



The Pagosa Springs Smashers break out of a team huddle at the New Mexico Four Corners State Invitational Softball Tournament. The Smashers, the Pagosa Springs Special Olympics team, took second at the tournament.

Photo courtesy Joanne Irons

Arrest made in Tuesday Town Park restroom arson incident

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A man was arrested Tuesday morning in connection with an arson incident in the restrooms located at Town Park.

According to a press release from the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD), at approximately 7:02 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9, PSPD officers responded to a report of vandalism at the Town Park restroom facilities located at 351 Hermosa St.

Upon arrival, the press release explains, officers discovered evidence of multiple small fires, including a pile of burned toilet paper inside the men’s restroom.

“The restroom’s toilet paper dispenser had also been forcibly broken open. Outside the facility, several additional burn spots were found where toilet paper had been ignited near surrounding trees,” it states.

The incident resulted in minor floor damage and smoke damage

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Area fire restrictions lifted

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With the region receiving increased moisture recently, all area fire restrictions were rescinded effective Friday, Sept. 5.

The U.S. Forest Service was the first to announce that it would be rescinding its restrictions on the San Juan National Forest, followed by the Bureau of Land Management’s Tres Rios Field Office, Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs.

In announcing the restrictions would be lifted, the Forest Service noted that recent rains over the forest have lessened the risk of wildland fire, allowing restrictions to be lifted.

This means campfires are now al-

lowed on the San Juan National Forest, the agency notes.

The Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) announced the lifting of fire restrictions, stating the move was made in collaboration with Pagosa Fire Protection District.

“Please continue to follow safe burning practices and remember that in accordance with Archuleta County Resolution 18-2017, all open burning requires a permit. Permits can be purchased from Pagosa Fire Protection District at Station 1, 165 N Pagosa Blvd, Pagosa Springs,” the ACSO’s announcement states.

“With the recent abundant monsoonal weather, our fuel conditions have improved, and the fire load has

■ See Restrictions A8

San Juan National Forest planning fall prescribed fires

San Juan National Forest

The San Juan National Forest is planning prescribed fire operations this fall, pending all required approvals.

Burning operations may take place over multiple days, but are always dependent upon multiple conditions, including personnel availability, fuel conditions, weather and approval from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Objectives of the burns include reduction of hazardous fuels, improving forage conditions for wildlife species, and reducing the risk of wildfire impacts to communities.

The following prescribed fire projects are planned and prepared for implementation if and when favorable conditions allow.

Residents may experience smoke during the prescribed burns. Learn how smoke from prescribed fire may affect your health by visiting the Colorado Department of Public Health website. When driving, slow down and turn on your headlights when you encounter smoke on the road.

We will evaluate weather conditions in the hours before a burn begins. If conditions warrant, scheduled prescribed fire activities may be canceled.

Maps of the prescribed burn units and additional San Juan National Forest prescribed fire program news can be found on Inciweb. For information about the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874 or visit the forest website.

Pagosa Ranger District

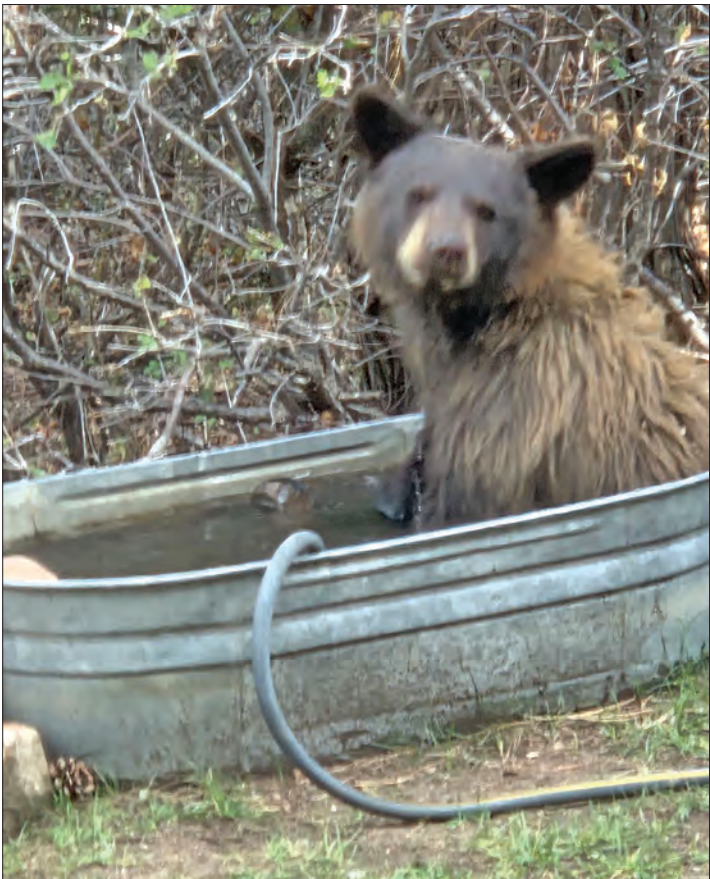
Recent rainfall on some parts of the Pagosa Ranger District has exceeded 2 inches, and additional moisture is expected.

The district anticipates beginning with the Brockover-Devil Prescribed Fire as early as Sept. 15, pending all required approvals.

- Brockover-Devil Prescribed Fire: This 2,450-acre unit is located in the Turkey Springs area, 8 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs and approximately one-half mile from the Hatcher subdivision, immediately adjacent to National Forest System roads (NFSRs) 629 (Turkey Springs), 919 (Brockover) and 923 (Newt Jack Road).

During operations smoke may be visible from Pagosa Springs, the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, County Road 600 between U.S. 160 and the Piedra River Trailhead, and U.S. 160 between Timberline Ridge and

■ See Prescribed A8



This bear was spotted having a bit of good, clean fun in Piedra Estates Monday afternoon. Residents are encouraged to be bear aware as more bear-human conflicts are expected this year.

Photo courtesy Doug McInnis

Archuleta School District receives accreditation rating

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 3, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) released preliminary school and district accountability frameworks based on 2024-2025 data, with Archuleta School District (ASD) deemed an accredited school district.

In 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, the district was accredited with improvement, then improved to an accredited rating in 2023-2024.

“We are an accredited school for the second year in a row,” Superintendent Rick Holt told the ASD Board of Education on Tuesday, Sept. 9, during an update on the district’s strategic initiatives.

Holt also discussed the plan ratings received by the district’s schools.

Schools can receive one of several plans, as described by the CDE’s website:

- Performance Plan: Schools with a Performance Plan are meeting expectations on the majority of performance metrics.
- Improvement Plan: These schools are identified as lower performing. They may be meeting expectations on some performance metrics, but they

are not meeting or are only approaching expectations on many.

- Priority Improvement Plan: These schools are identified as low performing. They are not meeting or are only approaching expectations on most performance metrics. The state will provide support and oversight to these schools until they improve.
- Turnaround Plan: These schools are identified as among the lowest performing schools in the state. They are not meeting or are only approaching expectations on most performance metrics. The state will provide support and oversight to these schools until they improve.

The performance ratings are based on assessment achievement and growth results, graduation rates, dropout rates, matriculation rates and participation rates.

Holt informed the board that the high school continued to receive a performance plan, the middle school received a performance plan for the second year and the elementary received an improvement plan for the second year, down from performance in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

Holt then explained that the way the performance rating works at the

■ See District A8

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Commissioners deny rezone request for tiny home park on U.S. 84

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting on Aug. 19, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), acting as the Board of Adjustment, denied a general variance request for paving requirements for a project known as Tiny Pagosa.

In the same meeting, the BoCC also unanimously voted to deny a rezone request for the same project during a land use hearing.

The general variance request was the first matter discussed, with now former planning manager Owen O’Dell explaining that the Tiny Pagosa project,

being represented by Travis and Sarah Troxtell, was conditionally approved for a use-by-right permit for a tiny home village (THV) by the Planning Department on April 11.

O’Dell explained that the Board of Adjustment may approve a variance request if the strict application of the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations (LUR) would result in “peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties, or exceptional and undue hardship.”

He noted that variances are essentially a grant of authority for a property owner to be able to use their property in a way that varies from the LUR.

The Troxtells requested a variance from the two conditions set in place by

the Planning Department for their THV to operate at 5503 U.S. 84.

Those two conditions were that a grading and drainage report that includes paving for all driveways and parking areas needed to be resubmitted, and that after construction a signed and sealed letter would need to be submitted to the engineering department from the design engineer that all developments, including paving, were built in accordance to the county’s standards.

O’Dell went on to indicate that the county’s engineering technician recommended against the approval of the variance request, noting, “It is the stance of the engineering technician

that the applicant is requesting the variance on the sole basis of personal cost for the development of the project”

The Troxtells summarized their variance request with six bullet points that state their project would directly address the affordable housing crisis in the county, aligns with previous expectations set for paving requirements, was approved by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), claiming it may not fall under county jurisdiction being off of a state highway, would keep the development financially feasible and accessible to those in need, and maintains the character and intent of the county’s LUR without compromise

■ See Rezone A7



Letters

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The opinions of letter writers do not necessarily represent those of the paper.

Library love

Dear Editor:

After four long years of fundraising, the Ruby Sisson Library has finally broken ground on an expansion and remodel project. This project relies solely on grants and private donations and would not be possible without the hard work and generosity of our community who helped us raise over \$4 million. Thank you!

Since arriving to Pagosa last year, I have been amazed at the way this community has come together to support the library. The Town of Pagosa Springs has been extremely generous, waiving many of the plan review and inspection fees. Last week, the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District unanimously voted in favor of our capital investment fee waiver request. We do not take this for granted. We recognize the financial needs of the town and the pressure on the sanitation system. This type of community support fills us with gratitude and we are humbled by your support.

To everyone who has contributed money or time to the library, and to every agency willing to help us achieve this project on time and on budget, we send our sincere thanks. Our new library is scheduled to open Summer 2026. I hope you all come often and enjoy all we have accomplished together.

Barb Brattin
library director

Discrimination

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my concern regarding the ongoing discrimination faced by female athletes in our high school sports programs. While our community celebrates athletics as a vital part of education, girls' teams continue to receive fewer resources, less media coverage, and diminished recognition compared to boys' teams.

This inequality shows up in many ways: outdated uniforms and equipment, limited practice facilities, and a lack of funding for travel and tournaments. Even the way fans and performers are allowed to support athletes is unequal. Spirited, rowdy cheering is encouraged at football games, yet students are told to remain subdued at girls' volleyball and basketball games. Cheerleaders were even allowed to perform at halftime of a football game using Kendrick Lamar's song "HUMBLE."—and the football team was permitted to make their entrance to Travis Scott's "Meltdown." But when the volleyball team asked to use "HUMBLE" as their entrance music, they were denied. Girls' basketball players face the same lack of spirit and recognition, despite working just as hard and representing our school with pride. These double standards diminish the energy of girls' games and send the message that their competitions are less worthy of excitement, school spirit, and cultural relevance.

Title IX was enacted to guarantee equal opportunities in education and athletics, yet we are still falling short of its promise. Fair treatment of female athletes is not just a legal obligation but a moral one. Our daughters deserve to play, compete, and succeed on an equal playing field—and to have the same enthusiastic support, music, and traditions as their male counterparts.

I urge school administrators, athletic directors, and community members to address this imbalance. More importantly, I call on parents, students, and fans to show up, cheer loudly, and celebrate the talent of our girls' teams. Change starts in the stands, and it starts with us.

Letters

The SUN welcomes letters from readers.

Please submit your letter electronically in a format that can be copied and pasted to editor@pagosasun.com or via the form at www.PagosaSUN.com. Letters must not be in all capitals.

- All letters must:
- be 500 words or less
 - include the actual first and last name of the author
 - include the author's address and daytime phone number
 - be received by The SUN by noon on Tuesday (deadline may move up due to a holiday)
- Letters will be limited to two per month per letter writer.
- Letters quoting other people must contain proper attribution.
- There is no guarantee letters will be published.

Poetry, anonymous letters, letters that are libelous or in poor taste, or that attack a private citizen or business will not be published.

If necessary, only one letter pertaining to a candidate or political issue will be printed in each edition up to three weeks prior to the election.

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

He continues to ignore Congressional funding mandates – despite the Constitution giving Congress the power of the purse.

He attacks universities and freezes research funding to undermine academic freedom, a culture that values independent thought. Why? Because freedom of thought brings opposing ideas.

He brings the weight of the federal Justice Department down on political opponents and officials who don't fall silent or willingly step aside in favor of Trump yes-men. He fired the chief labor statistician because he didn't like last month's employment report (which was confirmed by this month's poor numbers). More recently, he paired a trumped-up criminal investigation with an illegal effort to fire a Senate-confirmed Federal Reserve Governor, taking another swipe at the independence of the Fed.

He attacks law firms for representing his political opponents or people in his crosshairs (like immigrants). He sued federal judges, personally, because he doesn't like their decisions, and he regularly disparages any judge who rules against him. He's sued most major media outlets (except Fox News).

Ask yourself: how many Congressional Republicans support Trump policies and how many fear Trump retribution from Justice Department (or IRS?) investigations?

He deploys federal troops to American cities supposedly to fight crime despite federal law prohibiting domestic use of the military and evidence that crime in American cities is falling, not rising. Why? Because American cities are home to many Democratic voters, and he's doing whatever he can now (as his approval ratings fall) to neutralize those votes in 2026.

He continues to undermine the integrity of our elections, firing intelligence experts working to counter foreign interference and pushing for partisan gerrymandering beyond Texas. (Voters are supposed to choose their officials; officials are not supposed to choose their voters.)

He rejects the posture of our military as defending the U.S. and its values, renaming it the Department of War, turning it loose to blow up speed boats in international waters, and posting about war against Chicago. Did you think he would keep us out of foreign conflicts? He's destabilized economies around the world and made no real contribution to the cause of peace in Israel or Ukraine.

He muses that some Americans would like to have a dictator (like himself).

And, he and his family are making billions selling his cryptocurrency, enticing foreign investment (after ordering the Justice Department not to enforce the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act), and bilking fans with his worthless swag.

Adams also said: "Liberty, once lost, is lost forever."

You can be a Trump supporter or a Patriot. You can't be both.

Candace Jones

Wondering

Dear Editor:

I've been wondering about the word WOKE. When I started hearing it, I decided I needed to look it up to be sure of its exact meaning. After reviewing a wide range of sources, I learned that being "woke" means 'being aware of prejudice, discrimination and social inequalities.'

I asked myself if I really was aware of those things, or did my safe, middle class upbringing leave me with rose-colored glasses, unable to actually see what was happening all around me?

Was I truly aware of my own and society's prejudices?

Did I know all the forms of discrimination many people and groups face?

Did I understand the true consequences of social inequalities?

Was I fully woke?

No, but I want to be.

Mary Kurt-Mason

Constitution week

Dear Editor:

Constitution Week is September 17th through the 23rd annually.

Celebrating the privilege of our liberty and freedom this year, the 238th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America, I urge all Americans to stop a moment and think about the rights and responsibilities this supreme law of the land gives us. It is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.

The Constitution, however, is not a blanket or open privilege. It carries with it responsibilities as citizens of this great land, including honoring the Constitution itself. What a perfect time to learn more about this important document and celebrate the freedoms it not only gives us but guarantees us as American citizens, AND, don't forget, READ the Constitution, THINK about it and HONOR it.

The celebration of the Constitution was first begun by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955 the DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17th through the 23rd annually to be dedicated to the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was signed into law in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Joanne McCoy
Bayfield, Colo.

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of Sept. 15-20

Work activity

Concrete paving operations continuing

- Hand pouring of concrete continues from 1st Street to 3rd Street. The crew is working west to east on sidewalk, curb and gutter. In the next few weeks, sidewalk removal will continue in the 300 block. The public information team will work to notify businesses when sidewalk work is scheduled in the front of their respective business. The crew is also planning, to the best of their ability, to pour sidewalk concrete on the days businesses are scheduled to be closed to minimize disruptions.
- 3rd Street to 4th Street/Pagosa Middle School: Forming and pouring sidewalk continues.
- Curb and gutter and sidewalk paving may occur day or night. Pedestrian detours should be expected.

Work activity this week

- 4th and Lewis Street: Trenching and installation of conduit will take place. There will be utility work, grading and road base in advance of paving operations between 4th Street and Lewis Street through the month of September.
- The 2nd Street and 4th Street intersections on the north side of U.S. 160 will remain closed until utility work and paving are complete.
- Lewis Street and the sculpture garden: Excavation near the Tennyson Sculpture Park and Gardens is beginning for geothermal utilities. Pedestrians need to plan for sidewalk detours around the work at this location for the next few months.
- The Town of Pagosa Springs has several concurrent projects taking place in and near the U.S. 160 work zone. For more information, visit https://www.pagosasprings.co.gov/home-page/page/summer-2025-road-projects.
- Saturday work will continue on the project for the foreseeable future.

Watch where you walk and park

- Pedestrian crosswalks will be open at 1st, 3rd and 4th streets. Mid-block crossings between 4th Street and 5th Street are closed, but the crosswalk at 5th Street will remain open.
- Overflow parking lots are open at 323 Hot Springs Blvd. and 811 San Juan St. Other public parking is available throughout the downtown.

Mountain Express Transit bus stop information

The River Center stop, #18, has moved to 1st Street and U.S. 160 in front of the museum. Bus stop #19, 2nd Street and U.S. 160, has moved to 2nd Street and Lewis Street.

Safety tips for pedestrians

- Watch where you are going. Do not enter the work zone or climb over work zone safety barriers. Construction work may be fascinating, but always prioritize navigating the work zone as safely as you can.
- Pay attention to posted signs in the project area and follow all workers' instructions. Cross streets only at open crosswalks or intersections; walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- Be alert for moving construction vehicles and other unexpected hazards, which often move suddenly and quickly. Stay off your phone when crossing the street or walking near the work zone.
- Look out for traffic before crossing the street make eye contact with drivers so you know they see you.

Safety tips for drivers

- Look out for pedestrians and bicyclists everywhere, at all times, and especially in areas near schools, parks, shopping areas and transit stops.
 - Slow down as you approach the work zone. Give workers extra room and be prepared to stop.
 - Stop before a crosswalk, not in it.
 - Obey all traffic signals. All light signals are operational and must be obeyed.
 - Put your cellphone down. Never drive distracted or impaired.
- Please be alert when you are traveling through the new traffic configuration or visiting the downtown businesses, as heavy equipment will be frequently moving throughout the project limits.

Traffic impacts

- Motorists could expect up to 15-minute delays at various times through the work zone as equipment may need to be moved.
- There will be two-way traffic flowing in the east-bound lanes of U.S. 160 through the first season of operations.
- A 10-foot width restriction will remain in place 24/7 through Dec. 1.
- During inclement weather, project engineers will assess the roadway and work location to make determinations on work continuing depending on safety concerns for workers and commuters.
- Working hours are Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and subject to change.

Stay informed and connect with the project

- Call the project information line: (970) 335-9230.
- Email the project team: Pagosa160reconstruction@gmail.com.
- Visit the project website: www.codot.gov/projects/us160pagosasprings.

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Colorado secretary of state certifies 2025 coordinated election ballot

Colorado Secretary of State's Office

On Monday, Sept. 8, Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold certified the ballot for the 2025 coordinated election.

"I look forward to another successful coordinated election this November," said Griswold. "Thank you as always to all the county clerks and election workers across the state for your hard work to ensure every eligible Coloradan can make their voice heard in our secure and accessible elections that lead the nation."

The coordinated election will take place on Nov. 4.

Statewide ballot measures

Coloradans will have the opportunity to vote on two statewide ballot

measures in the 2025 coordinated election.

The following amendments and propositions were referred by the legislature:

- Proposition LL proposes a statutory change.
- Proposition MM proposes a statutory change.

Both related to the Healthy School Meals for All Program.

To learn more about the referred measures, please visit the Amendments and Propositions on the 2025 Ballot page at GoVoteColorado.gov.

In addition to the two statewide measures, local initiatives and candidates will be considered by some voters. County clerks have the most complete information on local ballot contests.

Important information for Colorado voters

All Colorado voters can sign up to track their ballot from mailed to counted using BallotTrax.

Eligible Coloradans can register to vote and update their voter registration at GoVoteColorado.gov.

Colorado voters can visit GoVoteColorado.gov to:

- Register to vote or update their voter registration.
- Find their local county clerk.
- Find their closest drop box or voting center.
- Sign up to track their ballot using BallotTrax.
- Learn about Colorado's election processes.
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Important upcoming dates

• Sept. 20: Deadline for county clerks to send ballots to military and overseas voters.

• Oct. 10: First day ballots can be mailed to active voters, except for military and overseas voters.

• Oct. 17: Deadline for initial mail ballots to be sent to active voters for the 2025 coordinated election.

• Oct. 27: Deadline to register to vote and still be mailed a ballot. After this date, register and then vote in person.

The minimum number of required voter centers must be open.

Last suggested day to return ballots by mail.

• Oct. 28: The minimum number of required drop boxes must be open.

Voters should return their ballots to a voter center or drop box up to Election Day.

• Nov. 4: Election Day. Voters must submit their ballot or be in line to vote by 7 p.m. for their ballot to be counted. Ballots cast by military and overseas voters must be sent no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day and received no later than the close of business on the eighth day after the election (Nov. 12).

LPEA launches member satisfaction survey

La Plata Electric Association

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is launching its final member satisfaction study in a 10-year survey cycle, conducted in partnership with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Beginning the week of Sept. 15, randomly selected residential members across LPEA's service territory will be invited to share their feedback by phone or email.

This survey helps LPEA measure member satisfaction, assess service quality and guide the development of future programs.

Surveys will be conducted by NRECA Market Research Services using a combination of email and phone outreach. A representative selection of members across all four districts will be randomly chosen to participate.

Participation is random and voluntary. Responses are anonymous unless members choose to share their identity. No marketing or sales tactics will be used, and participants will not be added to any marketing lists.

Key focus areas of the survey

- Overall satisfaction with LPEA.
- Service quality and reliability.

- Member loyalty and trust.
- Communication and outreach effectiveness.
- Interest in new energy programs or initiatives.

How to recognize a legitimate survey request

• Phone calls will come from (844) 291-3410.

• Emails will come from LPEA but include this reply-to address: MarketResearch@nreca.coop.

• To verify the email link, hover over the "Take the Survey" button. The URL should include "NRECA" and "Qualtrics."

Archuleta County Democratic Club to meet Sept. 22

By Lynn Frederick

Archuleta County Democratic Club

The Archuleta County Democratic Club will meet Monday, Sept. 22, at 11:30 a.m. at Coyote Moon.

The speaker will be Emily Lashbrooke of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, who will update the club on the prog-

ress of the development of affordable houses in the Trails subdivision.

Come and hear how much more this organization is doing to encourage businesses and job creation in Archuleta County.

The Archuleta County Democratic Club meets every month. The club gives local Democrats the opportunity to meet with other Democrats,

to hear speakers from the community, to meet candidates for local and national offices, and to hear about topics of timely interest.

All are welcome to attend. Please plan to come by 11:30 a.m. to order lunch. The speaker will present at noon. Having cash will facilitate ordering.

For more information, you may email lynnfrederick1@gmail.com.

Donate blood Sept. 16 for a chance to win \$10,000

By Sharee Grazda

Special to The SUN

We are appealing to your generous spirit to join us at the next Vitalant blood drive on Sept. 16 at Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

Each time you donate blood, platelets or plasma, you give patients more precious time to spend with

their loved ones — and that's a big deal.

When you donate at our upcoming blood drive between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., your generosity could bring you an unexpected reward — a \$10,000 gift card.

On or around Oct. 8, two winners will be randomly selected in a drawing to receive a \$10,000 prepaid gift

card of their choice.

There are some qualifications for this drawing plus additional promotions during the same time period.

For more information or to sign up for an appointment to donate, please call or text Sharee Grazda, local volunteer, at (970) 946-2760. You may also go to Vitalant.org or call (877) 258-4825.

Obituary

Anthony Warn Jr.

Anthony, "AJ," was born in Tahlequah, Okla., on July 28, 1990, and left unexpectedly on Aug. 29, 2025.

AJ was a compassionate person, willing to help out anyone in need. He always put others before himself and was a real-life angel. He cared deeply, loved unconditionally and was the kind of person that would never let you down. His personality was one of a kind, with his goofy laugh and off-the-wall sayings just to make you smile. He lived for others, and that is what made him different.

He loved spending time with his dog, Snoop, who stayed by his side through all of the good times and the difficult ones. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, adventuring the outdoors and playing the millions of game systems and video games that he seemed to collect (along with the piles of DVDs that he had). He was a movie snob, always recommending new shows and mov-

ies to watch, or what kind of music to listen to next.

He was very proud of his Native American heritage, registered to the Cherokee tribe. He was true to his roots and wore it with pride.

Anthony is survived by Carsyn Anthony, his beloved son whom he loved dearly; his father, Anthony James Warn Sr.; sisters Kodie and Keri (Nick) Warn; brother Zachary James; uncle Bobby Warn; cousin Travis James; and nieces and nephews Isaiah, Serenity, Diego and Adeline. He is also survived by close friend, Devon (Amber) Harvey, and Snoop, his companion, along with numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and lifelong friends Anthony considered family.

He is now reunited with grandmothers Linda Warn and Fanny James; grandfathers John Warn and Junior James; and great uncles Ray Simmons and Charles "Chuck" Simmons.

Anthony is missed and loved deeply, and we will forever hold him in our hearts.

A memorial service will be announced by the family at a later time. Please make monetary donations to the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs in honor of Snoop and Anthony.

Services

Kevin Dunn

Please join us at the Keyah Grande Guest House on Saturday, Sept. 27, as we celebrate the life of Kevin Dunn and the joy he brought to the world.

The pre-ceremony arrival and mingle time will be from 1 to 2 p.m.

From 2 to 4 or 5ish p.m. will be the memorial service and open mic. We invite you all to share your memories of Kevin and/or play and dedicate a song or two if you wish.

From 4 or 5ish to 7 p.m. will be happy hour and a jam session for anyone who wishes to hang out a little longer.

There will be a limited selection of drinks, but please feel free to bring your own if you have a preference. Drinks can also be purchased beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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Business

County’s unemployment rate falls to 3.2 percent in July

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Archuleta County’s unemployment rate fell to 3.2 percent in July, according to a recent report from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE).

The county’s unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in May and 3.6 percent in June.

Archuleta County’s rate of 3.6 percent in June compares to 4.5 percent in July 2024.

Archuleta County’s labor force totaled 6,912 in July, according to the report, with 223 unemployed. That compares to a June labor force of 6,973 and 253 unemployed.

Colorado’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate came in at 4.5 percent for the month of July.

According to the survey of households, the number of unemployed individuals decreased by 7,200 to 148,100 from June to July.

“Colorado’s labor force decreased by 2,700 in July to 3,280,300,” states a press release from the CDLE. “The share of Coloradans participating in the labor force was 67.6 percent in July, one-tenth of a percentage point lower than the month prior. The U.S. labor force participation rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point to 62.2 percent in July.”

The national unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage

point to 4.2 percent from June to July.

Costilla County had the highest unemployment rate in the state in July at 6.5 percent, followed by Huerfano County at 6.2 percent and Las Animas County at 6.0 percent.

Regionally, the data shows La Plata County with a 3.3 percent unemployment rate in July, San Juan County at 2.9 percent, Mineral County at 4.0 percent, Rio Grande County at 4.5 percent and Conejos County at 4.1 percent.

Job loss, growth

Employers in Colorado gained 3,700 nonfarm payroll jobs from June to July for a total of 2,987,100 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private-sector payroll jobs increased by 2,900, while government gained 800 jobs.

The press release accompanying the report notes, “June estimates were revised down to 2,983,400, and the over the month change from May to June was a decrease of 2,700 jobs rather than the originally estimated decrease of 1,500 (monthly revisions are based on additional responses from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates).”

Nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed.

The private-industry sectors with

significant over-the-month job gains in July were:

- Construction at about 3,800 jobs.
- Trade, transportation and utilities by about 2,800.

The private-industry sectors with significant over-the-month job losses were:

- Leisure and hospitality by about 1,800 jobs.
- Educational and health services by about 1,100.

Since July 2024, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 16,400, with the private sector increasing by 5,500 and government adding 10,900 jobs.

The largest private-sector job gains were:

- Leisure and hospitality at about 6,600 jobs.
- Educational and health services at about 5,700.
- Information at about 2,200.
- Manufacturing at about 1,000.

During the same period, payroll jobs declined in:

- Trade, transportation and utilities by about 4,000.
- Financial activities by about 2,400.
- Professional and business services by about 2,100.

“Colorado’s rate of job growth over the past year is 0.6 percent, below the U.S. rate of 1.0 percent,” the report notes.

It further notes that, over the year, the average workweek for all Colo-

rado employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.5 to 33.4 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$37.77 to \$38.93, \$2.49 more than the national average hourly earnings of \$36.44.

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County approves contract for creating regional housing strategy plan

By **Clayton Chaney**
Staff Writer

During a Sept. 5 regular meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved a contract for services with ECONorthwest “for the creation of the Regional Housing Strategy Plan,” according to the meeting’s agenda.

The county and the Town of Pagosa Springs adopted the 2025 Archuleta County regional housing needs assessment in April. The assessment was a collaborative effort between the town, county and the Pagosa Springs Community Develop-

ment Corporation (PSCDC), which worked with ECONorthwest and Western Spaces on the project.

According to the meeting’s agenda, the amount of the contract is not to exceed \$60,000 and will be reimbursed by the state through its Housing Planning Grant Program.

Part of the reason for having a regional housing strategy plan conducted is to fulfill the requirements of Colorado SB 24-174, which requires communities across the state to perform a housing needs assessment.

According to the contract, “this project will create a practical, implementation-focused Housing Action

Plan that meets Colorado SB 24-174 requirements.”

The scope of work outlined in the service contract explains that representatives from the town, county and PSCDC will work with consultants from ECONorthwest to develop a “concise engagement plan.”

It notes the engagement plan will involve working with public stakeholder groups and facilitating four work sessions with community representatives.

The timeline noted in the contract for the Housing Action Plan is from Aug. 5, 2025, to July 30, 2026.

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Upcoming broadband installer training set to take place in Durango

Region 9 Economic Development District

The Broadband 101 Fiber Installer Training is coming to Durango from Sept. 29 to Oct. 3, hosted at Pueblo Community College, 701 Camino Del Rio.

This hands-on, weeklong training will equip participants with the technical skills and certification needed to launch a career in broadband installation — a field that is growing rapidly and is in urgent demand.

Participants will learn:

- Fiber optic theory and planning.
- Hands-on fiber splicing.
- Design and installation.
- Troubleshooting techniques.

The training is offered in collabo-

ration with the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, Region 9 Economic Development District, Colorado Workforce Center and the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers.

Past sessions in Pagosa Springs and Cortez prepared dozens of graduates who immediately connected with employers and began careers as broadband technicians.

“This program addresses a critical workforce need while providing residents with a career path in a high-demand field,” said Emily Lashbrooke, executive director of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation. “Broadband is the backbone of opportunity in today’s

world, and this training helps ensure Southwest Colorado is prepared for the future.”

Beyond the technical training, broadband is what connects children to classrooms, patients to doctors, families to one another, and small towns to the global economy. By joining this training, participants become part of the solution — helping bridge the digital divide while building a secure future for themselves.

The cost is just \$150 per student, with only 20 seats available.

Register at bit.ly/FALLBB101. For more information, contact Lashbrooke at Emily@PagosaSpring-sCDC.org or (970) 264-3023.

playing on Saturday. Weather permitting, we will have a balloon night glow at Yamaguchi Park. It will be a fun evening for sure.

Then we will send the weekend off with a bang by having our second mass balloon ascension on the west side of town.

It will be a wonderful weekend, and tickets are still available for the events at Yamaguchi Park. Please do not miss the great food and fun. Tickets are available online, or come by the Chamber office and we will be glad to get you all set up for ColorFest.

Annual Cemetery Clean-Up Notice

To support Town crews in preparing the Hilltop Cemetery for winter and to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for loved ones and visitors, we ask that the following items be removed from burial plots, driveways, paths, and rights-of-way no later than Wednesday, October 1, 2025:

- Artificial flowers and shrubs that are faded or deteriorating
- Broken or damaged statues
- Broken or damaged disposable vases

Following the annual clean-up, loved ones are welcome to return permitted displays to their original locations. A complete set of cemetery rules and regulations may be obtained at Town Hall or online. Learn more: pagosasprings.co.gov/cemeterycleanup



Town and County Rescind Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Beginning Friday, September 5, the Town and County rescinded Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. Fire restrictions were put in place in response to multiple wildfires across the state. Recent rainfall has improved moisture conditions in town, and the threat of wildfires has decreased. Please continue to follow local laws regarding open fires, open burning, campfires, personal fireworks, and grills, based on the Town’s municipal code.

Learn more: pagosasprings.co.gov

Town Waives Fees to Help Ruby Sisson Library Grow

The Town is proud to support the Ruby Sisson Library expansion by waiving nearly \$30,000 in permit, inspection, and infrastructure fees. This investment underscores the Town’s commitment to community assets, like the library, that enrich our quality of life. The newly expanded and remodeled library will provide invaluable resources and gathering spaces for residents of all ages, providing new and exciting opportunities for years to come.

Learn more: pagosalibrary.org



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Education

Pagosa Peak Strings after-school youth string orchestra program launches

By Payton McIntyre
Stillwater Music

A new after-school opportunity for students in our area is launching: Pagosa Peak Strings — a youth string orchestra program, and the first of its kind in Pagosa Springs.

Register at <https://orchestra.stillwatermusic.org/classes>.

Students in grades 4–8 are invited to join us at Pagosa Peak Open School every Wednesday and Friday to explore the beautiful world of orchestral music.

Whether it's the violin, viola, cello or double bass, students will learn to play alongside friends and build musical skills together in a fun, encouraging environment.

This amazing opportunity has become possible thanks to Stillwater Music/Be Frank Foundation, a music nonprofit collaboration that is dedicated to providing accessible music instruction to La Plata and Archuleta county residents.

What's in store?

- Expert-led musical group instruction twice a week.
 - A collaborative, supportive learning environment.
 - Two public performances during the school year.
- But that's not all; we're also opening the door

for other age groups:

- Enthusiastic third-graders are welcome to join with a teacher recommendation.
- High school students (ninth through 12th grades) are invited to become mentors. This is a fantastic opportunity to practice and perform advanced repertoire, gain experience teaching younger musicians, enjoy the flexibility to attend as schedules allow (we understand sports, music, school and jobs are important, too).

To register a third-grader or high school mentor (and receive the mentor scholarship code), please email the instructor directly at PaytonMcIntyre.music@gmail.com for approval.

FAQs

- When does this occur?
Wednesdays 3:15 to 4:40 p.m. and Fridays 1:15 to 2:40 p.m. The program will align with the district calendar; if there is no school, there will be no class. A calendar with important dates will be sent home with students.
- What if my student doesn't own the instrument they want to play?
Stillwater Music/Be Frank Foundation provides affordable and local instrument rentals and this can be done through the registration link. If registered soon, instrument delivery can be provided as well. If your student is expected to grow, rentals will be the affordable way to go.
- What if my student doesn't go to Pagosa Peak

Open School?

This opportunity is open to all fourth- through eighth-grade students (third and ninth through 12th invited with prior approval) in Archuleta County. Bus stop #2 for elementary school and bus stop #9 for middle/high schoolers will bring orchestra students to the Forge drop off location and from there students can walk to Pagosa Peak Open School. Sign up for the bus route at <http://bit.ly/45Vk9Q3>.

- Does this program cost money?
Yes, however the goal is for this to be an affordable and accessible music education opportunity. Need-based scholarships are available — don't hesitate to reach out if you need financial assistance.

- Will I need to buy anything for this?
Instrument rental or purchase will be necessary if you don't already own the instrument.

"Essential Elements for Strings" will be the book we learn out of; it ranges in price from \$9 to \$15.

A Music stand for home use will be encouraged and can be found for \$15+.

- How could this benefit my student(s)?
Music can help with schooling, build confidence and plays a positive role in cognitive development. But, most importantly, it's fun.

Spots are limited, so register soon. Let's build something amazing together — for our students, our schools and our community.

New study shows Imagination Library of Colorado boosts kindergarten readiness

Colorado Department of Early Childhood

A new independent evaluation from the Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab at the University of Denver, "Imagination Library of Colorado: Effects on Kindergarten Readiness and Skills," finds that the Imagination Library of Colorado (ILCO) is helping prepare children for kindergarten by significantly improving early literacy skills.

ILCO mails high-quality books each month to children from birth to age 5 at no cost to families. Each book includes tips to encourage family reading and strengthen early literacy.

"Books are our windows into the world, and access to literature for children from birth is a great way to instill a love of reading from a young age, help children succeed in school and life, and inspire the next generation of poets and authors. It is great to see the success of Imagination Library in Colorado schools, and I thank Dolly [Parton] for continuing to put students first, and spreading the joy of reading," said Gov. Jared Polis.

The program, part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, launched in Colorado in 2005 and expanded statewide in 2021 with support from Senate Bill 20-185. Today, it provides matching funds to more than 55 nonprofits across the state to fund monthly book deliveries to Colorado families.

ILCO partnered with the Colorado Lab in 2022 to evaluate the program's impact, as required by the legislation.

"From the start, we knew evaluation had to be built into our work as it allows us to validate the efficacy of our program," said Jack Tate, president and CEO of ILCO. "This study confirms what we've long believed: our program is helping kids arrive at school ready to read and succeed. It is truly a high-impact, low-cost investment."

Key findings

Children enrolled in ILCO scored 0.125 standard deviations higher on the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessment at kindergarten entry compared to non-participants in the same schools.

ILCO participants were 16-24 percent less likely to score "well below benchmark" on DIBELS, reducing the need for remedial reading support.

Benefits were seen broadly across student groups, with no significant differences for multilingual learners or children from low-income families. This increase is substantial, particularly given the low cost of ILCO implementation. This can set students on a positive reading trajectory and reduce the system, district and school resources needed to make up early gaps.

"The results suggest the Imagination Library is an effective and af-

fordable way to boost early literacy skills," said Dr. Kristin Klopfenstein, executive director of the Colorado Lab. "Because strong readers help lift their classmates, these benefits may ripple across classrooms and grade levels. Continued state investment in ILCO could potentially decrease the number of students with significant reading deficiencies and reduce the number of students struggling with reading in the early grades."

Statewide reach

Today, ILCO operates in all 64 Colorado counties, delivering books each month to more than 87,000 children — about 27 percent of the state's birth-to-5 population.

Since 2005, the program has mailed more than 2.5 million books to Colorado children. Families may now also choose a fully bilingual Spanish/English book list. Parents and caregivers can enroll children online to receive a free book every month by mail at www.imagination-librarycolorado.org.

"Investing in early literacy initiatives such as Imagination Library Colorado, providing books to children and families, is a wonderful and cost-effective way to help ensure that children are ready for kindergarten," said Dr. Lisa Roy, executive director for the Colorado Department of Early Childhood. "It builds a strong educational foundation that truly supports their future learning and growth."

Library receives Pilcrow Foundation book grant

By Barbara Brattin
Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library

The Ruby Sisson Library was recently awarded the Children's Book Project grant from the Pilcrow Foundation.

Through a generous anonymous donor located in Massachusetts, \$1,200 worth of gorgeous new books were added to the collection. Colorado donors Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman provided an additional \$400 worth of new math and science books,

and California donors Bill Strawbridge and Meg Wallhagen donated \$300 worth of books related to health and wellness.

The grant required a \$400 local match, which was generously provided by the Friends of the Library. Each book includes a nameplate thanking the donors, including our local Friends group.

"Books open windows to the world for our children," said Library Director Barb Brattin, "especially those living in small rural towns like Pagosa Springs. We are so fortunate to be the recipi-

ent of the generosity of the Berenson, Ackerman, Strawbridge and Wallhagen families, as well as the support of our Friends of the Library. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed."

The Pilcrow Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization located in Cottage Grove, Ore. Its mission is to provide new, quality, hardcover children's books to rural public libraries across the United States, adding, "Literacy is the greatest gift we can give to our children; the public library is where we can start."

El Pomar Foundation approves \$41,500 to organizations in southwest region

El Pomar Foundation

El Pomar Trustees approved \$41,500 allocated to six nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the southwest region at the foundation's July Trustees meeting.

Through the foundation's grant making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- The Cortez Center Inc. — \$5,000 for summer internship program; regional merit.
 - KUTE Inc. (Ignacio) — \$5,000 for signal and transmission systems; competitive.
 - Mancos United — \$5,000 for summer school program; trustee regional merit.
 - Our Community Eats (Pagosa Springs) — \$10,000 for capital improvements; competitive.
 - Silverton Public Library — \$11,500 for new computers; competitive.
 - Town of Dolores — \$5,000 for Dolores bike and skate park and path; regional merit.
- Founded by Spencer and Julie Pen-

rose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general-purpose grant making.

The competitive process remains the foundation's primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding. Additionally, over the last 88 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.

In an effort to increase impact and establish connections across the entire state, the Regional Partnerships program was established in 2003. Each of the foundation's eleven regional councils advises El Pomar trustees and recommends grants to help support its communities.

The Southwest Regional Council recommends grants to Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties. Council members are regional leaders in the business, non-

profit and public sectors, and provide firsthand information about current needs in their own communities.

To view a full listing of El Pomar's funds and grant-making areas, please visit <https://www.elpomar.org/grant-making/>.

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$25 million annually through grants in the areas of arts and culture, civic and community initiatives, education, health, and human services, as well as community engagement and leadership development programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations.

In addition, the foundation owns and operates three historic properties: Penrose Heritage Museum, Penrose House Conference Center and Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun.

Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937 with the mission to enhance, encourage and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado.

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Rezone

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ing public safety or infrastructure.

The Planning Department addressed each bullet point put forth by the Troxtells, beginning with how it would directly address the affordable housing crisis.

In O'Dell's staff report presented to the board, he explains that the claim "does hold a degree of validity," but that the applicant is not providing actual dwelling units but spaces for people to bring their tiny homes.

"As noted in the Rezone Staff Report, the Planning Department does see this as a viable option for affordability in housing. However, this statement from the applicant can be misleading as they are not providing units nor are they willing to opt-into the Affordable Workforce Housing program currently available," O'Dell's report states.

The report also explains that the spaces would be provided with all necessary infrastructure at a rate of \$650 per month, "but that rate is not controlled or dictated by Archuleta County."

The report references the rezone staff report again, noting that a tiny home manufacturer out of Durango can cost anywhere from \$37,000 to \$160,000 with a loan as low as 6.47 percent.

The report goes on to state the Planning Department found no evidence to support the claim of this variance request aligning with previous paving requirements, explaining this project would be a 40-unit development and, according to the LUR, all multifamily areas shall be paved.

The report then notes that the Troxtells received an access permit from CDOT with a condition that a 50-foot entrance be paved, but after the right of way is crossed then jurisdiction falls back to Archuleta County.

The Troxtells also indicated that the paving requirements would increase the project cost by 30 to 40 percent.

In response to the bullet point that the variance would ensure that the project remains financially feasible, O'Dell's report references Section 2 of the LUR that states, "Under no circumstance shall a variance be granted on the sole basis of personal convenience, profit or special privilege."

The report also notes that this is a "business venture for the applicants, while staff does find they are targeting a need, they are not facilitating, in the truest fashion, affordable housing units."

O'Dell explained that with 40 units planned for the development, average daily traffic would result in almost 280 vehicle trips to and from the property daily, citing this as a concern for the public health in the area with particulate matter being generated from an unpaved road.

In O'Dell's conclusion, he explains that past variance requests have only been approved for nonprofit organizations or farming operations off of dirt roads.

"Staff could possibly recommend the approval if the applicant was to enlist a percentage of their units as Affordable Workforce Housing, but without that delineation, Staff would not recommend approval," the report states.

The applicant was then given a chance to comment, with Travis Troxtell explaining that the variance request "comes down to cost."

He explained the goal is to keep the cost down, indicating they are fine operating on "thin margins" in order to keep the development affordable for those in the community.

He also noted that paving could cost up to \$1 million per mile and that they would have to pave approximately half a mile worth of driveways.

"So, it's a significant cost for us to be required to pave," he said, noting that if required to pave, the cost would likely be passed down to the tenants.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if the Troxtells intended to do any sort of income verification or other process to ensure the units are serving those in need of affordable housing.

Travis Troxtell explained that they have been "open to that possibility," but they are confident they can facilitate that on their own, "if we don't have to pave."

Sarah Troxtell commented, "No, we're not going to do checks," but indicated that they have been in contact with folks potentially interested in the development and that they fall close to the county's affordable housing requirements in terms of income.

Commissioner John Ranson asked what it would take for the Troxtells to opt into the county's affordable housing program.

O'Dell commented that the biggest thing would be having to sign a deed restriction with the county that sets a rental rate for at least 20 years that is based on area median income tables released by the state.

O'Dell mentioned there are "a slew of standards" that would need to be met, but that a lot of it is the "nitty gritty

details of deed restriction," noting it can be "such a large commitment to restrict your property for 20 years."

O'Dell also clarified that the variance request did not go to the planning commission, whereas the process for a rezone request involves going to the planning commission first.

Ranson commented that it bothered him that the variance request narrative states the applicant received written guidance that a variance would be an option and that they would be "requested, not required" to pave the development.

O'Dell explained those comments did not come from him, but that something along those lines was stated.

Chance for public comment on the matter was then given, with a total of 11 commenters speaking.

Eight commenters were opposed to granting the variance, two in favor and one who was neither in favor or opposed and just wanted answers to questions relating to water, sewage and vehicle traffic on the property.

Those who commented in favor of the variance request and the Troxtell project as a whole stated that affordable housing solutions can be tricky and that a lot of well-intended projects are "actually not very affordable."

One commenter expressed that he liked the Troxtell project because "it's just affordable" without having multiple restrictions put on the property or dictating who can qualify for a space for their unit.

The other commenter in favor of the variance request and the project as a whole stated he is a resident of the Loma Linda neighborhood, adding that he has seen affordable housing issues in other communities and that when there are no reasonable options, "you end up losing quality people."

He commented that the project doesn't just benefit the Troxtells, but the whole community.

Those opposed to the variance acknowledged the intention of the Troxtells, with most of them commenting that they appreciated the passion and creativity in trying to address affordable housing concerns in the community.

Reasons for opposing the variance request stated from public commenters included concerns of public health with the amount of particulate matter potentially being generated, along with concerns that there is not enough water in the area to serve the project.

One commenter mentioned that the constant allowing of exceptions harms the overall good of the county.

One commenter indicating he is a neighbor to the Troxtell property, described the project as an urban development being pushed into an agricultural area.

"This is not an affordable housing discussion," audience member Dan English said, claiming that people who would be coming to live in their tiny homes on this property don't have the equipment, "nor do they have the know-how" to provide the level of self-support needed to live in an agricultural community.

English also expressed frustration with the county's notification requirements in regard to land use hearings.

Another commenter identifying himself as a neighbor to the Troxtells, Jared Wirth, expressed concerns over water in the area, claiming that his cattle were short on water this year.

"This is not land ownership," Wirth added, explaining that he understands the need for affordable housing, but that residents would not own the land and would pay a monthly rate to stay there.

Another commenter, stating they are a part-time resident with property near the Troxtell parcel, expressed concerns of the variance and rezone requests claiming the development would impact her.

The same commenter later spoke in favor of a different request put before the planning commission on Aug. 28 for the approval of a wilderness lodging project on the property adjacent to the south of the Troxtell parcel.

For more information on that matter, see related article in this issue of The SUN.

Once public comment was finished, Brown offered comments before making a motion to deny the variance request.

"I do not believe this is an affordable housing project, as stated by some, and Mr. Troxtell himself stated that this is to lower the cost of the project," Brown said, expressing he understands wanting to keep the project cost down and can certainly appreciate a business venture by the Troxtells.

However, Brown referenced the LUR, which states a variance shall not be approved on the sole basis of personal convenience, profit or special privilege as to why he would not support approving the request.

Ranson then seconded the motion to deny the variance request, which was unanimously approved.

Land use hearing

Immediately following the variance request, the BoCC opened the land use hearing for the Troxtell rezone request.

The BoCC initially heard the rezone request in April, after it was recommended for approval by the planning commission by a split vote.

O'Dell explained that the rezone request comes with a THV permit that was administratively reviewed and conditionally approved.

"It is important to note that this Rezone request is a separate proposal to the Tiny Home Village request, which requires a Use-By-Right review. However, one approval would not be possible without the approval of the other. The applicants wish to Rezone the property to Mobile Home Park (MHP). The parcel is zoned Agricultural Ranching (AR)," O'Dell's report states.

He indicated that the county's future land use map currently designates the parcel as low-density residential.

"While it is important to understand the scope of the Future Land Use and Zoning, neither are classified as review criteria for a Rezone Request," O'Dell's report adds.

O'Dell explained that the Troxtells intend to construct a THV and that, according to the county's LUR, THVs are only allowed in MHP zoning districts.

"The Troxtell's have identified a gap in housing for our community, and they believe the creation of a Tiny Home Village would enlist a more versatile housing option for Archuleta County residences," O'Dell's report notes.

He went on to explain that approval criteria for a rezone is written so that the applicant meets one of the 10 criteria listed.

O'Dell also noted that the final decision on whether or not to approve the rezone request is at the discretion of the BoCC and that all applicants are advised there is no right to a change of zone.

O'Dell then reviewed the county's rezone review criteria, indicating the Troxtells have met seven out of the 10, "exemplifying their compliance" with the county's LURs.

Ranson brought up the question of spot zoning, asking O'Dell to elaborate more on that topic.

O'Dell explained that MHP zoning is going to be spot zoning in nature, unlike having a cluster of neighborhood properties that are zoned alike.

He commented that MHP-zoned parcels are "traditionally a single parcel" with its own subdivision within that parcel, noting this is typical to see in other counties as well.

The Troxtells were able to provide comments in regard to the rezone request, with Sarah Troxtell explaining that the family moved from Dallas, Texas, in search of a lifestyle that did not revolve around accumulating wealth and wanted to "live for love," including neighbors, friends and a community as a whole.

She explained they found this property and wanted to help with the affordable housing situation in Archuleta County.

"Maybe it doesn't align with your definition of affordable housing," she said, adding that paying \$1,000 to \$1,500 total for a tiny home and space at their property "is way more affordable than almost anything else that you can get" rented here.

She clarified that electricity, water and sewer would be included in the rate to rent a space for residents to place their tiny homes.

"That is hard to beat," she added. Sarah Troxtell also explained that her family is building their permanent home on the property as well and would be heavily involved in making sure the development looks good and that the land is taken care of.

"We care deeply about the land," she said, explaining that the previous owners left remnants of an abandoned trailer park on the property that they paid to have cleaned up.

She also acknowledged the importance of agricultural land in the area, explaining that community gardens would be developed as well.

Sarah Troxtell expressed excitement about not only being able to provide an affordable living option for residents, but also being able to provide "a place where they can hopefully thrive."

Travis Troxtell commented that they have been blessed as a family, and to "please allow us the opportunity to bless others."

Public comment on the matter was given by majority of the same commenters from the variance request, beginning with the woman claiming to be a part-time resident with property nearby.

She stated that if the county does not uphold the "historic zoning already in place" there will be a cumulative loss of peace, tranquility and agricultural views.

O'Dell previously explained to the BoCC in April that the county adopted its LURs in 2006 and that the parcel in question previously operated as a

mobile home park that was shut down before the implementation of the county's LURs.

He also noted in that meeting that the development would not be a "drastic change to the landscape."

The same commenter later spoke in favor of the agritourism development proposed on the neighboring property, which plans to develop five tiny homes to operate a wilderness lodge.

During the Troxtell rezone request, she also stated that "radical rezoning" causes long-term harm to rural communities.

She went on to mention that since the time of receiving a notification for the Troxtell land use hearing, she had received a second notice of a different resident along U.S. 84 "wanting to do the same thing" indicating that a thing called "zoning creep" is already happening and the county would be setting a precedent with its decision.

Another commenter expressed that this rezone request does not meet the county's criteria to be rezoned as a MHP, and that the MHP failed over 20 years ago due to a lack of sufficient infrastructure in the area.

English expressed that the loss of agricultural land will result in higher taxes for local residents in the area.

He went on to state that while the landowners have a passion for the land, "this is not the landowners, this is a transient community that's coming in that does not have a stake in the community associated with protection of the land and what we all moved here for," while urging the commissioners to keep in mind what he described as a "transient zoning" strategy.

Planning commissioner Andre Redstone also requested to offer comment as either a member of the general public or member of the planning commission, referring to the county attorney to what would be more appropriate.

County Attorney Cathleen Giovannini explained that Redstone could speak as a member of the general public.

Redstone expressed concerns of spot zoning, claiming that it is illegal to do so in the state of Colorado.

Redstone then attempted to make a comment as both a member of the general public and the planning commission before being interrupted by Brown, who stated he did not want to "muddy the waters," asking Redstone to keep his comments as a member of the general public.

Giovannini indicated that she was not familiar with a state statute that expressly prohibits spot zoning.

Other concerns about water availability were brought up, as well as the notion that "progress is gonna happen," but that this type of development may not be suitable in a rural area with agricultural land surrounding it.

Brown commented that there were a number of "opposing statements," directing his question to O'Dell to find "the actuality" of the situation, asking if there is a well on the property for the THV development.

O'Dell indicated there is no well yet and that reports were sent to the state's Division of Water Resources, which indicated that a well producing 50 gal-

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County planning commission approves permit for agritourism development

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Planning Commission approved a board conditional use permit (CUP) for an agriculturally based lodging establishment for the 84 Ranch located at 6252A U.S. 84 during its Aug. 28 regular meeting.

The permit was ultimately approved by a split vote of 3-2.

According to the presentation on the matter given by now former planning manager Owen O'Dell, 84 Ranch plans to install five mobile cabins for guest accommodation, which will be studio units ranging in size from 200 to 400 square feet with a bathroom in each unit.

Prescribed

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downtown Pagosa Springs.

No official closures are expected, but there will be traffic control in the following locations during burn operations: NFSRs 629, 919 and 923. Forest users should avoid National Forest System Trails 301, 303, 305, 313, 316, 319 and portions of 304 and 323 during burn operations.

• 8 Mile Mesa Prescribed Fire: This project is located 6.5 miles south of Pagosa Springs between Loma Linda and Lower Blanco. The 700-acre project area is broken into multiple units located along NFSRs road 651, 651.B, 651.C, 651.D, 651.D1, and 651.E.

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U.S. 84 between Echo Canyon Reservoir and Kenny Flats, County Road 335, and County Road 500 between Pagosa Junction and Pagosa Springs.

No official closures are expected, but there will be traffic control in the following locations during burn operations: 651 road system below switchbacks through the 651.E junction.

For more information, please contact Pagosa Ranger District Fuels Specialist Brian Austin at brian.austin@usda.gov or (970) 264-1541.

Columbine Ranger District

Later this fall, the Columbine Ranger District is planning to implement three prescribed fire projects.

of a tie vote on the matter, the commission's alternate member, Mont McAlister, would need to vote.

County Attorney Cathleen Giovannini confirmed that would be the case.

The matter initially ended in a tie vote of 2-2, with planning commissioners Peter Beaudry and David Pribble voting in favor of approving the permit, and planning commissioners Andre Redstone and Peter Vecavangs voting against.

A revote was then cast, with McAlister voting in favor of approving the permit. A roll-call vote was then requested by Redstone, to which only McAlister individually stated his vote. The other votes were not expressively identified in a roll-call format, though

Redstone and Vecvangs voted against.

Beaudry, Pribble and McAlister ultimately voted in favor approving the permit.

During O'Dell's presentation, he explained that the parcel is zoned as agricultural ranching, or AR, and the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations allow for wilderness lodging operations in districts zoned as AR with the approval of a board CUP.

He noted the county's future land use and zoning map designates the parcel as AR, as well, with very low-density residential development.

O'Dell noted that staff conducted a "detailed review" of the requirements for the application.
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elementary school level isn't "fair" for schools the size of Pagosa Springs Elementary School, which serves kindergarten through fourth grade.

He indicated that 75 percent of the framework is aimed at fourth grade, with the framework formula favoring elementary schools that serve kindergarten through sixth grade since there are more grades to inform the rating.

He added they are looking at how to change it at a state level for K-4 elementary schools.

He also noted the school has made shifts in how it's doing individual intervention and academic coaching.

CDE data notes that Pagosa Peak Open School also received an improvement plan rating.

School districts have until Sept. 26 to provide additional data through the "request to reconsider" process, which may result in a rating change before frameworks are presented to the State Board of Education later this fall, the CDE explains.

The preliminary frameworks will be finalized by the end of 2025, according to the CDE, with Holt indicating in an email to The SUN that ASD does not intend to appeal its ratings.

Statewide improvement

The CDE press release on the performance frameworks stated that this year's trends are largely consistent with last year.

"The steady progress in the school and district frameworks is a testament to the dedication and hard work of

our students, staff, and communities over the past few years," said Colorado Education Commissioner Susana Córdova via the press release. "These frameworks provide valuable insight into how our schools are performing, while also highlighting the areas where we need to continue strengthening support for schools and districts still navigating significant challenges."

The preliminary 2025-26 ratings are available on the Performance Frameworks Results webpage, <https://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/performanceframeworkresults>, or the school and district dashboard, <https://www.cde.state.co.us/district-school-dashboard>.

Key results of the preliminary release for the 2025-2026 school year (before the request to reconsider

process) include:

- 55 percent of districts earned an Accredited or higher rating compared to 52 percent in 2024-2025.
- 66 percent of schools earned a Performance plan type or higher compared to 64 percent in 2024-2025.
- 14 districts were on the Accountability Clock (receiving the two lowest performance ratings — Priority Improvement/Turnaround) compared to 11 in 2024-2025.
- 176 schools were on the Accountability Clock, compared to 190 in 2024-2025.

The Colorado State Board of Education directs an improvement course of action for schools and districts on the Accountability Clock for five consecutive years.

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Rezone

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lons per minute, or 16.8 acre-feet, per year could be placed on the property and would not overappropriate water use of the area.

He indicated the Division of Water Resources expressed that it is within the ability of the Troxtells to apply for a well permit.

"So, that's where staff leans on the professionals and their respective agencies on whether or not we can facilitate this use, or recommend approval for this use," O'Dell said.

O'Dell also commented on Redstone's remarks in regard to spot zoning being prohibited in Colorado, saying, "I don't know the validity behind that."

He explained that he was confident in his interpretation of the county's LURs, not state statute.

"I think it's a great concept; I think

it's the wrong area," Ranson said, expressing an understanding of water concerns.

He went on to state that the development would have more than a minimal impact on neighbors and that he does not believe this is an affordable housing project.

Ranson also mentioned a story told to him by residents who recently bought property in the area and were told by their real estate agent that the parcel in question would never be operated as a mobile home park ever again.

"I do have some concern on the whole spot zoning issue," he said, expressing that he appreciated the Troxtell's efforts, "just think it's the wrong area."

Commissioner Veronica Medina echoed Ranson's comments, saying

she likes the idea, but, "I don't think this is the right spot."

Medina also commented that she had concerns about the agricultural industry overall in the community after hearing from ranchers that they had to move their cattle because of water availability this summer.

"I feel like in hearing all of the evidence that was presented today, ... in hearing what the community has to say, the neighbors definitely shed a different light for me on this property," Medina said, while commending the intentions of the Troxtells.

"But, unfortunately, in my opinion, this is not the right spot for it," she added.

Ranson then made a motion to deny the rezone request, which was seconded by Brown, who offered additional comments before voting on the matter.

Brown stated that he can certainly understand the concerns coming from the agricultural community and, "for me, that's my deciding point, how it's impacting the neighbors."

He also mentioned that the county and community needs to be careful

that the not-in-my-backyard (NIMBY) mindset is not used every time.

"We've all come here and we've all taken a piece of somebody's backyard to be here," he said, explaining that every driveway, road and home developed impacts somebody.

"We're all impacting someone," he said, expressing that the NIMBY attitude is not his first go-to and that the overall impact needs to be considered.

"Because we have to continue to provide the resources for us to grow and for people to live here in all different kinds of housing situations, from top to bottom," Brown said.

Medina commented that in this scenario she did not view it as a NIMBY matter, only because she did not see it fixing or providing affordable housing solutions.

Medina explained the development is providing a spot for residents to place their own tiny home or mobile home.

"It's just the wrong spot," Medina added.

Ranson's motion was then unanimously approved.

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Restrictions

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decreased. Overall, conditions have improved to remove all fire restrictions," said Tres Rios Field Office Field Manager Derek Padilla via a press release on Sept. 5.

"On August 11, fire restrictions were put in place in response to multiple wildfires across the state. Recent rainfall has improved moisture conditions in town, and the threat of wildfires has decreased," a Town of Pagosa Springs announcement states.

It adds, "Residents should continue following local laws and regulations related to open fires, open burning, campfires, personal fireworks, and grills, based on the Town's municipal code."

More rain expected

More moisture is expected in the coming days, with a flood watch issued

Wednesday that is effective for 6 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, to midnight on Sept. 12.

"Excessive runoff from strong thunderstorms may result in debris flows and flooding of rivers, creeks, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone locations," it states.

The National Weather Center's forecast shows that showers and thunderstorms are likely over the coming days, with a 60 percent chance of precipitation Thursday and Thursday night, an 80 percent chance on Friday and a 70 percent chance Friday night.

The chance for showers and thunderstorms drops to 40 percent on Saturday, with sunny skies predicted Sunday.

Saturday night's low is forecast to be around 36 degrees.

• CRS 18-4-102(1): First-degree arson.

• CRS 18-4-105(1): Fourth-degree arson for recklessly starting a fire.

The investigation is ongoing, according to the PSPD.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the PSPD at (970) 264-4151.

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Arson

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inside the restroom facility, the PSPD reports.

Following an investigation, the suspect was identified as 55-year-old Don Alexander, the press release states.

Alexander was taken into custody in downtown Pagosa Springs at approximately 9:30 a.m. the same day on the following charges:

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Agritourism

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According to his report, after initial review of the application, staff determined that additional material was needed to better evaluate the proposal, which is detailed in a “Letter of Guidance” sent to the applicant.

“The applicant has worked with Staff over the last eight (8) months to meet the minimum requirements to bring this proposal to a public meeting,” O’Dell’s report states.

The review criteria includes things such as the impact of the development on the county’s objectives, impact of public services and infrastructure, traffic impacts, the effect of the use upon the character in the surrounding area, adequacy of design features, effects on natural resources, and other factors determined by the planning commission and board of county commissioners.

O’Dell also outlined the necessary findings needed to approve the permit that include that the location, use and maintenance of the development “will not be detrimental to the public safety, health, or welfare, or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity.”

Other necessary findings include that adequate utilities and public services will be available, and the proposed use is compatible with adjacent property uses, according to O’Dell’s report.

Included in O’Dell’s report is a recommendation for the planning commission to approve the application with a total of six additional conditions.

Those conditions include things such as paving and parking requirements, constructing fencing to ensure livestock remains at least 50 feet from all lodging units, landscaping requirements and opening an application with the county’s Water Quality Department prior to operating the proposed lodging units.

Following O’Dell’s presentation, Wattier was given the chance to provide additional comments.

Wattier explained that neighboring property owners have expressed comments on the project, “and I’d like to kind of address a couple of those,” explaining this project was a dream to do when he first moved to the area.

“We don’t want to impact neighbors negatively or anything like that, and that’s why we purchased the land where we’re located,” he said.

Wattier explained he was applying for the permit to expand agritourism through regenerative agricultural practices, explaining that means bringing back the old ways of farming and not using any chemicals or forms of tilling.

“My goal is to regenerate my soil, as well as educate others,” he said, explaining school and church groups could come to learn about old ways of farming.

Wattier explained that his thought was that by developing five tiny home cabins on his property, it would have “low impact” on his neighbors and give him the opportunity to operate guest retreats.

He indicated he has already been doing this for the past year and half with guests “dry camping” on his land.

“People come from all around the country that want to see what we’re doing on the ranch,” he said.

Wattier stated that he knows his business model works well, “and now we’re just looking to increase to have more guests actually on our land with it.”

He went on to speak about neighbors’ concerns, stating he understands and respects every neighbor’s concern, “but I think there may be some confusion with some of those things.”

Wattier referenced a previous development proposal for a 40-unit tiny home complex to be constructed on the property adjacent to his to the north.

That proposal included a board CUP to operate tiny homes along with a rezone request that would’ve changed the zoning from AR to a mobile home park zoning designation.

Those proposals were submitted by Travis and Sarah Troxtell to the planning commission in April, with the rezone request being approved by a 4-1 vote and a tiny home village permit approved by staff on April 11.

The rezone request then went to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) later that month and was tabled.

The BoCC then reconsidered the matter during a regular meeting in August, where the rezone request was unanimously denied, along with a paving variance request.

During the Aug. 28, planning commission meeting, Wattier explained one of the main concerns expressed by residents over the Troxtell proposal was the issue of water.

He stated that a couple of neighboring residents wrote to the county saying, “Essentially, I’m doing the same thing as they are but just re-branding it as agritourism.”

Wattier expressed that there is a difference in developing 40 tiny

homes versus five tiny homes, noting that this would be short-term, not long-term rentals.

He also explained that his property is on “city water” and that he would not be drilling any wells.

“There’s no one in the community that’s actually putting in more ground water than I am,” he said.

He also acknowledged septic system concerns, stating his system would be smaller than many of his neighbors’ with 5,000- to 6,000-square-foot homes.

Wattier noted that he will have a minimum of a two or three night stay for guests, which will minimize the amount of traffic coming and going from the property.

Wattier described the project as a “small, boutique family hotel” that won’t generate a lot of noise.

He also disagreed with comments that this is a “high-intensity development,” stating that five cabins is a “lower development, and I don’t think there’s gonna be much impact for my neighbors with all that.”

Wattier then acknowledged concerns about keeping the area’s agricultural centers and the importance of keeping wildlife passages open, explaining he has planted native species on his property and constructed fencing to allow for deer and elk to be able to move through.

“I have a very big passion about agriculture,” he said, explaining he is frustrated when neighbors express that what he is doing may be going against the importance of agriculture.

“Cause what I see my neighbors do is go through, try to get a tax break so they let some other ranchers come in. They overgraze, they eat down — they’re hurting our land,” he said, claiming those practices hurt the water table.

Wattier stated that he hopes to work with ranchers to help rebuild the soils and preserve the area’s water table.

“My goal at 84 Ranch is to be all about community,” he said, explaining he wants to raise local foods for the community.

He further expressed that agritourism is the “fastest” growing type of tourism today, “and I think that’s the type of tourists we would all agree would be great to bring to our community.”

Wattier also indicated that he would be requesting a variance on the paving requirements that are asking him “to dump asphalt” in the middle of his ranch.

Planning commissioner Peter Beaudry asked if Wattier would entertain paving the initial entrance off the highway, which Wattier indicated he would.

O’Dell explained that the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) would install a new water meter on the property and could provide about 700 gallons per minute.

He also noted that the Pagosa Fire Protection District will accept the water flows generated on the property.

Nobles noted that it is “ironic” the fire training station next door to Wattier does not have “sufficient flow.”

Nobles also commented that, about two years ago, the county’s planning department tried to add agritourism to the county’s zoning code, noting the wilderness lodging is “kind of the best scenario to put him in.”

Nobles indicated that having three cabins is a use by right on AR-zoned properties and that Wattier is really just asking for an additional two.

“Just consider that, as well,” Nobles stated.

Planning commissioner Andre Redstone indicated he met the applicant “quite some time ago,” when he viewed his company’s products.

“We had no transactions, no history in that regard,” Redstone added, explaining he felt there was no conflict with this matter.

Redstone expressed a couple of questions on the proposal, addressing the “lack of support” letters and asking why the site plans do not indicate the applicant would be on “city water,” presumably resolving some of the neighbor’s concerns.

O’Dell explained his assumption that the comments from PAWSD indicated that there is PAWSD water service available on the property.

He further explained the applicant has an active application with PAWSD for service to be provided on the property.

Redstone expressed the importance of the general public being able to obtain all the necessary information related to the proposal that might address some “critical points” being brought up.

O’Dell explained that, according to the county’s codes, a lodging unit is a temporary accommodation, other than a vacation rental, that may be detached or attached, which can include tiny homes.

“This does not include units for

permanent residency,” he stated, noting that the units must meet the applicable codes at the time of building.

Redstone indicated that, based on the county’s code, there is an “obligatory right” for the applicant to have three lodging units.

O’Dell explained that with Redstone’s comments on the number of lodging units allowed, in “actuality,” the total of three is not necessarily the applicant’s right, but that it is a “lesser impact” versus conditional use.

O’Dell clarified that a request for the three tiny homes to be operated as lodging units would be handled at an administrative level.

He noted the reasoning for requesting five units at this time is to prevent the applicant from getting bogged down and having to come back for another request at a later time.

In response to a question from the planning commission, Wattier indicated that does not use PAWSD water to irrigate his property.

O’Dell further clarified the application is for a wilderness lodging permit, and not for a lodging unit permit.

Four public comments were given on the matter, all in general support of the project, barring that all conditions and requirements are properly met.

Some of the comments included support for the project in that it would maintain agricultural ranching values, as compared to potential future higher-density projects.

One concern brought up by a commenter was the possibility of Wattier being able to add additional units in the future, or change the use from short-term to long-term.

O’Dell explained that the addition of units or the change of use would have to go through the Planning Department.

Following the public comment portion of the meeting, Beaudry moved to recommend approval of the board CUP with the six conditions presented.

Redstone then seconded the motion and initiated more discussion on the matter, asking Nobles if agritourism zoning had been brought up to the planning commission in the past, with Nobles indicating the “short answer is yes.”

Nobles explained that conversation was left in the hands of staff to bring back language addressing agritourism zoning, but noted that “never occurred.”

“We are nowhere with that,” O’Dell commented.

Redstone expressed that no matter how the proposal is offered up, “lodging is lodging,” asking how there is not an impact of the implication of expanding density.

“That’s the conundrum for me,” he added.

Nobles noted the planning commission recently approved a wilderness lodge permit for allowing up to 60 guests.

O’Dell commented that “density” refers to residential density and this proposal is a commercial use, “so it’s not technically, as the language of land us regulations presents, increasing residential density.”

O’Dell noted that it is an intensified use, but it is not increasing the density of one dwelling unit on the property.

Nobles referenced another proposal the planning commission approved, the Sharp rezone request, in which acreage was torn off to put cabins and RVs to increase housing for workers in the middle of AR-zoned parcels.

Nobles indicated that was “the last parcel that we will probably tear off without a rezone permit, but that was for permanent establishment.”

Redstone questioned how the planning commission could minimize the implication of setting a precedent for reviewing other properties in similar zoning districts under similar circumstances.

Nobles commented that his neigh-

bors are more than welcome to do the same thing if they wanted to.

Redstone questioned how that does not ultimately amount to a “density change.”

O’Dell commented that it is up to the commission to determine whether or not the review agency, staff review and materials presented by the applicant is within the parameters of the intensity of the use “and doesn’t exceed our local resources.”

Redstone expressed that how the planning commission reviews the application is determined on how the application is made, being either a CUP or a variance, cautioning of potential precedents being established.

Redstone also expressed concerns of equity in the potential scenario that the county begins to see more and more of these agritourism proposals, in that if the first applicant will be treated as fairly as the 50th applicant.

“I think you’re putting yourself in a big legal battle right now, because [Wattier] has proved to be correct to the book today,” Nobles said.

Redstone mentioned that the planning commission’s job is not only to review applications presented to it, but to consider the bigger picture and impacts on a larger scale.

“I’m simply trying to look at all the aspects,” Redstone commented.

Other planning commission members expressed concerns with Nobles choosing to abstain from voting while seemingly expressing to be in favor of the project.

Vecvangs stated, “I feel a little uncomfortable with the fact that you’re abstaining from the vote, yet you’re up here basically championing and promoting this agenda item.”

Nobles explained he discussed the matter with O’Dell and that he was able to provide comments.

“I feel the applicant has done a great job. He has submitted exactly what he was supposed to,” Nobles said.

Vecvangs responded that it seems “a little gray” and that “if you’re not comfortable voting on it, then I don’t think you should be promoting it.”

Nobles responded that he only educated the commission on the history of the project.

“I think I’ve only clearly made statements tonight; I don’t think I’ve made anything in favor or in opposition,” he added.

Redstone commented that he believed the planning commission was following proper protocol while also deferring to Giovannini for further explanation.

“Honestly, going forward, typically if you have a conflict you not only don’t vote, you usually don’t participate,” Giovannini said, noting that sometimes it is even appropriate to leave the room.

She also added that is typical when there is a financial conflict.

The commission then voted on the seconded motion, which resulted in the 2-2 split and McAlister providing the deciding vote to approve the permit.

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Sports

GOLF



Pirate Jonathon Smith sends a put during Tuesday’s home tournament. The team took second on the day, with Smith taking first.

Pirates take first, second at tournaments

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team picked up a win and a second-place finish over the last week.

On Friday, Sept. 5, the Pirates traveled to Monte Vista, where they finished first in the 11-team tournament with a score of 245.

“We won the tournament, which was very nice,” coach Mark Faber said. “That was a good deal.”

Faber explained the tournament also included rain and a lightning delay that lasted close to an hour.

“Overall,” he said, “it was a good tournament.”

Jonathon Smith finished second out of 61 golfers on the day with a 71 on the par-70 course.

His day included birdies on 5 holes and par on eight holes.

“Jonathan kind of struggled at the end,” Faber said, adding he played well for a while.

Tyler Dimond finished sixth overall with an 85, with his effort including shooting par on six holes.

Maximus Ibram shot an 86 to finish ninth, with Faber highlighting it was Ibram’s best round since joining the team.

His effort included shooting par on five holes.

Chatwin Pickering finished 13th on the day with an 89.

His effort included shooting par on five holes.

Ty Richey broke 100 for the first time, the coach highlighted, shooting a 97 and finishing 27th.

He shot part on five holes.

Max Brown shot a 99 to finish 32nd, with his day including shooting par on four holes.

Logan Lamoreaux finished 27th with a 97, which included shooting par on two holes.

Deaglan Denen shot a 112 to finish 50th.

On Tuesday, the team hosted the Pagosa Invitational at Pagosa Springs Golf Club, with the Pirates finishing second behind Durango in a field of seven teams.



Pirate Tyler Dimond looks to land a put during Tuesday’s Pagosa Invitational at Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Dimond finished 11th on the day.

Faber suggested he was expecting a little more from the team and that the Pirates struggled more than he expected.

Durango shot a 232 on the day, compared to Pagosa’s 247.

“As a whole, it was good,” Faber said, adding it just wasn’t as good as he thought it would be team-wise.

Smith shot par on the day with a 71 to take first, logging birdies on six holes and par on eight holes.

Faber noted Smith again struggled toward the end, but played very well for quite a while.

Dimond finished 11th out of 40 golfers with an 86.

His effort included shooting par on six holes.

Ibram finished 18th with a score of 90, which included shooting par on three holes.

Pickering finished 20th with a 92. He shot par on four holes.

Brown finished with a 95, landing him 23rd, with Faber noting Brown stepped up a little bit and played a better round.

He shot par on five holes.

Denen finished with a 99 and took 25th, with Faber noting it was good to see Denen have a better round.

Richey shot a 101 to finish 26th, shooting par on four holes.

Lamoreaux shot a 104 to finish 29th, shooting par on two holes.

Faber noted 12 Pirates played on the day, including three who had never played in a tournament before.

“We’ve got some work to do,” Faber said, noting later the team will be spending the rest of this week figuring out what didn’t work and seeing if it can be fixed before the golfers play another tournament.

Over the next week, the Pirates will play two tournaments.

The first will be the Pinon Hills tournament hosted by Farmington, N.M., beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 15.

Faber noted some of the Pirates have played the course before.

“It’s a demanding course,” he said. “You’ve got to pay attention down there.”

On Wednesday, Sept. 17, the Pirates will head back to Alamosa for their second tournament of the season at Cattails Golf Course. Play is set to begin at 9 a.m.

Faber noted all the Pirates are pretty familiar with the Cattails course.

“I think it’ll be a good week,” he said. “I think it’ll do good for us.”
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PAGOSA SPRINGS PIRATES
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Soccer

Pirates rack up 12 goals in back-to-back home wins

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team now boasts an overall record of 4-1 on the season after winning a pair of games over the last week at home against the Aztec Tigers from Aztec, N.M., and the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

The Pirates put up a total of 12 goals between the two games, while only conceding once, beating the Tigers 7-0 on Saturday, Sept. 6, and defeating the Panthers 5-1 on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

In the match against the Tigers, Gavin Carter and Ryder King each bagged two goals, while Chance Ramirez led the team in assists with three on the day.

Jacob Castaneda, Angelo Medina and Milo Deitemeyer each recorded one goal. Elmer Castillo contributed two assists, and Hudson Davis tallied one on the day.

The Pirates racked up a total 15 shots on goal, with Carter leading the way with six shots on goal.

Deitemeyer, King and Medina each had two shots on goal.

The Pirates played two goal keepers during the match, Ethan Bracken and Taylor Wells, who each played one half, making two and three saves, respectively.

Coach Trevor Gian commented that a point of emphasis for the Pirates going forward after the match against Aztec is to be "putting those quality opportunities away."

He explained the Pirates had about four or five chances while the game was 1-0 to add to their score.

Gian mentioned that having a higher percentage in finishing goal-scoring opportunities will be crucial in games when fewer chances are created.

"But, we created 'em," he said, noting the Pirates played with effort, attitude and intent against the Tigers.

"Collectively, there was some control, there was some understanding," he added, explaining that the Pirates' goal is to play with intent and purpose in knowing what kind of plays to look for.

Gian also spoke about the Pirates attempting to control the game by building up play out of the back.

"It's getting better," he said, mentioning that the Pirates' formation was adjusted to provide more shape in the middle of the field, even if gaps open up between their central defensive midfielders.

Gian commented on Deitemeyer's performance in the back, noting, "it's great having him back."

Deitemeyer is returning for his senior season after suffering a leg injury last year.

Gian complemented Deitemeyer's understanding of the game and knowing when to get rid of the ball or when to control it and look for an outlet pass.

He also mentioned that the Pirates have been emphasizing "not panicking under pressure" and using quality touches to get into positive situations to get out of pressure.

Gian mentioned that he'd like to see the Pirates be able to build up from the back, but noted there is an inherent risk when doing so, in that one bad touch opens up the door for opponents to capitalize on mistakes.

"Trying to eliminate those mistakes," he said, explaining that he wants to see the Pirates attempting to play perfect soccer, rather than only playing to their strengths.

He noted that it involves wide players knowing when to create depth and space by checking in for the ball and when to make runs in behind the opponent's defense.

Gian also spoke about the importance of the Pirates being able to control emotions and "let your actions speak for you."

"I try to let them see it start from me," he said, explaining that positivity and composure when things aren't going their way are "huge points of emphasis."

"If something negative happens, we have to pick people up," he said.

Gian commended his team's efforts in that regard, noting, "These guys have come a long way" since last season and under previous programs, in "being able to walk away from those tough situations that normally could turn heated."

Gian also mentioned that he wants the Pirates to get to the point where "our reaction is to go play the game" and pick each other up while doing so.

"No negativity," he said, explaining that as long as the team continues to bring the same effort, attitude, intent and purpose, "we'll do it our way, as Pirates," win or lose.

Gian noted that the team is looking to leave a legacy behind with the Pirate soccer program that it is competitive and fun.

"We need to have fun," he added, explaining that his own focus has changed slightly over the years and that it "really comes down to us, being



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Ryder King sends the ball to the back of the net during the team's victory over the Aztec Tigers on Saturday, Sept. 6. King scored two goals on the day, with the Pirates winning 7-0.

proud of who we are."

Gian offered more praise for the Pirates' performance against Aztec, commenting, "I'm definitely impressed with everybody who stepped on that field."

He also highlighted performances by the team's captains, along with King, noting he put in a "tremendous effort and skill there."

"Those captains ... are leading by example," he added.

Montezuma-Cortez

The Pirates were first on the scoreboard against the Panthers on Tuesday, with a goal by Carter in the eighth minute after running onto a through ball and beating the Panthers' goalkeeper in a one-on-one scenario.

The Pirates were able to generate another quality scoring chance shortly after, with Castaneda finishing a similar style goal as Carter's, but one that was disallowed by an offside call.

Not long after, in the 14th minute, the Pirates conceded a goal from a Panther corner kick where a defender slipped, allowing the Panther's attacker to send the ball in for a goal, Gian explained.

The Pirates were then able to sustain some pressure by the Panthers and earned a penalty kick before the end of the half. A low shot to the corner by Ramirez was powerful enough to beat the Panther goalkeeper, despite getting a hand to the ball, putting the Pirates up 2-1.

Just before halftime, the Panthers earned a free kick at the edge of the Pirates' penalty box, with Bracken making a diving save to preserve the Pirates' lead.

The start of the second half saw the Pirates controlling possession for the opening 10 minutes, earning a free kick just outside of the corner of the Panthers' penalty area.

Deitemeyer quickly took the kick, beating the Panther goalkeeper with a hard, low shot to the corner, giving the Pirates a 3-1 advantage.

Another penalty kick was awarded to the Pirates in the 60th minute, which Ramirez converted, putting the Pirates up 4-1 with 20 minutes to play.

The last goal of the night came in the 67th minute with Edgar Castillo creating his own opportunity with a right-footed curling shot that dropped in the top corner, beating a diving Panther goalkeeper.

Additional stats were not available as of press time on Wednesday.

Gian commented that having a deep bench is helpful in games like that, as the Pirates were able to rotate players to prevent anyone from getting too exhausted.

Gian also commented on Deitemeyer's performance again, noting that his leadership on the back line is crucial.

Gian mentioned that Deitemeyer is starting to build his confidence back up "and you see that when he plays. He's playing free again, and I like that."

In a game that featured four set-piece goals, Gian commented on the importance of both converting and defending set pieces, noting the Pirates' mentality is to be "first to the ball offensively, first to the ball defensively."

He mentioned that giving up the goal from the corner let the Panthers stick around and find a little bit of momentum.

"Just wasn't up to our standards," he added.

Gian stated that the Pirates had a better response in the second half, noting "the team responded well."

He explained the response stemmed from the team's captains, seniors and juniors, onto younger players in the squad.

"I think we were kind of relentless towards the end," he said, explaining that is a mindset he wants instilled in the team — to "never quit, no matter what."

Gian explained that having a deep bench with players who can come in and positively affect a game is a result of the effort being put in by players in the varsity and junior varsity levels.

He noted that the junior varsity team put in a good display earlier in the

day, taking down the Panthers' junior varsity team by a score of 3-1.

Gian noted he was "proud of the team" with its performance and "keeping our cool" during heated moments.

The Pirates will be back in action this Saturday, Sept. 13, with another home game, hosting Manitou Springs at 11 a.m.

The Mustangs are 3-0 on the season.

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The Pagosa Springs High School cheerleaders perform a halftime routine at the Sept. 4 football game.

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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Pirates seek to bounce back with confidence, consistency

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team moved to a 1-6 record over the last week after dropping matches to Alamosa and Telluride over the last week.

Now, the Lady Pirates will be looking to turn the tide using confidence and consistency.

“The biggest lessons from the weekend are that we need to bring the confidence we see in practice into matches,” coach Chelsea Caler wrote in an email to The SUN. “Be disciplined in what we can control: talking, putting up tough serves, consistent serve receive and stay aggressive on offense.”

The Lady Pirates took on the Alamosa Mean Moose in Alamosa on Thursday, Sept. 4, to open league play for the season.

The Mean Moose won in three sets — 25-16, 25-8 and 25-10.

Alamosa is currently the No. 2-ranked team in 3A volleyball and is 7-1 on the season.

The Pirates logged 13 kills against the Mean Moose, led by three each

from Lexi Campbell, Avea Bruce and Dawson Iverson.

Alamosa notched 44 kills in the matchup.

Bruce logged one serving ace.

The Lady Pirates had two total blocks in the matchup, with Iverson logging a solo block and Sydney Plake and Bruce each putting up an assisted block.

Amber Snarr led the team in digs with five of the team's 13, with Campbell following with four.

Hayden Petersen put up seven of the team's nine assists against Alamosa.

Campbell led in serve receiving with 21 of the team's 59 serve receptions.

“Alamosa is always a solid team that runs a fast tempo, and while they had a couple of big hitters, the real difference in that match came down to our side of the net,” Caler wrote.

“We struggled to find consistency in serving, serve receive and swinging with confidence. This made it difficult to generate an aggressive offense and score points. The same was true against Telluride—we broke down, and without steady communication we found ourselves scrambling and

second guessing.”

The Lady Pirates fell in three sets to Telluride on Saturday, Sept. 6 — 25-17, 25-19 and 25-23.

But Caler notes, there were highlights against the Telluride Miners.

The coach highlights Kaila Limebrook and Dawson Iverson, noting the Lady Pirates “stepped up offensively with 6 and 7 kills.”

Campbell also recorded seven kills, with the stats noting a total of 24 kills against Telluride, compared to 28 by the Miners.

Campbell and Peterson each picked up a serving ace in the matchup.

The Lady Pirates had two total blocks, with Limebrook and Iverson each putting up a solo block.

Defensively, Caler highlights Domingo, Peterson and Snarr, with each tallying 12 digs. The team totaled 57 digs on the day.

Peterson had 13 of the team's 17 assists.

Snarr led in serve receiving with 16 receptions, with Tatiana Monterroso following with 14 of the team's 52.

“We are also starting to see some dynamics click, and ‘aha’ moments between players and their roles, both

individually and relationally on the court,” Caler notes.

This week, the Lady Pirates will play three matches over the course of six days, including two league matches.

This evening, Thursday, Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m., the Lady Pirates will host the 2A Del Norte Tigers.

The Tigers, ranked 18th in the 2A standings, are 3-1 on the season.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, the team will travel to Cortez for a league matchup against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers beginning at 1 p.m.

The Panthers, ranked 17th in the 3A standings, are 6-4 on the season.

Then, on Tuesday, the Lady Pirates will host the Bayfield Wolverines for a 6 p.m. league matchup.

The Wolverines are ranked 22nd and hold a 4-3 record.

The Lady Pirates are ranked 39th. “Going into this week with three matches in six days, our main focus will be cutting out the noise and overwhelm,” Caler wrote, adding, “we put a lot of pressure on ourselves. If we can lock in to 1-2 short-term goals—finding consistency, trusting our skills and abilities, rather than trying to be perfect at everything all at once, I’m confident the breakthroughs will come as we keep building.”

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The Pagosa Springs Smashers Special Olympics softball team takes second in its division in the New Mexico Four Corners State Invitational Softball Tournament. Also representing the Smashers, Jase Mills took first place in his division.

Smashers take second at New Mexico Four Corners State Invitational Softball Tournament

By Joanne Irons
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Smashers Special Olympics softball team took second in its division in the New

Mexico Four Corners State Invitational Softball Tournament.

The team traveled to Farmington, N.M., with their unified partners and coaches to come home with a silver medal.

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Team members included: Andy Arnold, Jesse Aragon, Christopher Brown, Zack Irons, Samuel Kelly, Servando Ramos, Bret Jackson and Levi Brown. Unified partners were Chris and Jerry Archuleta, Jim Smith, Valerie Lucas and Colle Looper, and coach Bryan Looper. Thanks to dugout managers Nancy Walls and Monica Archuleta.

Also representing the Pagosa Springs Smashers, Jase Mills took first place in his division.

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FOOTBALL



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Pirate running back Colton Lucero runs over a Centauri tackler Thursday night. The Pirates were handed their first loss of the season, falling to the Falcons 42-7.

Pirates suffer first loss of season, look to bounce back after bye week

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team suffered its first defeat of the season last week, falling to the Centauri Falcons 42-7 at home on Thursday, Sept. 4.

The Pirates trailed at halftime by a score of 35-0, but fought back in the second half, only giving up one more touchdown and putting up a score of their own to bring the final score to 42-7.

The Pirates gave up a short 2-yard touchdown run to Centauri midway through the third quarter and then managed to get on the scoreboard with about three minutes left in the fourth quarter when Pirate quarterback Creede Dozier connected with Alex Pacheco for a 22-yard touchdown completion, which was followed by a successful extra-point attempt.

Dozier completed two of seven pass attempts on the night, putting up a total of 91 yards through the air and the one touchdown.

Hudson Mazur pulled in the other completed pass on the night for a gain of 69 yards.

The Pirates put up a total of 108 rushing yards in the game, bringing their total yards on offense to 199 yards.

Pacheco led the Pirates in rushing yards with a total of 64 yards on 10 carries, followed by Colton Lucero, who racked up 42 yards on 14 carries. Lucero also had four kickoff returns totaling for 90 yards.

Mazur rushed the ball twice for the Pirates on the night, picking up a total of 5 yards, and Dozier lost a total of 3 yards on three carries.

The Pirates had three drives end with losing a fumble.

On the defensive side, the Pirates tallied a total of 24 tackles, with Mazur leading the team with five tackles, followed by Vinny Fish, who recorded

four tackles.

Five other Pirates each logged three tackles, with Lucero recording a 12-yard tackle for loss.

Coach Nathan Morales commented, "It's early-season football," explaining the Pirates were not tested in the same way as in their season opener against Kirtland Central, N.M. — a game the Pirates won 51-10.

"Of course we want to go and win those games, but we also just want to be playing our best football going into league play," Morales said, explaining the Pirates are choosing to focus on bettering themselves rather than preparing for a specific opponent, "and that's what we're doing this week."

"But, they're both learning experiences, and we'll continue to get better," Morales said of the Pirates' first two games this season.

He mentioned the Pirates fought to the end, explaining both the offense and defense performed better in the second half, and the offense was able to start moving the ball more.

Morales also explained the Pirates were reviewing films in real time on the sidelines.

"It was a good learning experience for everyone," Morales said, noting

that includes coaches and players.

Morales spoke more about the team's second-half performance and how, regardless of the score, the message to the team is to keep playing and fighting until the very end.

"We keep playing no matter what," he said.

Regardless of the scoreline, "we just keep fighting til the end no matter what," Morales said. "And, I felt the kids did that."

Morales also mentioned the Pirates are leaning on their senior leadership this season, noting, "They're doing a good job for us this year."

He added, "I think we'll continue to get better 'cause we have good seniors that are good leaders."

With the Pirates' first four games of the season being nonleague matchups, Morales commented on the importance of being in good shape for the start of league play against Salida on Oct. 3, and carrying that through to the end of the season.

"We want to be playing our best football at the end of the year, but especially when [league] starts," he said.

With no game scheduled for this week, the Pirates have an extra week to prepare for their next matchup against Monte Vista on Friday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. in Monte Vista, which will be followed by another away game against another nonleague opponent, the Elizabeth Cardinals, at 7 p.m. on Sept. 26 in Elizabeth.

"Of course we want to go and win those games, but we also just want to be playing our best football going into league play," Morales said, explaining the Pirates are choosing to focus on bettering themselves rather than preparing for a specific opponent, "and that's what we're doing this week."

Morales noted he wants to see the Pirates continuing to swarm to the ball on defense, while also "being more physical on offense."

Morales also explained that Cen-

tauri "beat us in all three facets of the game," including special teams.

"And I take ownership for that," he added, noting the Pirates need to do a better job of preparing for the game.

He also spoke about how the senior leaders were able to see and realize what was going on in the game against Centauri "and they don't want that feeling again."

He mentioned the seniors are looking to push each other and the coaches to get better, and that coaches will do the same.

"We're just looking forward to getting on the field again. They're hungry to prove that's not Pagosa Pirate football," Morales added.

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Alex Pacheco breaks away from a Centauri defender during the team's matchup on Thursday, Sept. 4. Pacheco led the Pirates in rushing yards on the night, putting up a total of 64 yards on 10 carries.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Pirate harriers ‘extremely pleased’ with performances in Alamosa

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate harriers faced off against hundreds of runners at the 32nd annual Joe I. Vigil cross-country meet in Alamosa, with coach Josh Kurz explaining the team is “extremely pleased” with its performances at the meet.

There were large schools that traveled all the way from the Front Range, New Mexico, and even Texas,” Kurz explains in an email.

Results from the meet show 403 runners finishing on the boys’ side, with 370 finishing on the girls’ side.

“To put the race in perspective, only 150 boys and 145 girls finished the 3A State Championship race last year,” Kurz wrote. “The fast competition and fans fueled 13 out of 18 of our athletes to new personal records [PRs]! And 3 more athletes were within 2 seconds of their personal record! We’re excited that so many of our athletes are running their best times so early in the season.”

The Pirate boys’ squad finished 25th out of 35 teams.

Rylan Ash was the team’s top finisher, taking 55th with a time of 17 minutes, 17.37 seconds, with Kurz noting Ash was the third fastest freshman in the high school boys’ division at the meet.

Eli Nehring finished 179th with a time of 19:21.68, beating his PR by 21 seconds and besting his time from the same meet last year by 1:17.

Weston Sweet dropped the most time from the same meet last season, according to the coach, finishing 203rd in 19:42.45 — 1:34 faster than last season.

Kurz also highlights Sweet bettered his PR by 57 seconds.

Kieran Kurz finished one second later, taking 205th with a time of 19:43.16.

Merrick Tudor was the final scoring runner for the team, finishing 210th with a time of 19:46.07.

Josh Kurz notes Tudor bettered his PR by 11 seconds and ran the course 54 seconds faster than last year.

“Dylan Dempster ran 57 seconds faster than last year,” Josh Kurz wrote, with Dempster finishing 221st with a time of 20:09.20.

Kurz also highlights that Stetson

Osborn shaved 1:25 off his time from last season, finishing 257th in 20:52.09.

“Stetson Osborn is progressing nicely,” the coach wrote.

Jacen Easling finished 270th with a time of 21:11.38.

“Jacen was next, shaving 37 seconds off his PR despite some adversity during the week,” Josh Kurz wrote.

Liam McKnight ran a time of 21:20.52 to finish 276th, with the coach calling McKnight’s debut “solid.”

Isaac Hanto ran while battling a cold, according to the coach, and finished 315th with a time of 22:26.86.

Israel Rivera ran a time of 22:49.75 to finish 326th.

Josh Kurz notes the top five boys averaged 50 seconds faster than at the same meet last year.

“Our boys placed 5th out of the teams in our region (top 4 qualify for state), although Lamar, who qualified last year, wasn’t present,” he wrote. “Our boys will need to catch up to Woodland Park, whose top 5 boys averaged 18:18. Our top 5 boys averaged 19:10, so we have some work to do, as our region has become even faster than last year.”

The Lady Pirates, he notes, “trained through some minor injuries this week,” placing 22nd out of 27 teams.

Lily DeClark led the Lady Pirates on the day, finishing 125th overall with a time of 21:58.49, which the coach calls “a phenomenal freshman 5k debut.”

Madi Stretton, he notes, was close behind with a time of 22:04.02, which landed her in 132nd.

The coach also highlights that Stretton bettered her PR by 40 seconds and ran the course 1:21 faster than last season.

Kaiya Lyons, whom the coach notes was running “cautiously” due to an injury, finished 162nd with a time of 22:43.88.

“Bella Jackson ran her guts out and finished 4th on the team with a 23:29, which was a 3-second PR,” Josh Kurz wrote.

Jackson finished 191st overall.

Lucy Rivera was the team’s fifth runner, finishing 215th overall with a time of 23:59.66, which the coach called an “awesome debut.”



Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

Rylan Ash runs alongside competition at Saturday’s Joe I. Vigil meet in Alamosa. Ash took 55th out of 403 runners on the day with a time of 17 minutes, 17.37 seconds.

Mila Miller logged a time of 25:56.68, one second off her PR, and finished 286th overall.

Xyra Belarmino ran a time of 29:39.94 to finish 342nd, with the coach noting they were glad to have her back and indicating she continues to deal with an injury.

“Our top 5 girls averaged 22:51, which is 3 seconds slower than last year, which is not too bad considering our 3-time state qualifier, Sienna Rose, graduated,” the coach wrote. “The 4th-place team in our region was Alamosa with an average time of 21 minutes.”

The coach further notes that, for him, it isn’t about how the harriers did in the standings at the event.

“There were schools from all divisions, so I don’t put much stock in our athletes’ overall placement,” he wrote. “We’re striving for continuous improvement, comparing ourselves to the runners we used to be, and using our competition to drag us further into the pain cave. One of our goals is always to qualify for the State Championship, so the race was a great preview of most of the top teams in our region.”

He also adds that, two weeks ago, the team ran a time trial in downtown Pagosa Springs, with the “excellent competition” at the Alamosa meet and the team’s additional training enabling the athletes to run an average of 2:11 faster than two weeks ago.

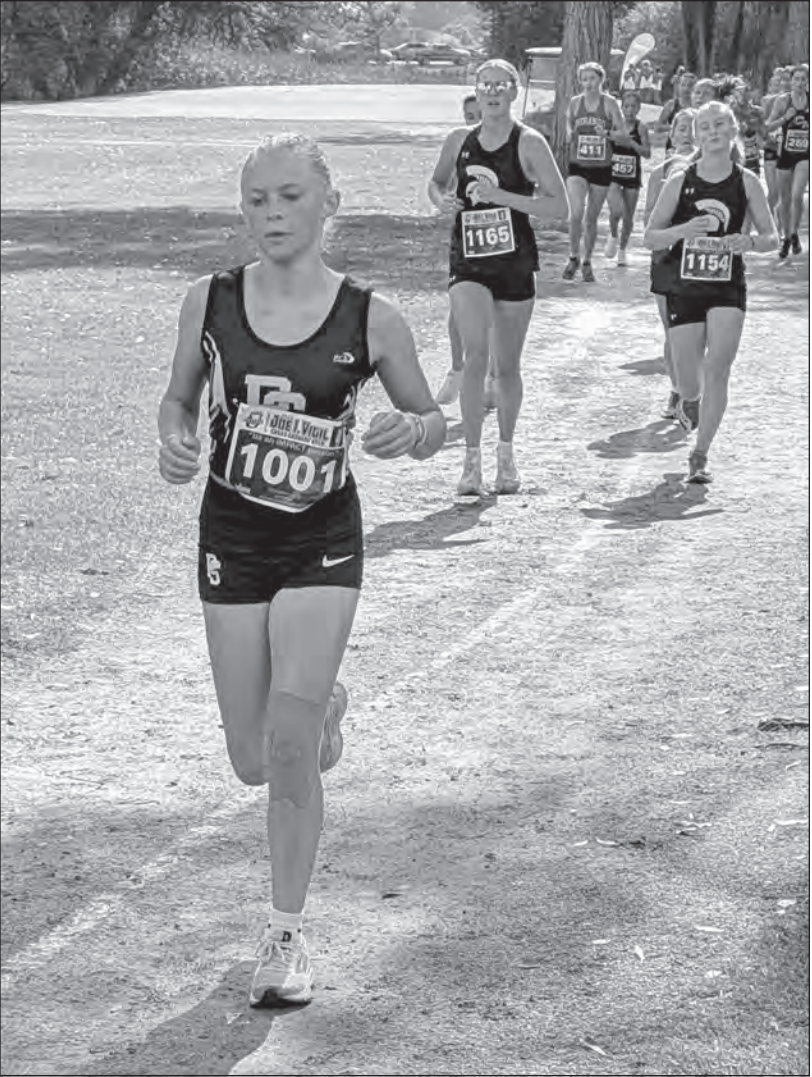


Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

Lily DeClark stays ahead of the competition at the Sept. 6 cross-country meet in Alamosa. DeClark led the Lady Pirates at the meeting, running a time of 21 minutes, 58.49 seconds to finish 125th out of 370 runners.

“We’re thrilled with our fitness progression,” he wrote.

This week, the Pirate squads will travel to Bayfield for the Bayfield Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The Lady Pirates will run at 10:20 a.m., followed by the Pirates at 10:50 a.m.

“I expect both teams to place well

at the Bayfield Meet,” the coach wrote. “The girls will be chasing Centauri, who placed just ahead of us last Saturday. The boys will target Dolores and Ignacio, who were within range last Saturday. Our top runners will also have some great individual competition.”

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Junior Aaron Sowle has a little fun and gets some air off one of the optional features on the course at the Haymaker Classic in Eagle on Sept. 6.

DUST2 racers exceed goals at Haymaker Classic

By Justin Sewell
DUST2

The Pagosa Springs Mountain Bike Team (DUST2) had its second race of the season in Eagle, Colo., on Sept. 6.

The course is a 6-mile out-and-back loop with a long grassy start and a fun downhill corkscrew down to the finish. The course has 600 feet of tight switchback climbing per lap, and a lot of smooth berms and great features that make Eagle one of the athletes’ favorite races.

Most athletes have to complete two laps totaling 12 miles, while varsity athletes complete three laps for a total of 18 miles.

On other courses, after the start, riders are usually not visible until a lap through, but on this course the riders are visible during a long start and again on the long downhill corkscrew through to the end. This makes it great for spectators to see how the riders are doing, and for taking pictures.

Rainstorms kept the course from being as dusty as years past — one of the main complaints from the riders about the course in past years.

The first athletes to race were Kaylee Hensle, Gianna Shaeffer and Quinn Howard in the JV, sophomore, and freshmen categories.

The girls started at 8:30 a.m., 8:35 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. All three girls’

categories were stopped on course because of a bad wreck that needed medical attention.

Hensle finished 23rd in JV with a time of 1:40:32. Shaeffer finished sixth in the sophomore girls’ division with a time of 1:34:48. And, Howard finished 13th in the freshman girls’ division with a time of 1:39:11. The girls’ times reflect the added time they were stopped on course because of the crash. All later races were pushed back 30 minutes.

Next was the JV boys. Eric Smith, Justin Sewell, Aaron Sowle, Jackson Chaney, Van Halterman and Heath Leentjes are all in the JV boy category.

The boys started at 10:30 a.m. Smith finished seventh with a time of 53:37, Sewell finished 11th with a time of 54:46, Sowle finished 34th with a time of 57:35, Chaney finished 38th with a time of 58:09, Halterman finished 67th with a time of 1:02:32, and Leentjes finished 72nd with a time of 1:03:28, improving 44 positions. The category has more than 100 athletes competing and is one of the most difficult to compete in.

After the JV boys was varsity. The team has two varsity athletes, Weston Philips and Adelyn Hittle. The varsity boys started at 11:50 a.m., and the girls at 11:55 a.m. Philips finished 27th with a time of 1:24:10 in the varsity boys’ category. Hittle finished 11th with a time of 1:34:43 in the var-



Photo courtesy Janine Emmets

Junior Adelyn Hittle pursues another rider down the corkscrew, eventually passing her to finish in 11th in the girls’ varsity category at the Haymaker Classic in Eagle on Sept. 6.

sity girls’ category.

It is very difficult to earn a spot on the varsity team. These riders have to complete a third lap, which turns these into very grueling races.

After lunch was the freshmen boys’ race. Amon Philips, Ward Halterman, Max Roukema and Drake Anderson raced in the category. The freshmen started at 1:35 p.m. The later start meant the boys were dealing with the heat and dust of the afternoon.

Ward Halterman finished 37th with a time of 1:04:33 and Amon Philips finished 38th with a time of 1:04:46 — a very short gap between the two of them. Roukema finished 39th with a time of 1:05:22 — also very close. Anderson finished 63rd with a time of 1:23:28, finishing off all our racers for the day.

Points wise, Hittle led the team with 495 points, followed closely by Smith with 488. Sewell scored 460 points, just ahead of Shaeffer, who tallied 456. Weston Philips earned 415 points, while Howard contributed 408. Hensle added 396 points, with Sowle close behind at 357. Chaney scored 346, and Van Halterman finished with 309. Ward Halterman and Amon Philips scored nearly the same, with 308 and 306 points, while Leentjes and Roukema both achieved 304. Notably, Leentjes, Roukema, Amon Philips and Ward Halterman scored

within four points of each other.

Lastly, Anderson scored 273 points. The team placed sixth in our division with 4,130 points overall, putting our season total at 8,123.

Even though there was some ominous weather and minor crashes, DUST2 had a great time at the Haymaker Classic in Eagle. Most riders met and exceeded their goals for the race and are excited to race at Leadville in two weeks.



Photo courtesy Janine Emmets

Junior Heath Leentjes passed 44 other racers to place 72nd in the JV boys’ category at the Haymaker Classic in Eagle on Sept. 6.

Change of Name
Name of John Clark Griffin, Jr. is requested to be changed to John Emerson Clark.
Published September 11, 18 and 25, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*, (272873)

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2025-006

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On June 26, 2025, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s) June J Balizan and James A Pacheco
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc, as beneficiary, as nominee for The Central Trust Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust September 06, 2019
County of Record Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust September 09, 2019
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 21905117 Book: N/A Page: N/A Original Principal Amount \$250,381.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$228,364.28
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
Lot 2 of Block 2 in ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 4, according to the plat thereof filed for record August 20, 1971 as Reception No. 74785.
Purported common address: 511 Blue Jay Cir, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 10/23/2025, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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First Publication 8/28/2025
Last Publication 9/25/2025
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 06/26/2025
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
/s/ Elsa P. White
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Dall #51467
Randall S. Miller & Associates PC 216 16th St, Ste 1210, Denver, CO 80202 (720) 259-9053 Attorney File # 23CO00165-4
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
Published August 28, September 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (268417)

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2025-

when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOTS 15 AND 16, BLOCK 5, AMENDED ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD MARCH 22, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74229.
Purported common address: 1074 Simmons Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 10/30/2025, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 9/4/2025
Last Publication 10/2/2025
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 07/03/2025
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
/s/ Elsa P. White
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: David R Doughty #40042
Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9540 Maroon Circle, Suite 320, Englewood, CO 80112 (855) 263-9295
Attorney File # 25-035005
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
Published September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (268416)

DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta COUNTY. STATE OF COLORADO. 2024CV030063 DIVISION 3. CIVIL ACTION NO. 2024CV030063 DIVISION 3. INITIAL COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM
Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association V.
Defendants, KAREN L. CLARK et al
Regarding: Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 592 AND: Lot 593 PV Sec: 19 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W PV DOES NOT INCLUDE M/H #990012350892
DED: Lot 592-593, Pagosa Vista, according to the plat filed in the office of the clerk and recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.
Also known as: 506 Vista Blvd, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:
You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Civil Division of the Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 9 a.m., on the 8th day of October 2025, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8430. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.
****BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CASH OR**

corder 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, **WHICH LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.**
You may have an interest in the real property being affected, or have certain rights or suffer certain liabilities or loss of your interest in the subject property as a result of said foreclosure. You may have the right to redeem the real property or you may have the right to cure a default under the instrument being foreclosed. Any Notice of Intent to Cure must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of the foreclosure sale.
A notice of intent to cure filed pursuant to section 38-38-104 shall be filed with the officer at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the first scheduled sale date or any date to which the sale is continued. If the sale date is continued to a later date, the deadline to file a notice of intent to cure by those parties entitled to cure may also be extended.
A notice of intent to redeem filed pursuant to section 38-38-302 shall be filed with the officer no later than eight (8) business days after the sale.
In this regard, you may desire and are advised to consult with your own private attorney.

IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103-1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov
Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov
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Further, you are advised that the parties liable thereon, the owner of the property described above, or those with an interest in the subject property, may take appropriate and timely action under Colorado statutes, certain section of which are attached hereto.

In order to be entitled to take advantage of any rights provided for under Colorado law, you must strictly comply and adhere to the provisions of the law. Further, you are advised that the attached Colorado statutes merely set forth the applicable portions of Colorado statutory law relating to curative and redemption rights, therefore, you should read and review all the applicable statutes and laws in order to determine the requisite procedures and provisions which control your rights in the subject property.
DATED in Colorado this 6 day of August, 2025.
Sheriff of Archuleta County, Colorado
/s/ Mike Le Roux
Sheriff Mike Le Roux
ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF:
ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC
1445 Market Street, Suite 350
Denver, CO 80202
Statutes attached: §38-37-108, 38-38-103, 38-38-104, 38-38-301, 38-38-304, 38-38-305, and 38-38-306, C.R.S., as amended.
Published August 14, 21, 28 and September 4 and 11, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (270643)

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for Final Major Design Review for the Pagosa Auto Rents Parking located at 103 Majestic Drive. The applicant is proposing the development of a parking lot to support an auto rental business. The applicant has also submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application,

as the Land Use Development Code requires a CUP in the Mixed-Use Corridor District for this use.
This item was originally scheduled for review at the Planning Commission meeting on September 9, 2025, but has been rescheduled to the September 23, 2025 meeting.
The Design Review Board and Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 5:30 pm to consider the Final Major Design Review and Conditional Use Permit Applications, in person at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and available for remote attendance via the Zoom meeting platform. Public comment will be taken in person and over Zoom. To access the meeting agendas and staff reports, click the round **Minutes** and **Agendas** tab located along the bottom of the photo on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application at mypagosa.org/proposed-development-projects. We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Division prior to the public hearing dates, with any questions via phone at 970-585-8636 or email at klunell@pagosasprings.co.gov. Written comments received 7 days prior to the meeting or public hearing will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for their consideration. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearing.
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State of Colorado)
County of Archuleta) SS

Public notice is hereby given that I will, according to law, offer at Public Auction, by means of the internet at www.archuleтатаxale.com according to the rules set forth therein, on

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

so much of the tax liens attached to the following described real estate situated in Archuleta County, on which regular taxes for the year 2024 and previous years have not been paid, and so much of the Special tax liens for the year 2024 and previous years which have not been paid as shall be necessary as herein below set down, interest, penalties, to wit

Payments of all taxes must be made with certified funds, (cash, money order, or certified check) and be received in the Treasurer's office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025 to avoid being offered at tax lien sale.

Please call for current amount due at (970) 264-8325.
Office hours are 7:00a.m.–5:00p.m. Mon.-Thurs.

All Archuleta County offices will be closed on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

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Parcel: 570107100002
RURAL Sec: 6 Twn: 35 Rng: 1W A PARCEL OF LAND 1343 COUNTY RD 200
Total Due: \$15,580.36

R019302 84 RANCH LAND HOLDING COMPANY LLC
Parcel: 588708400118
RURAL Sec: 9 Twn: 34 Rng: 1W A TRACT OF LAND 6252A US HWY 84
Total Due: \$705.35

R011158 118 SEMINOLE DR LLC
Parcel: 569920318024
Subdivision: RIDGEVIEW Lot: 17
118 SEMINOLE DR
Total Due: \$1,055.49

R016143 224 TRUST
Parcel: 596501101003
Subdivision: RIO BL CAB SITE 1 Lot: 48
224 SUTTLES PL
Total Due: \$307.58

R006462 802 ROSITA LLC
Parcel: 569913310002
Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 15
Lot: 6 AND:- Lot: 7
802 ROSITA ST
Total Due: \$2,968.75

R003273 AAA SEPTIC TANK SERVICE INC
Parcel: 569311210015
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 11 Lot: 25
28 BEUCLER LN
Total Due: \$922.86

R003274 AAA SEPTIC TANK SERVICE INC
Parcel: 569311210041
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 11 Lot: 23 AND:- Lot: 24
42 BEUCLER LN
Total Due: \$1,131.08

R007848 ABBA REAL ESTATE INC
Parcel: 569916407007
Subdivision: THE PLAZA AT ASPEN VILLAGE-COMM
Unit: 6 PS PLZ AV
2800 CORNERSTONE DR #UNIT 6 - BUILDING A
Total Due: \$3,737.34

R020465 ADAMS DUANE I
Parcel: 5695244040044
Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 394
40 LYNX CT
Total Due: \$347.45

R020464 ADAMS DUANE I
Parcel: 5695244040043
Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 393
36 LYNX CT
Total Due: \$347.45

R018124 AFAY ENTERPRISES LLC
Parcel: 569916445002
Subdivision: THE PLAZA AT ASPEN VILLAGE-COMM
Unit: 1 PS PLZ AV
2800 CORNERSTONE DR #UNIT 1 - BUILDING B-2
Total Due: \$1,663.83

R015108 AFFELD JOHN ANDREW
Parcel: 589309408019
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 441
86 ROUND CT
Total Due: \$551.48

R015098 AFFELD JOHN ANDREW
Parcel: 589309408008
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 432
988 JUSTIN'S RD
Total Due: \$551.48

R015100 AFFELD JOHN ANDREW
Parcel: 589309408010
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 408
1062 JUSTIN'S RD
Total Due: \$1,002.21

R011154 ALLEN JENNIFER A
Parcel: 569920318019
Subdivision: RIDGEVIEW Lot: 21
567 BASTILLE DR
Total Due: \$1,151.49

R011153 ALLEN JENNIFER A
Parcel: 569920318019
Subdivision: RIDGEVIEW Lot: 22
583 BASTILLE DR
Total Due: \$1,151.49

R015634 ALMAGER DEBBIE
Parcel: 589316204017
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 184
16 CROOKED RD
Total Due: \$551.48

R015752 ARCHULETA PROPERTIES LLC
Parcel: 569316308135
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 32
106 APPLE CT
Total Due: \$173.98

R017669 ARMENDARIZ JOSE LUIS
Parcel: 616117210010
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK SUB 1 Tract: 4 PORTION
PP 1

240 WILLARD WAY
Parcel: 570107100002
Total Due: \$597.40

R010298 ARMENTA ABELARDO REAZA
Parcel: 569919429003
Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 556
40 PORT AVE
Total Due: \$615.89

R004129 ATKINS ROBERT DEAN
Parcel: 569522401006
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 1 Lot: 8
382 CIRCLE DR
Total Due: \$259.37

R003173 BACA KAITLIN
Parcel: 569311113001
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 10 Lot: 13
56 NUTRIA CIR
Total Due: \$922.86

R020605 BARNAS KATHERINE
Parcel: 569915310013
Subdivision: OLD WEST LANDING Lot: 22
18 ACE CT
Total Due: \$641.16

R020604 BARNAS KATHERINE
Parcel: 569915310012
Subdivision: OLD WEST LANDING Lot: 20 AND:- Lot: 21
120 COUNTY RD 600
Total Due: \$1,461.77

R003466 BARNES LAND AND MINERALS LLC
Parcel: 569312101033
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 5 Lot: 17
421 SUMMIT TRAIL
Total Due: \$388.18

R004160 BARR RICHARD
Parcel: 569523310031
Subdivision: ELK PARK MEADOWS 3 Lot: 31
957 STARLING CIR
Total Due: \$1,915.47

R008172 BARTON ROBERT
Parcel: 569917104004
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 2A Block: 6 Lot: 27
47 HOOTN HOLLER
Total Due: \$349.93

R000053 BEASLEY JASON FRED
Parcel: 569917210107
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 2A Block: 6 Lot: 28
25 HOOTN HOLLER
597 HARMAN AVE
Total Due: \$1,783.39

R018238 BECHTEL TERESA A BOWEN-
Parcel: 615916400012
RURAL Sec: 16 Twn: 32 Rng: 4W A TRACT OF LAND X COUNTY RD 500
Total Due: \$3,485.56

R001039 BECKER KIMBERLY
Parcel: 558325302138
Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 255X
163 HAWK PL
Total Due: \$3,628.46

R004194 BERLIN CRAIG
Parcel: 569524402013
Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 573 AND:- Lot: 574
579 STEVENS CIR
Total Due: \$4,787.18

R003414 BEYNON GERAINT WYN & GIESE KIM
Parcel: 569311411066
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 8 Lot: 1
308 BLUE JAY DR
Total Due: \$646.80

R015344 BISSON WREN N
Parcel: 589315302014
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 634
1886 CROOKED RD
Total Due: \$551.48

R008339 BOSNER RIDGE LLC
Parcel: 569917210117
Subdivision: THE RANCH COMMUNITY Lot: 75
1248 ANTELOPE AVE
Total Due: \$3,234.18

R018556 BOYD LARRY
Parcel: 588901100038
RURAL Sec: 1 Twn: 34 Rng: 1.5 W A TRACT OF LAND 533 W BLUE LAKE PL
Total Due: \$488.95

R015161 BROOKMAN MICHAEL
Parcel: 589310203018
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 61
168 SHADY CT
Total Due: \$750.50

R002602 BROWN SHANNON
Parcel: 569301411007
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 1 Lot: 8
9940 W US HWY 160
Total Due: \$330.39

R019014 BROWN TEGAN
Parcel: 569525104063
Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 11X
513 SAM HOUSTON AVE
Total Due: \$3,313.96

R003884 BRUCE KENNETH SHAWN
Parcel: 569314413008
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 29
468 COLLETTE'S PL
Total Due: \$243.49

R003883 BRUCE KENNETH SHAWN
Parcel: 569314413007
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 28
444 COLLETTE'S PL
Total Due: \$264.27

R016870 BRYAN KATHLEEN J REVOCABLE TRUST U/A/D 1/23/2012
Parcel: 614901101002
Subdivision: NAVAJO RIVER RANCH UNIT 2 Lot: 19
2001 RUNNING HORSE PL
Total Due: \$13,742.10

R012290 BRYANT CECIL TROY
Parcel: 569929304023
Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS Lot: 72
678 DICHOSO ST
Total Due: \$4,048.37

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Parcel: 5695244008036
Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 246-247
70 ELDORADO ST
Total Due: \$744.25

R020410 CHARLES BROOKS HOLDING COMPANY 401K
Parcel: 5695244008035
Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 244-245
86 ELDORADO ST
Total Due: \$744.25

R020412 CHARLES BROOKS HOLDING COMPANY 401K
Parcel: 5695244008037
Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 248-249
54 ELDORADO ST
Total Due: \$744.25

R020414 CHARLES BROOKS HOLDING COMPANY 401K
Parcel: 5695244008039
Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 252-253
20 ELDORADO ST
Total Due: \$744.25

R020413 CHARLES BROOKS HOLDING COMPANY 401K
Parcel: 5695244008038
Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 250-251
36 ELDORADO ST
Total Due: \$744.25

R014180 CHARLES BROOKS HOLDING COMPANY 401K
Parcel: 568718303023
Subdivision: LOMA LINDA 3 Lot: 115
X WINTERWOOD PL
Total Due: \$1,200.20

R003000 CHAVEZ AARON JOHN
Parcel: 569303402003
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 16 Lot: 4
852 BADGER RD
Total Due: \$226.28

R002999 CHAVEZ AARON JOHN
Parcel: 569303402002
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 16 Lot: 3
133 BADGER PL
Total Due: \$261.02

R006369 CHEMA INVESTMENTS LLC
Parcel: 569913304037
Subdivision: HERSCH BUILDING CONDOMINIUMS-COMM Unit: 2C
452 PAGOSA ST #2C
Total Due: \$2,806.01

R000932 CHILDERS BRIAN & LORI
Parcel: 558325219016
Subdivision: RESERVE PAG PEAK PH1 Lot: 16
232 SANTINO PL
Total Due: \$724.82

R014497 CHILDS JOHN STEVEN PHD
Parcel: 568734100014
RURAL Sec: 34 Twn: 34 Rng: 1W A TRACT OF LAND
285 GERHARD CIR
Total Due: \$1,424.64

R017755 CHRISTENSEN CHESTER ROGER
Parcel: 616117314028
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 5 Block: 1 Lot: 13
736 PINON HILLS CIR
Total Due: \$370.61

R017753 CHRISTENSEN CHESTER ROGER
Parcel: 616117314026
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 5 Block: 1 Lot: 4
49 PINON HILLS PL
Total Due: \$386.83

R017754 CHRISTENSEN CHESTER ROGER
Parcel: 616117314027
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 5 Block: 1 Lot: 12
708 PINON HILLS CIR
Total Due: \$405.83

R017751 CHRISTENSEN CHESTER ROGER
Parcel: 616117314024
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 5 Block: 1 Lot: 10
644 PINON HILLS CIR
Total Due: \$405.83

R017752 CHRISTENSEN CHESTER ROGER
Parcel: 616117314025
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 5 Block: 1 Lot: 11
674 PINON HILLS CIR
Total Due: \$405.83

R017750 CHRISTENSEN CHESTER ROGER
Parcel: 616117314023
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 5 Block: 1 Lot: 5
43 PINON HILLS PL
Total Due: \$489.59

R017757 CHRISTENSEN CHESTER ROGER
Parcel: 616117314032
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 5 Block: 1 Lot: 1 THRU-
Lot: 3
32 PINON HILLS PL
Total Due: \$662.80

R017756 CHRISTENSEN ROGER
Parcel: 616117314029
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 5 Block: 1 Lot: 14
756 PINON HILLS CIR
Total Due: \$230.39

R006153 CLEMENTS GLENN HENRY
Parcel: 569913303034
Subdivision: MESA HEIGHTS TPS Block: 3 Lot: 7
317 MESA DR
Total Due: \$1,422.21

R001617 CLEVERLY HAYDEN
Parcel: 558336101088
Subdivision: LAKE HATCHER PK Lot: 117X
133 LUXURY PL
Total Due: \$1,895.23

R020713 CO PAGOSA SPRINGS 2023 LP
Parcel: 569921200010
Subdivision: LEGACY MINOR Lot: 1
137 LEGACY DR
Total Due: \$743.44

R020161 CONDON TROY
Parcel: 569913303034
Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 19 Lot: 17
188 N 5TH ST
Total Due: \$2,966.88

R018065 CONLEY RICHARD P
Parcel: 616324100025
RURAL Sec: 24 Twn: 32 Rng: 6W LOTS 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10
450 COUNTY RD 975,548 COUNTY RD 977,26
COUNTY RD 975
Total Due: \$2,618.08

R015237 CORDRAY MADELINE
Parcel: 589315201014
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 663
473 JUSTIN'S RD
Total Due: \$551.48

R001847 COTTON DAVID ANDREW REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 1/18/2022
Parcel: 558336206002
Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 482
297 GRENAIDER PL
Total Due: \$974.47

R016836 CROWN S RANCH LLC
Parcel: 614707100009
RURAL Sec: 7
3791 COUNTY RD 382
Total Due: \$2,192.73

R015723 CRUMM GEOFFREY T
Parcel: 589316308011
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 250
643 WEST VIEW RD
Total Due: \$551.48

R015260 CUNDIFF JAMES E
Parcel: 589315201037
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 711
504 GUN BARREL RD
Total Due: \$177.98

R015165 CUNHA TINA ANNE
Parcel: 569310203022
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 57
21 SHADY CT
Total Due: \$992.28

R015605 DARCY DANIEL
Parcel: 589316203070
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 151
52 SWEET CT
Total Due: \$300.92

R002473 DARCY DANIEL
Parcel: 569301301096
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 13 Lot: 46
247 WINDMILL PL
Total Due: \$1,308.77

R002692 DAVIDSON KYLE
Parcel: 569302102111
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 13 Lot: 5
122 DOWN AND OUT DR

Total Due: \$757.39

R002865 DAVIS ROBERT S
Parcel: 569302307032
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 6 Lot: 33
437 BUTTERCUP DR
Total Due: \$757.39

R002864 DAVIS ROBERT S
Parcel: 569302307031
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 6 Lot: 32
465 BUTTERCUP DR
Total Due: \$757.39

R000727 DAVIS WILLIAM G
Parcel: 558323203005
Subdivision: WILDFLOWER Lot: 51
89 INDIAN PAINT BRUSH DR
Total Due: \$2,057.74

R014638 DAY MARTHA A
Parcel: 589103402001
Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 4 Lot: 97
3386 MEADOWS DR
Total Due: \$3,710.76

R002463 DELOACHE W A DC
Parcel: 569301301079
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 13 Lot: 65
321 RIDGE PL
Total Due: \$566.09

R020389 DEMILLE LES ANTHONY
Parcel: 569913306009
Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 14 Lot: 32
X N 5TH ST
Total Due: \$166.92

R016780 DERMOY TREEHOUSE TRUST DATED 7/15/2022
Parcel: 597335301001
Subdivision: NAVAJO PEAK RANCH Lot: 5
7860 COUNTY RD 382
Total Due: \$510.61

R011368 DIAMOND JUBILEE INVESTMENT LLC
Parcel: 569921211033
Subdivision: PAGOSA ALPHA Lot: 21-10
63 W MCCABE ST
Total Due: \$3,335.82

R010066 DILL SANDRA J
Parcel: 569919418019
Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 402
312 LAKE ST
Total Due: \$1,718.85

R016831 DITTER STEVEN J
Parcel: 614706201006
Subdivision: NAVAJO RIVER RANCH UNIT 2 Lot: 27
2816 RUNNING HORSE PL
Total Due: \$71.86

R013249 DITTER STEVEN J
Parcel: 570128300083
RURAL Sec: 28 Twn: 35 Rng: 1W 35-1W
X TERRY ROBINSON RD
Total Due: \$8,115.99

R013248 DITTER STEVEN J
Parcel: 570128300077
RURAL Sec: 28 Twn: 35 Rng: 1W 35-1W SEC 28
NW4SW4; 28-35-1W 20408120
X TERRY ROBINSON RD
Total Due: \$8,115.99

R015274 DORSEY DAWN
Parcel: 569315201054
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 689
138 HARRY'S CT
Total Due: \$551.48

R015273 DORSEY DAWN
Parcel: 569315201053
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 688
134 HARRY'S CT
Total Due: \$551.48

R012661 DOUGHTY DAVID L
Parcel: 569932302048
Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 49
204 PEACE PL
Total Due: \$3,815.02

R012662 DOUGHTY DAVID L
Parcel: 569932302049
Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 50
154 PEACE PL
Total Due: \$4,025.38

R012669 DOUGHTY DAVID LAWRENCE
Parcel: 569932302056
Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 57
153 FOX PL
Total Due: \$2,184.17

R012670 DOUGHTY DAVID LAWRENCE
Parcel: 569932302057
Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 58
421 FOX PL
Total Due: \$2,819.62

R020226 DUNMAN SHAWN K
Parcel: 616108307027
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 2A Block: 7 Lot: 6
X SUMMIT DR
Total Due: \$353.32

R020225 DUNMAN SHAWN K
Parcel: 616108307026
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 2A Block: 7 Lot: 5
X SUMMIT DR
Total Due: \$353.32

R006404 DURAN CHERIC
Parcel: 569913305011
Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 18
Lot: 11 AND: Lot: 12
210 N 6TH ST
Total Due: \$1,606.10

R014831 DUTTON LIVING TRUST DATED 5/8/2014
Parcel: 569921200013
Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 4 Lot: 326
1733 HARVARD AVE
Total Due: \$3,045.52

R002557 EDWARDS MELISSA
Parcel: 569301408021
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 6 Lot: 10
545 OAK DR
Total Due: \$1,525.35

R002683 EISLER BLAKE DESEAN
Parcel: 569302102102
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 13 Lot: 22 =
266 SPARROW CIR
Total Due: \$238.78

R019790 ELKINS DENNIS
Parcel: 556336208048
Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 643X
58 N PINESCENT CT
Total Due: \$1,440.69

R002424 ESLINGER GARRY & FRANCES S
Parcel: 569301201137
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 13 Lot: 4
823 PETITT'S CIR
Total Due: \$498.11

R015916 ESPINOSA ARMANDO E
Parcel: 589327300024
RURAL Sec: 27 Twn: 34U Rng: 3W A TRACT OF LAND
Total Due: \$61.54

R018394 ESPINOSA ARMANDO E
Parcel: 569322400001
RURAL Sec: 22 Twn: 34U Rng: 3W A TRACT OF LAND
X COUNTY RD 700
Total Due: \$105.20

R015872 ESPINOSA ARMANDO E
Parcel: 589322100224
RURAL Sec: 22 Twn: 34U Rng: 3W A TRACT OF LAND
X COUNTY RD 700
Total Due: \$120.57

R015935 ESPINOSA ARMONDO
Parcel: 569323300079
X COUNTY RD 700
Total Due: \$113.94

R010480 ESPINOSA LOU JEAN & HENRY LEE
Parcel: 569920128028
Subdivision: GREENBRIER PLAZA CND-COMM Unit: B-14
301 N PAGOSA BLVD #B14
Total Due: \$1,003.13

R019684 ESPINOSA ARMONDO
Parcel: 596303000001
RURAL Sec: 3 Sec: 4 LOT 4, Sec: 5 LOT 1, 3 & 4, Sec: 9
Sec: 10 Sec: 31 Sec: 34
10500 COUNTY RD 700
Total Due: \$870.08

R002574 EWING ROBERT H
Parcel: 569301409018
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 7 Lot: 20
83 OAK DR
Total Due: \$1,086.82

R014864 FAJARDO DANIEL R
Parcel: 589303301005

Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 34
453 COLLETTE'S PL
Total Due: \$900.00

R003488 FALKOWSKI TED
Parcel: 569312101050
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 8 Lot: 11
152 PANORAMA PL
Total Due: \$727.64

R003486 FALKOWSKI TED
Parcel: 569312101056
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 8 Lot: 7
189 PINERIDGE TR
Total Due: \$727.64

R003487 FALKOWSKI TED
Parcel: 569312101057
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 8 Lot: 8
141 PINERIDGE TR
Total Due: \$1,118.11

R015534 FELDHAUS TYLER R
Parcel: 569316103017
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 600
452 DOC ADAMS RD
Total Due: \$551.48

R013194 FERGUSON MICHAEL T
Parcel: 570119300151
RURAL Sec: 19 Twn: 35
X TIERRA DEL ORO DR
Total Due: \$64.32

R020793 FERGUSON MICHAEL T
Parcel: 570119400013
RURAL Sec: 19 Sec: 30
1190 US HWY 84
Total Due: \$1,482.94

R015263 FIGUEROA RAYMOND DAVID II
Parcel: 569316201040
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 675
71 JAN'S CT
Total Due: \$551.48

R011598 FLORENCE NATHAN JAMES
Parcel: 558336101064
Subdivision: LAKE HATCHER PK Lot: 95
79 POINT PL
Total Due: \$3,376.19

R015692 FLORES MICHAEL ANTHONY
Parcel: 569919418019
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 46
102 WEST VIEW RD
Total Due: \$551.48

R015635 FOLKNER ERIC
Parcel: 614706201040
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 183
44 CROOKED RD
Total Due: \$298.42

R012619 FORDYCE KENNETH A & KAREN R
Parcel: 569932202002
Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 21
49 MARMOT CT
Total Due: \$1,170.18

R018569 FOUA LLC
Parcel: 569913435012
Subdivision: TOWN TERRACE CONDOS Unit: 200A
262 PAGOSA ST #200A
Total Due: \$875.39

R002100 FRASER JANICE H
Parcel: 558535200006
RURAL Sec: 35 Twn: 36 Rng: 3W 36-3W SEC 35 35-36
89009 COUNTY RD 600
Total Due: \$6,779.19

R003176 FREER FRANK JR
Parcel: 569311113004
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 10 Lot: 10
194 NUTRIA CIR
Total Due: \$2,574.72

R003069 FRONTIER PROPERTIES INC
Parcel: 569310404023
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 27 Lot: 6
324 UTE LN
Total Due: \$1,212.82

R015929 GALLEGOS CHRIS J
Parcel: 589328400072
RURAL Sec: 28
X COUNTY RD 700
Total Due: \$2,116.53

R014141 GALLIMORE JERRY D II
Parcel: 568717406021
Subdivision: LOMA LINDA 5 Lot: 130
2535 LOMA LINDA DR
Total Due: \$4,197.06

R007283 GARCIA DANIEL
Parcel: 569916101060
Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES Block: 11 Lot: 57
79 E GOLF PL
Total Due: \$942.67

R006798 GARLINGHOUSE JAMES
Parcel: 569914101012
Subdivision: PAGOSA HILLS 1 TPS Lot: 23
23 BIENVENIDO CIR
Total Due: \$270.46

R000566 GARWOOD ROBERT DOUGLAS III
Parcel: 558135101002
Subdivision: WOODSCREST ESTATES Lot: 2
3508 COUNTY RD 400
Total Due: \$2,440.15

R003980 GATSKIE TIMOTHY E
Parcel: 569315302047
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 296
90 MCCLAIN CT
Total Due: \$55.00

R008267 GEORGE H NEILL AND ASSOCIATES INC
Parcel: 5699171110028
Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES 2 Lot: 206
265 MIDIRON AVE
Total Due: \$702.49

R010859 GERMOND KELLIE
Parcel: 569920208031
Subdivision: LAKEVIEW ESTATES Lot: 86
146 DRIFTWOOD DR
Total Due: \$2,376.99

R020696 GIRARDIN ROBERT F
Parcel: 569919424023
Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 606
6 FORTUNE DR
Total Due: \$432.03

R020697 GIRARDIN ROBERT F
Parcel: 569919424024
Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 607
X FORTUNE DR
Total Due: \$869.40

R020695 GIRARDIN ROBERT F
Parcel: 569919424022
Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 605
X FORTUNE DR
Total Due: \$869.40

R019035 GIRARDIN ROBERT
Parcel: 569329300030
RURAL Sec: 25
650 USFS RD 666G
Total Due: \$807.60

R004649 GOTTFURCHT GRANT
Parcel: 569536400049
RURAL Sec: 36
7110H W US HWY 160
Total Due: \$167.55

R004642 GOTTFURCHT GRANT
Parcel: 569536100050
RURAL Sec: 36
73 PARELLI INSTITUTE DR
Total Due: \$237.16

R014681 GOTTFURCHT GRANT
Parcel: 569106200053
RURAL Sec: 8U & 7U
Total Due: \$9,367.00

R015728 GRAB DAVID
Parcel: 569316308106
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 66
461 WEST VIEW RD
Total Due: \$551.48

R015342 GRANT CAROL RAE PETERSON
Parcel: 589315301064
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 695
31 HARRY'S CT
Total Due: \$69.67

R004409 GUINDON JOSHUA THOMAS
Parcel: 569525106007
Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 400-401-402
1135 TRAILS BLVD
Total Due: \$624.97

R014863 GUTHRIE GERALD & CHERYL
Parcel: 589303301004
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 33
517 COLLETTE'S PL
Total Due: \$900.00

R014860 GUTHRIE GERALD & CHERYL
Parcel: 589303301001
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 30
478 COLLETTE'S PL
Total Due: \$900.00

R014862 GUTHRIE GERALD & CHERYL
Parcel: 589303301003
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 32
555 COLLETTE'S PL
Total Due: \$985.43

R014861 GUTHRIE GERALD & CHERYL
Parcel: 589303301002
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 31
567 COLLETTE'S PL
Total Due: \$985.43

R006341 HAAS BLUE D
Parcel: 569913304005
Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 21 Lot: 4
421 LEWIS ST
Total Due: \$2,239.26

R016539 HALL ELEANOR N LIVING TRUST
Parcel: 569924103003
Subdivision: ALR COY PK 1 Tract: 20AALR CP 1 Sec: 24
ESMT X PALOMINO PL
Total Due: \$246.40

R009591 HALL MARK D
Parcel: 569919202002
Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 450 LFE Sec: 19
165 BEAVER CIR
Total Due: \$3,461.15

R005065 HAMPTON CHRIS
Parcel: 569907310074
Subdivision: TWINCREEK VILLAGE Lot: 475 TCV Sec: 7
175 CALETA PL
Total Due: \$1,271.42

R010349 HAMPTON CHRIS
Parcel: 569919437008
Subdivision: LAKEWOOD VILLAGE Lot: 3 LWW Sec: 19
1969 VISTA BLVD
Total Due: \$1,931.52

R016992 HARRIS PHILIP
Parcel: 614912301013
Subdivision: CROWLEY RANCH RES 4 Lot: D-25
340 W ARBOL PARK DR
Total Due: \$806.24

R010194 HART BRIAN R
Parcel: 569919424018
Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 610 PV Sec: 19
592 VISTA BLVD
Total Due: \$1,124.23

R016894 HAUGE ROBERT E
Parcel: 614902300101
Subdivision: NAVAJO RIVER RANCH /DON ENGLISH_
AKA Lot: 8
1363 COUNTY RD 382
Total Due: \$169.36

R016896 HAUGE ROBERT E
Parcel: 614902300101
Subdivision: NAVAJO RIVER RANCH /DON ENGLISH_
AKA Lot: 9 & 10
1251 COUNTY RD 382
Total Due: \$196.45

R006599 HEILHECKER ASHLEY
Parcel: 569913327013
Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 49 Lot: 14
350 S 8TH ST
Total Due: \$1,297.87

R010072 HERNANDEZ TERESA M
Parcel: 569919418025
Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 405
268 LAKE ST
Total Due: \$60.65

R003780 HERRERA ISHMAEL
Parcel: 569314103010
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 18
114 WEASEL DR
Total Due: \$1,044.88

R017975 HERRERA JOSEPH ERNEST
Parcel: 616313100001
RURAL Sec: 13 Twn: 32 Rng: 6W A TRACT OF LAND
762 COUNTY RD 975
Total Due: \$395.52

R006254 HERRMANN MILES
Parcel: 569913134001
Subdivision: KOCH MINOR-COMM Lot: 1
383 COUNTY RD 200
Total Due: \$1,109.74

R003532 HICKS DENISE
Parcel: 569312108010
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 10 Lot: 6
193 HOLLOW DR
Total Due: \$727.64

R015426 HILL AARON R
Parcel: 589315404093
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 769
2617 CROOKED RD
Total Due: \$551.48

R015424 HILL AARON R
Parcel: 589315404091
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 767
75 PIT CT
Total Due: \$551.48

R015427 HILL AARON R
Parcel: 589315404094
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 770
74 PIT CT
Total Due: \$3,693.51

R004982 HILTUNEN RAYMOND F
Parcel: 569907118024
Subdivision: TWINCREEK VILLAGE Lot: 922
43 CHESTNUT CT
Total Due: \$1,288.92

R002963 HOLLOWAY-MACK KASHA
Parcel: 569302410007
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 2 Lot: 21
86 RACCOON DR
Total Due: \$400.41

R003631 HOLMES ERNEST WILLIAM
Parcel: 569312080019
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 11 Lot: 19
82 STEEP PL
Total Due: \$76.49

R015130 HOLTZ CHARLES L & JUANITA L
Parcel: 589309410004
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 424
1286 GUN BARREL RD
Total Due: \$551.48

R014137 HOOD GERTRUD RENATE
Parcel: 568717406016
Subdivision: LOMA LINDA 5 Lot: 135
2321 LOMA LINDA DR
Total Due: \$3,396.01

R003397 HORINEK BILL L
Parcel: 569311410044
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 8 Lot: 63
743 DYKE BLVD
Total Due: \$922.86

R015792 HORINEK DEE
Parcel: 589316408025
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 555
198 ALLISON PL
Total Due: \$551.48

R003198 HORINEK WILLIAM S
Parcel: 569311202014
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 2 Lot: 6
11079 W US HWY 160
Total Due: \$610.97

R003475 HOWELL BILLY J
Parcel: 569312101045
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 7 Lot: 8
39 SUMMIT TRAIL
Total Due: \$727.64

R015309 HUDDLESTON DOYLE JOE & HUDDLESTON AMYE SHIRLEAN
Parcel: 589315202022
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 626
125 DOC ADAMS RD
Total Due: \$551.48

R015308 HUDDLESTON DOYLE JOE & HUDDLESTON AMYE SHIRLEAN
Parcel: 589315202021
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 627
95 DOC ADAMS RD
Total Due: \$551.48

R002854 HUPP RENAE E
Parcel: 569302307016
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 6 Lot: 17
518 CACTUS DR
Total Due: \$1,131.08

R019474 ICON INVESTMENTS LLC

Parcel: 569924210025
Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 52 Lot: 5Z-1
X S 5TH ST
Total Due: \$2,988.47

R002881 IMHOFF GARY D
Parcel: 569302102100
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 13 Lot: 20
324 SPARROW CIR
Total Due: \$238.21

R002682 IMHOFF GARY D
Parcel: 569302102101
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 13 Lot: 21 AS
294 SPARROW CIR
Total Due: \$402.91

R002680 IMHOFF GARY D
Parcel: 569302102099
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 13 Lot: 19 AS 2
356 SPARROW CIR
Total Due: \$402.91

R001399 INGELS ANDREW KRIS
Parcel: 558326402004
Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 345
1095 HILLS CIR
Total Due: \$555.08

R019006 IVERSON JAMES P
Parcel: 568710400111
RURAL Sec: 10 Twn: 34 Rng: 1W A TRACT OF LAND
500 N PRIMROSE RIDGE PL
Total Due: \$1,702.41

R017296 JACQUEZ HAROLD DEAN & JACQUEZ LEANNE KINNARD-
Parcel: 615916400010
RURAL Sec: 16 Twn: 32 Rng: 4W A TRACT OF LAND
32651 COUNTY RD 500
Total Due: \$185.67

R009916 JOHNSON BROOK L
Parcel: 569919315016
Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 220 PV Sec: 19
573 PROSPECT BLVD
Total Due: \$250.81

R005199 JOHNSON MICHELLE L
Parcel: 569907419005
Subdivision: TWINCREEK VILLAGE Lot: 627 TCV Sec: 7
90 FISHER CT
Total Due: \$3,307.46

R005485 JONES BRUCE JR
Parcel: 569908307010
Subdivision: LAKE PAGOSA PARK Block: 12 Lot: 10, 11
18 FROLIC CT
Total Due: \$1,100.90

R020700 JONES SABRINA D
Parcel: 569919308050
Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 97
X CANYON CIR
Total Due: \$87.12

R020701 JONES SABRINA D
Parcel: 569919308051
Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 98
336 CANYON CIR
Total Due: \$293.97

R008644 JUDSON CLARK CROSSLAND TRUST U/A/D 3/1/2002
Parcel: 569917438002
Subdivision: ASPENWOOD UNIT II Unit: 210
247 GUN BARREL DR #210
Total Due: \$1,171.57

R017139 KACZYNSKI LOUIS D & KATHLEEN
Parcel: 615104302032
Subdivision: COOL SPGS RANCH ALLP Lot: 9A
2330 ARCHULETA MESA PL
Total Due: \$70.23

R013103 KAY DIANE
Parcel: 570118115019
Subdivision: WOLF CREEK RUN-COMM Lot: 19
1742 E US HWY 160 #19
Total Due: \$2,168.08

R011898 KERNS JUSTIN BRANDT
Parcel: 569924221009
Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 69 Lot: 5 - 9
635 S 5TH ST
Total Due: \$3,427.81

R003576 KIDDER ROBERT G
Parcel: 569312204013
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 13 Lot: 18
369 HILLTOP DR
Total Due: \$727.64

R003575 KIDDER ROBERT G
Parcel: 569312204012
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 13 Lot: 17
515 STEEP PL
Total Due: \$727.64

R011863 KING JONATHAN
Parcel: 569924216005
Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 57 Lot: 8
559 S 9TH ST
Total Due: \$2,419.79

R005825 KITTY FUNDING LLC
Parcel: 569908423004
Subdivision: LAKE PAGOSA PARK Block: 18 Lot: 4
56 SUNDOWN CIR
Total Due: \$896.02

R003506 KOEHLER DAVID ALLEN
Parcel: 569312107008
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 9 Lot: 8
155 ECHO LN
Total Due: \$727.64

R015335 KOHORST ZACHARIAH
Parcel: 589315204018
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 493
121 GUN BARREL RD
Total Due: \$1,002.21

R004818 KOPEK KRZYSZTOF
Parcel: 569907101011

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R011367 MARTINEZ STANLEY J & ANNETTE A Parcel: 569921210032 Subdivision: PAGOSA ALPHA Lot: 21-11A 77 W MCCABE ST Total Due: \$2,789.19	1155 DOC ADAMS RD Total Due: \$551.48	R009499 PETERSON JASON Parcel: 569919137016 Subdivision: LAKEWOOD VILLAGE Lot: 17 240 WOODSMAN DR Total Due: \$2,480.73	Subdivision: COOL SPGS RANCH ALLP Lot: 9C X ARCHULETA MESA PL Total Due: \$70.23	R017579 STANFIELD ROBERT O III Parcel: 616117204010 Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 2A PP 2A Sec: 17 X PIEDRA PKWY Total Due: \$67.83	1050 SAN JUAN ST Total Due: \$3,324.28
R009105 MCCALMONT APRIL LOUISE Parcel: 569918203059 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 198 35 SANDSTONE CT Total Due: \$1,381.67	R014992 MUNRO ELIZABETH A Parcel: 589309105016 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 151 196 TOM'S PL Total Due: \$1,231.74	R017467 PHILLIPS DEBORAH S Parcel: 616106307003 Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 4 Block: 5 Lot: 3 & 4 150 DEER PARK Total Due: \$826.47	R017289 SCHOFIELD STEPHEN Parcel: 615913400030 Subdivision: RURAL/NOT IN SUBD RURAL Sec: 13 & 24 28619 COUNTY RD 500 Total Due: \$482.79	R017578 STANFIELD ROBERT O III Parcel: 616117204007 Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 2A Block: 2 Lot: 13 180 COUNTY RD 982 Total Due: \$134.31	R008954 WASHBURN KEVIN Parcel: 569918103009 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 17X 168 DUTTON DR Total Due: \$2,913.87
R001600 MCCARTHY TARA A Parcel: 558336101066 Subdivision: LAKE HATCHER PK Lot: 97 49 POINT PL Total Due: \$3,376.19	R016260 MUNRO PETER G Parcel: 596502101010 Subdivision: RIO BL CAB SITE 3 Block: 3 Lot: 15 142 ALCAZAR PL Total Due: \$1,210.77	R002272 PHILLIPS MELVIN E Parcel: 568908300012 RURAL Sec: 8 Twn: 34 Rng: 4W A TRACT OF LAND 468 COUNTY RD 166 Total Due: \$54.00	R014059 SCHRIBER ROBERT A Parcel: 588717110005 Subdivision: LOMA LINDA 4 Lot: 167 213 BUCK DR Total Due: \$2,870.68	R014449 SUEKER ERIKA LYNN FERGUSON Parcel: 588732203007 Subdivision: RIO BL VAL 1 Lot: 7 2987 COUNTY RD 335 Total Due: \$1,794.43	R015416 WATSON BRETT RONNIE Parcel: 589315404083 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 759 111 BEVERLY CT Total Due: \$551.48
R002501 MCCARTY ELAINE D Parcel: 569301301130 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 13 Lot: 11 597 PETITT'S CIR Total Due: \$399.50	R011685 NEIDEL JOEL Parcel: 569923209037 Subdivision: PAGOSA ALPHA Lot: 23-10 1178 OAKGRUSH ST Total Due: \$3,598.24	R014462 PITRE DAVID Parcel: 588732204003 Subdivision: RIO BL VAL 1 Lot: 21 AND:- Lot: 23-24 2674 COUNTY RD 335 Total Due: \$1,499.07	R006570 SCULLY-GETHING MARY MARGARET Parcel: 569913323021 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 45 Lot: 4, 5 227 S 8TH ST Total Due: \$2,014.77	R020137 TARBET JOHN A Parcel: 569302101021 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 11 Lot: 16 X SPARROW CIR Total Due: \$131.27	R014060 WCR II COLORADO LLC Parcel: 588717110006 Subdivision: LOMA LINDA 4 Lot: 160 388 ECHO DR Total Due: \$3,243.94
R004541 MCFIE MARSHALL N & MARY LOUISE FAMILY TRUST Parcel: 569526112019 Subdivision: ELK PARK MEADOWS 2 Lot: 19 833 GINGER CIR Total Due: \$2,473.37	R017568 NELSON ERIC Parcel: 616117203006 Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 2A Block: 1 Lot: 2 74 PIEDRA PKWY Total Due: \$1,433.12	R003815 PONCE DE LEON KRISTY Parcel: 569314207003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 21 Lot: 9 995 BEUCLER LN Total Due: \$263.18	R017314 SEGOVIA FELIX & BLANCA Parcel: 615924200051 RURAL Sec: 24 Twn: 32 Rng: 4W 32-4W X COUNTY RD 500 Total Due: \$2,009.46	R020136 TARBET JOHN A Parcel: 569302101020 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 11 Lot: 15 533 SPARROW CIR Total Due: \$955.68	R015121 WEDDLE BRAD Parcel: 589309409003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 467 1203 GUN BARREL RD Total Due: \$1,002.21
R018640 MCINROY DAVID J CO-TRUSTEES Parcel: 558336101089 Subdivision: LAKE HATCHER PK Lot: 113X 189 LUXURY PL Total Due: \$3,026.69	R013111 NELSON WILLIAM Parcel: 570118115027 Subdivision: WOLF CREEK RUN-COMM Lot: 27 1742 E US HWY 160 #27 Total Due: \$76.20	R003814 PONCE DE LEON KRISTY Parcel: 569314207002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 21 Lot: 10 96 HAYSTACK CIR Total Due: \$286.08	R004019 SEGOVIA FELIX MD & BLANCA V Parcel: 569316201011 Subdivision: FOUR CORNERS VAC PRO Lot: 15 1542 COUNTY RD 700 Total Due: \$1,979.63	R020135 TARBET JOHN A Parcel: 569302101019 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 11 Lot: 13 X RACCOON DR Total Due: \$757.39	R015704 WEILERT LEVI CASEY Parcel: 589316308061 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 283 192 ROCK POINT PL Total Due: \$551.48
R005565 MCKAY LOUISE HOWELL Parcel: 569908309024 Subdivision: LAKE PAGOSA PARK Block: 14 Lot: 30 922 CLOUD CAF AVE Total Due: \$1,130.74	R014899 NOURIAN KEVIN & HALOOSSIM MARK Parcel: 589304404005 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 144 88 TOM'S PL Total Due: \$55.00	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R006545 SEGURA BENJAMIN JOE JR & SEGURA JENNIFER DAWN Parcel: 569913322010 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 44 Lot: 5 235 S 7TH ST Total Due: \$2,645.63	R012668 TAYLOR JEFF B Parcel: 569932302055 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 56 79 FOX PL Total Due: \$959.15	R012194 WEIR MARK A & PHYLLIS ANN Parcel: 569928404137 Subdivision: COLO TIMBER RIDGE #3 Lot: 137 682 KELSEYA CIR Total Due: \$251.20
R002672 MCNEIL CALUM R Parcel: 569302102088 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 10 Lot: 8 1083 RACCOON DR Total Due: \$900.83	R014898 NOURIAN KEVIN E Parcel: 589304404004 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 142 52 TOM'S PL Total Due: \$55.00	R003771 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R014592 SHAHAN CODY Parcel: 569901100056 RURAL Sec: 11 Twn: 34 84 N HICKORY CT Total Due: \$488.95	R020790 TAYLOR JEFF B Parcel: 570112102005 Subdivision: HIGH WEST 11 Block: 3 Lot: 4X 73 ELDERBERRY GLEN Total Due: \$1,574.49	R009408 WEIR ANN Parcel: 569919131006 Subdivision: SADDLE MOUNTAIN TH 2 Unit: 1 620 LAKESIDE DR #B1 Total Due: \$169.16
R015688 MCRAE ERIC Parcel: 589316306009 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 66A 422 WEST VIEW RD Total Due: \$131.27	R012454 NOVOTNY THOMAS GLENN Parcel: 569930203030 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 105X 21 TOKITO CT Total Due: \$744.25	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R003181 SHERMAN WILLIAM A Parcel: 569311113009 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 10 Lot: 5 414 NUTRIA CIR Total Due: \$922.86	R012668 TAYLOR JEFF B Parcel: 569932302055 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 56 79 FOX PL Total Due: \$959.15	R013303 WERT KAITLIN D Parcel: 570130303006 Subdivision: HOLIDAY ACRES 1 Block: 3 Lot: 9 120 BIG HORN CT Total Due: \$1,988.70
R009474 MEADPROP UNITS LLC Parcel: 569919135024 Subdivision: LAKEWOOD VILLAGE Lot: 69 218 SANDLEWOOD DR Total Due: \$394.10	R012454 NOVOTNY THOMAS GLENN Parcel: 569930203030 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 105X 21 TOKITO CT Total Due: \$744.25	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R003592 SILVA JESSICA Parcel: 569312204031 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 13 Lot: 23 569 HILLTOP DR Total Due: \$391.32	R020744 THEISS GREG Parcel: 570127100113 Subdivision: THEISS MINOR SUBDIVISION Lot: 1 800 DIVIDE VIEW PL Total Due: \$3,350.43	R008517 WEIR MARK A TRUSTEE Parcel: 569917408022 Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES 2 Lot: 237 436 MIDIRON AVE Total Due: \$116.74
R010343 MEADPROP UNITS LLC Parcel: 569919435016 Subdivision: LAKEWOOD VILLAGE Lot: 77 36 SUMBA CT Total Due: \$394.10	R003634 OGRDOWICZ SCOTT Parcel: 569312208016 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 10 Lot: 28 202 OAKRIDGE DR Total Due: \$727.64	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R016541 SINCLAIR BOBBY L Parcel: 569924203001 Subdivision: ALR COY PK 1 Tract: 25 ALR CP 1 Sec: 24 251 COUNTY RD 359 Total Due: \$3,189.42	R014102 TAYLOR HOLDINGS INC Parcel: 588717305006 Subdivision: LOMA LINDA 2 Lot: 67 813 EIGHT MILE LOOP Total Due: \$2,974.00	R005502 WEST KAREN LOUISE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED 2/27/2017 Parcel: 569908307066 Subdivision: LAKE PAGOSA PARK Block: 12 Lot: 47 37 LOFTY CT Total Due: \$814.96
R009464 MEADPROP UNITS LLC Parcel: 569919134030 Subdivision: LAKEWOOD VILLAGE Lot: 51 165 SANDLEWOOD DR Total Due: \$394.10	R006171 ONEY LISA GRIFFIN Parcel: 569913104019 Subdivision: PS PARADISE MESA Lot: 12 342 APPLE ST Total Due: \$2,600.27	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R014479 SINOPOL JEFFREY R Parcel: 588732207008 Subdivision: RIO BL VAL 1 Lot: 9Z 470 RAINBOW RD Total Due: \$1,392.54	R013746 THAYER DANIEL RAY Parcel: 616107200017 RURAL Sec: 7 Twn: 32 1670 COUNTY RD 973 Total Due: \$523.57	R013799 WERT DAVID Z Parcel: 588707100087 Subdivision: ECHO CANYON RANCH Lot: 8 800 ECHO CANYON RANCH LN Total Due: \$105.89
R009465 MEADPROP UNITS LLC Parcel: 569919134031 Subdivision: LAKEWOOD VILLAGE Lot: 50 157 SANDLEWOOD DR Total Due: \$394.10	R015823 ORMSBEE VANCE Parcel: 589317101014 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 217 235 CAT CREEK OVERLOOK Total Due: \$551.48	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R014479 SINOPOL JEFFREY R Parcel: 588732207008 Subdivision: RIO BL VAL 1 Lot: 9Z 470 RAINBOW RD Total Due: \$1,392.54	R013746 THAYER DANIEL RAY Parcel: 616107200017 RURAL Sec: 7 Twn: 32 1670 COUNTY RD 973 Total Due: \$523.57	R013303 WERT KAITLIN D Parcel: 570130303006 Subdivision: HOLIDAY ACRES 1 Block: 3 Lot: 9 120 BIG HORN CT Total Due: \$1,988.70
R003956 MEDLIN GABE Parcel: 569315202059 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 283 223 DEAN'S PL Total Due: \$750.50	R011621 ORTEGA DELILAH & TUCSON JOAQUIN Parcel: 569923102003 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 56 Lot: 11 - 14 474 S 10TH ST Total Due: \$2,004.41	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R003592 SILVA JESSICA Parcel: 569312204031 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 13 Lot: 23 569 HILLTOP DR Total Due: \$391.32	R013746 THAYER DANIEL RAY Parcel: 616107200017 RURAL Sec: 7 Twn: 32 1670 COUNTY RD 973 Total Due: \$523.57	R005502 WEST KAREN LOUISE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED 2/27/2017 Parcel: 569908307066 Subdivision: LAKE PAGOSA PARK Block: 12 Lot: 47 37 LOFTY CT Total Due: \$814.96
R018356 MIERITZ JOAN M LIVING TRUST DATED 7/20/2009 Parcel: 569314210048 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 367X AS 5 Sec: 14 612 UTE DR Total Due: \$462.95	R011621 ORTEGA DELILAH & TUCSON JOAQUIN Parcel: 569923102003 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 56 Lot: 11 - 14 474 S 10TH ST Total Due: \$2,004.41	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R016541 SINCLAIR BOBBY L Parcel: 569924203001 Subdivision: ALR COY PK 1 Tract: 25 ALR CP 1 Sec: 24 251 COUNTY RD 359 Total Due: \$3,189.42	R013746 THAYER DANIEL RAY Parcel: 616107200017 RURAL Sec: 7 Twn: 32 1670 COUNTY RD 973 Total Due: \$523.57	R013303 WERT KAITLIN D Parcel: 570130303006 Subdivision: HOLIDAY ACRES 1 Block: 3 Lot: 9 120 BIG HORN CT Total Due: \$1,988.70
R015498 MILLER BRANDON KEITH Parcel: 589316101004 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 659 595 JUSTIN'S RD Total Due: \$546.48	R018524 MILLER BRUCE P Parcel: 569907312053 Subdivision: TWINCREEK VILLAGE Lot: 534X 370 CAPITAN CIR Total Due: \$3,081.82	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R014479 SINOPOL JEFFREY R Parcel: 588732207008 Subdivision: RIO BL VAL 1 Lot: 9Z 470 RAINBOW RD Total Due: \$1,392.54	R013746 THAYER DANIEL RAY Parcel: 616107200017 RURAL Sec: 7 Twn: 32 1670 COUNTY RD 973 Total Due: \$523.57	R005502 WEST KAREN LOUISE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED 2/27/2017 Parcel: 569908307066 Subdivision: LAKE PAGOSA PARK Block: 12 Lot: 47 37 LOFTY CT Total Due: \$814.96
R015497 MILLER BRANDON KEITH Parcel: 589316101003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 658 657 JUSTIN'S RD Total Due: \$546.48	R003950 PAGE DANIEL RIPPENGALE Parcel: 569315202046 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 297 128 MCCLAIN CT Total Due: \$750.50	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R003592 SILVA JESSICA Parcel: 569312204031 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 13 Lot: 23 569 HILLTOP DR Total Due: \$391.32	R013746 THAYER DANIEL RAY Parcel: 616107200017 RURAL Sec: 7 Twn: 32 1670 COUNTY RD 973 Total Due: \$523.57	R010086 WHARTON MARCUS BRIAN Parcel: 569919419001 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 356 246 GREENWAY DR Total Due: \$318.90
R018524 MILLER BRUCE P Parcel: 569907312053 Subdivision: TWINCREEK VILLAGE Lot: 534X 370 CAPITAN CIR Total Due: \$3,081.82	R019029 PAGOSA DEVELOPMENT Parcel: 569911101033 Subdivision: PAGOSA DEVEL SUB 1 Lot: 9 AND 11 X COUNTY RD 411 Total Due: \$593.64	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R016541 SINCLAIR BOBBY L Parcel: 569924203001 Subdivision: ALR COY PK 1 Tract: 25 ALR CP 1 Sec: 24 251 COUNTY RD 359 Total Due: \$3,189.42	R013746 THAYER DANIEL RAY Parcel: 616107200017 RURAL Sec: 7 Twn: 32 1670 COUNTY RD 973 Total Due: \$523.57	R010086 WHARTON MARCUS BRIAN Parcel: 569919419001 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 356 246 GREENWAY DR Total Due: \$318.90
R003779 MILLER KERWIN Parcel: 569314103009 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 17 150 WEASEL DR Total Due: \$78.09	R018710 PAGOSA FOREST PRODUCTS OX LLC Parcel: 569904101002 Subdivision: SUSTAINABLE FORREST DEVELOPMENT Lot: 2 1467 CLOMAN BLVD Total Due: \$5,707.21	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R003592 SILVA JESSICA Parcel: 569312204031 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 13 Lot: 23 569 HILLTOP DR Total Due: \$391.32	R013746 THAYER DANIEL RAY Parcel: 616107200017 RURAL Sec: 7 Twn: 32 1670 COUNTY RD 973 Total Due: \$523.57	R010086 WHARTON MARCUS BRIAN Parcel: 569919419001 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 356 246 GREENWAY DR Total Due: \$318.90
R011839 MILLER PATRICIA G Parcel: 569924213011 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 60 Lot: 14 550 S 7TH ST Total Due: \$55.00	R001212 PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION Parcel: 558325307044 Subdivision: LAKE HATCHER PK Lot: 371 1419 HILLS CIR Total Due: \$958.89	R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314100002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$983.12	R003592 SILVA JESSICA Parcel: 569312204031 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 13 Lot: 23 569 HILLTOP DR Total Due: \$391.32	R013746 THAYER DANIEL RAY Parcel: 616107200017 RURAL Sec: 7 Twn: 32 1670 COUNTY RD 973 Total Due: \$523.57	R010086 WHARTON MARCUS BRIAN Parcel: 569919419001 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 356 246 GREENWAY DR Total Due: \$318.90
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Outdoors



Photo courtesy San Juan Water Conservancy District

A wet meadow restoration event takes place near Gunnison. The San Juan Water Conservancy District will hold a similar event this weekend with volunteers.

San Juan Water Conservancy District to hold volunteer event

By Monica Nigon

San Juan Water Conservancy District

The final countdown has begun for this weekend's wet meadow restoration volunteer event.

The San Juan Water Conservancy District is working with local graduate student Monica Nigon to implement low-tech process-based restoration (LTPBR) structures in a drainage in our San Juan National Forest.

LTPBR is a cost-effective and simple way of restoring damaged

watersheds and drainages using easily-accessible materials such as rocks and logs. If you attended this week's film screening of "Thinking Like Water," you'll know that these types of structures work to slow water down in a drainage to prevent sediment erosion and allow the water to soak into its historic water table. This stores the water for both drought and flood resilience and prevents runoff into our reservoirs and rivers. The structures also restore native vegetation and increase biodiversity.

These methods have proven highly successful all around the southwest. Pioneered in New Mexico by Bill Zeedyk, LTPBR structures have restored wet meadows in the Kit Carson National Forest and have exploded in use in Gunnison. The restoration achieved has provided critical habitat for the threatened Gunnison sage grouse and restored incised channels that would otherwise send water and sediment downstream unstored.

This event, which will serve as Nigon's master of environmental

management and ecosystem restoration project, will utilize a rock structure called a Zuni bowl. The structure works to prevent the progression of a headcut up a drainage by stacking rocks like a life-sized Tetris game. In this case, the Zuni bowl will prevent further sediment runoff into Hatcher Reservoir, which supplies Pagosa Springs' drinking water. It will also restore native wet meadow species such as sedges.

All you need for a LTPBR structure is some rocks, some wheelbarrows and shovels, and people to get involved. If you're interested, contact us at mnigon.sjwcd@gmail.com. Lunch will be provided.

CRIA Lecture Series: 'Peregrines of Chimney Rock: A Flight for Survival and Triumphant Return' with Marcy Cottrell Houle

By Ana L. Murray

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Acclaimed wildlife biologist and award-winning author Marcy Cottrell Houle will return this fall to share the gripping and inspiring story behind her groundbreaking research on the area's iconic peregrine falcons.

The special lecture, titled "Peregrines of Chimney Rock: A Fight for Survival and Triumphant Return," will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Community United Methodist Church, located at 434 Lewis St.

The doors will open at 5:45 p.m.

Houle will recount her extraordinary experiences in the 1970s when, as a young biologist, she was tasked with studying the endangered peregrine falcons of Chimney Rock during the early days of the Endangered Species Act.

Her four-year study — chronicled in her award-winning memoir "Wings for My Flight: The Peregrine Falcons of Chimney Rock" — revealed not only the fierce beauty of the falcons, but also the intense resistance she faced from a community reluctant to

embrace conservation.

"People didn't want the falcons — and they didn't want the biologists either," Houle wrote in her book.

Her research was met with hostility, and she and her colleague, Forest Service partner Anne Potter, faced threats to their safety.

Tragically, efforts to sabotage their work led to the death of a mother falcon and her three nestlings. Despite the opposition, Houle's perseverance helped pave the way for better protections and awareness for birds of prey in the region.

Now a respected voice in environmental advocacy, Houle has authored seven award-winning books. Two of her works — "Wings for My Flight" and "The Gift of Caring" — received the prestigious Christopher Award for affirming "the highest values of the human spirit."

Her writings have appeared in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Smithsonian Magazine and more.

This rare homecoming event offers a firsthand look into a little-known chapter of Chimney Rock's natural history, told by the woman who lived it.

This event is free and open to the public. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the fascinating history of Chimney Rock's peregrine falcons. Donations to the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) are welcome. Canned goods for the church's food pantry are also greatly appreciated.

CRIA's free lecture series offers the opportunity each year for the public and CRIA volunteers to enjoy a speaker whose topic typically relates to southwest archaeology, archaeoastronomy and/or Chacoan culture.

A Round Up Foundation Grant Award from La Plata Electric Association helps fund our free lecture series, sharing Chimney Rock National Monument's cultural and natural significance.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that offers interpretive programs at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest.

For more information, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrock-co.org or call (970) 731-7133.

Weminuche Audubon Society meeting to feature discussion on protecting backyard birds

By Jean Zirnhelt

Weminuche Audubon Society

At our September meeting, Audubon members invite you to join us in a discussion of actions we can take to help birds thrive.

We will brainstorm ways to create habitat for and protect the birds that visit our yards.

Are bird strikes at your windows killing or injuring them? Find out about proven methods you can use to stop these preventable deaths.

The conclusions of the 2025 U.S. State of the Birds report, produced by a partnership of scientific and conservation organizations, show

continued declines in American bird populations.

The National Audubon Society says that "Key findings from the new report show that more than one-third of U.S. bird species are of high or moderate conservation concern..."

Included in this list are birds that share the outdoor spaces where we live.

Come with your suggestions and questions. Our goal is to inspire us to take actions that collectively make a difference for birds and other wildlife. We welcome public participation at our meetings and events.

We hope to see you at our meeting

on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street.

We will gather at 6 p.m. for socializing, and the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Please enter through the side door off the parking lot or let us know to open the main door for handicap entry.

In appreciation for our meeting space, we welcome donations of nonperishable food for the church food bank.

Prior to the meeting, a link to join on Zoom will be posted on the events tab of our website, weminucheaudubon.org, for those unable to join us in person.

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By Cynthia Purcell

San Juan Conservation District

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Aspen House announces 2025 Color Run

A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc.

Aspen House is excited to announce the return of the highly anticipated Aspen House Color Run/Walk 5K, set to take place on Sept. 20, during ColorFest weekend. This vibrant and fun-filled event is a celebration of community, fitness and color, drawing participants from across the region for an unforgettable experience in the heart of the San Juan Mountains.

The Color Run, known for its playful atmosphere and burst of color at every kilometer, is open to participants of all ages and fitness levels. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking to enjoy a colorful day outdoors, this event offers something for everyone.

The event will kick off at 8 a.m. at Yamaguchi Park, and participants will find themselves showered in a spectrum of colors as they make their way through the scenic route, creating a truly unique and joyful experience.

Beyond the race itself, the Aspen House Color Run is a cornerstone event of the annual ColorFest weekend, a beloved tradition in Pagosa Springs that includes hot air balloon launches, live music and food festivals. The weekend is a prime opportunity for locals and visitors alike to enjoy the best of what Pagosa Springs has to offer.

Proceeds from the Aspen House Color Run/Walk

will directly support a vital cause: raising funds to build Aspen House.

This new facility will provide essential housing and services for adults with developmental disabilities in Archuleta County. By participating in this event, attendees are not only embracing a day of fun and fitness, but also contributing to a cause that will have a lasting, positive impact on the local community.

Registration is now open, and those interested in participating are encouraged to sign up early to secure their spot in this colorful celebration.

The event URL is <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/ColorFestColorRunWalk5K>. If you are unable to physically participate in this event, you can make a donation at the above URL.

About Aspen House

Aspen House is a dedicated nonprofit organization committed to enhancing the lives of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through community support, advocacy and innovative programs.

For more information on how to support Aspen House and help make a difference in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities, please visit www.aspen-housepagosa.org.

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Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers plan BYOBinoculars star parties

By Dena Laterza
Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers

Have you ever pointed binoculars up to the night sky? You'll be amazed at what you can see.

For three nights in September, the Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers will host free, educational public star parties.

Your star guide will point out large deep-sky objects that look great through binoculars and provide their classification with interesting facts about each.

Join us for any (or all three) moonless nights toward the middle of September, including ColorFest weekend — Sept. 12, 20 and 21.

Star parties are weather dependent, but cloudy evenings often turn to cloudless nights here in Pagosa Springs. Let's hope for clear skies.

Band-O-Rama rehearsals will begin Sept. 14

By Michelle Chapman
Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

Come one and all, amateur musicians: Get those band instruments out of the closet, dust them off, warm them up and bring them to the Pagosa Springs High School this Sunday at 2 p.m. for our first rehearsal for Band-O-Rama 2025.

This year our Band-O-Rama concert with the middle and high school bands will be on Nov. 8.

We will start at 1 p.m., offering master class sessions for different instrument groups, then rehearse a couple songs to play as one huge ensemble. The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society will sponsor a catered meal for all musicians, then prepare for the show at 7 p.m.

The concert is free and open to the public. Musicians of all ages are welcome to participate.

The Pagosa Springs Community Band will play one or two songs on its own. These are the ones we will rehearse on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. in the high school band room. It's OK if you cannot make all the rehearsals, but be sure to come this Sunday to get your music and let us know that you intend to participate.

Bring a pair of binoculars (they don't have to be high magnification) and meet at Yamaguchi Park near the pickleball courts at 8 p.m. Please turn off your headlights ASAP so that our eyes can adjust to the darkness. We should be able to view binary star systems, planets, star clusters and even a nebula or galaxy, if we're lucky.

Come out and enjoy Pagosa's dark sky. This event is free of charge. Donations are greatly appreciated.

What to bring: binoculars, warm clothes, warm shoes, warm hat, gloves or hand warmers, flashlight or headlamp (red light preferred), optionally a phone app of night sky (like Stellarium).

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Lizz Baldwin, Elise Swinehart, Morgan Vining and Jeannie Abbas will bring their creative talents to Team Harpy Kitten Surprise as part of Rise Above Violence’s upcoming Runway for Rise: A Recycled Fashion Gala.

Runway for Rise to support youth education and prevention programming

By Annie Gian
Rise Above Violence

Rise Above Violence is committed to ensuring everyone can live free from violence. This mission includes empowering young people to stay safe and build strong, positive relationships. Rise offers programs for youth from third grade through high school, including students from public schools, charter schools and home-school collectives. These programs focus on teaching resilience, boosting self-esteem and helping kids recover from any violence they may have experienced.

Additionally, Rise Above Violence runs support groups, mentoring programs and activities aimed at preventing bullying and educating about stalking, dating violence, sexual assault and domestic violence. This year’s Runway for Rise fundraising event features two teams with direct experience working with youth in our community. Team Harpy Kitten Surprise and Team Schuyler Sisters are both eager to make a difference. Team Harpy Kitten Surprise consists of educators who have witnessed the impact of violence on people of all ages. They stated, “We’re proud to high-

light the vital work Rise Above Violence does to support and strengthen our community. It’s an honor to contribute our creative talents to a cause that means so much to us.” Team Schuyler Sisters includes a high school senior and a college freshman, both advocating for healthy, violence-free relationships. They shared, “Both of us have seen Rise’s impact through Hayden’s involvement in the youth advocacy club [Youth Rise] and Sienna’s years of participation in fundraisers [for Rise].” Last school year, Rise provided

■ See Rise on next page



Photo courtesy Sienna Rose

Team Schuyler Sisters Sienna Rose and Hayden Peterson believe no matter your age, you should have a healthy relationship. The team is one of several taking part in this year’s Runway for Rise: A Recycled Fashion Gala.

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Pi Beta Phi members of the San Juan Alumnae Club attend an end-of-summer garden party at the home of Lisa Scott on Sept. 6. The women posed on a bench with a statue of Mark Twain in honor of the sorority's literacy initiatives. From left to right seated are Mary Bailly, Mary Rothchild and Lisa Scott. From left to right standing are Melissa McDonald, Kelly Maestas, Carole Howard, Joni Rose, Patty Brown and Paula Tennant. Pi Beta Phi was founded in 1857 at Monmouth College in Illinois by 12 creative and courageous women at a time when only five state universities admitted women. Today there are 135 collegiate chapters in the U.S. and Canada and almost 300 alumnae clubs around the world.



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181 educational sessions, reaching 594 youth in our area. These sessions covered all the important topics mentioned above.

Funds from the Runway for Rise event support direct victim services and essential youth violence and prevention education and programming.

You can support your favorite team by donating online at www.riseaboveviolence.org.

Donations for Team Harpy Kitten Surprise and Team Schuyler Sisters

are welcome. The team that raises the most money will win the coveted Pagosa Prada Award.

Join us at this year's Runway for Rise: A Recycled Fashion Gala. Tickets for the Oct. 4 event are on sale online. Support this incredible cause and help make our community a safer place for everyone.

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For event information, contact Annie Gian, event coordinator, at annie@riseaboveviolence.org.



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Tickets are on sale now for the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership’s annual Breakfast with Balloons event on Sept. 20. The fundraiser is part of ColorFest weekend.

Tickets on sale now for Breakfast with Balloons

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) will present Breakfast with Balloons on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. as part of the annual ColorFest weekend in Pagosa Springs.

Once again our nonprofit invites the community to join us along the San Juan River in Centennial Park for a delicious locally sourced breakfast. Our supporters will enjoy egg bites with cheese & seasonal local vegetables, fresh fruit salad, crispy bacon and a specialty gluten-free muffin accompanied by bubbly mimosas and coffee as we watch the event unfold with bright colorful balloons against the early morning sky.

Add to the tasty breakfast and lovely scene the gentle sound of acoustic guitars and you have a morning that might only be made more enjoyable with the addition of a blanket and chair or seating pillow.

All this is available for a \$50 dona-

tion. Tickets are available now online at pagosagreen.org. Act quickly; seating is limited and tickets will go fast.

There is still time to become a sponsor, with a choice of levels with differing benefits. We invite you to join our already committed businesses at the level of your choice: High Flyer Support (\$500), Lift-Off Partner Support (\$250) or Ground Crew Support (\$100). Interested in sponsorship? Call (719) 641-0255.

This is a critical fundraiser for the GGP. Our three domes where built in 2016, 2017 and 2018, which means they have endured seven to nine years of our wonderful Colorado weather with its extremes of temperature. It’s time for major maintenance and our builder is all over it, literally; the crew can be seen in harnesses climbing over the domes as they do their repairs, hence the safety cones and tape when they are present.

And what are they doing, exactly?

Upgrading fans and vents, including a new attic fan, a system that

allows us to program airflow by temperature and season directly from an iPad, replacing vents damaged in this year’s windstorm and polycarbonate panels damaged by hail storms, and refreshing several interior features that, though long-serving, are ready for an update. And, finally, they are resealing the domes with new tape on all seams, ensuring both energy efficiency and longevity.

These upgrades aren’t just cosmetic; they are vital improvements that help us keep the domes functional year-round. The tab? Close to \$20,000.

And what does the community get out of all this?

School kids come, plant, grow and develop a lifelong interest in the process, which will serve them well in terms of health and economics, not to mention the planet in the long term.

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■ See Breakfast on next page

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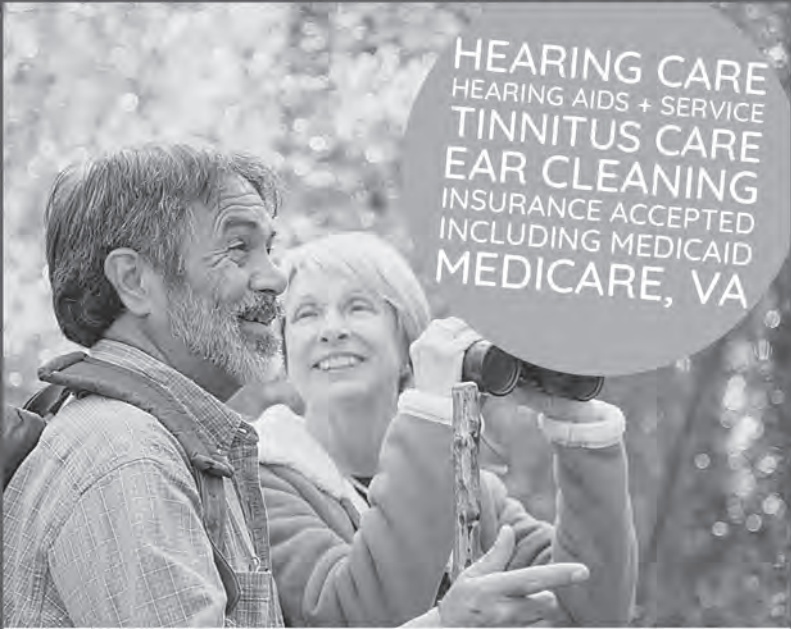
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Annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha, Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic set for Sept. 27

By **Jacque Aragon**
Mountain Chile Cha Cha

Pagosa Springs is spicing things up once more as the Mountain Chile Cha Cha returns for its 19th year — and it's bigger, bolder and tastier than ever.

This year, for the first time, the celebration will take place at Yamaguchi Park, offering stunning mountain views, more space, better parking, and ample room to dance, eat and celebrate Hispanic cultural heritage.

Pagosa Springs may not grow large quantities of green chiles, but we consume them in every form imaginable — served straight up or atop burgers, fries and almost everything else.

The Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic honors this tradition while celebrating the late Patty Aragon, a beloved local cook whose homemade chile was a community favorite.

"My mother made the best green chile, hands down," said event organizer Jacque Aragon. "I'm proud to carry on her tradition and love seeing other people get excited about making and eating green chile."

The 17th Annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic is the heart of the event, where nearly 50 cooks — both homegrown talent and seasoned professionals — bring their very best recipes to the table. From traditional chile verde to creative twists, the competition is fiercely delicious. Winners take home cash prizes, trophies and the bragging rights that come with them. And for the public? Tasting trays are just \$15 — come hungry and ready to cast your vote for People's Choice.

Want to compete? It's easier than you think.

Entrants don't need to stay with their chile — we provide volunteers to serve, and judging is blind for chile with meat and meatless chile.

Every entrant is eligible for the People's Choice, where tasters vote for their favorite chile. Every cook receives complimentary admission to the event, a thank-you gift, and the opportunity to win cash and prizes. Whether you're a home cook or a pro, this is your moment to shine. Register today at ilovegreenchile.com.

Also new this year: the salsa competition, featuring flavorful entries from local restaurants. Their fresh chips



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

The 19th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha will feature a new location, Yamaguchi Park, and more competitions this year. The event, which includes the Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic, is slated for Sept. 27.

and salsa will be available for purchase throughout the day, while a panel of private judges decides who takes home the crowns.

And of course, the fan-favorite margarita tasting is returning, where local restaurants compete for the best margaritas. Purchase margarita tickets, sample a variety of creations, and vote for your favorite.

Please note: general admission is \$10; tastings and margaritas are an additional fee.

The Mountain Chile Cha Cha is more than just a party; it's a celebration of food, music and community.

Proceeds support the Patty Aragon Memorial Fund, providing scholarships and opportunities for local youth.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 27, and join us at Yamaguchi Park for this one-of-a-kind Pagosa Springs tradition. Whether you're competing, tasting, dancing or just soaking in the atmosphere, you won't want to miss it.

For cook-off registration and more event info, visit ilovegreenchile.com.

Breakfast

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Tourists pass by, stop, ask questions and take the answers back to their place of origin to replicate, perhaps, but for sure to create interest in our small community.

Media are drawn to feature our project. Subscribers to the Washington Post read the article of July 19, "Geothermal Greenhouse Growing tomatoes through cold winters." The recent RMPBS News video "Turning heat into vegetables: the geothermal gardens of Pagosa Springs" is currently on our website. Take a look.

The three domes now under repair embody our mission — to educate the community in sustainable agricultural practices by producing food year-round using local renewable energy — and serve our community well.

Speaking of sustainability, think about bringing your own plates, cups and cutlery.

For tickets, visit pagosagreen.org. For information regarding sponsorship, call (719) 641-0255.

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Rotary Club’s 10th annual barn dance to raise funds for local youth and scholarships

By Terri House
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs invites the community to celebrate a special evening of music, merriment and meaningful giving at the 10th annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance on Oct. 18 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. For the past decade, this beloved autumn tradition has brought neighbors and visitors together to share in good fun while supporting great causes. Proceeds from the Barn Dance benefit local youth, funding scholarships, providing weekend meals through the Feed Our Children Backpack Program, putting dictionaries in the hands of every third-grader, and supporting youth leadership programs, teacher grants, community grants and more.

Guests will enjoy live music by the country band Vanishing Breed, featuring Odis Sikes — inducted into the Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame in 2024. Known for delivering “the best Texas-style honky-tonk music this side of ... well ... Texas,” the band promises to keep the dance floor full all night.

A lively silent auction will offer everything from an overnight getaway with fine dining in Ouray to a horse-drawn wagon ride and two-night stay at a local bed and breakfast. A cash bar, contests for best dressed and best dancer, and savory eats from one of Pagosa’s favorite food trucks will round out the evening.

“We started this dance 10 years ago with a dream of bringing people together for a night of fun that would also make a real difference,” said event chair Kirsten Bennett. “To see how much it has grown — and how many young people’s lives it has touched — makes this anniversary especially meaningful.”

Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door and can be purchased at PagosaSpringsRotary.org, Exit Realty, Wednesday Bouquet or the Chamber of Commerce.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming event

By Shayla McClure
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

Save the date for the following activities at the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center:

- Sept. 21, 11 a.m.: Equinox meditation, Himalayan singing bowl meditation and new moon drumming circle. A \$25 donation will be collected.

About us

The SpiritFire Inspirational Liv-



Photo courtesy Joanne Irons

Kick up your heels for a community cause. The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs invites you to the 10th annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance on Oct. 18. Proceeds support Rotary’s and efforts to feed and educate youth in our community.

“When you buy a ticket, you’re not just getting a great night out — you’re helping send a student to college or trade school, and you’re helping to feed local children,” said Rotarian Jann Pitcher. “It’s an investment in the future of our town.”

If you can’t attend this year’s Barn Dance but still want to contribute toward making a difference, donations can be made anytime online at PagosaSpringsRotary.org.

ing 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.

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

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center events are held at Xanadu private retreat. Obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com; or texting/calling (970) 510-0309.

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Audition dates announced for Curtains Up Pagosa's 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'

By Anthony Aldwell
Curtains Up Pagosa

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is pleased to announce its fall show will be "How the Grinch Stole Christmas, the Musical," which will be performed four times on the Pagosa Springs High School stage on the evenings of Nov. 20, 21 and 22, with an afternoon matinee on Nov. 22.

Auditions for this production will be held in the high school band room on Thursday, Sept. 18, and Friday, Sept. 19, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The audition will require candidates to present a 30- to 60-second monologue and 30- to 60-second song. A short dance number will be taught to those auditioning as part of the audition process.

All community members are invited to join this production as the cast will feature both adults and children (who should be at least 8

years old). Past CUP shows have featured performers from ages 7 to 75, thereby demonstrating this is truly community theater.

This well-known tale by Dr. Seuss, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," relates the story of the hateful and bitter Grinch, who despises Christmas and wishes to abolish it in his town of Whoville. While nobody knows why the Grinch detests Christmas so much, his dog Max believes it is because his heart is two sizes too small. As the Grinch becomes more and more annoyed with the town's Christmas preparations, he devises a plan to steal Christmas in Whoville.

Will he succeed? Or will the citizens of Whoville overcome the Grinch's monstrous plot? The answer will be revealed when Curtains Up Pagosa brings it alive on stage this November.

Rehearsals for our show will commence the week of Sept. 22

and usually run from 6 to 8 p.m. on weeknights during September and October. Rehearsals may run until 9 p.m. in November as we near the performance dates.

"The Grinch" will be directed by Jeannie Abbas, who recently starred as Miss Honey in CUP's summer show, "Matilda, the Musical," and she has also recently performed with Pagosa's Thingamajig Theater Company. Choreography will be directed by Sophie Martinez, costumes will be designed by Elizabeth Baldwin, and the music will be performed by the Pagosa Springs Community Orchestra under the direction of Anika Borders.

As much of CUP's essential work is behind the scenes, we also welcome those community members interested in being a crew member, as sets, costumes and backstage work require those specific skills to ensure "The Grinch" is a theatrical success. If interested, drop by one of the audition sessions or send a note to aldwell@verizon.net.

CUP looks forward to presenting a highly entertaining performance of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" this November, featuring a stage and orchestra pit full of talented Pagosa Country performers, with lively audiences cheering us on.

Come audition, act, build, play or applaud us we once again entertain and educate our community.

Pagosa Community Initiative launches Adopt A Shelf program to aid local families

By Carrie Blue-White
Pagosa Community Initiative

In a move to strengthen neighborhood resilience and bolster support for families in need, the Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) has announced a new program called Adopt A Shelf.

The initiative invites local businesses and community members to sponsor and maintain a shelf at PCI's Family Resource Center, ensuring essential items are always stocked for households facing emergencies.

The program is straightforward: Adopters designate a shelf at PCI's Family Resource Center, located at 550 B Hot Springs Blvd., and commit to keeping it stocked with emergency essentials. Items can include rice and beans, noodles, canned goods, condiments, toiletries or whatever you imagine a family might require in times of need.

"Neighbors helping neighbors—that's the spirit behind Adopt A Shelf," said PCI Executive Director Rebecca Tenpenny. "By partnering with local businesses and generous individuals, we can maintain a robust supply chain of essentials for families during times of crisis, health emergencies or unexpected financial strain."

The new program aligns with PCI's mission to support family stability and prevent crises from spiraling. Donors will receive acknowledgment for their contribution and will have the satisfaction of knowing they play a direct role in keeping pantry shelves stocked during tough times.

Interested members of the community can learn more or adopt a shelf by contacting PCI via email at familysupport@pagosacommunityinitiative.org or by phone at (970) 585-6521. Additional information is available on PCI's website at www.pagosacommunityinitiative.org.

The Family Resource Center remains a hub for practical assistance, and PCI hopes Adopt A Shelf will broaden community involvement while ensuring that critical items remain accessible to those who need them most. The program's launch is timely as families navigate economic pressures, weather-related challenges and other unforeseen events that can disrupt access to everyday necessities.

As PCI's board chair, I invite every corner of our town — businesses, families, schools and civic groups — to consider adopting a shelf and supporting our neighbors in need. Together, we can keep shelves full and hands ready to help, one shelf at a time.



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Registration open for Oct. 4 Archuleta Health Fair and Expo

Healthy Archuleta

Are you ready to take control of your well-being and discover a wealth of resources right here in Archuleta County? Register today. The highly anticipated Archuleta Health Fair and Expo is taking place on Oct. 4 at the Pagosa Springs High School, and, this year, it's more vital than ever to your health journey.

This annual event is a cornerstone for community health, meticulously designed to connect you with dedicated health care professionals and local organizations. Imagine a single place where you can access vital services, gain crucial information, and explore incredible resources tailored for families, seniors and those navigating mental health challenges, food insecurity and language barriers.

This year, we're thrilled to feature valuable participants who will share their practices and products. Additionally, a leading mental health provider agency will be on hand to connect our community with es-

sential mental health resources and services.

The fair's comprehensive focus extends far beyond health and wellness to embrace safety, foster community connections, champion sustainability, promote inclusion and expand outreach. It's also a unique opportunity for you to give back, with many attendees discovering fulfilling volunteer opportunities with participating organizations.

This is your direct pathway to a healthier life for yourself and your loved ones. Don't let this invaluable opportunity pass you by.

Take the first step toward a better you — register today.

For those planning to attend and take advantage of the wide array of services, we highly encourage you to sign up for the delicious farm-to-table lunch and register online. Visit <http://bit.ly/4mwhodp> or simply click the "2025 Health Fair & Expo" button on Healthy Archuleta's website at <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/>.

Unitarian Universalists to begin series on hope

By De Anna Hoyle
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The following comes from the host of the "On Being" podcast with Krista Tippett:

"Enough of us — across all of our differences — see that we have a world to remake.

"We want to orient towards that possibility.

"We want to meet what is hard and hurting.

"We want to rise to what is beautiful and life-giving.

"We want to do that where we live, and we want to do it walking alongside others."

This statement provides a framing for what brings us together at the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship each Sunday.

On the second Sunday of each month, we circle up for a sharing circle we call Going Deeper. This month we begin a series on hope, with resources from the "On Being" program. This lightly facilitated group is in place to practice deeper sharing and listening in a safe environment. This invitational space will include listening to excerpts from conversations with visionaries, authors, artists and poets, exploring themes of hope. Journaling activities will enhance our deepening to ourselves and with one another. We

hold space for reflection and for whatever else is on our hearts.

Come make friends and practice the art of listening with others. All are invited for one or all of these monthly gatherings.

This Sunday, Sept. 14, beginning at 10:30 a.m., we will hear from Krista Tippet offering some grounding for this practice of "a muscular hope" that will guide our conversation.

And if meditation is a practice you are interested in fostering, we have that, too.

Each Sunday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the Tara Meditation Sangha meets. Sessions will include meditation instruction, practice and study of the "Heart Sutra" and "Diamond Sutra." Beginners are welcome anytime, led by our own certified meditation instructor and authorized dharma teacher.

The fellowship meets at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak. You can learn more at the website, PagosaUU.org, where you will find our current newsletter with information on all our programs.

Pagosa UU Fellowship is a Welcoming Congregation. We believe that all of who you are is sacred, and all of who you are is welcome. Find out more at <https://www.uua.org/lgbtq>.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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1 Carb or fat unit

5 "Gilligan's Island" actor

9 Reduce drastically

14 Glorified gofer

15 German auto

16 Suggest

17 Spa feature

19 Rubbernecked

20 Putting in a corral

21 Medal giver

23 Self-doubting

25 Ike's WWII command

26 Swiss capital

29 Irregular

31 Leaped forward

33 VA time zone

34 Shaver's bane

37 Snowman in "Frozen"

38 Muse of love poetry

40 Kind of package

41 Andean land

42 Do lacework

43 Tear gas target

45 Splits in two

48 Like some lingerie

49 Shade of blonde

51 Heartbeat phase

53 Attacking, as the fridge

55 Middle bit of a Venn diagram

59 Some downloads

60 Uncomfortable

62 Group of eight

63 Yuletide song

64 TV's Nick at ____

65 Musical intervals

66 Bulgy biceps, slangily

67 Sink pipe

DOWN

1 Struggle for air

2 Confirmation, for one

3 Yemeni city

4 Having significance

5 Trumpet and trombone

6 Highest point

7 DiCaprio, to fans

8 Chicago suburb

9 Document seal

10 ROFL relative

11 Increase in value

12 Cold shower?

13 Prefix with plane or electric

18 Chop finely

22 Loud speaker

24 Fashions

26 Broadway disaster

27 ____ of thumb

28 Opponents of government

30 Hard to follow

32 Keep in custody

35 Canadian tribe

36 "An Affair to Remember" co-star

39 Wreaking havoc upon

44 Speck in the sea

46 Official orders

47 Hot, as in goods

49 Jousting gear

50 Lasagna layer

52 Track shapes

54 Paleo, for one

56 Animal shelter

57 Dog in "The Thin Man"

58 Chick's chirp

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Catholic Church announces upcoming Order of Christian Initiation for Adults classes

By Shanna Robb
Pagosa Catholic Community

For as long as I can remember, I've been in charge of setting the table for dinner, which included arranging logs around the fire ring when camping.

Whether gathering around a campfire eating off 1970s melamine dishware or coming together around the dining room table adorned with my parent's wedding china, mealtime was where my family connected and shared.

Throughout the gospels, Jesus is found sharing a meal with others. While the most notable meal is the Last Supper, Jesus also shared meals with tax collectors, sinners and outcasts. It was over a meal that Jesus fostered a personal relationship with those gathered and demonstrated God's love through His teachings.

Jesus is a friend to everyone and His desire is to bring people together as one Church. We are reminded in Matthew 18:20 that, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am in the midst of them." And what do friends do? Following Jesus' example, friends eat together and share in each other's lives. A shared meal is an opportunity for strangers to become

friends and friends to further connect.

On average, people spend 67 minutes a day consuming food and drink. Through Jesus, however, consumption takes on a profoundly different meaning. At His table we are offered the true bread and drink of life, which are the source of eternal life (John 6). The Eucharist is our divine nourishment and it is through the Catholic Holy Mass that the sustained effects of this blessed sacrament are received and shared.

If you or a loved one are curious about the Catholic faith or feel called to become Catholic, prayerfully consider accepting an invitation to attend the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA).

You will be introduced to the history of the church, learn about the beauty of the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church, discover the "what and why" of Catholic Christian doctrines, plus more.

Attending OCIA, previously known as RCIA, is a personal journey and does not require any obligation to join the Catholic Church. OCIA offers a welcoming opportunity where attendees, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may discern their response to Jesus' invitation to thrive

in the Catholic Church.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary and Pope John Paul II Catholic Church are starting OCIA classes in the upcoming weeks. There will be two time slots to choose from: Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. or Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m.

The table is set. For more information about OCIA and the Pagosa Catholic Community, please call (970) 731-5744 or visit ihmjp2.org. You may also stop by the parish office at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. during business hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.



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Good News Club, Junior Youth Challenge to begin next week

By Melanie Jonason
Special to The PREVIEW

Good News Club is scheduled to begin on Sept. 16 at Pagosa Springs Elementary School for kids in kindergarten through fourth grade.

This club meets in the fitness room each Tuesday that school is in session from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

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

Junior Youth Challenge will begin Sept. 17th for those in fifth and sixth grade.

It will be held at the Pagosa Springs Middle School in the music room on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Junior Youth Challenge is an age-appropriate, exciting fun-filled weekly club in which the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. We also teach respect for authority, character qualities and moral values.

To register for either of these clubs, go to <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1006150>.

There is no charge for these programs and all kids from any school or home-schooled are welcome to come.

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We look forward to seeing your kids at their club.



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Thursday, Sept. 11

Ruby’s Writers Guild. 9-10:30 a.m., Senior Center. Ruby’s Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

‘Fissuring Out the Past’ Ice Caves Loop Geology Hike. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The event is free, but registration is required at sjma.org/events.

Great House Tour. 10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

9/11 Memorial Service. 11 a.m., Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County.

Tai Chi. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Hosted by the Senior Center. Free for ages 55 and older.

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Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Film Screening: ‘Written on the Landscape: Mysteries Beyond Chaco Canyon.’ 5 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 418 Pagosa St. The evening will include drinks (cash bar) and appetizers, a silent auction, the film screening and a Q-and-A with Chaco Canyon expert Anna Sofaer.

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.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Del Norte.

Friday, Sept. 12

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour.

8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House, and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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BYOBinoculars Star Party. 8-9 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Meet near the pickleball courts and your star guide will point out deep-sky objects. Bring your own binoculars and dress warmly. The tour will begin promptly at 8:15 p.m. Please dim your headlights ASAP.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 8-10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Conversations in the Garden. 9-10 a.m., Pagosa Springs Community Garden.

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 Roscoe at (970) 946-9379 or Centerpoint Church at (970) 731-2205. You can also register and learn more at www.griefshare.org.

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Pagosa Springs Scrapbook and Crafters Club. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Senior Center dining room. Bring ■ See Calendar on next page

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your creative and scrapbooking projects and share time with other crafters. Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Soccer. 11 a.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Manitou Springs.

Friends of the Library Pop-Up Book Donation. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Ramon's Mexican Restaurant, 56 Talisman Drive. The Friends will be collecting books for its 2026 sales to benefit the library.

Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Natural Grocers back room, 775 San Juan St. Any type and experience level of needleworker is welcome. A Sisson Library program.

Sunday, Sept. 14

Great House Tour. 10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. The doors will open at 5 p.m., with early-bird games starting at 5:45 p.m. and regular bingo games beginning at 6 p.m. No alcohol or outside and food and beverage are allowed. For more information, contact Mary Jo Coulehan at (970) 903-7815.

Monday, Sept. 15

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House, and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Women's Fellowship. 9-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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.

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

Conversational Spanish. 4-5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required. A Sisson Library program.

Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m.. Musicians of all abilities are invited to jam and sing with others. Call Susan for information and meeting location, (970) 946-3396.

DivorceCare/DivorceCare for Kids. 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A 13-week program that provides a safe environment for people who are experiencing the hardship of divorce or separation. It 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 call the church at (970) 731-2205. You can register online at www.divorcecare.org.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

Coffee and Kiddos Playgroup. 10-11 a.m., Aspire Medical Services and Education, 602 S. 8th St. For those with kids ages birth to 3 years old.

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

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

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are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Blood Drive. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. To make an appointment, please contact Sharee Grazda by call or text at (970) 946-2760, call Vitalant at (877) 258-4825, or go online at vitalant.org.

HR Power Hour. Noon-1 p.m., Zoom. The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado's HR experts will cover everything non-profits need to know to update and optimize their HR practices, including employment law, successful onboarding, preventing conflict in the workplace, required HR policies, staff contracts and building a culture of feedback. The cost is \$10 per session or \$50 for all the session. For more information and

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to register, visit www.swcommunityfoundation.org/hr-power-hour/.

Adult DIY. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. “Pastels with Monet Cafe Artist Susan Jenkins.” The event will be held in the library court yard if weather allows.

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

Good News Club. 3:15-4:45 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. To register, visit <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1006150>.

Wolf Creek Ski Team Open House and Parent Meeting. 4-6 p.m., Extension building, 344 U.S. 84. For youth ages 7-17. Learn about the team, meet the coaching staff, ask questions, get information about becoming a sponsor or sign up.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. 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.

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Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Bayfield.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

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.

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.

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Online Author Talk: Gabe Henry. Noon, virtual. “Our Failed Attempts to Make English Easier to Spell” with author Gabe Henry. For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

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Weminuche Audubon Society. 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Discuss what actions can be taken to help bird thrive. Social time will begin at 6 p.m., with the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Friday, Sept. 19

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ColorFest: Passport to Pagosa. 6 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. For those 21 and older. For tickets or more information, visit <https://pagosa-chamber.com/colorfest-hot-air-balloon-rally.html>.

Tour of the Night Sky Program. 8:15-10:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program focuses on the Ancient Pueblos who once lived here and studied the night skies along with interactive talks about the life cycle of a star, categories of galaxies, telescopes and other topics. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 5-12, and free for those under 5. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Saturday, Sept. 20

ColorFest: Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension. 7:30 a.m., downtown.

ColorFest: Breakfast with Balloons. 7:30-9:30 a.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership amphitheater, Centennial Park. Watch the hot air balloons rise while enjoying breakfast and live music. Tickets are available at pagosagreen.org.

ColorFest: Aspen House Color Run/Walk 5K. 8 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Get showered with color while running or walking the scenic route during the hot air balloon mass ascension. For more information or to register, visit <http://bit.ly/4mQxDm3>.

Birding at Chimney Rock Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour is presented in partnership with the local chapter of the Audubon Society and affords a wonderful opportunity to observe and learn about birds that are native to the area. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 8-10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and

cultural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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 Roscoe at (970) 946-9379 or Centerpoint Church at (970) 731-2205. You can also register and learn more at www.griefshare.org.

Great House Tour. 10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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.

ColorFest: Bands and Brews Festival. 4 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Tickets for those 15 and older are available at <https://pagosachamber.com/colorfest-hot-air-balloon-rally.html>. A balloon glow will take place at 7 p.m. if weather conditions allow.

BYOBinoculars Star Party. 8-9 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Meet near the pickleball courts and your star guide will point out deep-sky objects. Bring your own binoculars and dress warmly. The tour will begin promptly at 8:15 p.m. Please dim your headlights ASAP.

Sunday, Sept. 21

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COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Photos courtesy Shellie Peterson and Lisa Foster

Scene ... serving up pancakes and community at the fourth annual free community pancake breakfast at Stevens Field. The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs and Vets4Vets of Archuleta County teamed up for the event, which supports veterans and local youth.



Friends of the Library to host book donation opportunity Saturday

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Friends of the Library members are hosting a pop-up book donation event this Saturday, Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Ramon's Mexican Restaurant, 56 Talisman Drive, at the entrance to the City Market shopping center.

Their goal is to collect new or gently used books for future book sales to benefit the library.

Thanks to Ramon's generosity, the Friends will be setting up tables in front of their space to collect books that will be sold at their book sales in 2026. If they get a good response, they plan to set up more donation sites in the future.

This action is necessary because we cannot accept book donations

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for a year at our building now that we are operating in a much smaller space while construction happens on the first phase of our long-awaited expansion.

Please follow these guidelines for your donations:

Books on time-sensitive topics that can quickly become out of date are wanted only if they have been published within the last five years. These subjects include politics/current events, health and medicine, sports/exercise, business, technol-

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There is a clear initial distinction to be made between the bibliotherapy that uses self-help type books, and the one that tries to heal more indirectly by having people read other types of fiction and non-fiction books, the content of which is expected instigate transformation.

Many scientific studies have been carried out since the late seventies which bear testimony to the positive effects of bibliotherapy for mental health.

Books against international students' depression

A 2010 study targeting Japanese students at American universities showed significant improvements for depression and stress related to living and studying away from Japan after reading an Acceptance and Commitment Therapy self-help book. Scientists concluded that bibliotherapy was responsible for an overall improvement of mental health and psychological flexibility, in the case of Japanese international students.

Bibliotherapy for kids

As early as 1983, Robert Douglas Ray and Donavon D. Lumpkin presented an influential study relating the use of bibliotherapy for kindergartners. The procedure involved reading by teachers, retelling of stories by the children, and a number of follow-up activities. Researchers measured the effects of bibliotherapy on children's self-concept and reading readiness, and their conclusion was that it had an extremely positive impact on pupil perceptions and achievement.

Source: "Bibliotherapy – The Healing Power of Books." Veronica Pamoukaghlian

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

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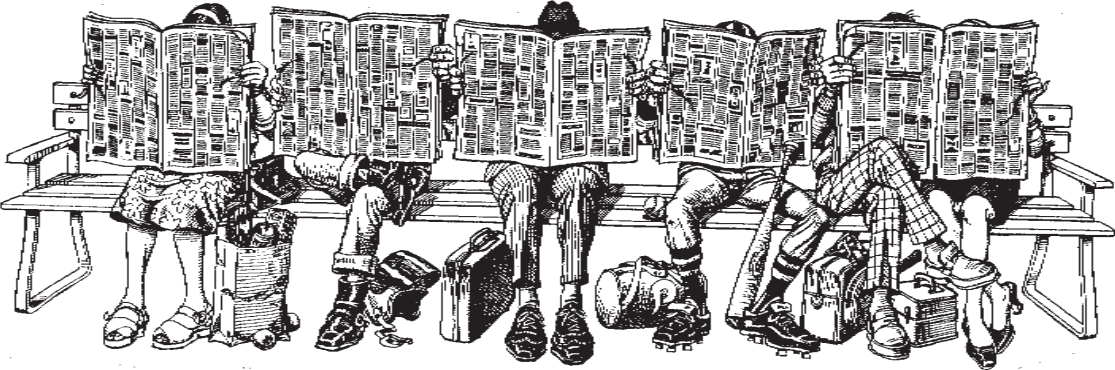
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rial like CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray, VHS or cassette tapes because they do not sell at Friends of the Library sales.

We hope you'll take this opportunity to bring your new or lightly used books to the Friends this Saturday. Proceeds from their book sales are vital to the ongoing health of your library.

Construction update

Here's the latest news on your library's construction project from Barb Brattin, library director:

"If you visited the library last week, you were treated to the ambient noise of large machines breaking up concrete on the south side of the building. A new foundation for the library addition will take shape there over the next few weeks, replacing half the former parking lot.

"Last Wednesday morning the public parking lot on Highway 160 west of the library that we currently use for library parking was filled with LPEA trucks. Expanding the building requires us to expand our electrical infrastructure, so our new transformer was being connected to the grid last week."

Activity locations are changed

Now that we have much less space for our operations and no meeting rooms during construction, several of our regular activities and special events will happen in other locations.

Please check the listings in this column and on your library's website, <https://pagosalibrary.org>, for location changes throughout the construction. If no other location is mentioned, the activity will stay at your library.

Online author talks

Our free online author talks with New York Times bestselling authors continue in September with one more talk for you to watch live on Zoom or via a recording later this month.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 17, at noon will showcase Gabe Henry discussing "Our Failed Attempt to Make English Eezier to Spell."

Adult knitting and needlework

Join new and experienced knitters Saturday, Sept. 13, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Natural Grocers back room.

It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project. Any type of needleworker is welcome.

Conversational Spanish

The Conversational Spanish group will meet Monday, Sept. 15, from 4 to 5 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. This is

a great opportunity to practice your Spanish in a free group setting. No minimum skill level is needed.

Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 15, for amateur musicians of all abilities to play, sing and jam with other people. Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for meeting location.

Adult DIY

At the free in-person adult DIY next Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., we will experience "Pastels with Monet Café" with artist Susan Jenkins. This event will happen outside in the library courtyard as weather allows.

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.

Writers Guild

Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for support, guidance, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

During construction the group will meet at the Pagosa Senior Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Enter through the left side of the building.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays. Taylor helps with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provides assistance in accessing the library's online resources. No appointment is needed, but please bring your device's charger and passwords with you.

English as a second language

Free in-person evening classes happen 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 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.. Please help us pass the word about these classes.

Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS)

Join Mark or Sally for free individualized 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. No appointment is necessary.

Downloadable books

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device if you need assistance.

Nonfiction – memoirs and biographies

"I Seek a Kind Person" by Julian Borger is a family memoir about the author's father, one of thousands of German Jewish children saved

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by being sent to British families for safekeeping during World War II. “Free Ride” by Noraly Schoenmaker is a memoir of a woman who quit her job to go on a motorcycle trip of self-discovery. We have two books that reveal the life of female wildland firefighters: “Hotshot” by River Selby and “Wildfire Days” by Kelly Ramsey. “Coming Up Short” by former Secretary of Labor Robert B. Reich chronicles the choices that got this country into its current economic inequality state. “Medicine River” by Mary Annette Pember explores the author’s mother’s tragic life in an Indian boarding school sponsored by the U.S. government.

Other nonfiction

“Bad Company” by Megan Greenwall is an indictment of the private equity industry told through the stories of four workers whose lives were ruined by takeovers. “Every Living Thing” by Jason Roberts explores the origins of the science now called biology. “The Undiscovered Country” by Paul Andrew Hutton tells of the heroic conquests and dark tragedies that shaped the American West. “They Had Names” by Nathaniel T. Jeanson traces the history of North American Indigenous people. “Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementias” is a Mayo Clinic guide. “The Colorado Gardener’s Companion” by Jodi Torpey is a guide to low-maintenance gardening. “There is No Place for Us: Working and Homeless in America” by Brian Goldstone follows five Atlanta working families struggling to remain housed. “Mysteries of the National Parks” by Mike Bezemek contains 35 stories of baffling disappearances and unexplained phenomena.

DVDs

“The Penguin Lessons” is based on the true story of a disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in Argentina. “The Ac-

countant” stars Ben Affleck. “Death Valley” is a crime story. “1923” is season two starring Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren. “A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder” features a student who won’t let an old murder go. “Stories of America’s National Parks” is a two-disc Great Courses collection. “Secrets of the Forest” is a PBS Nova program.

Large print

“Bridal Shower Murder” by Leslie Meier is a Lucy Stone mystery. “Trail to Brimstone” by Robert Vaughan is a western novella. “The Locked Ward” by Sarah Pekkanen is about an adopted daughter accused to killing the biological daughter. “Jenny Cooper Has a Secret” by Joy Fielding tells of a 92-year-old dementia patient who may be a killer. “The Last Carolina Summer” by Karen White is a mystery. “You Belong Here” by Megan Maranda is a mystery set in a Virginia college town. “Death by Misadventure” by Tasha Alexander is a Lady Emily mystery. “For Duck’s Sake” by Donna Andrews is a Meg Langslow mystery.

Mysteries and thrillers

“She Didn’t See It Coming” by Shari Lapena tells of a wife and mother who disappears from a luxury condo. “Salt Bones” by Jennifer Givhan explores the fate of missing Latina and Indigenous girls. “The Outsider” by Stephen King is a horror thriller. “The Codebreaker’s Daughter” by Amy Lynn Green is a story about a mother-daughter codebreaking team. “Murder Takes a Vacation” by Laura Lippman is set on a Parisian river cruise. “The Confessions” by Paul Bradley Carr tells of the aftermath when the world’s most powerful supercomputer suddenly goes offline.

Other novels

“The Vulnerables” by Sigrid Nunez explores the life of a Gen Zer and

a spirited parrot. “The Robin on the Oak Throne” by K.A. Linde is a paranormal romance fantasy. “Culpability” by Bruce Holsinger is a family drama following an accident involving a self-driving minivan. “Summer Hill Secrets” by Beverly Lewis contains five books from the author’s Pennsylvania Amish series. “The Atlas of Untold Stories” by Sara Brunsvold features a mother and her two daughters embarking on a nine-day road trip to find inspiration from literary greats. “If You Love It, Let It Kill You” by Hannah Pittard begins when a novelist learns an unflattering version of herself will be revealed by her ex-husband.

Quotable quote

“When you’re playing a point, it has to be the most important thing in the world and it is. But when it’s behind you, it’s behind you. This mindset is really crucial, because it frees you to fully commit to the next point and the next point after that with intensity, clarity and focus. The truth is, whatever game you play in life, sometimes you’re going to lose a point, a match, a season, a job. It’s a rollercoaster with many ups and downs, and it’s natural when you’re down to doubt yourself and to feel sorry for yourself. ... But negative energy is wasted energy. You want to become a master at overcoming hard moments. You accept it, cry it out if you need to, and then force a smile. You move on, be relentless, adapt and grow.” — Roger Federer, retired professional tennis player in his commencement speech at Dartmouth June 9, 2024. He was ranked No. 1 in men’s singles for 310 weeks.

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Don't lose your why

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

Football: It's just a game. But, it's our family's game. We will spend the next five months talking football, watching football games on television and traveling to games, close and far away. The end of August starts football season and we are

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*I'm ready to
watch two of my
favorite coaches
and see how they
have motivated
their teams to be
winners — not
only making
them football
players, but
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whys in life.*

pumped up.

I'm invested in two teams and their coaches — Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders, head football coach at the University of Colorado Boulder, and Creede Wylie, assistant coach for the D team at New Mexico Highlands University. Why am I invested? Sanders is a winner and Wylie, my grandson, is also a winner.

They are pouring God's principles into these young football players, making them winners, not only on the field, but showing them how to win in the real world.

I bought Sander's book, "Elevate and Dominate: 21 Ways to Win On and Off the Field." In the book, he asks "What's your why? ... When I was seven, I told my mama, I was going to be rich and make a lot of money when I got older and that she was never

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To tour this home go to:
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1001 Soaring Eagle Court
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MLS # 822945

2 Bed, 2 Bath, 2,073 sq foot house on 36.44 acres. Navajo River Ranch has 2 private entrances into the forest. This home has wonderful views of the San Juan Mountain Range and great decks. 2 tributaries come together to form a seasonal creek called Oil Well Creek on the property.

To tour this home go to:
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65 Caballero Drive
\$695,000

MLS # 823461

This home is perfectly located on approximately an acre of land in the Pagosa Lakes area. Open the back door and a 700 sq ft deck will provide additional space for a BBQ grill, plenty of outdoor seating, and a new hot tub for your relaxation and enjoyment. 4 beds/2.5 baths with 2,350 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0khZeKE-G0



471 Deer Trail
\$356,000

MLS # 826138

Discover your mountain retreat in this 2 bedroom, 1 bath log cabin, in Aspen Springs 1 on well-maintained Deer Trail, just a half-mile from Hwy 160. This 1,205 sq. ft. cabin features a living room, dining area, modern kitchen, and a full bath on the main level, with two bedrooms upstairs. The kitchen boasts new cabinets, countertops, and flooring. A wood stove enhances the cabin's ambiance. The property is equipped with a state-of-the-art water filtration system, including reverse osmosis, water softener, and on-demand hot water, professionally installed.



109 Carol's Curves
\$284,000

MLS # 824583

The mobile home portion of this residence is 500 square feet. 1304 square feet is stick built. There is also a small cabin built in 1993, 576 square feet with bath and studio kitchen. The 1.2 acres is partially fenced for dog's and the acreage is all usable. The house has large picture windows with very nice views. There are 3 outbuildings, the septic has been inspected.



324/356/294 Sparrow Circle
\$325,000

MLS # 821243

3 separate lots 4.5 Acres total with no HOA or Covenants. This 2-bedroom 1 bath home is purged and is in very good shape. This is a very solid home with a well-constructed snow shed over the top. There is a 2-vehicle carport and a workshop behind the carport. There is a road behind the house going up the hill to get to a couple of nice building sites. The views are amazing up there. This is an awesome property and if needed the two vacant lots could be sold separately.



1119 Hills Circle
\$500,000

MLS # 827227

This is a very cute 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a 2 car attached garage. Across the street is an access point to enter National Forest. This is a very well-maintained home at a good price. The master bedroom is on opposite sides of the house from the guest bedrooms, and the colors are warm and inviting. This home is close to town and shopping, put it on your list.



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Lane

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going to have to work another day in her life. She looked at me, shook her head, and said, ‘OK, until then, go get the lawn mower and cut the grass.’

“That was a turning point in my life. I had my target, my Why...What are you passionate about? What do you love? What are things you could talk about for hours on end? What really lights you up?”

The news broadcasts how college students and young people, who work in the market place, cope with life. They have sunk to sucking on pacifiers. Companies even sell pacifier clips, beaded ones, vintage inspired colors that bring to mind a peaceful moment. Whoa. Hold the phone. These are for babies and the world has made them popular for grownups. What happened to these grownup kids?

These pacifiers, also known as binkies, help these grownup babies soothe themselves and provide comfort through sucking. These companies have catered to the pacifier addict. And this makes it OK? No. Absolutely not.

Generation Z, also known as Gen Z, born between 1995 and 2010, are taking their parents on job interviews. It is said in the news that they are the luckiest kids in history thanks to AI, despite mounting job displacement dread. What happened to this generation? Did they lose their why and never had a good reason to get out of bed?

I guess they have many things that could give them reason to give up. Is it because life is too hard for them and they are still living at home? Do you think that one of these babies, sucking on a pacifier, would dare walk onto Coach Prime’s or Wylie’s football field? Help us, Jesus.

It’s not really about age or circumstances, but how a person handles trials and difficulties along the way. I contemplated “why” in my own life. Why am I determined to walk again and not be trapped in a wheel chair for the rest of my days? My “why” explains why I’m still in physical therapy and walking up and down the stairs twice a day. I want to be able to attend all my grandson’s games, and I don’t want to be a burden on my family.

Some older people, who are done with life, are ready to check out. Why? They have lost their reason for living. It hurts to move; it’s easy to let others wait on you and even feel sorry for you. They might have lost their spouse, their home and even have had to move to an assistant living facility.

They don’t have to lose their reason for living. They do not have to give up. They just need to readjust their focus. Big projects are too big, but little projects are doable. The target could be something from their past — that thing they loved doing and were passionate about. They’ve spent years perfecting that skill; now maybe it’s time to share it in small ways.

I’m ready to watch two of my favorite coaches and see how they have motivated their teams to be winners — not only making them football players, but helping them figure out their whys in life.

Final brushstroke: I have not seen a pacifier in the mouth of any of those young men in their football uniforms. They work for their numbers, and know they will probably be knocked down and eat dirt, but the why keeps them in the game. They understand what it takes to live in the real world.

Send your comment to bettyslade.author@gmail.com.

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- Proven experience in sales or account management, preferably in the advertising industry.
- Strong communication, negotiation, and presentation skills.
- Ability to build and maintain client relationships.
- Excellent analytical and problem-solving abilities.

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Archuleta Seniors Inc. welcomes new executive director

By Joan Ward
PREVIEW Columnist

Ricardo D. Martinez is the new executive director of Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) as of Sept. 8.

A resident of Pagosa Springs, Martinez has dedicated more than three decades to serving communities through health care and public service.

A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in biology, Martinez began his career at Ben Taub General Hospital as a nuclear medicine technologist before transitioning into public health leadership.

Over the years, he has held key positions, including chief of laboratory, environmental and animal control services at the city of Laredo Health Department and dental clinic manager at UT Health Science Center San Antonio. These roles allowed him to build expertise in management, budgeting, program development and compliance.

For the past six years, Martinez has served as clinic director at Pagosa Springs Integrated Healthcare, where he has deepened his knowledge of the Axis Health System and its mission to improve access to care.

Known for his fairness, work ethic and collaborative leadership style, Martinez emphasizes compassion and relationship-building in every role he takes on.

“I believe in leading by example and bringing both professionalism and heart to the work,” Martinez said. “Pagosa Springs is my home, and I look forward to continuing to serve this community.”

Please help us welcome Martinez.

Sept. 11, 2001

Please take a moment to remember those lost in the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

September program: ‘The Gift Of Aging’

ASI will have a guest speaker on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Senior Center.

Marcy Houle will present the topic of “The Gift of Aging.”

What are the best things we can do to keep our brains sharp as we age? Are there strategies we can use to keep us strong and to never become frail? Is it possible to live into our 70s, 80s, 90s and 100s with energy and with joy? What are the most important things we can do to thrive in our later years and find pleasure every day?

Join Marcy Cottrell Houle as she relates answers to these questions.

She will discuss frontline science and the insights of aging with health, joy and purpose.

Senior Conversations

The very popular Senior Con-

Senior News

sations with local Bill Salmansohn is back on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Salmonsohn brings to the conversations a variety of topics designed to stimulate discussions within a safe and comfortable environment as we explore our well-being and shared experiences.

This is a unique opportunity to connect with others in the Archuleta community, fostering sharing and friendships.

Snacks will be provided.

Afterward, hosted by Robin Williams, stay for a get-together created for those who wish to continue the conversation. This opportunity is typically from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., following Senior Conversations.

The group occasionally reconvenes as an informal gathering at various local restaurants.

Stretching and mobility weekly class

Community members are invited to attend free weekly classes every Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., in the back of the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The stretching and mobility classes for adults age 55 or better are designed to help build balance in the body through functional exercises that aim to improve mobility and flexibility.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of techniques that can help enhance overall movement efficiency.

Though not necessary, a mat is recommended for this class.

The program is instructed by local ballet dance instructor Dee Pitchon, who will provide modifications to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the exercises.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge

The game of bridge is hosted on Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. It has also been added on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring

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Annual Cemetery Clean-Up Notice

To support Town crews in preparing the Hilltop Cemetery for winter and to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for loved ones and visitors, we ask that the following items be removed from burial plots, driveways, paths, and rights-of-way no later than Wednesday, October 1, 2025:

- Artificial flowers and shrubs that are faded or deteriorating
- Broken or damaged statues
- Broken or damaged disposable vases

Following the annual clean-up, loved ones are welcome to return permitted displays to their original locations. A complete set of cemetery rules and regulations may be obtained at Town Hall or online.

Learn more: pagosasprings.co.gov/cemeterycleanup



Town and County Rescind Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Beginning Friday, September 5, the Town and County rescinded Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. Fire restrictions were put in place in response to multiple wildfires across the state. Recent rainfall has improved moisture conditions in town, and the threat of wildfires has decreased. Please continue to follow local laws regarding open fires, open burning, campfires, personal fireworks, and grills, based on the Town’s municipal code.

Learn more: pagosasprings.co.gov

Town Waives Fees to Help Ruby Sisson Library Grow

The Town is proud to support the Ruby Sisson Library expansion by waiving nearly \$30,000 in permit, inspection, and infrastructure fees. This investment underscores the Town’s commitment to community assets, like the library, that enrich our quality of life. The newly expanded and remodeled library will provide invaluable resources and gathering spaces for residents of all ages, providing new and exciting opportunities for years to come.

Learn more: pagosalibrary.org



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View the town’s monthly e-newsletter online at pagosasprings.co.gov/newsletter

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a partner.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds, with the final round reached sometime between two and three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Emotional freedom

On the second Wednesday of the month, join the “Tappers,” who practice a self-regulation technique to relieve symptoms of anxiety, depression, insomnia and more.

Come learn the technique on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. Everything you need to get started is included in this fun, engaging, supportive class taught by Judith Newman, LPC.

Ruby’s Writers Guild

The Ruby’s Writers Guild now meets on Thursdays from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. The Guild is an informal group that meets to support writers of all genres and experiences. It supports writers through friendly critique, resources, discussion, and literary and cultural activities. Bring your secret idea drafts or completed manuscripts. Come join the group.

Tai chi

Tai chi classes are being held at Yamaguchi Park on Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. through September.

The class is intended to support older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life.

Tai chi is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this practice.

All classes are free for older adults aged 55 and better, and class will last approximately one hour. No special clothing or equipment is required.

Bingo

The Senior Center usually hosts free community bingo games twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Join the group on Sept. 26.

Participation is free, and all we ask is you bring yourself and a friend for an hour of joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes for all winners, and snacks will also be provided.

No RSVP is required.

All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with an adult chaperone. Seats are first come, first served.

Monthly birthday celebration

ASI celebrates seniors’ birthdays



Ricardo Martinez

once a month in the dining room. Join us on Friday, Sept. 12, for sweets and refreshments, and a little fun.

Scrapbooking and crafters club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking and Crafters Club continues to hold monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., within the dining hall in the Senior Center.

This creative tradition has been happening since 2005, and we invite all creative individuals to come and share ideas, connect with new and old friends, learn/share creative techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together. Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group.

Help us create an intergenerational community. Those ages 18 and older are welcome. For those youth age 17 and younger, we kindly request an adult chaperone accompany them.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com and you will receive notification each month of the upcoming meeting, along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking and more.

Share lunch Monday through Friday

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■ continued from previous page family and community at the Silver Fox’s Den in person for delicious meals Mondays through Fridays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Grab ‘N’ Go pickup via our convenient portico is also available all week.

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. Please say whether it is dine-in or Grab ‘N’ Go.

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.

Community Cafe menu

Call before 9 a.m. Please note that occasionally the menu must be changed at short notice.

Thursday, Sept. 11 — BBQ pork sandwich, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, garden salad, fruit, blueberry cobbler and milk.

Friday, Sept. 12 — Herb roasted chicken, broccoli hollandaise, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit, bread pudding with raisins and milk.

Monday, Sept. 15 — Salmon with dill sauce, green beans, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit, chocolate pudding and milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 — Tempeh chili with cornbread, sauteed squash, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 17 — Teriyaki beef with peppers, rice, snow peas, garden salad, fruit, lemon-blueberry cake and milk.

Thursday, Sept. 18 — Orecchiette pasta salad, garden salad, fruit, dessert bar and milk.

Friday, Sept. 19 — Pork ziti pasta with marinara, cauliflower, focaccia bread, garden salad, fruit, cottage cheese and milk.

Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. The meals are delivered by our wonderful volunteers. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167 for how to sign up for the program.

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.

Mountain Express Transit senior paratransit services

Seniors over the age of 60 can be verified to receive services through discounted paratransit services, free bus rides and pick up at your home to bring you to the Senior Center for lunch. To become eligible, there is a form to complete.

Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry can contact the Mountain Express Transit (MET) to schedule a ride with its paratransit service.

Call the Archuleta County MET at (970) 264-2250 for information.

Medicare assistance by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 403-6759 for an appointment and where to meet.

Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has positions open. The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term.

Potential candidates should be at least 21 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

Please stop by our offices at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. to pick up an application or call (970) 264-2167 for more information.

Support the Senior Center

Please support our ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County.

You may mail your donation to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or please visit our website: <http://www.psseniors.org/> (donation button).

Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc.

Another way to donate: Are you 70.5 years old or better? Do you have an IRA from which you need to take a distribution? Did you know you can make charitable donations directly from your IRA without paying taxes on the distribution, up to \$100,000 per year? The donation from the account would be payable to Archuleta Seniors Inc. and sent to the address above. This gift option is called the IRA charitable rollover or qualified charitable distribution.

New, starting in 2026, small donations can be deducted without itemizing on your tax return. It is the Permanent Universal Charitable Deduction.

For tax years beginning after Dec. 31, 2025, non-itemizers can deduct up to \$1,000 for individual tax filers and \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly.

The goal of this provision is to recognize and encourage charitable giving across all income levels, potentially boosting donations from

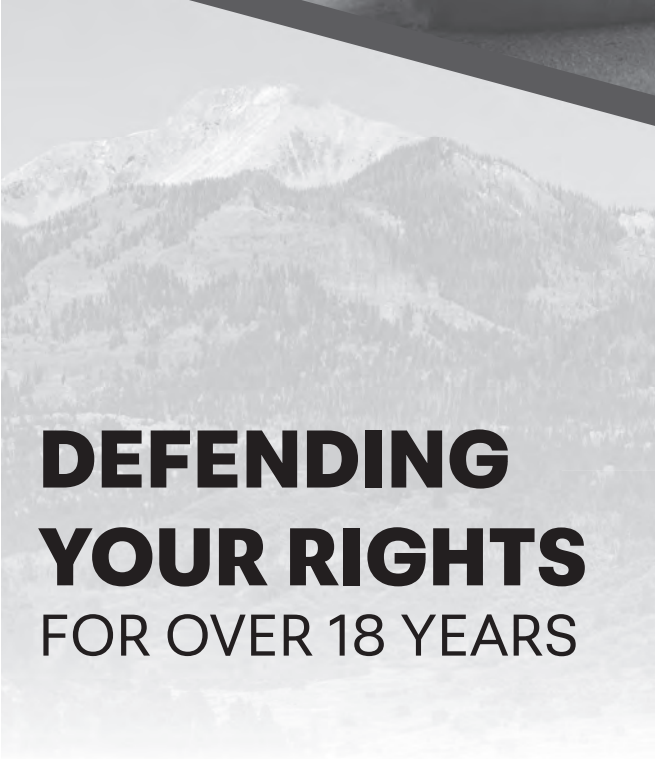
middle-income households who may not itemize their deductions. This change has the potential to significantly impact charitable giving patterns by incentivizing a broader base of donors.

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Answer: On their back

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Unscramble the individual words to reveal letters for the phrase.

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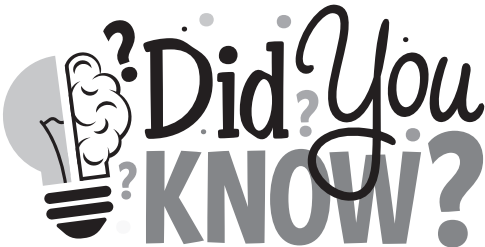
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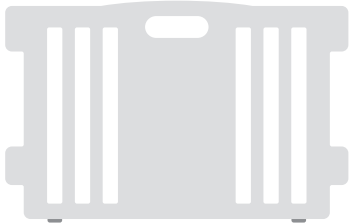
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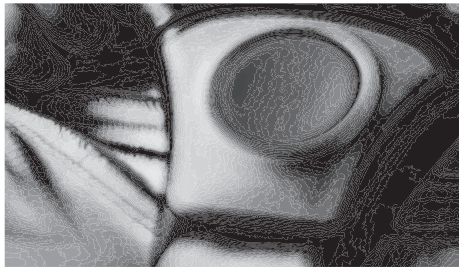
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PAGOSA AA: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 5:30p.m. Mens' meeting Tuesday 5:30p.m. Saturday and Sunday 10a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12 noon. 315 N. 2nd St., County Road 200 (.2 miles off 160). Women's Friday 12 noon at Yamaguchi Park. Zoom Sunday 10a.m. Zoom Thursday noon women only; Zoom ID 858319763, password 754234. Call Kathi (970)946-1482 or Central Office (888)333-9649.

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THERE IS A SOLUTION GROUP of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 5:30- 6:30p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Questions? Richard: (970)903-1456. Diamond: (970)264-1073. Ann: (303)918-8137. Charlotte: (970)903-9690. More resources: www.aa.org, www.aa-westerncolorado.com, (970)245-9649, (888)333-9649 (24 hours).

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Plant profile: mustards

By Ethan Proud and Cindi Galabota
PREVIEW Columnists

While the grocery store might have a plethora of different kinds of mustards, so do our natural environments.

Mustards or brassicas are a large plant family sporting several thousand different species. Their main defining features are their four-petaled flowers and their pod-like fruits, which are called siliques. Brassicas are both an important crop and a pest at the same time. Brassica oleracea is one example of an edible mustard, and, more interesting, cabbage, kale and broccoli are all varieties of this

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same species.

On the weedy side, we have several mustard species locally that are either undesirable or are noxious.

Alyssum is a species that I get many calls on each year. It's an innocuous annual that usually goes unnoticed when it's alive. It stands only a few inches tall and has pin-sized yellow flowers. Once it goes to

seed, it starts to garner attention; its seed-pods have tiny little burs which stick to everything they touch. Walk through a patch of this plant and your socks, pants, shoelaces, dog, etc. will be covered in little round siliques.

Blue mustard is another species that you'll probably smell before you see it. Exactly what it smells like depends on who you ask, but most people agree it is unpleasant and I personally would liken it to a stale dishrag.

Tumble mustard (many mustards have unimaginative names) is another weedy species that can be seen blowing across streets, yards and pastures in the spring and fall.

Regarding noxious weeds, mustards have a place at the table and are as numerous on the list as thistles — whitetop, perennial pepperweed, dame's rocket, dyer's woad and elongated mustard.

Only whitetop (aka hoary cress), perennial pepperweed (sometimes called tall whitetop) and dame's rocket occur in Archuleta County.

Dame's rocket is an attractive plant with purple flowers that may be mistaken for fireweed. Likely habitats for it are your garden or a neighbor's. It is a biennial and the easiest management for it is hand-pulling. Whitetop and perennial pepperweed both spread through creeping root systems and are best managed with herbicides.

Whitetop is found throughout the county though it is more common in Chromo and Pagosa Springs, while perennial pepperweed has few populations in Pagosa and Arboles.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

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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 cedar waxwing.

This bird is one of the few in North America that specializes in eating fruit and that can survive on fruits alone for months at a time. Waxwings pluck small fruits one at a time and swallow them whole, acting as agents of seed dispersal when they fly off and eliminate the seed in a different location.

Native trees and shrubs like dogwood, serviceberry, juniper, cedar, mountain ash and hawthorn are all food sources. The popularity of using berry trees in landscaping has attracted these birds to towns and contributed to population gains.

Cedar waxwings delight us with their beauty and behaviors. They are painted in a palette of silky, shiny hues of brown, gray and lemon-yellow and have a yellow-tipped tail. A black facial mask and cinnamon crest give them a rakish look. Their red wingtips with the appearance of sealing wax are the source of their name.

Highly social birds, it is rare to see just one. Their high-pitched, insect-like calls announce their presence, often before they are seen. A group of waxwings may perch in a line on a branch and pass a berry back and forth until one bird swallows it. They have been known to become intoxicated after eating overripe berries in winter that have fermented to alcohol.

Performing a courtship ballet, a male and female hop toward each other, sometimes touching bills. The male passes a small food item to the female, who takes it and hops away, returning shortly to give it back. This dance is repeated a few times and ends when the female eats the gift. Like goldfinches, cedar waxwings delay breeding to match the availability of their plant food sources, in their case summer fruits.

Within their range, cedar waxwing flocks are nomadic, wandering irregularly in response to their food supply. Look for them now particularly in places near water with berry-producing trees and shrubs like our Riverwalk area.

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