram to adjust the wage increase by 5 percent and to bring it back to the board for final approval. clayton@pagosasun.com

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role. Hansen collaborated with renewable energy, electricity companies and government agencies at all levels to enhance operational efficiency. His diverse background equipped him to tackle the challenges LPEA faces, especially during the energy transition.

"I am truly honored to lead LPEA as CEO and work alongside such a talented team," said Hansen. "I look forward to building on the cooperative's strong foundation and driving innovation that delivers lasting value to our members, employees, and stakeholders. Together, we will continue to lead our industry with purpose

#### and passion."

Hansen holds an undergraduate degree in engineering from Kansas State University, a Master of Science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a Ph.D. in economic geography from Oxford University. While at Oxford, he was a research fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, focusing on solutions for bringing renewable power to underserved rural areas in India.

"Not only is Chris a visionary leader, but he is also deeply passionate about our industry and values our cooperative culture," Compton added. "We believe he will be instrumental

in helping us navigate the challenges ahead. His dedication to cooperative values will ensure that LPEA continues to excel while remaining true to its roots."

With Hansen's deep experience in leadership, LPEA is confident in his ability to lead the organization into its next phase of growth and innovation. Hansen's vision for the future, combined with his proven track record of driving operational excellence and community engagement, will be instrumental in advancing LPEA's commitment to providing reliable, sustainable energy solutions to its members.

The board and the entire LPEA team look forward to working with Hansen as they continue to deliver value and foster long-term success for the cooperative and its stakeholders.

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## Bridges

#### Continued from front He also mentioned that annual

bridge inspections and the repairs determined by those inspections can potentially cost the county a significant amount of money.

Torres briefed the board on the Navajo bridge, which he explained is off of Colo. 151 and continues for approximately 400 feet before it enters into a private subdivision.

Torres mentioned there are notrespassing signs posted, along with a locked gate preventing public access.

Torres mentioned that the county needs to focus on its bridges that receive high volumes of traffic.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if county dollars have been used on the Navajo bridge for construction or maintenance.

Torres indicated that the county has invested a total of just over \$38,000 for the Navajo bridge.

Torres went on to brief the BoCC on the Carracas bridge in southern Archuleta County, noting that since an oil company moved onto the property in the area there has been no public access to national forest land.

"Since they moved in there, we no longer have public access to the forest," Torres said.

McRae also noted there is no trail system behind the oil company's property.

Torres noted that the bridge leads to Southern Ute and private land that has no-trespassing signs.

"There's no reason for us to be responsible for this bridge," he said.

Maez commented that a previous BoCC discussed the bridge and that

no county dollars have been put into it. McRae explained that there is a list

of repairs on the bridge. "In presenting these, these are

things that could potentially cost the county a significant amount of money in the future," Torres said. "We have the roads we have."

He went on to talk about the Carrico Street bridge, located on County Road 337, off of U.S. 84.

Torres noted the total cost to date the county has spent on this bridge is approximately \$240,000. He explained the bridge leads to

an RV park and then onto private properties.

Torres mentioned that it is a fairly new bridge and, based on the price, he estimates it was rebuilt in the last 10 years.

Maez asked if it was county taxpayers' money that went into the bridge, to which Torres confirmed it was county money spent on the bridge.

Maez also mentioned that County Road 337 used to connect to County Road 339.

McRae mentioned that the road is gated off and the two roads no longer connect.

Maez asked if the county ever inquired as to why the property owners gated off the road.

McRae explained that the county engineer pulled plot records that indicate the road becomes private property after a "few hundred feet" from U.S. 84.

Maez commented that there is no public benefit of the bridge.

"I'm basically kinda thinking, back in the day, when they put money into that bridge, they probably shouldn't have," Maez said.

Next, Torres explained that the county has spent more than \$2,000 on the Old Gallegos Road bridge and that it is going to be needing some repairs that could cost a significant amount of money for the county.

"It really is the same situation in that it doesn't lead anywhere," Torres said, explaining the only public access from the bridge is to an old Catholic church.

"Which is open to the public," Maez said, adding, "I'll probably push back on this one."

Maez also commented that grant money was put into the bridge "back in the day."

County Attorney Todd Weaver clarified that grant money was put into the bridge at some point in the 1990s

Torres explained that the inspection revealed the bridge needs to have transitions installed, be brought up to Department of Transportation standards and install abutment walls, along with multiple other improvements.

"It's going to take a significant amount of work to get this bridge back to standards," he said.

"That's 'cause we let it go for so long," Maez commented.

Weaver commented that there is a question of if Old Gallegos Road is a county road or not.

Weaver explained that there are minutes from a BoCC meeting in 1990 indicating the board signed an agreement with John Gallegos to ensure continued public access to the church.

Weaver mentioned there is a rough draft of the agreement, but that the county can't find the actual signed agreement.

"So, there's a big question there," he said.

Weaver also mentioned there is a resolution from 1996 naming the road and referring to it as a county road, but the resolution does not formally adopt the road into the county's road system.

Colorado state law says that a road has to be deeded to the county in some way and that the board has to accept it, Weaver explained.

"We could actually say that about a lot of these other county roads," Maez said, adding, "What I would probably say is we need to go and look at all our county roads and see what roads have that or don't have that, and if they don't have it we can abandon all those other roads."

Weaver mentioned that there is a letter the county has which was drafted by a former county administrator requesting a formal easement from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for Old Gallegos Road, but that county records do not show that the tribe ever granted formal right of way or easement to the county.

Weaver also mentioned that, in 2018, an agreement was signed amongst the private property owners granting access to each other over Old Gallegos Road and a public right of way to the church.

"Even if the county — the board - decided to vacate this road, there are easements in place that would guarantee public access to the church," Weaver said.

Maez commented that one of the private landowners could eventually get upset and put a gate up.

Weaver noted that would become a civil matter.

"Since you guys are bringing this to light, I'd like to see it all," Maez said. "The Gallegos needs to be protected simply because of the public access to the church, too."

Maez went on to mention that the county could have 100 miles of roads that it has been maintaining that may not actually be county roads.

"There's a good list in Arboles," McRae said, noting his department has been compiling a list of roads.

Development Director Pamela Flowers interjected and asked if the discussion was about abandoning or vacating the bridges, noting the county recently assigned addresses off of Old Gallegos Road.

McRae clarified that the county would not be abandoning the addresses, but would just be giving ownership back to the private property owners.

Weaver indicated that it takes "a lot of research" to go through and determine which roads have the proper documentation.

Commissioner Veronica Medina mentioned that it may not be wise for the county to expend so many resources to figure out what is a county road or not, adding she understands the significant costs of keeping up with bridges.

"When we start talking about not servicing county roads in Arboles, or these other remote areas, ... I think that's an injustice to our constituents," Medina said, "but we can't just focus on the main portions where people live. We've got to remember Chromo and Arboles."

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## Offer

#### Continued from front

the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) that governs the use of the property.

The Nov. 7 vote follows the PAWSD Board of Directors voting to instruct the potential buyer to submit their

ly to not pursue the offer and to communicate this to the potential buyer.

In a Nov. 9 statement, the district reiterates its rejection of the offer, adding that the offer does not commit the buyer to the creation of a reservoir Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) at Running Iron Ranch as PAWSD

agenda topics related to the selling of the ranch, the SJWCD and the potential reservoir.

Those agenda items include: "Discussion Regarding San Juan Contract Rejections, SJWCD TenRoof Repair, Sheet Metal and Excavation Services (970) 799-6278

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offer to the SJWCD at the PAWSD board's Oct. 30 meeting, with board members Glenn Walsh and Bill Hudson commenting on the attractiveness of the offer.

Following an executive session at the SJWCD meeting, SJWCD president Candace Jones explained that the SJWCD received an offer by email for sale of the ranch and highlighted that PAWSD had not shared the terms of the offer it negotiated with SJWCD despite the districts being co-owners of the ranch.

Jones stated that the SJWCD board members reviewed the offer and discussed it with the district's legal counsel in the executive session.

The board then voted unanimous-

## [ **PEA**

#### Continued from front

LPEA will enter into two power purchase agreements (PPAs) with Tri-State, which will provide immediate service following the contract departure on April 1, 2026. The new portfolio includes a PPA providing up to 40-megawatts (MW) of firm capacity and a PPA for 40 MW of asavailable energy from the Tri-Stateowned Dolores Canyon Solar Project, located in southwest Colorado.

These contracts account for 30 percent of the energy in LPEA's new resource mix, helping meet the cooperative's resource adequacy requirements and support its greenhouse gas reduction goals. Both PPAs are for a term of nearly eight years, lasting through Dec. 31, 2033.

'Working together, Tri-State and LPEA have reached an agreement that provides greater certainty in LPEA's withdrawal process and

board members "publicly stated the offer would."

It continues that the SJWCD cannot sell the reservoir project water rights it holds and that it has a fiduciary duty to maintain ownership of the water rights and to manage them for public benefit.

The statement concludes by explaining that the district was asked to sign a nondisclosure agreement, but that SJWCD is subject to Colorado open records laws and will manage its records in accordance with those laws

On Wednesday afternoon, PAWSD announced a work session and possible special meeting for 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14, with several

beneficial power sales for Tri-State's

membership as we advance our

reliable and affordable clean energy

transition," said Duane Highley, Tri-

State CEO. "We can focus on the work

ahead to complete a successful and

amicable separation and advance our

to take actions to ensure LPEA's

timely exit by April 1, 2026, upon

payment of a contract termination

payment, with the amount to be set by the Federal Energy Regulatory

"We remain committed to ensur-

ing a smooth transition and build-

ing a more flexible energy future for

our members," said Graham Smith,

LPEA's interim CEO. "Complet-

ing this milestone is a significant

achievement for both parties and

reflects the dedication and profes-

sionalism of staff on both sides."

Tri-State and LPEA will continue

plans for the future."

Commission (FERC).

ure as Project Leader of Dry Gulch Reservoir Project, and Vote of No Confidence Regarding SJWCD as Project Leader."

• "Discussion Regarding Contract Negotiations Towards a Revised Dry Gulch Reservoir Project and SJWCD Participation."

• "Discussion Regarding a PAWSD Board Declaration to Actively Sell Running Iron Ranch."

• "Discussion of Disclosure, by PAWSD and SJWCD, to Potential Funding Agencies of the PAWSD Board's Intent to Sell Running Iron Ranch."

 "Discussion Regarding Formation of a Public Outreach Subcommittee Regarding the Sale of Running Iron Ranch and a Tentative Budget for Customer Outreach Efforts Regarding the Same."

The meeting is set to be held at 100 Lyn Ave., with a Zoom option available using meeting ID 858 3161 6392 and passcode 983476.

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### Town planning commission discusses Aspen Village development

#### By Derek Kutzer Staff Write

On Oct. 22, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, acting in its role as the Design Review Board (DRB), approved a final major design application for Pagosa Peak Family Dentistry

The applicant — Rock Properties Limited — plans to develop the vacant parcel located at 2737 Cornerstone Drive, proposing a two-story, 4,932-square-foot dental office/clinic facility.

The application states, "The building will be a new dental facility that will include ten treatment rooms and two surgical suites."

The project is within the Aspen Village commercial subdivision, near Walmart, and also requires design review approval by the Aspen Village Design Review Committee.

But while the approval of the design plans for the office was mostly straightforward, during the discussion the DRB expressed lingering concern about the alleged "noncompliance" of the original developer of the subdivision with certain responsibilities related to lighting and landscaping in the subdivision.

Board member Mark Weiler used this discussion to point out that the developer has not lived up to the conditions laid out when the original development was approved by the DRB years ago, saying it "looks wretched."

Weiler cited a "lack of maintenance" on the landscaping, stating his recollection of the "deal" was that "landscaping maintenance was the responsibility of the developer."

He added, "That development is over 20 years old now, and it looks like crap at both entrances. Absolute crap. It's an embarrassment."

He asked the town's development director, James Dickhoff, what could be done to "change the behavior of the developer of Aspen Village, for them to exercise the responsibility that they undertook when the town gave them the right to subdivide that property."

Dickhoff replied that the formation of a new board, the Aspen Village Masters Association, "which incorporates property owners within that development," presented a "new opportunity" to address the problems Weiler was talking about.

Dickhoff explained that he thinks that the new board "has a desire to make sure that everything gets up to speed, and I think that that's our opportunity and it's my intent, as well."

He added that, based on his conversations with several of the board members, "they are eager to step up" on the landscaping issue.

this was the "first" he had heard that rate conversation" about Weiler's "the town had taken economic responsibility for lighting that was not installed properly."

Weiler said, "You've got a developer that is noncompliant. You've got a developer who ignores you. And you have two entrances that are absolutely abysmally bad in maintenance, and I appreciate your desire to work with the new board, but here is mv concern.

"We're gonna be sitting here a year from now with no change whatsoever. None. Because we don't have a history of change. We don't have a history of the developer being responsible for their commitments to our community. We don't have a history of that."

However, Dickhoff again noted that he prefers working with the new board, rather than taking the legal route, with planning commissioner Chad *Hodges stating he* would prefer that the town get its grievances with the development in writing with a timeline attached.

Addressing Dickhoff, he added, "My recommendation is that you write a violation before the board is formed," adding that the new board should not even be formed "until the developer takes responsibility for what the original development conditions were - that they must maintain the landscaping at both entrances and in the center."

He further suggested, "We have a noncompliant developer who flips off the town and says, 'I'm not gonna do anything."

He suggested Dickhoff demand that the developer "reimburse" the town for the money it spent on fixing the lighting issue.

Weiler added that he didn't "want to hijack the meeting," adding that he thought the dentistry building being considered is a "beautiful development."

He explained that the town gave the original developer of the subdivision "the right to develop the property and do business in this community, with specific requirements, and it's our responsibility to hold them to those requirements. And we have not for 20 years." He added that the only way the town would get the original developer to comply is a violation letter from the town stating that "all sales should stop, all development should stop, until the developer gives the town "a timeline" of when it will honor its "commitments." Planning commission member Kristen McCollam interjected, stating that the issues that Weiler brought up were not directly related to the design plans of the dentistry building being considered.

concerns after the DRB made its decision on the design plans for the proposed building.

Weiler responded that he "brought this up" again, adding that it was the third or fourth time over the years that he's tried to address the issue, because "nothing happens."

McCollam noted that she agreed that the original developer should be held accountable, but "I'm wondering if we don't want to have this as a separate conversation" after the DRB made its decision on the final design plans of the dentistry building.

Dickhoff chimed in, saying that he also thinks Weiler's concerns "are important," but that "a more in-depth conversation" on the matter should come after the DRB's consideration of the particular development plans.

Earlier in the meeting, Dickhoff explained that the design plans for dentistry building are generally in compliance with the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC), adding that the DRB previously approved a sketch design plan, with certain conditions, at its Aug. 20 meeting, adding that "most all those" conditions were addressed in this final design plan.

Dickhoff explained that a few conditions would still need to be met before a building permit could be issued, with the main condition being a snow-storage plan.

McCollam remarked, "I think the building looks great. I think it's a great design."

A motion was made to approve the final design plan application, with the conditions of a snow-removal plan and review comments from the Pagosa Fire Protection District, which would both need to be met before a building permit could be issued.

The motion passed unanimously. The board then went back into the discussion about Weiler's concerns about the original developer of the subdivision being noncompliant with its responsibilities.

Dickhoff again noted that he has hope that the newly formed Aspen Village board could be the mechanism to get the original developer to comply with its responsibilities.

Dickhoff explained that he is working with the new board to give it all of the background information and specifics about the town's original approval of the subdivision.

McCollam commented that she appreciated Dickhoff doing all of this, but wondered if telling the new board that the town plans to cite the developer for noncompliance, "without formally citing them," could accelerate the process of getting the developer to comply with its responsibilities.

My approach has always been,

those improvements."

McCollam asked if the original developer "is liable" to contribute to a fund that sees to the maintenance of the lighting and landscaping of the subdivision.

Dickhoff responded he did not know about a fund, but that it was the developer's "obligation to maintain those. However they want to fund that, their obligation was to maintain those."

McCollam asked if the planning commission could get a report back from Dickhoff by a certain date to see if any progress has been made on these concerns, with Dickhoff saying that he'd be comfortable with reporting back before the end of the year.

"If we've made progress, great. If we haven't, then we can consider further action," McCollam said.

Weiler stated that he didn't like any of this "at all," adding that "the developer asked for the right to develop the property and we gave them the right to develop with specific contingencies of maintenance, ... but we have a developer that has not met their responsibility."

He continued, "Giving them another two months, one way or the other, accomplishes zero. We're sitting here trying to encourage the developer to be a good person, and we're not being successful."

Dickhoff agreed that "the developer should have been stepping up," but maintained that the formation of the master association board should be the avenue to achieve compliance.

"They want to be part of getting the development up to speed," Dickhoff said, adding that "going into a lawsuit takes an immense amount of time and money" and that town staff is already maxed out with the work on its plate.

He said that having these conversations about the issues with the new board would be a better use of the town's time, money and effort.

"That was my decision, to really focus on getting a board formed versus trying to cite someone in court ... so, I accept full responsibility," he said.

McCollam asked, "It's been 20 years, so why don't we see how the next couple of months go?"

She added that she realized Weiler would not be "happy about that."

She suggested that Dickhoff report back by mid-December about the progress and the commission would decide then if it wants to take further action on the issue.

Weiler said, "We've been ignored for 20 years."

Dickhoff explained that the process going forward, if the town chooses to take legal action, would begin with a violation letter that would give the master association time to fix the issues by a certain time frame, and then if it still doesn't comply the town could cite it in court. However, Dickhoff again noted that he prefers working with the new board, rather than taking the legal route, with planning commissioner Chad Hodges stating he would prefer that the town get its grievances with the development in writing with a timeline attached.





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I do feel that we are going to be able to get some traction on that issue," he said.

Dickhoff added, "We could give them a violation notice, but my preference is, in the end, to work with the new board, get some agreement to upkeeping what their responsibilities are."

He mentioned that the town also had to "replace all the lighting in there a couple years ago. It cost us 80 grand, even though it really wasn't our responsibility."

Weiler noted that he appreciated Dickhoff's perspective, but pointed out that "this is a problem that's brewed for 20 years," adding that

She asked if "we can have a sepa-

#### let's meet and talk about this," Dickhoff said, adding that if the Aspen Village board "does not give any pushback," then it indicates that they are willing to work with the town on these outstanding issues.

He explained that the new board is "the master's association of that subdivision, and it's the master's association that has the obligations for maintenance, so I do feel that now, with the board formed, we will have much more understanding about their obligations."

He added that his conversations with certain board members also showed that they also want to "see

"If we don't hold them accountable for their responsibilities to what they agreed to, then ... it's our fault as a community," Weiler added.

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#### Town council decides on different design style for 1st Street pedestrian bridge

#### **By Derek Kutzer** Staff Writer

On Nov. 5, the Pagosa Springs Town Council offered direction to town staff on how the council would like to move forward with the planned 1st Street pedestrian bridge.

Town Projects Manager David Hilborn presented three design choices that would maintain pedestrian viewing capability as well as other important design features of the bridge.

Hilborn explained that town staff and project consultants realized that the installation of necessary utility lines (water, sewer, electrical and fiber conduits) under the bridge's deck, along with floodway clearance requirements and ADA trail tie-in considerations, increased the current bridge top chord height, which would obstruct pedestrian views over the railing.

The three options presented were aimed at addressing this issue, with

Hilborn explaining that town staff answering that it would last about recommended an option to utilize a bowstring-style truss with a concrete deck

This option provides "greater structural capacity, accommodating the weight of utilities and the concrete deck," as well as reducing "the chord height ... on both ends of the deck, with pedestrian viewing 'windows' in the middle of the bridge," an agenda document states.

Hilborn added that this option is also ideal because it adds "no additional budgetary impact compared to the original design, and no increase in long-term ownership costs."

He noted that this style would deviate from the Pratt-style truss bridges with wooden decks seen elsewhere through town, but the new style is ideal because the concrete deck would last a lot longer than wood and has "no budgetary impact."

Council member Gary Williams asked what the life expectancy of a concrete deck would be, with Hilborn

40 years.

Council member Brooks Lindner suggested he is not too concerned about the bridge deviating from the style design of other town bridges, asking his fellow council members if any one else has any issue with this inconsistency.

Mayor Shari Pierce noted that it is "not worth it" to pay extra money for making it consistent with the other bridges.

Council member Matt DeGuise added that he actually prefers a concrete deck, saying that wooden decks on bridges get super slippery when iced over.

An agenda document on the matter states that the bowstring-truss option "meets all project requirements— accommodating the added weight from utility lines and the concrete deck-without increasing the project's budget.

"Additionally, the design's structural efficiency minimizes material

use, while still providing optimal pedestrian viewing."

When a motion was made to direct town staff to pursue the bowstringtruss design option for the bridge, it was passed unanimously by the council.

Council members Madeline Bergon and Mat deGraaf were absent from the meeting.

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# Outdoors

## Join Audubon's Christmas Bird Count

## Identification classes announced

#### By Jean Zirnhelt Weminuche Audubon Society

Members of the Weminuche Audubon Society chapter are inviting you to help us count birds for this year's Christmas Bird Count, Audubon's 125th annual census of winter birds and the 14th year of participation in Pagosa Springs.

You don't need to be an experienced birder; we welcome participation from all interested community members and visitors. Make it a part of your holiday traditions. Volunteer

help is critical to the success of this annual event.

In preparation for the count, Keith Bruno, Audubon Rockies southwest community naturalist, will lead us in three bird identification classes to review species that we may encounter here during the winter.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, Nov. 20 and Dec. 4, and on Dec. 12 at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. We will start promptly at 6 p.m. and be done by 8 p.m. The first of these classes will cover waterfowl in time

to visit local waterways and test your identification skills.

On Dec. 14, teams will split up to record all of the birds that we identify by sight or sound in our local count circle, following protocols established by the National Audubon Society. Be a part of this important endeavor carried out by people just like you all across the Western Hemisphere.

The Pagosa Springs count is conducted within a 15-mile diameter circle, divided into eight zones, and centered on Trujillo Road near downtown. Areas covered include town; about 6 miles east; most of Pagosa Lakes including Meadows subdivisions; west to Elk Park, Alpha,

Rockridge, Timber Ridge, Mill Creek and Holiday Acres areas; Snowball, Cemetery and the first part of Fourmile Roads; Loma Linda; south to the Lower Blanco area; Trujillo Road to Burns Canyon; and areas in between. It's a lot of ground to cover in one day.

If you live within the count circle, you can also participate by counting birds at your feeders using the forms provided, or let us know that we are welcome to stop by and tally what we see in your yard. Please keep your feeders full that day.

For further information on the count or to sign up as a volunteer, email us at weminuche.audubon@ gmail.com.

## Permits to cut Christmas trees are now available

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The holiday season is a great time to honor long-standing traditions and maybe even start a few new ones, like baking holiday cookies, watching classic holiday films or cutting your own Christmas tree.

All you will need to cut your own tree is a small saw, some rope to safely secure it for transport and - of course — a permit.

Christmas tree permits will be available at San Juan National Forest offices, from local vendors and online through Recreation.gov beginning Nov. 14.

Details about designated cutting areas, dates and types of trees that may be cut can be found on the San Juan National Forest's Christmas tree permit webpage on Recreation.gov. Please carefully read the need-toknow information prior to purchasing the permit.

Visitors will need to set up or log in to a Recreation.gov account if

online. Online permits are \$8 plus a \$2.50 fee to Recreation.gov. Tree permits are available for \$8 at the San Juan National Forest Supervisor's Office and the Dolores, Columbine and Pagosa district offices during normal business hours.

Fourth-graders with an Every Kid Outdoors pass are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit and can apply by entering the pass or voucher number at the time of purchase.

"We have heard concerns that cutting too many trees during the holiday season will have a negative impact on the region's forests, but the opposite is true," said Troy Heithecker, a regional forester. "Cutting Christmas trees improves forest health and reduces wildfire risk. The permit system is designed to thin carefully chosen, densely populated tree stands that will benefit from having some trees removed. Cutting trees from designated areas will allow the remaining trees to grow larger while

purchasing a Christmas tree permit creating open areas that provide food for wildlife."

Do not cut Ponderosa pine or Douglas fir trees. Please review the San Juan National Forest Christmas Tree cutting guidelines and rules thoroughly.

Christmas tree cutting is not allowed:

• In wilderness areas, recreation areas or research natural areas.

 Within 100 feet of any developed campground, county roads and state or federal highways.

• In tree plantation and active timber sales

• In specific locations identified in the permit, including La Plata Canyon near Durango.

Here are some more tips to have a safe and enjoyable tree cutting excursion:

 Know your location and only cut from designated Forest Service areas.

• Never cut on private lands. • Stay on public roads.

• Do not top trees; take the whole tree.

• Cut trunks no more than 6 inches from ground and 6 inches in diameter.

• Watch the forecast — mountain weather can change very quickly. • Traction devices or four-wheeldrive vehicles are recommended in

some areas. • Carry a shovel, flashlight, blanket, extra food and water.

 Remember that cellphones may not work in remote areas.

Pack out all your trash.

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## CAIC launches expanded avalanche accident data platform

#### By Kelsy Been

Colorado Avalanche Information Center

The Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) has launched a more comprehensive platform for displaying avalanche accident data on its website.

lets people look at all of the accidents reported to us in a way that's easier for people to learn about everything from small brushes with avalanches to fatal accidents."

Previously, the CAIC's accident page only listed reports for the most serious incidents, including all fatal This expanded resource allows accidents, while less-serious accidents users to explore detailed reports on or ones with less information were

avalanche accidents with a brief description and a link to more detailed information.

2. The Colorado Avalanche Accidents Summary page provides a summary of accidents so people can review trends at a glance for each winter.

Historically, the CAIC completed full accident reports for nonfatal events based on staff capacity,

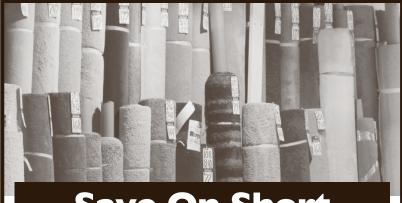
"Sharing information about an accident can be difficult because it involves acknowledging mistakes and facing possible criticism, but this information is crucial for collective learning," said Greene. "That's why people can choose to have their experiences shared anonymously or just with CAIC to inform our forecasts."

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all avalanche incidents, helping to improve the public's understanding of avalanche risks and promoting safer decision-making in Colorado's backcountry

"CAIC provides information to the public to help people stay out of avalanches. One of the ways we do this is by collecting and sharing data on avalanche accidents to help people learn from these situations and avoid similar ones," said CAIC Director

listed as field reports in the observations section of the center's website.

The new improvements allow people to see every reported event where someone got caught up in moving avalanche debris in one place. This makes it easier for users to explore all available information on avalanche accidents.

Accident data is now presented on two updated pages:

1. The Colorado Avalanche Ac-Ethan Greene. "Our new platform cidents page is a list of reported

when there were critical things to be learned and the amount of available information. Over time, the CAIC has gained increased access to information about events and can thus expand the information available to the public.

cident pages on the CAIC website under the Accidents menu at www. colorado.gov/avalanche.

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## Asleep at the wheel: Colorado State Patrol finds fatigue-caused crashes continue to rise

Colorado State Patrol

Whether caused by insomnia, a disrupted shift work schedule or even the end of daylight saving time, not getting enough sleep before driving is a dangerous idea.

According to the National Safety Council, drowsy driving is similar to driving under the influence of alcohol, impacting reaction times and the ability to stay focused on the road.

"Operating a vehicle safely requires a person's full attention and focus," stated Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol (CSP). "Fatigue physically and mentally impacts the abilities of a driver - it has effects on a driver's attention

reaction time."

CSP troopers saw a concerning jump in lane violation fatal and injury crashes in 2024 that were attributed to driver fatigue and drivers asleep at the wheel.

According to CSP crash data, there were 39 crashes in 2023 and 44 in 2024 (a 12 percent increase).

While the hard numbers appear to suggest a small annual increase, looking historically, troopers have seen a significant year-over-year increase since 2020, when there were only 27 lane violation crashes due to fatigue or a driver falling asleep. The percentage increase from four years ago is 38.6 percent.

According to the National Sleep

span, judgment, coordination and Foundation, drowsy drivers may find themselves weaving back and forth between lanes, unable to maintain the right speed and keep an appropriate distance from other vehicles. They also may be unable to react in time to avoid an obstacle.

Drivers should never underestimate the importance of a good night's sleep. If you are sleep-deprived, put down the keys.

"We don't often talk about fatigue and drowsiness, but sleep-related issues aren't uncommon and there is an impact on a person's ability to drive safely," stated Packard. "Shift workers and commercial drivers are at extreme risk, but anyone who struggles with getting enough and regular sleep can be impacted."

If you do notice signs of drowsiness, pull over and take a 20-minute nap in a safe place.

The National Sleep Foundation provided some of the top signs of drowsy driving that are similar to signs of drunk driving: • Heavy eyelids or frequent blink-

ing. • Frequent yawning. • Daydreaming and trouble focus-

ing.

• Drifting back and forth between lanes. • Hitting a rumble strip.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Oct. 29 — Third-degree criminal

trespass, Fireside Street. Oct 29 — Warrant arrest, West U.S. 160

Oct. 29 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI per se, Handicap Avenue

Oct. 29 — Operated motor vehicle with expired license plates, speeding 10-19 over limit, driving under the influence of alcohol, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Oct. 30 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, careless driving, South 7th Street.

Oct. 31 — Second-degree burglary-no force entry-residence, firstdegree criminal trespass, Cox Circle.

Nov. 3 — Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by minor, assault in the third degree, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, County Road 500.

Nov. 3 — Information only, Aspen Village Drive.

Nov. 3 — Registration-fictitious plate, no insurance-driver, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Nov. 3 — Disorderly conductpetty, driver's license-evade interlock, failed to display valid registration, reckless driving, North Pagosa Boulevard/U.S. 160.

Nov. 3 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI per se, alcoholopen container/drink in vehicle, careless driving, North Pagosa Boulevard

Nov. 2 — Prohibited noise/noise in excess of permissible levels, Pagosa Street.

Nov. 3 — Speeding 25-39 over limit, Trinity Lane.

Nov. 3 — Theft, North 8th Street. Nov. 4 — Information only, South 5th Street.

Nov. 4 — Criminal mischief, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Nov. 4 — Assault, East Pagosa Street.

Nov. 5 — Criminal mischief \$300-\$1,000 business, San Juan Street.

Nov. 5 — Theft/intending to deprive, North 8th Street.

Nov. 5 — Information only, South 6th Street.

Nov. 6 — Nuisance/animal running at large, Hot Springs Boulevard. Nov. 6 — Nuisance/animal run-

ning at large, East Pagosa Street. Nov. 6 — Possess weapon by previous offender, San Juan Street.

Nov. 6 — Disorderly conduct/ fighting with another in public, Pagosa Street.

Nov. 7 — Marijuana prohibited under age of 21/less than 12 ounces, South 8th Street.

Nov. 7 — Marijuana prohibited under age of 21/less than 12 ounces, South 8th Street.

Nov. 8 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Lewis Street. Nov. 8 - Lost and found, no loca-

tion listed. Nov. 9 — Assault in the third degree, domestic violence, harassmentstrikes/shoves/kicks, Hot Springs

Boulevard. Nov. 9 — Lost and found, Eagle Drive.

Nov. 9 — Shoplifting/departs or

driving without, fines and costs - \$28.50.

Oct. 30 — Amanda V. Burns, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs \$160.

Oct. 30 — Yolanda Z. Estrella, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$107.50.

Oct. 30 — William Paul Holstein, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs - \$161.50.

Oct. 31 — Melissa Christine Adams, trespass 3 – fines and costs - \$36.

Oct. 31 - Michael S. Hayse, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$127.50

Oct. 31 - Brandon Anthony Meyers, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$70.50.

Nov. 5 — Caleb David Haverson, off-highway vehicle operated on street, fines and costs — \$85.50.

Nov. 6 — Raymond Andrew Koons, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs \$190.

Nov. 6 — Timothy Ray Maxwell Byington, alcohol-open container/ drink in vehicle, fines and costs -\$93.50.

Nov. 6 — William Travis Steffens, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs \$190.

Nov. 6 — Donald M. Canfield, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

Nov. 6 — Misty Marie Rusch, careless driving, fines and costs - \$238.50. Nov. 6 — Michael Thomas Lowe, passed when prohibited, fines and

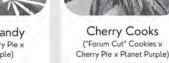
costs — \$170. Nov. 6 — James Lee Johnson Jr., registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs - \$161.50.

six months jail, fines and costs -\$258.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

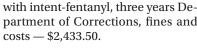
Nov. 4 — Mark Eligin Robison, controlled substance-possession with intent-fentanyl, three years De-





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Oct. 27 — Lost and found, San Juan Street.

Oct. 27 — Violation of protection order, reckless driving, failure to display proof of insurance, East Pagosa Street/West U.S. 160.

Oct. 27 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive.

Oct. 28 - Driving under restraintalcohol/drug related, Trinity Lane.

Oct. 28 — Lost and found, South 8th Street.

Oct. 28 — Criminal mischief, Pagosa Street.

Oct. 28 — Theft/intending to deprive, South 9th Street.

Oct. 28 — Assault, South 9th Street

Oct. 29 — Driving under restraint, vehicle had no number plates attached, Pagosa Street.

Oct. 29 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI per se, County Road 500.

Oct. 30 — Speeding 25-39 over prima facie limit, U.S. 160.

Oct. 31 — Child abuse, South 8th Street

Oct. 31 — Assault in the third degree, disorderly conduct-fighting in public, East Pagosa Street.

Nov. 1 — Warrant arrest, Durango Street

attempts to depart without payment, East Pagosa Street.

Nov. 9 — Assault in the third degree, South 8th Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards

Oct. 28 — Emily Hibbs, careless driving, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$202.

Nov. 4 — Justin Apodaca, possession of drug paraphernalia, three days incarceration.

Nov. 4 — Ross Duncan, careless driving, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$202.

Nov. 4 — Leandra Havens, careless driving causing bodily injury, four points off, fine and costs - \$335.

Nov. 4 — Courtney Mael, following too closely, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs - \$146.

Nov. 4 — Adam Buttons, failed to drive in a single lane, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

Nov. 4 — Noah Gorman, owner operated vehicle without insurance, four points off, fine and costs — \$335. Archuleta County Court: Judge

Justin P. Fay Oct. 30 — Joel S. Larsen, speeding

10-19 over limit, fines and costs -\$203.50

Oct. 30 — KJ D. Skyhorse, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$107.50.

Oct. 30 - Isaiah O. Rodriguez, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs \$290.

Oct. 30 - Ceasar Martinez, speeding 10-19 over limit, driver's license-

### None injured in Sunday semi crash

#### **By Randi Pierce** Staff Writer

No one was injured when a semi rolled onto its side west of Pagosa Springs Sunday morning, Nov. 10.

According to Trooper Sherri Mendez of the Colorado State Patrol (CSP), the agency was dispatched to a crash at mile post 130 on U.S. 160 at 1:12 p.m. on Nov. 10.

Mendez reports in an email to The SUN the semi was eastbound on U.S. 160 when it drove onto the shoulder then off the road with its right side

tires to allow vehicles to pass. After the semi went off the road, the soft soil pulled it off the road, she

relays. The semi went back onto the roadway as the trailer rolled, with the semi then rolling.

She indicates it came to rest on its passenger side and as leaking.

There were no injuries and the crash involved only the semi, she adds.

The roadway was cleaned up as of 9:11 p.m. on Nov. 10, with the driver issued a citation, she notes. randi@pagosasun.com

Nov. 6 — Jeffrey Jackson, driver's license-instruction permit violation, lane usage violation, unsafe or defective vehicle, fines and costs \$299.50.

Nov. 6 — Galvis Juan Garcia, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs - \$233.50.

Nov. 6 — Shaun Michael Dinan, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$107.50.

Nov. 6 — Carlos Paul Cons, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs - \$160. Nov. 6 - Kyle L. Blackwell, speed-

ing 10-19 over, fines and costs - \$225. Nov. 6 — Christopher Arrietta, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs - \$225.

Nov. 6 — Aurelio Arellano-Hernandez obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs -\$170.

Nov. 6 — Cruz A. Alvarado, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs - \$160. Nov. 6 — Andrea M. Pahona, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$139.50.

Nov. 6 — Riley S. Turner, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs -\$139.50.

Nov. 7 — Gabriela Noel Poletti, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs - \$125.

Nov. 7 — Ike Archuleta, unregistered vehicle, fines and costs -\$93.50.

Nov. 8 — Edward Cerda, speeding -9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Oct. 31 — Melissa Catherine Adams, controlled substancepossession less than 1 gram fentanyl, 15 days jail, fines and costs - \$1,263.50.

Nov. 8 — Damian Drake Kent, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle,



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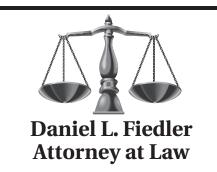
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# Sports

## Volleyball

## Lady Pirates go 1-1 at regionals to close season

#### By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates capped off their season by going 1-1 at regional action in Colorado Springs Saturday, Nov. 9.

The season ended on a high note, according to coach Katie Lorenzen.

Lorenzen suggested the team knew it would be a memorable weekend before ever setting foot on the court.

"We knew it was going to be a memorable weekend because we were driving into a storm and everyone was concerned about the major storm that was happening in Colorado Springs," she said of Friday's travel. "Luckily, we got there safely just before the roads totally froze over."

When the team went to dinner, she relayed, vehicles were sliding all over the place.

The snowy start also led to delayed start to the action the following day, with play beginning at 1 p.m. instead of the originally scheduled 10 a.m. start time.

The No. 34 Lady Pirates first took on the No. 3 Village Mountaineers, who were playing in their first season under the Colorado High School Activities Association, according to Lorenzen.

Lorenzen highlighted the school has multiple students training for the Olympics, as well as having a volleyball player who is committed to Standford.

"They're kind of like an elite club team in 3A all of a sudden, so it was interesting to play against them," she said.

The Mountaineers won in three sets: 25-12, 25-16 and 25-21.

"We lost in three, but we got better each set," the coach said. "We forced them to call a timeout in the third set when we had a lead, and we barely lost in the third set, 21-25. I was just really proud of the girls for never giving up, even when we were trying to block and dig against a player that could just crush the ball basically anywhere on the court. There's a reason why she has a hitting percentage over .500 on the season — she's good and she can hit wherever the defense is not."

differently to try to have their server finding her hitters and just really serve at different people, and they were really tough, but Lexi definitely passed really well."

The team had 20 total kills against Village

The Lady Pirates logged three serving aces - one each from Aspen Pitcher, Campbell and Hayden Peterson.

Lorenzen added Campbell and Peterson each served 11 times, "which tells you that the team was playing well behind those servers when they had that many runs."

The Lady Pirates had two total blocks in the matchup, with Dawson Iverson, Cadence Kerns, Campbell and Pitcher each notching an assisted block.

Pitcher led the defense in digs with nine of the team's 28.

Sophia Sottek tallied 16 of the team's 17 assists, and Campbell led in serve receiving with 27 of the team's 57 service receptions.

"Village was just a really high-level team, and it was exciting to play against that and see our girls rise to the occasion," Lorenzen said.

After a 15-minute break, the Lady Pirates then took on the No. 22 Banning Lewis Academy Stallions.

"Our girls were pretty gassed, and they somehow then found it in them and dug deep and played their hearts out to pull off an upset," she said.

The Lady Pirates beat the Stallions 3-1, dropping the first set 27-25 before winning the next three sets, 25-22, 25-14 and 25-17, respectively.

"They just stayed steady against a team that had some really good players," Lorenzen sad. "We stayed aggressive and steady and hustled, and we had a number of coverage plays and reactionary plays where, I think for a lot of the season, we'd maybe have a first touch and no one reacted after that, and in these games we had those reactions just happening and it just led to a lot of excitement."

She added the bench was so excited the whole time it even received a yellow card for the players jumping all over the place.

She added that's not a problem to get a card when the players are so into the game.

Pitcher logged a double-double,

trying to fire everyone up when everyone was pretty tired. And she definitely just kept going," Lorenzen said. The team totaled 36 assists.

The Lady Pirates logged 16 aces in the matchup, with the coach highlighting that the team also had some really long service runs.

Sottek had 25 serve attempts against the Stallions and four aces, while Kerns had 24 serve attempts and five aces.

Honestye Sweet logged three aces in 12 service attempts, giving her the highest percentage of aces to attempts for the team in the game.

"And what was really cool was that the last few points of that game, when we won, all four seniors were on the court and contributing to those last few points, so that was really cool," Lorenzen said.

The team had 55 service receptions, led by 22 from Pitcher.

She added that pulling off the upset in a back-to-back match after "already playing their hearts out" was good for the team, especially the younger girls, to see how well the team can play when there's a lot of excitement and effort.

Lorenzen noted the win "was a testament to the girls wanting to end on a high note."

Pagosa's win, however, left who would advance to the state tournament in limbo, with Village and Banning Lewis Academy facing off next and the Lady Pirates' season on the line.

Had the Stallions upset the Mountaineers, there would have been a three-way tie and there would have been matches to break the tie.

Village went on to beat Banning Lewis Academy in three sets: 25-11, 25-18 and 25-12.

"At that point, our season was officially over," Lorenzen said, adding the team had its post-game chat, where the team talked about how hard they worked that day and that she was "so proud" that they ended on a high note.

The Lady Pirates ended the season with an 11-4 overall record and 2-6 league mark.

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especially we saw it at the end of last season when we put her in the middle after an injury and all of a sudden she was a different ... player in the middle than on the right side. It was like things just clicked, and this year to play defense really for the first time on varsity, and she really just became an all-around player."

Pitcher, according to the coach, has been the "linchpin of Pirate vollevball for most of her high school career."

She added Pitcher was always a steady player who would give her all no matter what.

"She's just steady out there and you never have to ask her to work harder — she is always giving her best," Lorenzen said.

The coach noted Sottek moved to Pagosa last year and this year "really stepped up big time in leading the team and as a short setter, that can be really hard, especially in this league against some bigger players, but she wasn't ever afraid and was ready to play all the way around from moment one."

She added Sottek put up really consistent balls this year for her hitters, which made it easier for them to succeed.

Lorenzen complimented Sweet's work ethic and improvement.

"She came in knowing that she wasn't going to see a whole lot of court time and she wanted to be part of the team anyway, and that meant all the same working out, conditioning, all of that with less glory on the court. But she definitely overcame some mental obstacles this year and became a real great serving specialist for us and finished the season with a couple aces in the final games, and that was really neat to see how much she has progressed over the years and even this season."

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Lorenzen noted that in the day's final game between Village and Banning Lewis Academy, that hitter's attack hit the other team's libero in the face.

"Our girls were out there and reacting and making every move for the ball, working really hard, and I was just really proud of them for how hard they fought against a very elite team," she added.

Lorenzen noted there were some standouts in the game for the Lady Pirates.

Lexi Campbell, she highlighted, led the team in kills and hitting percentage. She had nine kills and only one error on 25 swings and hit .320 — the same stats she recorded against Banning Lewis Academy in the next game.

"She also added seven digs and was passing really well that game," Lorenzen said. "They were a toughserving team and we made a lot of ad-

leading the team in kills with 13 in the match while hitting .200 and tallying 23 digs "all over the place in the backcourt."

She was followed by Cadence Kerns, who had 12 kills.

"Cadence had the most amount of swings with 37 attacks, which is a little unusual for a middle to have more swings than an outside, but she was also hitting some back-row pipes and getting some kills there," Lorenzen said.

Campbell had nine kills and again hit .320, as well as 14 digs, with Lorenzen pointing out she played "really, really well in the back row" and passed well.

The team had 41 total kills and 69 digs.

The Lady Pirates had five total blocks, which included a solo block by Pitcher, three assisted blocks by Campbell and four by Kerns.

"Sophia had 32 assists and did a justments passing, ... moving players really good job mixing up the offense, Alamosa, who is the No. 4 seed on the 12-team state bracket.

Village is the No. 3 seed.

Lorenzen noted that, looking back on the season, one of the things that stands out to her with the team is the excitement the Lady Pirates brought into the huddle during the good times, and the true fun that was being had and the excitement for players doing well.

The team will lose four senior players from this year's roster: Kerns, Pitcher, Sottek and Sweet.

Kerns, Lorenzen highlighted, "really worked her way up through this program and improved a ton,

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#### Colorado's Timber Ridge Metropolitan District Notice of Budget Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of Colorado's Timber Ridge Metropolitan District for the budget year 2025. A copy of such prepared budget has been filed at the office of the President of the District, Bob Milford, 284 Cool Pines Dr. Pagosa Springs, Co. where the same is open for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered at the meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Colorado's Timber Ridge Clubhouse, 31 Shooting Star Dr, Pagosa Springs, Co. on November 18th, 2024 at 5:00 PM. Any interested electors within Colorado's Timber Ridge Metropolitan District may inspect the budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the amended budget.

2025 proposed budget will also be posted on CTRMD website

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#### FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEAR-ING ON December 3, 2024 MARTINEZ RANCH PARTNERSHIP LLLP has ap-

plied for a Subdivision Exemption in Sec: 28 Twn: 33 Rng: 2W, at X COUNTY RD 500, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-177). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services, Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PLANNING@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on December 3, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Published November 14 and 21, 2024 in *The Pagosa* 

#### FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEAR-

Springs SUN. (250551)

ING ON November 19, 2024 Daniel Sweet, representing Wildsong Estates LLC, has applied for PAGOSA ALPHA SECTION AMENDMENT 2024-03 FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Lot 46AZ and Lot 46BZ in Sec: 22 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W, otherwise known as SW4SE4 at 963 East McCabe Street, Pagosa The property is zoned Ag-

the debt is as follows: ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF: ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC 1445 Market Street, Suite 350 Denver, CO 80202 DATED this 31 day of October 2024. Mike LeRoux, Sheriff

Archuleta County, Colorado Published November 7, 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 2024 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. (250183)

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO WATER RESUME

(This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the state court website at: <u>www.courts.state.co.us</u>). TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLI-CATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7 Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the

following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of October 2024, for Archuleta County. 2024CW3033 Archuleta County; Application for Ab-solute Water Right; 1. Applicant: B & J Development,

Ltd. Co. c/o Kimberly C. Perdue, Southwest Water and Property Law LLC, 679 E. 2nd Ave. Unit 10, Durango, CO 81301; (970) 422-5510; kperdue@swpropertylaw. com. 2. Structure: Turtle Ditch; i. In the SW1/4 of the SW1/4, Section 28, Township 36 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S, 326011m E; 4132246 m N; ii. Source of water: Fawn Gulch, tributary to the San Juan River; iii. Appropriation date: May 29, 2024; iv. Amount: 0.5 cfs absolute; v. Use: Irrigation and fire suppression; 3. Applicant is the owner of the land when which these structures are located. See map filed with application. (4 pages including exhibit) THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGO-

ING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY ANY WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWN-ERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OB-JECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE, OR BE FOREVER BARRED. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE until

the last day of December 2024, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on rtain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposi tion must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by Rule 5, CRCP. (Filing fee: \$192.00; Forms are available through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judicial web site at www.courts.state.co.us; Jason Poyer, Water Court Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301; (970-247-2304) /s/ Jason Poyer Water Court Specialist

## **Public Notices**

October 2024, the present holder of said certificat (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said

County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to FRANK E WITHROW III on the 26th day of March 2025, unless the same has been redeemed; Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 28th day of October 2024

Elsa P. White The Archuleta County Treasurer's department will be holding a live Public Auction for the property described above on March 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Treasurer's Office 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO. If interested, please contact our office for deta about the requirements to participate in this auction (970) 264-8325

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LEGAL NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT USDA FOREST SERVICE

SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST, PAGOSA RANGER DISTRICT

Jackson Mountain Landscape Project

The USDA Forest Service has prepared an environ-mental assessment (EA) and draft decision notice and finding of no significant impact (DN/FONSI) for the Jackson Mountain Landscape Project. The proposed action is to be located in the Jackson Mountain area east of Pagosa Springs on the Pagosa Ranger District. The Responsible Official for this decision is Pagosa District Ranger Josh Peck. The Responsible Official is planning to implement Alter-

native 2, which proposes and includes fuels reduction and vegetation treatments such as mastication, thin ning, and tree removal.

The EA and draft DN/FONSI for the Jackson Mountain Landscape Project are available upon request at the Pagosa Ranger District office, 180 Pagosa Street, PO Box 310, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. This document is also available at the San Juan National Forest website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61809. Additional information regarding this proposed action can be obtained from Adam Tlachac. Timber Manage ment Assistant, at (970) 264-1513 or by e-mail at adam.

(970) 264-8325. Pagosa Springs SUN. (250059) OF TREASURER'S DEED

of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

> 1133 N. 18TH STREET GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501

County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said perty to FRANK E WITHROW III on the 26th day c h dav of November 2010, the then County Tr

Account Number: R002745

Schedule Number: 569302202149 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01222 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to FRANK E WITHROW III. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009; That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CARL KRAUTER for said year 2009: That said FRANK E WITHROW III on the 15th day of October 2024, the present holder of said certificate

(who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said

roperty to FRANK E WITHROW III on the 26th day of March 2025, unless the same has been redeemed; Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 28th day of October 2024 Elsa P. White

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSU-

Estate of <u>Bonilyn Ethel Runyan, also known as Bonilyn</u> E. Runyan or Bonnie Runyan, Deceased

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Archuleta County Colorado on or before April 9, 2025, or the claims may

#### 76 Port Avenue

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Published November 7, 14 and 21, 2024 in *The Pagosa* Springs SUN. (250220)

LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED That said FRANK E WITHROW III on the 15th day of October 2024, the present holder of said certificate To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or property to FRANK E WITHROW III on the 26th day of March 2025, unless the same has been redeemed; Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Account Number: R015684

Schedule Number: 589316306005

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01241 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of

purchase therefore to FRANK E WITHROW III.

delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes

assessed against said property for the year 2009; That said property was taxed or specially assessed

in the name(s) of JOHNSON, SANDRA ASBURY and

CLAUDIA ASBURY and CLEVE ASBURY for said

year 2009;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the

Witness my hand this 28th day of October 2024

Elsa P. White The Archuleta County Treasurer's department will be holding a live Public Auction for the property described above on March 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Treasurer's Office 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO. If interested, please contact our office for details about the requirements to participate in this auction

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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest

MEADPROP UNITS LLC

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the

Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: DELDEV, INC 1133 N. 18TH STREET GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold

(970) 264-8325.

#### at public tax lien sale to FRANK E WITHROW III the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: Lot 385-386, Pagosa Trails, according to the plat thereof filed September 13, 1971, as reception No. 74885, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder,

The Archuleta County Treasurer's department will be

holding a live Public Auction for the property described

above on March 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Trea-surer's Office 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs,

CO. If interested, please contact our office for details

about the requirements to participate in this auction

Published November 14, 21 and 28, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (250070)

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX

Archuleta County, Colorado Account Number: R004248

Schedule Number: 569524406024 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01230 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to FRANK E WITHROW III. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009; That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEV, INC for said year 2009; That said FRANK E WITHROW III on the 15th day of October 2024, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said

ANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Case Number: 2024PR30065

> be forever barred Chotpachai Yapanya

ricultural Ranching (AR).

Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PLANNING@ archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissi November 19, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Published October 31 and November 14, 2024 in *The* 

Pagosa Springs SUN. (249712)

#### FOR PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON November 21. 2024

KEYAH GRANDE has applied for an OUTDOOR SHOOTING RANGE, BOARD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT on the Parcel of SEC 5, TWN 34, RNG 3W, at 13211 W US Hwy 160, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-126). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCH ING (AR)

Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning De-partment, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone; (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@ archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on November 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.

Published October 31 and November 14, 2024 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. (249737)

#### DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023CV030086 DIVISION NO. 1 INITIAL COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFFS' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM

Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association

#### Defendant, AARON BOWMAN SHERIFF SALE NUMBER 2024-02

This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated May 3, 2024, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current hold er of a lien recorded on August 25, 2021 at Rec. No 22106393, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta. State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association.

#### Description of property to be foreclosed

Regarding: Lot 361, Pagosa Highlands Estates accord ing to the plat thereof recorded February 7, 1972 at Reception No. 75409, and as recorded in Book 156 Page 60, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado

Also known as: 64 Durango Ct, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

#### NOTICE OF SALE

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Pagosa Springs, Colorado at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the 6th day of Janu ary 2025, at 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs CO 81147; phone number (970) 264-8430. At which sale, the above described real property and improve-ments thereon will be sold to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will del purchaser a Certificate of purchase, as provided by law Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, posse or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in con nection with this sale.

### PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORE-CLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUB-

JECT PROPERTY. First Publication: November 7, 2024 Last Publication: December 5, 2024 Published In: The Pagosa Springs SUN The name, address and telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of

Published: <u>before November 30, 2024</u> Published November 14, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs* SUN (250715)

For public notice:

Starting on November 11, 2024, the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District working with an excavation contractor will start an emergency sewer replacement project on N. 3rd St. from the interaction of Lewis St. to the intersection of Apple St. During this project N. 3rd St. will be closed to through traffic and detoured to N. 2nd St. to Mesa Drive to access the Mesa Heights Subdivision. Accommodation will be made as much as possible to allow residents with driveways n the closed section access to their residences in a safe manner. The project is scheduled to last up to two weeks to complete

Published November 14, 2024 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. (250484)

NOTICE CONCERNING PROPOSED BUDGET OF PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT NOTICE is hereby given to all interested parties that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District for the ensuing year of 2025; that a copy of the 2025 Budget has been filed in the office of the District at 100 Lyn Avenue, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, where the same is open for public inspection; and on the Dis trict's website, www.pawsd.org and that such proposed 2025 Budget will be considered at a Public Hearing of the Board of Directors of the District to be held at 100 Lyn Avenue, Pagosa Springs, Colorado on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Any elector within the District may, at any time prior to the final adoption of the 2025 Budget, inspect the budget and file or register any objections thereto.

PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT By /s/ Jim Smith

President, Board of Directors

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#### NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To

Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: SONNY R. COWAN % AMY DAWN COWAN 926 W 7TH STREET LEAVENWORTH, KS 66048-3244 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasurer

of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to FRANK E WITHROW III the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

All of lot numbered One Hundred and Ninety five (195) in Aspen Springs Subdivision numbered Six(6) According to the amended plat of the said subdivision filed for record in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Archuleta County, Colorado, under reception No. 74689.

#### Account Number: R015815 Schedule Number: 589317101006

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01242 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to FRANK E WITHROW III. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009; That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of SONNY R. COWAN for said year 2009; That said FRANK E WITHROW III on the 15th day of

The Jackson Mountain Landscape Project is an activity implementing a land management plan. This activity is subject to pre-decisional objection under subparts A and B of 36 CFR Part 218.

chac@usda.gov

Objections, including attachments, must be filed with the appropriate reviewing officer within 45 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Pagosa Sun, the newspaper of record. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Objectors should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the re-viewing officer pursuant to 36 CFR 218.9.

Objections will only be accepted from those who have viously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunities for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless the issue is based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

The objection must contain the minimum content re-quirements specified in 36 CFR 218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in 36 CFR 218.8(b). Objections that do not adhere to these requirements make review of an objection difficult and are conditions under which the reviewing officer may set aside an objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218.10. All eligible objections are available for public inspection.

Electronic objections are preferred and must be submitted to the Objection Reviewing Officer online at https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public// <u>CommentInput?Project=61809</u>, with "Jackson Moun-tain Landscape Project Objection" in the subject line. Electronic submissions must be submitted in a format that is readable with optical character recognition soft-ware (e.g., Word, PDF, Rich Text) and be searchable. An automated response should confirm your electronic objection has been received.

If faxing an objection, please contact Emma Reine-mann, NEPA Coordinator, at (970) 882-6822 or emma. reinemann@usda.gov in advance to make an appoint-

Written objections may be submitted via regular mail to: San Juan National Forest Headquarters, Forest Supervisor Dave Neely, Attn: Objections, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301.

Objections sent by private carrier or hand delivery must be addressed to: San Juan National Forest Headquarters, Forest Supervisor Dave Neely, Attn: Objections, nett Court, Durango, CO 81301

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SUN. (250518)

#### NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land. Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: CLAUDIA ASBURY

33 NORTH FOREST AVE ORLANDO, FL 32803 CLEVE ASBURY 33 NORTH FOREST AVE ORLANDO, FL 32803 JOHNSON, SANDRA ASBURY

33 NORTH FOREST AVE ORLANDO, FL 32803

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to FRANK E WITHROW III the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

All of lot numbered two hundred forty two (242) in Aspen Springs Subdivision numbered Six (6) According to the amended plat of the said subdivi sion filed for record in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Archuleta County, Colorado, under reception No. 74689.

of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to FRANK E WITHROW III the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Lot 47, Lakewood Village, according to the plat thereof filed April 30, 1979, as Reception No. 94867, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta

County, Colorado. Account Number: R010312 Schedule Number: 569919434034

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01235 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to FRANK E WITHROW III. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009; That said property was taxed or specially assessed

in the name(s) of MEADPROP UNITS LLC for said year 2009; That said FRANK E WITHROW III on the 15th day of

October 2024, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to FRANK E WITHROW III on the 26th day of March 2025, unless the same has been redeemed Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 28th day of October 2024 Elsa P. White

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To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To

Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: ALLEN KUDERCA

P O BOX 1704 PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 Carla K Kruger % Allen J Kuderca P O Box 1704 PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasurer

of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to FRANK E WITHROW III the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: Lot 595, Twincreek Village, according to the plat thereof filed November 5, 1973, as Reception No.

78738, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.

Account Number: R004918 Schedule Number: 569907113065 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01233 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to FRANK E WITHROW III. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of ALLEN KUDERCA and Carla K Kruger

% Allen J Kuderca for said year 2009; That said FRANK E WITHROW III on the 15th day of October 2024, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to FRANK E WITHROW III on the 26th day of March 2025, unless the same has been redeemed Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 28th day of October 2024 Elsa P. White

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PO BOX 2283

PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasure of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to FRANK E WITHROW III the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit

ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 BIK 16 Lot 29, 3- 34-2W. Account Number: R002989

Schedule Number: 569303102020 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01225 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of

purchase therefore to FRANK E WITHROW III. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009; That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of MELISSA R. MCPEAK for said year 2009;

That said FRANK E WITHROW III on the 15th day of October 2024, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to FRANK E WITHROW III on the 26th day of March 2025, unless the same has been redeemed; Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

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CARL KRAUTER % CHRISTINE DAVIS

217 SIESTA COURT GRANBURY, TX 76048-4315

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to FRANK E WITHROW III the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, BLOCK 15, Lot # 46, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

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2025 VALE FUNDS - 6th Judicial District, La Plata, San

Juan & Archuleta Counties (VICTIM ASSISTANCE and LAW ENFORCEMENT

GRANT PERIOD: January 1, 2025- December 31

2025. The Victim Assistance and Law Enforcemen

(VALE) Board announces the availability of 6th Judicial District VALE funds. The VALE Board is a five member,

volunteer, community board appointed by the judicial district's Chief Judge, the Honorable Jeffrey R. Wilson.

Funding for these grants is generated from a surcharge

demeanors, traffic offenses and fish and game viola

tions, no tax dollars are used. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT AVAILABLE: \$200,000. Dur

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FUNDING PURPOSE: The purpose of the 6th Judicial

District VALE grant process is to fund effective and efficient programs who will provide services to crime

victims in the 6th Judicial District and assist them with

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FUNDING PRIORITIES: Programs that provide direct

VALE statute\*, victim-related training, equipment and

personnel needs of law enforcement agencies. The VALE Board has also established the following priori-

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copies of VALE statute and Victim Right's Act are avail

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a total of \$197,000

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## FOOTBALL

## **Pirates eliminated after first-round loss**

**By Clayton Chaney** Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team was eliminated from the state playoffs after suffering a 49-7 defeat in its first-round playoff matchup against The Classical Academy Spartans on Saturday, Nov. 9, in Colorado Springs.

The Pirates finished their season with an overall record of 5-5. including a league mark of 2-2.

In Saturday's matchup, the Pirates put up 96 yards of total offense while allowing the Spartans to rack up 369 yards of total offense.

According to stats from MaxPreps, Colton Lucero led the Pirates in rushing with a total of 35 yards on 18 carries.

Seth Zeigler tallied 11 rushing yards on three carries while also racking up 41 receiving yards off of three receptions.

Pirate quarterback Creede Dozier had a total of two rushing yards on five carries while completing four out of 13 pass attempts for a total of 48 yards.

Jaxten Schiel had one reception for seven yards on the day.

The Pirates' only touchdown on the day came from a defensive fumble recovery by Davian Coss in the fourth quarter.

The Pirates tallied a total of 25 solo tackles on the day, with Lucero and Schiel leading the team with six and five solo tackles, respectively.

Coach Nathan Morales explained the Pirates were able to make it into Colorado Springs on Friday, Nov. 8, before a heavy winter storm rolled through the area.

By Ari Rosenblum

Colorado Energy Office

Morales mentioned that the Spartans were a tough opponent, but that the Pirates had a couple of opportunities early on in the game to either get on the scoreboard or gain momentum.

"We missed a couple opportunities early," he said.

Morales noted the Pirates went into the matchup knowing "we have a chance" given the "special group of kids" on this year's roster.

#### Morales commented on the Pirates' effort throughout the season, saying he's "proud of the way the guys fought all season."

Morales explained that the Spartans were able to convert on a couple of big plays early on that made it difficult for the Pirates to regain any momentum

"When you give a team of their caliber a two or three score lead, it's hard to get the momentum back," he said, explaining the Spartans were able to keep the gas pedal down.

He added, "We had to limit those things, and we didn't and I take responsibility for that."

Morales commented on the Pirates' effort throughout the season, saying he's "proud of the way the guys fought all season."

He went on to speak about the six seniors on this year's team: Schiel, Zeigler, Coss, Aven Cole, Kyler Espi-

Colorado Energy Office launches grant program to

noza and Jesus Serratos. Morales mentioned how proud he

is of those six seniors. "I'm so thankful for them and what they've put into this program, and they're definitely going to be

missed," he said. Morales mentioned that the Pirates had a foreign exchange student, Tommaso Nigro, who will be leaving the team, as well.

Morales also noted this year's seniors are products of previous senior classes that have helped build up the Pirate football program.

"Every year we lose a good group of seniors, and that's the reason why we've been so successful the last couple of years," he said.

Morales noted the senior leadership on the Pirate football team over the past few years has been crucial to the success of the program.

"It's gonna be a big hit to our team like it is every year," he said.

Morales also spoke about how winning is important, but that the main goal is to create "champions of life."

He added, "At the end of the day, being champions of life."

added. " I lose a good group every year."

This was Morales' fifth season as head coach of the Pirates, as he explained the Pirates have made the playoffs in three of those seasons.

"We're getting close," Morales said, adding that the program is moving closer to winning trophies.

"It's because the senior classes we've had the last few years," he said. Morales noted that he is excited about the group coming back next year, but, "for right now, I just want to focus on the seniors and what they meant to this program."

All three of the Intermountain League teams (Pagosa, Alamosa and Montezuma-Cortez) that made it into the playoffs were eliminated in the first round.

Lucero finished the season with the second most rushing yards in the state, recording a total of 1,862 yards throughout the season, averaging 186.2 yards per game.

Lucero also led the Pirates in touchdowns, scoring 24 times throughout the year.

Dozier recorded a total of five passing touchdowns on the season, and finished with an overall quarterback rating of 80.4.

Schiel led the Pirates in receiving touchdowns, recording three throughout the season.

Schiel had a team high of four interceptions on the year, and Nigro led the Pirates in sacks with a total of four.

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home electric vehicle (EV) chargers. This program will help Coloradans cover the costs of electric panel and wiring upgrades — often the most expensive part of EV charger installation.

The Colorado Energy Office (CEO)

launched the EV Home Charge Grant

program on Tuesday, Nov. 12, to save

Colorado residents, primarily in rural

communities, money on installing at-

A total of \$500,000 in EV Home Charge funding is available for the 2024-2025 fiscal year through the

many Coloradans, access to charging is a barrier to driving an EV, especially in rural communities where there are often fewer public charging options. As the state continues to expand its public charging network, this program will allow rural Coloradans to enjoy the benefits of driving an EV by ensuring they can also access reliable, convenient, and affordable EV charging at home."

reduce cost of installing home electric vehicle chargers

Municipal utilities and electric cooperatives are eligible to apply for EV Home Charge grants to support utility rebate programs for residential electric panel and wiring upgrades to accommodate Level 2 electric vehicle

Awarded utilities and cooperatives will use this funding to provide rebates to eligible customers.

Utilities may offer standard rebates up to \$500 each for both paneling and wiring upgrades (totaling \$1,000 per customer), as well as enhanced incentives for incomequalified customers up to \$750 each (totaling \$1,500 per customer).

To qualify for enhanced incentives, a customer must be currently enrolled in a low-income assistance program, such as the Colorado Lowincome Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Temporary Assistance

we want them to be great men, and that's what this program is about — Morales commented that he is confident that this year's group of six seniors will be successful in life. "I think they're just great men," he

state's Community Access Enterprise.

"Transportation is among the leading sources of air pollution in Colorado, making widespread EV adoption essential to achieve our ambitious climate goals," said CEO Executive Director Will Toor. "For

chargers.

By limiting eligibility to municipal utilities and cooperatives, this program expands resources beyond the 13 at 5 p.m. Program guidelines and investor-owned utilities and enables support for robust incentive programs, largely in rural communities.

for Needy Families (TANF)

CEO will accept applications for EV Home Charge grants until Dec. information on how to apply are available on the EV Home Charge webpage.

## **Public Meetings**

The following meetings are subject to change.

#### Thursday, Nov. 14

- **Archuleta County Board of County** Commissioners budget hearings. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/9160904 8375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1N HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit http://archuletacounty.org/ agendacenter.
- Marijuana Ordinance Update Task Force meeting. 3 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit http://archuletacounty. org/agendacenter.
- 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/.
- Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District work session and special meeting. 4 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave. To access via Zoom, use meeting ID 858 3161 6392 and passcode 983476. For more information, visit PAWSD.org. **Archuleta School District Facilities Master Plan: Progress and Next** Steps community meeting. 6 p.m. Pagosa Springs Elementary School, 141 S. 10th St.

#### Friday, Nov. 15

**Archuleta County Board of County** Commissioners budget hearings. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/9160904 8375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1N HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit http://archuletacounty.org/ agendacenter.

#### Monday, Nov. 18

- San Juan Water Conservancy District work session. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive.
- Cone Zone Care Committee U.S. 160 reconstruction update. 6 p.m., Bliss Scoops and Sweets.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 19

- **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=dlFFV0J 1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit http://archuletacounty. org/agendacenter.
- Archuleta County Board of County **Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom. us/j/91609048375?pwd=dlFFV0J 1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit http://archuletacounty. org/agendacenter.

**Upper San Juan Health Service Dis-**

trict 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: 248 378 716 11, passcode: g2ZTGa.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 20

- **Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library** Board meeting. 4 p.m., Zoom. For more information, visit https:// www.pagosalibrary.org/boardmeetings.
- 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 Board of Health meeting. 3 p.m., Archuleta County
- administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit http://archuletacounty.org/ agendacenter.
- Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: https:// pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/.
- **Archuleta County Planning** Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/91 609048375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVK a1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit http://archuletacounty.org/ agendacenter.







### Area Marines celebrate Marine Corps birthday

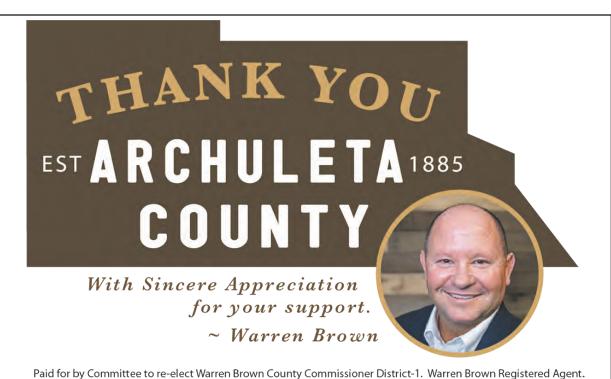
#### **By Ed Robinson** Pagosa Marine Corps Birthday Committee

Pagosa-area Marines and guests gathered Sunday, Nov. 10, at Boss Hogg's Restaurant to celebrate the 249th birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

Retired Maj. Don MacNamee cut the birthday cake with his ceremonial sword.

The first piece of cake was given to Ernie Garcia, the oldest Marine present, who was born in 1935 and entered the Marine Corps in 1952.





## Thanksgiving issue Thursday, November 28 Early Deadlines

Display Advertising Noon, Friday, November 22

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#### Legal Advertising, Articles & Letters Noon, Thursday, November 21

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Traditionally, Garcia passed that piece to the youngest Marine present, Alec Kinser, who was born in 1994 and joined the Marines in 2011.

The act signifies the passing of experience and knowledge from the old to the new, along with the obligation to uphold the honor, duty, history and lore of the Marine Corps in the highest standards.

Photos courtesy Tom Zilhaver, Jan Love, Maria MacNamee and Karla Robinson Pagosa-area Marines and spouses celebrate the 249th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps on Nov. 10.



## Archuleta County Fair Board seeking new members

By Ashley Springer Archuleta County

The Archuleta County Fair Board is seeking new board members for 2025. In 2025, the fair will celebrate 74 years and will be held from July 31

through Aug. 3. The fair board is a volunteer-based

working board that plans and executes the Archuleta County Fair annually.

Volunteers must be county residents, agree to a three-year term and plan to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m., with the exception of July and August, when meetings become more frequent.

This year, in addition to planning the 2025 county fair, members will begin larger plans for the 2026 event, which will be the 75th anniversary of the fair.

The year 2026 also celebrates 150 years of the state of Colorado and 250 years of the United States of America.

"The fair provides a fun event and the opportunity to socialize with other community members," commented Fair Coordinator Tonya Steadmon. "Our community is what holds our families and traditions together. We need each other to support and encourage others, and what better way than to volunteer and participate in the fair and all it brings?"

The 2024 fair festivities boasted more than 8,000 community members, with anticipation for more growth every year.

Board assignment is a two-step process in which candidates are first considered by the current fair board and then presented to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners for final approval.

"My favorite part of being on the fair board is not only planning it, but being a part of our traditions and history," Steadmon said. "It means a dedication to serving our community."

Interested residents are encouraged to contact Steadmon by phone or email at (970) 264-8424 or tsteadmon@archuletacounty.org.

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Volunteers slice turkey for the annual community Thanksgiving meal. This year's free early Thanksgiving meal is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 21 at 445 Lewis St.



Thursday

The Pagosa Bar: Karaoke, 7 p.m.

#### Friday

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

#### Saturday

**Hidden Track:** Maxwell Miller, 8 p.m. **Mountain Pizza and Taproom:** Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m. **The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** John Blackdog, 5 p.m.

#### Tuesday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.

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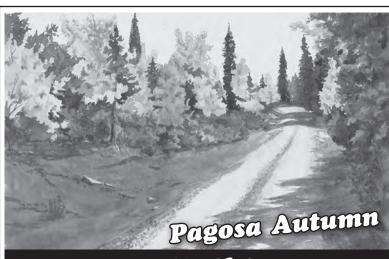
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## **Early community Thanksgiving** meal planned for Nov. 21

#### By Nancy Crouse

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Yes, Pagosa, there will still be a fantastic, free early Thanksgiving meal this year.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will again sponsor a full Thanksgiving dinner, served from the entryway of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall at 445 Lewis St., on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Unlike in previous years when the meal was served at tables beautifully decorated with white table cloths and fall foliage, this year's meal will only be available through walk-up or via drive-through.

This annual community feast, offered free to the public one week before the actual Thanksgiving Day, will include roasted turkey, savory dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans and pie.

Preparations have been underway since September, and cooking will start on Tuesday, when the turkeys go in the oven. Courtesy of Counterpoint Church's spacious kitchen, Wednesday is the big preparation day when St. Patrick's parishioners will chop onions and celery, assemble the dressing, slice turkeys and prepare the green beans. Volunteers will complete the final preparations early Thursday morning and shuttle the meals downtown for distribution at the Parish Hall.

Serving will begin at 11 a.m., aiming to serve until 1 p.m. or until the food runs out. Due to anticipated high demand, there will be a limit of three dinners per guest, and we recommend folks arrive in the first



#### hour to pick up your meals. All are we call home." welcome to partake in this special

meal. "It is a joy to share our Thanksgiving gratitude with our neighbors," noted St. Patrick's rector, Wren Blessing. "We all can be grateful for the beauty of this incredible community

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Opportunities to share in Thanksgiving will continue as St. Patrick's will hold a Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist, open to the community, on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 5 p.m. at 225 South Pagosa Blvd.

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## Upper San Juan Watershed films to premiere at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

#### By Sally High

San Juan Water Conservancy District

"This Is Your Watershed: Upper San Juan River" will celebrate the varied uses of water in our community with an educational film premiere Monday evening, Nov. 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts (PSCA).

The event is free to the public.

San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) invites community members and water organizations to Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts to view two water films by acclaimed filmmaker Christi Bode. "The Value of Snow" and "The Waterways that Connect Us" are the first two of three short films funded by the Colorado Water Conservation Board and SJWCD.

The third film will premiere in early 2025.

The PSCA doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Twelve regional water organizations will host exhibit tables about their essential work in the front space. The SJWCD will provide savory and sweet finger foods as guests converse with water professionals, and there will be a cash bar.

At 6:30 p.m., films will be shown in the back theater. "The Value of Snow" was released in September, but may be new to much of the community. The audience will see the second film, "The Waterways that Connect Us," for the first time. A panel of water professionals who appear in the films will answer audience questions.

Alex Handloff, Mountain Studies Institute and San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, will mod-

■ See Films on next page

Photo courtesy Nicole Pitcher

A lone fisherman enjoys a little bit of piscatorial heaven on the San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs. The environmental health of the upper San Juan waters is essential to the community's well-being. On Nov. 18, the San Juan Water Conservancy District will show two water films at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

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Tueday, Nov. 19	
Wednesday, Nov. 20	
Thursday, Nov. 21	
Friday, Nov. 22	1-3 PM
Saturday, Nov. 23	1-3 PM
Sunday, Nov. 24	1-3 PM
Monday, Nov. 21	8-10 AM

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# End of Life Education group to hear from hospice specialist

#### By Elizabeth Coleman End of Life Education

At the suggestion of our October speaker, Dr. Erin Clarkinson of Dignity Care Colorado (Durango), we have invited a highly skilled and experienced hospice specialist to be our speaker on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Alison Mowery is a licensed clinical social worker with more than 10 years of experience in long-term, palliative and home hospice care.

For many years, she has been covering the Archuleta County area

for Common Spirit Health, Hospice of Mercy's program, so she is familiar with our specific issues and resources.

Her passion includes helping the older population and individuals facing life-threatening illnesses to navigate the complicated health care system and minimize obstacles for patients and their families. She is well versed in what Medicare will and will not cover during home and facility care. After her presentation, she will answer questions.

We hope you will join us for this

gathering in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. on Thursday, Nov. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. Enter through the side door off the parking lot, as the front doors may be locked. Feel free to bring snacks to share if you choose. There will be a donation jar for the use of the room.

This will be the 10th meeting of the End of Life Education group. What we have learned during 2024 has exceeded our expectations and sets the stage for further learning in 2025. Please bring your suggestions for follow-up to the November meeting.

## Films

■ continued from previous page erate interactions between audience members and panelists. Handloff brings years of notable experience in environmental communications to this community conversation.

Christi Bode is a Pagosa-based filmmaker, producer and writer. Bode's recent accomplishments include "The Ute Water Legacy" and "Farm to Faucet." Bode's collaboration with SJWCD illustrates the importance of working together and protecting the headwaters of the San Juan River.

Chris Pitcher owns Southwest River Engineering with 20 years of professional experience protecting water resources. Pitcher works with local Archuleta County and regional river projects, always with an eye on watershed health.

Arleen and Shawn Prochazka bring years of professional meteorologi-

cal experience to their leadership of Pagosa Weather, a local nonprofit that involves many dozens of citizens. Pagosa Weather is the official local coordinator of Colorado's Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network.

Lindsey Kurt-Mason represents Pagosa Paddle and the Friends of the Upper San Juan on the panel. A wellknown career educator with extensive environmental teaching experience, Kurt-Mason's work in 2024 demonstrates the economic importance of a healthy San Juan River.

After the film discussions end, conversations will continue in the PSCA front room. Food and drink will still be available and the exhibits of 12 water organizations will engage guests as the event wraps up.

The tabletop exhibitors include: • San Juan Water Enhancement Partnership.

- Colorado Division of Water.
- Town of Pagosa Springs.
- Mountain Studies Institute.
- Friends of the Upper San Juan River and Pagosa Paddle.
  - Creation Care.
- Colorado State University Extension and Natural Resources.
- Weminuche Audubon and Audubon Rockies.
- Water Information Program.

• Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation.

- Pagosa Weather.
- San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership.

The mission of the SJWCD is to be an active leader in all issues affecting the water resources of the Upper San Juan River Basin.

More information can be found at www.sjwcd.org.





## Paul Kriescher to present 'A Journey to a Zero-Carbon Home' on Nov. 21

#### By Sarah L. Riehm Creation Care Pagosa

Creation Care Pagosa will feature noted green building expert Paul Kriescher for our November program on Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m.

His program is entitled "A Journey to a Zero-Carbon Home: Come learn the why and what behind this for your own home."

Creation Care meets in the fellowship hall at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St.

We have a treat in store. Kriescher will be giving a sneak peek, VIP viewing of his latest documentary which will air on Rocky Mountain PBS in early 2025. After the screening, you'll learn specific information and tools to retrofit your own home to make it more in harmony with nature. You'll also learn how to share this information with family and friends who want to "do something" to help combat climate change and/or want to be become energy independent.

Kriescher is the founder and CEO of Heart of a Building, a company dedicated to sharing the inspiring stories of people who design, finance and construct the buildings of tomorrow, today.

From its website: "{We} seek to promote living, working, and playing in spaces that are cleaner, healthier, and better - for the environment and for our families. Join us in the heart-centered work of choosing innovation to help make the world a better place for our children, grandchildren, and many generations to come. Our stories showcase the state-of-the-art technical expertise behind energy-efficient buildings that are out-performing existing codes. We explore the heart-centered reasons - the 'why' - behind each project."

Kriescher recently converted his company to a nonprofit business model. Why?

"It speaks better to our mission. We aren't doing this for profits," he said. "Plus, contributions to sustain



Photo courtesy Creation Care Pagosa

Creation Care Pagosa's Nov. 21 meeting will feature noted green building expert Paul Kriescher.

our work are now fully tax deduct-ible."

Its advisory board includes environmental powerhouses such as Colorado State University's Institute for the Built Environment.

Kriescher and his wife, Michelina, have been full-time residents of Pagosa Springs since 2022.

"We were drawn deeply to the feeling of home with the spiritual resonance with the area, and we have not been disappointed since moving here," he said.

And, Kriescher loves the skiing and the mountain biking.

Creation Care Pagosa is an ecumenical, faith-based organization dedicated to community education and environmental action. There are no membership fees or dues. All are welcome.

Email sarah.riehm@gmail.com if you plan to attend on Nov. 21 so we have enough food for our free communal meal before the program.

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### Food Pantry Network spreads joy throughout the year

#### **By Shanna Robb** Pagosa Catholic Community

Depending on circumstances, the holidays can evoke a range of emotions from joy to anxiety. Fueling the state of anxiety for many is the uncertainty of having food available for themselves and their families.

Sadly, the fear of hunger extends beyond the holidays. With more than 47 million people in the United States facing hunger and the most recent poverty rate in Archuleta County tracking at 8.2 percent, hunger is a reality many living in our county face.

Luckily, for Archuleta County residents who need assistance putting food on their table, there are seven food pantries that make it their mission to feed the hungry.

While not all are affiliated with a Christian organization, the outreach offered by the independently run food pantries is directly in line with Jesus' message to feed the hungry (Matthew 24: 35-40). Compassion and dedication define the volunteers who keep the pantries open.

According to a representative of the FSFE-Food Coalition, also known as Healthy Archuleta, more than 1,000 individuals are served per week in Archuleta County.

Serving those in need are five food pantries in Pagosa Springs, one pantry in Aspen Springs and one pantry in Arboles. With exception of Sunday, food is distributed at one or more locations Monday through Saturday.

Other than a couple holiday closures, the pantries are open yearround and transportation options are available through Archuleta County Mountain Express Transit at archuletacounty.org.

As a grassroot community effort that is determined to meet the growing needs within our county, the pantries depend on local support to keep their shelves stocked. Donations are welcomed throughout the year with special needs during the holidays (such as pie filling, stuffing, gravy, canned corn, cranberry sauce, etc.).

For those wishing to donate food, you may contact the food pantries or leave nonperishable food in the bin located at the UPS Store near City Market. The Food Coalition will distribute donations among the seven locations.

To donate your talents, funds, fresh produce, USDA processed beef or to learn more about the programs offered by the FSFE-Food Coalition, email fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

If you are in need of food, the seven pantries are here to help. For a list of food pantries, including distribution days and hours, visit foodcoalition4archuleta.org.

As a special treat, in addition to many food pantries distributing Thanksgiving meal supplies during their regular hours, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is hosting a free Community Thanksgiving take-home meal on Thursday, Nov. 21. Prepared meals, infused with joy, will be available for pickup from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 451 Lewis St.



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## TARA Food Pantry awarded Community Food Grant

By Susan Halkin TARA Community Center

The TARA Food Pantry will receive a grant to connect community members with more Colorado-grown produce and nutrient-dense foods.

It is one of 83 food pantries to be awarded 2024-2025 funding from the state of Colorado.

"We are so pleased to receive this grant to continue to keep the TARA Food Pantry sustainable. We will be

able to purchase local meats, eggs and produce with this grant. This not only supports us but our entire community benefits," said Susan Halkin.

Earlier this year, the state legislature's Joint Budget Committee and Gov. Jared Polis allocated \$3 million in funding for food assistance over the next five years through House Bill 2024-1407. The Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger administers the grant program, in partnership with **See Grant on next page** 

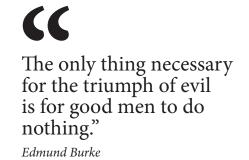
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Thanks also to Lisa Scott (Campaign Manager), Pete Gutman (Treasurer) and all other volunteers.

This would not have been possible without my amazing wife and best friend, Angie. Thank you!

Sincerely, John Ranson



Rotary Club members Pat Love and Melanie Garrett ring the bells and inspire local generosity to help end polio worldwide on Oct. 25.

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## Rotarians rally community support to end polio

#### By Shellie Peterson

Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

On Oct. 25, members of the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs rang bells, inviting our generous community to help make polio history.

Thanks to your contributions, \$427 was raised that day for Rotary International's PolioPlus fund, advancing us toward a world where no child is at risk of polio paralysis.

In addition to the funds collected that day, our Rotary Club members have donated \$1,175 this year. Through Rotary's longstanding partnership with the Gates Foundation, which matches two for every dollar raised, your support brings this year's total to an impressive \$4,806.

To continue the critical work of eradicating polio, Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million annually to reach every child with the polio vaccine. With the Gates Foundation's 2-to-1 match, that means \$150 million per year toward global eradication efforts. As long as polio exists anywhere, children everywhere are at risk due to its highly contagious nature.

If you missed us on Oct. 25, you can still make a difference. Please consider donating online at endpolio. org or mail a check to Rotary Pagosa Community Assistance Fund, P.O. Box 685, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Together, we can make history by eradicating polio for good.

## Grant

■ continued from previous page the Colorado Department of Human Services.

The Community Food Grants program provides funding to qualifying food pantries and food banks, specifically for the procurement and distribution of healthy, culturally relevant foods, while also championing local agriculture. With these funds, food pantries like the TARA Food Pantry can acquire and distribute food directly to individuals and families as aligned with community needs and priorities.

"Food pantries are key partners in addressing hunger in their local communities," shared Joel McClurg, executive director of systems for the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger. "And this state funding invests in local solutions to local problems so that everyone can access the food they choose, where they want it and when they need it."

Grants are intended to purchase dairy and fresh produce from local farmers, ranchers and producers. They also aim to expand access to foods that meet the diverse tastes and needs of community members based on their cultural identity and/ or spirituality.

The TARA Food Pantry expresses sincere thanks to all involved in this grant along with our other many partners.

The TARA Food Pantry is located at 333 Milton Lane inside of the TARA Community Center's lower level in Arboles. It is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Families do not need to qualify to participate in this community program.

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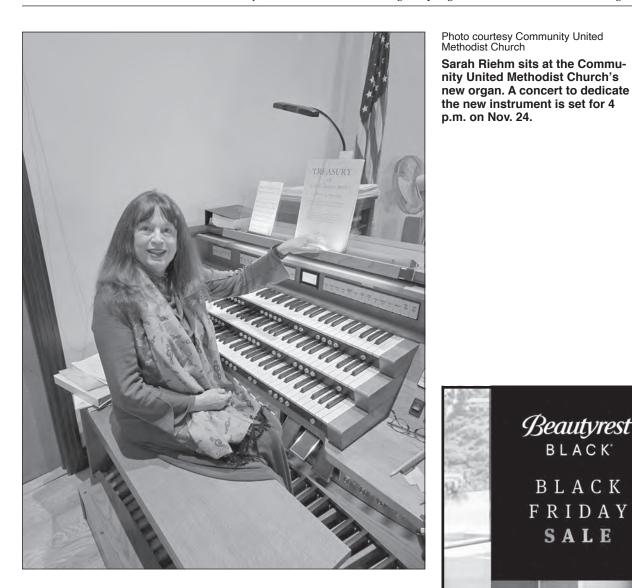


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## **CUMC** to present organ dedication concert Nov. 24

Community United Methodist Church

On Nov. 24 at 4 p.m., the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) will present a concert to dedicate its new three-manual Rodgers Inspire 343 electronic organ.

"This new instrument has some amazing bells and whistles, and the repertoire has been chosen to showcase its amazing capabilities," said CUMC organist Sarah Riehm.

Admission is free and donations are welcome. During the concert, CUMC will be taking a love offering that will benefit the Sally Neel Memorial Music Fund and the music programs of the church.

"Sally Neel was a real mentor and friend to me when we first moved to town five years ago," said Riehm. "She was an outstanding musician faithful to her craft. Her dedication to supporting community music of all kinds, and her generous spirit, was an inspiration to me. I took over as music director at St. Patrick's Episcopal after Sally left due to health reasons. We had originally planned this concert together, but, sadly, she passed away last year. Her husband, Fr. Doug Neel, is delighted that we are honoring her legacy in this way."

Featured artists on the program include Heidi Tanner, violinist; Andy Hockman, tenor; and the Quodlibet Handbell and Sanctuary choirs of CUMC. We'll take a fun and informative 80-minute jaunt through the history of the organ and its changing roles in popular and sacred music.

The repertoire includes music ancient and modern, from the very first printed organ piece still in existence to Bach's two most popular favorites (can you guess them?) to movie music masters Ennio Morricone and John Williams.

The former organ at CUMC became unplayable around 2022 and, because it was so old, the costs to repair it were unviable. At about that time, the Pagosa Springs Girls' Choir disbanded.

Federal nonprofit regulations dictate that when a nonprofit is dissolved, its assets can be given only to another nonprofit organization. We are grateful to Linda Price Parker, who was the girls' choir director, for her generous designation of these funds to purchase a new organ. This seed money allowed CUMC to quickly raise enough from church members to fully fund the organ during a 60-day fundraising drive.

'We hope that this organ will enable CUMC to become a center for community music events for years to come," said Riehm.

Thanks to all who participated. A reception with refreshments will follow the concert. This is a family-friendly concert and everyone is welcome. Child care will be available. The church is located at 434 Lewis St.



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### Unitarian Universalists to hear about gratitude at Nov. 17 service

#### By De Anna Hoyle

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

With the holiday season upon us and Thanksgiving approaching, it's an appropriate time to consider what we are thankful for in our lives.

This is a time to reflect upon the year and our own personal harvest, reviewing what we have in our lives and giving thanks.

Yet true gratitude extends beyond thankfulness. It is an amazing emotion that brings awareness and understanding, compassion and love.

Join us as we explore ways to connect with and practice gratitude, thereby realizing the true blessings that surround us every day. This Sunday, Nov. 17, at 10:30 a.m. at the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, we invite you to join us as Michael Demchak, lay minister, explores the practice of gratitude, not just for the season, but every day.

Demchak currently serves the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship as the steering committee president and has led many Earth-centered rituals and services throughout the years.

From our recent series shared by the Foothills Unitarian Church, our congregation continues to practice putting love at the center, which is part of the core values of this faith. We are called to action through our shared covenant, which is expressed through a set of inseparable and deeply interdependent shared values.

Imagine a flower image with love at the center, then place six petals around it with the following: pluralism, generosity, interdependence, equity, justice and transformation.

This is the framework by which we turn to our personal and spiritual growth and take action to make a difference in the world. We welcome diversity and all are included as we live this human experiment. Come, let us worship together.

#### About the fellowship

Our website has more information about our local fellowship and a link to our current newsletter. Check out

PagosaUU.org.

We meet the first and third Sundays in person at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak.

You can also join us through our offered Zoom services using the following meeting link: https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/8991941305.

Offered on alternate Sundays, in-person meditation practice is on the second and fourth Sundays from to 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. The sessions begin promptly, so kindly allow a few extra minutes to settle in.

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#### Spiritual Experiences Group to discuss 'Have You Had a Spiritual Experience?'

#### By Laurah Brock Young

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

It is now possible to tell of past lives, dreams, soul travel and other spiritual experiences without fear, censure, persecution or worse. A window of opportunity is open.

What makes a spiritual life? Do you want freedom, knowledge, truth, wisdom, love and understanding? Many people have had some kind of experience that can be a spiritual wake-up call. Sometimes we do not understand these experiences and their meanings.

You are not alone. Many people have spiritual experiences. Why don't we talk about them? Some people may not have a framework to understand them. Your experiences are your reality.

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• 84 percent of us believe in survival of the soul after death. • 43 percent have had a prophetic

dream. • 33 percent have had some kind of spiritual experience.

• 27 percent have strong feelings about reincarnation.

• 5 percent have had near-death or out-of-body experiences.

Join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m. for an uplifting discussion of "Have You Had a Spiritual Experience?" We will meet at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Eckankar, a spiritual resource for people of all faiths and backgrounds, sponsors this free event. It is an individual, creative practice to experience our unique relationship with the Divine.

Join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs at https:// www.meetup.com/pagosa-springsspiritual-experiences-group/.

### 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**

Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m.: Illuminations — "Quantum Healing Technique" with Niara Isley. A love donation will be accepted.

Nov. 22, 1:30 to 4 p.m.: Zoom playshop on "Discover your 'Why'

and Create a Clear Brand Statement" with Dr. Elaine Harding. Sign up now for this free presentation by emailing elaine@elainekharding.com or calling (970) 585-4370.

Nov. 24, 11 a.m.: Meditation and Finnish drumming circle with Scott Maki.

Nov. 28, 3 p.m.: Community potluck Thanksgiving dinner. The doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and enjoy good harvest and a sacred prayer and meditation circle. RSVP to (970) 510-0309.

#### About us

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

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

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

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





## **Preview Calendar**

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

#### Thursday, Nov. 14

- Ruby's Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.
- T'ai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30, Yamaguchi Park. Free for those 60 and better. Virtual Author Talk: Javier Zamora. 2 p.m., virtual, Javier Zamora will speak on child migration from Central America. For details and to register, go to https://libraryc.org/ pagosalibrary/upcoming.
- Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.
- PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school 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.
- Archuleta School District Facilities Master Plan Discussion. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. The district will provide an update on the progress and outline the next steps, and the public is invited to participate in discussion about the plan.
- Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Doug

Coombs, a member of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club, will share his photos from four different trips to Africa and describe options for traveling to Africa.

#### Friday, Nov. 15

- Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.
- 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. **Build Better Boundaries with Bise**
- Above Violence. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join Rise for some fun activities about setting healthy boundaries and why it's important.
- Paws to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Read with Maple, a therapy dog who loves stories.
- Steam Engines. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library, For all ages

#### Saturday, Nov. 16

- 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.
- LEGO Play. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-11 years old. Bring your own or use the library's LEGOs to free build. Contact the

library at (970) 264-2209 for further information

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



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antioxidants, and trace minerals (iron, zinc, copper, and magnesium). A diet rich in whole grains has been shown to reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and

Whole-grain diets can also improve bowel

health by helping to maintain regular bowel movements and promote growth of healthy bacteria in the colon. Yet the average American eats less than one serving per day, and over 40% never eat whole grains at all. Young adults get less than one serving daily. Why? For one thing, it's not always easy to tell just which foods are whole-grain. Scan the bread, cereal or snack packaging, and virtually every one promotes its whole-grain goodness. But not all of them actually are whole-grain. Terms like "multigrain," "100% wheat," "cracked wheat," "organic," "pumpernickel," "bran," and "stone ground" may sound healthy, but none actually indicates the product is whole-grain... A whole grain contains all edible parts of the grain, including the bran, germ, and endosperm. The whole grain may be used intact or recombined, as long as all components are present in natural proportions.

To recognize whole grains, keep this list handy when you go to the supermarket and choose any of the following grains:

Whole-grain corn Whole oats/oatmeal Popcorn Brown rice Whole rye

Whole-grain barley Wild rice Buckwheat Triticale Bulgur (cracked wheat) Millet Quinoa Sorghum

Source: "Tips for Reaping the Benefits of Whole Grain." By Kathleen M. Zelman. http://www.webmd.com

Bonus Tip: Visit http://www.AmazingFacts.org for spiritual refreshment every week! "...and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine." Ezekiel 47:12 last part

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## **Preview Calendar**

#### continued from previous page DivorceCare/DivorceCare for Kids.

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

#### Sunday, Nov. 17

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., earlybird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo at 6 p.m.

#### Monday, Nov. 18

Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

- 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.
- Habitat for Humanity Open House. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 54 Domicile Circle. Have you ever wanted to apply for a Habitat home, or are wondering how to get involved? Now is your chance. Enjoy snacks and refreshments at an open-to-the-public event and see the 36th Habitat
- home in Archuleta County. Archuleta County Democratic Club. 11:30 a.m., Coyote Moon. Will Ridlehoover, executive director of Build Pagosa, will speak.
- 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. Prac-

tice your olde English, read "Romeo and Juliet" and have a fun time.

- High School Math Tutoring. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Math tutors are available for ages 14 and up. Registration is required.
- 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
- Deepening the Faith Classes. 6-8 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms
- 'This is Your Watershed: Upper San Juan River' Launch. 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The San Juan Water Conservancy District will launch its video series, "This is Your Watershed: Upper San Juan River" by showing the first two films in the three-film series: "The Value of Snow" and "The Waterways that Connect Us." A panel discussion led by local water experts will follow.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 19

- Stretching and Mobility Class. 9:30-10:30 a.m., Senior Center. A stretching and mobility class for those age 55 and up.
- Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.
- Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.
- Tech Time. 10 a.m.- noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- Adult DIY. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Creative gift wrapping with natural elements. Use lots of common natural items to explore your decorative style.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. Hand and Foot Card Game. 1:15

- p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.
- Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. 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
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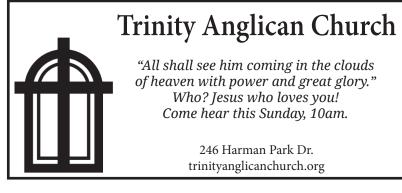
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for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

- **Conversational Spanish.** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required.
- PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- Men's Fellowship. 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 20

- Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.
- Introduction to Pickleball. 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.
- Pagosa Catholic Quilters. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms. For more information, contact Maxine Everaert at quilters@ihmjp2.org.
- Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A weekly club for 3- to 5-year-olds where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. For more information, email Frank and Connie Porter at ceflittlekids@ gmail.com.
- Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. After-school tutoring in reading and math for grades 1-3. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information or to sign up.
- Teen/Tween Activity. 4-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Head to the teen area every Wednesday after school for a fun craft or challenge. Activities will range from taste tests to art challenges and minute-to-win-itstyle games.
- Virtual Author Talk: Mona Susan Power. 2 p.m., virtual. Mona Susan Power will speak on "Native Rights and Culture in Fiction." For details and to register, go to https://libraryc. org/pagosalibrary/upcoming.
- Pagosa Springs High School Booster Club. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School.

#### Thursday, Nov. 21

- 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.
- Early Community Thanksgiving Meal. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 445 Lewis St. Free Thanksgiving meals will be available to pick up via walkup or drive-through. A turkey and trimmings dinner. All are welcome to partake.
- 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.

- Dungeons and Dragons. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@ pagosalibrary.org to join.
- English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.
- Creation Care Pagosa. 5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Paul Kriesher will speak on "A Journey to a Zero-Carbon Home."
- PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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## **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 American wigeon.

An unconventional feeding strategy has earned this duck the nickname of "poacher." The preferred foods of the wigeon, leaves and roots of submerged vegetation, are often ones too deep for these dabblers to reach. Wigeons solve this problem by waiting for diving birds to surface and grabbing the food that they drop or taking it right out of their mouths. They spend more time on deep water than other dabbling ducks and regularly steal from canvasbacks, redheads, scaup and coots, and even from geese and muskrats on occasion.

The American wigeon is a waterfowl species both at home in the water and on land. The design of its short, gooselike bill concentrates force at the tip, which allows it to graze on terrestrial plants. In cities they can be found plucking grass in parks and on golf courses.

In fall and winter, American wigeons form large, noisy groups. The distinctive whistled call of the male has been described as sounding like a squeaky toy. Recently large numbers of these birds have been seen and heard on both Vista pond and on Pinon lake. Numbers here diminish during breeding season, but in other seasons, some will stay as long as there is open water. American wigeons are found in a large range that extends from Alaska to Mexico and Central America. Some even winter as far south as northern South America. The primary breeding range is found in western Canada and Alaska. Females build a nest in grasslands where tall vegetation provides concealment, in areas up to one-half mile from the protection of water.

In breeding plumage, cinnamon-colored males have a gleaming white head cap, white patches on the sides of the rump and a white patch on the upperwing which is visible in flight. They have a wide green stripe behind the eyes. Brown females are identified by a dark smudge around the eyes

Weminuche Audubon will be holding three bird identification classes prior to the Christmas Bird Count. Join us on Nov. 20, when we will focus on waterfowl.

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



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- Indoor Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.
- Community Coffee. 1-3 p.m., TARA Historical Society Community Center, For more information, email TARACommunityCenter101@ amail.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. Bingo. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center.

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## **Sherpa Real Estate Merges with** Jim Smith Realty to Innovate the **Mountain Living Experience in Southwest Colorado**

#### Sherpa Real Estate

Sherpa Real Estate, a burgeoning real estate firm in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, is pleased to announce its merger with Jim Smith Realty, the area's oldest and largest real estate company, with over 37 years of service.

This strategic merger aims to enhance real estate services in the region, blending innovation with deep-rooted experience to meet the needs of a rapidly growing market.

Founded in 2016, Sherpa Real Estate has quickly built a reputation for its concierge-level services, providing clients with personalized, on-the-ground guidance as they explore the unique mountain lifestyle of Southwest Colorado.

The merger with Jim Smith Realty combines Sherpa's modern approach with the extensive history and knowledge Jim Smith Realty has cultivated since 1987.

"Jim Smith, in my opinion, was Pagosa's original creative thinker in this space from the late '80s forward," said Chris Liverett, founder of Sherpa Real Estate.

"We are excited to combine his long history with our fresh, innovative concepts, and share a mutual desire to provide the best services to our clients."

Liverett added, "This merger brings together two great companies with a shared vision of delivering local expertise to clients who come from all over the world."

Jim Smith, broker/owner of Jim Smith Realty, echoed this excitement. "As the leader of Jim Smith Realty for the past 37 years, I would like to thank everyone who trusted us with their real estate needs. With great anticipation, we join hands with Chris Liverett and Sherpa Real Estate in this merger, which we believe will offer enhanced services and expertise to our clients. Chris and Sherpa Real Estate are bringing more innovation into this marketplace than any other company, and we are thrilled to merge our past with their future."

The merger reflects the growth of Pagosa Springs' real estate market, which has seen increasing interest from both local buyers and out-ofstate clients seeking to experience the area's scenic beauty, outdoor activities, and laid-back mountain lifestyle.

By joining forces, the two companies will now offer an expanded range of services, blending cutting-edge technology and marketing with decades of local experience to provide seamless, customized real estate solutions.

#### About Sherpa **Real Estate**

Founded in 2016, Sherpa Real Estate has helped clients realize their mountain lifestyle dreams by offering trustworthy real estate services in Southwest Colorado. Known for its boots-on-the-ground approach, Sherpa provides local guidance and personalized service for those seeking homes and land in Pagosa Springs and the surrounding areas.

#### About Jim Smith Realty

Established in 1987, Jim Smith Realty has been a pillar of the Pagosa Springs real estate community for over 37 years. The company has earned a reputation for delivering personalized guidance and expert knowledge to clients seeking residential, commercial, and land properties in Southwest Colorado.

#### **Contact information**

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Sherpa Real Estate and Jim Smith Realty are part of The Pagosa Springs SUN sponsored content program called Spotlight.

### Priceless local historical materials available at your library

#### By Carole Howard PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

In a cozy corner of your library, there is a treasure trove of local history available for your reading pleasure, thanks to the generosity of one of Pagosa's long-time residents and the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA).

You can find these materials easily by coming in the library front door, turning right at the front desk and walking toward the Turner Reading Room.

On your immediate right you will find six wide shelves holding books, maps and newspaper articles under a sign saying Hershey Collection. It is adjacent to a welcoming lounge area with comfortable seating underneath huge windows.

During their time at Four Mile Ranch in Pagosa, Terese and Jacob Hershey built an impressive collection of printed materials about the Four Corners region which they donated to our library for our community's continued enrichment and enjoyment.

You'll find guide books about Rocky Mountain gardening and wildflowers, San Juan Mountain hiking areas, fishing and camping spots, mining history and ghost towns, local wildlife and birds, railroad history, and much more.

Local history buffs will be enthralled by five history books authored by the late journalist John

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Motter as well a collection of his popular columns from The Pagosa Springs SUN.

Also situated within the Hershey Collection are five rows of materials donated by CRIA on ancient Puebloans and the history of the Chimney Rock National Monument. This famous archaeological site is located only a half an hour away, driving on U.S. 160 toward Durango, then on Colo. 151.

We hope you'll take advantage of this treasure trove of local history available for your reading pleasure at the library or to check out.

#### One more Lifelong Learning Lecture

Our free weekly Lifelong Learning Lecture fall series comes to an end today, Nov. 14, with one last presentation from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

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.

No registration is required to attend.

#### Online author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks in November have celebrated diverse cultural experiences and National Native American History Month. They offer two more opportunities this month for you to interact with New York Times bestselling authors and ask questions.

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

Saturday, Nov. 9, showcased a Spanish-language conversation with Javier Zamora, author of "Solito," on "Sobre la Migracion Infantil Desde Centroamerica." Now he offers that same presentation in English today, Thursday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m.

On Nov. 20 at 5 p.m., we'll enjoy a conversation with Mona Susan Power, PEN/Hemingway Prize winner and member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, on "Native Rights and Culture in Fiction."

#### Math tutoring Monday

High school math tutors will be available for ages 14 and up Mondays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. except for the second Monday each month when it ends at 5 p.m. because of our staff meeting. Registration is required.

Math tutoring will continue depending on demand and tutor availability.

#### Science fun tomorrow

Youngsters aged 6 to 10 are invited to experience awesome science experiments at a free session tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 15, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

## Healthy boundaries for teens

Teens and tweens are invited to join Rise Above Violence for a free session on setting healthy boundaries and why it's important tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 15, from 2 to 3 p.m.

#### Paws to Read tomorrow

Friday, Nov. 15, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters are invited to share their ■ See Library on next page





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**Craftapalooza.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Create a variety of crafts for all ages.

#### Saturday, Nov. 23

- Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join new or experienced knitters to get help with your project, or sit and knit.
- **DivorceCare Surviving the Holidays.** 4-5:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. The seminar will begin with a video that includes practical advice from people who have experienced a marital breakup and have faced at least one holiday season since then. You'll also receive a survival guide. To register or find out more, call the church office at (970) 731-2205 or email Holly Shook at hollymarie36@yahoo.com.
- Submit your calendar items to editor@ pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.



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favorite books with Maple, a therapy dog who love stories, at a free Paws to Read session.

#### LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to the free LEGO Club on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours to free build.

### Pokemon Club on Saturday

If you're aged 6-11 and love Pokemon, this free club is for you. Bring your cards on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

## Knitting and crochet lessons

Learn to knit or crochet on Monday, Nov. 18, 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, Nov. 18, for amateur musicians of all abilities and expertise to jam and sing with others.

#### Adult DIY next Tuesday

At the free in-person adult DIY next Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., we will enjoy creative gift wrapping with natural elements. Registration is required.

#### Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. There is no minimum skill level needed.

Note this group now meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

## Elementary tutoring sessions

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.

#### Family storytime

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

#### Teen/tween activity

Join us in the teen area every Wednesday after school from 4 to 4:30 p.m. this month for a fun craft or challenge. Activities will range from taste tests to art challenges to minute-to-win-it-style games.

#### **Dungeons and Dragons**

Thursday, Nov. 21, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

#### Writers Guild

Every Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m.,

e the Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for opportunities, support, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

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

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

#### ESL classes

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

#### 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.

#### Short stories collection

"The Man in Black and Other Stories" by Elly Griffiths, author of the Ruth Galloway mysteries, is a shortstory collection of 19 ghost stories, cozy mysteries, tales of psychological suspense and poignant vignettes of love and loss.

#### Large print

"Ghost Soldier" by Mike Maden is a Clive Cussler Oregon Files adventure. "Robert B. Parker's Buzz Kill" by Alison Gaylin is a Sunny Randall mystery. "An Eye for an Eye" by Jeffrey Archer is a William Warwick thriller. "Bad Liar" by Tami Hoag is a Broussard and Fourcade mystery. "By Any Other Name" by Jody Picoult follows a female playwright who anonymously writes for Shakespeare.

#### DVDs

"Cabrini" is based on the true story of an Italian immigrant working for housing and health care in New York City. "Over the Garden Wall" is the Cartoon Network's first animated miniseries. "Frozen Empire" is a Ghostbusters action story. "Manhunt" is a mystery based on the true story of a shocking murder in London. "Abigail" is a vampire movie about the kidnapping of a young ballerina.

#### Novels

"Sky Full of Elephants" by Cebo Campbell follows a father and daughter exploring a new world without white people. "The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife" by Anna Johnson tells of an extremely kind elderly man assuming a new life in a nursing home. "The Witches of El Paso" by Luis Jaramillo features a lawyer and her elderly great aunt with supernatural gifts in this fantasy story.

#### Nonfiction

"Taste: My Life Through Food" by Stanley Tucci is a memoir about food, family and travels containing a multitude of recipes from this actor known for his love of food from his CNN series "Searching for Italy." "Targeted Beirut" by Jack Carr and James M. Scott is an in-depth account of the deadly 1983 Marine barracks bombing. "Rebels with a Cause" by Dr. Niobe Way provides research and suggestions for culture change to help boys and young men make social and emotional connections.

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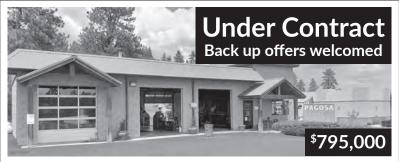
"I'm the queen of advice. My brother always says, 'You write books just so you can give everybody tips.' I've written 10 books full of tips. I love sharing information. I think it's because I'm a middle child." — Marilu Henner, stage and screen star and five-time Grammy nominee, health advocate, and author whose books are available at our library.

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## It's about staying in the race

By Betty Slade PREVIEW Columnist

When life changes direction on us and we wait for the dust to settle, there is a redefining moment — a time to reevaluate and rethink who we are, what we've lost, and how to move forward.

Before the Aug. 6 accident, life was moving on at a good clip, my book was ready for a last edit, I was actively involved with the writers' group, getting healthy, making plans for my grandson's football games, and day trips to see our grandchildren in Castle Rock, Colo. I was very content with my life as it was. Perhaps it's where my life is going now that I need to make some readjustments.

After the accident, life stopped for a while and then took on other responsibilities — healing for my Sweet Al and me. Al needs more emotional attention and I need weekly visits for physical therapy to be able to walk again without pain. We are moving forward, still in the race, but with a different focus.

My whole concept for life was to fulfill my potential and make every day count. Painfully moving from a wheelchair to a walker, life has taken on a whole new direction that needs a new attitude, energy and a desire to finish the race. I'm not going to be flying over the finish line, but hobbling over it.

A newsletter came from Jessica, a young writer who has been with the writers' group for 10 years. She joined the group when she was 18, quiet, and shy. She explained in the newsletter how she is formatting a book for a gentleman, promoting other writers, doing extensive marketing and preparing for a book signing planned with other writers.

That newsletter brought a jolting discovery: "Hey, wait for me. I feel like I've been left in the dust."



Suddenly, I was lagging behind, no longer in front setting the pace. Life moved on and I lost several months in the process of healing. I missed my release deadline for my devotional book and the booksigning party.

I'm not one to miss a deadline. I needed to reevaluate and rethink who I was, what was expected from me and what I needed to accomplish. I'm sure older people who have lost their spouse, fallen or broken a hip must rethink how they see themselves when their lives are turned upside down. No longer doing, but being done for. Yes, it's a very jolting moment, realizing it would be a slow process of getting back in the race and moving in a slower pace.

I was reminded of a speech I gave at the 1986 Shelby Art Gallery Conference in New Orleans. I called it, "It was Mario's race." I had become the top salesman for three years among 400 sales people in 40 galleries and I was asked to share my secret of success in selling art.

I went to the podium. I took a deep breath, stood silent and leaned into the microphone. My strong, confident voice reached the ears of the anxious salesmen in the hotel conference room.

"It was Mario's race. This race was supposed to be Mario's race. No one could take it from Andretti. He had the best car, pit crew, reputation and was seasoned. He was an American hero. Every one believed in the older, mature race driver and they predicted him another win. All the shouts were for Mario.

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"But sitting in the car next to him, a 35-year-old rookie from Louisville, Ky., who had recently signed with the Penske Team. Unheard of. His name? Danny Sullivan.

"Start your engines' — a shout came from the sideline. The race began. The huge crowd roared in anticipation as two drivers went into Turn 1.

"The announcer, stunned, spoke over his unbelief. 'Sullivan has dipped under the white line on the apron while Andretti is hugging the racing groove. Sullivan has cleared Andretti's car. Sullivan has done a complete 360-degree spin to the left, almost invisible in a huge cloud of smoke. He has passed Mario. This is the most memorable moment in the Indianapolis 500 history and has unfolded in a split-second.

"He has taken the checkered flag in the 1985 Indianapolis 500. This race will always be remembered as the "spin-and-win" victory. It is Danny Sullivan's race."

I asked the salespeople, "Whose race was it? Danny's or Andretti's?" They pounded the table and yelled, "Danny." They too believed they could be Danny Sullivan.

I waited for the room to calm. I leaned once again into the podium. "No. Both."

Both were in the race. The veteran knew about winning; he had to handle defeat and step into the race car again. The rookie, new to the race, would learn about winning. He would be tested to see what he was made of in order to continue racing.

"Whether we spin and win or we're beaten by a rookie and we lick our wounds, a successful salesman won't quit. We pick up our sales book, show another piece of art and keep selling."

Andretti stepped back into the car for another race and kept driving. See Lane on next page



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## Winter fundraiser underway for Senior Center

#### By Rose Chavez PREVIEW Columnist

Thanks to the kind donation of a matching grant provided by an anonymous benefactor, your generous donation during our winter fundraiser will be doubled up to \$5,000 through the end of December.

Although we are very grateful to our current funding partners, Archuleta County, the San Juan Basin Area on Aging, the 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 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-and-older 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 P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

We also take donations by phone at (970) 264-2167 or online donations via our Colorado Gives ASI winter fundraising page: https:// www.coloradogives.org/story/Asifallfundraiser.

### Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

For more than 50 years, the Pagosa Senior Center (established in 1971)/ ASI (established in 2013) has been meeting the social and nutritional



needs of older adults (age 60 and better) in our community.

We serve thousands of nutritious meals annually in Archuleta County, and volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels and friendly visits/wellness checks to homebound older adults.

We depend on more than 55 volunteers annually to help us serve and deliver meals and provide other wrap-around services.

The cost of each meal is \$10.50, but we only ask for a suggested donation of \$6 per meal. Meal recipients are asked to contribute what they can afford, and no one is ever turned down.

Meals are delivered Monday through Friday. Participants must be at home to receive meals. Meals will not be left.

Meals on Wheels volunteers receive background checks and training prior to delivery. Typically a volunteer shift is one day a week from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. depending on the size of the route. Staff works closely with volunteers to allow for periodic breaks.

If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by the ASI office at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. to pick up an application. Questions? Please call ASI at (970) 264-2167.

## Healthy aging and yoga therapy classes series

The Healthy Aging Yoga Series continues to be offered in person at the Pagosa Senior Center on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

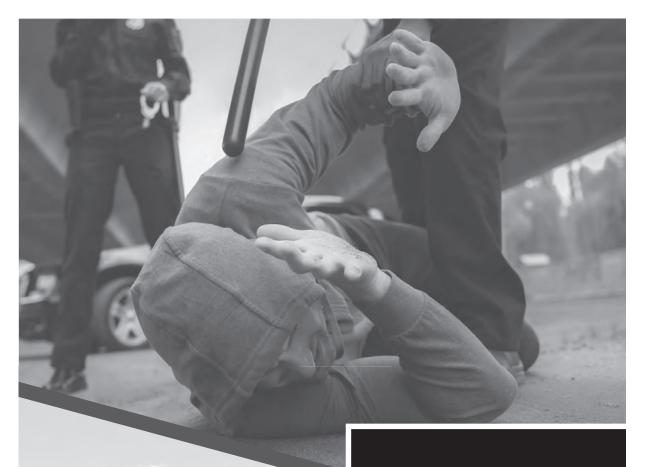
It is structured by therapeutic yoga tools and techniques with chair movement, standing stretches, gentle postures, breathing practices and reflective meditative moments.

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 **See Senior on next page** 





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He was a pro; he didn't quit. Until 1989, he was the only driver to win a Formula One World Championship and an Indy Car National Title. In Indy cars, he owned 51 career victories, four national championships and more pole positions than anyone else.

Sullivan, the rookie, went on to earn 17 wins in the CART Indy Car World Series, including the 1985 Indianapolis 500. Sullivan won the 1988 CART Championship and placed third in points in 1986.

Today, both drivers have stepped out from behind the steering wheel, but they are still building their careers in the racing world. Sometimes we have to get out of the car, rethink where we are and move in the direction we are given.

Final brushstroke: For me, drivenness has eclipsed into a slower pace. I don't have to be the fastest, the most productive and win the pole position. But I do have to be honest to my craft and continue in a direction God has asked me to go. I'm not leaving the race track. I'm slowing down to learn about where I am today. I'm letting the hotshots pass me by. It's really not about the win, but how we stay in the race.

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## Senior

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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.

#### 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. 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.

#### **Senior Conversations**

Join us Mondays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of "Senior Conversations" with local Bill Salmansohn.

He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

## Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is open to all. Pickup is available all week, including Fridays.

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$6, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10.50 charge for guests under the age of 60.

Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage. Some popular menu items include Frito chili pie, pork tenderloin with harvest chutney, Singaporean pork ribs, vegetarian lasagna, Hawaiian shrimp with coconut rice and always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to handprepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

#### Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Nov. 14 — Stuffed giant portobello mushroom with veggies and feta, couscous, garlic toast, garden salad, fruit, chocolate pudding and milk.

Friday, Nov. 15 — Korean pork ribs, quinoa brown rice, glazed ginger carrots, garden salad, fruit, fortune cookies and milk.

Monday, Nov. 18 — Chicken and dumplings, romanesco broccoli, garden salad, fruit, cherry pie and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 — Beef Frito pie, cornbread, sour cream, avocado, cheese, blueberry cobbler, garden salad and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 — Baked cod, broccoli hollandaise, bread pudding with rum sauce, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 21 — Pork tenderloin with cranberry ginger sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, garden salad, cottage cheese, fruit and milk.

Friday, Nov. 22 — Beef lasagna, wilted spinach and onions, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, cranberry nut muffin and milk.

#### Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$6 helps to sustain our program. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

### Mobile food pantry service

Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with its paratransit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

#### Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grabn-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

#### Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese

tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

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### Nature is becoming unreliable

#### **By Pepper Trail** PREVIEW Columnist

Twice a year, I hike a favorite trail in Oregon's Cascade Range. I have done this for over 20 years, timing my hikes for early spring and fall. The first hike is for wildflowers; the second is for autumn leaves.

In June up high, the forest floor is lit by the spires of flowering vanillaleaf spangled with starflowers, along with coralroot orchids. The towering conifers and mountain river lined with vine maples and dogwoods are a world apart from the cottonwoodshaded creeks of my home ground in the valley.

Visiting in fall, it's a far more colorful spectacle. Down in the valley, the oak leaves manage a rusty orange brown, but up in the mountain forests, trees along the river prepare for winter with a blaze of glory.

The dogwoods now bear leaves tinged with delicate salmon pink, while the wild hazel glows yellow, and vine maple leaves flame orange and red. In places, the trail passes through a tunnel of these trees, and I can feel my body soaking up the luminous colors, as if storing light for the dark winter ahead.

Everyone who is attuned to the natural world experiences and anticipates seasonal delights. For most of us, these are simply opportunities for appreciating the beauties of nature. But the reliability of nature is something that every living thing depends on and responds to in time frames both long — evolutionary adaptations - and short -ecological strategies.

This reliability has shaped the flowering and fruiting times of plants, the migratory patterns of birds, and the yearly cycles of nomadic people, who knew the seasonal availability of resources in exquisite detail.

But what would it mean if nature were no longer reliable? I'm afraid that we and every organism on Earth are finding that out through much hotter days and more frequent floods. The reason, of course, is global climate change. But that phrase has become so familiar that it has lost much of its power.

It seems to promise some orderly change from one climate to another, admittedly less desirable, one. But what the planet will really be experiencing in the coming decades can better be described as climate chaos.

Climate chaos could manifest in two very different ways. The first, and most terrifying, is that global warming will trigger one or more "climate tipping points" that cause "abrupt, irreversible and dangerous impacts with serious implications for humanity," reports Science magazine.

Its 2022 investigation identified no fewer than nine tipping points that could be activated this century, including collapse of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet, failure of the Indian summer monsoons and breakdown of the Atlantic Ocean circulation that



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delivers the warm Gulf Stream to northern Europe.

The effects of passing any of these tipping points are almost too momentous to contemplate. Let's instead focus our attention on the other, seemingly less all-encompassing aspect of climate chaos: spring wildflowers and autumn leaves.

Even if global warming doesn't send the planet over a tipping point into an entirely new climate reality, it will affect the distribution of every organism and the seasonal timing of every natural phenomenon.

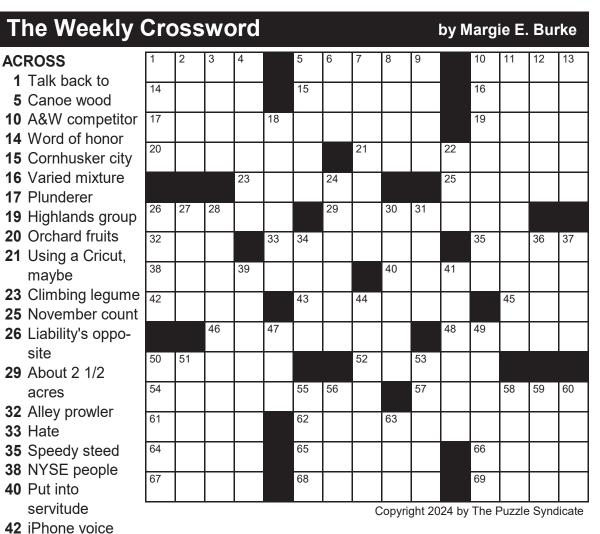
To quote a report by the National Climate Adaptation Science Center, "... not all species are responding at the same speed or in the same ways. This can disrupt the manner in which species interact and the way that ecosystems function overall."

In other words, the ecological effects of climate change are chaotic. The reliable pleasure of mountain wildflowers may fade as the complex ecology of the forest breaks down in the face of changes in snow cover, spring temperatures and soil moisture. The spectacle of autumn colors may be muted.

To be sure, these are small losses in comparison to, say, the reversal of the Gulf Stream. But as you hike through your corner of the world, or as you tend your home garden, you might spare a moment of gratitude for the reliability of nature that you have experienced in your life.

What's coming is bound to change everything.

Pepper Trail is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is a biologist and writer based in Ashland, Oregon. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.



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### Supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault through the holiday season

#### By Jennifer Sutherland Rise Above Violence

The holiday season is quickly approaching.

While typically associated with joy, family gatherings and celebrations, holidays can be an incredibly difficult time for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

During this period, stress levels tend to rise, and, for many individuals in abusive relationships, holidays can be a start to a dangerous situation.

It is critical to be aware of the challenges survivors face during this time and take proactive steps to provide support.

#### Increased risk of domestic violence during the holidays

For survivors of domestic violence, the holidays can bring added financial strain, increased contact with abusers and heightened isolation.

While family gatherings are supposed to bring loved ones together, for those trapped in abusive relationships, these gatherings can lead to more control and manipulation. Abusers may restrict access to friends and family, leaving survivors feeling even more alone through the holidays.

Additionally, the stress of the holiday season can often fuel violent behavior.

According to research, domestic violence can spike during times of heightened emotional and financial pressure, which makes the holidays a particularly dangerous time for those living with an abusive partner. Increased alcohol consumption during holiday celebrations can also lead to escalated violence, endangering victims or putting them in a difficult situation.

## The impact on survivors of sexual assault

The emotional toll on survivors of sexual assault during the holidays is equally significant. Survivors often deal with complex feelings of guilt, shame and isolation.

Family interactions or social gatherings may bring up memories of past trauma, particularly if an assault occurred within the family. The pressure to appear happy and engage in festivities can be overwhelming, especially when internally struggling with trauma.

For some survivors, the holiday season can also be a time of heightened anxiety due to encounters with perpetrators who may be family members or close acquaintances.

#### Ways to support survivors during the holidays

Given the increased risk and

emotional challenges during the holidays, it is important for communities, friends and families to extend their support to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Here are some ways to help: 1. Check in regularly: Survivors often feel isolated during this time, afraid to speak up to family and friends, so regular check-ins via phone, video calls or texts can be a lifeline. Offer a listening ear without judgment and let them know you're there for them.

2. Offer practical support: Financial strain is common during the holidays, especially for those trying to escape abusive situations. Help by providing transportation to counseling or support groups, sharing ways to save money, or just being a support in making a simple gift without the added stress of going to get one from the store or figuring out where the funds are coming from.

3. Encourage self-care and boundaries: Remind survivors that it's OK to set boundaries during the holidays. Encourage them to avoid situations that may be triggering and to prioritize their own emotional well-being, even if that means stepping back from certain gatherings that might be overwhelming for them. It's OK to say no.

4. Be aware of warning signs: Be vigilant about the warning signs of domestic violence. If someone withdraws from social activities, becomes anxious or fearful, or exhibits changes in behavior, these could be indicators of abuse. You can offer support and connect them with local resources, explaining help is a sign of strength and a step toward selfcare, and explaining you can always remain anonymous and just get a good safety plan going for the future.

5. Provide resources for help: Many survivors may not know where to turn for help, especially during the holiday season when services may seem less accessible because of poor road conditions. Ensure they have access to hotlines like Rise Above Violence, (970) 264-9075, or local resources such as shelters and counseling services.

The holidays can be a time of tremendous pressure and danger for survivors of domestic violence

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and sexual assault. It is essential that we, as individuals and communities, provide compassionate and practical support to those affected this holiday season by offering resources, staying in contact, advocating for survivor safety, and encouraging bystanders to act if they witness abuse or know someone who is struggling. We can help ensure that no one has to endure abuse in silence — during the holidays or any other time of the year.

Supporting survivors through this time is a critical part of building safer, healthier communities. If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault, we at Rise Above Violence encourage you to continue learning about the impacts of domestic violence and sexual assault and how to provide safe support to survivors by following us on social media, checking out the resources on our website and participating in our awareness events throughout the year.

If you are a survivor in need of support, please know you can reach out to us at any time through our 24hour hotline: (970) 264-9075. All calls are free and confidential.





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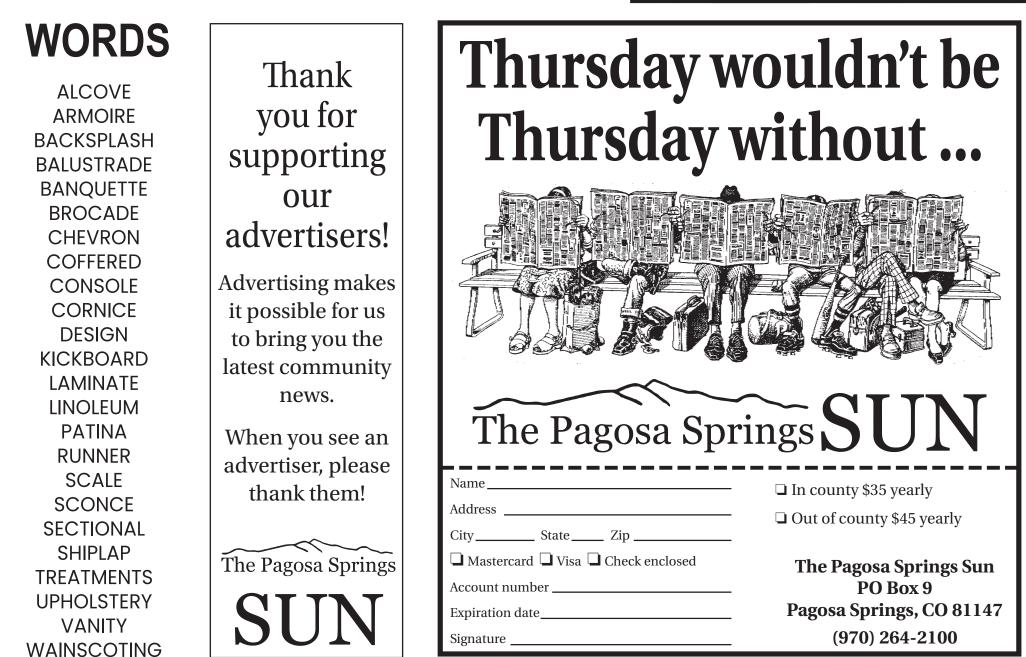
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THINK ELIZABETH

970-903-5152



References

and reviews

available

Hey there, I'm Woody! I'm full of energy, always up for a game of fetch, and I promise to keep you laughing with my goofy antics. If you're looking for a partner in crime who's always up for an adventure, then I'm your guy! Come by the Humane Society to visit, open seven days a week, 10:00am-4:00pm.



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#### You belong on the **Archuleta School District Team!**



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Ponderosa Lumber is seeking a customer service oriented individual to assist contractors with purchasing building materials. Knowledge of building materials is necessary. Responsibilities include:

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- Completing required paperwork • Providing product information
- Data Entry
- Please apply in person at

Ponderosa Lumber 2435 Eagle Drive or call (970) 731-4111 Terry's Colorado Home Supply and Ace Hardware Hiring for: Seasonal Cashier through year end

Weekend days required. Starting at \$17/hr. Must be reliable, motivated and team oriented. Apply in person.

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Product or home design familiarity is a plus; proficient computer skills, exceptional communication, people and customer service skills are a must have Job requires working in a team atmosphere, high

**TERRY'S COLORADO HOME SUPPLY** AND ACE HARDWARE IS SEEKING A **MOTIVATED, DEPENDABLE, DETAIL ORIENTED INDIVIDUAL FOR SALES IN OUR FURNITURE DEPARTMENT.** 

**HELP WANTED** 

Applicants will need to be available for weekends and holidays. Apply in person at 525 Navajo Trail Drive.

BWD Construction is NOW HIRING! Design Assistant: Detail oriented person with Design experience

HILLSIDE INN is looking for part-time housekeepers. Housekeeper responsibilities include (but not limited to): performing a variety of cleaning activities (bathrooms, rooms, hallways), make beds, ensure all rooms are cared for and inspected according to standards, etc. Depending on the amount of rooms, shifts are usually from 8a.m.- about 1p.m. or 2p.m. Must be able to work on weekends and holidays. Email Natalie your resume to hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com or stop by the hotel to pick up an application.

**IMMEDIATELY HIRING EXPERIENCED:** Lead HVAC Installer (\$28-\$35+/hr) FT, HVAC Service Technician (\$45+/hr) PT flexible hours. Pay depends on experience. Must have a clean driving record. Must have EPA Universal Section 608 certification. Must have own tools. Paid Weekly/Direct Deposit. Area Best HVAC. Under new ownership. office@ areabesthvac.com. (970)946-6314.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT. Are you looking to work with a great team of health care professionals and make a difference in your local community? Axis Health System is seeking Medical Assistants to support the growth of our Pagosa Springs Integrated Healthcare location. The Medical Assistant will work as a member of the multi-disciplinary integrated patient care team performing delegated clinical and administrative duties consistent with the MA's education, training and demonstrated competency. Education and experience reguirements: HS or GED. One to three years of experience as a medical assistant is required and medical assistant certification is preferred. Pav Range: \$20.00 - \$24.64 which includes a \$1.00 locale differential at our Pagosa Springs worksite and considers preferred experience and preferred education. Benefits: All Paid Leave, Health, Dental, Vision, Life, Short Term Disability and 401k. Apply online or see detailed job description at, Axis Health System, Current Openings. Axis Health System is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law

#### **HELP WANTED**

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NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON is hiring a full-time cashier nights and weekends. Competitive wages. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is looking to hire a PE Teacher for our school. Hours are M -Th from 12:30 -3:30 p.m. Please contact Leah Hellerich if you are interested in the position at (816)585-2892.

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PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Come join a growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please email your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

PATIENT CARE COORDINATOR. Full-time, \$20/hour. Growing hearing health practice. Good opportunity for increases and advancement. Email resume and cover to careers@ hursthearing.com.

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FT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs is seeking an Administrative Assistant who will play a key role in fostering our relationships with donors and supporters. This position involves crucial administrative tasks, including donation processing, grant writing, working closely with the bookkeeper to manage accounts receivable and payable, all of which support the successful operations of our shelter and thrift store. Skills needed to succeed in this role: Proficiency in Microsoft Excel, Word, and other Office software. Comfortable learning and using new technologies, databases, and online business portals. Strong written

communication skills. Excellent customer service skills, communication, and teamwork. Strong organizational skills and ability to prioritize multiple tasks. If you love animals and would you like to be an integral part of our organization's administration, supporting the important work of our thrift store and animal shelter, see our website for more information https://pagosahumane.org or submit a resume to hsjobs@pagosahumane.org.

GENERAL LABORER NEEDED F/T or P/T Seasonal. Assorted Duties. Please send resume or work history to frontdesk@ pagosalandcompany.com. Phone (970)264-5000.

**GROWING SPACES** is actively seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our team! We have multiple positions available, both fulltime and part-time. For more information and to apply, please visit us in person at 1868B Majestic Drive, or send your resume via email to employment@growingspaces.com. Join us in making a difference in the gardening community and help others grow their dream gardens. We look forward to meeting you.

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**ROOF LABORER NEEDED** with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

**RUBY SISSON LIBRARY** is hiring for parttime Maintenance 24 hpw. Full list of duties at www.pagosalibrary.org. Send qualifications to director@pagosalibrary.org.

SECRETARY/ FRONT DESK team member wanted. Willing to train. What we do matters! We make people's lives better through excellent customer service. We show up every day, work hard, and make a great living serving our patients. We are blessed to have weekends and holidays off! We work in a beautiful facility with great pay, 401K, & bonuses. Gain a sense of fulfillment by helping people! E-mail resume to office@pagosasmiles.com.

**SUBWAY IS HIRING.** Enjoy working in a fun environment with a great team? Earn a strong hourly wage with tips while serving our wonderful community. Apply online at subway. com, or in person.

THE BUCK STOPS HERE MARKET AND EATERY currently seeking a server/bartender for 2 days a week and a Dishwasher for 4 evenings a week. Please stop in to fill out an application at 19 Navajo Trail Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO.

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DRY FIREWOOD- PINE. Pick up \$255 a cord. Delivery available. Call for prices. Bayfield. Gabe (970)403-2784.

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FIREWOOD FOR SALE. Pine and aspen. Cut about 16" long, split. Delivered by longbed truckload. Call (970)946-4450.

FIREWOOD LOGS FOR SALE. \$50.00 per ton, must have trailer. Sawmill Scrap \$30 per self-load pickup truckload. Forest Health Timber Products sawmill located on Cloman Blvd.

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OUTDOOR VEHICLE STORAGE SPACES available. 16', 20', 25', plus indoor 12'x20'. Winter specials starting at \$60. Pagosa Springs Storage. Gated with security cameras. (970)749-1500.

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**TRACTOR SNOWBLOWER** with hydraulic shoot control. 72 inch, 3-point category 1. Blows 3000 ft/min., 60 feet out. Requires 25-65 horsepower PTO. \$1500. (719)588-2872.

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## AUTOS

2001 SUBARU OUTBACK 3.0 High mileage 300k. Body and engine in good condition. New tires. \$1600. (312)608-2626.

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GARAGE SALE. Everything up to 90% off. Saturday, Nov. 16, 8:30a.m -noon. No early birds. 85 Driftwood Dr. Pagosa.

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**2000 SQ. FT. SHOP/ WAREHOUSE** 14x 14 overhead door. Restrooms and natural gas. Good parking. Call Doug (970)946-3762 or (970)731-4792.

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Call us to schedule a tour: 970-731-4344 For information & application: sunethaproperties.com

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HIGH-VISIBILITY EAGLE DRIVE location with large signs facing 160. Nicely renovated with two offices, large flexible space, bathroom, plenty of parking. \$1,800/ month includes utilities. Call/ text (970)444-2124.

**METROPOLITAN HOTEL.** 450 SF prime location on Main St. Available January 1, 2025. Rent is \$1,150 per month. Call Jacque at (970)946-7636.

**NEW STORAGE WAREHOUSES/ WORK-SHOPS** available to rent. Cloman Park. 1100 to 2200 sqft. 1.20 a sq. ft. Contact: (720)470-2653. Vehicle Lot.

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 BEDROOM, 1 BATH apartment, centrally located. Ground floor entry. Water, sewer, gas, fiber optic Internet included. (970)946-8687.

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4 BEDS/ 2.5 BATHS. Approx. 2,350 sq. ft, uptown, 6 month lease, partially furnished, background check. \$3,000 month/ first and last month deposit/ utilities paid by tenant, background check, small dogs (up to 25 lbs) considered with additional deposit. Call Barbara Swindlehurst, licensed real estate broker, at (970)264-6673 for showings.

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.

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#### **RESIDENTIAL RENTALS**

DOWNTOWN UNITS FOR RENT. New 3 bedroom, 2 bath unit. Granite countertops, all appliances and utilities included. Porch and patio. \$2100/ month. (318)347-6100.

HOME FOR RENT. 2 bedroom, plus office and garage. \$1400 a month reduced for 4 -8 month lease. Updated, wood floor and new carpet. Includes washer dryer with efficient new HVAC heat. (970)507-0703.

LONG TERM RENTALS AVAILABLE. Call Team Pagosa (970)731-8599, 46 Eaton Drive. Suite #1, pagosaspringsrealty.com.

**ONE BEDROOM AVAILABLE.** \$1300. New construction. 303 S. 7th Street. Conveniently downtown right behind Natural Grocers. Call (720)470-2653

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#### 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.

#### HOMES FOR SALE

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#### **OPEN HOUSE**

OPEN HOUSE this Saturday, 11/16, 1:00 -4:00. 247 Davis Cup Dr., #4237. 1 bed/ 2 bath. 1045 sq. ft. Stunning condo with amazing views. Listed by Sherpa Real Estate. Refreshments provided!

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#### LAND/ BUILDING SITES

1.1 ACRE WITH RV GENERATOR and system tank, circular drive in, tall cool pines. NO HOA! \$75k. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

1.1 ACRE WITH TALL PINES on flat buildable land with drive in. NO HOA! \$70k. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

1.19 ACRES WITH VIEWS OF NAVAJO LAKE. All utilities nearby. \$99,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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\$55,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta

3 FLAT BUILDABLE ACRES. Great mountain views, water cap and driveway in. Power to the property, fully fenced, corners marked. \$300k. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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#### Three Sisters Butternut Squash Tacos: November Colorado Proud recipe of the month

#### By Danielle Trotta

Colorado Department of Agriculture

Let's transform gourds into something gorgeous. Enjoy this simple yet comforting butternut squash recipe to warm you on a chilly evening.

Whether you're a seasoned chef or a kitchen novice, this straightforward recipe will leave a lasting impression.

While they're mostly harvested in the fall, the winter squashes earn their name due to their longevity in storage, especially during long, cold winters. This is when winter squashes (and there are several to choose from) truly shine in the kitchen.

Hard-shelled squash varieties are a unique gift from North America. The earliest Indigenous peoples cultivated and revered them as one of the "Three Sisters," along with beans and corn. These three staples formed the backbone of many civilizations' diets, with corn and beans providing a complete protein and squash contributing beta-carotene and fiber, making it a nutritional powerhouse.

When choosing a butternut squash, it's essential to look for one that is heavy for its size and has a solid, beige-ish color. Surface scratches and imperfections are normal, but deep scratching, cuts or soft spots are not.

## Three Sisters Butternut Squash Tacos

-Shared by Tasha Miller Yield: 4 servings

- Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 1 hour
- Ingredients:
- Roast corn
- 4 corns on the cob, unshucked Butter or Mexican crema
- Salt
- Tacos:
- Olive oil

2-3 pounds (to make 2-4 cups cooked) winter squash (we recommend butternut, but you could use acorn or spaghetti squash, or a mix of different winter squashes)

1 to 2 cloves garlic, minced

1 can (15 ounces) canned black beans

2 to 3 roasted green chiles, chopped

- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups cheese of choice for top-

ping Package of corn tortillas (or tortillas of choice)

Optional:

Any other taco toppings you enjoy, such as sour cream, avocado, cilantro, lime, chopped red onions, jalapenos, etc.

For street corn, add Mexican crema, Cotija cheese, chili powder or smoked paprika, limes, and cilantro. Directions:

Roasted Corn

Preheat your grill to 400 degrees F. Set burners to medium-low.

Place the corn on the grill and cover the grill. Rotate every 3-4 min-

utes, for about 12-15 minutes, until cooked through. Tacos:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Cut the squash in half (or into more pieces if it is very large). Scoop out the seeds and stringy bits from each half and discard them.

Rub the cut surfaces with olive oil.

Place the pieces cut side down on a

rimmed baking sheet and roast until

you can easily bury the tines of a fork

in them — this may take 30 minutes

to an hour, depending on the size and

cool. Scoop flesh from the skin and cut

let over medium heat. Add the garlic

once the oil is hot and let it sizzle for

a minute. Then, add the beans and

chiles and cook until heated through.

spices and cook on low heat to blend

the flavors. Stir everything until it's

hot. Then, turn off the heat and cool

the squash and bean mixture and top

with cheese. Add any other toppings

gether. To add a street corn flavor,

rub the corn with Mexican crema and

sprinkle the other ingredients on top.

for enchiladas. Once your stuffing is

ready, add about 2 tablespoons to a

tortilla, add a sprinkling of cheese,

then roll it and place seam side down

in a baking dish. Cover with enchi-

lada sauce and more cheese and bake

in an oven preheated to 375 degrees

F until hot and bubbly.

You can also use this as stuffing

Top your tostadas or tacos with

Serve your tacos and corn to-

until you're ready to serve.

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Variation:

Add the cooked squash and the

the squash into pretty large chunks.

Remove from the oven and allow to

Heat olive oil in a large, heavy skil-

thickness of the squash pieces.

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