

Crashes result in deaths, injuries

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Multiple people died and others were injured in a series of crashes that took place in the area earlier this week.

A 23-year-old New York man was killed after the semi he was driving went off the side of U.S. 160 on Wolf Creek Pass.

According to a press release, at approximately 8:21 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 3, the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) responded to a crash involving a single commercial motor vehicle that went off the side of the highway and down the mountainside on U.S. 160, 17 miles north of Pagosa Springs, before the scenic overlook.

The press release notes a 2020 Freightliner, hauling a trailer with canned drinks, was southbound on U.S. 160 near milepost 161.

“The Freightliner hit the barrier wall on the right side and bounced off. The semi rolled through the guardrail on the left side of the roadway down a steep embankment. Both the cab and trailer were destroyed rolling down the mountain,” it states.

The driver, a 23-year-old male from New York, was not immediately located amid the large debris scene down the mountain, according to the release. He was later found and was pronounced dead; it was confirmed that he had been ejected from the cab.

The semi’s trailer split open prior to rolling down the side of the mountain and spilled its cargo on the

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Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

Progress is made on the concrete paving of the 400 block of U.S. 160 downtown. For more information on the status of the project, see page A3.

Unofficial election results: Town sales tax increase passes

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The unofficial results of Tuesday’s election are in, with Town of Pagosa Springs voters voting in favor of a 1 percent sales tax rate increase for sewerage and wastewater reuse facilities beginning Jan. 1, 2026.

The following vote totals were accurate as of late Wednesday morning, Nov. 5.

Election results will remain unofficial until Nov. 26, which is the deadline for county canvass boards to complete the canvass and submit the official election abstract to the Colorado Secretary of State’s Office.

“The voters confirmed loud and clear that we need to fix our ailing

sewer collection and forced main system and to provide a long-term solution,” Pagosa Springs Town Manager David Harris wrote in a statement to The SUN. “We appreciate those who understand the necessity of this system and how it relates to the economic vitality of our community and region.”

According to the ballot issue, the increase is to “construct, reconstruct, improve, repair, better, extend, operate and maintain sewerage and wastewater reuse facilities to serve the town, including facilities of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District.

The vote was limited to town residents, with 389 voting in favor of the

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Flag presentations, ceremonies and dinners to honor veterans

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Several events are planned over the next week to honor military veterans for their service to our country, with Veterans Day falling on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Monday, Nov. 10

On Monday, Nov. 10, the Mullins-Nickerson American Legion Post #108 and the Daughters of the American Revolution will collaborate for a flag presentation and history event for Pagosa Springs Middle School fifth-graders at 12:15 p.m.

That evening, the Marines of Legion Post #108 will host the annual U.S. Marine Corps birthday celebra-

tion — this time honoring the service branch’s 250th birthday, at 6 p.m. at Boss Hogg’s Restaurant and Saloon, located at 157 Navajo Trail Drive, in the Wilderness Room.

The traditional cake-cutting by sword and a video birthday greeting from the Marine Corps headquarters will be featured. The oldest and youngest Marine present will be honored. In addition, the first 25 Marines attending will receive a 250th birthday commemorative gift.

Food and drink may be ordered from the menu and paid for by each attendee, and complementary birthday cake will be served.

Other service members, especially U.S. Navy Corpsmen, are welcome.

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Governor names new county court, district court judges

State of Colorado

On Friday, Oct. 31, Gov. Jared Polis made two appointments in the 6th Judicial District — Archuleta County’s new county court judge and a new district court judge.

Archuleta County Court

Polis appointed Anthony D. Edwards to the Archuleta County Court in the 6th Judicial District.

The vacancy is occasioned by the appointment of the Honorable Justin P. Fay to the 6th Judicial District Court and is effective immediately.

Edwards most recently served as a San Juan County Court judge in the 6th Judicial District, a position he held since 2014.

Edwards is also an attorney at Sholler Edwards LLC (2010-present);

municipal judge/liquor licensing hearing officer for the Town of Silverton (2014-present); and municipal judge for the Town of Pagosa Springs (2022-present).

His docket consists primarily of criminal matters and his private practice consists of natural resources, real estate, employment, insurance and estate law.

Edwards earned his B.S. from Capella University in 2003 and his J.D. from the University of New Mexico in 2009.

6th Judicial District Court

Polis appointed R. Reid Stewart to the 6th Judicial District Court.

The vacancy is occasioned by the retirement of the Honorable Chief

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Peter Laue: A Holocaust survivor and veteran’s journey of discovery and resilience



Photo courtesy Laue family

Peter Laue in 1953 while serving in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. He served from 1953 to 1955.

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Editor’s note: This article includes references to war, the Holocaust and suicide.

“I stood in front of a smoldering synagogue on my way back from school. I was five. It was the day after the ‘Kristal Nacht’ (Crystal Night) when Adolf Hitler commanded Germans to burn synagogues and Jewish businesses,” wrote Peter Laue.

At age 5, Laue didn’t know what the smoldering synagogue was from, why it happened or the fact that his life could be in danger.

He also didn’t know his life would continue to be in danger for years to come.

It wasn’t until years later — after World War II ended — that Laue, born in Bensheim, Germany, as Dieter Laue, explained he discovered his experiences during the war were because he had Jewish roots.

He noted he knew practically nothing about the war and was never told why others in Germany were wearing stars.

“When I got home, I told my parents what I saw,” Laue wrote of Kristallnacht. “They listened silently to what I told them. I do not recall what they said or if they said anything. I did not know that our lives were in [jeopardy] until the War was over. My parents hid my Jewish roots from me until then.

We lived in attic apartments and moved often. I did not know why.”

Kristallnacht, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Holocaust Encyclopedia explains, “was a nationwide, violent anti-Jewish riot that took place throughout Nazi Germany on November 9 and 10, 1938. During Kristallnacht, groups of Nazis and other Germans targeted Jewish places of worship, stores and businesses, homes, and people.”

In 1939, Laue’s family moved from Bensheim to Bremen.

Bensheim, Laue wrote, was a town of about 15,000 located between Darmstadt and Heidelberg in southern Germany, and Bremen is a large city of the River Weser that was known for building dive bombers.

It was in Bremen that Laue saw more death and destruction.

“Bremen was the target of many air raids,” Laue wrote. “A number of times I stood on the flat roof of our apartment house and watched the city around us burn. That was before bunkers were built and we were required to go there until the sirens let us know it was safe to go back home.”

Laue remembers the apartment house he lived in was burnt to the ground.

“I was not there at the time, but the rest of the family was. My father was able to rescue a few of our

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OUR VIEW

Thank you

"The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." — Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

As we approach Veterans Day, we are again reminded of how many of our family members, neighbors, friends and fellow community members have served our country, both in times of war and times of peace, distancing themselves from family and friends and putting their lives at risk.

Over the years, we've spent hours talking to veterans from across the branches of the military, hearing stories from times of war and conflict, times of peace, decades of service, loss, and the toll serving has taken on them and their families.

We've heard from veterans whose service was treated with respect, and those who were treated with insults. Families have told us stories of what it's like to stand alongside their loved ones as they served and as they've worked for years and decades to come to terms with and heal from their experiences.

These stories have made us laugh, brought us to tears and made us realize and remember the horror, bravery and good that exist in this world.

Their experiences also serve as reminders that the freedoms we enjoy are not free. They have been protected by generations of citizens who risked it all for folks they

love and others they'll never meet, ones they agree with completely and ones they'll never see eye to eye with.

And we've been honored to share just a few of those many stories — a tiny piece of what makes these veterans so special — with our community.

We're pleased each year to see the numerous events that put our veterans at the forefront, such as the annual ceremonies and the Veterans Day breakfast hosted by local eighth-graders. These events teach and remind folks of all ages that there is much to be learned from this portion of our community.

We've watched students listening attentively as they hear stories from veterans while looking through scrapbooks, records and other items shared by the veterans.

We've seen veterans brought to tears, feeling like their service is truly appreciated — in some instances for the first time. We rarely walk away without tears in our eyes.

While few would call our country perfect, we recognize the United States of America would be very different without our veterans who fought to maintain those rights we hold dear in our country.

Veterans Day is observed on Nov. 11 to preserve the historical significance of the date.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

points out, "World War I – known at the time as 'The Great War' – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of 'the war to end all wars.'

"Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good."

If you are or have been a part of our military, thank you for your service.

"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause." — Abraham Lincoln.

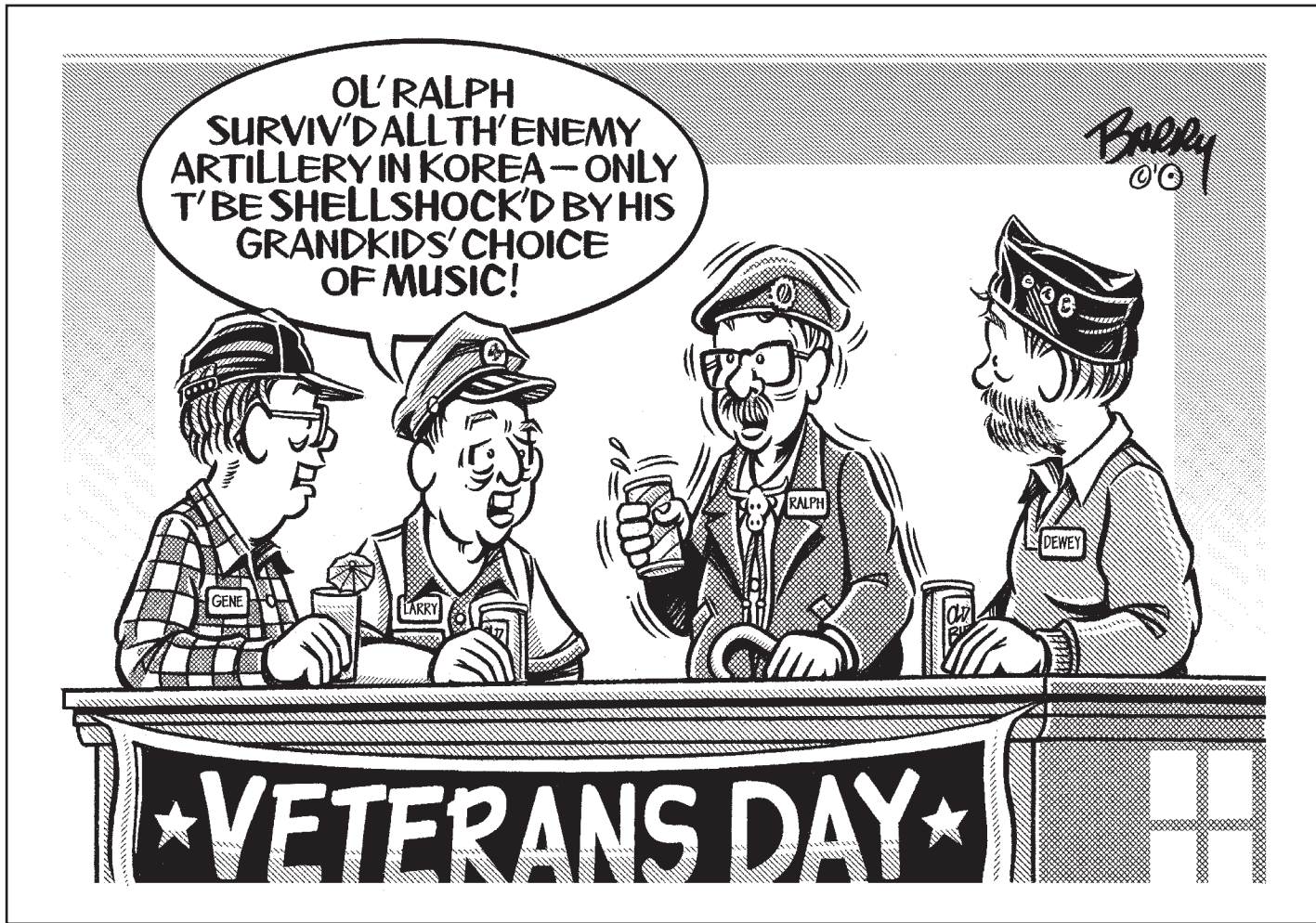
Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the Nov. 5, 1987, Pagosa SUN — SAVE THAT POLE — Universal Telephone lineman Darrell O'Cana was glad to have Town Policeman Jeff Kolts assist him Friday afternoon in extinguishing a burning telephone pole in the alley behind Montoya's Store. No cause could be determined for the blaze that gutted the old storage shed next to the pole.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 6, 1925

We this week found the following excerpt from the diary of Major Henry Foote who acquired the first title to the Pagosa hot spring, which makes interesting reading.

"Nov. 2, 1878 — Arrived at Pagosa at 10 o'clock p.m. Found a number of troops camped above the spring. Part of the 15th Infantry arrived here October 15th, commanded by Major Hartz. Engaged in hauling logs, erecting buildings near the spring and across the river. Major Peabody is Post-trader and furnishes the needs for the officers and others.

"I walked down about a mile to Joe Clarke's store with Judge McFarland. Pfeiffer, the interpreter, just drove up as we arrived at the store. He had come from the agency, and reported that the Indians would come in three days.

"Talked with McFarland about locating the land below the spring with Valentine scrip. He was favorable to it. Proposed to take Gen. Hatch in with us. In the evening before the campfire I proposed it to Gen. Hatch; said it would not do for him to be known in the transaction. He appeared to be indifferent about it, however."

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 10, 1950

The trout fishing and big game hunting seasons, in general, closed Tuesday, Oct. 1. But lakes and reservoirs below 7000 feet and some streams will remain open to fishing all winter and several areas will have extended big game seasons.

The Hallowe'en Party which was held at the Chromo school house Oct. 31st was enjoyed by all who attended. Those attending were Mrs. Harry Eaklor and Jacquelyn, Mrs. Geo. L. Shahan, Mrs. I.R. Crowley, Mrs. Early Thompson and Ralph, Mrs. Curtis Clark and daughters, Mrs. Ed Bramwell and Jimmy, Mrs. F.T. Havens and Andy, Mrs. Louis Montoya, Miss Emily Trujillo and Mrs. Jack Gardner and Nicki Jean. Prizes were given for best costumes and funniest masks. Kay Havens won for best costume, she was dressed as a cat; and Donnie Shahan won for having the funniest mask.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 13, 1975

Police records for the month of October show that local law officers had a fairly busy month. There were 13 citations issued for speeding, and violation of the open container law resulted in seven citations being issued.

Next greatest number of citations for any one type of violation was a tie between careless driving and disturbance, with four each being issued. Four persons were jailed for interfering with a police officer. Three were arrested for driving while under the influence. Other traffic violations consisted of illegal parking, failure to stop at stop signs, improper brakes, and similar charges. Five persons were cited for peddling without a license and three of those were fined. One person, arrested before on the same offense, was again arrested for driving without a license.

One man was jailed for resisting arrest and attempting to elude a police officer. The citations were in addition to investigations of vandalism, break-ins, and other assorted offenses.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
November 2, 2000

After a seemingly endless stream of campaigning for and against candidates and ballot issues, voters get a chance to put a temporary end to the madness by going to the polls this coming Tuesday.

In Archuleta County, by early yesterday morning more than 2,000 early voters had taken advantage of more lenient early-voting rules by casting their ballots, according to Natalie Woodruff, an election clerk in the county clerk's office.

On the local ballot are the names of three candidates for county commissioner. Republican William Downey is running unopposed in Commissioner District 1. Republican Alden Ecker and Democrat J.B. Smith are contesting for the Commissioner District 2 office.

The county has placed two propositions on the ballot. County Ballot Issue 1A asks voters to approve a 4 percent use tax on all building materials purchased outside of the county and on which sales or use taxes have not been previously paid. If approved the town will receive a proportionate share of the use tax money. County Ballot Issues 1B, 1D, 1E, 1F and 1G ask that term limits be removed for all county elected officials excepting the three county commissioners.



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Letters to the Editor are opinions and information in them has not been verified for accuracy.

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

No Kings II

Dear Editor:

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every volunteer and participant who helped make No Kings II an overwhelming success! Your dedication, good humor, and cooperation showed exactly what Pagosa Springs is capable of when we act together.

The No Kings II protest on October 18 was our largest and most joyful yet, with over 550 local participants. It was a day filled with laughter, music, dance, conversation, and a shared belief in democracy.

We have organized multiple demonstrations in Pagosa Springs since January and it's been a joy to see the number of participants continue to increase. Contrary to the statement to their members by the ACRCC, all have been completely peaceful and community-driven. No one has ever been "bused in." No one has ever been violent. The idea that locals showing up in costume, with signs, noisemakers and joy in their hearts are some kind of outside agitators is, frankly, absurd. Its hardly the stuff of chaos and provocation.

The ACRCC's letter suggesting their neighbors would promote violence or dishonesty, without a shred of evidence, is beneath the dignity of community leadership. It's disappointing, but not surprising, to see fear and misinformation used in place of curiosity and dialogue. If anyone's being "provoked," it seems to be by the sight of everyday people peacefully exercising their rights.

Our incredible volunteers and participants proved once again that truth, humor, and kindness will always outshine rumor and resentment.

"Joy is an Act of Resistance"
Eli Fox

Not judgment

Dear Editor:

The Thursday, 10/30/25 edition of the Pagosa Sun included a Letter to the Editor from Rose T. Chavez, Executive Director for Archuleta Seniors, Inc. Perhaps unintentionally, perhaps not, her letter so well summed up how Americans should/could respond to the "political" situation in our nation today. Her context was how to "practice care right now," regarding the imminent food crisis. One point really hit home: "bring food, not judgement . . ." Not Judgement! Enough said.

Jim and Betty Schwicker-Klaus

Pay more

New electrical substation approved by county planning commission

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on Oct. 23, the commission unanimously recommended approval of a board conditional use permit (BCUP) for La Plata Electric Association's (LPEA's) substation to be located at 2140 County Road 500.

Planning Manager Melissa Ryan presented the matter, explaining that the parcel in question is currently zoned as agricultural ranching and that, according to the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations (LURs), a substation is allowed with approval of a BCUP.

According to Ryan's staff report, LPEA currently has three substations serving the Pagosa Springs area, compared to Durango's 22.

The new substation "will serve the Town of Pagosa Springs and areas south of Highway 160 including Meadows, Alpha and areas south to Navajo Reservoir along CR 500," the

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Letters

attention

Dear Editor:

My name is Arbor Moran and I am 9 years old. I live here in Pagosa Springs, CO. I dislike how a lot of parents sit looking at their phones. My parents have worked really hard not to do that. Whenever I go to the post office and we're standing in line most parent are on their phone. If kids try to get their parents attention, most of the time the parents don't listen. It really breaks my heart to see this happen around town. Phones can be so addicting and parents miss big parts of their kids life. Some parents give their kids phones and it ends up rewiring the kids brain.

My suggestion is that we try to pay more attention to our kids and the beautiful scenery that we live in.

Arbor Moran, age 9

Netanyahu

Dear Editor:

This is par for the course for Israel's Netanyahu. Palestinians unaffiliated with Hamas kill an Israeli soldier during the ceasefire. Netanyahu then unleashes his war machine and kills 100 Palestinians in response. ("Israel says it's resuming the ceasefire after its strikes in Gaza kill over 100 people," NPR, 10-29-25)

That's what Moses prescribed wasn't it? A hundred teeth for one tooth, a hundred eyes for one eye, a hundred lives for one life? You would think that Netanyahu would want to maintain actual Biblical standards for recompensing evil in order to suit all the religious conservatives in his cabinet. But, no, none of them seems to care.

And President Trump is all for it. As a deeply spiritual Christian, #47 remembers that Jesus said, "Kill until no one is left standing." At least, I think that's what Jesus said. I could be wrong.

Kimball Shinkoskey
Woods Cross, Utah

The lesson of Nero

Dear Editor:

As the dust settles this week from the rapid demolition of the White House East Wing, the sight is not one of necessary modernization or essential progress, but of profound historical arrogance. We are witnessing a political decision that knowingly sacrifices the public's shared history for private vanity—a choice that echoes across two millennia and carries a two-thousand-year-old warning. The destruction is a direct repudiation of the constitutional integrity that should govern the People's House.

The East Wing was never simply an annex or an ordinary office block. It was the Public's Doorway to the Executive Mansion, the very symbol of democracy's accessibility and welcome for citizens from every corner of this nation. Yet, as a direct result of this massive, unauthorized construction, public tours for the half-million Americans a year who travel great distances to connect with their government have been indefinitely canceled. The message is chillingly clear: the door to the People's House has been locked so a private palace can be built.

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:

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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.

More significantly, the demolished structure was the traditional headquarters for our nation's First Ladies, the offices where they conducted policy work and established a crucial chapter of American women's history focused on service. That profound legacy is now being replaced by a \$300 million ballroom, a personal luxury structure whose enormous scale is nearly twice the size of the original White House itself.

This action immediately calls to mind the cautionary tale of Emperor Nero in ancient Rome. During a time of public crisis and suffering, Nero prioritized clearing city space not for the poor, but for his Domus Aurea, his gilded, extravagant palace. History shows that his successors quickly moved to dismantle this symbol of selfish excess, understanding the moral outrage it represented to the Republic.

Today, we see our own leadership prioritizing this gilded aesthetic over the immediate and urgent needs of the public. This massive expenditure and demolition occur while our government is in a devastating shutdown, where essential federal workers go without pay and critical programs for low-income families and veterans are frozen. The irony is staggering: they are spending \$300 million on a celebration hall while securely collecting their own paychecks and claiming budget austerity.

We are watching closely, and we know that history does repeat itself. The arrogance, the extravagance, the disregard for the very people the government is sworn to serve—all of it demonstrates that the current administration is knowingly, or unknowingly, following in the footsteps of Emperor Nero.

The White House is a sacred trust. We must stop treating our national heritage like real estate to be flipped or renovated on a whim. The principles I champion—that American leadership must serve every citizen, that accountability must be paramount, and that our common history must be protected—must define the next chapter of this nation's governance.

The rubble of the East Wing, much like the buried gold of Nero's palace, is a warning. We choose a different path—a path of unity, preservation, and service to all.

Sincerely,
Shawna Snarr

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of Nov. 10-15

Work activity

• 4th Street and Hot Springs Boulevard: The crosswalk on the northeast corner of 4th Street and Hot Springs Boulevard is open for pedestrian access. The sidewalk in front of Goodman's will be demolished and poured back next Monday and Tuesday. The Goodman's team has been alerted of this work. Downtown customers are encouraged to utilize identified pedestrian detours and access businesses with alternative entries where applicable. The project team is working closely with Visit Pagosa to move pedestrian directional signage accordingly.

• 400 block: Curb and gutter work is continuing on the 400 block.

• 4th through 8th streets: Street light wiring and installation of push-button poles for pedestrians will begin.

• 500 block: Remaining work includes sanitary sewer, water main line and storm sewer installation.

• Pagosa Springs Middle School: Tree well construction will begin in front of the middle school.

• 8th Street: Utility work will continue across the 8th Street intersection. This work will occur primarily at night to reduce impacts.

• The project team will break for the Thanksgiving holiday from Nov. 26 at noon through Nov. 30.

Upcoming work

• 5th and Lewis Street: Utility work, grading and road base work will take place in advance of temporary asphalt paving operations between 5th and Lewis Street.

• 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 are 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.

• 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 eastbound 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.

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A. Michael Hartman

A. Michael Hartman, 85, of Lakewood, Colo., passed away peacefully on Oct. 18, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born Nov. 6, 1939, Mike wasn't just a husband, father, proud veteran or coach — he was soccer in human form. As a young goalie for the Denver Kickers, he dove like gravity owed him favors. Then, when cleats gave way to clip-board, he built a dynasty: the Denver Southwest Bandits, whose 14 consecutive first-place wins at the Youth Soccer State Championships are still unbreakable; the trophy's on display at the CSYSA office like sports royalty. No coach to this day has been able to beat his coaching record. To Mike, victories were nice. But helping his players achieve college scholarships, that was his legacy. He is survived by daughters Roxanne and Heidi; son Michael; seven grandchildren: Danielle, Angela, Ashli, Jamie, John,



Cameron and Chad; and four great grandchildren: Christian, Colton, Charlotte and Rosalie. They didn't just get his genes — they got the full Mike: his wide grin that could charm a referee out of a red card. Mike was dedicated to his family and always just a phone call away. He was predeceased by his parents, Katherina and Peter; his brother, Edward; his wife, Kathryn; and grandson Keith.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Nov. 14, at 9 a.m. at Saint Jude Catholic Church, 9405 West Florida Ave., Lakewood, Colo. Burial with military honors will follow at 11 a.m. at Fort Logan National Cemetery, 4400 Kenyon Ave., Denver, Colo.

Flowers and sympathy notes can be sent to Michael P. Hartman, 476 Park Ave. Unit B, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Donations can be sent to CSYSA/scholarships in Mike's name.

Marlene Francis Husted Taylor

Marlene Francis Husted Taylor, 87, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. — just in time for the 9 o'clock service in heaven. Those who knew Marlene believe she may have petitioned God Himself to make sure she wouldn't be late.

Marlene was born July 6, 1938, in Oklahoma City, Okla. She attended Southeast High School, where she made the honor roll and was elected band queen. She began dating Don Taylor at the age of 15, and the two married on Dec. 27, 1955, sharing 65 years of love, laughter and faith until Don's passing in 2021.

Marlene attended nursing school and dedicated her career to caring for others until her retirement. From 1998 to 2001, she and Don built their dream retirement home in Pagosa Springs, where they quickly found a beloved church family at Pagosa Bible Church. Marlene was deeply involved in small groups, prayer circles and Bible studies. She was a prayer warrior, a woman of extraordinary generosity and someone who used her gift of hospitality to make everyone feel seen, loved and fed — often literally. Her famous cinnamon rolls were legendary among friends and family, and she baked them right up until the end.

She was preceded in death by her parents, granddaughter Natalie Tay-



lor, daughter Julie Long, and husband Don Taylor.

Marlene is survived by her sons Don Taylor Jr. (wife Jan) and Robert Taylor (wife Jaz); grandchildren Aubrey Edwards (husband Luke), Christian Taylor (wife Ashley), Nick Long (wife Randi), Bryan Long (wife Meagan), Leilanee Taylor and Giovanni Taylor; grandchildren-in-love Evan Meacham (wife Leah) and Lucas Meacham; and great-grandchildren Avery Sloan, Easton Sloan, Jett Sloan, Knox Taylor, Austen Taylor, Brooklyn Taylor, Laney Long and Reed Long. She also leaves behind countless other family members and friends who were blessed by her love and faith.

Marlene lived out Ephesians 3:16–19 and Romans 8:38–39, resting in the deep assurance that nothing could separate her from the love of Christ.

A service celebrating Marlene's life will be held at Pagosa Bible Church on Saturday, Nov. 8. The doors will open at 1 p.m., with the service beginning at 2 p.m., followed by a procession to the graveside. The service may also be streamed via the Pagosa Bible Church's website for those unable to attend in person.

Visit <https://www.hoodmortuary.com/obituaries/marlene-taylor> for more.

SJWCD board approves 2026 budget, 2025 budget amendment to cover unexpected legal fees

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors approved a draft 2026 budget and a budget amendment for the district's 2025 budget at an Oct. 20 meeting.

The board previously discussed the budget and the district's financial situation at an Oct. 6 meeting.

At that meeting, the board focused on the high legal costs the district is experiencing due to ongoing litigation initiated against the SJWCD by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) over selling the Running Iron Ranch, which the districts jointly own and where the SJWCD aims to build a reservoir.

Board members discussed potential ways to cut costs elsewhere to pay the legal expenses, although relatively few savings were identified.

Another source of uncertainty at the meeting was the ongoing bidding process to secure an engineering firm to help move the reservoir project forward.

As discussed at the meeting, the exact costs of this were unclear at the time and the schedule for when this work would be done was uncertain.

At the Oct. 20 meeting, SJWCD treasurer Joe Tedder prefaced his discussion of the draft 2026 budget with a treasurer's report on the district's current fiscal situation.

He explained that when he wrote his treasurer's report he was estimating legal expenses of \$93,000 for the district in 2025, compared to the \$22,000 foreseen in the district's budget.

However, since then, Tedder stated that his estimate of legal expenses for 2025 had increased by \$13,000.

"Without the overrun on legal, we have a normal year," Tedder said. "It's unfortunate."

After the board voted to accept the treasurer's report, Tedder moved on to discuss the 2026 budget.

The draft budget estimates \$173,991 in property tax income for the district, up from a forecasted \$167,384 in 2025, and proposes \$254,335 in expenditures, including \$100,000 for engineering and \$75,000 for expenses related to the Running Iron Ranch litigation.

Expenditures are up from the forecasted end-of-year 2025 expenditures of \$194,412.

The draft budget also includes \$10,000 in contingency, resulting in net expenditures of \$264,335 for 2026.

The district will drop its fund balance from an estimated \$321,476 at the end of 2025 to \$231,132 at the end of 2026 — a change of \$90,344.

After a discussion of the approval process for the budget, where Tedder noted that the district has to receive public comments and approve its final budget by Dec. 15, he stated that the only modification he would suggest from the previous budget discussion is increasing the amount budgeted for engineering in 2026 from \$100,000 to \$125,000.

SJWCD board member Charles Riehm spoke in support of this change, noting that changes in timing for the engineering work could increase costs.

SJWCD president Candace Jones

noted that the district might also have to modify the draft budget based on what the rent payments for a new office space might be given the district's lease is ending and it is having to relocate.

The board voted unanimously to approve the draft 2026 budget before discussing when and where a meeting to hear public comments on the budget in December would occur given the district's upcoming relocation.

The board concluded that it would hold a meeting at 4 p.m. on Dec. 10 to hear comments on the budget and that this meeting would be held at the district's new office location, which is still to be determined.

Tedder then presented the budget amendment for 2025, explaining that the district has expected for some time to overrun its budget due to high legal expenses related to litigation over the Running Iron Ranch.

He noted that Colorado law does not allow local governments or special districts to spend more money than is appropriated.

However, he indicated that there are ways to change the amount appropriated to address unexpected revenues or expenditures.

Tedder explained that the board could pass a resolution indicating that the district is going to overspend its budget and explaining the emergency that caused this overspending.

He stated that this interpretation of the budget amendment process was confirmed by SJWCD's legal counsel and by staff at the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, who also indicated that the district's high

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staff report notes. Ryan's staff report also notes that the future land use map designates this area as very low density, and the proposed use is consistent with this designation.

Included in Ryan's staff report, along with the recommendation for approval, are 14 conditions which revolve around driveway and parking standards, stormwater and floodplain drainage, air quality control, landscaping requirements, waste disposal, noise restrictions, and ensuring the project "does not emit heat, glare radiation or fumes during construction and operation of the project."

Jake Wills, representing LPEA, commented that there will be little to no heat being emitted from the facility, noting, "it's a very cool facility."

Wills also commented LPEA will do its best to construct the facility with materials that "will not be super shiny."

Planning commissioner Matt Nobles commented that the facility is not located along a bike path or area where glare would "really be an issue."

Planning commissioner Peter Beaudry moved to recommend approval of the BCUP, which was unanimously approved.

Other news

Later in the meeting, Ryan indicated that planning commissioner Andre Redstone stepped down from his position.

County Attorney Cathleen Giovannini indicated that the open position may be extended to the commission's current alternate member, Mont McAllister, and barring his decision, the open position it may be advertised to the public to be filled.

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County approves permit for agritourism project

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On Oct. 7, a land use hearing was held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) in which the BoCC unanimously approved a board conditional use permit (BCUP) for a wilderness lodging establishment to be located at 6252a U.S. 84.

According to the meeting’s agenda, the applicant, Brian Wattier, representing 84 Ranch, intends to “operate an agriculturally based lodging establishment” with plans to install five mobile cabins for guest accommodation. Those cabins will be 200 to 400 square feet in size with a bathroom in each.

The agenda adds, “84 Ranch LLC aims to offer hands-on activities for the guests to learn the intricacies of ranching and farming in Archuleta County.”

The Archuleta County planning commission initially heard the application during its Aug. 28 regular meeting, at which the application was recommended for approval by the commission by a split vote of 3-2.

Planning commissioners who voted against recommended approval of the application cited concerns about this causing a chain reaction of development across the county.

During the Oct. 7 BoCC meeting, Planning Manager Melissa Ryan presented the staff report, noting that the report was completed by the former planning manager, Owen O’Dell.

Ryan explained that the property in question is currently zoned as agricultural ranching, and that the county’s current land use regulations (LURs) allow wilderness lodging establishments in that zoning classification with the approval of a BCUP.

Ryan also indicated that based on evidence provided, the applicant met goals and objectives of the LURs and staff recommended approval of the BCUP.

Wattier spoke about the project and his intentions with his ranch while also acknowledging concerns from nearby residents and letters of opposition.

Wattier described it as a small agritourism project.

“We’re a family ranch,” he said, explaining that he and his family moved here to learn and teach people about regenerative farming and provide local food.

Wattier explained that he is pursuing a BCUP for a wilderness lodge, but that his presentation was more about agritourism that is designed to expose families to agriculture “through hands-on ranch stay experiences and regenerative agriculture,” describing that as a “new way of talking about the organic ranch.”

He added, “The whole goal is to replenish the soil.”

He noted that no pesticides are used, along with practicing rotational grazing with livestock.

Wattier claimed that agritourism is one of the fastest-growing forms of tourism currently, with the birth of it stemming from farmers and ranchers who have been struggling to support themselves solely from selling crops or livestock.

He mentioned that this is a way to educate people, but “also support the farmers and ranchers financially.”

Wattier went on to explain that he was requesting approval for five tiny home units to be used as guest cabins, stating that a use-by-right permit allows him to have three.

Wattier described the units as “luxury tiny homes,” also mentioning that amenities such as a cold plunge, sauna and massages may also be available at the ranch at some point.

He commented that relaxing and being part of the land, “that is the whole goal.”

When addressing the letters of opposition, Wattier stated, “I completely understand,” explaining four letters had been submitted.

Wattier explained that some residents have expressed that his project and intended use of his ranch is generating a high-density project, “similar to the Troxtell’s project.”

He commented that his project is “very different” and on a “much smaller scale,” noting the Troxtells were requesting to have 40 tiny home units on their property, and he is requesting five.

For more information on the Troxtell project, see the article “Commissioners deny rezone request for tiny home park on U.S. 84” published in the Sept. 11 issue of The SUN.

Wattier then spoke about concerns about water availability being expressed, explaining that his property will be connected to Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation (PAWSD) water lines, which will be used for himself, guests and livestock.

He also explained that he plans to use a wastewater system engineered “where I’ll be taking the PAWSD water and putting it back into the earth.”

He added, “So, I actually added refurbished water to the water table on my land.”

Wattier also addressed concerns about proper conservation, explaining that he has worked closely with the National Resource Conservation Service to implement proper conservation practices on his land, and that there are multiple emergency access points.

Wattier then explained that “these are mobile homes,” referring to the cabins, and noting that no foundation will be constructed for the cabins.

Wattier then brought up the matter of recreational vehicles (RVs) being seen on his property, stating, “I do not have an RV park on my land.”

He explained that he does not charge people to stay in their RV on his land, but that he is a part of a program called Harvest Hosts, which is a membership-based program that provides RV owners with overnight stays at a network of unique host locations, including farms.

Wattier commented that the reason people do this is to be able to travel the country in an RV and not have to pay to stay at RV parks or campgrounds.

He explained that people who use the membership are “requested to purchase products from that business” they are staying at, but they are not required to purchase anything.

Wattier noted that there were concerns expressed about him not paying taxes on that, to which indicated he does and that he “believes in paying taxes.”

Commissioner John Ranson asked if the Harvest Hosts program is part of the wilderness lodging business, with Wattier explaining that he had been doing that over the past two years to see if he had a “viable destination.”

He then explained that his focus at the meeting was the tiny home cabins and that he was not requesting additional RVs, though he may want to continue doing that later on, while also restating that he does not want to have an RV park.

Ranson then asked if Wattier could describe the tiny home cabins, to which he stated, “it’s on wheels and it has a VIN number.”

He explained that each unit would have a restroom, shower, kitchenette and skirting around the bottom.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if a permit would be necessary to host RV guests through the Harvest Hosts program, with Ryan explaining that it does not matter if guests are being charged or not, and that a permit would be needed for an RV park.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that the question of an RV park was not the matter being presented to the board.

Ryan indicated that she had no knowledge of the Harvest Hosts program beforehand and that it would be a separate permitting process if Wattier wants to continue doing that.

In response to another question from Ranson, Ryan clarified that staff recommended approval of the BCUP.

Multiple public comments were given on the matter, with three people speaking in favor of the project and three people opposing it.

Those opposing the project expressed concerns over the narrative around the project changing to potentially incorporate activities such

as ATV and snowmobile rides.

One resident stated, “This project will have a direct impact on our quality of life right across the road.”

Another commenter claimed that the property is not zoned for this type of use, appealing to the BoCC “to enforce the building codes and the zoning regulations that you currently have in place.”

Other concerns over resources and the effect on the surrounding area, as well as the quality of the tiny homes, were also expressed by those opposing the project.

One commenter stated that “no matter how fancy they are on the inside,” the tiny homes are still manufactured products with skirting being placed in the middle of an agricultural environment.

Nearby residents who spoke in favor of Wattier’s project commended his passion for regenerative farming and the benefits to the community by providing local food, education and local employment.

One commenter explained Wattier’s agritourism is “fully consistent” with the community plan and the character of the surrounding area.

One commenter gave an anecdotal story about their own experience of living in an RV traveling and staying at places like Wattier’s project and the value gained from that experience.

Brown asked if the county’s zoning allows for this type of operation, with Ryan confirming that wilderness lodges are allowed in agricultural ranching zones with the approval of a BCUP, and that the zoning does not change if the board approves it.

Medina referred to county attorney Cathleen Giovannini, asking if what was being requested met the standards.

Giovannini responded that she personally believes the application met all the standards, but that it is up to the BoCC to compare the application to the county’s review criteria.

Brown moved to approve the BCUP and, after the motion was seconded by Ranson, Brown offered a comment in regard to the county diversifying its economy, saying, “We have to be consistent with what we say and in what our actions are, and this is as close to agriculture as we can get.”

Ranson agreed that this project is a way to diversify the local economy.

Brown’s motion was then unanimously approved.

For more information on the planning commission’s hearing of the BCUP application, see the article “County planning commission approves permit for agritourism development” in the Sept. 11 edition of The SUN.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$150,000 to regional organizations

By Erin Hannan
El Pomar Foundation

El Pomar trustees approved \$150,000 allocated to 23 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the southwest region at the foundation’s September trustees meeting.

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

- Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado (Durango) — \$20,000 for America 250-Colorado 150 Southwest Local Organizing Committee; regional council.
- Crow Canyon Archaeological Center (Cortez) — \$1,000 for general operating support; staff merit.
- Dove Creek Care and Share Food Pantry (Cahone) — \$2,500 for food security initiatives; regional council.
- Durango Devo — \$5,000 for general operating support; Hybl Fund.
- Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Inc. (Pagosa Springs) - \$5,000 for general operating support; regional merit.
- Healthy Archuleta, Inc. (Pagosa Springs) — \$2,500 for food security initiatives; regional council.
- Housing Solutions for the Southwest Inc. (Durango) — \$5,000 for Housing Our Workforce Locally program; regional merit.
- Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Inc. — \$10,000 for emergency medical assistance; Hambrick Fund.
- Ignacio School District 11JT — \$10,000 for Title VI general operating support; regional merit.
- LASSO (La Salle) - \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund.
- Manna-The Durango Soup Kitchen — \$2,500 for food security initiatives; regional council.
- Medicine Horse Center — Therapeutic Riding and Equine Rehabilitation (Mancos) - \$7,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund.
- Montezuma County Public Health (Cortez) — \$1,000 for RISE Southwest Suicide Prevention Walk;

regional council.

- Pine River Shares (Bayfield) — \$2,500 for food security initiatives; regional council.
- RezDawg Rescue Inc. (Lafayette) — \$500 for general operating support; staff merit.
- Rico Fire Protection District — \$5,000 for general operating support; Wildland Fire Fund.
- Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation (Pagosa Springs) — \$10,000 for 100 Extraordinary Women program; regional merit.
- San Juan County Public Health Service (Silverton) — \$2,500 for Silverton Food Collective; regional council.
- Spring Creek Horse Rescue (Durango) — \$5,000 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund.
- TAILS of Transformation (Mancos) — \$2,500 for direct care of equines; Sally Beck Fund.
- Town of Dolores — \$25,000 for Joe Rowell Park renovations; competitive.
- Tribal Adaptive Organization (Durango) — \$10,000 for general operating support; competitive.
- Wolf Woods (Ignacio) — \$7,500 for direct care of animals; Hambrick Fund.

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose 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.

The Freda Hambrick Fund supports nonprofit organizations that prevent cruelty to animals, provide direct care and medical assistance, and offer educational programs for the proper care of and attention to

animals within the state of Colorado.

The Sally Beck Fund supports organizations providing direct care to equines, therapeutic riding programs, equine education programs and equine-related disaster response programs.

The Wildland Fire Fund assists with immediate emergency needs of volunteer firefighting agencies and first responders throughout the state of Colorado.

The Bill and Kathy Hybl Fund supports Olympic, Paralympic and youth sports. Bill Hybl, a lifetime public servant, has long been dedicated to amateur sport. Currently chairman of the United State Olympic Endowment, he believes the ideals of excellence, fair play and hard work are important for athletes as well as children.

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 11 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, nonprofit 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 proper-

ties: Penrose Heritage Museum, Penrose House Conference Center and Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun.

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State ballot measures

Only two ballot measures were voted on by the entirety of Archuleta County, with both being statewide ballot measures.

Proposition LL centered on keeping and spending all revenue generated by the 2022 voter-approved state tax deduction limits on individuals with incomes of \$300,000 or more, and maintaining those deduction limits, to continue the Healthy School Meals for All program.

The program pays public schools to offer free breakfast and lunch to all K-12 students.

Archuleta County voters aligned with the rest of the state, with 2,870, or 62.68 percent, voting in favor and 1,709, or 37.32 percent voting against it. Statewide, 64.66 percent of voters opted for the measure, with 35.34 percent voting against it.

Proposition MM centered on a proposed increase to state taxes of \$95 million for school meals and school assistance programs by increasing state taxable income for those who have a federal taxable income of \$300,000 or more by limiting itemized or standard state income deductions.

That, the question indicates, would be for the purposes of fully funding the Health School Meals for All program to provide free breakfast and lunch; increase wages for employees who prepare and serve school meals; help schools use “nutritious ingredients, instead of processed products and ensure that Colorado-grown and raised products are part of school meals; and support the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP.

Archuleta County voters again aligned with the rest of the state, with 2,638 voters, or 57.41 percent, voting in favor and 1,957, or 42.59 percent, voting against it. Statewide, 58.07 percent voted in favor and 41.93 percent voted against it.

School district offices

Voters within Bayfield School

District 10 JT-R voted to elect three candidates to four-year terms on the board of directors: Rebecca Parnell, Matt Turner and Gary Maestas.

Parnell received 29.94 percent of the vote, including two votes from voters within Archuleta County; Turner earned 25.33 percent of the vote, including four votes from Archuleta County voters; and Maestas received 22.71 percent of the vote, including two votes from Archuleta County voters.

Robert Coronado Jr. received 22.02 percent of the vote, including four votes from within Archuleta County.

Voters within Ignacio School District 11JT voted in two candidates to serve four-year terms on the board of directors: James P. Bulwan and Leila C. Baker.

Bulwan received 39.81 percent of the vote, including 98 votes from within Archuleta County. Baker received 34.58 percent of the vote, including 89 votes from within Archuleta County.

Christine Sage received 55.62 percent of the vote, including 93 votes from Archuleta County voters.

Special district ballot measures

Voters in Colorado’s Timber Ridge Metropolitan District were asked to vote on Ballot Question 6A, which concerned eliminating term limits for board members and allowing board members to serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms.

The measure passed, with 64 voting in favor and 24 voting against it.

Upper Pine River Fire Protection District voters voted in favor of Ballot Issue 7B, which asked for the approval of a new 1 percent sales tax on transactions in that district.

Across the district, 57.61 percent of voters approved of the measure, including two votes from Archuleta County voters. A total of 42.39 percent voted against it, including one Archuleta County voter.

The ballot question indicates the revenue will go toward providing adequate staffing to address increasing emergency call volume, investing in

training and staff retention, maintain fire and Emergency Medical Services equipment and vehicles to extend their useful lives and replace them when necessary, invest in updating firefighter safety gear and equipment, and improve and equip current and future fire stations to maintain response times.

Voter turnout

Archuleta County’s voter turnout largely mirrored the statewide number, with Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta reporting a 35 percent turnout rate.

She notes in an email to The SUN the turnout “is unfortunately average for a Coordinated Election.”

The state reports a 35.04 percent turnout statewide.

Archuleta also reports everything with the election went smoothly considering all the changes the office has faced recently.

“Everything went smooth considering we are trying to still adjust to our new office,” Archuleta wrote, noting the office received “a lot of” pushback from voters over confusion about the office’s location. “We tried to communicate frequently via the county website, social media, voice-mail, signage (where we had access), our secrecy sleeve that was included in every ballot and as well as information in the Pagosa Sun.”

The office, now located at 305 Village Drive, was forced to relocate in June after an act of alleged arson closed the former office at 449 San Juan St.

“Next year, I hope to have to have a [24-hour dropbox] at the new location,” she notes. “We moved the one from the old courthouse to Town Hall

so downtown voters would have access to turn their ballots in without having to come up to our office.”

Archuleta also noted she’s thankful for those who helped carry out the election.

“I am thankful for my staff, judges, IT, maintenance and anyone else that had a hand in the election,” she wrote.

Voters can fix signature, ID issues using Colorado BallotCure

According to the Colorado Secretary of State’s Office, Colorado voters have until Nov. 12 to correct any signature or ID issue with their 2025 coordinated election ballot.

“Every voter who casts a ballot can ensure it is counted, even if it was first held for an ID or signature issue,” said Secretary Jena Griswold. “Colorado BallotCure gives Coloradans an additional tool to fix their ballot using a computer or smartphone.”

Voters whose ballots have been held for “cure,” or correction, will receive a notice from their county clerk and a message from BallotTrax if they are enrolled.

Colorado voters can correct these discrepancies by following the instructions received from the County, or by using Colorado BallotCure.

To use Colorado BallotCure:

- Visit www.GoVoteColorado.gov.
- Select “Cure my ballot.”
- Follow the prompts.

Colorado BallotCure is the second generation of electronic ballot curing previously called Txt2Cure.

Editor’s note: For transparency, SUN Editor Randi Pierce is related to Pagosa Springs Mayor Shari Pierce. randi@pagosasun.com

Veterans

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Dress is casual; however, uniforms are always welcome. Contact Ed Robinson, (970) 731-0718, with any questions.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day will kick off with the annual breakfast hosted by the Pagosa Springs Middle School’s eighth-grade class.

The breakfast will again be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center from 7:30 to 10 a.m.

The Color Guard will hold a flag presentation ceremony at 9 a.m.

All veterans are invited.

At 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, the Honor Guard will hold it’s formal ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County, with the San Juan Squadron leading the event with a missing man formation flyover at 11 a.m.

That evening, the The Patriotic Order of the Knights of Columbus, Father John Bowe Assembly, invite all veterans to a free spaghetti dinner at Pope John Paul Catholic Church located at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Dinner will be served from 4 to 6 p.m. and will include spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, lemonade, water

and dessert. Non-veterans are welcome for a \$10 donation. There will be a military service video presentation.

Friday, Nov. 14

The week will cap off with Vets-4Vets’ second annual dinner and dance at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse from 5 to 9 p.m.

The event honors veterans in addition to raising funds to directly help local veterans throughout the year.

“It’s an evening for everyone — families, neighbors and friends — to come together in gratitude, reflection and celebration,” organizers state.

According to organizers, guests can look forward to an inspiring evening filled with:

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Tickets are \$49 per person and may be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/47teHo> or at the door. All proceeds benefit local veteran support services.

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Judges

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Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson and is effective Jan. 2, 2026.

Stewart is a La Plata County Court judge in the 6th Judicial District, a position he has held since 2023. His docket consists of criminal and civil matters.

Previously, he was a deputy district attorney in the 6th Judicial District Attorney’s Office (2009-2022); associate attorney at the Law Office of Patrick J. Mulligan, P.C. (2002-2008); associate attorney at Stinnett, Thiebaud and Remington, L.L.P. (2001-2002); and assistant district attorney in Kaufman County, Texas (1999-2001).

Stewart earned his B.A. from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1995 and his J.D. from Texas Wesleyan School of Law in 1998.

New vacancies

The 6th Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet on Dec. 1 at the La Plata County Courthouse, 1060 East Second Ave. in Durango,

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Laue

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belongings,” he wrote. Laue’s parents then hid him with neighbors in Bensheim.

“Only one bomb was ever dropped on that city and it was less [than] 200 feet from where I lived,” he wrote. “Everyone died except a girl my age that I tried to play with.”

Laue recalled he was not allowed to play with the girl.

“My father only let me visit with [her] through the fence,” he wrote, explaining there was a chain-link fence around the property.

Of the bombing, he wrote, “When the neighbor’s house was destroyed, I was hiding in the cellar. I remember the house violently shaking.”

Laue was 11 at the time. He was 12 when the war ended.

Laue noted his mom often stayed with him and his brother, but at other times stayed with his dad while the boys were in hiding with neighbors.

He had no idea why he was “farmed out” to live with other people. At one point, he stayed with others for a year.

Reflecting

“Now when I reflect on it, I see what a miracle it is that I’m alive,” Laue said.

In his writing and in interviews over the summer, Laue relayed aspects of his experience during the Holocaust.

“My mother looked very Jewish,” he said, recalling his mother considered surgery to help her appear less Jewish.

He noted his father, a Lutheran German, was not comfortable with her Jewish heritage and would often walk ahead of her.

Laue relayed his parents had so much fear they tried to commit suicide, but her sister found them and called for help.

He noted they felt it was the only solution. Laue was about 8 at the time.

His mother, a concert pianist, also got blood poisoning and lost the use of her hand.

Laue stated he saw Hitler one time when he paraded through town with a motorcade.

He also recalls starting class by looking at a photo of Hitler and reciting, “Heil Hitler.”

Laue indicated his family’s connections to the war were varied and included those who were pro-Hitler and others who died in concentration camps.

“My sisters were 12 and 13 years older than I was,” Laue said. “And they were different. In fact, ... my second oldest sister was a Hitler fanatic. And she tried to get me involved in the Hitler Youth. She was a different breed.” Laue noted he did not know if she knew of her Jewish heritage at the time.

“We never talked about it,” he said, adding he never knew if their parents told her, but that they probably did.

He noted she went on to be on national radio programs in America due to her talent with the accordion.

Laue explained his oldest sister, Ruth, married a man before the war who was killed in Russia, but had a baby girl, Renate, who is now the only surviving relative Laue has who remembers his past.

Laue also noted his father’s brother, who was “very German,” had a great love for Jewish people and helped a “great number” of Jewish people escape being drafted into Hitler’s army.

He was imprisoned after the war, according to Laue.

“I always loved him very much, and his wife,” Laue said, noting he was a respected man in Bremen.

Laue said his father was not drafted into Hitler’s army because he was “sneaky.”

When his dad got his draft notice, Laue relayed, he was about 50 and drank a lot of coffee to give himself an erratic heartbeat, which allowed



Photo courtesy Laue family

Peter Laue, right, is pictured with his brother and mother in 1942.

him to not be drafted.

“He faked a heart problem in order to stay out of the draft,” he said, adding his dad also helped a lot of Jewish people.

“Some of our relatives on my mother’s side died in concentration camps. My grandparents on my mother’s side were originally from Germany,” Laue wrote.

Laue noted his parents knew people who were sent to concentration camps.

After the war

“I did not begin to understand until after the war was over and my parents told me I was Jewish,” Laue said, adding he was told as soon as his parents knew it would be safe to tell him.

Then he learned why others were wearing stars.

Laue explained that finding out he was Jewish was just information. At that point, he didn’t know about the concentration camps.

It wasn’t until he was about to finish his own military service that he found out about concentration camps and the “brutality” was revealed.

“I was a fighter,” Laue said about looking back at what he lived through, adding it’s by God’s grace he’s still alive.

Laue, whose mother was American (Laue’s parents met in Atlantic

City, N.J., with the pair marrying in 1918 or 1919 and moving to Germany), immigrated with his mother and brother to America in 1946 with the help of his mother’s sister.

His father and sisters made the move a few years later.

Laue noted when his mom learned how much his aunt hated his father, they moved out, and the three of them were on their own for two years.

The family became caretakers of the place where they rented a room, then his mom became a filing clerk in New York, making \$25 a week.

“In retrospect, I see my mother was an incredible fighter,” Laue said.

She also took piano lessons from someone who could help her learn to play with one hand and one finger.

Laue explained he adopted the name Peter when he was in junior high in America because classmates had a hard time with his name.

The draft and beyond

In 1953, at age 19, Laue was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Letters from Laue to his family during his time in the service (his mother saved every letter he wrote home) indicate he was a conscientious objector, which led to him serving as a clerk typist in the office of admission at the Army hospital in

Nuremberg, Germany.

Laue did not revisit the letters to his family until he was 77.

At that point, he bound them in a volume that also includes a reflective introduction and epilogue where Laue reflected on his old self.

He wrote, “Although foreign born, he loved America and considered it an honor to serve his adopted country as a soldier. He spent all of his active duty in Germany, the country of his birth.”

The volume also notes it was a difficult time in Laue’s life.

“Life as a soldier was a daily challenge for the author,” it states. “His religious leanings and idealism made him conspicuous amongst his comrades and superiors. He was a conscientious objector and a vegetarian at the time he was drafted. At first he was able to demonstrate that this should not disqualify him from being an asset to the army. Eventually, however, he ‘caved in.’” Laue notes in 1953 an “inner struggle began to ravage his soul” and while he was able to hide it at first, it ultimately led to his hospitalization for a few weeks until he was able to resume his duties.

Laue was honorably discharged in 1955.

But, before that discharge, Laue was able to take a trip down memory lane.

“I went to visit my home and my friends,” Laue said of revisiting where he used to live as a boy in Germany. He notes he visited many of his relatives and friends and the places where he grew up and hid.

Refuge

For the last 48 years, Laue has called a cabin on Lake Pagosa home — and a refuge.

Laue went on to marry Rebekah MacArthur Laue— a relative of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The two were married 52 years before her passing on Oct. 26.

Rebekah Laue, Peter Laue noted, survived the Pearl Harbor attack when she was 6. Her father was an engineer hired by the U.S. Navy to build a power plant.

Peter Laue noted he is who he is because of his marriage to Rebekah Laue.

The pair opened their home to thousands as a place of refuge, Peter Laue, explained, and began multiple ministries.

Laue said he’s grateful for the school of life, noting he is who he is because of what he’s lived through.

He added the memories are strong and real, but are not disturbing anymore and are instead part of who he is.

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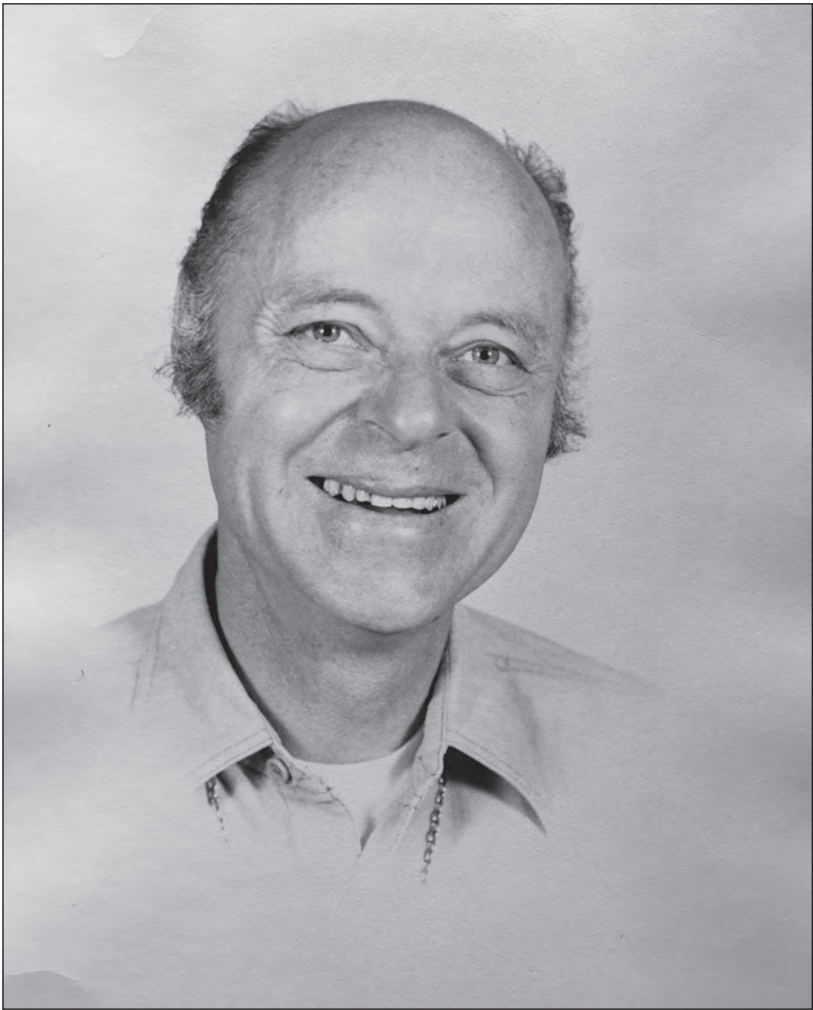


Photo courtesy Laue family

Peter Laue one year after arriving in Pagosa Springs in 1978.

Crashes

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roadway, according to the CSP. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) used a plow to clear the roadway of the cargo and debris.

The release notes the initial investigation revealed that the semi was traveling at an excessive speed, with smoke coming from the brakes, and that the driver failed to take the runaway truck ramp 1.5 miles before the crash.

An extended recovery is expected as crews work to recover the semi and trailer. The Colorado State Patrol Vehicular Crimes Unit will be handling the investigation. CDOT and the Colorado State Patrol Hazmat Unit assisted with cleanup.

The driver’s name was not immediately released.

A second crash involving a different semi occurred later that morning

west of Pagosa Springs.

According to Sgt. Ivan Alvarado with the CSP, a call came in at 10:56 a.m. for a crash on U.S. 160 at mile marker 134, Oakridge Road.

That crash, he explains in an email to The SUN, involved a 2023 Ford Maverick versus a 2023 Peterbilt semi. “The semi veered off and hit a house,” Alvarado explains, adding three people were trapped and then transported for medical care.

He notes there were no reports of serious injuries.

A third vehicle that was parked, a Jeep, was hit with debris, he adds.

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, another vehicle crash claimed the life of an Arboles man.

According to an email from CSP Trooper Hunter Mathews, the crash occurred on eastbound U.S. 160 near

milepost 117 at about 6:25 p.m. on Nov. 4.

He notes “involved a single vehicle that traveled about 150 feet off the right shoulder of the roadway and rolled an unknown number of times.”

The driver, he explains, was a 45-year-old male from Arboles who was ejected from the vehicle during the rolling and was pronounced deceased on scene.

Mathews notes the incident remains under investigation and no other information was available as of Wednesday morning, Nov. 5.

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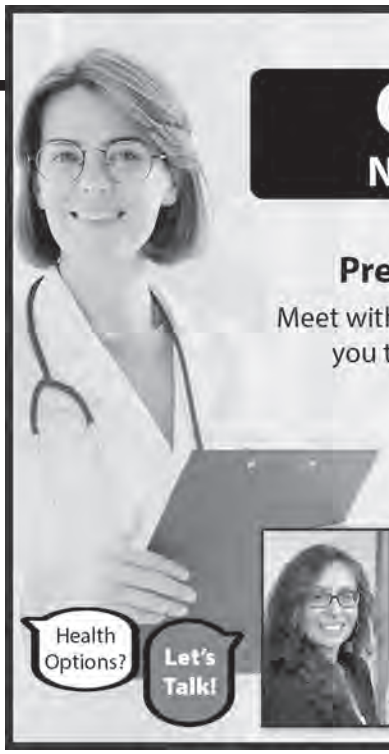
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Education



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Approximately 850 students from the region attended educational programs at Four Mile Ranch over the course of about six weeks this fall, with Audubon Rockies, the San uan Mountains Association and volunteers providing educational experiences, as well as connecting students to nature and building memories.

Students connect with nature at Four Mile Ranch through educational programs

By Keith Bruno
Audubon Rockies

As the fall season starts to wind itself toward winter's slow amble, Audubon Rockies would like to take this moment to thank all the contributing volunteers that made another season a success of working with regional students at Four Mile Ranch.

Totalling well over 1,000 hours of dedication, the volunteers who step forward each fall to lead field trips through the beautiful upland and bottomland forests at the ranch truly make the program "tick." Without their support and willingness to share their expertise and time, the program would simply not exist. We'd also like to extend our appreciation to our partners at San Juan Mountains Association, as they assisted with curriculum development, instruction and participation in the program.

This year, we welcomed several new programs to the mix, including extending opportunities to pre-K students at Seeds of Learning, two small middle school groups from Ignacio and Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS), and provided historical schools (PSES, PPOS and Our Savior Lutheran School) with some new grade-level content for learners in

kindergarten through fourth grade.

We hosted approximately 850 students from the region over the course of about six weeks, instilling foundational connections and memories in nature that we hope lead to more conservation successes in the future.

Programs at Four Mile Ranch revolve around ecological concepts that build on one another each visit. As a culmination this year, fourth-graders participated in a bioblitz, creating a biotic index, in a portion of the ranch's bottomland that we haven't operated in for several years.

Students effectively identified 21 species of plants, tallied 106 terrestrial insect observations, recorded 108 mammal and bird sightings, and logged 16 different species of macroinvertebrates (water-dwelling animals lacking backbones) in Four Mile Creek.

In the process, students learned how meaningful it is to connect to the environment around us, further building a sense of place as we make observations in the natural world.

Lastly, we would like to thank the owners and caretakers of Four Mile ranch for hosting our programs at a remarkably beautiful location only 5 miles away from downtown Pagosa Springs.



Rotary Club hosting exchange student from Taiwan

By Lisa Scott
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is currently hosting Wennai Chan, high school sophomore, from New Taipei, Taiwan, who arrived in Pagosa Springs Aug. 20.

New Taipei is the second largest city in Taiwan and is in the northern part of the island, which is surrounded by the South China Sea. Chan's father is an engineer and her mother is an art curator, and she has an 8-year-old sister. She and her family live in a suburb community that is away from the commotion of the urban city and has more parks and trees.

At Pagosa Springs High School, she is enrolled in typical American classes, including U.S. history, English and math. She is also taking art classes, which are her favorite. Chan is very interested in dance, music, art and literature. She is participating in dance classes at the Pagosa Springs Dance Academy.

Last school year, Tommy Nigro, from Zevio, Italy, was hosted by the families of Marcella and Graham Denen, Darin and Erin Richy, and Cristi and Ben Dozier. Everyone had wonderful exchange experiences and made close family connections.

The Rotary exchange program is always interested in talking with students who are interested in the outbound program and families that

are interested in hosting a student. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this opportunity should contact Rotarians Lisa Scott, (970) 749-4268, lisascott5680@icloud.com; Ronnie Doctor, (920) 946-6367; or Granton Bartz, (970) 946-2827.

The Rotary Clubs in Pagosa Springs have participated in the International Youth Exchange Program since 1991.

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

Rotary clubs in Pagosa Springs include the noon club, which meets Thursdays at noon at Coyote Moon, and the evening club meets every other Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Ramon's. Rotary is always accepting new members and invites anyone who would like to explore the opportunity to make contact with any community Rotarian or the names listed above.

Rotary International is a global network of more than 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves — through service and action.



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Wennai Chan, Rotary exchange student from New Taipei, Taiwan, is pictured with Jenelle Syverson, president of the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs.



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Sports

FOOTBALL

Pirates earn playoff spot after defeating Alamosa, claiming league title

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team claimed the Intermountain League (IML) title after defeating the Alamosa Mean Moose 24-21 on Friday, Oct. 31, at Golden Peaks Stadium.

"I thought they played well. They've been playing well the last four games before that, and they continue to play well," coach Nathan Morales said of the Pirates.

He noted that the Pirates' defense was able to swarm to the ball, tackle well, create turnovers "and did all those things that you're supposed to to win games."

Morales explained the Pirates were able to force a turnover on the opening kickoff by recovering a fumble, though the Pirates' offense coughed it up just a few plays later.

He mentioned the message to the team was that they "gotta take care of the football" and focus on controlling the controllables.

According to stats entered into Max Preps and shared with The SUN, the Pirates were able to hold off the Mean Moose and get the ball back. They capped off their second offensive possession with a 1-yard touchdown run by Creede Dozier, putting the Pirates up 6-0 after a failed extra-point attempt.

Dozier totaled 2 yards and one touchdown on two carries on the night, with his one pass attempt resulting in an incomplection.

The Mean Moose were able to hit back with a rushing touchdown of their own on the following drive, taking a 7-6 lead into the second quarter.

On their second offensive possession of the second quarter, Pirate runningback Colton Lucero broke free for a 48-yard touchdown rush, and following a successful two-point attempt, the Pirates retook the lead 14-7.

The Pirates' defense kept Alamosa scoreless in the second quarter.

On the final play of the first half with just one second left on the clock, Hudson Mazur converted a 27-yard field goal to put the Pirates up 17-7 at halftime.

"We've been getting better and better as the year's gone on," Morales said. "Just knowing our assignments better."

Alamosa opened the scoring in the second half with a 1-yard touchdown run that brought the score to 17-14 as the game entered the fourth quarter.

A 5-yard touchdown run by Mazur capped off the Pirates' opening offensive drive of the quarter, extending their lead to 24-14 with under 10 minutes to play.

Alamosa then hit back on their following offensive possession with a 26-yard passing touchdown to bring them within one score at 24-21, but the Pirates' offense was able to run the clock down under one minute, before fumbling and turning the ball over.

A failed Hail Mary attempt by Alamosa on the last play of the game saw the Pirates secure the victory, defeating the Mean Moose 24-21.

"I thought we all played well as a whole," Morales said of the Pirates, noting they're playing their best at the end of the season.

The Pirates' offense put up a total of 238 yards on the night, with Lucero leading the team in rushing yards, racking up 175 yards and one touchdown on his 29 carries.

Mazur had eight carries on the night, going for a total of 47 yards and one touchdown, while Alex Pacheco carried the ball five times for a total of 12 yards.

Jeremiah Dean had two carries for a total of 2 yards on the night.

The Pirates' defense forced two turnovers, with Pacheco coming up with one interception, which he re-



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

A gang of Pirates swarm to take down an Alamosa ball carrier. Pagosa Springs defeated Alamosa on Friday, Oct. 31, by a score of 24-21, claiming the Intermountain League title.

turned for 62 yards, and Kasen Limebrook recording a fumble recovery.

Pacheco also led the Pirates in solo tackles on the night, recording six, followed by Mazur, who had five.

Aidan Vega recorded four solo tackles, while Dozier and Zander Lefthandbull each recorded three.

Lucero recorded the Pirates' only tackle for loss on the night.

Alamosa was able to put up 350 yards of total offense, 204 passing and 146 rushing.

Morales commented that the Pirates have to continue getting better with both their pass and run defense as they prepare for their playoff game against the Elizabeth Cardinals.

"When you play a good team, you gotta take away one or the other," Morales said in regard to defending a pass- or run-heavy offense, noting Alamosa was able to do a good job throwing the ball.

He also noted that in their first game against Elizabeth, the Cardinals were able to exploit the Pirates early with a couple of big passing plays.

Morales went on to mention that if the Pirates are able to create turnovers and win the turnover battle, that is more important than focusing on how many yards they allow the other team to gain.

Morales also commented on playing in front of a home crowd for the last time this season, saying, "It's always fun playing in front of our home crowd."

He mentioned that over the past four years he has been the head coach, every time the Pirates get to play at home they are backed by a

large, supportive crowd.

"It's fun knowing you have the community behind you," he said.

When asked about winning the IML title, Morales indicated that it is a great accomplishment, but the bigger focus is that it simply means the team is winning its games.

"If you're winning league titles, you're winning games, and we want to win games. So, yeah, it's a good thing ... but really it's about being the best you can at the end, and I think we are that," he said.

He explained that the Pirates have not digressed throughout the season as they've focused on getting better each week.

"I think we've gotten a lot better each and every game," he said, noting there's not much else to ask for, adding that it's "great to win the league 'cause that means you're winning games."

Playoffs

With the win, the Pirates boast an overall record of 6-3, including an undefeated league record of 5-0, putting them as the No. 13 team in the state's 2A division and earning them

a first-round playoff game against the No. 4 ranked Cardinals.

"They're a good football team," Morales said of the Cardinals, noting there is a reason as to why they're the No. 4-ranked team in the state.

"We gotta do all the little things right," Morales said.

The Pirates squared off against the Cardinals once already this season on Sept. 26, in a game the Pirates lost 41-0. That was the last game the Pirates lost during the regular season.

"It's gonna be a fun game," Morales said, mentioning that with the teams facing each other for a second time this season, "it makes it for more of a chess match."

The Pirates will travel to Elizabeth again to take on the Cardinals at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The Cardinals are 7-2 on the season.

Morales also commented that the playoffs are essentially a new season and that the games before no longer matter.

"All that matters is how we play this game," he said.

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Pirate running back Colton Lucero makes an Alamosa defender miss while rushing the ball in the team’s matchup on Friday, Oct. 31. Lucero led the Pirates with 175 rushing yards and one touchdown on the night.

SOCCKER

Pirates exit playoffs after hard-fought first-round match

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys’ soccer team exited the state playoffs after falling to the Atlas Preparatory School Gryphons 3-1 in Colorado Springs on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

The Pirates entered the postseason as the No. 23 team, going up against the No. 10 Gryphons.

Coach Trevor Gian explained that the style of play the Pirates faced was “a little bit different” than the majority of competition the team saw during the regular season, with the Gryphons being quick with their first touch, passing and movement.

“It was fun to play soccer again,” Gian said, explaining the Pirates had opportunities and time to control the ball, string together passes and look for plays going forward without having to take on heavy challenges at every moment.

Gian also noted the match was played on a turf field, causing the ball to move and take faster bounces at times.

Gian explained the first 10 minutes of the match were “pretty critical” as the Pirates attempted to settle in and find some control.

“We had to adjust to that early,” he said, but “we settled in.”

The Gryphons were able to get on the scoreboard first with a goal coming around the 15-minute mark from a corner kick that was taken short, with the Gryphons getting a shot off quickly, Gian explained.

Gian added that the Pirates were able to create some scoring chances of their own in the first half, mainly by moving attacking players in behind the Gryphons defenders.

“We were able to get behind, too, on counters,” he said, noting that was part of the Pirates’ game plan going into the match.

Gian mentioned again the opening portion of the match was “pretty fast-paced,” but the Pirates felt confident in their ability to play the ball up through the midfield and look to play through balls.

He also explained there was more structure and “flow to the game” than what the Pirates faced during their Intermountain League matches, noting the Pirates did not have many games this season to prepare for that style of play.

“It was nice to get a chance to possess the ball, to look at quality transitions,” Gian said, noting the Pirates were playing with creativity and vision on the field.

Gian mentioned that giving up the goal early in the first half from the corner kick “hurt,” but that “we never panicked.”

The Pirates were able to gain more possession of the ball as the first half went on, creating quality chances, Gian explained.

At halftime, down 1-0, Gian explained that was a situation the Pirates were kind of hoping for — to be in a tight game with everything to play for in the second half.

Gian spoke highly of the Pirates’ resiliency shown throughout the season, noting that being behind was not ideal, but the Pirates have shown

that they are capable of coming from behind to win.

“We were ready to just go do our thing,” he said.

Gian recalled multiple missed chances for both teams in the first half, noting that a “couple bounces here and there in that game really dictated the outcome, little bit unfortunate here and there for a few things.”

Gian also noted that Gavin Carter was unable to go the whole match, explaining Carter picked up a “strain” in warmups and was not 100 percent ready, and only able to play for about 10 minutes before needing to come off.

“We had our chance, and that’s all we can ask for,” Gian said, noting that he was disappointed to lose the match, but not disappointed with the way the Pirates played.

Gian added that the injury to Carter was a “tough blow,” but he commended other Pirates for stepping up and finding a way to make an impact.

“We knew we were getting ready to give it everything we had in that second half, and we did,” Gian said.

In the second half, the Pirates were able to generate some offensive play through counterattacks spearheaded by Jacob Castaneda, Chance Ramirez and Ryder King, Gian noted.

Gian commented that King “did a fantastic job” on the day, despite missing a couple of scoring chances.

“Obviously we’re not in any kind of position like we are without him this year,” Gian said of King, noting it was unfortunate for the Pirate to not be able to put away more goals, “but it wasn’t for a lack of effort that we lose that game.”

He added, “We fought tooth and nail.”

Gian explained there were two calls in the second half that could have influenced the match, pointing toward one possible missed call in the Gryphon’s penalty area with a Pirate being pushed down while going for a header. Another foul against King was called as he was tackled from behind on a “promising attack,” though no Gryphons defender was carded.

The Pirates began pushing up the field more with Milo Deitemeyer and Castaneda attempting to put the Gryphons under more pressure, Gian explained.

The Gryphons were able to score two more times with a good finish and a quicker reaction to the ball in a slightly chaotic moment in the Pirates’ penalty area, Gian explained.

After going down 3-0, Gian mentioned that it could have been easy for the Pirates to get down on themselves in a hostile environment on the road up against a quality team and passionate fans, but the Pirates did just the opposite.

“We held ourselves together,” Gian said, noting there was “no give-up in those boys” as the Pirates fought hard until the final whistle.

Gian added that he “couldn’t be more proud” of the season the Pirates had and that “it’s not always about results. It’s about who we are.”

The Pirates were able to pull one goal back in the closing portion of the match with goal on a “great individual effort” by Deitemeyer, who was able to beat a Gryphon defender and “poke it home” past the goalkeeper.

Gian described the goal as a “great moment” with the Pirates putting the Gryphons on their heels a little bit before the end of the match.

Gian noted that Deitemeyer created a couple of other scoring opportunities and that the Pirates got what they wanted with the Gryphon defense as they were able to generate multiple chances with quick through balls being played behind their backline.

“We had some really good looks,” Gian said. “Just wasn’t our day.”

He explained that the Gryphons were able to capitalize on their chances and that, on a different day, with a couple of different bounces, the score could have also been different.

“Some days it’s like that,” he said, mentioning the team was obviously heartbroken for its season to end, but that he couldn’t be more proud of the Pirates never giving up and fighting “to the end.”

“I’ll take those guys against anybody,” Gian said of the Pirates.

Gian also commended the Gryphons, noting they are the No. 10-ranked team in the state for a reason, and they were able to rise to their moment, but that each team was able to dominate the game at times, with the majority of the match being fairly even and competitive.

The Pirates ended the match with a total of 20 shots, with 10 of those being on target.

King attempted six shots, with two of those on target; Castaneda attempted two shots, with one on target; Ramirez attempted three shots, with two on target; Deitemeyer attempted five shots, with four on target and one goal; and Hudson Davis attempted four shots, with one on target.

Pirate goalkeeper Ethan Bracken played 60 minutes and came up with three saves, while Taylor Wells played 20 minutes and came up with four saves.

“We had our chance, and that’s all we can ask for,” Gian said, noting that he was disappointed to lose the match, but not disappointed with the way the Pirates played.

Gian noted that everyone who traveled with the team was able to get some playing time, highlighting the importance of getting younger players experience in first-round playoff matches.

Gian explained that one of his messages to the team after the game was that the Pirates have shown they can compete with just about anybody.

“If that’s a top 10 team, I feel we can play with anybody in the state on that 3A level,” he said.

Gian went on to comment on the

seniors who played their last game as a Pirate, noting that is always a hard day and an emotional moment.

He explained that the team is always playing to win, but that these are young people “playing the game they love, and that’s what we try to get back to” after a long and demanding season.

Gian commented that the Pirates have “earned the respect that hopefully teams are giving ‘em.”

“We had such a great squad,” Gian said, noting it is bittersweet for the season coming to a close. “I’ll miss this team for sure.”

Gian also mentioned that, despite the loss to Atlas Preparatory, the Pirates “got back to having fun” and

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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Pirates draw season to close with win

By Randi Pierce

Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team finished its season on a high note, capping off its 2025 campaign with a win.

The 3A Lady Pirates ended the season by going 2-2 at the Coal Ridge Tournament on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, where they took on four different 4A opponents.

Despite the wins, the Lady Pirates were unable to break into the 3A play-offs, ending the season at No. 38, with 36 teams advancing.

Four Intermountain League teams are advancing to regionals: No. 1 Alamosa, No. 6 Bayfield, No. 10 Centauri and No. 25 Cortez.

“Overall, we thought the tournament was a strong reflection of the growth this team has shown all season,” coach Chelsea Caler wrote in an email to The SUN. “We had a bit of a slow start, but once the girls found their rhythm, they really finished strong against some tough competition, we finished 2-2 at the tournament.”

The Lady Pirates first took on the Palisade Bulldogs, with the Bulldogs winning 2-0.

The Bulldogs took the first set 25-19 and the second set 25-15.

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

The Bulldogs now hold an 11-12 record on the season.

Later that day, the Lady Pirates took on the Rifle Bears, with the Pirates handing the Bears a 2-1 loss.

The Bears won the first set 25-20, but the Lady Pirates rebounded to take the next two and the win: 25-19

and 15-10.

The Lady Pirates had 23 kills in the matchup, led by Lexi Campbell's nine and Avea Bruce's five. Hayden Peterson and Kaila Limebrook each had three, Dawson Iverson had two, and Amber Snarr had one.

“We’ll definitely miss this senior group. All five were starters and key pieces to the team this year. They brought heart, energy, and a lot of fun to the program,” Caler wrote, adding she wishes them all the best as they move on.

The Lady Pirates had seven serving aces, with Charity Domingo tallying three, Tatiana Monterroso notching two, and Campbell and Peterson having one each.

The team had two total blocks, with Campbell, Peterson, Bruce and Limebrook contributing assisted blocks.

Campbell led the team in digs, logging nine of the team's 38. Domingo had eight, Peterson and Snarr had five each, Monterroso had four, Bruce and Limebrook had three each, and Iverson had one.

Peterson logged all 15 of the team's assists.

Campbell also led the Lady Pirates

in serve receptions with 12 of the team's 40. Snarr had 10 receptions, Domingo had eight, Monterroso had seven, Limebrook had two and Iverson had one.

The Bears ended the season 1-22.

The next day, on Saturday, Nov. 1, the Lady Pirates took on the Glenwood Springs Demons, with the Demons logging the 2-0 win.

The Lady Pirates had 14 kills, with Campbell notching six, Limebrook tallying three, Peterson logging two, and one each coming from Sydney Plake, Bruce and Iverson.

Campbell and Peterson each had a serving ace.

The team had one total block, split by Campbell and Limebrook.

The Lady Pirates had 43 digs, led by Peterson's 12. Campbell had eight, Domingo and Snarr had six each, Limebrook notched two, Monterroso and Iverson had two each, and Plake and Bruce had one each.

Peterson tallied all 12 of the team's assists.

Pagosa had 37 serve receptions in the matchup, led by Snarr's 10 receptions. Campbell had eight, Iverson had seven, Limebrook had six, Monterroso had four and Domingo had two.

The Demons are now 20-3 on the season.

Later that day, the Lady Pirates closed out the season with a win over the Delta Panthers, winning the first set 25-20 and the second 25-21.

Stats from the matchup were not available by press time.

The Panthers are now 5-18 on the season.

“What stood out most to us was their grit and composure, they truly

dug deep and battled hard, especially against Glenwood, where they played one of their best matches of the year and kept them out of system nearly the entire game,” Caler wrote. “It was also one of our best weekends serving as a team, and Lexi really shined all-around with her kills, digs, and serve receive. Hayden had an excellent weekend as well, running the offense and contributing in every area.”

The Lady Pirates ended the season with a 5-18 record, with Caler indicating the team experienced a lot of growth.

“Looking back on the season as a whole, the biggest areas of growth were confidence and competing at a higher level,” she wrote. “By the end of the season, we were playing with belief, adapting defensively, improving our blocking, and learning to be smarter offensively. Even though we weren’t the biggest hitting team, we learned how to use strategy and placement to our advantage and keep teams out of system. The potential moving forward is exciting, our C and JV teams are learning the same systems and expectations, so we’re entering next season at a much higher starting point as a program.”

The Lady Pirates will lose five starters from this year's squad to graduation: Domingo, Campbell, Peterson, Snarr and Limebrook.

“We’ll definitely miss this senior group. All five were starters and key pieces to the team this year. They brought heart, energy, and a lot of fun to the program,” Caler wrote, adding she wishes them all the best as they move on.

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scored four goals on the season.

The Pirates as a team scored a total of 50 goals on the season, and allowed only 12.

Leading the Pirates in assists on the season were Ramirez and Carter, each with seven. They're followed up by Elmer Castillo who had four assists on the season.

The Pirates ended the season with an overall record of 11-3-1 and league mark of 5-0-1.

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Soccer

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were able to enjoy playing quality soccer against a quality opponent.

“It was fun just to play soccer again,” he said. “I think we did a great job up there.”

Gian indicated that the Pirates may try to schedule more matches against opponents from the Denver metro and Front Range areas during next year's regular season to help prepare the team for what kind of competition it might face in the

playoffs.

“Coming from Pagosa, you have to play with heart,” Gian said, commenting on the team's effort and how that speaks to them as individuals, not just soccer players.

He added, “They got a lot to look forward to.”

Gian also commended assistant coach Dyan Rice, along with the program's junior varsity players and “everyone who was asked to step up,” noting it has “just been a really, really

quality experience here to be a Pirate, and hopefully they enjoyed it, too.”

Season leaders

According to stats entered into Max Preps, King led the Pirates in goals scored on the season with a total of 16 goals scored in 15 games.

Carter was second in goals scored on the season, scoring a total of 11 goals in 15 games, followed by Deitemeyer, who scored a total of seven.

Ramirez and Castaneda each



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County Court
Archuleta Combined Courts
109 Harman Park Dr.
PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Date Filed: January 5, 2024
Case Number: 2001C134
Petitioner(s): Corey Stone, Dale Stone parent & next of friend
v.
Respondent: Jason X Chavez, Betsy Chavez Parent & next of friend

MOTION TO DISMISS PERMANENT PROTECTION ORDER

As the Restrained Person, I, Jason X Chavez, am requesting that the current Protection Order be modified/ dismissed for the following reasons:

I was never served and was incarcerated at the time. I had no ability to show up to defend myself. My mother who responded to the summons kept all information from me about it so I had no idea it had ever happened. Corey Stone had instigated the situation and made threats of his own before our confrontation and then attempted to play the victim. It has been 20 years and I have not seen this person since I literally forgot he existed.

The following must be complied with by the RESTRAINED PERSON for any action to be taken by the Court:

The Permanent Protection Order was issued prior to July 1, 2014. As the Restrained Person, I verify that at least four years have passed since the permanent order was issued or the last modification has been ordered. (§13-14-102(17.5)(a), C.R.S., as it existed prior to July 1, 2013)

As the Restrained Person, I verify that a complete and current fingerprint-based criminal history record check has been conducted within 90 days prior to the filing of this motion and I have attached the results to this Motion. (§13-14-108(3)(a)(i), C.R.S.)

Jason X Chavez
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720-628-7239

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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

Court Address:
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Phone No.: (970) 264-8160

Plaintiff: Judith L. Talbot and Brian J. Lyons v.

Defendants: Estate of Hattie D. Lyons by David Vargas, Personal Representative and/or Decedent Hattie D. Lyons; Estate of John A. Lyons by Francis J. Lyons, Personal Representative and/or Decedent John A. Lyons; Estate of

Richard P. Lyons by Janet K. Lyons, Personal Representative and/or Decedent Richard P. Lyons; Robert Stone; Charles Stone and any and All Unknown Persons and All Unknown Heirs Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of This Action

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Case Number: 2025CV30041

SUMMONS TO QUIET TITLE BY PUBLICATION

PLAINTIFFS: JUDITH L. TALBOT AND BRIAN J. LYONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT ESTATES AND ALL OTHER DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the First Amended Complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after the service of this summons upon you in the State of Colorado or within 35 days after service of this summons upon you outside the State of Colorado. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the First Amended Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the First Amended Complaint in writing within 21 or 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an action to quiet title to: A 20-acre patented mining claim, with a legal description of: The Picking Placer Mining Claim Tract described as the South half of the south quarter of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter (S/2S/2SW/4SE/4), Sec: 26 Twn: 36 Rng: 5W and the North half of the North half of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter (N/2N/2NW/4NE/4); Sec: 35, Twn: 36, Rng: 5W N.M.P.M. (mineral interest and 20-acre land under the claim); also known as X

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Tel.: 970.264.8160

Plaintiff:

Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.

v.

Defendants:

James Otis Relyea, et al.

Case No.: 2025CV30048

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): Bonnie B McCafferty, Valery R Shimbol,

Geraldine A Anderson, Pam J Myers

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.

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/s/ Christopher B. Conley

Christopher B. Conley

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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Archuleta District Court

109 Harman Park Drive

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

YOLANDA HYLTON, ERNESTO J. MORENO, MARGARITA DELAROSA, CECILIA PERDUE, EDUARDO MORENO, JOSEPH DOMINGUEZ, LINDA DURAZO, LOIS AARON, MARIA E. ALVARADO, MICHAEL HANSON, FRANCES HENDERSON, DALE HANSON, REBECCA THORPE.

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE CHAVEZ FAMILY TRUST; CHRISTOPHER CHAVEZ, as Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF JOSE NEMENCIO CHAVEZ, as Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF AURELIA CHAVEZ, and as an individual

Defendants,

v.

JULIAN J. MORENO, MICHAEL MORENO, ANTONIO MORENO, MELVIN MORENO JR., DAVID MORENO, MARTIN JAMES, SEDONINDO MORENO, ANITA MORENO, MONA CERVANTES, LOLA MORENO,

LIZA MORENO, LAURA MORENO, FRANCES P. AARON, and OTHER VARIOUS INTERESTED PARTIES HEREIN IDENTIFIED AS "JOHN DOES" OR "JANE DOES".

Interested Parties.

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Case No.: Div:

DISTRICT COURT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

DISTRICT COURT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: CHRISTOPHER CHAVEZ, as Trustee of the CHAVEZ TRUST, TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: CHRISTOPHER CHAVEZ, individually, and TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: CHRISTOPHER CHAVEZ, as Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF JOSE NEMENCIO CHAVEZ

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35* days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the Court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within 35* days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This action concerns the ownership and distribution of certain real properties previously held by the Estates of Jose Nemencio Chavez and Aurelia Chavez. Plaintiffs assert that they hold valid and enforceable ownership interests in the subject properties as heirs to the estates. Plaintiffs seek a declaratory judgment under Colorado Rule of Civil Procedure 57 to determine the validity and extent of their ownership interests in the properties. Additionally, Plaintiffs assert claims for unjust enrichment, alleging that Defendants have benefited from the use and sale of the properties without compensating Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs request an award of damages, interest, attorneys' fees, and any other relief deemed just and proper by the Court.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Ash earns all-state honors with 28th-place finish

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The high school cross-country season drew to a close on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs with the state championship meet.

Pagosa Springs High School was represented at the meet by freshman Rylan Ash.

“The 2025 season is officially over. We are so proud of Rylan for representing Pagosa Springs so well as a freshman at the state championship meet,” coach Josh Kurz wrote in a team newsletter.

Ash finished 28th overall out of 153 runners with a time of 17 minutes, 10.10 seconds, making him the top freshman finisher at the meet.

According to Kurz, Ash had three goals heading into the season’s final meet: make the top 30, be the top freshman finisher and set a new personal record (PR).

“He ended up placing 28th in the race, finishing ahead of the only 2 freshmen who out-ranked him. Although he didn’t get a PR (the state course is a bit slow), Rylan beat the top-ranking freshman who had posted a 16:11 earlier in the season,” Kurz wrote.

The coach adds, “That’s what is so exciting about Rylan - he can rise to his competition even if they are 43 seconds ahead of him on paper! Rylan came into the meet ranked 42nd, and for him to drop 14 places at the state meet is incredible because everyone at the state meet is fast. 15 seconds separated 28th from 42nd place, which means each second was worth about one place! Rylan saved his best finish for last! He had an outstanding finishing kick in the arena!”

Ash’s finish at the state meet also earned him an all-state honorable mention for his performance — one of three freshman to earn all-state honors in the 3A classification.

Kurz adds, “I know racing at state was satisfying for Rylan, but he would have been even happier if the whole boys’ team (and girls’ team) had been there racing with him. So qualifying as a team will be one of our goals for next year, but the road to state starts in the off-season.”

In the newsletter, Kurz encourages



Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

Pirate freshman Rylan Ash runs at the Nov. 1 cross-country state championship. Ash finished 28th overall in the 3A division, earning an all-state honorable mention.

the team’s runners to take part in other sports and hold each other accountable in their training.

“The reality is our region isn’t going to slow down, and the state-qualifying teams train during the off-season and don’t allow themselves to get out of shape,” he wrote.

The league’s top team finishers, Manitou Springs and Alamosa, placed third and fourth at state, respectively.

The league’s third finisher at regionals, Salida, took second at state.

The Pirates’ quest for state next year will be done without a trio of seniors: Dylan Dempster, Eli Nehring and Xyra Belarmino.

Dempster, the coach notes in an email to The SUN, joined the team as a freshman.

“He played on the golf team that fall, but since golf season is fairly short, he was able to run the last few meets with us,” Kurz wrote. “With only one week to train before his first race, he was pretty slow, and I was worried that pain would make him regret his decision to run. But he really enjoyed the team culture, embraced the hard workouts, and saw substantial gains over the remainder of the season. Dylan was hooked and began training with us during the summer of his sophomore year to better prepare for the next season.

Dylan’s positive attitude and work ethic have been a huge asset to the team. He was the boys’ team captain this year, and we really benefited from his strong leadership.”

Nehring joined the team as a junior, according to the coach.

“Eli Nehring joined the team at the beginning of his junior year, and his dedication and work ethic have been a huge asset to the team,” Kurz wrote. “Eli was one of three athletes who logged 150 miles this summer. As a senior, he didn’t miss a single summer workout because he was motivated to improve during his senior year. Eli was our assistant captain during his senior year, and we appreciated his eagerness to help out whenever he anticipated a need. Eli knows how to work hard and never complains, even during our hardest workouts.”

Belarmino is the sole Lady Pirate senior.

“Xyra’s first love is soccer, which is a spring sport, but for 2 years, I tried to convince Xyra to run cross country in the fall,” Kurz wrote. “Like most soccer players, she doesn’t like running unless she’s chasing a ball. Last spring, the girls’ soccer coach encouraged the team to join cross country to improve their endurance. Xyra was the only soccer player who accepted the challenge. Xyra would still rather run after a ball, but she worked hard this season (despite a nagging foot injury), and her last race ended up being her best race of the season. Our girls’ team was small this year, and without her, we wouldn’t have had enough runners to score as a team. We are so glad Xyra gave cross country a try, and we are confident that she’ll have more endurance on the soccer field this spring!”

Kurz commends the Pirates’ work ethic and notes he hopes the end of the season is not the end of running for the graduating Pirates.

“We will greatly miss these three wonderful, hard-working seniors,” he wrote. “The strong character traits that they developed and exhibited while training with the team will translate into future success. And we hope they will become lifelong runners!”

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Photo courtesy Jessica Carr

The 2025 DUST2 high school mountain bike team poses for a photo. DUST2 will host a film night fundraiser on Tuesday, Nov. 11, showing the mountain bike film “Ritual.”

DUST2 gears up for ‘Ritual’ film night after standout 2025 season

By Tarrie Burnett Parker
DUST2

This year’s lineup of events rallies the community and riders around stunning cinematography and captivating stories in the country’s most legendary mountain biking cities and venues, including our very own Pagosa Springs.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Nov. 11. That’s when local nonprofit DUST2 will host a special screening of the mountain bike film “Ritual” at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, inviting riders, coaches, families and supporters to reflect on the season and celebrate an exceptional year of growth.

It’s been a banner 2025 for DUST2. Under Team Director Janine Emmets, the team welcomed 18 high school athletes — several new to competitive biking through the Colorado High School Cycling League — along with a thriving middle-school Adventure Team with head coach Amanda Gadowski.

DUST2’s board reports that four regional races yielded multiple top-10 finishes, including Gianna Shaef-

fer’s fifth-place in the sophomore girls’ class at Leadville and Nathrop races, Eric Smith seventh-place in JV boys’ class at Eagle, and Adelyn Hittle’s eighth-place in the varsity girls’ class at Nathrop.

But the season wasn’t just about podiums and second. The DUST2 team scored second place in the league for the most trail work hours in the season, logging more than 250 hours this year on trail rides and maintenance on Pagosa’s Reservoir Hill, Dakota Springs and Turkey Springs trail systems, promoting stewardship work across Archuleta County and reinforcing DUST2’s founding mission: to “encourage bicycling as a lifelong sport, develop a sense of community and maintain mountain-bike riding opportunities.”

Coach Dawn Cook shared, “Our athletes dedicated three days a week to practices, twice a month to trail work and still found time for fun rides together on weekends. Mountain bike team is more than just racing; it is the strong bonds created in beautiful environments and on crazy adventures. ‘Ritual’ is a night of celebrating these athletes and our Pagosa riding

community.”

The upcoming film night offers more than just inspiring cinematography and fast descents. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the program starting at 6:15 p.m. Local beer and wine will be available for purchase, along with other refreshments and a raffle.

All proceeds will be directed toward next year’s programs — more coaching, more trail tools, more girls on bikes and expanded youth scholarships currently covering 30 percent of riders.

For Pagosa Springs residents, this is a moment to recognize how much the mountain bike scene is celebrated — and how interconnected it has become with community, youth development and trail preservation.

As one parent put it, “My daughter entered DUST2 as someone who rarely raced; by season’s end she was navigating switchbacks on Turkey Springs, cheering for teammates and talking about giving back. That’s the win right there.”

Tickets are available through the DUST2 website (www.dust2pagosa.org) for \$15-\$20 (adult) and \$10

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Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation celebrates milestone in workforce housing

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) has reached a major milestone in its mission to support local workers and families, which is essential to maintaining a strong and resilient local economy.

In Archuleta County's first workforce housing project, nine homes have been purchased by local residents, and only one home remains available.

These homes were designed to create lasting homeownership opportunities for the people who form the backbone of Pagosa Springs. This includes teachers, health care workers, service industry professionals

and skilled tradespeople.

When local workers are able to live close to their jobs, businesses have better staffing stability, families are able to put down roots and the broader community benefits from long-term continuity.

This approach supports the goal to "Live Local, Work Local, and Thrive Local."

"This project represents what's possible when a community comes together to invest in its people," said Emily Lashbrooke, executive director of the PSCDC. "We're proud to see local workers achieving homeownership and strengthening the future of Pagosa Springs."

The remaining home offers a unique opportunity for qualified workforce buyers to purchase in this

neighborhood.

The PSCDC also is preparing to start Phase II, which will expand access to attainable homeownership for additional residents in late fall 2026.

The PSCDC encourages interested residents to act now and sign up for updates or begin the qualification process today by visiting <https://bit.ly/4nBaxPW> or contacting the PSCDC directly for more information.

About the PSCDC

The PSCDC is a nonprofit organization focused on strengthening the long-term economic health and stability of Archuleta County. Its work centers on supporting local businesses, creating opportunities for residents to build secure livelihoods and helping the community remain

strong through changing economic conditions.

The PSCDC works through partnership, bringing together municipalities, counties, tribal entities, educational institutions, businesses and community members to identify challenges and develop shared solutions.

Current initiatives include supporting workforce housing, expanding job and career development pathways, improving access to high-speed broadband, and managing the Main Street Program to support a thriving and welcoming downtown district.

Across all of its efforts, the PSCDC is committed to helping diversify the local economy and fostering a community where both businesses and residents have the opportunity to succeed.



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Colorado Tourism Office awards 15 tourism marketing grants

Colorado Tourism Office

On Oct. 30, the Colorado Tourism Office (CTO), a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), announced 15 new recipients of the Tourism Marketing Grant to enhance tourism marketing initiatives across the state, including Archuleta, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Eagle, Grand and Rio Grande counties.

These grants are designed to support local and regional tourism destinations by providing resources to promote Colorado as a premier travel destination while fostering responsible travel practices that benefit residents and visitors.

"The Tourism Marketing Grant program helps ensure that communities across the state benefit from Colorado's thriving tourism industry," said OEDIT Executive Director Eve Lieberman. "We're not only investing in the growth of our vibrant tourism destinations, but also empowering communities to highlight their unique charm, inviting visitors to discover both our well-loved and hidden gems across the state."

The Tourism Marketing Grant program provides financial assistance for marketing campaigns and initiatives that align with the CTO's mission to boost traveler spending through the promotion and development of compelling, sustainable travel experiences statewide. The program's goals include promoting responsible travel, strengthening destination stewardship and maximizing the economic impact of tourism investments in Colorado.

"The Colorado Tourism Office is thrilled to recognize this year's Tourism Marketing Grant recipients," said CTO Director Timothy Wolfe. "These travel organizations are poised to elevate Colorado's reputation as a premier travel destination, and we are excited to see the innovative campaigns and initiatives that will enhance our tourism economy, benefit our residents and protect our natural resources."

Fifteen grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$49,000 will impact 24 counties across Colorado:

- Arvada Visitors Center (Visit Arvada) (\$20,000): To support marketing research to develop a compelling cultural tourism brand and position Arvada as a vibrant cultural destination.
- Beaver Creek Resort Company of Colorado (\$42,333): To highlight the resort's accessible pathways, adaptive recreation and lodging to connect with travelers who value accessibility.
- Chaffee County Visitors Bureau (\$49,000): To identify and reach the region's visitors using a tourism intelligence platform and gain insights

into visitor engagement.

- Clear Creek County Tourism Bureau Inc. (\$49,000): To support the creation of a pocketbook that showcases the full Clear Creek County experience, combining outdoor recreation, heritage tourism and cultural opportunities.
- Colorado Cross County Ski Association (\$49,000): To launch a campaign promoting cross country ski vacations in Colorado that inspire extended stays and responsible tourism.
- Colorado Dude and Guest Ranch Association (\$20,000): To create a video campaign centered on a family's visits to a Colorado dude ranch, highlighting the unique experience and history of dude ranches in Colorado.
- Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau (\$49,000): To execute a multifaceted digital marketing campaign showcasing the history, culture, art and outdoor adventure of Colorado Springs.
- Del Norte Chamber of Commerce (\$26,666): To update their website into an accessible story-driv-

en hub for Colorado's sesquicentennial that includes themed itineraries to encourage visitors to explore Del Norte's diverse heritage.

- Fort Collins Convention and Visitors Bureau (\$49,000): To support a collaborative marketing campaign led by six Northern Colorado destinations to strengthen regional visitation through storytelling and curated itineraries.
- Grand County Colorado Tourism Board (\$48,999): To assist in a marketing campaign that spotlights Grand County's history to drive visitation to the area.
- Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce (\$20,833): To support a marketing campaign that promotes Pueblo as a must-see destination by celebrating its heritage, music and culture.
- Longmont Area Visitors Association Inc. (\$48,565): To redesign and distribute its Visitor Guide that pri-

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2026 Business Happy Hour lottery winners to be announced next week

By **Sandy Douthey**
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Thank you to everyone who signed up to participate in the 2026 Business Happy Hour lottery. We chose our winners this week, and we look forward to letting everyone know who won, and for what month.

Anna Snow will complete notifications this week, and we will announce the winners in next week's article.

Chamber board nominations

Self-nominations for the Chamber board close this Friday, Nov. 7.

Region 9 Economic Development District honored with 2025 Impact Award

Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado

The Region 9 Economic Development District has received a 2025 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for its SouthWest Opioid Response District (SWORD) work.

SWORD is the regional council formed as a requirement of the Colorado Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and administers opioid settlement funding in the region.

All Southwest Colorado municipal and county governments signed onto

the Colorado MOU to receive settlement funds and, as part of the SWORD, are working to address opioid misuse and other co-occurring substance misuse and behavioral health.

Presented annually, the NADO Impact Awards honor regional development organizations and their partners for strengthening communities, building regional resilience, and enhancing local economies through innovative approaches to economic and community development.

NADO is a Washington, D.C.-based membership association of regional development organizations that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments,

communities and economies.

This year's cohort included 90 impactful projects led by 79 organizations across 24 states. These award-winning efforts were recognized during NADO's 2025 annual training conference, held in October in Salt Lake City, Utah.

All selected projects are featured in an interactive StoryMap that showcases summaries, images, and key partners. The map is available at www.nado.org/2025impactawards/.

"The Impact Awards are an annual reminder of the creativity and commitment that regional development organizations bring to their communities," said 2024-2025 NADO

President Rick Hunsaker, executive director of the Region XII Council of Governments in Iowa. "This year's awardees show how local and regional partnerships, driven by vision and collaboration, can lead to lasting positive change across our country."

"To be recognized for the work of SWORD is an honor and a testament to the work and commitment of our council and advisory members to find viable substance treatment solutions to fill existing gaps in our rural region," said Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9 executive director.

To learn more about SWORD, visit <https://region9edd.org/sword> or contact Region 9 at (970) 247-9621.

Grants

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oritizes storytelling, trip planning and authentic representation of Longmont's culture and experience.

- Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board (\$49,000): To expand awareness of Pagosa Springs' and Alamosa's cultural and historic corridor linking, weaving together centuries of stories across the San Juan Mountains and San Luis Valley.
- Palisade Tourism Advisory Board (\$40,000): To fund a video and photography series that captures the spirit, history and culture of Palisade and the surrounding region's natural and recreational amenities.
- Visit Grand Junction (\$49,000): To support the launch of a market-

ing campaign celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States and the 150th anniversary of Colorado by showcasing Grand Junction's unique experiences.

The funded projects will begin execution in January 2026 and continue through December 2026. For more information, please visit the Colorado Tourism Office Tourism Marketing Grant program page at <https://oedit.colorado.gov/tourism-marketing-matching-grant>.

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The CTO seeks to advance the strength and resilience of the entire industry through collaboration, inclusivity, innovation and leadership.

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OEDIT works to empower all to thrive in Colorado's economy. Under the leadership of the governor and in collaboration with economic development partners across the state,

OEDIT fosters a thriving business environment through funding and financial programs, training, consulting, and informational resources across industries and regions.

It promotes economic growth and long-term job creation by recruiting, retaining and expanding Colorado businesses, and providing programs that support entrepreneurs and businesses of all sizes at every stage of growth.

Its goal is to protect what makes our state a great place to live, work, start a business, raise a family, visit and retire — and make it accessible to everyone.

Learn more about OEDIT at oedit.colorado.gov.

LIBRARY NEWS

Ruby Sisson Library chosen for MIT teen dialogue accelerator program

By **Barbara Brattin**
SUN Columnist

In collaboration with Cortico, PBS Frontline and the MIT Center for Constructive Communication (CCC), the Teen Dialogue Accelerator Grant opportunity was posted on the American Library Association website this fall.

Cortico, a nonprofit organization focused on AI technology, was founded in 2016 by an MIT professor and two colleagues "to address this challenge: to build better civic spaces for listening, and to create tools that support more meaningful, inclusive, and direct dialogue. Their belief was simple but powerful: to understand people—what they care about, why they feel what they feel—you have to talk with them, not about or at them."

The Teen Dialogue Accelerator Grant was offered to 10 public libraries across the U.S. to become "hubs of youth-led civic dialogue."

Ruby Sisson Library has been chosen as an awardee and has graciously accepted this opportunity. The grant awards libraries \$14,000 and a stipend for travel.

The grant will require five to seven hours per month by a library staff member and three to five hours per month for a chosen youth fellow, age 16 to 24 years old. The fellow's position will receive an hourly stipend. We have chosen Reagan Van Atta, a high school junior, library volunteer and honor student.

Cortico's vision is to: Talk in small groups sharing personal stories. Understand patterns across communication through recordings and AI assisted tools. Share "media outputs that incorporate real voices and data-driven insights to build understanding grounded in listening."

Their platform "helps communities and organizations engage in real conversations that surface personal stories, uncover shared experiences, and inform more connected, human-centered decisions."

The small-group talks with youth, ages 16-24 years, will be recorded and focus on topics, chosen by that group, around civic identity, democracy, immigration, AI and the future of work. All underage youth will need permission from their parents to participate.

The grant training is continuous and centers on six hours of online work in November, continuing self-study and a day-long seminar in January at the MIT CCC. A technology team, a youth fellow

mentor and a program lead mentor are available throughout the program as questions arise.

The timeline of the grant is January through May 2026, during which time we will hold five or more small group dialogue sessions, and May through July 2026, when we will all share our findings and media outputs locally and nationally.

This opportunity will open up the chance for local and national exposure for the Ruby Sisson Library and, most importantly, offer our young people a venue to voice and explore their thoughts, values, listening and collaboration skills.

Contact judy@pagosalibrary.org with questions.

Next legal clinic Nov. 12

The Ruby Sisson Library provides access to many services you might not know about. We have a notary public on staff, and we offer virtual appointments with attorneys by appointment.

Our next legal clinic is scheduled for Nov. 12 with 20-minute appointments available between 2 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. via phone.

We began taking reservations Nov.

1 for the Nov. 12 appointments. Call the library at (970) 264-2209 to schedule. The next scheduled sessions are on Dec. 10, with sign-up beginning Dec. 1.

New York Times Sunday edition now available in print

Come spread out with the New York Times (NYT) Sunday edition, then indulge in the NYT Magazine and shop your next great read via the NYT Book Review. Weekly editions arrive on Wednesday afternoons through the U.S. mail. Need more time? Check out last week's paper and enjoy it at home.

Don't forget, your library card gives you access to the daily edition of the New York Times through our digital library.

Construction update

We have a steel frame that outlines the new entrance on the west side of the library and the library addition that will house two activities rooms and a new children's room.

If the weather cooperates, we will have a roof on the new addition by Thanksgiving. May the sun shine until then.

Activity locations

Now that we have much less space for our operations and no meeting rooms during construction, several of our regular activities and special events are happening 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.

Activities calendars

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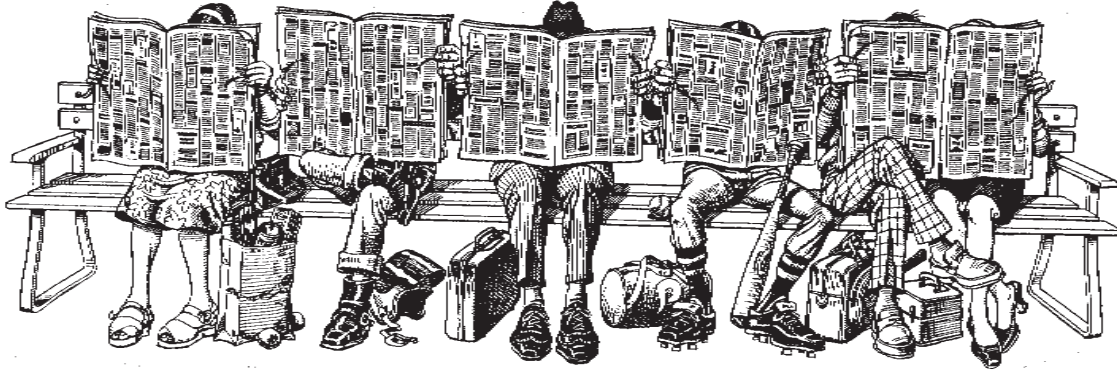


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Outdoors

Learn about fruit trees at next Growers and Producers Forum

Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta kicked off the 2025-2026 Growers and Producers Forum season on Oct. 16. This first meeting focused on healthy soil and why it is important for the health and vitality of our plants, as well as for ourselves.

Those who attended the forum discussed what the term “healthy soil” means, ways to improve soils for gardening and some of the resources available here in Archuleta County to reach that goal.

When growing our plants, especially the ones we consume as food, the health of our soil plays an important role in the health of our plants. Studies have shown that the components that make up our soil directly affect the nutritional density of the food we eat. The healthy soil we grow in should be characterized by rich organic matter, balanced nutrients, diverse microbial populations and

good structure. In turn, healthy soil supports nutrient-dense crops, beneficial microbes and environmental quality, all of which contribute to human health.

The purpose of the Growers and Producers Forum is manifold, but the primary one is to produce food locally and to support those who do so.

There are a number of commercial crop and meat producers in our county who work tirelessly to produce fresh, local food. There are also many of our residents who, every spring, get out their seed catalogs, shovels and wheelbarrows, and begin the process of growing their food. Even with the challenges of the short growing season, wildlife and cool nights, these intrepid gardeners all understand one thing — homegrown is the best.

It bears repeating here that growing local foods accomplishes several things: growing locally benefits the environment, purchasing local food

benefits the economy, reduced reliance on outside resources and increased sustainability.

Another important benefit in growing our own food is being able to share what we grow with our community, especially with those experiencing food insecurity. Whether we grow in our own yards/homes, or participate as a grower or volunteer at one of our community gardens, produce can be donated to local food pantries so that everyone has the chance to eat fresh food.

Healthy Archuleta is dedicated to helping others learn about and experience the benefits of growing fresh fruits and vegetables. In addition, Healthy Archuleta continues to support the local charitable food system by operating several indoor hydroponic growing systems, allowing for fresh greens and herbs to be produced year-round.

If you are interested in learning more about growing your own food,

how to start a garden or want to know more about our local food producing community, you can attend any of our upcoming Growers and Producers Forums. The forums are held every other month, starting in September and continuing through May. We take a break in the summer months as folks are working hard in their gardens, and on farms and ranches.

The next Growers and Producers Forum meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 13, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and will meet at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street.

Our program will focus on growing fruit trees, particularly ones that do well in our region. The meetings are free to attend.

For more information, please visit our website at www.foodcoalition-4Archuleta.org. To find out more about the local food producers network, click on Resources on the drop down menu and click on Local Food Producers.

Colorado Avalanche Information Center daily avalanche forecasts return

Colorado Avalanche Information Center

Daily avalanche forecasts from the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) resumed Nov. 1, marking the start of statewide coverage.

The daily schedule underscores the CAIC’s mission to protect lives and infrastructure in Colorado’s mountains.

The CAIC issues daily backcountry avalanche forecasts for all mountain regions in the state. Daily updates begin on Friday at 4:30 p.m., providing timely information on avalanche

conditions for anyone traveling, recreating or working in snow-covered terrain.

Forecasts use a five-level danger scale that ranges from low to extreme, showing the likelihood and potential size of avalanches.

“Avalanche forecasts are essential tools for safe travel in Colorado’s mountains,” said Ethan Greene, CAIC director. “We want everyone — from first-time snowshoers, skiers and snowmobilers to seasoned professionals — to start their day with the forecast. The most important part of

planning any day in the backcountry is to start with good information on snow, weather and avalanche conditions.”

Avalanches kill more people in Colorado than any other natural hazard, with more than 100 incidents reported each year.

The CAIC also collaborates with the Colorado Department of Transportation to assess conditions and reduce the risk of avalanches to maintenance workers and the traveling public.

CAIC forecasters also issue a summary of the current weather forecast

by 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day, covering the next 48 hours with emphasis on conditions that will have an immediate impact on avalanche danger.

Additionally, weather forecasts from the CAIC and National Weather Service are posted on the homepage and updated four times daily.

The CAIC encourages anyone heading into the mountains to check the avalanche forecast before every trip.

Forecasts are updated daily at colorado.gov/avalanche and on the CAIC’s mobile app.

Tips for deterring skunks with outdoor lighting

By Dena Laterza

Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers

The Pagosa Springs Town Council recently held a meeting at which council member Leonard Martinez raised a concern that dark sky friendly lighting may not allow residents to continue to use outdoor lighting to deter skunks and other nuisance wildlife.

Life in Pagosa includes living close to and dealing with wildlife, so, of course, this is a valid concern.

His comment led to researching the effectiveness of outdoor lights at keeping wildlife away from homes and businesses.

While lights may initially keep skunks away because they are nocturnal and prefer dark, quiet areas to feel safe, it is not a long-term solution.

Animals such as skunks, raccoons, deer and bears become used to lights being on and will not be deterred from a food source once they feel safe.

A better approach is motion-activated lights. Sudden bursts of lights when they approach is more effective than constant lighting.

The best way to deter unwelcome animals is to remove their food source altogether.

Use bear-proof trash cans, hang bird feeders out of reach (or take them down nightly), do not leave pet food or water out, and never feed wildlife.

Shelter is another major attraction for skunks, so blocking areas where wildlife dig or find shelter may also be necessary. They often look for cozy, protected areas like crawl spaces, sheds, and beneath decks

and porches.

Motion-activated lights are definitely dark-sky friendly if they are limited to stay on no more than four minutes. Make sure they’re aimed downward at a small area to prevent light from falling where it is not intended or needed.

A motion-detection sprinkler system is another way to humanely deter some wildlife, spritzing them with water when they enter the yard. Scent repellents are also commercially available.

Limitations of lighting deterrents:

- Skunks can get used to constant light if it stays on all night. Motion-activated lights are more effective.
- If there’s a reliable food source (like garbage, pet food or insects), they may ignore the lights.
- Lights don’t stop them from dig-

ging or nesting if they already feel safe there.

Combine lights with other deterrents:

- Remove food sources (pet food, bird seed, trash).
- Seal entry points under sheds, porches and decks.
- Use motion-activated sprinklers.
- Add scent repellents (citrus peels, vinegar or commercial skunk repellents).

It is a common misconception that dark-sky friendly lighting takes choices away from homeowners when it comes to protecting their property. Quality outdoor lighting is actually safer by allowing our eyes to see more detail in shadows.

San Juan Outdoor Club meeting to feature stories from James R. White Jr.

San Juan Outdoor Club

The San Juan Outdoor Club will have a special opportunity at its Nov. 6 meeting to hear a talk by Pagosa resident and civil engineer James R. White Jr.

White has lived in the Blanco Basin for nearly 50 years and recently wrote an interesting book “Stories of the Blanco Basin Road, The Road to a Thin Place,” which traces the origins of the road and tells of the many interest-

ing people who were brought to the Blanco Basin on it.

His book includes maps, as well as archival photos of the Blanco Basin Road from the U.S. Forest Service, but is primarily a story of people, like Ruby Sisson (our library’s namesake), musician Dan Fogelberg, Red Ryder creator Fred Harman, along with some cantankerous residents.

White will read a couple of stories from “Stories of the Blanco Basin Road” and relate them to the Murray

homestead. He will also read a few stories from his new book, “Bright Eyed and Bushy Tailed,” and it should be a fun night with some great stories of the area.

The meeting starts with a social half hour at 6 p.m. with light refreshments, and the meeting gets started at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse at 230 Port Ave.

For more information, please email sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com.

Library

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programs, events and activities available to you and your family.

Online author talks

Our free online author talks with New York Times bestselling authors continue in November with three talks scheduled for you to watch live on Zoom or via a recording later in the month.

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

Novelist Amanda Peters (“The Berry Pickers”), Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Charles Duhagg (“The Power of Habit”) and memoirist Joseph Lee (“Nothing More of This Land”) highlight this month’s offerings.

Conversational Spanish

The Conversational Spanish group will meet Mondays in November 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.

Ruby’s Book Club

Ruby’s Book Club will meet from 2 to 3 p.m. on Nov. 11 to discuss “Astor: The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune” by Anderson Cooper. Copies are available at your library.

This free book club for adults is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and non-fiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend.

During construction, it is taking place at the new Harman Park Transit Center, 83 Harman Park Drive, next to the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office.

New to collection

Readers are invited to place a hold on any of these new titles in advance of their availability. A full list of new titles as well as reading recommendations can be found under the Quick Links section of our website, www.pagosalibrary.org.

New in large print

“My Beloved” by Jan Karon, “End Game” by Jeffrey Archer, “No Roast for the Weary” by Cleo Coyle, “Santa’s Holiday Spectacular” by Fern Michaels

and “The Silver Hills Boarding House” by Linda Lael Miller.

New nonfiction

“Writing as a Way of Life” by Brian Morton, “Surviving the Trail: Five Essential Skills to Prepare Every Hiker for Adventure’s Most Common Perils,” biography “John Lewis” by David Greenberg, “Naturally Nourished Kids,” “Ozzy Osbourne: Last Rights,” “Designing the Lush Dry Garden” and “Happy Nordic Knits.”

Other novels

“Fiend” by Alma Katsu, “The Girl from Devil’s Lake” by J.A. Jance, “The Impossible Fortune” by Richard Osman, “Denied Access” by Vince Flynn, “The Wilderness” by Angela Flournoy and “Last Light Over Galveston” by Jennifer Wright.

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The Engel & Völkers Pagosa Springs real estate team recently gathered on the newly poured concrete of downtown Pagosa Springs’ main thoroughfare to serve lunch to the hardworking WW Clyde construction crew. The celebration marked the completion of a key phase of the U.S. 160 Pagosa Springs Reconstruction Project that has transformed the look and feel of the area.

After months of early mornings, long days, and countless hours in the elements, the road crews, supervisors, and managers took a well-earned break to enjoy pizza, dessert, and cold drinks—all courtesy of Engel & Völkers Pagosa Springs. Each crew member also received a gift card to local coffee shops and restaurants as a small token of gratitude for their hard work and craftsmanship.

“The men and women of WW Clyde have worked tirelessly creating an exceptional improvement to our downtown,” said the Engel & Völkers team. “This U.S. 160 Pagosa Springs Reconstruction Project will serve our community for decades to come, and we simply wanted to say thank you in a tangible way.”

The weather cooperated beautifully, adding to the cheerful atmosphere as laughter and conversation filled the fresh new roadway. What might have been a typical workday turned into a moment of community camaraderie—neighbors recognizing neighbors for a job well done.

Mike & Lauri Heraty and all the E&V Team extend their appreciation to WW Clyde for their hard work and professionalism. Gratitude and good food go hand in hand when it comes to celebrating progress in our small mountain town.



To see more of the WW Clyde crew, scan here



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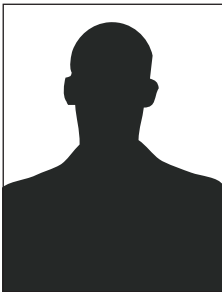
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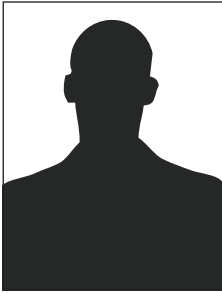
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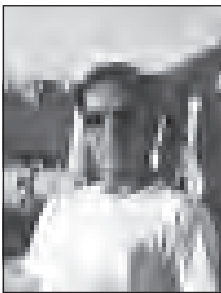
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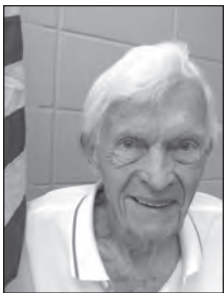
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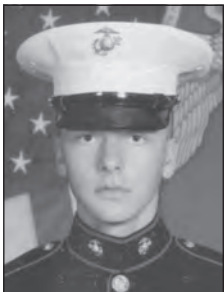
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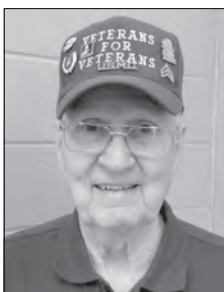
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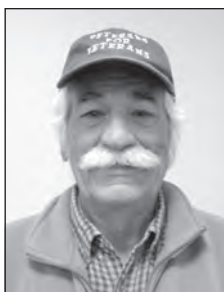
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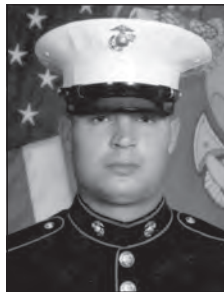
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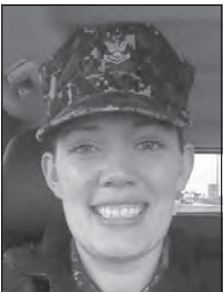
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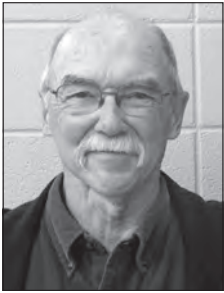
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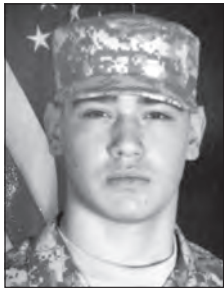
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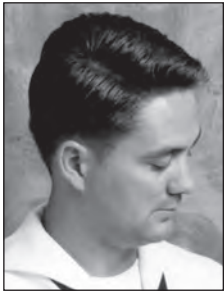
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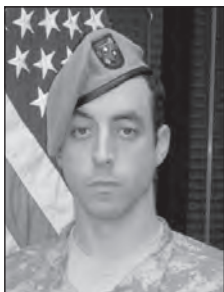
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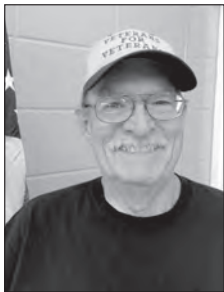
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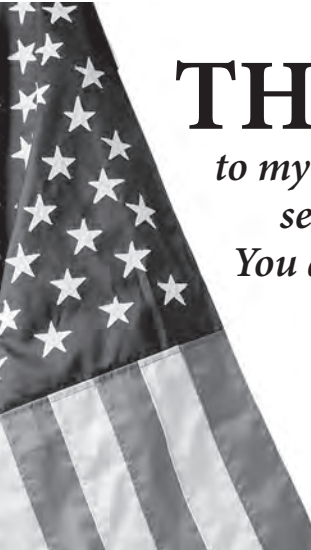
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November 6, 2025

Pagosa Springs High School students to take the stage for improv show

By Krisha Doocy
Pagosa Springs High School

After months of creativity, laughter and learning, Pagosa Springs High School students are ready to take the stage for a special improv show on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The performance marks the culmination of an improv class that has been meeting over the past few months where students have honed their quick-thinking, storytelling and stage performance skills. The

hour-long show promises to deliver plenty of spontaneous humor and lighthearted fun — all inspired by audience suggestions.

Admission is \$5, and all proceeds will benefit the upcoming spring musical, “The Little Mermaid,” supporting production costs and student performers.

Organizers invite the entire community to come out and enjoy an evening of laughter and creativity while supporting the arts at Pagosa Springs High School.

Come ready to laugh and cheer on these talented young performers — it’s sure to be a night to remember.

Community United Methodist Church Food Share offers a circle of care and mutual aid

Community United Methodist Church

In our community, generosity runs deep, and nowhere is that more evident than at the Community United Methodist Church Food Share.

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For more information, attendees and supporters are encouraged to visit the shop's website at www.pagosaspringsbarbershop.com or stop by the shop directly

250th Marine Corps birthday celebration planned for Nov. 10

By Ed Robinson
Marine Corps Birthday Committee

On Monday, Nov. 10, Pagosa-area Marines are invited to gather together and celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. It was 250 years ago, and even before our nation declared an independence, that a small group of men gathered in Philadelphia's Tun Tavern and formed a Corps of Marines. As in recent years, Marines and their guests will celebrate at Boss Hogg's Restaurant and Saloon, 157 Navajo Trail Drive, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Wilderness Room on the restaurant's main floor. The traditional cake-cutting by

sword and a video birthday greeting from the Marine Corps headquarters will be featured. The oldest and youngest Marine present will be honored. In addition, the first 25 Marines attending will receive a 250th birthday commemorative gift. Food and drink may be ordered from the menu and paid for by each

attendee, with a 20 percent gratuity added. Complementary birthday cake will be served. Other service members, especially U.S. Navy Corpsmen, are welcome. Dress is casual; however, uniforms are always welcome. Contact Ed Robinson, (970) 731-0718, with any questions. Semper fidelis.

Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers to host autumn constellation tour

By Dena Laterza
Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers

Learning constellations can be a really fun and rewarding way to connect with the night sky — and it's easier than most people think. The best way to learn the constellations is go outside and identify them season by season. Learning two or three per season builds your knowledge naturally. Find bright stars and use them to "hop" to others. The constellations visible in autumn include Pegasus, Andromeda, Perseus and Pisces, among others. There are several free apps, like Stellarium, which can be used to point toward the sky to show you the constellations you are viewing. Join the Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers at 6 p.m. on Nov. 8 at Yamaguchi Park (near the pickleball courts) for a guided tour of the beautiful night sky. We chose Yamaguchi Park for its Bortle Class 4 dark sky, as well as ample parking and accessibility. We'll start with the brightest stars and planets visible in the sky right now. Bring a pair of binoculars to enhance your experience. Once darkness falls, we'll point out some large star clusters and even a galaxy visible with binoculars. Dress warmly and bring a red flashlight if you have one.

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- 6 p.m.** — The Marines of Post #108 are hosting their annual Marine Celebration at Boss Hoggs

November 11: Veterans Day

- 7:30-10 a.m.** — Veterans Breakfast Hosted by the Pagosa Springs 8th Grade Class held at the Community Center. Breakfast served.
- 9 a.m.** — The Color Guard will have a Flag Presentation Ceremony
- 11 a.m.** — The Honor Guard will have a formal ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park. The San Juan Squadron will begin our ceremony with the Missing Man Formation @ 11:00 SHARP.
- 4 p.m.** — The Knights of Columbus will be Hosting a free dinner to all Veterans at John Paul II

November 14: Veterans Dinner & Dance

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Annual Band-O-Rama concert to be presented Nov. 8

By Michelle Chapman
Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society's (PSIMS's) community band, the high school jazz band and the middle school band class invite the public to a special Band-O-Rama concert at 7 p.m. on Nov. 8 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

Admission is free. It is vital to the continuation of high-caliber musical performances in Pagosa Springs to encourage musicians of all ages to become comfortable playing in public for our concerts. The PSIMS provides the opportunity for them to learn from experienced musicians in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Some students who have participated in Band-O-Rama have continued to embrace music and gone on to pursue college degrees in music as teachers and performers, right here in Pagosa Springs even. Our conductors are all former students in Pagosa Springs: Leo Baughman, high school music and choir director; Malinda Burnett, middle school music teacher; and Anika Borders, elementary school music teacher. They are showing off our talent at this year's Band-O-Rama concert. You will be impressed.

Another change this year is that Pagosa's excellent music teachers and PSIMS Community Band members will offer a master class for the students the afternoon before the concert, giving tips and suggestions for playing their instrument and working on our joint musical offering.

Please come out on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. to the high school auditorium and support Pagosa's amazing musicians and their families. While admission is free, donations support the mission of the PSIMS.

The PSIMS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which provides free concerts (at least) four times a year: This Band-O-Rama concert, the Fourth of July patriotic concert in town, Heralds of Christmas for the winter holidays (on Dec. 21 this year at the Pagosa Bible Church at 3 p.m.) and a spring concert of more advanced music to highlight the talented Pagosa Springs Community Band.

The PSIMS contributes financial support to the music community with music lessons, band music and instruments, instrument repairs, and scholarships to music students. We also play for the Curtains Up Pagosa musicals and the high school musicals.



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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.



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Support local nonprofits through Southwest Colorado Gives Day

By Kim Cassels
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

Southwest Colorado Gives Day, the state's largest online fundraiser, returns on Dec. 9, but donors don't have to wait to make an impact. Early Giving began Nov. 1, and every donation made through swcogives.org between Nov. 1 and Dec. 9 counts toward local nonprofits' fundraising goals and qualifies for the Colorado Gives Foundation's monthly matching funds. This year, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado and its partners have set an ambitious goal:

raise \$1 million for local nonprofits across Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties. With more than 150 organizations participating, Southwest Colorado Gives offers residents an easy and secure way to give back to the causes that make the region thrive. "This is an incredible time for locals to show up for the organizations that support our well being on so many levels," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "Every year more people get involved in this movement, most of them giving between \$20 and \$100, showing that you don't have to give a large amount to make a big impact on

the causes you care about." Through swcogives.org, donors can explore nonprofits by cause or county and give safely online. Last year, Southwest Colorado raised \$894,000 on Colorado Gives Day, with the state overall raising \$54.8 million. The funds supported vital programs in areas such as human services, education, the arts, animal welfare, youth programs and environmental initiatives. The Southwest Colorado Gives campaign helps keep philanthropy local and builds stronger, more resilient communities throughout the region. For more information, visit www.swcogives.org.

Pagosa Community Initiative launches second annual Chrystal Snow Memorial Toy Drive

By Rebecca Tenpenny
Pagosa Community Initiative

The holiday season is about to get brighter in Pagosa Springs as the Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) kicks off its fourth annual toy drive — and the second year of the Chrystal Snow Memorial Toy Drive. This cherished community tradition collects toys to bring joy and relief to Archuleta County families in need during the holidays. Collection boxes will be placed throughout town at Walmart, Ace Hardware, Wyndham, Kip's, Riff Raff, Bank of the San Juans, Rosie's Pizzeria, Bliss Scoops and Sweets, the Community United Methodist Church, Pagosa Springs Barber Shop, Uncle's, FroYo, and Pagosa Baking Company. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 12. After Thanksgiving, volunteers will be stationed outside Walmart five days a week, providing another convenient

way for community members to drop off toys. Monetary donations are also welcome — PCI volunteers will happily shop for toys on donors' behalf. Last year, the Chrystal Snow Memorial Toy Drive served 206 local children, ensuring that families across Archuleta County could experience the joy of the holidays. "We especially welcome gifts for teens and toddlers or infants," said organizers, "but every donation helps — no matter the age group." Those who would like to volunteer to help at the Walmart table, or to sort and distribute toys, can sign up on PCI's volunteer page at www.pagosacommunityinitiative.org. Families wishing to register to receive toys can also sign up on the Family Services page of the website. As the season of giving approaches, PCI invites everyone to be part of the magic that Chrystal Snow inspired — spreading love, laughter and hope one

toy at a time. Every donation, big or small, helps fill hearts and homes with holiday cheer, reminding us all that the spirit of Pagosa shines brightest when we come together.

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After months of early mornings, long days, and countless hours in the elements, the road crews, supervisors, and managers took a well-earned break to enjoy pizza, dessert, and cold drinks—all courtesy of Engel & Völkers Pagosa Springs. Each crew member also received a gift card to local coffee shops and restaurants as a small token of gratitude for their hard work and craftsmanship.

“The men and women of WW Clyde have worked tirelessly creating an exceptional improvement to our downtown,” said the Engel & Völkers team. “This U.S. 160 Pagosa Springs Reconstruction Project will serve our community for decades to come, and we simply wanted to say thank you in a tangible way.”

The weather cooperated beautifully, adding to the cheerful atmosphere as laughter and conversation filled the fresh new roadway. What might have been a typical workday turned into a moment of community camaraderie—neighbors recognizing neighbors for a job well done.

Mike & Lauri Heraty and all the E&V Team extend their appreciation to WW Clyde for their hard work and professionalism. Gratitude and good food go hand in hand when it comes to celebrating progress in our small mountain town.



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‘Triple Threats and Thin Walls’ and the return of ‘Master Class’ tap for Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By Tim Moore
Thingamajig Theatre Program

Some nights at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts (PSCA) feel less like performances and more like lightning strikes — flashes of one-of-a-kind performances that remind you why live theater still matters. This month offers two such jolts: the return of the acclaimed “Master Class” and the debut of “Triple Threats and Thin Walls,” a cabaret concert that’s equal parts heart, humor and harmony.

Picture three New York room-mates (performers by trade, dreamers by nature) turning their apartment sing-alongs into a full-blown show. That’s the premise (and the charm) of “Triple Threats and Thin Walls,” featuring Trevor Brown, Samantha Luck and Ellie O’Hara, three of Thingamajig Theatre Company’s favorite imports whose talent, timing and onstage chemistry feel as effortless as a late-night jam session.

Their set list reads like a love letter to musical theater, with a few delicious curveballs thrown in. Expect anthems from “Wicked,” “Waitress,” “The Last Five Years” and “Into the Woods,” punctuated by inventive

takes on songs from “Smash,” “Bandstand,” “Bonnie and Clyde,” and even Olivia Rodrigo. The result is a thrilling blend of Broadway polish and indie soul.

Brown’s dynamic tenor brings both swagger and sincerity to pieces like “Moving Too Fast” and “Someone to Fall Back On.” Luck shines in the emotionally layered “What Baking Can Do” and the comedic showstopper “Shy.” And O’Hara’s radiant belt and sly wit lift “The Wizard and I” and “On the Steps of the Palace” into showstoppers of their own.

But what truly makes “Triple Threats & Thin Walls” special is the easy camaraderie — that rare, unforced connection that turns a concert into a conversation. Their shared humor, harmonies and behind-the-scenes banter create an evening that feels spontaneous, intimate and deeply alive.

Join us for one performance only Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. at the PSCA. It’s the kind of night where a single harmony can remind you that friendship, like theater, sounds best when it’s slightly improvised.

Following a brief intermission in its run (to make space for the wildly successful, sold-out “Beetlejuice

Jr.,” which closed Nov. 2 to rousing acclaim) “Master Class” returns to the PSCA stage for four final performances only: Nov. 8, 9, 15 and 16. Performances are scheduled for Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

Directed by Tim Moore and starring Laura Moore in a riveting portrayal of opera legend Maria Callas, the production captures both the brilliance and the brittleness of a woman haunted by her art. The play moves like music itself: sharp, funny and unexpectedly vulnerable. Moore’s performance has been widely hailed as a career best.

If “Triple Threats and Thin Walls” celebrates the joy of performance, “Master Class” explores its cost — together forming two halves of the same artistic heart.

With these back-to-back offerings, the PSCA reaffirms what it does best: connecting world-class artistry with local audiences hungry for both laughter and depth. Come for the music, stay for the humanity and leave reminded that art, like friendship, is best when shared.

Tickets are available at pagosa-center.org or by calling (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

The Sunday service on Nov. 9 at 11 a.m. will be “Sacred Heart Crystal Bowl Meditation” with Shayla Azriel. Increase your heart frequency to expand your creative universe of possibilities.

The service will be held at Xanadu Retreat. A love donation will be collected.

Upcoming events

• Tuesday, Nov. 11, 5:30 p.m.: Natural medicine ways class on “The Power and Use of Feathers for Healing” with Azriel. A \$20 donation will

be collected.

Saturday, Nov. 15, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., “Sacred Feather Wand Playshop.” Make your own healing wand with Azriel. A \$40 donation will be collected. Text or call (970) 210-0309.

• Dec. 19, 5 to 7 p.m.: Christmas party at the information center.

About us

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tional Living Center is to empower each participating member to become their “best self.” Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through self empowerment and awareness of the creator’s divinity.

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

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center events are held at Xanadu private retreat. Obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacom-munitynewthought@gmail.com; or texting/calling (970) 510-0309.



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Unitarian Universalists to hold Going Deeper Sharing Circle

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Are you looking for a safe place to build a sense of community? The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship holds a motto of "Make Friends, Grow Your Spirit, Do Good," and our second Sunday programming opens space for that with our Going Deeper Sharing Circle.

Join us at this open circle on Nov. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. This small-group setting, typically six to eight people, is where we practice deep listening and sharing from our hearts.

This week, through a recorded conversation with poet Naomi Shihab Nye, we explore the resources from the "On Being" podcast, which states: "We investigate some orientations and ways of being that are companions to hope. If hope is a muscle that can be exercised to become stronger and more supple, these qualities might be thought of as fascia, or the tendons — complementary ligaments that make the whole viable and sustainable."

With space for reflection and sharing, we practice the art of listening with others and lean into our own wisdom to live meaningful lives. Light refreshments are offered.

As a fellowship on a path of growth, not only in numbers but in spiritual deepening, we hold programming most Sundays and share our space with various groups

throughout the week.

We are thrilled to host Dances of Universal Peace (DUP) also this Sunday, Nov. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Led by dance leader, minister and senior teacher in Inayati Sufi Order, Wahhab David Sheets brings experience and a joyous presence to these spiritual dances. We will learn simple songs and movement and share in this community practice. Whether you are familiar with DUP or a newcomer, we welcome you; all are invited.

Our Community Hub hosts the weekly Tara Meditation Group Sunday evenings, now meeting at an earlier time — from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Learn more at our website, PagosaUU.org, and email us to receive email reminders.

A bi-monthly offering is the Wise and Wakeful Circle, meeting the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. The group is led by Elaine Harding and Sam Johnson, and it is open to all individuals who align with the values of respect, peace and authentic connection. These one-hour gatherings offer meditation, inspiration and connection. Check it out this week.

Our monthly newsletter is a great source for on-going group gatherings, which can also be found on our website. The Pagosa UU Fellowship is located at Greenbriar Plaza, Unit B-15, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd, near Park

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St. Patrick's Episcopal Church members will soon be preparing the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, available to all on Thursday, Nov. 20.

Early community Thanksgiving meal set for Nov. 20

By Anthony Aldwell
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

The early Pagosa Springs Community Thanksgiving Dinner tradition continues this year, one week ahead of the actual Thanksgiving holiday.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will again sponsor a full and free Thanksgiving dinner, served from the entryway of 445 Lewis St., on Thursday, Nov. 20.

Like last year, this year's meal will be distributed via walk up and takeaway.

Distribution of the turkey and trimmings meal will begin at 11 a.m at this downtown location. The plan is to serve until 12:30 p.m. or until the food runs out. Due to anticipated high demand, partakers are encouraged to arrive before noon.

All are welcome to participate in Pagosa's community celebration of Thanksgiving.



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by Margie E. Burke

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5 A bit cracked
9 Modern messages
14 In addition
15 Run the show
16 Nick of "Affliction"
17 Church instrument of old
19 Sci-fi author Verne
20 Mother of Calcutta
21 Replant timber
23 Like sunlit water
25 Kidnap victim
28 Bananas, so to speak
31 Elliptical
32 Brother's daughters
35 Brewer's vat
36 "Peanuts" girl
37 Honeydew, e.g.
38 Magpie or macaw
39 Utah airport code
40 Sentence ender
41 Pasadena's ____ Bowl
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46 Study of beauty
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51 Took home after taxes
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59 BBQ entree
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61 Lengthy lock
62 Adriatic and Aegean
63 Clothing closure

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1 One of TV's Mavericks
3 Consumer
4 In a humble way
5 Some court proceedings
6 Milk container
7 Wake-up call?
8 Roxie in "Chicago"
9 Legally forbids
10 Weeps for
11 Claim not yet proven
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18 Workplace safety org.
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24 Getty Center architect Richard
25 "The Planets" composer
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27 Excessively sweet
29 ICU worker
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Preview Calendar

All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, Nov. 6

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.

Nonprofit Tips, Tricks and Treats: Ballantine Grant Best Practices with Rachel Rosenthal. Noon-1 p.m., Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Join the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado for sessions to get nonprofits together for networking, idea sharing and helpful tools for organizations. Feel free to bring lunch; dessert will be provided.

Tai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Taylor will answer basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc., and provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Bring your device charger and passwords.

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.

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.

San Juan Stargazers. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Social time will begin at 6 p.m., followed by an educational presentation at 7 p.m.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. James R. White Jr. will read a couple of stories from his books. The meeting will begin with a social half hour at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7

Notary Drop-in. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Colorado documents can be notarized with proper identification.

Saturday, Nov. 8

Emergency Response Training. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. A training led by the United Methodist Committee on Relief to prepare participants to respond in times

of disaster. For more information and to register, email communications@cumcps.org.

Be Prepared for an Emergency Workshop-Winter Edition. 10 a.m., CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84. The workshop will cover the best practices for preparing for and recovery from an emergency.

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.

Pagosa Springs Scrapbook and Crafters Club. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Senior Center dining room. Bring your creative and scrapbooking projects and share time with other crafters. Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch.

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.

Autumn Constellation Tour. 6-7 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Join the Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers at Yamaguchi Park near the pickleball courts to tour the autumn constellations. Learn how to use pointer stars to find bright starts in neighboring constellations. Weather dependent.

Band-O-Rama. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. The concert will feature the Pagosa Springs Community Band, Pagosa Springs Middle School Band and Pagosa Springs High School jazz band.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Master Class.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Sunday, Nov. 9

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Master Class.' 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Surviving the Holidays. 5-7 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Please join us for this two-hour seminar providing encouragement, support and valuable tools for navigating the season when grieving the loss of a loved one. Contact Marie Rascoe, (970) 946-9379, for more information.

Sunday Night Unplugged. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. An exploration of music and prayer in the meditative style of the Taize Community in

France.

Monday, Nov. 10

Women's Fellowship. 9-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Senior Conversations. 1:15 p.m.,

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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.

League of Women Voters of Archuleta County. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. An opportunity to help shape the chapter’s league leadership and direction.

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.

U.S. Marine Corps 250th Birthday Celebration. 6-8 p.m., Boss Hogg’s Restaurant and Saloon, 57 Navajo Trail Drive. Food and drink may be ordered; there will be complementary birthday cake. Other service members are welcome. Contact Ed Robinson, (970) 731-0718, with any questions.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Veterans Breakfast. 7:30-10 a.m., Community Center. Presented by the Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-grade class. There will be a flag presentation ceremony at 9 a.m.

Veterans Day Ceremony. 11 a.m., Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County.

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.

Ruby’s Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Archuleta County Transit Center, 83 Harman Park Drive. Join to discuss “Astor: The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune” by Anderson Cooper. A Sisson Library program.

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>.

Knights of Columbus Veteran Spaghetti Dinner. 4-6 p.m., Pope John Paul Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. The Patriotic Order of the Knights of Columbus, Father John Bowe Assembly, invite all veterans to a free spaghetti dinner. Non-veterans are welcome for a \$10 donation. There will be a military service video presentation.

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.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can

help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Men’s Fellowship. 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa

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For more information, please visit www.mypagosa.org or contact oodell@pagosasprings.co.gov or 970-585-8610.

Preview Calendar

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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 an educational hour of reading, singing and free play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Archuleta County Republican Women. 11:30 a.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant, 157 Navajo Trail Drive. Kelly Haggerty with Liberty Scorecard will speak. Social time and ordering lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the meeting from noon to 1 p.m.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mindful Drawing. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mexican Train Dominoes. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Virtual Legal Clinic. 2-3:40 p.m., Sisson Library. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via phone. Registration opens on the first day of each month. Registration is required. Call (970) 264-2209. Space is limited.

Notary Drop-in. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Colorado documents can be notarized with proper identification.

Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, 141 S. 10th St. For grades 1-3. Elementary school children are tutored in reading and math. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information. A Sisson Library program.

Junior Youth Challenge. 3:30-4:45 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School music room. A weekly club for kids in fifth and sixth 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>.

Order of the Eastern Star Peace and Harmony Chapter #158. 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 277 Lewis St. Call Donna at (970) 946-8201 for more information.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Triple Threats and Thin Walls.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Thursday, Nov. 13

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.

Online Author Talk. Noon, virtual. Watch nationally renowned authors give hourlong presentations live via

Zoom, or watch the recording later. "The Search for Truth and Persistence of Love Across Time" with novelist Amanda Peters. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Tai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Taylor will answer basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc., and provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Bring your device charger and passwords.

Healthy Archuleta Growers and Producers Forum. 4-5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The program will focus on growing fruit trees.

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Friday, Nov. 14

Notary Drop-in. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Colorado documents can be

notarized with proper identification.

Bingo. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Paws to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Read with Maple, the therapy dog who loves stories.

Vets4Vets Fundraising Dinner and Dance. 5-9 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Tickets are \$49 per person and may be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/47telHo> or at the door. All proceeds benefit local veteran support services.

Saturday, Nov. 15

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.

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.

Pagosa Springs High School Improv Show. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. High School students will present a special improv show. Admission is \$5.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Master Class.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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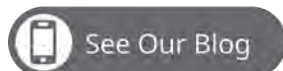


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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the American crow.

In most of the United States, from open woods to the middle of town, this is a familiar bird. Their requirements are few: some trees for perching and a reliable food source. About the only places you won’t find them are desert areas. They eat almost anything: earthworms, insects, aquatic animals, seeds, fruit, pet food, garbage, carrion and the nestlings of other birds.

Scientific studies have shown American crows to be highly intelligent birds with excellent long-term memories. Their ability to recognize and remember human faces has been experimentally documented. Even more impressive is their capacity to categorize faces as threatening, neutral or caring based on their interactions, and react to people accordingly. In other words, the crow in your yard may have an opinion of you.

Crows are highly social birds that learn from each other and share information and skills across generations. They are more often seen in groups than they are alone. Year-round related crows share a family territory that may number up to 15 individuals and contain young from up to five different years. Crows do not breed until they are between 2 and 4 years old, and for the first few years of life help their parents raise new siblings.

In winter, American crows sleep in communal roosts that can number from a few hundred to up to 2 million birds. Large numbers can often be seen feeding together on the ground. Young birds take a relatively long time to grow up and learn survival skills and build bonds within these large flocks.

A common identification question asked about these related large, black birds is “crow or raven?” Behavioral clues include the observation that crows are often seen in groups and ravens singly or in pairs. Crows fly with methodical flapping and ravens often soar. Also noticeable in flight is the crow’s even-edged tail and the raven’s wedge-shaped one. The calls of crows are higher pitched than the deep croaks of ravens.

The success of the adaptable American crow usually gains it the No. 1 spot in our annual Christmas Bird Count. We hope that you will participate in this fun tradition in mid-December.

For information on events, visit www.weminucheadubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.

Our Community Eats increases sustainability through partnerships with regional farms, ranchers

By Katherine Solbert and Mary Sanders

Our Community Eats

Our Community Eats (OCE) is proud to showcase partnerships with several exceptional regional food producers who share OCE’s mission of providing high-quality, sustainable, and locally sourced food to the community — outstanding operations that embody the values of local resilience, sustainability and community nourishment.

The producers provide produce, sausage and wheat.

OCE is 100 percent volunteer-run,

100 percent community-funded.

OCE is a fully volunteer-run organization with no administrative costs. Every aspect of operations — from accounting and grant writing to stocking shelves and managing deliveries — is handled entirely by volunteers. Even utilities, internet and security are covered by a dedicated donor, ensuring that 100 percent of all donations and grant funds go directly toward food purchases.

According to Katherine Solbert, OCE executive director, “When someone donates to OCE, they are not only feeding their neighbors — they are strengthening our entire regional food

system. By purchasing directly from local farmers and ranchers, we help keep these producers sustainable and resilient for the future.”

As the world continues to change, the importance of strong local food systems has never been greater. Through the dedication of our volunteers, the generosity of our donors, and our partnerships with regional growers and ranchers, OCE is working to ensure that fresh, nutritious, and locally produced food remains accessible to everyone in our community.

For more information about Our Community Eats, visit www.ourcommunityeats.com.

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Planning Commission members serve a four-year term and generally meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 pm at Town Hall. Additional meetings or work sessions may be scheduled for specific planning and development topics. Interested individuals must be a Town resident.

If you are committed to community service and interested in helping shape the future of Pagosa Springs, we encourage you to apply.

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Community invited to CSU Extension open house on Nov. 18

By Cindi Galabota
PREVIEW Columnist

Come one, come all: The community is cordially invited to our fall community open house. Bring your friends and neighbors and join us on Tuesday, Nov. 18, anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. at the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension building at 344 U.S. 84.

Our open house will provide the perfect relaxed setting to mingle with fellow residents, meet our friendly staff and volunteers, and simply enjoy some good company.

Treat yourself to a delicious charcuterie spread, warmed mulled cider and other refreshments while learning about the many resources, services and programs available to the community through CSU Extension and the Archuleta County Fair.

Mark your calendar for Nov. 18 and bring a friend. This special event is a fantastic opportunity to connect, celebrate our community spirit and discover the wealth of resources available to all right here in town.

Email list

Do you want to be added to our

Extension Viewpoints

email distribution list to learn about upcoming programs and the latest resources? Email cindi.galabota@colostate.edu to be added to our list.

Or, to learn more about the many programs, resources and services offered by CSU Extension, visit <https://extension.colostate.edu>.

Leave a can, take a can

The CSU Extension office has set up a food pantry shelf at the entrance to our building. If you feel so inclined, you may leave nonperishable items on the shelf. If you are in need, feel free to stop by and take what your family can use.

Be Prepared for an Emergency workshop

There will be a Be Prepared for an Emergency-Winter Edition workshop with Cindi Galabota, CSU Extension

director, and Lacy Capre, Archuleta County Public Health outreach specialist, on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 10 a.m. at the CSU Extension building at 344 U.S. 84.

This free workshop will cover the best practices for preparing for and recovery from an emergency.

Tree and Wreath-making Workshop

Learn about trees and make a wreath at our free Tree and Wreath-making Workshop with Galabota and Judy Brennan from the Ruby Sisson Library on Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. at the 4-H Hall located at the fairgrounds. The class is limited to 25 people. Please call the Ruby Sisson Library at (970) 264-2209 to register.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month at the CSU Extension office, generally on the third Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 264-5931 to register.

Sunday Night Unplugged will feature ‘A Taste of Taizé’ music on Nov. 9

By Emrys Tyler
St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church

Sunday Night Unplugged at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church will return this coming Sunday with a unique program exploring Taizé music.

The Taizé Community in France is a Christian monastic community famed for its community prayers and

music. A large part of its ministry of reconciliation is participating in meditative practice, which includes praying and singing together.

Taizé music is known for its simplicity and repetition. Taizé songs, though short, are meant to be sung several times over in order to allow the Spirit to work more deeply in us as we sing.

If you would like to spend some

time with us on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 5 p.m., we’d love to host you in contemplation, patient prayer and song.

This Sunday Night Unplugged will be less “show” and more participation. Whether you sing complex harmonies or croak like a resonant frog, all are welcome to make a joyful noise with us at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church.



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Support for community food access still needed

Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta would like to express our sincere gratitude to the community for supporting the food drive on Saturday, Nov. 1, at City Market. The food collected at the food drive benefited the seven food pantries in Archuleta County.

Several community volunteers supported the event by handing out shopping lists and collecting food donations. They were very moved by the generosity of the community coming together to support our neighbors.

One volunteer shared, "So fantastic ... the generosity, I'm really touched by the outpouring of support by our community ... for our community."

In addition to those who came to support the food drive on Saturday, one local family created a neighborhood food drive for Halloween to support the community and collected donations as they went trick-or-treating. They brought their donated food to the food drive and filled a whole shopping cart.

All donations collected during the food drive will be shared among the Archuleta food pantries to be distributed to the community at their local sites, allowing neighbors to select

from the available options at the food pantries.

There is still a need for supporting food access in our community, and Healthy Archuleta is encouraging residents to come together to help ensure no one goes without food during this difficult time.

Community members can play a vital role by donating nonperishable foods to the Archuleta Food Pantry Network, which accepts drop-offs at the UPS Store in Pagosa Springs, or by volunteering with local partner pantries to assist with food distribution. Financial contributions are especially impactful, as they allow pantries to purchase high-priority items such as meat, milk, eggs, fresh produce and culturally preferred foods.

Community members can access food at any of the food pantries in Archuleta County, with at least one food pantry open six days a week. The food pantries are located throughout the county, with locations in uptown, downtown, Aspen Springs and Arboles.

You can view a list of the food pantries and their hours of operation on Healthy Archuleta's website at <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/food-pantry-network.html>.

Additionally, for families of

school-aged children, breakfast and lunch are provided at no cost to students in Archuleta School District thanks to the Healthy School Meals for All program. These meals provide steady nutrition for children while Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, benefits are on hold, ensuring students have the energy they need to focus on learning.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. provides weekday meals through its Community Café at the Ross Aragon Community Center, with both dine-in (by reservation) and take-out options available. Its Meals on Wheels program delivers hot meals, plus sides, five days a week, and seven days a week upon request, to homebound adults aged 60 and older. Community members may call or text (970) 264-2167 to reserve meals or learn about volunteer opportunities.

There are many opportunities to support our community and increase access to food for our neighbors. Healthy Archuleta is deeply grateful for the continued generosity of our community as we support our neighbors.

To learn more about the efforts of Healthy Archuleta, please visit our website, www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org.

Regional food pantries request monetary donations as SNAP suspension threatens record demand

Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

With the suspension of federal SNAP benefits for the month of November, food pantries across Southwest Colorado are preparing for an unprecedented surge in need.

Regional partners are urging community members to prioritize monetary donations over food donations to help feed families during this critical time.

"This suspension will leave thousands of local households without the resources they depend on to buy groceries," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director at the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. "Our regional food pantries are already seeing major increases in demand, and monetary donations allow them to respond faster and more effectively than food donations."

Recent data from Durango Food Bank's "Regional Partner Food Pantry Report" highlights a dramatic uptick in need. Pagosa Springs pantries are seeing 20-50 percent weekly increases in household visits. Durango Food Bank has reported a 64 percent week-over-week increase, and Manna's community market visits grew from 978 in August to 1,152 in September.

Food drives are greatly appreciated; however, funds make a larger impact as local food banks purchase directly from distributors at wholesale prices and are exempt from sales

tax, every \$1 donated can provide \$5 to \$7 worth of food.

Monetary donations also:

- Allow food banks to purchase exactly what is needed most, such as milk, eggs, meat, tuna, butter and cereal.

- Support bulk orders that are far more efficient than sorting thousands of individual canned items.

- Enable a coordinated regional response, ensuring smaller, rural pantries get timely deliveries.

The Community Foundation and the Good Food Collective are working together to make bulk purchases to distribute across the five counties of Southwest Colorado.

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The flu and older adults: protecting our community's most vulnerable

By Ricardo Martinez
PREVIEW Columnist

As flu season approaches, older adults, particularly those aged 65 and older, face a significantly higher risk of severe illness, hospitalizations and even death from influenza.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), most flu-related deaths and hospitalizations occur in this age group.

Vaccinations remain the best defense: It can reduce flu-related hospitalizations by around 40 percent and lessen the severity of illness when flu does occur. For seniors, the CDC recommends high-dose or adjuvanted vaccines designed to provide stronger protection.

Where to get your flu shot in Archuleta County

Local seniors can protect themselves by getting vaccinated at several locations in Archuleta County.

The Archuleta County Public Health Department offers flu shots for older adults and can help schedule appointments or provide information on cost-assistance programs.

Most local pharmacies provide flu vaccinations without an appointment; many accept Medicare and other insurances.

Your primary-care provider can administer the flu shot, review your vaccine history, and recommend the

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best formula for your age and health status.

By getting vaccinated, older adults not only protect themselves, but also help safeguard their families and community.

Don't wait; flu season is already underway, and it's better to get the shot now than risk serious complications later.

Autumn match campaign

We depend on donations as part of our funding to provide our programs and 20,000 lunches a year, including the home-bound using Meals on Wheels. Our other sources of funding are not enough.

You can make a difference. An Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) supporter will donate up to \$5,000 if matched between now and Dec. 31. Your donation of \$10 becomes \$20, \$20 becomes \$40, \$50 becomes \$100, or whatever amount you give will be doubled in value.

You can donate to the matching campaign in many ways:

- Call ASI at (970) 264-2167 or stop

in and use your credit card, saying it's for the matching campaign. We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., in the Ross Aragon Community Center (the riverside entrance at the portico).

- You can send a check to ASI, P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, with "Match" on the memo line, or use this link: <https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/ArchuletaSeniors>.

November holiday closures

ASI will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day, and Nov. 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving. No programs or lunch service will be provided those days.

Upcoming events

Put us on your schedule. We will have a tree at the Festival of Trees on Dec. 5 and 6. Also, there may be a competitive team jigsaw puzzle contest fundraiser with prizes in January — more details will follow.

Senior Conversations

The very popular Senior Conversations with local Bill Salmansohn takes place on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Senior Center.

Salmonsohn brings to the conversations a variety of topics designed to stimulate discussions within a safe ■ See Senior on page 21

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How to help

Residents can make an immediate impact to feed local families by donating online at <https://cfssc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/>

fund?funit_id=3277.

Donations will provide immediate support to food access providers in Southwest Colorado including Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties, and the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern

Ute Indian tribes.

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LIBRARY DONOR CELEBRATION

Photos courtesy Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends

Scene ... honoring donors who contributed to the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends' 100 Extraordinary Women campaign. Donors who honored hundreds of extraordinary women heard from steering committee members Jann Pitcher and Livia Lynch, library director Barb Brattin, architect Lauren Davis and Katie Dobbins, foundation executive director, as well as being treated to a video about the library's namesake extraordinary woman — Ruby M. Sisson. Funds raised through the campaign are going toward the library's expansion and renovation that is currently underway.



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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.

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 chih

This class will be held only Thursdays, Nov. 6 and 13, at the Senior Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. There will be a break after that until Jan. 8, 2026.

Tai chi chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this meditative practice.

The 19 movements and one pose are designed to stimulate, circulate and balance the vital energy which is inherent in all of us.

Bingo

The Senior Center hosts free community bingo twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Join the group on Nov. 14.

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; just show up.

All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with an adult chaperone. Seats are first come, first served.

Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join local elders, their friends, 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

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Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage.

Community Cafe menu

Call before 9 a.m. Please note that occasionally the menu must be changed on short notice.

Thursday, Nov. 6 — Beef lasagna, broccoli, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, brownies and milk.

Friday, Nov. 7 — Chicken and smoked sausage gumbo, roasted cauliflower, garden salad, fruit, banana bread and milk.

Monday, Nov. 10 — Chicken piccata, zucchini and mushrooms, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, cranberry nut muffin and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 — Closed for Veterans Day with gratitude to those who have served.

Wednesday, Nov. 12 — Beef fajitas with peppers and onions, flour tortillas, garden salad, fruit, flan and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 13 — Giant stuffed portabella mushroom with couscous, garlic toast, garden salad, fruit, Snickers cake and milk.

Friday, Nov. 14 — Korean pork ribs, quinoa brown rice, ginger carrots, garden salad, fruit, vanilla yogurt and milk.

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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.

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Account Management: Support the Advertising Department with account management activity that's associated with customers running ads in The SUN, PREVIEW, special publications and on our digital platforms.

Administrative: Handle postal paperwork, insertion order processing and payment processing for advertising and subscriptions.

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Communication: Serve as a point of contact for internal and external communications. Answer phones, respond to emails and direct inquiries to the appropriate team members.

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Requirements

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About the Company

O'Rourke Media Group is a fast-growing company that owns and operates hyper-local, community newspapers, websites, niche publications and a full-service digital agency. We are family-owned and mission-driven to save newspapers and local media companies by investing in the people, resources and technology needed to thrive for many years to come.

O'Rourke Media Group now operates in eight states and 28 markets with 41 publications and hyper-local websites.

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POSITION OVERVIEW

The Advertising Account Executive is responsible for managing client relationships, developing advertising strategies, and ensuring client satisfaction. This role requires a blend of sales, marketing, and communication skills.

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- Act as the primary point of contact for assigned clients.
- Build and maintain strong, long-lasting client relationships.
- Understand clients' business objectives and advertising needs.

Strategy Development:

- Collaborate with internal teams to develop effective advertising campaigns.
- Present campaign proposals to clients and negotiate terms.
- Monitor campaign performance and adjust strategies as needed.

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- Prepare and deliver sales presentations.
- Engage in networking activities.
- Meet and exceed sales targets.

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- Present findings to clients and internal teams.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in Marketing, Advertising, Business Administration, or a related field.
- 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.

SKILLS

- Client Relationship Management
- Sales and Business Development
- Strategic Planning
- Communication and Presentation
- Data Analysis



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