

Build Pagosa receives \$2.7 million grant for regional workforce center

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Sept. 11, the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced \$23 million in awards for 12 projects in ten states, including \$2.7 million for Build Pagosa’s regional workforce center.

The awards were provided through EDA’s fiscal year 2025 Public Works

and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs, which leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies to support distressed communities, according to a press release from the agency.

The EDA press release specifically notes the funding for Build Pagosa is for “construction of a workforce development facility to meet local

■ See Grant A4

Heavy rains cause localized damage, closure of Chimney Rock monument

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Pagosa Country has experienced both record-low river levels and flooding that caused closures over the last week, including the ongoing closure of Chimney Rock National Monument.

The San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs hit a new record low flow on Thursday, Sept 10, falling below 12 cubic feet per second (cfs), before trending back up with this week’s rains.

On Friday, Sept. 11, the Piedra

River near Arboles set a new record low flow of 10.4 cfs. The previous record for that day was set in 2018 at 17.3 cfs.

By Wednesday morning, the San Juan River was flowing above 60 cfs, according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and had an instantaneous reading over 55.1 cfs at 2 p.m.

According to 90 water years of USGS records, the record low flow for Sept. 16 was set in 2018 at 12.9 cfs. The record high was recorded in 1970 at 1,190 cfs.

The median cfs for that date is 85

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Photo courtesy Archuleta County

County Road 500 is pictured on Sept. 14. Recent heavy rainfall received throughout the county this week caused the partial closure of County Road 500 while county crews worked to clear flooding debris from the road.

Town’s planning commission approves sketch plan for major subdivision

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Sept. 8, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission approved a sketch plan application for a major subdivision development.

The commission also recommended to the town council, with amendments, that a planned development agreement (PDA) be forged between the town and the developers.

The proposed subdivision is called Ponderosa Mountain, with the main access point off of U.S 160 and Great West Avenue, west of downtown.

The developer, listed as Modern Community Builders LLC, is “proposing to fully develop the [70-acre] site, in phases, with a mix of residential and commercial uses, seeking Planned Development entitlements,” states an agenda document on the matter.

During public comment, several members of the public expressed

concern that entitlements in the PDA would allow the developer to have too much flexibility in terms of zoning and density requirements.

Several public comments expressed that this PDA, if allowed, would enable the developers to build higher-density residential areas that butt up against lower-density neighborhoods, which, they claimed, runs contrary to the town’s comprehensive plan.

One commenter suggested that the agreement sounds like “a rubber stamp” for the developers to do whatever they want.

Planning commissioner Chris Pitcher sought clarification on any potential zoning change that the developer was looking for and asked if this would come later if the sketch plan was approved.

Development Director James Dickhoff responded, “No. The planned development agreement is that zoning change.”

Planning Manager Owen O’Dell

explained during a phone interview that the PDA with the town would need town council’s approval to go forward and make it binding.

The potential agreement will be before the town council at its Oct. 6 public meeting, O’Dell noted.

For its part, the town’s planning commission could only make a recommendation for the council’s approval of the PDA, Dickhoff explained, which it did at the meeting, with a few amendments.

The planning commission recommended that language in the PDA about public open space be removed, while also requesting that the developer show a “larger commitment to workforce housing in the first phase of the development,” O’Dell said in the interview.

The planning commission asked to see a commitment of 30 rental units in the PDA dedicated to workforce housing in phase one, rather than the 12 percent of units dedicated

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Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Director Barbara Brattin addresses the crowd at the Sept. 12 grand opening of the library following a year of construction expanding and renovating the library.

County to pursue engineering cost study for new admin building project

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners heard from County Manager Longinos Gonzalez during a work session on Tuesday, Sept. 15, about the possibility of having a cost study conducted for the county’s administration building options.

Gonzalez explained that various questions have come up over the past several months about potential ideas and options for a county administration building.

He noted the county recently received a feasibility report from a company called Performance Services for the potential cost of constructing a new administration building on county-owned property, and that the

report was “very well done, but also provided broad cost range.”

Gonzalez also noted that another option to purchase space in the Country Center Drive shopping center was brought forward, but not all aspects of that building could be inspected at the time, noting the county had a “broad range” of cost estimated for that option, as well.

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Town’s proposed 2027 budget unveiled

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Sept. 15, Pagosa Springs Town Manager David Harris kicked off budget season with the town’s initial budget proposal for 2027.

Harris explained to the Pagosa Springs Town Council that the budget meets the town’s budget goals of

being structurally balanced, conservative and responsible, maintaining current service levels, while focusing on town priorities and remaining inline with the town’s financial policies.

The main purpose of the budget, Harris informed the council, is to establish a tax rate and fee schedule, sustain current operations, fund scheduled capital projects, and

reflect the town council’s goals and priorities.

The council earlier established its top five priorities, listed as follows:

- Infrastructure/wastewater system.
- Growth of workforce housing.
- Downtown mobility and parking.
- Recreation and community space.

■ See Budget A8



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Pagosa Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Karn Macht rings a ceremonial bell in honor of those who lost their lives due to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks at this year’s 25th anniversary recognition of the event.

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OUR VIEW

Start a conversation

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) calls suicide one of most urgent mental health issues of our time, and each September is a time to draw additional awareness to the issue with Suicide Prevention Awareness Month or Suicide Prevention Month.

We agree that it's a huge issue worth focus and care.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Suicide was responsible for 48,824 deaths in 2024. The number of people who think about or attempt suicide is even higher. In 2024, an estimated 14.3 million adults seriously thought about suicide, 4.6 million planned a suicide attempt, and 2.2 million attempted suicide."

Unfortunately, suicide is something that affects way too many of us in one way or another.

We've known people over the course of our lives who seemed happy and well-adjusted (although they, like all of us, had hardships) before finding out much later they had attempted to take their own life on multiple occasions. We continue to be grateful they're still around to experience

life's joys.

We have friends who have lost immediate family members to suicide.

One of the first enterprise stories we dug into after joining The SUN's reporting staff centered on the astronomical suicide rate in Archuleta County at that time. That was a difficult time for the community, with more folks than average having to deal with the losses of loved ones through tragic means, and our first responders had to respond to and work those scenes more frequently.

And we know for many, it's hit much closer to home.

It's absolutely heartbreaking.

But we firmly believe suicide is preventable, that there is hope, and that all of us can take part in providing a society that values mental health, connection, and seeking help if and when you need it.

"Suicide is still too often met with silence, stigma, or shame," the NAMI website states, adding, "With one conversation, asking someone how they're really doing — and being ready to truly listen — can save lives. Because here's what we know: No one has to face this alone. Help exists. Healing is possible. And all it can take is for

one person to start a conversation."

Undoubtedly, it's awkward and difficult to broach the subject and start a conversation about life and death, hope and hopelessness, and mental wellness, but our community, and our society as a whole, could be better served if we'd all take a little time to prepare ourselves for those difficult conversations. It may be uncomfortable, but if we can make a difference in one life, we consider it worth it.

If you'd like to help and don't know how, several resources, such as NAMI and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, offer a plethora of resources and information about suicide, its warning signs and more.

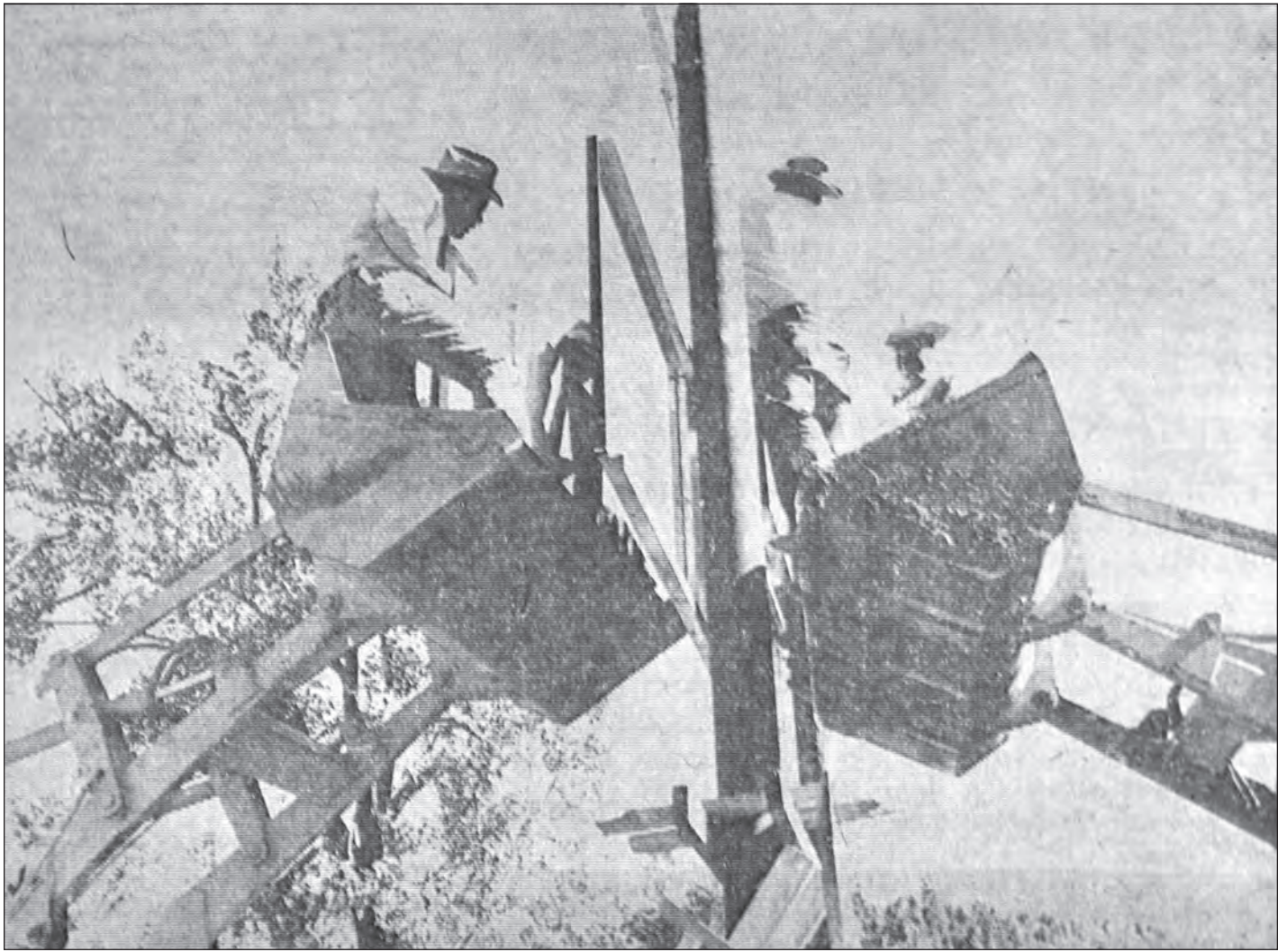
If you'd like to be more prepared by knowing some of the warning signs and risk factors of suicide, NAMI offers a list at www.nami.org/about-mental-illness/common-with-mental-illness/risk-of-suicide/.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, please call or text 988 immediately.

Talk to someone. Find help. You're worth it. There's hope.

Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the Oct. 1, 1970, Pagosa SUN — **BOARD GOES UP** — The new electric score board for football games was erected by volunteer labor last week. Left to right are Modesto Montoya, Eldon Gibson, Bill Hottel and Bert Hyde. Mike Giordano donated his labor and the use of a loader to the construction of the supports for the score board and the large pipe standards were donated by Azotea.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 17, 1926

The new Catholic church at Juanita, known as San Andres, is nearing completion and is a neat piece of workmanship, both inside and out. The building will be dedicated some time in November.

The garden at the home of J.A. Latta contains many beautiful and interesting sights. One of them is a Flemish Beauty pear tree bending to the ground with fruit, also three heavily loaded crabapple trees. A novelty, too, in the way of four "topeppo" plants, a cross between a tomato and a pepper, is an unusual spectacle. The plant is upright like a pepper plant, while the topeppo is more the shape of a tomato, somewhat fluted, but glossy green like a pepper. Dr. Mary Fisher gave nine seeds of this rare plant to Mrs. Grace Parks, who had the luck to raise four in her father's garden.

Melvin "Toots" Lattin, who was recently kicked in the stomach by a logging horse at the Houser mill, developed acute appendicitis and hernia condition therefrom, necessitating his being removed to a Durango hospital Monday night. He was operated on the following day and is now getting along nicely.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 14, 1951

The Pagosa Rod and Gun club will hold its regular meeting next Monday night at the Court House and will devote much of the meeting to the discussion of problems dealing with the coming big game season. They are in hopes that an adequate solution can be worked out in regards to the ever increasing problem of vandalism and trespassing.

An invitation is being extended to all ranches and land owners who have had trouble during the seasons in previous years to attend. The problems will be discussed from all angles and the Rod and Gun club has indicated that it will do everything it possibly can to help in this matter.

All members of the club should also plan to attend in order that they may be informed of the many problems facing the land owners in recent years as the result of the larger numbers of hunters coming here each year. From all indications there will be more hunters this year than ever before and game officials predict a record kill.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 16, 1976

Eastbound travelers over Wolf Creek Pass during daylight hours should take note that new construction is underway at the Pass at the east end. New bridges and new roadway are being built and delays of one hour or more may be experienced when blasting is in progress. If you are going to the San Luis Valley, it might be well to allow some extra time.

The school enrollment continues to climb and now stands at 863 students. Pagosa Springs High School will remain in Class A athletics and activities for one more year and will then join the Southern Peaks Double A League in the San Luis Valley.

This Saturday is homecoming day for the Pagosa Pirates. The opponent is a strong Dolores team and game time is 1:30 in the town park. The Pirates will take the field in a confident mood after defeating Mancos 14-8 in the season opener last Saturday night at Mancos.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 13, 2001

America has been attacked. The Star Spangle Banner reigned over Pagosa Country at half staff Tuesday, even as residents responded with disbelief, horror, then outrage at scenes of terrorist-triggered carnage transmitted nearly 2,000 miles across the country to television screens and audio receivers.

Downtown streets and shops remained relatively empty through the morning hours. As the drama unfolded revealing attacks on the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C. and a plane crashed in Pennsylvania fields, many local citizens remained home, glued to television and radio sets.

Other citizens joined shop owners focused on sets at their businesses where they exchanged comments about the tragedy, forgetting the business of the day. More than a few shops closed. In response to orders from above, Pagosa Ranger District closed its doors from Tuesday afternoon through 10 a.m. yesterday.

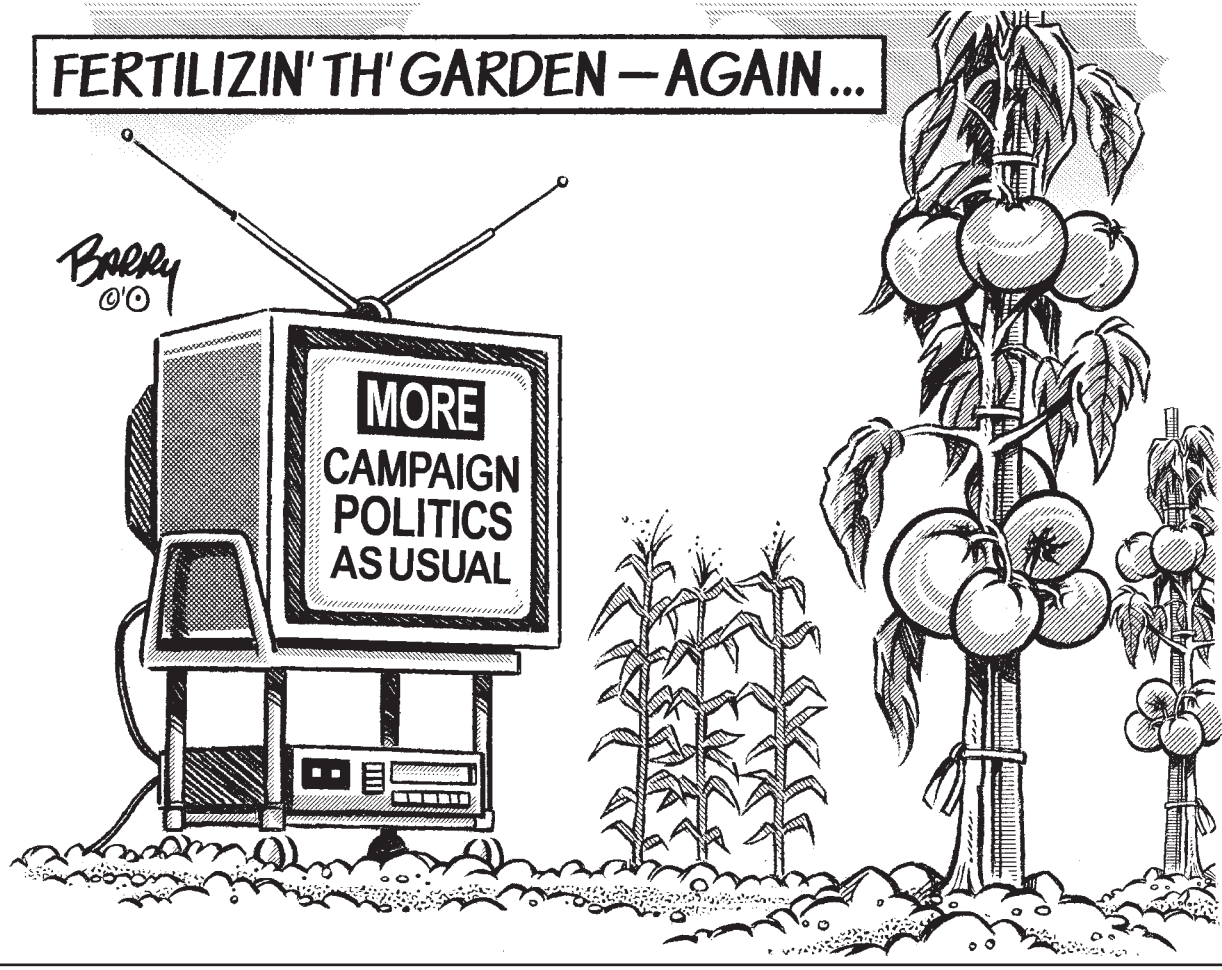
Air traffic at Stevens Field came to a halt Tuesday morning in response to an order from the Federal Aviation Administration closing airspace in the United States to all but the military, law enforcement, and emergency medical aircraft. The closure is effective until further notice.



Weather data

Date	High	Low	Precipitation	Moisture	Type	Depth
9/8	83	54	0.00	NA	NA	NA
9/9	85	45	0.00	NA	NA	NA
9/10	83	42	0.00	NA	NA	NA
9/11	83	38	0.00	NA	NA	NA
9/12	83	45	0.00	NA	NA	NA
9/13	83	46	0.00	NA	NA	NA
9/14	69	48	0.28	NA	NA	NA

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Letters

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We deserve better

Dear Editor:
I love living in Pagosa Springs—but every time I drive past many of our local businesses (uptown, midtown and downtown by the river), I’m heartbroken by the trash piling up in their lots. These businesses profit from our community, yet they treat our shared spaces like dumping grounds. Why is this acceptable?

Most of the waste is single-use plastic—cups, bags, wrappers—that never truly disappears. Despite the plastics industry’s decades-long promise that “recycling is the solution,” less than 6% of U.S. plastic actually gets recycled. And even if we improved recycling systems, they’ll never keep up with plastic production, which is expected to double by 2040 - from 400 million tons to 800 million tons per year. Not only that, but plastic is only recyclable a handful of times - then it becomes too toxic to reuse. Think about that for a minute. We eat and drink out of these materials.

Plastic isn’t just an environmental issue—it’s a human health crisis. Over 16,000 chemicals are used in plastic production, many of which are toxic and linked to cancer, hormone disruption, fertility issues, and even premature death. Microplastics have been found in our blood, lungs, brains, breast milk, and even newborn babies. A recent study in The Lancet estimates plastic pollution costs the world \$1.5 trillion in health damages annually.

And the damage doesn’t stop there. Plastic is everywhere—in Arctic ice, the Mariana Trench, our national parks, and even our food, water, and beer. The solution isn’t just recycling; it’s reducing plastic at the source.

We need change—and it starts with policy. These businesses won’t suddenly grow a conscience and take it upon themselves to make better choices for us - or will they? I’d love to be surprised.

Our Pagosa Springs City Council has a responsibility to protect our health and environment. Let’s urge them to ban single-use plastics and support businesses in switching to affordable, sustainable alternatives made from polylactic acid (PLA), polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA), bagasse (sugarcane pulp), bamboo fiber, coconut fiber, mycelium, algae-based products, and now even seaweed.

It would also be great if the local coffee shops could incentivize reusable coffee mugs by offering a discount for bringing your own!

Many of these single-use coffee cups and to-go ware are lined with Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) also known as ‘forever chemicals’ which are a group of 14,000 synthetic chemicals used since the 1940s for their water-, grease-, and stain- resistance properties. They don’t break down naturally and con- sist in the environment and our bodies for decades. They are linked to cancer, immune system damage, hormone disruption, liver damage, obesity and diabetes and developmental issues in children.

This isn’t about blame—it’s about taking pride in our town and demanding better. Because Pagosa Springs deserves clean streets, healthy families, and a future free from pollution.

Who’s with me in asking our leaders to act?

Christa Chagra

Mail-in voting

Dear Editor:
Mail-in Ballots will be sent on October 5, 2026. This is normal and according to Colorado law. President Trump does not trust our voters or election officials, and without any evidence of mail-in-voter fraud, issued an Executive Order declaring mail-in voting illegal and too risky for his administration. Several Federal Courts have issued nationwide injunctions. The Trump administration lost and has appealed. We all anxiously await to see what the U.S. Supreme Court will do.

The reason Trump’s attempt to cancel mail-in voting is illegal is because Art 1, Section 4, Clause 1 affirmatively declares that State Legislatures will decide the time, place and manner of voting. No where is the Constitution is President granted authority to get involved and override Colorado law. His U.S. Postal Regulations are unconstitutional in my opinion.

Here is how I think what the Trump Administration is trying to do. When the ballots are mailed to us, the local Post Office will transport all the ballots to a Denver Regional Office for processing. In Denver every ballot is scanned and computer algorithm (step-by-step process to complete a task) will make predetermined decisions who will get to have their ballot sent back to the voter. Rejected ballots should be returned to the elections office. The criteria used in deciding who will get their ballot is not generally known. We do know the Trump’s administration efforts to force every election’s office to send them voter information was rejected by a Federal Court thanks to our Attorney General, Phil Weiser’s skills. We do not know if our individual ballot will be mailed to us or not.

There is no assurance that the Trump Administration’s Post Office will follow any Federal Court decision declaring the Trump Executive Order unconstitutional. Their policy may be “catch me if you can.”

Because of all the chaos surrounding mail-in ballots, ever voter needs to have a plan where they do not become disenfranchised, For me, I plan to diligently check my mail box looking for my ballot .If I get it, that will be wonderful. I will make sure I will follow all the mail-in ballot requirements. I will vote and hand carry my ballot to a secure voting box. I will not trust the Post Office to timely return my ballot to the Archuleta County elections office. They must receive all valid ballots by 7:00 PM on November 3, 2026 to be counted. Having my ballot shipped a second time to Denver for processing again might not allow timely delivery back to Pagosa for counting.

If I do not receive my ballot, I will vote in person. Early voting begins October 19, 2026. Every registered voter should vote. Please vote!

Bill Fowler

Editor’s note: On Monday, Sept. 14, after this letter was received, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against restricting mail ballots for the midterm election.

Proposed school cost

Dear Editor:
Speaking as a journalist who attends many government meetings and events in Pagosa Springs, I have been impressed with the accuracy of the information posted by Pagosa Springs SUN reporters.

In particular, I appreciated the careful reporting by reporter Clayton Chaney, covering the August 11 Archuleta School District (ASD) School Board meeting. At that meeting, the School Board heard a report from ASD Chief Operations Officer Jason Taylor about deferred maintenance and upcoming repairs needed at the Pagosa Springs Elementary and Middle School buildings.

As accurately reported in the SUN, Mr. Taylor and his staff analyzed

those buildings and estimated the cost of important repairs needed between 2026 and 2035. He reported the cost, over ten years, at about \$17.5 million. He also noted that ASD might have additional expense due to the presence of asbestos in those buildings, but that would depend on the situation. A complete asbestos mitigation was quoted at \$2 million.

From Mr. Chaney’s August 13 article:

“Taylor went on to mention that [District consultant] RTA’s projected cost to complete the ‘urgent and important needs’ at the elementary school came out to around \$32.7 million, and roughly \$25.9 million for the middle school’s maintenance needs, totaling at approximately \$59 million.

“Taylor commented that the district could get by with ‘less’, noting RTA’s estimate as sort of the ‘best-case scenario’ as that includes [optional] projects that would improve learning spaces..”

Summarizing the costs, Mr. Taylor noted that ASD typically spends about \$500,000 annually on capital improvements, but clearly, the estimated necessary repairs would amount to more than that amount, per year. That is to say, about \$1.7 million per year, over the next ten years.

I was not happy, however, with a recent Letter to the Editor from Lisa Scott, chair of a local ‘Yes on 5A’ campaign committee, published in the September 10 edition of the SUN. Ms. Scott, whom I believe was present for the report by Jason Taylor on August 11, stated in her SUN letter:

“Our elementary and middle school buildings have significant issues that will cost more than \$88 million to tackle and will not address other concerns that just cannot be fixed.”

Why Ms. Scott would publicly disseminate a cost number five times larger than the estimate we heard from ASD’s own staff, I have no idea.

We have a real and ongoing problem, in America, with misinformation, and disinformation. I’m pleased that SUN reporters are willing to write accurately about the issues in our community.

The projected cost of the proposed new school facility, as shown on the ballot, will be up to \$6.7 million per year in increased property taxes. About four times the estimated cost of repairing what we already have.

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U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of Sept. 21-26

Work activity

- The 7th Street intersection: Utility work is complete at the 7th Street intersection. Crews are wrapping up mainline paving of U.S. 160, sidewalk, curb and gutter installation. Please note that pedestrians and vehicles should utilize 5th Street and Lewis and 8th Street as alternatives to cross U.S. 160.

- Harman Park and Piedra Road: Work is underway at this intersection of U.S. 160. Working hours will be intermittent day and night, so motorists should plan for potential delays Monday through Saturday. Please allow extra time to get through the work zone.

- Beginning in October, a Town of Pagosa Springs project, in collaboration with the U.S. 160 project, will begin at 1st Street. Traffic will be one-lane alternating in each direction 24/7 until the work is completed. This operation is anticipated to take about two weeks. More information will be provided closer to the project start time.

- Pedestrian safety: Pedestrian crosswalks are open at 2nd, 3rd, 4th and Lewis streets. Our team continues to see pedestrians not practicing good safety measures, jumping barricades and crossing U.S. 160. Our work zone is extremely active in several locations, and we want to keep everyone safe.

Harman Park and Piedra Road intersection

Safety benefits of this work includes pedestrian safety upgrades and ADA accessibility improvements. Enhancements to the Harman Park and Piedra Road intersection will include:

- Removal of existing islands to be replaced with expanded islands to include ADA-accessible ramps.
- Installation of new sidewalks north and south of the intersection.



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

Crews pour and form the commercial vehicle parking area in front of Memory Lane and Pagosa Photography. This driveway will be used for deliveries only.

- Signal enhancements to include pedestrian countdown lights and push buttons.

Stay informed and connect with the project

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- Email the project team: Pagosa160reconstruction@gmail.com.
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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.



■ Continued from A3

The SUN also accurately reported that both schools recently achieved CDE's 'Performance' ranking. Obviously, education is successfully taking place in our existing facilities.

Bill Hudson

Celebrate the U.S. Constitution

Dear Editor:

Today is the first day of Constitution Week 2026, which our County Commissioners recognized Tuesday with a Proclamation. With election season in full swing, I encourage all eligible voters to register and vote, and everyone, regardless of party, to honor the principles of the Constitution by respecting the rights of our neighbors to speak to the issues of the day.

In that vein, I shared these thoughts with the Commissioners on Tuesday:

Today you will "urge all citizens to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities, which that privilege involves." I wholeheartedly support your resolution calling the community's attention to the values of the Constitution.

These are perilous times for the form of government the Constitution gives us. So, as we reflect on our rights and privileges, I would also ask you and everyone who respects the Constitution to speak loudly and clearly against behavior that undermines our elections.

Candidate yard signs are going up for the General Election - and they've already been stolen and defaced. It's a juvenile tactic that disrespects Americans' fundamental Constitutional right to participate in political speech.

Stealing and defacing yard signs and bumper stickers pales in comparison to buying votes, threatening election officials, intimidating voters, interfering with election procedures, spreading disinformation to confuse voters, and stoking controversy that so discourages voters they simply give up.

But if we tolerate stealing yard signs and bumper stickers, then we've cleared a path to the slippery slope of all the other tactics to take away our Constitutional rights as U.S. citizens to speak about the government and to vote. This is not a partisan issue. It is a threat to all of us who want to see the United States continue to be governed by the people, for the people.

I am confident in our local election officials, the procedures they use to run elections and count votes. I thank them for their service, particularly given the circumstances they face this year.

Candace Jones

Constitution Day

Dear Editor:

September 17th, Constitution Day (also sometimes known as Citizenship Day), is the beginning of Constitution Week, September 17th through the 23rd. This year marks the 239th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787.

Constitution Week was officially enacted in 1956 by President Eisenhower from a congressional resolution petitioned by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

More than 11,000 amendments to our Constitution have been introduced in Congress. Thirty-three have gone to the states to be ratified and twenty-seven have become amendments. The first ten of these are known as the American Bill of Rights.

This magnificent document guarantees Americans the right and opportunity to try to be who and what they want to be. This is a most precious privilege and many people throughout the world do not have this freedom.

Grant

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demand in the healthcare and construction industries."

"We're proud to have received this funding, it's a vote of confidence in what our community has been building for years," said Will Riddlehoover, executive director of Build Pagosa, via a press release. "Through this award, we're nearing the finish line of our capital campaign, and building real careers right here in Pagosa."

Build Pagosa's regional workforce center, which the organization calls "a hands-on training facility for individuals launching careers in the skilled trades," was the only Colorado project included in the funding.

Build Pagosa explains the center

I am extremely grateful that I am a citizen of America. Only we, the people, can keep it strong.

Today is September 17th. Our Constitution was signed exactly 239 years ago today. What a wonderful day that was.

Joanne H. McCoy
Bayfield, Colo.

Support for Ballot Issue 5A

Dear Editor:

A community is only as strong as the schools it provides for its children. That is why I support Proposal 5A and the opportunity it provides to build a new PK-8 school for the students of Archuleta County.

As a former schoolteacher, I know that the quality of a school facility matters. Students and teachers spend a large part of every weekday inside these buildings. Safe, modern, well-designed spaces can support teaching and learning in ways that older facilities simply cannot. Continuing to renovate our current buildings is no longer the best long-term solution.

The district already owns property where the new school is proposed, enabling us to build on land already under district ownership rather than beginning with the purchase of a new site.

The Archuleta School District (ACSD) has been pursuing funding through Colorado's Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) program. BEST is specifically designed to help Colorado school districts address school facility needs, with a particular emphasis on health, safety and security.

ACSD is in position to receive a \$50 million BEST grant. Local matching funds are a requirement for receiving up to 40% of the total project amount thus giving us a unique opportunity to leverage state dollars to address our aging school facilities.

Most importantly, the proposed bond is structured so that the debt increase occurs ONLY if the district receives a BEST grant award. In other words, voters are not simply being asked to approve a tax increase with no condition attached; the bond is tied to securing significant state assistance for the project.

The last major school bond built Pagosa Springs High School. That bond was paid off in 2020. Our community has demonstrated before that it can make a long-term investment in its schools and eventually retire the debt.

Our children only get one chance at their K-8 education. Let's give them facilities that match the importance of the education we expect them to receive by supporting ballot proposal 5A.

Nancy Ray

Vote

Dear Editor:

The Trump administration is increasingly shameless in its attempts to disenfranchise American voters. Their desperate and blatant efforts to create chaos and discourage voters should tell you just how important and powerful your vote really is. They fear your vote.

Our president wrote an executive order (EO) giving the power to regulate who gets to vote by mail to the United States Post Office (USPS). That is not the job of the USPS. States are constitutionally granted the task of running elections. The Trump enablers installed to run the USPS came up with a plan for carrying out the president's EO that, in addition to being illegal, is slapdash and shoddy, never tested and seemingly designed to disenfranchise. What could possibly go wrong with a digital program, constructed hastily, under pressure and in bad faith, then implemented without any testing? Thankfully and for once, the Supreme Court has upheld an injunction on this plan.

There are the reports that ICE agents will be posted at polling places

to intimidate and discourage voters. This is constitutionally illegal. Illegality has never stopped this administration and the threats alone are just another way to discourage voters by instilling fear. You say only illegal voters need fear? Consider how "being legal" worked out for Alex Pretti and Renee Good — and the others that have died in ICE custody.

Then there's the SAVE Act that our president so desperately wants passed but is such an egregious attack on the vote that, even though the House passed it last February, it has not cleared the Senate. That bill passed the House with the help of Jeff Hurd, our (Republican) representative doing all he can to stay in the good graces of Donald Trump instead of looking out for the best interests of his constituents.

Jeff Hurd has been bragging about his vote curtailing stock trading by members of Congress. The bill he voted for only limited stock buying — members can keep and sell stocks. There are other bills in committee limiting congressional stock trading that are stricter, banning all trading and requiring the divestment of stocks. The SAVE Act was shoehorned into the version of the bill that Mr. Hurd voted for. He voted for the SAVE Act twice.

Jeff Hurd is only one of the Republican leaders who have abandoned their constituents in order to enable a clearly insane and demented president who appears to be intent on wrecking our democracy, our economy, our environment and that of the entire planet. That president doesn't want you to vote — sounds like a challenge to me.

Fortunately, most of the local election officials across the country take their job seriously and abide by the constitution. Archuleta County has a dedicated team of constitutionally abiding election officials running our elections. Ballots are mailed on October 5. Check or update your registration at govotecolorado.gov or check with the county clerk/election office. Voting is like so many things — if you don't use it, you might lose it.

Lee Stopher

Colorado public education

Dear Editor:

"Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." The famous God-given Rights every American Patriot knows from our Declaration of Independence. But "among these," and those in the Bill of Rights, are other unenumerated, God-given, undeniable Rights of the people that are Constitutionally protected (Amendment IX.) Can you think of one?

For me, the God-given gift of children is one, and the Right of parents to raise, nurture, and instruct them. It's one of those nasty little foundational Judeo-Christian principles (Psalm 127:3) upon which our Democratic Republic was built.

This November we are being asked to approve a bond measure for a new PreK-8 public school, at a cost of \$79.9M plus interest, paid for by an increase in property taxes, the amount of which has not yet been clearly established. ASD Superintendent Rick Holt has acknowledged that this is a hefty sum, and also that this school would be built only to accommodate current enrollment levels because annual enrollments have been declining.

But there is another cost to public education in Colorado these days that involve far deeper issues than fiscal constraints. Since 2019 numerous laws have been passed that compromise parental oversight in their children's education and leave children vulnerable to abuse by the woke ideologies of the progressive socialistic left. It has led to gender identity confusion, mental health decisions absent parental consent, inappropriate sex education curriculums at even kindergarten levels, mandated mental health

screenings for all 6-12 graders, social transitioning of children via non-legal name changes, stripping of parental rights, gender transition counseling to students without parental knowledge, and all resulting in serious, unnecessary trauma to parents and children alike. The question must be asked: Why support a state public education system that is so encrusted with the Godless ideologies of the extreme left? And make no mistake, no Colorado School District is exempt from these laws!

This past August an advocacy group for children, Alliance Defending Freedom, sent a letter to schools within the Roaring Fork School District about their parental opt-out procedures over a vulgar "3Rs" sex education curriculum presented to Kindergarteners and up.

While numerous examples can be cited, probably the most egregious account of a family's trauma from Colorado's systemically toxic public education system is from Erin & Jon Lee. It is a very compelling presentation on the status of public education in Colorado today. View the documentary at www.artclubmovie.com to learn their story. Erin is also the founder of Protect Kids Colorado. Visit protectkidscolorado.org for detailed information and resources regarding applicable CO laws and regulations. It is so important!

There are many fiscal reasons to vote NO regarding a new public school. But vote NO as well, to stop additional tax dollars from going into Colorado's destructive, woke educational system. It's time for those tax dollars to go toward a School Choice program that respects Colorado's families and the God-given Rights of parents under our Constitution. Please vote accordingly.

Dwight Vilhauer

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CSU Pueblo, GOAL High School launch direct admissions partnership

GOAL High School

Colorado State University (CSU) Pueblo and GOAL High School announced a new direct admissions partnership that eliminates the traditional college application for GOAL graduates starting with the 2026-2027 school year.

Under the agreement, GOAL graduates with a cumulative GPA of 2.3 or higher will receive an acceptance letter and receive direct outreach from CSU Pueblo staff with

financial aid, scholarships, enrollment and class registration. Students can opt into the program at any time while enrolled at GOAL via a simple form and pay no application fee.

“This helps transform a student’s narrative they might have about themselves, that they aren’t college material,” said Jason Hochevar, chief academic officer at GOAL High School and Pueblo native. “Now they believe they’re exactly the kind of person who can go to college. Direct admission gives them a concrete

way to reach for something bigger by removing the barrier and making higher education something they can walk toward, instead of just imagining.”

Participating students pay no application fee and retain the option to apply to other colleges and universities.

“Because GOAL students often follow a different educational path, college may not always feel like the next step for them,” said Kristyn White Davis, CSU Pueblo’s vice presi-

dent of enrollment management, marketing and extended studies. “We hope this initiative helps students see that higher education is within reach and empowers them to picture themselves at CSU Pueblo, earning a degree and achieving their goals.”

GOAL students who want to opt into the direct admissions process can complete the form at connect.csupueblo.edu/register/GOAL-DA.

GOAL High School is a statewide, multi-district charter school authorized by District 49.

Admin

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Gonzalez explained that a more detailed engineering cost study for both of those options, or just one option, “would cost money,” noting that could range anywhere from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to have both options looked at.

Gonzalez clarified that moving forward with the engineering cost study doesn’t mean the county would necessarily be moving forward with either option, but could provide additional information for the BoCC to make a future determination or final decision for the administration building.

Gonzalez explained that he was asking if staff should continue to look into the feasibility of having an engineering study done.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented first, stating that it has been an ongoing discussion, referencing a BoCC work session item from 2006 in regard to site selection of a new county facility.

Brown explained that he had spoken with Reynolds Ash + Associates about having a “side-by-side comparison” of the existing building remodel option presented by Commissioner John Ranson and the new-build option that would happen at the Cornerstone Drive property purchased by the county in 2025.

“There was a community outcry that we didn’t want to spend any money,” Brown said in regard to building a new administration building.

He added that “we just wanted it to be ‘no,’ but that, “doesn’t make the need go away.”

Brown also commented that the county tried the “free route” with a feasibility study from Performance Services, stating that was “essentially the same information ... that we had received from Reynolds Ash a few years ago.”

Brown stated that the Performance Services’ feasibility study did not contain any new information and it “didn’t help us make a decision or advance any further.”

He went on to explain that the existing remodel option would require more mechanical, electrical and plumbing work compared to the new-build option, which would require more architecture and land planning work.

He noted that both proposals from Reynolds Ash would come with a cost estimate, including the “purchase price” for both potential projects.

“At least we’re going to have the information before us that allows us to have a data-based discussion,” Brown said.

Ranson commented that Brad Ash from Reynolds Ash is his first choice, commenting that he “knows a lot more than the free consultant that we’re with.”

Ranson expressed indifference about having an engineering cost study performed for the existing remodel option for the Country Center Drive property, stating that he was unsure if the deal was still on the table or not.

Ranson also indicated that if the other commissioners wanted to do an engineering cost study on the new-build option, he would vote against it.

“I will tell you I’m a ‘no’ vote on it

when it comes up,” he said, explaining that part of his campaign was telling constituents that he would not support a certificate of participation (COP) bond for more than \$10 million.

Ranson then encouraged the BoCC to “get the commissioner-elect involved in this conversation, as well,” referencing Randy Betts.

Ranson added that he would be “all for” the Country Center Drive property if that comes back around in January 2027.

“If we can’t finance it, I’m not interested,” Ranson said, noting that there was another route for the county to pursue and, “We’d be debt free on it in three years.”

“It’s been interesting, this whole conversation,” Commissioner Veronica Medina commented, recalling a meeting in which Archuleta School District representatives approached the BoCC about its plans to build a new school and if the county would be interested in purchasing its old buildings “at zero dollars.”

Medina noted that there would be “obvious” remodel costs associated with the old school buildings, but “nobody wanted anything to do with it.”

She also noted that she’s not a “huge fan” of remodel options, but that the old school buildings would allow the county to keep its services downtown.

Medina posed the question of why the county did not think about considering working with the school district if it was looking to save money and “keep a promise to people.”

“Even though we’ve talked at length about a new building, we’ve had many

discussions with the public,” she added.

Medina also commented on the current condition of the real estate market, suggesting that it’s currently “very slow, and these types of properties don’t move very fast,” referencing the approximately 5.5-acre parcel on Cornerstone Drive the county purchased in 2025 for about \$2.5 million.

Medina closed out her comments stating that the economy changes over time and there might be more changes in January 2027, “and there will probably be a different conversation then, but right now I’m here and right now I have a vote, and right now I would definitely support giving direction to staff to do some type of engineering.”

She noted the study would provide the county with more detailed estimates on final costs and timelines, “so we can move forward.”

Medina stressed that the county needs to take some sort of action and that “enough talk is enough talk.”

Brown offered a few more comments on the matter, stating the discussion has been going on for years, “but this is a big decision and it’s impactful.”

Brown added that the “hope” is to make the “right decision.”

He also mentioned that “we need to put this to bed,” whether the BoCC makes a final decision on a permanent administration building option or if it will be an issue for a future BoCC to consider.

Brown indicated that the general consensus from the BoCC is for staff to continue moving forward with having an engineering cost study conducted for at least the new-build option.

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Obituaries

Mary Jean (Potter) Riethmiller

Mary Jean was born in Susquehanna, Penn., on March 27, 1940, to Kenneth and Jessie Potter. She attended schools in New Milford, Penn., until her senior year before moving with family to Columbus, Ohio, in 1957. She graduated from Grove City High School the following year and entered the Ohio State University, where she met Richard “Dick” Riethmiller. Both graduated in 1962, and they married the following year. She is survived by her husband of 63 years and her four children, Erika (Chuck), Frederick (Lori), Matthew (Lisa) and Gretchen (Tyler). She

has eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

They resided in the Columbus/ Upper Arlington, Ohio, areas until his retirement in 2001, when they moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo. A talented artist and avid horseman, she was active in many school, family and community organizations. Above all, she was a stay-at-home mom, which the entire family credits for our happiness and success.

Virginia Catherine Snow

Virginia Catherine Snow (née Lowney), 66, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away on Aug. 9, 2026. Born on Dec. 15, 1959, in Sacramento, Calif., Virginia made her home in Pagosa Springs, where she was a devoted

mother and beloved grandmother whose love and dedication to her family defined her life.

She is survived by her four children — David, Lonnie, Amanda and Ashley — as well as her cherished grandchildren, who brought immense joy to her heart. Virginia’s memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

A memorial service will be held in her honor on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Open Door Church in Pagosa Springs. All those who would like to attend the service are welcome.



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Outdoors

Town, county, forest lift fire restrictions

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and Town of Pagosa Springs announced that their respective Stage 1 fire restrictions would be rescinded effective immediately.

The San Juan National Forest followed on Sept. 16, lifting fire restrictions effective immediately on all National Forest System lands within the San Juan National Forest.

The town's move applies to lands within the Town of Pagosa Springs, while the ACSO's applies to all unincorporated areas within Archuleta County.

"Widespread precipitation combined with cooler temperatures have lowered the risk of human-caused wildfire," a U.S. Forest Service press

release states. "While campfires are no longer restricted, hunters and recreationists are urged to continue to use caution."

All three agencies urge residents to continue to be aware and prioritize safety.

"Rescinding fire restrictions does not mean that fire danger has been eliminated," the Forest Service states. "Rain is effective at improving the moisture content of light vegetation like grasses, but trees and shrubs require more consistent precipitation to recover from drought conditions. Precipitation has not reached all parts of the San Juan [National] Forest evenly, meaning fuels in some areas are still dry. More rain is expected in the coming week, but visitors should still be careful with fire."

"While fire restrictions have been lifted, officials remind the public that

wildfire danger can change rapidly in Southwest Colorado," the ACSO's statement notes.

The agencies urge the following outdoor fire safety measures:

- Check the weather. Never burn during windy conditions or when a red flag warning is issued by the National Weather Service.
- Never leave fires unattended. Always ensure campfires and burn piles are completely extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving the area.
- Clear all flammable material within 3 feet of campfire rings.
- Make a fire only if you have a shovel and sufficient water to put it out.
- Keep fires small and manageable.
- Obtain required permits. Burn permits can be obtained through the Pagosa Fire Protection District or Los

Pinos Fire Protection District based on which district you reside within.

"Even with restrictions lifted, fire safety remains a shared responsibility," the town's press release states. "The Town encourages everyone to stay aware of current conditions and use extra caution to help protect the community and surrounding public lands."

The Forest Service also notes, "Fall is a great time to implement Firewise principles around your property. Learn about defensive space around your home and get support from partners like Wildfire Adapted Partnership, Colorado State Forest Service, and Fire Adapted Colorado, or by contacting our offices."

For additional information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874 or visit www.fs.usda.gov/r02/sanjuan.
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Fire behavior lessens on Swiss Roll Fire, closure implemented

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Recent rains have moderated behavior on the 777-acre Swiss Roll Fire, a lightning-caused fire that began Aug. 20 in the San Juan National Forest.

The fire is located east of Pagosa Springs and U.S. 160, south of East Fork Road (CR 667) near Quartz Meadow.

The fire showed little growth following its start, but, following days of hot dry weather, the fire was driven by wind on Friday, Sept. 11, growing from roughly 10 acres to 370 acres, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, the fire grew to 777 acres as outflow winds from passing thunderstorms pushed it farther south and east, the agency explains in a press release.

But, after receiving rainfall for multiple days, fire activity on the Swiss Roll Fire has moderated, and this week's rain showers are expected to keep fire behavior to a minimum, the agency reports.

Indirect containment

Fire managers have been employing an indirect containment strategy on the Swiss Roll Fire due to the danger associated with the steep terrain and dead timber in the area.

The agency explains it is using predetermined action points if/when the fire reaches certain locations.

It adds those fire lines may include roads and natural features (like rock outcroppings and Quartz Meadow).

"Fire crews cannot engage the Swiss Roll Fire directly across much of its footprint due to extremely high threat to safety from falling dead trees and lack of access in the case



Photo courtesy Steve Hartvigsen

The Swiss Roll Fire is seen from the Continental Divide Trail the afternoon of Sept. 12. After multiple days of bigger growth, rain has moderated behavior on the fire.

of a medical emergency," it states. "Falling trees are the number one cause of wildland firefighter fatalities. Additionally, the fire is not expected to threaten life or property due to its remote location and therefore does not justify putting firefighters at risk."

The agency notes crews will remain engaged in monitoring activities, especially after the wet period passes.

"The fire is unlikely to completely go out until it receives snowfall," it

notes.

Closure implemented

For the safety of firefighters and the public, the Pagosa Ranger District has implemented a road and trail closure in the vicinity of the Swiss Roll Fire.

The closure restricts public access to all lands, roads and trails within the described area, including Quartz Meadows Road (NFSR 684), Quartz Creek Trail #571 and Quartz Ridge

Trail #570 at the Quartz Ridge Trailhead near the Silver Falls Guard Station.

The Quartz Creek Trail #570 (from the Sand Creek Trailhead) will remain open for approximately 4.5 miles until it turns east.

Violations of the closure order are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Examining the history, ecological effects of wildfire

By Monica Nigon

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

While wildfires encroaching upon community resources and infrastructure can be devastating, low-intensity wildfires are a natural part of forest ecosystems.

A ponderosa pine forest typical of the South San Juans is normally due to burn every couple of decades — essentially a "reset button" for the forest. Yet, due to a long history of wildfire suppression, when a forest catches fire, it is prone to burning hotter and spreading faster.

Historically, lower-intensity fires burned through dead organic matter on the forest floor, releasing essential minerals and nutrients into the soil and speeding up decomposition. Some species of trees even rely on heat and fire to melt their resin-sealed cones and release their seeds.

Those decades of fire suppression have caused an unnatural buildup of dense understory shrubs (like Gambel oak) and dead wood. Naturally occurring fires clean up these "fuel ladders," preventing subsequent blazes from easily climbing into the upper forest canopy and becoming catastrophic crown fires.

Mixed conifer zones in our region frequently intermingle with quaking aspen stands. Low- to moderate-severity wildfires remove competing conifers and stimulate aspen root systems, triggering rapid sprouting of new aspen groves. This creates a diverse mosaic of forest ages and types across the San Juan landscape.

Recent research in Colorado also found evidence that aspen groves can reduce the speed at which fire spreads and can even stop the fire entirely or change its course.

The ash from a fire acts as a natural fertilizer that can help new diverse

vegetation thrive. A forest with diverse plant life provides habitat for local wildlife, further increasing biodiversity and resilience on the landscape. Additionally, a fire can assist with controlling disease and pest populations that might otherwise decimate a forest.

There is no underestimating the impact a high-severity fire can have on a community like Pagosa Springs and the individuals who may suffer those impacts on their homes and livelihoods. Yet, it is important to note that wildfires in our forests are a naturally occurring part of ecological health in Southwest Colorado.

The San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership develops science-based, collaborative priorities for the sustainable management of forests, watersheds and essential community resources and recently partnered with Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership to work at the intersection of watershed and

forest health.

Our monthly meetings and field tours are open to the public. Join us for our next regular monthly meeting on Oct. 16 at the Archuleta County administration building from 9 to 11 a.m., or see our website, sanjuanheadwaters.org, for regular updates or to sign up for our newsletter.

BLM plans prescribed burns to reduce wildfire risk

Bureau of Land Management

The U.S. Wildland Fire Service will conduct multiple prescribed burns this fall across lands administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Southwest Colorado.

Operations are expected from mid-September into November and will be conducted under agency-approved burn plans when weather, fuel and smoke conditions are appropriate.

The burns will involve intentionally applying fire across designated areas to reduce accumulated vegetation under carefully controlled conditions.

Planned burns include:

- Cabezón Canyon: Approximately 700 acres on BIA-administered lands in the Cabezón Canyon area south of Chimney Rock. This effort builds on previous treatments and is part of the larger 4,100-acre Cabezón Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration/Improvement project.

- Rabbit Mountain: Approximately 276 acres on BLM-administered public lands northwest of Bayfield. The area is primarily ponderosa pine with areas of pinyon-juniper, Gambel oak and mixed mountain shrub in Unit 2.

Smoke may be visible during burn operations and could linger or settle in low-lying areas as temperatures cool. Residents and visitors should use caution when traveling in smoke-affected areas and take appropriate

precautions when smoke is present.

Operations are weather-dependent and may be postponed, delayed or canceled if conditions are not suitable. Fire personnel will monitor burns during operations and patrol treatment areas for several days afterward.

For information about smoke and health, visit the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Wood Smoke and Health webpage at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/apcd/wood-smoke-and-your-health>.

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Subdivision

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for workforce housing in the original language of the PDA, he added.

The other phases of the project could continue down the path of the 12 percent of any housing being built dedicated to workforce housing.

O'Dell also explained, at the meeting, that the developer sought to change some of the zoning tracks to Mixed-Use Residential (MU-R) in the agreement, but that town staff thought this would not be appropriate according to the town's comprehensive plan.

O'Dell explained that staff recommended that the planning commission amend the PDA to make those tracts R-22, which is a high-density residential zone that allows 22 dwelling units per acre.

At the meeting, planning commissioner Brian Reid asked, "So, there's a difference between what they [the developers] are asking for and what you're recommending?"

"Correct," O'Dell answered.

The planning commission also recommended amending the PDA to make those tracts R-22 instead of the developer's request to make them Mixed-Use Residential (MU-R).

Dickhoff explained that the PDA was an important step, binding any future owners of the property to all the deed restrictions and commitments to public infrastructure within the agreement, ensuring, for example, that workforce housing elements remain workforce housing "in perpetuity."

Ultimately, the planning commission recommended to the council the approval of the agreement, with the amendments outlined above.

As far as the major subdivision sketch plan, which the planning commission would make a decision on at the meeting, the sketch application only detailed phase one of the development.

The application states that the entire project would take place in seven phases.

"This is a phased project and it will happen over many years, and, as phases are completed, they'll start staging and designing their next phase," Dickhoff said.

He added, "We all know that developers are eager to make things happen quickly, but in the end it's dictated by the demand and the market for more housing or more

lodging units, whatever the case might be."

The application also states that 12 percent of the housing in the development would be dedicated to workforce housing for the community.

Some of the public commenters were concerned that the developer was using "workforce housing" as a sort of "magic word to immediately get their foot in the door."

"I've seen other developments around there where the workforce housing never materialized," one resident said.

A representative of the developers said to look around, "all other resorts in this state don't have enough workers and I know that's a problem here, too, so we don't want to add to that problem, and that's our goal."

After phase one's 30 units, "12 percent of the total homes that are built will be workforce qualified," he explained, adding, "The 30 is for phase one only, and then 12 percent from then on out."

During public comment at the end of the meeting, one resident expressed they are concerned about the traffic on the roads.

"We are considered an agricultural

community, and we have horses and we ride and we walk our dogs and children ride their bikes, and I don't understand why you keep saying you can take Great West and make it a highway to Walmart," she said, adding, "I think it's unfair to take a quiet community and put another byway through it."

Another resident said, "I really think there needs to be a road study. I don't think there's enough exits in this situation ... I'm also very concerned it will become the Great West highway to Walmart."

Another suggested he "was surprised" that zoning could be changed so easily through a PDA, adding that he expected there would be "a lot more of a process, with steps having to be taken, public input."

He said, "I don't know how you can go from a rural transition property to the other extreme and have a high-density zoning just because a developer comes in and says we want to build this."

He added, "It seems like an end-around the zoning laws."

Ultimately, the planning commission approved the sketch plan.

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Budget

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es, with emphasis on Reservoir Hill.

- Civic leadership and partnership with the county.

Harris noted that this budget will fully consider the town-only 1 percent sales tax increase, approved by the voters, to help pay for the town's repair and reconstruction of its wastewater system.

These revenues flow into a Sewer Infrastructure and Facilities Fund, which first came online in 2026.

A budget slide presentation, presented by Harris, shows that the town expects its total revenues for 2027 to stand at \$26.5 million.

However, the town's expenses for the year are budgeted to be over that amount, standing at about \$30.5 million, leaving a shortfall of \$4,029,453, the presentation states.

Some of the rising expenses stem from expenses in the general fund, which are up by \$2.7 million compared to fiscal year 2026, the presentation shows.

The budget will go through a process where it's reviewed, edited and discussed by the town council in a public forum.

Harris explained that, as scheduled, the council will hold budget workshops on Sept. 21 and 22 at 5 p.m. and will have a public hearing on Oct. 6 at 5 p.m.

If everything goes smoothly, it's possible that the council could adopt the budget at the Oct. 6 public hearing, he noted, but they could also adopt it at the Oct. 20 public meeting, if need be.

The budget would take effect on Jan. 1, 2027.

After Harris' budget presentation, the meeting was opened to questions from the council.

Council member Leonard Martinez expressed dismay that there was no mention in the budget of non-tourism-related economic development.

Martinez has stressed in previous meetings that Pagosa Springs should be seeking economic growth beyond the tourism economy.

He noted that he sees something "missing" in the budget.

"In the priority goals and in the council work plan ... there is not a single message, anywhere, about a strategic initiative that we talked about ... non-tourism-related economic development," he said.

In addition, he explained that he'd

like to see "some of the new housing [that the town purchased] that is coming available in March" to be available to police officers "as part of their salaries."

He added, "I don't see those kinds of things reflected here."

With "tourism being the only thing that's driving our revenues," he said, "we are resting on a single point of failure."

Council member Madeline Bergon took issue with potentially raising the sewer fee in the budget after the council went to the voters to ask for a sales tax increase to pay for the sewer reconstruction.

The budget, as proposed, has an increase from \$71.25 per month to \$81.50 per month for sewer fees, according to the presentation.

"I feel pretty strongly about not pursuing that hefty of a bump in sanitation monthly charges," Bergon said. "Especially since it was mentioned in our campaigning for the sales tax increase that we were going to, in fact, lower people's rates. Raising them by \$10 seems atrocious to me."

Mayor Shari Pierce explained that the council would definitely be having

a conversation about this issue during budget deliberations.

Pierce said, "We also have to weigh the other side — the people in the county who are frustrated because, when they purchase in town, their sales tax has gone up."

She added, "There's a lot to take into consideration when making this decision."

Rains

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cfs, and the mean is 144 cfs.

As of 2 p.m. on Wednesday, the Piedra River was flowing at a rate of 25.2 cfs.

According to 63 water years of USGS records, the record low for that date was set in 2018 at 11.2 cfs, and the record high was set in 1970 at 1,630 cfs. The mean flow for that date is 216 cfs, and the median flow is 123 cfs.

Heavy rain and drought

Pagosa County experienced multiple rain events beginning on Monday, Sept. 14, with reports from the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network in Archuleta County showing anywhere from just under an inch to more than 2 inches of rain received from Monday to Wednesday.

The most recent drought map released by the U.S. Drought Monitor was published on Sept. 10, before the area's most recent rain events, and shows just over 50 percent of Archuleta County being in a stage three, extreme drought.

That was up from just over 22 percent of the county falling under extreme drought as of Sept. 1.

For more information and to see an updated drought map, visit droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?flips_08007.

Torres indicated that crews worked overnight from Monday to Tuesday clearing flood debris on parts of County Road 500.

The recent rains and flooding also forced the U.S. Forest Service to close Chimney Rock National Monument until cleanup of mud and debris is completed.

According to a Sept. 15 press release from the Forest Service, "Chimney Rock National Monument is closed effective immediately and will reopen once flood damage has been repaired. During the evening of September 14, severe thunderstorms impacted several areas of the Monument, sending mud, rocks, and debris across roadways, parking lots, and paths.

"Due to the threat of additional heavy rain in the coming days, the monument will remain closed until the threat of flash flooding passes this week and the mud and debris can be cleaned up. Road crews and engineers are assessing repair needs and Monument staff are shoveling mud and rocks out of parking lots and pathways."

It also notes that an announcement will be made when the monument reopens.

According to a press release from AccuWeather, "Tropical moisture in the Gulf of California is surging into the southwestern U.S. bringing heavy rain and thunderstorms across the area through Friday, with the Four Corners region facing the greatest risk as AccuWeather warns this storm could bring as much as a foot of rain in some localized spots."

The National Weather Service (NWS) issued a flood watch for Pagosa Springs starting yesterday, Wednesday afternoon, and lasting until midnight tonight, Thursday, Sept. 17.

More showers are expected through Saturday, Sept. 19, with the NWS predicting the greatest chance of showers Thursday night, Sept. 17, and Friday morning, Sept. 18.

Highs through the weekend are expected to range from 68 degrees on Thursday up to 76 degrees on Saturday. Lows are expected to range anywhere from the high 30s to low 40s.

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The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners stand with members of the Daughters of the American Revolution after proclaiming the week of Sept. 17-23 as “Constitution Week” in Archuleta County during the board’s regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Final plans for Healing Waters renovation approved by town’s Design Review Board

By Derek Kutzner
Staff Writer

On Sept. 8, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, sitting as the Design Review Board, approved a final design application for the redevelopment of Healing Waters Resort and Spa.

Healing Waters is a lodging and hot springs establishment located at 140 Hot Springs Blvd.

The applicant came before the board to propose the final design of a two-phase redevelopment project of the resort.

An agenda document on the matter states that the redevelopment is intended to “better serve customers, reduce maintenance and energy costs, and to adapt to the changing trends of Pagosa Springs.”

The applicant’s “master plan” for the site includes a reorganization of the entire property, expanding the soaking pools, lodging capacity, and the amenities provided to guests,” the application states.

The hopes are to make a “more cohesive resort that would better serve both guests and the community,” the application states.

The redevelopment plan for the property was originally brought before the board in 2024, when the sketch plan was approved.

The final design contains only a “slight deviation” from the original sketch plan, explained Planning Manager Owen O’Dell.

Phase one of the redevelopment would consolidate the lots, create “clarified and safer access through the site,” improve the landscaping, and improve the utility service areas, the document states.

O’Dell said that phase one of the project “is slated to begin late this year, with completion roughly a year later.”

On consolidation of the lots, he explained that, in its existing configuration, the site is technically two separate parcels and that the owner will attempt to consolidate them through a different process than the design review application being considered currently.

He explained that while the ap-

plicant has not yet indicated when phase two of the redevelopment would take place, it would include the demolition of one existing lodging building, the removal of the existing modular cabins and the additions of new laundry and hotel buildings.

Phase two would also include construction of four new cabins, the application states.

The second phase would “likely happen in 2028,” O’Dell said.

In total, Healing Waters would stand at a room count of 26, which would include 14 rooms in the new hotel, eight rooms in the renovated old lodge and four new cabins, the application states.

O’Dell explained to the board that town staff recommended the approval of the final design application, but with certain conditions, with a few of the conditions, including:

- Submittal of storm water drainage and snow storage plans.
- Approval from the town’s Public Works Department for the conveyance of raw geothermal water from the site.
- Provide evidence that the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) is willing and able to serve this site.
- Ensure that all mechanical equipment is properly screened from street view.

When opened to questions, planning commissioner Chris Pitcher sought clarification on if the board was deciding on both phases of the project at this time, with O’Dell explaining that the board would be approving both phases with the exception of the soaking pool renovations.

One of the architects on the project, Lauren Davis, explained “that all of the pools will be done in a later phase,” even though they are included in the master plan presented to the board.

This would be a “sort of phase three,” O’Dell explained.

Planning commissioner Brian Reid explained he thinks the project will be “a benefit to downtown,” and “you’re not adding very many new units compared to other things being considered” by the board, so the impact on local utilities wouldn’t be

as major an impact as other developments.

He added that cleaning up and upgrading the site would likely make utilities usage more efficient.

When a motion was made to approve the final design, with the conditions, it was passed unanimously by the board.

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FRANKLIN E. WITHROW III
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/s/ Murray Wilkening
By Murray Wilkening - #15302
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
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Plaintiff: FRANKLIN E. WITHROW III
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Plaintiff:
Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.
v.
Defendants:
GARY LEE HAMMAN, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP OF KATRINA LEE HAMMAN, DECEASED
Case No.: 2026CV30044
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): (S) Gary Lee Hamman, surviving joint tenant with right of survivorship of Katrina Lee Hamman, deceased
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Christopher B. Conley
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DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2025CV030045
DIVISION NO. 3
INITIAL COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM

Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v.
Defendants, G H PAT ETHEREDGE et al
Regarding: Subdivision: Pagosa Trails, Lot: 46, PT Sec: 30, Twn: 35, Rng: 2W
Also known as: 27 Paisley Ct, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff’s Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Civil Division of the Sheriff’s Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 9 a.m., on the 4th day of November 2026, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, phone number 970-264-8430. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.

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Published in: Pagosa Sun
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You may have an interest in the real property being affected, or have certain rights or suffer certain liabilities or loss of your interest in the subject property as a result of said foreclosure. You may have the right to redeem the real property or you may desire and be advised to consult with your own private attorney.

A notice of intent to cure must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of the foreclosure sale.

A notice of intent to cure filed pursuant to section 38-38-104 shall be filed with the officer at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the first scheduled sale date or any date to which the sale is continued. If the sale date is continued to a later date, the deadline to file a notice of intent to cure by those parties entitled to cure may also be extended.

A notice of intent to redeem filed pursuant to section 38-38-302 shall be filed with the officer no later than eight (8) business days after the sale.

In this regard, you may desire and be advised to consult with your own private attorney.

IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO AT-

TORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradotorneygeneral.gov
Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

Further, you are advised that the parties liable thereon, the owner of the property described above, or those with an interest in the subject property, may take appropriate and timely action under Colorado statutes, certain sections of which are attached hereto.

In order to be entitled to take advantage of any rights provided for under Colorado law, you must strictly comply and adhere to the provisions of the law. Further, you are advised that the attached Colorado statutes merely set forth the applicable portions of Colorado statutory law relating to curative and redemption rights; therefore, you should read and review all the applicable statutes and laws in order to determine the requisite procedures and provisions which control your rights in the subject property.

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ARCHULETA COUNTY 2026 June Salary Report			
County employees are paid every two weeks (not monthly). This report shows amounts paid out within the month of June. Fringe benefits, including, but not limited to, medical insurance, FICA, medical care, and retirement plans are an average 32% of wages paid.			
Position			
4-H COORD	4,815.77	EMG COMM DISPATCHER	5,155.65
ACCOUNTANT	5,205.76	EMG COMM DISPATCHER	5,212.09
ACCTG CLERK III	4,012.63	EMG COMM DISPATCHER	6,469.75
ADMIN ASSISTANT	4,272.96	EMG COMM DISPATCHER	5,865.29
ADMIN ASSISTANT	4,760.47	EMG OPS DIR	7,273.54
ADMIN ASSISTANT	4,184.00	ENGINEERING TECH	107.79
ADMIN ASSISTANT	3,118.40	ENGINEERING TECH	6,827.12
ADMIN ASSISTANT II	5,032.63	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPEC	4,536.54
AIRPORT MAINT TECH III	4,800.32	EQUIP OPERATOR I	3,160.50
AIRPORT MGR	7,015.14	EQUIP OPERATOR I	3,840.00
ALT SENTEN & PRE TRIAL COORD	6,986.25	EQUIP OPERATOR II	4,285.84
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	5,169.23	EQUIP OPERATOR II	4,411.84
APPRaiser I	5,528.01	EQUIP OPERATOR II	4,234.56
APPRaiser I	4,609.65	EQUIP OPERATOR II	5,020.80
APPRaiser I	3,955.20	EQUIP OPERATOR II	3,765.54
ARBOLES TRANS STATION FILL IN	2,204.32	EQUIP OPERATOR II	4,717.51
ASSESSOR	6,266.54	EQUIP OPERATOR II	4,830.76
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY	7,370.68	EQUIP OPERATOR III	6,310.77
BLDG INSPECTOR	4,917.44	EQUIP OPERATOR III	5,247.94
BLDG MAINT MGR	4,170.70	EQUIP OPERATOR III	4,302.40
BLDG PERMIT TECH I	3,722.47	EVIDENCE TECH	4,281.60
BUILD PERMIT TECH II	4,480.00	FACILITIES MAINT TECH	3,320.96
BUS DRIVER	1,197.00	FAIR COORD	3,874.51
BUS DRIVER	2,717.75	FAMILY ADVOCATE	3,950.40
BUS DRIVER	1,479.99	FAMILY SUPPORT SPEC	4,160.00
BUS DRIVER	1,125.01	FINANCE DIR	9,372.30
BUS DRIVER	905.00	FLEET MGR	6,188.48
BUS DRIVER	1,188.72	FLEET SHOP FOREMAN	5,214.94
BUSINESS OFFICE CLERK	4,019.20	FOOD SVC ASSISTANT	4,831.34
CASE SVCS AID/FRAUD & CLAIM TECH	2,986.67	GIS ANALYST	5,307.20
CASEWORKER I	4,338.00	GIS ANALYST	4,108.80
CASEWORKER I	4,018.75	HR ASSISTANT	5,134.56
CASEWORKER I	4,000.00	HR DIR	8,146.04
CASEWORKER I	4,000.00	HUMAN SVCS DIR	8,295.00
CHIEF BLDG SUPER	1,701.70	IT DIR	8,161.64
CHIEF BLDG OFFICIAL	7,276.94	KITCHEN MGR	6,785.96
CHIEF DEP ASSESSOR	6,807.68	LANDFILL SUP	7,431.76
CHIEF DEP CLERK	5,568.00	LEAD DEP MOTOR VEH CLERK	4,080.01
CHIEF DEP TREASURER	4,633.60	LEAD EMG COMM DISPATCHER	9,567.59
CHILD SUPPORT LEGAL TECH	3,672.00	LEAD MAINT TECH	4,480.00
CHILD SUPPORT LEGAL TECH	5,438.40	MECHANIC I	3,848.13
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	4,634.88	MECHANIC II	3,672.72
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	3,976.50	MECHANIC II	4,171.82
COMMISSIONER	7,783.08	OFFICE MGR	5,762.98
COMMISSIONER	6,266.54	OFFICE MGR	5,651.20
COMMISSIONER	7,783.06	OPS CDR	8,771.07
COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPEC	5,214.44	PARALEGAL/EXEC ASSISTANT	7,211.84
COMP SUPPORT SPEC	5,224.80	PATROL DEP	6,027.07
COMP SUPPORT SPEC	4,825.60	PATROL DEP	5,254.50
COMP SUPPORT SPEC	4,699.20	PATROL DEP	5,453.91
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	11,538.46	PATROL DEP	7,026.24
COUNTY ATTORNEY	12,692.30	PATROL DEP	5,582.22
COUNTY CLERK	6,266.54	PATROL DEP	6,108.24
COUNTY CORONER	7,783.08	PATROL DEP	6,209.25
COUNTY SURVEYOR	1,148.75	PATROL DEP	4,393.34
COUNTY TREASURER	9,391.54	PATROL SGT	6,634.32
COURT HOUSE SEC OFFICER	6,201.19	PATROL SGT	9,315.01
COURT HOUSE SEC OFFICER	5,141.88	PERSONAL PROPERTY APPRAISER	4,507.04
COURT HOUSE SEC OFFICER	5,499.93	PRGM ADMIN	6,221.22
DATA COLLECTION SPEC	3,840.00	PH COORD ASSISTANT	2,878.75
DATA COLLECTION SPEC	3,861.16	PH CLINIC LEAD	4,696.01
DATA COLLECTION SPEC	3,519.00	PH CLINIC PROVIDER	8,308.10
DEP ASSESSOR	6,837.33	PH CLINIC PROVIDER	1,680.00
DEP CLERK I	3,747.68	PH NAVIGATOR	1,820.90
DEP DIR OF EMG MGT	5,605.36	PH NURSE	510.41
DEP MOTOR VEH CLERK I	3,413.44	PH NURSE	3,320.00
DEP MOTOR VEH CLERK I	400.00	PLANNER I	4,673.04
DEP MOTOR VEH CLERK I	3,401.60	PLANNER I	4,798.89
DEP OF EMG MGT	4,810.58	PUBLIC HEALTH DIR	10,390.40
DEP OF EMG MGT	6,005.00	PUBLIC WORKS DIR	8,953.06
DEP TREASURER	4,665.60	R & B FOREMAN	5,535.47
DEP TREASURER	5,520.00	R & B FOREMAN	5,995.80
DEPUTY CLERK III	1,893.00	R & B FOREMAN	5,745.54
DETECTIVE	2,505.75	R & B MGR	6,474.08
DETECTIVE	6,630.00	RECORDS TECH	3,672.00
DETECTIVE	7,545.36	RECYCLE CENTER SUP	6,769.73
DETENTION OFFICER	5,059.73	RESOURCE MGR	5,912.98
DETENTION OFFICER	5,440.68	ROADWAY INSPECTOR	5,223.12
DETENTION OFFICER	5,323.92	SENIOR ACCTG CLERK	4,474.07
DETENTION OFFICER	4,956.00	SERVICE WRITER	4,433.60
DETENTION OFFICER	5,057.61	SHERIFF	8,141.08
DETENTION OFFICER	4,292.40	SUB BUS DRIVER	1,852.92
DETENTION OFFICER	4,292.40	SUB BUS DRIVER	1,417.68
DETENTION OFFICER	3,974.80	SUB BUS DRIVER	938.78
DETENTION OFFICER	5,429.76	SW ADMIN	4,428.64
DETENTION OFFICER	4,956.00	SW FACILITIES OP	6,069.28
DETENTION OFFICER	4,292.40	SW FACILITIES OP	4,964.66
DETENTION OFFICER	5,028.80	SW FACILITIES OP	4,416.00
DETENTION OFFICER	4,637.33	SW FACILITIES OP	4,440.00
DETENTION OFFICER	6,354.94	SW MGR	3,649.61
DETENTION SGT	346.85	TRANIST DISPATCHER	2,587.50
DHS ACCOUNTANT	5,194.40	UNDERSHERIFF	8,603.58
DIR OF DEVELOPMENT SVCS	7,615.38	VETERANS SVCS OFFICER	5,668.84
ELECTIONS SEC MGR/SEC MGR	5,086.41	WATER QUALITY MGR	5,384.60
ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR	4,372.81	WATER QUALITY SPEC	4,153.98
ELIGIBILITY TECH	3,416.00	WEED & PEST MGR	7,407.86
ELIGIBILITY TECH	4,119.51	WEED & PEST SPEC	4,366.25
ELIGIBILITY TECH	3,411.20	WEED & PEST TECH	1,680.00
ELIGIBILITY TECH	3,187.77	WEED & PEST TECH	3,360.00
ELIGIBILITY TECH	1,598.18	WIC EDUCATOR	944.51
ELIGIBILITY TECH	3,276.80		1,000,660.96
EMG COMM DIR	6,812.58		



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Dated in Colorado this 8th day of August, 2026.
Sheriff of Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Mike Le Roux
Mike Le Roux, Sheriff
ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF:
ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC
1445 Market Street, Suite 350
Denver, CO 80202
Statutes attached: §§38-37-108, 38-38-103, 38-38-104, 38-38-301, 38-38-304, 38-38-305, 38-38-305.5, and 38-38-306, C.R.S., as amended.
Published September 3, 10, 27, 24 and October 1, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (315755)

FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER HEARING ON OCTOBER 6, 2026

Applicant has applied for LPEA TRANSMISSION LINES, BOARD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, FINAL REVIEW, RURAL Sec: 26 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W 35-2W SEC 26 SEASW4NE4; NE4NW4SE4; 26-35-2W. (PLN 26-028). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR).

Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, phone: (970) 264-1390 or PLANNING@archuleta-county.gov prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners on October 6, 2026, at 1:30p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.

Published September 10 and 17, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (313410)

FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

Applicant has applied for LPEA TRANSMISSION LINES, BOARD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, FINAL REVIEW, RURAL Sec: 26 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W 35-2W SEC 26 SEASW4NE4; NE4NW4SE4; 26-35-2W. (PLN 26-028). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR).

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Mineral County Board of County Commissioners will hold the second reading of this Ordinance on October 14, 2026 at 10:30 am at the Mineral County Court-house, Creede, CO. Comments on this Ordinance can be made at that meeting or by mail, Mineral County Administrator, PO Box 70, Creede, CO 81130 or by email, countyadmin@mincocolorado.com.

ORDINANCE 2026-1

ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MINERAL COUNTY, COLORADO PROHIBITING THE ACCUMULATION OF RUBBISH IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MINERAL COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Colorado (the "Board"), pursuant to § 30-15-401, C.R.S., has the authority to adopt ordinances for the control of those matters of purely local concern, and to do all acts and make all regulations which may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of health, safety and welfare of their residents; and WHEREAS, § 30-15-401(1)(a)(i)(A), C.R.S. authorizes the adoption of ordinances and regulations to compel the removal of rubbish, including trash, junk, and garbage from property and from any public right of way immediately adjacent to the property to the extent the condition is caused by the property owner or property occupant or originates from the property within unincorporated Mineral County, except agricultural land currently in agricultural use as the term agricultural land is defined in § 39-1-102(1.6), C.R.S.; and WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board that the adoption of this Ordinance is necessary to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Mineral County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MINERAL COUNTY, COLORADO, that this Ordinance is adopted to prohibit the improper storage and accumulation of rubbish in unincorporated Mineral County and to compel the removal of rubbish, including trash, junk, and garbage from property and from any public right of way immediately adjacent to the property to the extent the condition is caused by the property owner or property occupant or originates from the property within unincorporated Mineral County, except agricultural land currently in agricultural use as the term agricultural land is defined in § 39-1-102(1.6), C.R.S., and industrial parcels.

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the public, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens, residents and visitors of Mineral County, Colorado, by eliminating and controlling, to the extent possible, the accumulation of rubbish within the County and compelling the removal of rubbish, including trash, junk, and garbage from property and from any public right of way immediately adjacent to the property to the extent the condition is caused by the property owner or property occupant or originates from the property within unincorporated Mineral County, except agricultural land currently in agricultural use as the term agricultural land is defined in § 39-1-102(1.6), C.R.S., and industrial parcels. If such rubbish is not eliminated or controlled, it can result in immittability with permitted land uses, rubbish being blown across property lines and private and public rights of way, hazardous or toxic substances being deposited in unapproved sites, the attraction of disease infested rodents and other vermin, fire and other hazards, along with air, and water pollution.

2. Statutory Authority. This Ordinance is authorized pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-401(1)(a)(i)(A).

3. Effective Date. This Ordinance takes effect and is in full force after its adoption by the Board and thirty (30) days after its second publication.

4. Applicability and Exemptions. a. This Ordinance shall apply throughout the unincorporated areas of Mineral County, Colorado.

b. This Ordinance shall not apply to rural zoned parcels in excess of 10 acres, as the same are defined by the Zoning Regulations of Mineral County, or to agricultural land currently in agricultural use as the term "agricultural land" is defined in C.R.S. § 39-1-102(1.6), as may be amended.

c. This Ordinance shall not apply to industrial tracts or to junk yards/salvage yards, as the same are defined in the Zoning Regulations of Mineral County.

5. Severability. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

6. Conflicting Provisions. Where any provision of this Ordinance conflicts with any other provision of this Ordinance, or any other law or ordinance, the more stringent requirement, regulation, restriction or limitation shall apply.

7. Safety Clause. The Board hereby finds, determines, and declares that the adoption of this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents, constituents, and visitors of Mineral County, Colorado.

Section 2. Definitions.

1. Agricultural Land. Any parcel of land currently in agricultural use as the term agricultural land is defined in C.R.S. § 39-1-102(1.6), as may be amended.

2. Board. The Board of County Commissioners of Mineral County, Colorado.

3. Designated County Personnel. Designees of Mineral County, including the County Administrator, County Attorney and/or County Sheriff, and/or their employees,

are tasked by the Board to issue citations or summonses and complaints, notices of violations, and to enforce this Ordinance pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-402.5, as may be amended, and otherwise in accordance with Colorado law.

4. Jurisdiction. This Ordinance shall apply to the unincorporated areas of Mineral County, Colorado.

5. Owner or property owner. The owner of record, whether person, partnership, firm, corporation, governmental agency, or other association of persons, or any agent or representative of the owner of record, including but not limited to, any lessee, occupant, manager, or person in control of the premises or property.

6. Rubbish. Any trash, junk, garbage, litter, refuse, debris, unlicensed and inoperable motor vehicles or recreational vehicles (RVs) or uninhabitable mobile or manufactured homes, abandoned or junk equipment, non-working appliances, abandoned furniture, waste tires, or any object or material which causes or is likely to cause a public hazard or nuisance. Rubbish does not include collector's items properly stored in accordance with C.R.S. § 42-12-402, as in effect now and hereafter amended.

Section 3: Complaints.

1. Complaints from the Public. Any person may file a complaint alleging a violation of this Ordinance. Such complaints must be in writing and signed by the complainant or submitted through the County's website form with all fields of the form completed. The County will not investigate anonymous complaints or oral complaints.

2. The Designated County Personnel may act to investigate complaints as follows:

a. When provided with information by law enforcement, the County Public Health Department, or other governmental or quasi-public entities and such information is sufficient to establish that a potential violation of this Ordinance exists.

b. When a proper complaint has been submitted to the County pursuant to Section 3.1 above.

c. When in the normal conduct of their duties, the County Administrator or County Sheriff, or any of their employees, becomes aware of a potential violation of this Ordinance.

3. Complaints Maintained Consistent with Retention Policy. All complaints shall be maintained consistent with the Mineral County Records Retention Policy.

Section 4: Investigation.

1. Inspection. Upon receipt of a complaint, Designated County Personnel shall perform a site inspection of the identified property to determine the validity of the complaint.

2. Interviews. As part of the inspection, Designated County Personnel shall attempt to interview the complainant, the owner or occupant of the property where the Rubbish was alleged to be located or emanated from, as well as any other persons and/or agencies that may have knowledge relevant to the complaint.

3. Timing. Designated County Personnel shall perform the inspection required by this section within a reasonable time. If evidence suggests that an immediate health or safety risk exists, the inspection shall occur as soon as possible.

4. Administrative Inspection Warrant. If Designated County Personnel have probable cause to believe that a violation of this Ordinance has occurred, the County may apply for an administrative inspection warrant to inspect the property. The County, by and through the County Attorney or otherwise, may make an application to either the County Court or District Court of Mineral County. The application shall include reference to this Ordinance and a sworn or affirmed affidavit stating the factual basis of why the County has probable cause that a violation of this Ordinance occurred, a general description of the location of the subject property, and a general description of the area of the property subject to inspection. Within ten (10) days following the date of issuance of an administrative inspection warrant, such warrant shall be executed by the Designated County Personnel during normal business hours and in accordance with the direction by the issuing court. A copy of the warrant shall be provided or mailed to the property owner, and proof of the execution of the warrant shall be filed with the court.

5. Documentation. The Designated County Personnel shall maintain a record of all findings, including time, date, persons spoken to and titles or agency (if applicable), photographs, and copies of any maps, or other materials relevant to the inspection.

Section 5. Notice of Violations.

1. If probable cause exists to believe that a violation of this Ordinance has occurred, notice of the violation (NOV) shall be sent by the Mineral County Administrator, or her designee, as follows:

Written notice of the violation shall be sent via first class mail to the property owner at the address listed in the records of the Mineral County Assessor's Office.

2. The notice shall:

a. Provide a description of the violation and measures required to correct the violation;

b. The location of the violations;

c. The date in which the violations were discovered;

d. A Mineral County contact for the property owner to communicate with regarding the violations;

e. Describe the enforcement authority of the County, including the penalties for failure to abate the violations and any possible liens that may attach to the property due to abatement and other costs; and

f. Establish a correction deadline of thirty (30) days from the notice date. The Mineral County Administrator may, at her discretion, modify this 30 day deadline, as follows:

i. Extended deadline: Grant additional time when circumstances warrant, with the revised deadline clearly stated in a written notice to the property owner; or

ii. Require immediate correction when the violation poses an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare, with the accelerated timeline and justification specified in the notice.

3. Response by Owner to Notice of Violation. The property owner may provide a written response to the notice of violation contesting or providing an explanation to the County Administrator regarding the violations listed in the NOV. The owner may also propose a detailed plan and timeframe in which to abate the violations listed in the NOV ("Abatement Plan").

a. Any written response by the owner must be hand-delivered to the County Administrator or sent to the County Administrator at the County Administration Office by certified mail, and/or email with an email certificate to confirm the email was sent. The owner response must be provided to the County Administrator on or before twenty (20) days from the date of the NOV. For purposes of this Ordinance, if the written response is sent via certified mail by the owner, it shall be deemed served on the day it is postmarked by the postal service.

b. The County Administrator shall provide a written response to the property owner within 20 days after receiving the owner's response. If the owner's response included a proposed Abatement Plan, the County Administrator may accept it, accept it with changes, or reject it. If the County Administrator accepts the proposed Abatement Plan with changes, those changes may include, but are not limited to, extending the period of time allowed to abate the violations. The County Administrator shall mail the written response to the owner by certified mail and email, if the County Administrator has the owner's email on file.

c. All stays, extensions of time, or acceptances of an Abatement Plan granted by the County Administrator must be in writing.

4. Stay of Enforcement. No enforcement action shall be undertaken regarding the NOV during the time an owner files a written response to the NOV, as provided by Section 5.3 above, and the County Administrator prepares and files a written response to the owner. However, the fact that an owner submits a written response or a proposed Abatement Plan to the County Administrator does not stay or is grounds for a defense for failure to abate the violations contained in the NOV within the rec'd time-period.

5. Failure to Satisfy NOV. If a property owner fails to timely respond to a notice of violation, such failure shall be deemed a failure to abate. In such circumstances, the County Administrator may refer the matter to the County Attorney for prosecution as a violation of this Ordinance and to seek any remedies and penalties

available to the County under law or equity.

Section 6. Enforcement, Penalties and Abatement.

1. Violation. A person who violates any provision of this Ordinance commits a civil infraction under § 30-15-402, C.R.S. and upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation and as more specifically provided by Section 6.5.c below. Each day that a violation occurs or continues is deemed a separate violation and the daily penalty and fines shall continue until the violation is remedied. In addition, the property owner may be subject to abatement and related costs.

2. Enforcement. If a violation of this Ordinance exists after an NOV has been issued and the owner has not remedied the alleged violation as provided by Section 5 of this Ordinance above, the County Administrator may refer the matter to the County Attorney for the institution of an injunction, mandamus, abatement, or any other appropriate action to prevent, enjoin, abate, or remove a violation.

3. Responsible Parties. The owner of the establishment, premises, parcel, lot, location and/or structure at the time of the NOV shall be responsible for complying with the NOV and shall be liable for any and all costs incurred by the County. If ownership transfers during the pendency of a NOV, the NOV shall be binding on and applicable to any new property owner.

4. Legal Remedies. The County, or its designated officers, employees, agent(s), and/or attorney may seek any and all permissible remedies under law to abate the violations listed by the NOV, including but not limited to:

a. The issuance of a penalty assessment notice by the Mineral County Sheriff's Office;

b. Commencing legal proceedings in the Mineral County District or County Court seeking the institution of an injunction, mandamus, or abatement, which may include seeking an administrative entry and seizure warrant for the County to execute directly or via its agents to abate the violations listed in the NOV by and through a verified complaint; and

c. Any other remedy that is applicable to the violations to be abated and/or remediated and that is consistent with local, state and federal laws.

5. Penalty Assessment Procedures. Violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be a civil infraction and punishable as follows:

a. The Sheriff's Office, the County Administrator, and/or the County Attorney may issue citations or summonses and complaints to enforce this Ordinance, as is applicable and permissible under Colorado law.

b. The penalty assessment procedure provided in C.R.S. § 16-2-201 may be followed to enforce this Ordinance. If that procedure is followed, the notice shall be a summons and complaint containing identification of the alleged offender, specification of the offense and applicable fine, a requirement that the alleged offender pay the fine or appear to answer the charge at a specified time and place, and any other matter reasonably

adapted to effectuating the purposes of C.R.S. § 16-2-201. A duplicate copy shall be sent to the clerk of the county court. If the person given a penalty assessment notice chooses to acknowledge guilt, the person may pay the specified fine in person or by mail at the place and within the time specified in the notice. If the person chooses not to acknowledge guilt, the person shall appear as required in the notice. Upon trial, if the alleged offender is found guilty, the fine imposed shall be that specified herein for the offense of which the person was found guilty, and customary court costs may be assessed against the person in addition to the fine.

c. Upon conviction or admission of guilt, each violation of any provision hereof is punishable as follows: \$250.00 for the first violation.

\$500.00 fine for the second violation.

\$750.00 fine for the third and subsequent violations.

d. Fines payable to the County Treasurer. All fines and forfeitures collected by the court for violations of this Ordinance shall be paid to the Mineral County Treasurer within thirty (30) days of receipt and shall be deposited into the General Fund of the County.

e. Statutory surcharge. In addition to the penalties prescribed in this Ordinance, persons convicted of a violation of this Ordinance are subject to a surcharge in an amount fixed by statute that shall be paid to the clerk of the court by the defendant, as provided by C.R.S. § 30-15-402(2)(a).

6. Abatement. If a property owner does not abate the violations listed in the NOV, the County may apply for an administrative entry and seizure warrant for abatement of said violations to be issued by the county or district court having jurisdiction over the property.

a. Any such application shall reference this Ordinance and include a sworn or affirmed affidavit with supporting documentation and/or pictures of the alleged violations. Said affidavit shall establish the factual basis for issuing the warrant, evidence that the property owner has received the NOV and has failed to comply with it, a general description of the location of the property, a general list or site plan describing what must be removed to abate the violation(s), and the proposed method of disposal or temporary impoundment of the Rubbish, whichever the court deems appropriate.

b. Within thirty (30) days following the date of issuance by the court of an administrative entry and seizure warrant to abate the violations, such warrant shall be executed following the directions of the issuing court, a copy of the warrant shall be provided or mailed to the property owner, posted on the subject property, and proof of the execution of the warrant, including a written inventory of any property impounded, shall be submitted to the court.

c. Upon execution of an administrative entry and seizure warrant by the court, the County and/or its legally designated contractors, officers, employees, and/or agents may enter upon the private property subject to the NOV to remove the Rubbish, dispose of or store the Rubbish as provided in the warrant, and take any

other action necessary to abate the violation(s) listed in the NOV consistent with the entry and seizure warrant.

7. Assessment of Costs of Removal. After obtaining an administrative entry and seizure warrant, the County may abate, or contract for the abatement of the violations listed in the NOV and assess the following costs to the property owner:

a. The costs to remove the Rubbish from the property, plus an additional fee of ten percent (10%) of the removal costs, which fee is for inspections and other incidental and administrative costs of the County in connection with the removal. The County shall mail a bill of costs to the property owner consistent with this rule. If the bill is not paid within thirty (30) days, it may be certified by the County Administrator or the County Attorney to the County Treasurer, who shall collect the assessment(s), together with a ten percent (10%) penalty for the costs of collection, in the same manner as other taxes are collected. Said assessment lien against the subject property shall remain until paid and shall have priority over all other liens, except general taxes and prior special assessments.

b. The laws of the State of Colorado for the assessment and collection of general taxes, including laws for sale and redemption of property for taxes, shall apply to the collection of assessments pursuant to this Ordinance.

8. Abatement by Private Contractor. The County shall have the right to engage a private contractor to perform any abatement action on behalf of the County hereunder and assess said costs to the property owner.

Section 7. Other Remedies.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit or restrict the County's ability to pursue other remedies available under either Mineral County regulations or pursuant to state or federal law. The remedies provided in this Ordinance are not exclusive in any way and may be pursued by the County singularly or in combination to achieve the most expeditious resolution to deter the accumulation of Rubbish.

PUBLICATION READING AND EFFECTIVE DATE:

The foregoing text is the authentic text of Mineral County Ordinance No. 2026-1. The first reading of said Ordinance took place on September 9, 2026 at a regular Mineral County Board of County Commissioners meeting. This Ordinance was published in full in the *Pagosa Springs Sun* and *The Valley Courier*, newspapers of general circulation in Mineral County, Colorado, on _____, 2026. The Ordinance was adopted on second reading at a regular Mineral County Board of County Commissioners meeting on _____, 2026, shall be published a second time by title only in the *Pagosa Springs Sun* and *The Valley Courier*, and shall take effect 30 days from the date of the second publication.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MINERAL COUNTY, COLORADO

DELINQUENT TAXES
TREASURER'S TAX LIEN SALE
FOR
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
PUBLICATION LIST

YOU CAN ALSO VIEW THIS LIST ON THE ARCHULETA COUNTY TREASURER'S WEBSITE
LOCATED AT
www.archuleta-county.gov
WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT
www.archuleta-tax.com

State of Colorado)
) SS
County of Archuleta)

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026

so much of the tax liens attached to the following described real estate situated in Archuleta County, on which regular taxes for the year 2025 and previous years have not been paid, and so much of the Special Tax Liens for the year 2025 and previous years which have not been paid as shall be necessary as herein below set down, interest, penalties, to wit

Payments of all taxes must be made with certified funds (cash, money order, or certified check) and be received in the Treasurer's office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2026 to avoid being offered at Tax Lien Sale.

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

All Archuleta County offices will be closed on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

R012903 3:16 PROPERTIES LLC
Parcel: 570101400026
RURAL Sec: 1 Twn: 35
351 COLLYER DR
Total Due: \$5,071.84

R012683 58 S FEATHER COURT LLC
Parcel: 56932401027
Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 90
58 S FEATHER CT
Total Due: \$4,536.20

R007083 2149 EAGLE DR LLC
Parcel: 569915115002
Subdivision: PS CENTURY PLAZA COMM Block: 1 Unit: 2
2149 EAGLE DR
Total Due: \$4,010.47

R003273 AAA SEPTIC TANK SERVICE INC
Parcel: 569311210015
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 11 Lot: 25
28 BEUCLER LN
Total Due: \$1,054.50

R003274 AAA SEPTIC TANK SERVICE INC
Parcel: 569311210044
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 11 Lot: 23 & Lot: 24
42 BEUCLER LN
Total Due: \$1,298.08

R002804 ABERNATHY JAMISEN M
Parcel: 569302304008
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 5 Lot: 14
633 MEADOW LARK DR
Total Due: \$2,463.27

R002951 ABERNATHY JAMISEN MICHAEL
Parcel: 569302409029
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 7 Lot: 29
423 JACK RABBIT RD
Total Due: \$732.61

R015108 AFFELD JOHN ANDREW
Parcel: 58930940019
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 441
86 ROUND CT
Total Due: \$628.47

R014656 ALBACH SEAN MICHAEL
Parcel: 589104303032
Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 4 Lot: 278
474 ELBERT PL
Total Due: \$1,222.97

R019781 ALBANNA MOHAMMAD AHMAD
Parcel: 569921226039
Subdivision: VILLAS AT PAGOSALOD Unit: 12A VILLAS
3500 W US HWY 160 #12A
Total Due: \$1,366.64

R00518 ALEXANDER LON F
Parcel: 569907312040
Subdivision: TWINCREEK VILLAGE Lot: 542
151 TWINCREEK CIR
Total Due: \$3,109.08

R002048 ANDERSON MICHAEL R
Parcel: 558336412022
Subdivision: MARTINEZ MTN EST Lot: 82
53 HORSESHOE CIR
Total Due: \$1,321.58

R010123 ARANDA JASON RAY
Parcel: 569919421036
Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 422
325 LAKE ST
Total Due: \$805.02

R004241 ARCHER HOLDINGS LLC

Parcel: 569524406001
Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 362-363-364
19 ELDRADO ST
Total Due: \$410.02

R020461 ARCHER HOLDINGS LLC
Parcel: 569524406069
Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 359-360-361
176 LANDAU DR
Total Due: \$469.13

R017869 ARCHULETA MATTHEW
Parcel: 616119101009
Subdivision: CANDELARIA Lot: 12
41 VAL VERDE CT
Total Due: \$164.22

R015752 ARCHULETA PROPERTIES LLC
Parcel: 589316308135
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 32
106 APPLE CT
Total Due: \$515.40

R017669 ARMENDARIZ JOSE LUIS
Parcel: 616117210010
Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK SUB 1 Tract: 4
240 WILLARD WAY
Total Due: \$978.71

R004129 ATKINS ROBERT DEAN
Parcel: 569522401006
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 1 Lot: 8
382 CIRCLE DR
Total Due: \$263.13

R004483 AYRES JADE
Parcel: 569525201001
Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 296-297
107 TOWER PL
Total Due: \$426.44

R003969 BABBITT CRISTINA L & RODNEY L
Parcel: 569315202072
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 266
349 DAVE'S PL
Total Due: \$392.59

R003967 BABBITT CRISTINA L & RODNEY L
Parcel: 569315202070
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 268
285 DAVE'S PL
Total Due: \$897.86

R005789 BACA BRYCE
Parcel: 569908420228
Subdivision: LAKE PAGOSA PARK Block: 19 Lot: 35
75 SUNDOWN CIR
Total Due: \$868.15

R003173 BACA KAITLIN
Parcel: 569311130010
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 10 Lot: 13
56 NUTRIA CIR
Total Due: \$1,054.50

R020522 BARTHOLOF JOHN
Parcel: 569906301050
Subdivision: MARTINEZ MTN EST 2 Lot: 54A
X MOCKINGBIRD PL
Total Due: \$2,572.71

R013895 BARTOLAMEOLLI SALLY A
Parcel: 568710400051
RURAL Sec: 10 Twn: 34
X N PRIMROSE RIDGE PL
Total Due: \$2,484.67

R001507 BEARCE JONATHAN
Parcel: 558335103026
Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 672
99 OVERLOOK CT

Total Due: \$543.04

R015726 BECKER JACOB
Parcel: 589316308104
Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 247
531 WEST VIEW RD
Total Due: \$628.4

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R019973 CARPINO DEANDRIA Parcel: 558311303011 Subdivision: PAGOSA PEAK UNIT 2 Block: 1 Lot: 7 541 PERRY DR Total Due: \$4,312.44 R014222 CAWLEY WALTER A Parcel: 588727200004 RURAL Sec: 27 9363 US HWY 84 Total Due: \$4,260.78 R007794 CERRONE DONALD Parcel: 569916401025 Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES Block: 11 Lot: 22 306 E GOLF PL Total Due: \$1,209.67 R016258 CHAVEZ GERARDO Parcel: 596502101008 Subdivision: RIO BL CAB SITE 3 Block: 3 Lot: 13 206 ALCAZAR PL Total Due: \$793.47 R009165 CHONOS RONALD & DIANE Parcel: 569918307046 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 413 9 ASHTIL CT Total Due: \$1,349.14 R003763 CJBR WEBSTER FAMILY TRUST DATED 8/6/2025 Parcel: 569314102004 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 6 Lot: 4 158 BOBWHITE DR Total Due: \$548.57 R015523 CLAY JOSEPH Parcel: 589316103003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 584 216 DOC ADAMS RD Total Due: \$626.47 R010408 CLEMENT JILL A Parcel: 569920123004 Subdivision: ASPENWOOD CONDOMINIUMS PHASE 1A Unit: 104 233 DAVIS CUP DR #4104 Total Due: \$1,006.23 R019800 CLOUGH CHRISTOPHER MARTIN Parcel: 570529100032 RURAL Sec: 29 13640 COUNTY RD 326 Total Due: \$6,625.65 R009829 CLOUS GEORGE E Parcel: 569919312001 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 144 646 LAKE ST Total Due: \$651.59 R010014 CLOUS GEORGE E JR Parcel: 569919322029 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 658X 651 LAKE ST Total Due: \$161.91 R014604 COLLYER JOYCE E Parcel: 588936400013 RURAL Twn: 34 X COUNTY RD 335 Total Due: \$1,336.97 R018107 COMPASS LAND USA FUND 1 LP Parcel: 589315201075 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 672X 80 JAN'S CT Total Due: \$628.47 R010361 CORTES CARLOS E Parcel: 569920101005 Subdivision: PAGOSA PINES CONDOMINIUMS Unit: 32C 145 DAVIS CUP DR #4032 Total Due: \$1,593.40 R011344 COTE LEIGH ERICA Parcel: 569921205003 Subdivision: PAGOSA LODGE CONDOMINIUMS Unit: 23 217 PINON CSWY #3023 Total Due: \$464.87 R003518 COTHERN SHEILA Parcel: 569312107020 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 9 Lot: 20 96 PINERIDGE TR Total Due: \$792.14 R014406 COTTLE MATTHEW Parcel: 588732101020 Subdivision: RIO BL VAL 4 Lot: 20 164 EAGLES CREST PL Total Due: \$2,064.93 R015452 COUNTRY MILE LAND LLC Parcel: 589315404119 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 798 164 SCHROEDER CT Total Due: \$626.47 R001948 CROPP TODD Parcel: 558336209012 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 754 369 SADDLE CIR Total Due: \$384.42 R015723 CRUMM GEOFFREY T Parcel: 589316308101 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 250 643 WEST VIEW RD Total Due: \$628.47 R002473 DARCY DANIEL Parcel: 569301301096 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 13 Lot: 46 247 WINDMILL PL Total Due: \$2,897.47 R002865 DAVIS ROBERT S Parcel: 569302307032 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 6 Lot: 33 437 BUTTERCUP DR Total Due: \$389.12 R002864 DAVIS ROBERT S Parcel: 569302307031 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 6 Lot: 32 465 BUTTERCUP DR Total Due: \$389.12 R014638 DAY MARTHA A Parcel: 589103402001 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 4 Lot: 97 3386 MEADOWS RD Total Due: \$3,934.90 R004233 DELDEV INC Parcel: 569524405019 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 405-406 695 TRAILS BLVD Total Due: \$410.02 R015347 DENOMME SHAY W Parcel: 589315302017 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 631 1738 CROOKED RD Total Due: \$628.47 R015346 DENOMME SHAY W Parcel: 589315302016 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 632 1766 CROOKED RD Total Due: \$1,718.67 R014072 DOMUS PAXIS LLC Parcel: 588717202004 Subdivision: LOMA LINDA 1 Lot: 22 1458 LOMA LINDA DR Total Due: \$3,280.92 R015273 DORSEY DAWN Parcel: 589315201053 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 688 134 HARRY'S CT Total Due: \$628.47 R012661 DOUGHTY DAVID L Parcel: 569932302048 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 49 204 PEACE PL Total Due: \$3,603.16 R012662 DOUGHTY DAVID L Parcel: 569932302049 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 50 154 PEACE PL Total Due: \$3,801.71 R012669 DOUGHTY DAVID LAWRENCE Parcel: 569932302056 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 57 153 FOX PL Total Due: \$1,473.13	R012670 DOUGHTY DAVID LAWRENCE Parcel: 569932302057 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 58 421 FOX PL Total Due: \$1,896.42 R003877 DRAZIN LAURA ANNE Parcel: 569314413001 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 1 333 FRANKLIN PL Total Due: \$874.36 R008064 DUKES L LYNWOOD & RHONDA A Parcel: 569917101036 Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES 2 Lot: 63 152 PINES DR Total Due: \$2,277.56 R010022 DUNN NATALIA Parcel: 569919339023 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 502 523 TRAILS BLVD Total Due: \$414.77 R004030 DUTTON LIVING TRUST DATED 5/8/2014 Parcel: 569316302010 Subdivision: FOUR CORNERS VAC PRO Lot: 6 351 GOLD CIR Total Due: \$3,124.61 R003626 DYER LARRY Parcel: 569312206013 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 11 Lot: 13 228 EVERGREEN DR Total Due: \$1,529.16 R003724 EASTER JESSE BREANNE Parcel: 569313205006 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 3 Lot: 2 62 COTTONWOOD DR Total Due: \$295.53 R003725 EASTER JESSE BREANNE Parcel: 569313205007 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 3 Lot: 3 92 COTTONWOOD DR Total Due: \$2,164.78 R002557 EDWARDS MELISSA Parcel: 569301408021 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 6 Lot: 10 545 OAK DR Total Due: \$2,037.19 R002683 EISLER BLAKE DESEAN Parcel: 569302102102 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 13 Lot: 22 266 SPARROW CIR Total Due: \$1,267.13 R006692 ELAN PINEWOOD INN LLC Parcel: 569913406002 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 27 Lot: 6-10 157 PAGOSA ST Total Due: \$19,078.83 R015529 ELLIS DEBORAH ANNE Parcel: 569316103012 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 595 149 ENGINEER POINT Total Due: \$337.54 R015528 ELLIS DEBORAH ANNE Parcel: 569316103011 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 594 154 ENGINEER POINT Total Due: \$365.84 R017208 ENJADY ERICA R Parcel: 615124100053 RURAL Sec: 24 LOTS 3, 4, 7 AND 8 AND ALL THAT PORTION OF LOT 6 LYING AND BEING EAST TO THE EDITH-LUMBERTON RD 3860 COUNTY RD 391 Total Due: \$118.04 R017184 ENJADY ERICA R Parcel: 615112300020 RURAL Sec: 11 5610 COUNTY RD 359 Total Due: \$1,284.00 R015916 ESPINOSA ARMANDO E Parcel: 569327300024 RURAL Sec: 27 X COUNTY RD 700 Total Due: \$58.58 R018394 ESPINOSA ARMANDO E Parcel: 589322400001 RURAL Sec: 27 X COUNTY RD 700 Total Due: \$102.76 R015872 ESPINOSA ARMANDO E Parcel: 589322100224 RURAL Sec: 22 X COUNTY RD 700 Total Due: \$118.08 R015935 ESPINOSA ARMONDO Parcel: 589333300079 RURAL Sec: 33 X COUNTY RD 700 Total Due: \$112.22 R020860 ESPINOSA ARMONDO Parcel: 596303000002 RURAL Sec: 3, 4 & 5 X COUNTY RD 700 Total Due: \$380.70 R020861 ESPINOSA GEORGE Parcel: 569303000003 RURAL Sec: 3, 4 & 5 X COUNTY RD 700 Total Due: \$216.35 R020862 ESPINOSA HENRY Parcel: 596303000004 RURAL Sec: 4, 5, 9 & 10 X COUNTY RD 700 Total Due: \$216.35 R018592 EVINS DAVID Parcel: 569305100018 RURAL Sec: 4 Total Due: \$4,379.34 R003488 FALKOWSKI TED Parcel: 569312101060 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 8 Lot: 11 152 PANORAMA PL Total Due: \$792.14 R003486 FALKOWSKI TED Parcel: 569312101056 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 8 Lot: 7 189 PINERIDGE TR Total Due: \$792.14 R003487 FALKOWSKI TED Parcel: 569312101057 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 8 Lot: 8 141 PINERIDGE TR Total Due: \$1,739.48 R008135 FERNANDEZ R A & BARBARA LYNN Parcel: 569917103040 Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES 2 Lot: 87 51 TRAP CT Total Due: \$877.57 R009622 FERRELL MARGARET ANNE Parcel: 569919203015 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 499 217 MARTINEZ PL Total Due: \$2,902.57 R015263 FIGUEROA RAYMOND DAVID II Parcel: 589315201040 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 675 71 JAN'S CT Total Due: \$628.47 R013274 FLETCHER RALPH M Parcel: 570129401007 Subdivision: CONTINENTAL EST 2 Lot: 36 56 PINEVIEW DR Total Due: \$4,505.94 R006853 FLYNN CHERYL A Parcel: 569914206004 Subdivision: PAGOSA HILLS 3 Lot: 60 487 RAINBOW DR Total Due: \$483.00 R015076 FORBES STACY WYNETTE Parcel: 589309306064 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 400 1477 DOC ADAMS RD Total Due: \$1,109.37 R004243 FORD BRETT H Parcel: 569524406012 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 373-374 714 TRAILS BLVD Total Due: \$410.02 R015731 FORD MICHAEL E Parcel: 569316308109 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 52 345 WEST VIEW RD Total Due: \$337.54	R012619 FORDYCE KENNETH A & KAREN R Parcel: 569932302002 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 2 Lot: 21 49 MARMOT CT Total Due: \$3,089.52 R013042 FORTIN JOSEPH Parcel: 570112105009 Subdivision: HIGH WEST 11 Block: 1 Lot: 16 518 BERRYHILL DR Total Due: \$1,015.39 R013678 FOWLER G WILLIAM Parcel: 568501301001 Subdivision: BLUE MTN RANCHES Tract: 13 684 BEAR RUN PL Total Due: \$2,416.57 R001918 FRANTZ DANNY Parcel: 558336208026 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 641 100 N PINESCENT CT Total Due: \$689.51 R002100 FRASER JANICE H Parcel: 558535200006 RURAL Sec: 35 8900B COUNTY RD 600 Total Due: \$3,269.36 R013479 FREEMAN CHARLES MATTHIAS Parcel: 570132201003 Subdivision: PAGOSA PINES 3 Lot: 38 899 PINEVIEW RD Total Due: \$1,263.20 R017645 FREER FRANK JR Parcel: 616117209066 Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK SUB 1 Block: 4 Lot: 11X 241 PINION HILLS CIR Total Due: \$1,302.06 R003176 FREER FRANK JR Parcel: 569311113004 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 10 Lot: 10 194 NUTRIA CIR Total Due: \$2,818.34 R010827 FRIESL BRIGITTE V Parcel: 569920207044 Subdivision: LAKEVIEW ESTATES Lot: 58Z 268 STEAMBOAT DR Total Due: \$1,816.60 R003069 FRONTIER PROPERTIES INC Parcel: 569301040023 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 27 Lot: 6 324 UTE LN Total Due: \$1,525.02 R016439 FULLER ROBERT C Parcel: 596532100008 RURAL Sec: 32 X COUNTY RD 500 Total Due: \$573.05 R016435 FULLER ROBERT COLBURN Parcel: 596532100004 RURAL Sec: 32 17543 COUNTY RD 500 Total Due: \$485.86 R002784 GAISER HENRY L Parcel: 569302204025 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 5 Lot: 31 504 BOBCAT LN Total Due: \$732.61 R003012 GAISER SARAH JO Parcel: 569303404006 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 17 Lot: 17 205 SNOW BIRD LN Total Due: \$732.61 R017864 GALLEGOS JOE A REVOCABLE TRUST U/T/A DATED 8/31/2011 Parcel: 616118400039 RURAL Sec: 18 1629B COUNTY RD 975 Total Due: \$2,786.32 R005893 GALLEGOS LOUIS Parcel: 569909110002 Subdivision: CLOMAN INDUSTRIAL PARK 4-COMM Lot: 58 680 INDUSTRIAL CIR Total Due: \$1,688.84 R004010 GARCIA JAKE Parcel: 569316011004 Subdivision: FOUR CORNERS VAC PRO Lot: 18 92 SILVER CIR Total Due: \$864.43 R016328 GARCIA SUZANNE Parcel: 596515400004 RURAL Sec: 15 X COUNTY RD 500 Total Due: \$111.06 R020787 GELD SCHICK FAMILY TRUST DATED 2/28/2022 Parcel: 557932401017 Subdivision: SUNSET HEIGHTS Lot: 7XZ 4186 E US HWY 160 Total Due: \$1,163.08 R003055 GEORGE EDWARD RAFAEL Parcel: 569310404000 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 27 Lot: 21 313 NAVAJO PL Total Due: \$459.34 R019539 GIAN TREVOR Parcel: 569913207005 Subdivision: BEAVER RUN RANCH Sec: 11 1097 COUNTY RD 411 Total Due: \$1,715.31 R019036 GIRARDIN JERRY DAVID Parcel: 557925300031 RURAL Sec: 25 820A USFS RD 666G Total Due: \$267.07 R016145 GLAZYRINA-DICK NATALIA I Parcel: 596501101040 Subdivision: RIO BL CAB SITE 1 Lot: 47 130 SUTTLES PL Total Due: \$1,837.66 R004306 GONZALES HERMAN Parcel: 569525104037 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 263 30 PIONEER CT Total Due: \$414.77 R004207 GOODRICH GRAY Parcel: 569524310018 Subdivision: ELK PARK RANCH #2 Lot: 18 2082 BACKCOUNTRY DR Total Due: \$1,384.75 R015290 GRAY CHRISTOPHER Parcel: 589315201072 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 703 224 GUN BARREL RD Total Due: \$628.47 R002813 GREENWALD JACOB Parcel: 569302304003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 5 Lot: 39 117 MAGPIE LN Total Due: \$732.61 R002812 GREENWALD JACOB Parcel: 569302304032 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 5 Lot: 38 89 MAGPIE LN Total Due: \$732.61 R009406 GRIGLAK RYAN M Parcel: 569919131004 Subdivision: SADDLE MOUNTAIN TH 1 Unit: 3 620 LAKESIDE DR #A3 Total Due: \$1,188.00 R014558 GUINN ANDREW Parcel: 568735201031 Subdivision: HUDSON RIO BLANCO 5 Lot: 26 X ROBERT'S PL Total Due: \$594.79 R010525 GUSZCZA ANDREW JR Parcel: 569920140005 Subdivision: WESTWIND CONDO Unit: 13 284 TALISMAN DR #13 Total Due: \$639.20 R014861 GUTHRIE GERALD & CHERYL Parcel: 589303301002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 31 567 COLLETTE'S PL Total Due: \$594.79 R014860 GUTHRIE GERALD & CHERYL Parcel: 589303301001 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 30 478 COLLETTE'S PL Total Due: \$594.79 R014863 GUTHRIE GERALD & CHERYL Parcel: 589303301004 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 33 517 COLLETTE'S PL Total Due: \$874.36	R014862 GUTHRIE GERALD & CHERYL Parcel: 589303301003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 32 555 COLLETTE'S PL Total Due: \$956.62 R006341 HAAS BLUE D Parcel: 569911304005 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 21 Lot: 4 421 LEWIS ST Total Due: \$2,711.93 R020416 HALL MARK D Parcel: 569525104065 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 276 29 COACH CT Total Due: \$410.02 R020415 HALL MARK D Parcel: 569525104064 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 275 31 COACH CT Total Due: \$410.02 R004300 HALL MARK D Parcel: 569525104027 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 273 30 COACH CT Total Due: \$410.02 R009591 HALL MARK D Parcel: 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PARK DR Total Due: \$1,168.89 R010194 HART BRIAN R Parcel: 569919424018 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 610 592 VISTA BLVD Total Due: \$1,337.37 R001241 HEATH STACEY ANN Parcel: 558325311005 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 285 86 HAWK PL Total Due: \$808.39 R006599 HEILHECKER ASHLEY Parcel: 569913327013 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 49 Lot: 14 350 S 8TH ST Total Due: \$1,478.22 R002530 HEIRIGS TRACY ELLEN Parcel: 569301401103 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 13 Lot: 38 152 OAK DR Total Due: \$1,313.74 R017258 HENDERSON CLAY & MYRNA Parcel: 615712300038 RURAL Sec: 12 1659A COUNTY RD 551 Total Due: \$59.14 R017259 HENDERSON CLAY & MYRNA S Parcel: 615712300039 RURAL Sec: 12 1956B COUNTY RD 551 Total Due: \$59.14 R017260 HENDERSON MYRNA Parcel: 615712300040 Subdivision: RURAL/NOT IN SUBD 1956G COUNTY RD 551 Total Due: \$59.14 R017261 HENDERSON NOAH CLAY Parcel: 615712300041 RURAL Sec: 12 1956C COUNTY RD 551 Total Due: \$59.14 R017257 HENDERSON NOAH CLAY Parcel: 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Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 196 7 SANDSTONE CT Total Due: \$2,183.35 R009106 HICKMAN ANNE L TRUSTEE Parcel: 569918203060 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 197 19 SANDSTONE CT Total Due: \$1,321.58 R009095 HICKMAN ANNE L TRUSTEE Parcel: 569918203048 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 209 8 SANDSTONE CT Total Due: \$1,321.58 R009096 HICKMAN ANNE L TRUSTEE Parcel: 569918203049 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 208 26 SANDSTONE CT Total Due: \$1,385.43 R017051 HIGGINS ALTENHOFEN TRUST DATED 5/23/2025 Parcel: 614914304004 Subdivision: SPRING VALLEY RANCHES Lot: 4	X SPRING VALLEY RANCH RD Total Due: \$12,440.76 R018014 HIGH COUNTRY LAND INVESTMENTS LLC Parcel: 616314102003 Subdivision: COX EAST ALLISON Lot: 3 13806 STATE HWY 151 Total Due: \$2,643.67 R009098 HIGH COUNTRY PROPERTY LLC Parcel: 569918203052 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 205 72 SANDSTONE CT Total Due: \$1,321.58 R011128 HINES LANCE Parcel: 569920317011 Subdivision: LAKEWOOD VILLAGE Lot: 230 80 WOODRIDGE CIR Total Due: 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Subdivision: HUDSON RIO BLANCO 4 Lot: 2 THRU Lot: 6 9901A US HWY 84 Total Due: \$3,610.95 R007579 HUGHES JONATHAN M Parcel: 569916212011 Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES Block: 3 Lot: 11 & Lot: 12 458 HANDICAP AVE Total Due: \$1,805.79 R003621 HUGHES MAURICE Parcel: 569312206008 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 11 Lot: 8 523 OAKRIDGE PL Total Due: \$792.14 R002854 HUPP RENAE E Parcel: 569302307016 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 6 Lot: 17 518 CACTUS DR Total Due: \$1,285.58 R008968 INTEGRITY INVESTMENTS OF AUSTIN INC Parcel: 569918103075 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 37X 664 ANTELOPE AVE Total Due: \$3,202.68 R019006 IVERSON JAMES P Parcel: 588710400111 RURAL Sec: 10 500 N PRIMROSE RIDGE PL Total Due: \$2,027.99 R020304 JERNIGAN DAVE Parcel: 569918103095 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 34 X ANTELOPE AVE Total Due: \$1,448.56 R001059 JOHNSON RANDY Parcel: 558325302159 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 299 1334 HILLS CIR Total Due: \$958.20 R004743 JORGE JOLEEN ANN LIVING TRUST JUNE 1, 2020 Parcel: 569906303004 Subdivision: MARTINEZ MTN EST 2 Lot: 52 3898 N PAGOSA BLVD Total Due: \$2,508.04 R003319 KARR MEADOW B Parcel: 569311315002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 29 Lot: 21 263 UTE LN Total Due: \$1,054.50 R001631 KEIL ALICE O Parcel: 558336101113 Subdivision: LAKE HATCHER PK Lot: 109X 118 LUXURY PL Total Due: \$2,974.04 R015563 KELLY SEAN R Parcel: 589316103046 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 142 115 REBA'S CT Total Due: \$1,088.96 R004304 KILPELA GREGORY R Parcel: 569525104035 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 265 31 PIONEER CT Total Due: \$414.77 R015843 KING HEATHER A Parcel: 589317101034 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 235 204 CAT CREEK OVERLOOK Total Due: \$464.12 R005452 KIWI COMPOUND LLC Parcel: 569908227002 Subdivision: DILLARD POINT Lot: 2 91 STEVEN'S LAKE RD Total Due: \$2,103.58 R013910 KOLODZIEJ LEON TRUSTEE Parcel: 588711200038 RURAL Sec: 11 X CATCHPOLE DR Total Due: \$1,658.83 R012525 KUNEMUND ROBERT AND KATHRYN FAMILY TRUST Parcel: 569931106007 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 3 Lot: 91 1953 HERSCH AVE Total Due: \$3,931.35 R016006 LA QUERENIA TRUST Parcel: 589725400013 RURAL Sec: 25 27561A STATE HWY 151 Total Due: \$538.72 R011141 LANER DYLAN Parcel: 569920318006 Subdivision: RIDGE
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R004505 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 569525203014 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 242-243 23 YEOMAN DR Total Due: \$698.19 R004520 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 569525204007 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 214-215 154 YEOMAN DR Total Due: \$732.48 R004502 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 569525203011 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 248-249 64 MARTIN CT Total Due: \$766.08 R004508 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 569525203017 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 236-237 85 YEOMAN DR Total Due: \$800.32 R004500 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 569525203009 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 252-253 79 MARTIN CT Total Due: \$837.29 R004501 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 569525203010 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 250-251 78 MARTIN CT Total Due: \$837.29 R004489 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 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KENT Parcel: 569924210032 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 52 Lot: 17XZ 426 S 6TH ST, 428 S 5/6 ALY Total Due: \$4,085.73 R004285 MEADOWS ALFRED Parcel: 569525102007 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 193-194-195 161 ROOSEVELT DR Total Due: \$410.02 R001870 MESA CANYON HOMES LLC Parcel: 558336207025 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 593 88 WAXWING PL Total Due: \$852.06 R003052 MILBURN THOMAS AUSTIN Parcel: 569310404006 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 27 Lot: 10 171 NAVAJO PL Total Due: \$1,124.23 R015498 MILLER BRANDON KEITH Parcel: 589316101004 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 659 595 JUSTIN'S RD Total Due: \$628.47 R015497 MILLER BRANDON KEITH Parcel: 589316101003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 658 657 JUSTIN'S RD Total Due: \$628.47 R012191 MILLER ROSS OTTO Parcel: 569928404134 Subdivision: COLO TIMBER RIDGE #3 Lot: 134 1300 BRISTLECONE DR Total Due: \$5,306.77 R020895 MILLER SCOTT WILLIAM & MILLER JAMIE LYNN Parcel: 588708200087 Subdivision: THUNDER VALLEY MINOR SUBDIVISION Lot: 2 571B WILDLIFE PARK RD Total Due: \$1,236.08 R015516 MILLESON DONITA CHRISTINE Parcel: 589316102017 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 616 459 DOC ADAMS RD Total Due: \$628.47 R012815 MILLS CHRISTOPHER P & STEPHANIE KING Parcel: 569934301002 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 4 Lot: 147 104 BUTTRESS AVE Total Due: \$1,479.14 R014368 MIRANDA DARCY Parcel: 588731101020 Subdivision: RIO BL VAL 3 Lot: 16 X COUNTY RD 335 Total Due: \$271.91 R013453 MITCHELL WILL AND SON LISA FAMILY TRUST DATED 1/17/2024 Parcel: 570131411006 Subdivision: ECHO LAKE ESTATES Lot: 6 272 RIVER FOREST DR Total Due: \$816.78 R010762 MODERN MAX Parcel: 569920204012 Subdivision: PAG WILL SERV COMM Lot: 12 177 BASTILLE DR Total Due: \$7,584.29 R006020 MOHS KIMBERLY S Parcel: 569910407004 Subdivision: PAGOSA HILLS 3 Lot: 17 375 PINE DR Total Due: \$2,288.34 R003582 MONTANO NELLIE Parcel: 569312204020 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 13 Lot: 30 267 RIVER RUN DR Total Due: \$792.14 R017016 MONTES MATTHIAS ANDRES Parcel: 614913103007 Subdivision: CROWLEY RANCH RES 3 Lot: C-7 331 SPRING CREEK CIR Total Due: \$968.69 R001969 MORA WILLIAM R Parcel: 558336210004 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 784X 66 HILLS CIR Total Due: \$1,887.86 R007953 MS DEVELOPMENT LLC Parcel: 569916422008 Subdivision: BLUE HORIZON TWNHMS Unit: 75 75 ACE CT Total Due: \$1,059.52 R017625 MTNTUFF RECOVERY LLC Parcel: 616117209007 Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK SUB 1 Block: 4 Lot: 32 20 SUNSET TR Total Due: \$3,464.23 R009459 MULLOY PATRICK G Parcel: 569919134024 Subdivision: LAKEWOOD VILLAGE Lot: 56 249 SANDLEWOOD DR Total Due: \$195.76 R003668 MULLOY PATRICK G Parcel: 569312308043 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 16 Lot: 15 482 EVERGREEN DR Total Due: \$271.97 R014992 MUNRO ELIZABETH A Parcel: 589309105016 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 151 196 TOM'S PL Total Due: \$1,674.21 R012339 MURPHY RYAN J Parcel: 569930102004 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 415 120 LAKE ST Total Due: \$324.04 R008056 NEAL JOE F SR Parcel: 569917101026 Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES 2 Lot: 53 41 BUNKER CT Total Due: \$1,821.01 R012899 NETZER MICHAEL S Parcel: 570101200036 RURAL Sec: 1 153 OWENS CT Total Due: \$1,568.15 R012022 NIRVANA LAND INVESTMENTS LLC Parcel: 569927205185 Subdivision: COLO TIMBER RIDGE #4 Lot: 185 500 SHOOTING STAR DR Total Due: \$2,576.11 R017108 NOBLE LARRY E II Parcel: 615101401014 Subdivision: ALR ELK RDG 1 Tract: 28 473 N BLACK BEAR PL Total Due: \$5,297.57 R011621 ORTEGA DELILAH & TUCSON JOAQUIN Parcel: 569923102003 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 56 Lot: 11THRU Lot: 14 474 S 10TH ST Total Due: \$1,472.95 R003982 OSTAPOWICZ MICHAEL REVOCABLE TRUST ESTABLISHED 8/17/2017 Parcel: 569315302049 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 293 623 CAROL'S CURVES Total Due: \$470.98 R010237 OTIS SHERYL F Parcel: 569919426010 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 534 50 BROOK DR Total Due: \$236.47 R005871 PAGOSA PEAK STORAGE LLC Parcel: 569909106003 Subdivision: CLOMAN INDUSTRIAL PARK 4-COMM Lot: 43 332 INDUSTRIAL CIR Total Due: \$4,436.47 R006842 PAGOSA PINES RV PARK LLC Parcel: 569914200006 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Sec: 14 1501 W US HWY 160 Total Due: \$4,771.88 R020878 PAGOSA SPRINGS VENTURES LLC Parcel: 570106300128 RURAL Sec: 1 2054 COUNTY RD 200 Total Due: \$518.95 R009750 PALMER KRISTY N Parcel: 569919309007 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 67 157 CANYON CIR Total Due: \$236.47 R006576 PANTER ADRIENNE J Parcel: 569919325004 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 47 Lot: 6 343 S 9TH ST Total Due: \$882.45 R012467 PARKER ANDREW Parcel: 569930204025 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 130 145 RANGER PARK DR Total Due: \$378.48 R015797 PARKER JAMES Parcel: 589316408030 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 78 163 ALLISON PL Total Due: \$628.47 R015761 PARKER MELISSA Parcel: 589316403105 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 84 1178 CROOKED RD Total Due: \$335.04 R007153 PERALES HOLDING INC Parcel: 569915219001 Subdivision: PS TRACT H MINOR COMM Lot: 1 2239 EAGLE DR Total Due: \$10,998.74 R006969 PERALES HOLDINGS INC Parcel: 569914412027 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 15 Lot: 19X 950 ROSITA ST Total Due: \$11,290.81 R003115 PEREZ AMADO JR Parcel: 589311109047 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 12 Lot: 26 1142 E STOLLSTEIMER RD Total Due: \$800.74 R009373 PESCADORO PROPERTIES LLC Parcel: 569918413025 Subdivision: THE RANCH COMMUNITY Lot: 25 162 HACKAMORE PL Total Due: \$4,826.30 R002671 PETTY BRIAN ELLIOTT Parcel: 569302102087 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 10 Lot: 7 1051 RACCOON DR Total Due: \$732.61 R017992 PHELPS RALPH G Parcel: 616313202001 Subdivision: COX EAST ALLISON 2 Lot: 2 65 BARTON CIR Total Due: \$1,572.26 R017886 PHELPS RALPH G & GENEVIEVE Parcel: 616119300003 RURAL Sec: 19 19 COUNTY RD 975 Total Due: \$698.19 R017467 PHILLIPS DEBORAH S Parcel: 616108307003 Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 4 Block: 5 Lot: 3 & 4 150 DEER PARK Total Due: \$824.28 R005451 PODELL ROBERT ANDREW Parcel: 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Sports

FOOTBALL

Pirates roll past Montezuma-Cortez for first league victory of the season

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team rolled past the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Friday, Sept. 11, in the team's first league matchup of the season.

The Pirates defeated the Panthers by a score of 47-27, bringing their overall record to 2-2 on the season, including a 1-0 record in the Western Slope League.

The Pirates got things going quickly with Kasen Limebrook completing a 60-yard touchdown pass to Hudson Mazur on the first offensive drive of the night.

Coach Nathan Morales commented on Limebrook's performance, mentioning he is getting "really confident with [Limebrook] throwing."

Morales explained that Limebrook had a good week of practice leading up to the game against the Panthers, and that throwing the ball is "something we're gonna continue to get better at."

Limebrook ended the night completing two out of three pass attempts for two touchdowns and a total of 75 yards.

Limebrook also had one rushing attempt on the night that went for 5 yards.

The Pirates jumped out to a 14-0 lead halfway through the first quarter, with running back Hudson Mazur breaking off a 72-yard touchdown rush.

Mazur led the Pirates in rushing, putting up two touchdowns and 224 yards on seven carries.

"You gotta go to your guys," Morales said of Mazur's performance on the night, explaining that the team leans on its senior players as younger players continue to develop.

Scoring continued in the first quarter with the Panthers getting on the board to bring the score to 14-7.

Following the Panthers' touchdown, Mazur returned the ensuing kickoff 80 yards for another Pirate touchdown, taking a 21-7 lead into the second quarter.

Morales also noted that the Pirates were missing a few of their seniors, mentioning the importance of leadership displayed by Limebrook, Mazur and Jimmy Elledge.

He noted the three of them "did a lot for us" on the night.

"I thought our young guys played well," Morales said, noting that only two seniors started against Montezuma-Cortez.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Hudson Mazur catches the ball before running it into the end zone for a Pirate touchdown against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Friday, Sept. 11. The Pirate win gave the team a 1-0 league record.

The Pirates were able to add to their score early in the second quarter with a 15-yard touchdown pass from Limebrook to Noah Bellina, extending the lead to 28-7.

The Panthers were able to strike back on their next possession to make it a two-score game at 28-14 with two minutes remaining in the first half.

The Pirates were the first to open the scoring in the second half with a 4-yard touchdown run by Gage Sams.

Sams ended the night with a total of 76 yards and one touchdown on 16 rushing attempts.

The Panthers were able to nail a 55-yard passing touchdown in the last minute of the third quarter, bringing the score to 34-21.

The Pirates were able to get on the

board twice more in the fourth quarter with two long runs from Mazur.

Montezuma-Cortez scored the final points of the game within the last minute of the fourth quarter, bringing the final score to 47-27.

The Pirates offense put up a total of 396 yards on the night.

Gabe Torres ran for 15 yards on five rushing attempts, and Eathon Kinkhead had two rushing attempts for a total of 1 yard.

"I'm just proud of them," Morales said of the Pirates' performance. "Proud of them to get their first league victory."

On the defensive side, Vinny Fish led the Pirates with six solo tackles on the night, followed by Bellina, Elledge and Jaycub Carter each with four.

The Pirates also won the turnover battle, coming up with four interceptions and only losing one fumble.

Mazur had two interceptions, which he returned for a total of 27 yards. Bellina and Sams each had one interception, returning them for 17 yards and 7 yards, respectively.

Mazur converted four out of five extra-point attempts for the Pirates, and Fish was successful in one of his two extra-point attempts.

Morales took accountability for some of the team's mistakes during their matchup against Montezuma-Cortez, saying, "We just gotta be disciplined as a team, and that starts with me."

Morales mentioned that his players "are doing what we ask them to do" and that he's "gotta make sure they're prepared" for certain pass-coverage situations and special teams plays.

"That starts with me," he added.

Heading into this week's matchup, the Pirates sit in third place of the Western Slope League as they take on the first-place Delta Panthers. The Pirates are currently ranked 24th in the state's 2A division.

The Delta Panthers are ranked second in the state with an overall record of 4-0, which includes their 42-0 victory over league opponents Aspen.

"We're going to continue to grow as a team and be the family that we want to be," Morales said, explaining that Delta is a good team, "but I think we are, too."

The Pirates will be back on the road for their game against the Delta Panthers tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 18, with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

Morales spoke about how the Pirates will look at film, reflect and learn from mistakes, and "continue to get better" moving through league play.

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SOCCER

Pirates log tie, win on road trip, next Alamosa next

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team has jumped above .500 for the first time this season with a tie and a win last week.

The Pirates, now 2-1-1, are ranked 22nd in 3A after a tie with Manitou Springs and a win over James Irwin last week.

The week started with a trip to Manitou Springs on Friday, Sept. 11. Coming into the game, coach Trevor Gian explained he knew that the Mustangs would be a good test for his Pirates and that the key to the game was starting fast and not falling behind early.

While the game ended in a 0-0 tie, Gian noted that there was a lot of back-and-forth action throughout the game.

"Manitou [is a] very, very good team— physical, well-organized, well-coached," Gian said. "I wouldn't mind playing them again one day. 0-0 is the result there. They had some opportunities. I felt like we had some real chances to maybe take a win in that game. Again, the team's all-around effort was phenomenal."

Gian mentioned after the game that there was a pretty significant no-call that should have resulted in a red card for the Mustangs.

Ryder King was tackled from behind on a breakaway and Gian explained he felt that it deserved to be a foul, but the referees determined that there was no foul on the play.

The Pirates also had a penalty kick taken away from them, with Gian explaining King was taken down in the box and the center referee awarded

the Pirates a penalty kick, but the line judge determined that King took a dive and waved off the penalty kick.

"After a conversation with the center, he took it away, said it wasn't even a foul, it was a dive," Gian said. "Knowing Ryder King and the player and the person he is, that's just not going to happen."

After the game, Gian noted that he and the team were pretty frustrated, but even in frustration he acknowledged that his players did a great job of bottling their emotions up and continuing to play hard.

Regardless, the game ended in a 0-0 tie, and the Pirates were set to face James Irwin the next day.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, the Pirates traveled to Colorado Springs for a game against James Irwin, a team they hadn't played in more than 15 years.

After such an emotional and physical game the day before, the boys came out a bit flat, noted Gian.

"We dictated the pace of play," he said. "We dictated possession. Everything we've been talking about doing. And we were just lacking a little bit of that second gear to start. You know, the boys were tired. The team was tired, again, emotionally probably, and physically."

After 40 minutes the Pirates led 1-0. At half, Gian explained, he told his team to go out and finish the

road trip strong and get all of their frustration out.

The Pirates went out in the final 40 minutes and outscored the Jaguars 4-0, eventually winning the game 5-0.

"I think if I had left all the starters in, we would have took our frustration out of that; not to knock James Irwin in any way," said Gian. "They had quality players [and a] great coach. We were just — we had something to prove here. And the boys did it."

A game after being involved in two controversial calls, King scored four goals against James Irwin.

Xavi Sanchez had the remaining goal, and Ethan Bracken, Niilo Pietila, Hudson Davis, Ryder Davis and Edgar Castillo each had an assist.

This week, the Pirates will host Alamosa on Friday, Sept. 18, beginning at 4 p.m.

The Mean Moose, who are 0-3, are ranked 62nd in 3A currently, but Gian noted he still anticipates a physical, challenging match.

"I know their record kind of is what it is, but league matches, division plays, always tough," Gian said.

The Pirates will open up the following week with an away match at Bayfield on Monday, Sept. 21, beginning at 5 p.m.

The Wolverines are 2-4-1 and ranked 52nd in 3A.

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CROSS-COUNTRY



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Pirates Breland Bridges, left, and Isaac Hanton, right, run at the 33rd Joe I. Vigil Open in Alamosa on Saturday, Sept. 12. The Pirates placed 22nd out of 37 teams, with 436 total runners in the race.

Pirate squads take part in tough Alamosa meet

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates cross-country teams competed at the 33rd Joe I. Vigil Open in Alamosa on Saturday, Sept. 12.

“We’re so proud of our athletes for giving their all yesterday at the Joe Vigil Meet,” wrote coach Josh Kurz in an email to The SUN. “The meet had record attendance, and many larger schools from the Front Range, New Mexico, and even Texas attended.”

The boys’ team placed 22nd out of 37 teams competing, and the girls’ team placed 23rd out of 30 teams. There were 436 total boys racing and 354 total girls racing.

Rylan Ash led the way for the Pirates with a 25th-place finish and a new personal record of 16 mintes, 43.20 seconds.

Weston Sweet placed 74th with a time of 17:42.60, Miles Dempster placed 118th with a time of 18:23.50, Jacen Easling placed 174th with a time of 19:09.50, and Silas Yost placed 198th with a time of 19:38.41.

Liam McKnight placed 214th with a time of 19:51.70, Kieran Kurz placed 238th with a time of 20:13.00, Wells Witting placed 281st with a time of 21:02.50, Matthew Mars placed 292nd

with a time of 21:14.70, and Stetson Osborn placed 295th with a time of 21:16.20.

Breland Bridges placed 332nd with a time of 22:15.70, Isaac Hanto placed 333rd with a time of 22:15.90, Jacob Freeman placed 356th with a time of 23:04.70, Davyn Leiker placed 402nd with a time of 24:59.90, and Eli Hanto placed 421st with a time of 26:14.60.

Along with Ash’s personal record, Sweet, Easling and McKnight all ran personal best races in Alamosa, according to the coach. Along with his new personal best time, McKnight dropped 6:05 from his previous race time at Bayfield. Leiker and Bridges dropped 4:09 and 4:18, respectively, from their last race in Bayfield.

“At this point in the season, we’re focused on the teams in our region, and all of the top teams were in attendance except Lamar,” wrote Josh Kurz. “The boys were fourth out of the teams in our region, finishing behind Salida (2nd in state last year), Gunnison, and Alamosa (4th in state last year).”

On the girls’ side, Lily DeClark led the team with a time of 22:14.90 and a 103rd-place finish. Madi Stretton was right behind her, placing 104th with a time of 22:15.00.

Bella Jackson placed 166th with a



Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

Lady Pirate Lily DeClark runs en route to a team-leading 103rd-place finish at the 33rd Joe I. Vigil Open in Alamosa on Saturday, Sept. 12. The team took 23rd out of 30 teams in the 354-runner race.

time of 23:41.20, Elsy Wood placed 192nd with a time of 24:32.90, Olivia Diffey placed 193rd with a time of 24:33.00, and Vivv DavRem placed 198th with a time of 24:38.20.

Lucy Rivera placed 218th with a time of 25:20.80, Adelaide Oelking placed 248th with a time of 26:23.50, Isabelle Ratcliff placed 252nd with a time of 26:31.00, and Skylar Leiker placed 328th with a time of 31:13.50.

“The girls placed 6th out of the teams in our region,” wrote Josh Kurz. “Woodland Park, (4th in state last year), didn’t run enough girls to score as a team, but I think they will later in the season, and Lamar, which wasn’t in attendance, also looks tough.”

Ratcliff was the monster of the week, notes Josh Kurz, dropping 6:17 from her Bayfield time, and Oelking was right behind her, dropping 5:54 from Bayfield.

He adds each freshman girl on the team shaved more than three minutes off their time from Bayfield, and DavRem earned a new personal record.

“I think our veterans Lily, Madi, Lucy, and Bella can form a tight pack, and we have a pool of 7 other talented girls to bridge the gap to become our 5th-place scorer,” wrote Kurz. “I think the girls will get stronger every week,

and Mila, who had hip surgery in May, is almost cleared to race.”

Up next, the team will race at the Coronado Cougar Classic on Saturday, Sept. 19 in Colorado Springs, with action kicking off at 9 a.m.

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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Pirates defeat Telluride, fall to Del Norte and Bayfield

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team sits at 3-8 after going 1-2 over their last three games, with a win over Telluride and losses against Del Norte and Bayfield.

After a win last week over Montezuma-Cortez at home, the Lady Pirates were set to go back on the road for the next four games. They opened their four-game road trip with a game at Del Norte.

The Tigers, 9-2 on the season and ranked No. 12 in 3A, beat the Lady Pirates 3-0 on Thursday, Sept. 10.

The Tigers won the first set 25-9, the second set 25-23 and the third set 26-24.

“Del Norte was not our best night,” wrote coach Chelsea Caler in an email to The SUN. “We struggled with serve receive, getting our offense going and even picking up some balls defensively that we normally would. It felt like a major communication breakdown across the court.”

Sydney Plake and Dawson Iverson led the team with six kills each. Avea Bruce had four and Ellie Vining had three. Malorie Morton, Veda Deitemeyer and Liana Vega each had one.

Saleisha Black and Vega led the team with two aces each. Tatiana Monterroso, Iverson and Bruce each had one.

Monterroso led the team with 16 digs, and Vega followed with 11. Vega

led the team with 17 assists.

After the loss to Del Norte, the Lady Pirates headed to Telluride on Saturday, Sept. 12, for a bout with the Miners.

The Lady Pirates bounced back, beating Telluride 3-0. They won the first set 25-21, the second set 26-24 and the third set 25-23.

“Telluride was a completely different story,” wrote Caler. “Everyone was communicating, five different hitters were contributing offensively, and we played much more aggressively. It was a really fun match to watch the girls fight through momentum shifts and keep playing hard all the way to the last point.”

Vining led the team with 10 kills, Iverson and Bruce each had nine, Plake had eight, and Deitemeyer had three.

Monterroso and Vining each had a team-leading two aces in the match. Fiorenza and Bruce each had one.

Monterroso led the team with 14 blocks, Bruce had eight, Iverson had seven, Fiorenza had six and Vega had five.

Vega led the team with 37 assists. “Against Telluride, we passed really well and Tati played an incredible defensive game,” Caler wrote. “Our hitters were swinging aggressively and getting kills, and we did a much better job staying together when the momentum shifted.”

The Lady Pirates opened this week with a 3-0 loss at Bayfield on Tuesday,

Sept. 15.

The team lost the first set 22-25, the second set 20-25 and the third set 20-25.

“Honestly, I’m really proud of how we played, and also frustrated that we couldn’t finish it,” Caler wrote. “We came out swinging and played really well through the first two sets. I think we caught Bayfield a little off guard and we are showing teams we can hang and compete.”

Up next, the Lady Pirates will play at Montezuma-Cortez on Tuesday, Sept. 22. The Panthers, who are 3-8, are ranked 59th in 3A.

Ahead of the match, the Lady Pirates are working on reading the game faster and eliminating hesitation and guessing on defense, according to the coach.

“We need to be better at running down balls and, probably most importantly, staying consistent with our communication,” wrote Caler.

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GOLF

Pirates face off in series of tournaments

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team concluded its stretch of three tournaments in three days on Thursday, Sept. 10, before taking part in another tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The team has two regular-season tournaments remaining before the state tournament.

“We’re just working toward state,” coach Mark Faber said, adding the team is staying after it and he’s proud of them.

The Pirates began their stretch of three tournaments in three days at Dalton Ranch Golf Club in Durango on Tuesday, Sept. 8. To see the results of that tournament, see the Sept. 10 issue of The SUN.

The next day, Wednesday, Sept. 9, the Pirates hosted five other teams for their annual home tournament.

The team took second out of the six teams competing, with Tyler Dimond logging a third-place finish among the 39 golfers competing. He shot a 76 on the par-71 course, which included shooting birdie on one hole and par on 11 holes.

“Tyler played well,” Faber said. “Tyler had a good round.”

Chatwin Pickering and Logan Lamoreaux finished tied for eighth on the day with an 86.

Pickering’s effort included shooting par on eight holes, with Lamoreaux shooting par on seven holes.

Maximus Ibram and Treyson Cotts tied for 32nd with a 117. Each golfer shot par on one hole.

Also competing on the day for Pagosa Springs were Jack Parker, who tied for 24th with a 100; Brandt Kerns, who placed 29th with a 111; Briggs Wilson, who finished with a 119 to



Photo courtesy Mark Faber

Pirate Treyson Cotts readies a shot at the Butch Braswell Memorial tournament in Salida on Sept. 10. Cotts shot a 97 to finish 23rd at the event, with that effort including shooting birdie on one hole and par on three holes.

take 35th; Jaiden Jones, who finished 37th with a 124; and Jayden Crawford, who shot a 135 to finish 39th.

Faber added it was nice for the younger Pirates to be able to face competition and that there were quite a few people out watching the team compete, which he appreciates.

The following day, Sept. 10, the Pirates took second out of 12 teams at the Butch Braswell Memorial tourna-

ment in Salida.

Dimond led the Pirates on the day with a second-place finish out of 48 golfers. He tallied a score of 75 on the par-70 course, shooting birdie on one hole and par on 11 holes.

“Tyler had another good tournament,” Faber said.

Pickering shot an 82 on the day to finish seventh, with that effort including shooting par on eight holes.



Photo courtesy Janine Emmets

The Pagosa Springs DUST2 middle and high school teams pose for a photo at the Haymaker Classic, their second race of the Colorado High School Cycling League season, in Eagle on Sunday, Sept. 13.

DUST2 teams continue season at Haymaker Classic

By Adelyn Hittle
DUST2

To continue the exciting race season with the Colorado High School Cycling League, the Pagosa Springs DUST2 middle and high school teams participated in their second race of the season in Eagle on Sunday, Sept. 13, entering 16 riders.

The Haymaker Classic features a 6.0-mile counterclockwise lap that was specifically designed for the high school races.

The course includes 600 feet of climbing per lap at 6,600 feet of elevation with moderate singletrack climbs, bridges, short doubletrack roads and a thrilling slalom style descent to the finish. The last winding descent, The Corkscrew, provides a great opportunity for spectators to view competitors on course as they approach the finish.

The theme of this race was super-heroes. DUST2 riders showed off their super attire on the prairie and throughout the race day. Race themes boost spirit, and those who participate often receive recognition at the end of the event.

The race day started off early with a DUST2 athlete’s parent, Angela Sewell, singing the national anthem and the Middle School Mayhem Race.

This was the first year that the league held the Middle School Mayhem race, allowing seventh- and eighth-graders to compete with other races in a 3.5-mile course.

Four athletes from the Pagosa middle school team competed: Tyson Sewell (eighth grade), Rafe Halterman (seventh grade), Kylie Braun (eighth grade) and Felix Long (eighth grade).

Rolling out at 8:30 a.m. in a mass start formation, Long was the first to come into the finish with a time of 16

minutes, placing 11th overall out of 41 competitors. Sewell came in directly after with a time of 16 minutes, placing 12th. Halterman raced in shortly after with a time of 19 minutes placing 29th.

The girls’ racers began five minutes after the boys, and coming in with a very fast time was Braun with a time of 18 minutes, putting her in fourth place. Braun was the sole Pagosa Springs racer to podium.

The middle school racers had a great opportunity to see what racing was like as DUST2 middle school head coach Amanda Gadomski stated after the race, “This race was a fantastic introduction to competitive racing for our seventh and eighth graders. It was incredible watching them push themselves and get to measure their progress against other athletes. I hope that this experience lights a fire that fuels their growth as athletes for years to come.”

The next racers to embark were the JV and sophomore girls at 9:15 a.m., with two representative athletes in these categories. Gianna Schaeffer (junior) was the only JV girl rider for DUST2 and she rode two laps in 1 hour, 1 minute to place sixth out of 30, gaining 496 points for the team. Quinn Howard was the only DUST2 sophomore rider, and she raced in with a time of 1:06 to place ninth out of 26 to add 434 points.

Followed by a cloud of dust, the JV boys began two laps at 10:40 a.m., with three Pagosa riders.

Jackson Chaney (senior, legacy) was the first Pagosa rider to roll in with a time of 56 minutes to place 22nd (400 points). A legacy rider is an athlete who has ridden all four years of high school. Aaron Sowle (senior, legacy) was the next rider to race in with a time of 57 minutes, placing 25th (388 points). Henley Pickering (junior

came in shortly after with a time of 1:04, placing 56th out of 91 racers.

Rolling out at noon was the varsity racers for their three laps on the course, with two representative participants.

Justin Sewell (senior, legacy) was the only boy Pagosa racer, and he raced in with a time of 1:23, placing 21st out of 28 participants and gaining 440 points for the team. Adelyn Hittle, the only Pagosa racer in the girls’ category, came in with a time of 1:27, placing sixth out of 15 riders to add 531 points to the team total.

Racing in their first mass start, the freshman boys embarked next at 1:50 p.m., with one DUST2 athlete. Pushing through the heat, Elias Gorman came in with a time of 1:07 to place 26th out of 47 participants (347 points).

Rounding out the last category of the day, the sophomore boys took off at 3 p.m., with three Pagosa racers.

The first of the three to finish was Ward Halterman with a time of 57 minutes to place 17th out of 53 riders, adding 385 points to the total. Amon Phillips rode in shortly after with a time of 1:00 to place 26th (344 points). Drake Anderson raced in with a time of 1:02 to place 31st (326 points). Anderson impressively shaved 19 minutes off of his time for this course from last year.

Overall, the team ended with 4,088 points altogether with an impressive day of racing from all. The racers were able to become more comfortable with racing and bring their skills to not only the race itself, but also to the Yeti Skills zone, and the Eagle Bike Park.

All of the high school riders are excited to compete again at the Spring Valley Scramble in Glenwood Springs for the third race of the season on Sept. 26.

“Chatwin played pretty well,” the coach highlighted.

Lamoreaux tied for 11th with an 87, shooting par on seven holes.

Cotts shot a 97 to finish 23rd, with that effort including shooting birdie on one hole and par on three holes.

Faber explained the team started off playing really, really well, but by the back nine were mentally worn out after playing three days in a row.

Then, on Tuesday, Sept. 15, the team took to the course at Monte Vista Country Club for a 48-golfer tournament, where they took fourth out of 10 teams.

Faber noted he expected the team to play better, but that the team just didn’t seem to “click” at the tournament.

Pickering finished tied for 14th with an 84 on the par-70 course to lead the Pirates, with that effort including shooting birdie on one hole and par on six holes.

Dimond tied for 16th with an 87, shooting par on five holes.

Cotts finished 18th with an 88, shooting birdie on two holes and par on two holes.

Cotts, Faber highlights, played the “best round he’s had in his high school career.”

Lamoreaux finished 19th with an 89, shooting par on six holes.

Ibram shot a 93 to finish 22nd, shooting par on two holes.

Brandt Kerns tied for 39th with a 110, shooting par on four holes.

On Monday, Sept. 21, the team will head to New Mexico for the Scorpion Invitational at Pinon Hills Golf Club in Farmington, which is set to tee off at 10 a.m.

“Farmington’s not an easy golf course,” Faber said. “It’ll test them.”

Following that, the Pirates will have one more tournament — the Intermountain League tournament in Alamosa — before the state tournament, which will also be held in Alamosa.

The top 84 golfers in each classification will advance to state.

Dimond, at 35th, is currently the only Pirate ranked in the top 84 in 3A. randi@pagosasun.com

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LIBRARY NEWS



SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Top: The Upper San Juan Library District Board of Trustees and Library Director Barb Brattin celebrate the grand opening of the expanded and renovated Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library. Bottom: Youngsters of all ages take part in grand opening activities, which included planting in the children's garden and storytime with Smokey Bear and friends.

We have built a community center

By Barbara Brattin
SUN Columnist

Last Wednesday as I was wondering what to write about for this week's column, I thought I'd gather some ideas with a simple Google search: "Public Libraries in the News."

Al responded with these disturbing headlines:

"A new post by PEN America explains that U.S. libraries face an existential threat from book bans, staff harassment, and political pressure."

Another headline read "Bay County libraries in Florida expect a major loss in book funds ahead of local tax vote."

Other news stories talk about library branch closures or reduced hours.

What a contrast to what I have witnessed for the past year at our Ruby Sisson Library.

Every day members of our community have asked how they could open a new library, not close it. They asked how they could fund the library, not cut its budget. Our town and county have helped us every step of the way by pledging funds to the project and waiving permit fees. Our library staff is treated with respect, even genuine warmth, by our community members. And even though all of us can find a book in the library that includes ideas and opinions that rub us the wrong way, no one has demanded that those ideas and opinions should disappear from our shelves.

This September marks my second anniversary as library director in Pagosa Springs. During that time I have witnessed the true meaning of community. You have amazed me by how you have organized to raise the money for a bright and beautiful building surrounded by lush gardens, and how you have shown up in force day after day to complete this project.

We have built more than a library, Pagosa. We have built a true community center that will educate and nurture generations to come.

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New Craft and Hobby database marks makerspace opening

To celebrate the opening of our new makerspace, we are launching a new database called Craft and Hobby.

Packed with videos for all ages teaching skills like sewing, woodwork-

ing, gardening and outdoor photography, Craft and Hobby is available free with your library card online from home or on the go.

We are planning lots of hands-on activities in the new makerspace and will be using Craft and Hobby to provide instruction for participants.

Take a look at the extensive catalog of instructional video at <https://www.pagosalibrary.org/how-to>.

New Hoopla e-book collection replaces CloudLibrary

On Aug. 18, our library consortium adopted Hoopla, an e-book and e-audiobook platform that replaces CloudLibrary. Our entire CloudLibrary collection has migrated to this new Hoopla platform, so if you were on a waitlist for a book in CloudLibrary, try a search for it in Hoopla.

To get started, download the Hoopla app and register as a Ruby Sisson patron with your library card number.

If you are already a Hoopla user with another library, you can add the Ruby Sisson collection by choosing "settings" on the bottom app menu, then "Library Settings."

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- In "Promise Me Never," author Liv Constantine delivers a thriller about a woman who becomes embroiled in the mystery of her husband's deceased first wife.

New fiction

- The Strata Wars series begins with "Songs of the Dead" from fantasy author Brandon Sanderson. A London rocker is faced with a life-or-death choice when he realizes that a powerful society of magic wielders are the only ones keeping London safe.

- "The Spoil" by Maile Chapman follows protagonist Mandy over the course of several decades, from childhood through middle age. Throughout the book, she is haunted by something. A ghost? A demon? A biological infection?

- African songwriter and hip-hop artist Gael Faye returns with his second novel, "Jacaranda," the story of a young man's journey from Paris to Rwanda to discover the truth about his family's past.

New nonfiction

- "Navigating Western Colorado: Early Expeditions and the Birth of Transportation on the Frontier" is from historian David Bailey.

- "Wildcat: The Untold Story of Pearl Hart, the Wild West's Most Notorious Woman Bandit" is by John Boessenecker.

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Commissioners comment on letter of support for town's Reservoir Hill project, affordable housing deed restrictions

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved its consent agenda at its Sept. 1 regular meeting, with commissioners Warren Brown and Veronica Medina voting to approve all the items on the consent agenda, and Commissioner John Ranson abstaining from the vote.

Ranson commented on an item on the consent agenda: the ratification of the BoCC chair's signature on a letter of support for the Town of Pagosa Springs in its application for a Great Colorado Outdoors (GOCO) grant application for its Reservoir Hill Forest (RHF) acquisition project.

According to the meeting's agenda, "GOCO funding will allow the Town to achieve its longstanding goals to protect the Property that is the forested backdrop to the Town and its famous hot springs, to provide more recreation opportunities, and to support the Town and County's local economy."

The town is currently in the process of negotiating to purchase approximately 300 acres of land adjacent to the existing Reservoir Hill park for a total price of about \$8 million.

In June, during a Pagosa Springs Combined Parks and Recreation Board meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis indicated that the town would likely be receiving a \$5.7 million Forest Legacy grant to go toward the project.

During that same meeting, it was noted by Recreation Supervisor Amanda Gadomski that the plan would be for the town to apply for \$1.5 million though GOCO.

The county's letter of support states, "Conserving RHF will allow the Town to protect the forests and open space that are essential to visiting the Town of Pagosa Springs and our County, including the hot springs that are near this Property. The project will also allow the Town to expand its adjacent Reservoir Hill Park (RHP) from 142 acres to a total of 445 acres. Acquiring RHF will include a graded road that will provide better access for our community to experience recreation at both RHP and RHF. RHF has a 4.6-mile trail system for hiking, running, biking, and cross-country skiing, which is currently closed to the public. The acquisition would

provide more public recreation opportunities on a ready trail network."

During the BoCC's Sept. 1 meeting, Ranson explained that he had considered asking for the letter of support to be its own item, but was ultimately OK with it being left in the consent agenda.

Ranson commented that he can be a "wet rag" on finances, "but that's why people elected me," explaining that finances are in his background.

"Right now ... our balance in our road and bridge fund is \$193,000. It was \$8 million four years ago," Ranson said.

He mentioned that he is often asked about "why I get after the town."

"This county has a lot of debt," he said, clarifying that "the county itself is very healthy," but that with upcoming ballot measures from the Archuleta School District, and potential future measures from other entities, "We're approaching close to \$500 million dollars."

Ranson explained that he is running an analysis through other finance experts, and that he will have a report to present in October.

"This is why the community's getting so expensive," he said, "and I can assure you [Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, (PAWSD)] is right on the line with their debt coverage ratios."

Ranson stated that PAWSD's debt coverage ratio is 1.1, "which is skinny."

He indicated that "more than likely" means PAWSD will raise rates next year, while also noting La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) might do the same thing.

"You can't take \$250 million dollars of debt on our behalf and not raise rates," Ranson said.

He spoke more about how the county's road and bridge fund is down to "nothing" and that the BoCC is doing all it can to direct more funds to the Road and Bridge Department through budget savings and initiatives like the lodgers' tax ballot question.

Ranson also explained that approaching \$500 million in debt at a 4 percent interest rate means paying approximately \$36.8 million a year in interest payments.

"That hurts the economy," Ranson said, "and so when people hear me complain about things like this, that's why I'm doing it, for the people."

"We can't afford this stuff if we're

not careful."

Ranson also stated that his view is "nothing against the town's request" for the letter of support.

"I don't have any information on this. If it was by itself, I would vote against it," Ranson said, explaining he does not know what kind of "match" the county would be asked for.

"We need better information when we're being asked to send this kind of stuff on, especially when you're talking big money like that," he said.

Ranson added that he is not in favor of passing a \$5 million to \$10 million deal "with no information," acknowledging that it is just a letter of support, "but that's where they always start, and they very rarely end there."

Ranson also stated again that his main point is that if the community does not watch its finances, "We're going to be pricing people out of this community."

Affordable housing deed restrictions

During the same meeting, Medina offered comments on a different consent agenda item: the ratification of the BoCC chair's signature on phase two deed restrictions of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation's (PSCDC's) affordable workforce housing project in the Chris Mountain II and Trails neighborhoods.

Medina explained that County Manager Longinos Gonzalez was able to coordinate a meeting with the Archuleta County Housing Authority (ACHA) and PSCDC to talk about differences and the "lack of communication."

Medina mentioned that she was pleased to say that "they were able to work it out," and the ACHA "is the entity that will be managing the deed restrictions for the [PSCDC] on the second-phase homes."

Medina commented that this is a good example of "clear communication" and conversations coming from the ability to sit down with each other and work out differences.

She added that the entities "came to a great resolution," calling it a "huge win" for the community.

"The [PSCDC] has done amazing work in our community," Medina said.

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Seeds of Learning announces program expansion

By Emily Martinez
Seeds of Learning

Seeds of Learning has some exciting news for families in our community: We are now accepting children as young as 18 months old.

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Colorfest

Sept. 18-20



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Colorfest to return Sept. 18-20 for a weekend of balloons, food, music and celebration

By Sandy Douthey
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

One of Pagosa Springs’ most colorful traditions returns this fall as the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce presents Colorfest Sept. 18-20, celebrating the 40th annual Colorfest with a full weekend of hot air balloons, local food and wine, craft beer and spirits, live music, and family-friendly activities.

The three-day celebration brings together one of Pagosa Springs’ most recognizable sights — a sky filled with colorful hot air balloons — with two signature ticketed events: the Passport to Pagosa on Friday evening and Bands, Brews and Barrels on Saturday.

Friday: Passport to Pagosa

Colorfest will officially kick off Friday, Sept. 18, with Passport to Pagosa, a food competition featuring local restaurants and wine tastings.

The event will run from 6 to 9 p.m. and will give attendees the opportunity to sample dishes from participating restaurants along with domestic and international wines while supporting Pagosa Springs’ local culinary scene.

Guests will also have the chance to vote for their

favorite restaurant in the People’s Choice competition. Passport to Pagosa tickets are \$100 and include food and wine tasting tickets for the evening, along with a commemorative glass. Live entertainment will also be part of the celebration, with Maxwell Miller taking the stage.

Saturday: Balloons, brews and barrels

Saturday morning will bring one of the weekend’s signature sights: the Colorfest hot air balloon mass ascension. Spectators can watch as colorful balloons take to the sky over Pagosa Springs. The balloons will launch from The Springs Resort area downtown on Saturday morning.

The balloon ascensions are free to watch, making them one of the weekend’s most accessible family activities.

Saturday afternoon, the celebration will move to Yamaguchi Park for Bands, Brews and Barrels, running from 4 to 8 p.m. The event combines live music from Tylor Brandon and Bo DePena with craft beer and spirits from participating brewers and distillers.

Attendees are invited to cast their votes for their favorite breweries and distilleries in the People’s Choice competition.

A beer and spirit tasting ticket is \$35 for guests age 21 and older and includes unlimited tastings. General

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Live Performers

Thursday
Coyote Moon Lounge: Open Mic with Eric Wade, 6:30 p.m.
The Pagosa Bar: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

Friday
Meltdown on Main: Bluegrass Cadillac, 5 p.m.
Coyote Moon Lounge: Out on Work Release, 6 p.m.

Saturday
Coyote Moon Lounge: Ron and Susan, 6 p.m.

Sunday
Coyote Moon Lounge: Ian Maksin, 5 p.m.
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admission is \$10 for ages 15 and older and does not include beer or spirit tastings. Children 14 and under are free. Wine will also be available for purchase by the glass for guests 21 and older.

Food trucks will be on-site throughout the afternoon, giving attendees plenty of options to enjoy alongside the beverages and live music.

Balloon glow and 500-drone show

As daylight fades Saturday evening, the excitement will continue with the Colorfest Balloon Glow, scheduled for around 7 p.m. or dusk at Yamaguchi Park.

Following the balloon glow is a spectacular new addition to this year's celebration: a 500-drone show honoring America's 250th anniversary and Colorado's 150th anniversary — A250/C150.

The special celebration also takes on added significance for the local Chamber, which is marking its own 50th anniversary this year.

Sunday: one more morning in the sky

Colorfest will continue Sunday morning with another hot air balloon mass ascension, giving residents and visitors one final opportunity to watch the colorful fleet rise over the community.

The Sunday launch will commence from the empty field across from Les Schwab near Walmart.

The balloon launches are weather dependent, and schedules can change based on wind and other conditions. Spectators are encour-

aged to check the Chamber's event information for the latest updates.

A Pagosa tradition

Colorfest has become a signature fall tradition in Pagosa Springs, attracting residents and visitors for a weekend that showcases the community's mountain setting, local businesses, restaurants, beverage producers and hospitality industry.

This year's event is especially significant as the community celebrates

40 years of Colorfest, while also recognizing 250 years of American history, 150 years of Colorado statehood and 50 years of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

From watching balloons float over the San Juan Mountains to sampling local cuisine, brews and spirits to listening to live music or gathering at Yamaguchi Park for the balloon glow and drone show, Colorfest 2026 will offer something for nearly everyone.

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Photo courtesy Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

Breakfast with Balloons will make its return on **Saturday, Sept. 19**, as part of **Colorfest**, offering a chance to take in the hot air balloons while enjoying breakfast along the San Juan River.

Breakfast with Balloons to benefit Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

By Pauline Benetti
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

Saturday morning, the sky above town will be awash with balloons as part of Colorfest weekend.

It's quite a spectacle for visitors, and our local community turns out in force every year, never seeming to tire of the color and excitement. Right in the middle of all that another event is taking place, Breakfast with Balloons at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) site in Centennial Park.

This is the GGP's annual fundraiser and offers a front row seat for the balloon ascension and a delicious breakfast and live music.

A few details about the breakfast will serve to stimulate anyone's appetite: The main course will be farmer's egg bites with potato crust,

aged cheddar and grow dome veggies served with crispy bacon and breakfast sausage, with a vegetarian version also available. It will be followed by a late summer parfait cup offering a "Colorfest" of seasonal fruit, coconut-chia pudding, toasted coconut and ganola. There will also be mini pumpkin muffins and/or griddle blueberry pancakes with maple syrup. Of course, there will also be hot coffee and/or a sparkly orange mimosa.

That by itself is worth the early rising, but there is more: The Happy Campers will serenade with an appropriate early morning selection.

Now, about tickets to our event: It's easy, just go to pagosagreen.org and purchase. The price is \$50 and that will get you entrance to the event from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Your ticket will,

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Colorfest

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Key event times and ticket prices

- Passport to Pagosa: Friday, Sept. 18, 6 to 9 p.m. — \$100.
- Colorfest balloon ascension: Saturday (downtown) and Sunday (uptown) mornings around 8 a.m. — free to spectators.
- Bands, Brews and Barrels: Saturday, Sept. 19, 4 to 8 p.m., Yamaguchi Park.
- Beer and spirit tasting: \$35, ages

21+, unlimited tastings.

General admission: \$10, ages 15+, no tastings.

Ages 14 and under: free.

- Balloon Glow: Saturday around 7 p.m./dusk.
- 500-Drone A250/C150 Show: Immediately following the balloon glow.

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End of Life Education to meet Sept. 17, 24

By Joan Mieritz
End of Life Education

On Sept. 17 at 1 p.m., End of Life Education will be meeting with our Archuleta County coroner, Brad Hunt, and possibly some of his assistants.

The group will also meet on Sept. 24, when we will start working on your right to make health care decisions beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St.

Use the side door into the fellowship hall (the main front doors may be locked).

There will be time for questions and a discussion of the presentation from Thursday, Sept. 17, made by Hunt.

Recent changes in state laws have increased what the coroner must do for every death in each county. If there is a death in your family, chances are good that you will need to work with him or his several assistants. It is important to have any questions about his talk answered so people feel most comfortable.

It is not 100 percent certain what our next main topic for Thursday,

Sept. 24, will be after the coroner discussion time because on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 16, the Pagosa Springs Medical Center Emergency Medical Service (EMS) put on a full program at its new downtown facility for everyone. The team may need some time to recover from it, or they may still be energized to present the same material to us. If they do not come, they will certainly be presenting this information to us at a later date.

If EMS does not come, we will start working on the very important booklet called "Your Right to Make Healthcare Decisions."

We will read the documents, discuss them and start filling in the information needed. Federal law requires that you must be given information on these advance directives when you enter a hospital at a certain age. It is a much better time to do this now. There is also a medical power of attorney, a living will and CPR directive. Each person will finish these at home with an opportunity to ask questions at each of our sessions. The goal is for everyone to have them completed and signed by December.

We have not, as yet, spent important time on Colorado laws that aid a person at the end of life to shorten time of possible great pain, serious discomfort or great expense by personally taking a "home-delivered" drink. The process needs to be doctor-monitored and must follow our state laws precisely.

The doctors involved in this process are very busy, and may not be able to meet with us, but they will provide information and there will be a presentation and time for all questions at a later date. Let Joan Mieritz know this is a concern for you.

If you'd like to make a food donation to the pantry, please bring storable food. If you'd like to bring a treat for the group, you can do that also to add with our coffee and teas.

We hope to see you at these events for an important learning experience and something that you will find to be most helpful. We almost always realize that we are more capable and stronger than we ever thought we were. We will be learning a great deal at each of these programs and will become better, stronger and more complete living people.

Autumn Plein Air Festival planned for Sept. 21-24

By Lise Neer
Paint Pagosa

Art enthusiasts and community members are invited to immerse themselves in the vibrant hues of fall and the talent of participating artists during a captivating plein air retreat and a special gallery reception.

Coming on the heels of the Color Fest hot air balloon rally, this live event in Pagosa Springs brings regional artists for a week of artistic creation, affording the public an exclusive opportunity to engage with the artists and their work.

From Sept. 21-24, a select group of skilled plein air artists will be painting the stunning landscapes of Southwest Colorado, capturing the brilliant

fall foliage, majestic mountain peaks and flowing rivers that define the region. Witnessing artists at work in their natural element is a captivating experience, offering insight into their creative process and the connection between nature and art.

The festival will culminate in a public gallery reception on Thursday, Sept. 24, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Two Old Crows gallery. Admission is free.

This reception offers a premier opportunity for the public to meet the artists, discuss their artistic journeys and view the freshly created artwork inspired by the beauty of Pagosa Springs. Artworks will be available for purchase, allowing attendees to take home a piece of the stunning Colorado autumn captured on canvas.

Following the reception, the paintings will be hung at Pagosa Springs Medical Center for a special art wall display through the month of October. All artwork will be available for purchase by directly contacting the artist.

"This plein air retreat celebrates the natural beauty of Pagosa Springs and the exceptional talent of these artists," said event organizer Lise Neer. "The community has the opportunity to witness the creative process and experience the spirit of the mountains brought to life through art."

This event offers a unique cultural experience, whether you're an art collector or appreciate the outdoors. Don't miss this chance to connect with artists, explore artwork and support the vibrant arts community in Pagosa Springs.

Breakfast

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in turn, work toward paying for the extensive maintenance effort of last year that brought two of our three domes back to A-1 condition, ready to welcome students in to learn about growing, locals in to harvest fresh produce and visitors in to ask questions about how we are able to grow tomatoes in the dead of winter.

The domes serve Pagosa Springs in many ways. They have an iconic presence on the river, they attract visitors to our community, they add to our town's identity as a future-oriented supporter of sustainability, they are a community center for both youth and adults, and the entire effort is volunteer driven.

It bears repeating: The GGP invites the community to get involved in any one of several ways. Individuals who

are hands-on will find opportunity to garden and grow food. Others more interested in teaching can do just that, working with the youngsters who come to the domes to learn. Those interested in directing the operation will find the board and its committees interesting. Simply express your interest via the email address or phone number listed below. There is fun and satisfaction to be had.

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Celebrate Mark Rane's newest public art installation.
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Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta serves as the backbone organization for the Food Pantry Network, bringing pantries and community partners together. On Saturday, Sept. 19, community members can support this work through a food drive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Market.

Food Pantry Network working together to strengthen food access in Archuleta County

Healthy Archuleta

The Food Pantry Network in Archuleta County is a story of what can happen when individual organizations come together around a shared purpose: making sure our neighbors have reliable access to the food they need.

Before the network was established, local food pantries were already doing important work, but much of that work happened independently, with limited communication between pantries. Each had its own volunteers, schedules, food supplies and approach to serving people. The focus was largely on the mission of each individual pantry, making sure no one who came through its doors went hungry.

The Food Pantry Network helped broaden that perspective. It brought greater attention to food insecurity as a countywide issue and created opportunities for pantries to work together to identify gaps, share resources, and strengthen food access across our community.

That collaboration became especially important in April 2020. When the pandemic and stay-at-home orders disrupted everyday life, the need for food assistance became increasingly visible. Families who had never needed assistance suddenly found themselves needing help. It was a wake-up call, not only about the extent of food insecurity in Archuleta County, but also about how much more effectively our community could respond by working together.

Local pantries began collaborating more intentionally, and the Food Pantry Network provided structure for that collaboration. Pantries could communicate about what they had and what they needed, share surplus food, coordinate schedules, connect with donors and volunteers, and

strengthen relationships with retailers, growers, ranchers and other community partners.

The network has also created opportunities for pantries to learn from one another and continue thinking about how food assistance can be responsive to the needs of the people they serve.

The experience of the food pantry at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church offers one example of that journey.

The St. Patrick's story

As the St. Patrick's food pantry coordinator describes it:

Our pantry began in 2008. In the early years, we followed a fairly traditional model. Volunteers packed boxes of staples such as pasta, soup, canned vegetables and fruit using a food bank-provided list. At the time, we were serving about six to eight families each week.

The food helped, but we began noticing that people sometimes opened their boxes and returned items they couldn't use. Someone might have diabetes, need gluten-free foods or simply received something their family would not eat. It led us to ask a different question: What if people could choose the food that actually worked for their household?

That thinking helped lead St. Patrick's toward the market-choice model we use today.

Now, coming to the pantry is much more like shopping. People can choose from the foods available based on what they need and will use. Through relationships developed locally and through the Food Pantry Network, we have also been able to offer a greater variety of foods, including fresh produce, meat, dairy products, baking supplies and options for different dietary needs.

But the change has been about more than food.

At St. Patrick's, we want the pantry to be a welcoming community space. People can have a cup of coffee, visit with neighbors and volunteers, and take their time selecting their food. We listen to what people tell us they need and continue adapting. Over time, relationships develop and the pantry becomes more than a place

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Healthy Archuleta announces ongoing, upcoming events

Healthy Archuleta

The first session of the September in the Garden Education Program was well attended, leaving participants with new tools for implementing permaculture practices into their fall garden planning and lots of questions.

Throughout the remainder of the series, participants will explore a variety of topics, including harvest and preservation of fall crops, overwintering, soil health, garden bed preparation and growing in high-elevation climates.

The upcoming session will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Vista Community Production Garden.

These sessions offer an opportunity to gather outdoors, learn directly in a community garden space and share experiences with fellow local growers. Classes will take place in the garden, and attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather and bring water and sun protection. Garden tools and gloves will be available.

Additionally, join us for our Quarterly Food Drive next weekend on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Market. Stop by our table to grab a shopping list to help stock local food pantries and support neighbors throughout Archuleta County.

For information about the Food Drive, including requested donation items, visit Healthy Archuleta's Food

Drive page: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/food-drive.html>.

Child-parent relationship therapy (CPRT) classes have now started for this fall.

This free program for parents and caregivers of children ages 3 to 10, CPRT is a supportive small-group program that helps caregivers strengthen connection, trust, communication and confidence with their child.

Participants will gain practical tools and encouragement, dinner, and engaging child care weekly, running on Thursday evenings. Families interested in upcoming sessions are encouraged to complete the interest form at [foodcoalition4archuleta.org/cprt.html](https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/cprt.html).

Finally, Healthy Archuleta invites residents to register now for the Archuleta Health Fair and Expo, which will take place on Oct. 24 from 7 a.m. to noon at Pagosa Springs High School.

The event will connect community members with low-cost wellness labs, health resources, screenings, information and local support.

We are also looking for volunteers to support this important community event. Learn more and register at [foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-health-fair-and-expo.html](https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-health-fair-and-expo.html).

Visit Healthy Archuleta's website, www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org, send us an email at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to learn more about these events and to keep up to date on future activities.

Celebrating public art: New public art sculpture to be unveiled at Centennial Park

By Amanda Gadomski
Town of Pagosa Springs

The Town of Pagosa Springs invites the community to join the Pagosa Springs Public Arts Committee for the unveiling of "Shared Current," a new public art sculpture by artist Mark Rane, on Friday, Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m. at Centennial Park.

Rane was selected by the Public Arts Committee to create a sculpture that reimagines and repurposes

historic geothermal panels from the Town's pumphouse.

The completed work, "Shared Current," honors Pagosa Springs' geothermal heritage by transforming materials from its past into a new piece of art for the community to enjoy.

The town encourages residents and visitors to attend the unveiling, meet the artist and celebrate the addition of this new piece of public art to the geothermal campus.

Network

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to pick up groceries.

That is what I value about being part of the Food Pantry Network. Each pantry is different and serves its community in its own way, but we are connected by a shared commitment to making sure people throughout Archuleta County can access food with dignity.

The network gives us a larger structure for coordinating resources, learning from one another, identifying gaps and strengthening food access across the county. Pantries like St. Patrick's are where that larger system becomes personal, where someone walks through the door, is welcomed as a neighbor and has the opportunity to choose food that works for them.

We have moved from simply handing out food toward building a more connected and responsive approach centered on food access, choice, dignity, relationships and community.

Supporting the network together

Healthy Archuleta is committed to serving as the backbone organization for the Food Pantry Network, bringing pantries and community partners together, supporting communication and coordination, connecting and sharing resources, and helping strengthen a countywide approach to nutrition security.

The network is made possible by the commitment of the individual pantries, their volunteers, donors, community partners, and the many residents who contribute food, time and resources to support their neighbors.

Our community has an opportunity to support this work at the Archuleta County Food Drive on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Market. Community members are invited to stop by and donate food to help stock the shelves of local food pantries and support neighbors throughout Archuleta County.

For information about the food drive, including requested donation items, visit Healthy Archuleta's Food Drive page: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/food-drive.html>.

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Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers to host Observe the Moon Night event

By Dena Laterza
Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers

John Dobson (Sept. 14, 1915, to Jan. 15, 2014) was an American amateur astronomer who probably is best known for designing the telescope-type named after him: the Dobsonian.

This low-cost, portable Newtonian reflector telescope is perfect for beginners and amateur astronomers of all levels.

Dobson was also known for his efforts to promote awareness of astronomy through public lectures, including his performances of “sidewalk astronomy.” This led to him co-founding the amateur outreach group, the San Francisco Sidewalk Astronomers, and the inspiration for our organization’s name: Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers.

Because of his influence, millions of people all over the world have looked through the telescopes of the Sidewalk Astronomers.

So, what is sidewalk astronomy? Well, just as it sounds, it refers to setting up a telescope in a public place for people to view the heavens through — to stimulate interest and provide light public education. Dobson often included humor as part of his spiel to entertain passers-by.

Because busy sidewalks tend to be in light-polluted areas, sidewalk astronomers often coordinate their

activities at times when brighter celestial objects like planets, the moon and bright stars are visible. Even during the day, sidewalk astronomy works via the use of solar-filtered telescopes to allow people to safely view the sun.

It’s fun and instructive to explain the workings of a Dobsonian telescope to new observers.

Light enters through the big open-end of the tube, bounces off a concave primary mirror at the bottom of the tube up to a small diagonal mirror near the tube’s top, which directs the light sideways to the eyepiece. The observer points the tube manually up/down, left/right (like a canon) using the simple altazimuth base. It is a basic point-and-look device that must be nudged along by hand. Or, as Dobson would say, “This scope runs on yogurt and eggs; I eat the yogurt and eggs.”

To enjoy Dobson’s never-ending wit and unique way with words, here’s more of our favorite quotes:

“A Dobsonian telescope is just a pile of stuff.” — Reflecting his philosophy of using cheap, everyday, recycled materials to build powerful reflectors.

“It’s crazy to live in this universe without ever having seen it.” — Highlighting his core mission to bring stargazing to the general public.

“The importance of a telescope is not on how big it is, it’s not on

how well made it is — it’s how many people, less fortunate than you, got to look through it.” — Emphasizing outreach over expensive equipment.

“The sky is not a part of the park, but the park is part of the sky.” — Spoken to a park ranger who questioned the presence of telescopes.

“The exterior decorator does lovely work.” — Referring the beauty of the moon’s surface.

“All of the previous revolutions were done with cannons on Dobsonian mounts.” — His response to the “Dobsonian revolution” that the Astronomical Society in Oakland wanted to award him.

“See that dark patch [on the sun]? That’s as big as the Earth, in case you have any delusions of grandeur.” — To an individual observing the sun through his telescope.

To celebrate International Observe the Moon Night on Sept. 19, the Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers will be in Centennial Park near the grow domes with a Dobsonian telescope from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Stop by and view the moon or take a picture with your phone.

St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church to hold annual clothing giveaway Oct. 9 and 10

By Lynne McCrudden
St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church

It is that time again, when we start to pull out our fall and winter clothes to see what fits and what we are tired of wearing. St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. will be holding its annual clothing giveaway on Oct. 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Oct. 10 from 8 a.m. to noon.

We will start collecting clothes for men, women, children and babies on Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon in the church Parish Hall, and then will

continue collecting Oct. 5-8 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Please make sure your donations are gently used and, if possible, please separate by men’s, women’s and children’s. It makes setting up and sorting so much easier.

The parishioners at St. Patrick’s have been holding the clothing giveaway for more than 25 years. It is a privilege to help our neighbors find clothing to keep themselves warm during our winter months. Please contribute what you can to help this ministry address the need in our community.

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Lisa Scott, campaign manager, 970-749-4268

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Photo courtesy Lauri Heraty

Team Madame Sparkle Pants will be shining and sparkling down the runway on Oct. 3 for Runway for Rise. Grab your tickets now and watch their team light up the runway. Pictured, left to right, are Drake Stewart, Lauri Heraty and Robin Curvey.



Photo courtesy Rise Above Violence

In 2025, team **Corrugated Champions** turned recyclables into runway drama. On Oct. 3, Runways for Rise attendees can see the ingenuity that their team will bring to transform everyday materials into another show-stopping outfit. Pictured is model Scott Galabota.

Runway for Rise to feature recycled fashion, wine pull and silent auction

Rise Above Violence

Have you purchased your Runway for Rise ticket for the Oct. 3 event yet? If you haven't, there is still time, and it is sure to be a night to remember.

In addition to the runway show, which features 10 creative teams showcasing outfits made from recycled cardboard and plastic, guests can take part in several interactive fundraising features:

- **The Runway Wine Pull:** Back by popular demand, attendees can purchase a mystery bottle of wine for \$50. Bottles in the pull range in value from \$35 up to \$190, featuring options from crisp chardonnays to rich cabernets.
- **Silent auction:** Local businesses and individuals have generously contributed donated packages, gift baskets and experience items.

All proceeds directly fund Rise Above Violence's core safety initiatives, including 24-hour crisis advocacy, emergency hotel stays, six-month rental assistance and legal system navigation.

The team that raises the most total funds will take home the coveted Prada Award. You don't have to wait for Oct. 3 to cast your votes for one of these fabulous teams. Community members can support teams like Madame Sparkle Pants and Corrugated Champions right now by casting \$1

votes online.

Meet Team Corrugated Champions

Comprised of Josie Snow, Scott Galabota, Julie Reardon, Carmelita Perez, Lois Lee and Jasmine Lee, Corrugated Champions are channeling creativity into community impact.

Snow returns for her fourth year on the Runway, with Galabota, Perez, Lois Lee and Jasmine Lee each making their return appearances. This year also marks Reardon's Runway debut as the team's model.

"We are participating in Runway for Rise in order to be champions for those who might need extra support," the team shared.

Expect clever cardboard couture and a strong push to raise crucial funds for survivors.

Meet Team Madame Sparkle Pants

Lauri Heraty, Robin Curvey, Cindy Nobles and Drake Stewart are lighting up the runway to carry forward Joyce Hertaus' joyful commitment to Rise.

"We've come together as a team to support survivors and celebrate Joyce Hertaus, a beloved supporter of Runway for Rise. Joyce never missed an opportunity to dress up and believed life was infinitely better with

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Photo courtesy Vanishing Breed

The band Vanishing Breed will bring a mix of seasoned talent to the stage at Rotary’s 11th annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance on Oct. 24, headlined by Colorado Country Music Hall of Famer Odis Sikes.

Vanishing Breed to headline 11th annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance

By Terri House
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

This year’s 11th annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance, hosted by the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs, will feature Vanishing Breed — an area favorite known for their music that gets crowds on their feet.

Band members bring a wealth of talent and experience: Ellis Miller of Dolores, on lead guitar, has spent most of his life in music, performing with several big-name country stars. Brothers Carl and Donny Johnson, of Cortez, keep the rhythm rolling — Carl Johnson on steel guitar (and a few other instruments, when needed) and Donny Johnson on bass, joining the band when he’s not busy with his own solo gigs. Fred Brown, a U.S.

Runway —

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a little sparkle,” the team said.

At the very first Runway, Hertaus captured the Mountain Glam Award for her sparkly ensemble, and Team Madame Sparkle Pants hope survivors will draw strength from Hertaus’ words: “Smile often, choose joy and wear the sequins — don’t wait for a special occasion.”

Few tickets still remain

Though all our VIP tickets have sold out, there are still a few opportunities to get Reserved Tier tickets for \$75 and be able to reserve seats in prime spots for you and your party, or general admission tickets for \$50.

Don’t miss this unforgettable evening in support of Rise Above Violence. Purchase tickets online or vote for your favorite team(s) by visiting www.riseaboveviolence.org.

Navy veteran from El Paso, Texas, drives the beat on drums and also plays with other regional groups.

Rounding out the lineup is Odis Sikes — an accomplished acoustic guitarist, powerful lead vocalist, Vietnam veteran and proud regional resident since 1980. In August 2024, his lifelong dedication to music was honored with induction into the Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame.

“Vanishing Breed has this incredible ability to get everyone dancing — whether you’ve been two-stepping for years or you’ve never set foot on

a dance floor,” said Rotary president-elect Kim Moore. “We’re thrilled to have them bring their energy to our milestone year.”

The 11th annual barn dance will take place on Oct. 24 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds in the Extension Building, 344 U.S. 84. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Hungry dancers will be treated to hearty fare from one of Pagosa’s favorite food trucks, serving up choice of sliced brisket or pulled pork with assorted BBQ sauces, slaw, white

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PCI Family Services supports local families

By Steven Viola
Pagosa Community Initiative

The Pagosa Community Initiative's (PCI) Family Services program helps families throughout Archuleta County access resources, overcome challenges and work toward greater stability.

Family advocates strive to meet families where they are, listen to their individual needs, and work alongside them to develop realistic and achievable goals.

Support may include assistance with housing, employment, budgeting, parenting, public benefits, transportation and other essential needs. PCI also offers emergency financial assistance when funding is available, parenting and financial education, resource navigation, and referrals to trusted community partners.

Advocates help families identify their strengths, build connections and create plans that support long-term stability.

To qualify for PCI Family Services, a household must include a child between birth and age 18 living in the home, or an individual who is currently pregnant. To learn more, email familysupport@pagosacomunityinitiative.org or call (970) 585-6521.

PCI also works with the Collaborative Management Program (CMP), an optional county-administered program that connects families, schools, agencies and community partners to remove barriers and improve outcomes for children and youth.

CMP helps coordinate services for families working with multiple organizations, reduces duplication and encourages agencies to work together and share resources. Families

may qualify for CMP services if they have a youth between the ages of birth and 21 living in the home.

"Family voice is an important part of CMP," said Chrissy Hancey, Archuleta County CMP coordinator. "We want families and community members to tell us what matters to them, where they see gaps in services and what support would make the greatest difference. Our goal is to create a more connected community where children, youth and families can access coordinated resources and opportunities for lasting success."

To learn more about CMP services or share what matters to you, contact Hancey at (970) 585-6496 or cmp@pagosacomunityinitiative.org.

PCI still has school supplies available for families who need assistance as the school year gets underway. Families interested in receiving supplies may contact Family Services at (970) 585-6521 or familysupport@pagosacomunityinitiative.org.

Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution wins state awards

By CiCi Stuart
Sarah Platt Decker Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

The Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) received several awards from the state level of DAR.

It was honored for outstanding support of the DAR Literacy Promotion, for outstanding support of the Children of the American Revolution, a blue ribbon for Chapter Achievement Awards in the 51-100 member category and for conservation activities with the "Let's Keep America Beautiful Clean-up Campaign".

Additionally, Leslie Orr, a Durango member, received first place for community events-American Indian.

The entire chapter was recognized

for 100 percent participation in the president general's project of "Our Legacy in Bloom."

The Sarah Platt Decker chapter is a nonpolitical/nonprofit service organization representing Archuleta and La Plata counties.

Membership is open to all women over the age of 18, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can trace their lineage from an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence.

The DAR, established in 1890, has three missions: historical preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavor. There are more than 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., and international chapters in 10 countries.

Dance

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cheddar mac and cheese, rolls and assorted cheesecake bites — all for \$25 per plate (sold separately from the dance ticket).

The evening will also include a cash bar and fun contests for best dressed and best dancer, ensuring plenty of ways to join in the fun.

Rotary's barn dance isn't just about music and dancing. It's also about making a difference.

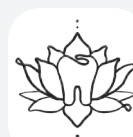
New this year, the club is launching a Meals of Hope project with the goal of packaging 20,000 meals for local families.

That effort joins a long list of Rotary investments in our community. Over the years, fundraising proceeds have helped provide over \$600,000 in scholarships for local students

and supported programs including the Feed Our Children Backpack Program, teacher mini-grants, the Dictionary Project for third-graders, youth leadership programs, international youth exchange and community grants.

"We love seeing neighbors and visitors alike out there on the dance floor, knowing that every step is helping fund a young person's future or putting food on the table for a local family," added barn dance co-chair Kirsten Bennett.

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Secure your spot now by purchasing tickets at Tangled or Wednesday Bouquet. Tickets are also available online at <https://tinyurl.com/bd58jz>. Don't wait — this is one night you won't want to miss.



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Road-trippers Holly McCollough, Floyd Pierce, and Leilani Osmundson stop in Pagosa Springs as part of their quest to visit all 64 Colorado counties in less than 64 hours this summer.

Road-Trippers visit Pagosa Springs during quest to visit every Colorado county in under 64 hours

64 in 64 Team

When Leilani Osmundson jolted awake as her teammates' car rolled into Archuleta County in the pitch-black early morning hours, she was greeted with news that stopped her heart: They were three hours behind schedule.

"I'm sorry, Leilani, but it turns out we're three hours behind schedule," teammate Floyd Pierce told her.

"What?"
"Just kidding — we're actually 30 minutes ahead of schedule."

"Floyd. I thought you were serious," Osmundson shot back. "Either way, I was ready to fight for our lives and find a way to get back on track."

The prank-turned-relief moment at the Archuleta County passport stop was one of dozens of unscripted scenes from a road trip three Colorado friends — Osmundson, Pierce and Holly McCollough — pulled off this summer: visiting all 64 Colorado counties in less than 64 hours.

The team rolled into the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center around 24 hours into the journey, which spanned July 24-26, following a pitch-black drive from a middle-of-the-night stop in Silverton that wound through Coal Bank and Molas passes, past hillsides dotted with porch lights and an ever-strengthening smell of sulfur announcing the town before its lights came into view.

Archuleta County was their 27th Colorado county on their quest, and the stop marked a turning point: after the scare over their schedule, the team pressed on, energized, watching sunrise break over Mineral County, descending into the canyons of Hinsdale County and reaching the halfway point of their journey in Saguache County

not long after.

"None of us could have predicted the immense beauty of the diverse regions of our state," the team said, reflecting on that stretch of the trip.

Inspired by the America 250-Colorado 150 Commission's Colorado County Passport challenge, the trio set out to see whether it was possible to visit every county in the state in under three days.

After months of route planning, they covered nearly 2,900 miles, slept in the car instead of hotels and documented every stop with photos and video at each official passport location — including an unplanned detour after a mudslide closed the Million Dollar Highway, which threatened to derail their schedule before they ever reached Archuleta County.

They finished the full 64-county route in 62 hours and 24 minutes.

"Beyond the logistics, the most memorable part of the journey was the people we met," the team said. "Every county had its own character, but everywhere we went we encountered generosity, encouragement, support and immense pride in Colorado. At a time when so much news focuses on division, we think this journey offers a different perspective: a celebration of the people and places that make up our beautiful state."

The team documented the challenge in real time on Instagram @64in64, where their content generated more than 250,000 views and reached 37,000 accounts. Along the way, they collaborated with tourism organizations across Colorado, including in communities along their route, to highlight local historical sites and events celebrating Colorado's 150th anniversary of statehood.

The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

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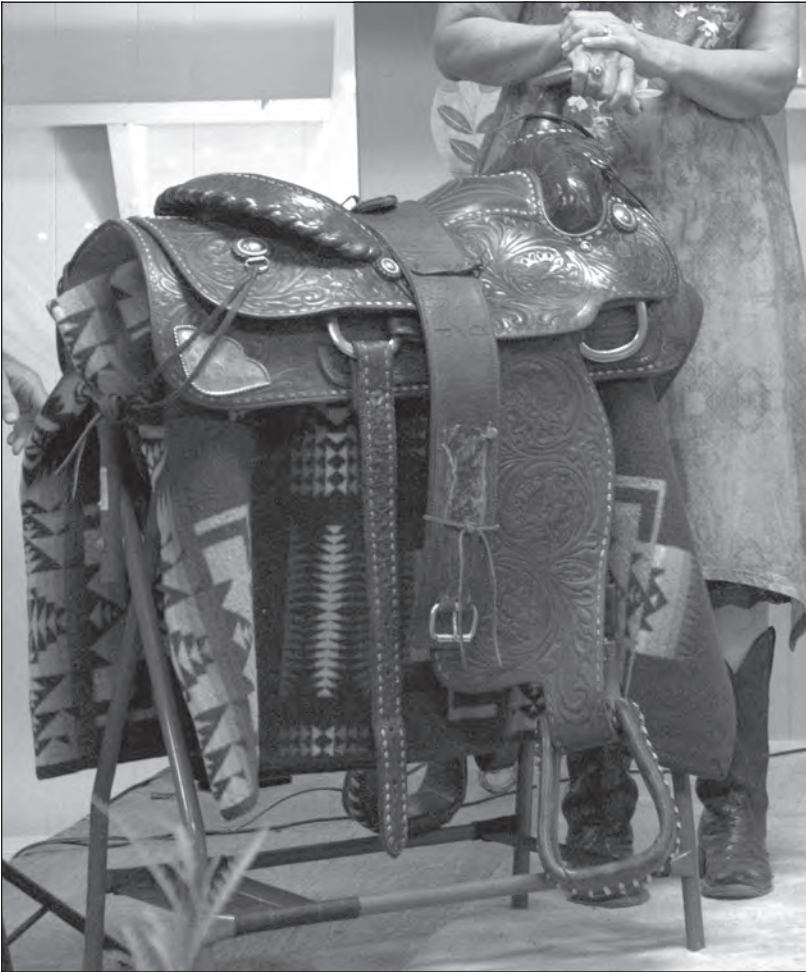
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- 13 Barracks locale
- 19 Levels
- 21 Certain column
- 25 Uniformed greeters
- 26 Sandy hill
- 28 Like some questions
- 30 Enthusiast
- 31 Coagulate
- 32 Crude homes

- 33 Prince of India
- 34 McGregor of "A Gentleman in Moscow"
- 39 Usual choice, informally
- 40 Late-game pitcher
- 42 Full-price payer
- 44 Singer k.d.
- 46 Deep divides
- 49 Place
- 51 "That's it!"
- 52 Relaxed
- 53 Goodie bag contents
- 54 Waikiki's island
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- 59 Washington's bill
- 60 Dentists' org.

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Dan Fogelberg’s legacy comes full circle for Humane Society

By Taylor Gregory
Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

Some stories come full circle in ways you could never plan.

At the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs’ 31st annual Auction for the Animals, one extraordinary piece of our history found its way back to the mission it helped inspire.

During the live auction, a saddle once owned and ridden by beloved singer-songwriter Dan Fogelberg sold for an incredible \$20,000.

More than an auction item, it was a tangible reminder of a remarkable connection between Fogelberg and the animals of Pagosa Springs, a connection that began more than 40 years ago.

In 1984, the organization that would become Humane Society of Pagosa Springs was only beginning to take shape. Fogelberg stepped forward to help by volunteering his time and talent for a concert benefiting animals in our community. The event raised \$20,000, helping make the construction of the original animal shelter possible.

That shelter became a place of refuge for countless animals with nowhere else to go.

Decades later, the saddle that once belonged to the man who helped make that shelter possible was donated to our auction. Its sale will now help provide food, shelter,

medical care and second chances to animals who need us today.

There is something deeply moving about that.

The man who helped create our shelter in the beginning has, in an unexpected way, helped sustain our mission for the future.

Although Fogelberg passed away nearly 20 years ago, his impact continues to be felt here. His songs may be part of his lasting legacy, but for the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, it is his kindness that we remember most.

And on a night dedicated to giving animals a second chance, his legacy gave us one more reason to believe that compassion can echo across generations.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who made this year’s Auction for the Animals possible. Every ticket purchased, paddle raised, donation made and item won helps us continue the work that began so many years ago.

Fogelberg helped give our mission a beginning. His legacy is helping us carry it forward.

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Photo courtesy Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

A piece of history found its way back to the mission it helped inspire this summer: A saddle once owned and ridden by singer-songwriter Dan Fogelberg recently sold for \$20,000 Humane Society of Pagosa Springs’ 31st annual Auction for the Animals.

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FREE COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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Scene ... The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs and Vets4Vets of Archuleta County team up for the fifth annual Free Community Pancake Breakfast at Stevens Field for a weekend of flipping pancakes and building community. The weekend event was full of food, fun and fellowship, all in support of veterans and local youth.



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 greater yellowlegs.

This trim, elegant, wading bird is a member of the sandpiper family, whose migratory path may place it in our area in spring or fall. It is a bird typically associated with marshes, mudflats, shallow ponds and shorelines, although it may also be found in wet meadows and flooded agricultural fields. They are medium- to long-distance migrants that winter in areas from southern California to Mexico, Central America and throughout South America.

This long-legged shorebird often wades in deeper water than other sandpipers. It usually forages alone, moving with rapid, jerky movements and a bobbing head. The tip of its long bill is very sensitive to touch, allowing it to feel for food concealed in the mud or sand. Aquatic invertebrates are its main food source, but it will also consume snails, worms, frogs and some seeds and berries. It will run with neck extended to grab a small fish that comes into view. During the day it will stab at the water's surface for food, but during low light and at night, it feeds by sweeping its bill with tips submerged in the water.

The greater yellowlegs is a very vocal bird that is difficult to get close to. Its strident alarm calls, which may spook all the shorebirds in the area, have given it the common names of telltale, tattler and yelper.

Nesting takes place during summer in remote, boggy, buggy swamps in Canada and Alaska. This inhospitable environment has caused the greater yellowlegs to be one of the least studied shorebirds. Less than 40 days after hatching, chicks are independent and the parents have left. After all the adults have left to migrate, juveniles join in small flocks and depart southward together.

Long, bright yellow legs make this bird stand out in a group of shorebirds. It is long-necked with a bill that is thick-based, slightly upturned and at least 1.5 times as long as the head. The similarly patterned lesser yellowlegs is shorter and has a shorter bill, but unless they are seen together, size differences between the two are hard to judge.

For information on events, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.



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Pagosa Springs Women’s Christian Retreat planned for Sept. 25-27

By Julie Boyd
Pagosa Springs Women’s Christian Retreat

Join us for a transformative Christian women’s retreat designed to bring healing, joy and love to your heart and spirit.

This event is for women from all walks of life to come together in faith, community and renewal.

As we celebrate our 48th year at Sonlight Christian Camp, we encourage you to come alone, or bring those special women in your life that would love to spend time with both you and God in a beautiful location. Many women come alone and make friendships that outlast this weekend experience.

This year’s theme is “A View From

the Summit: Refreshing Your Life with a Heavenly Perspective” with Pagosa’s own Becky Johnson as the guest speaker.

Johnson is a mountain girl from Pagosa Springs who loves Jesus, adventure and being outside whenever possible. She has spent much of her life learning, exploring, and sometimes taking the scenic route — both literally and spiritually.

Johnson is not showing up as someone who has it all figured out, but as someone who has made plenty of mistakes and discovered that God is faithful through every bit of it. She loves honest conversations, the deeper things of God and a good laugh along the way.

One of Johnson’s favorite verses is “For I know the plans I have for

you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11).

At the Pagosa Christian Women Retreat, you’ll experience powerful worship, uplifting teachings, soul-refreshing activities and the deep fellowship of sisters in Christ. Whether you’re carrying burdens, seeking peace or simply longing for connection, this retreat offers a place to rest, be restored and rediscover the joy of God’s love.

This nondenominational retreat will run from Friday, Sept. 25, through lunchtime on Sunday, Sept. 27.

Whether you have been walking for the Lord for weeks or years, this is a special time to soak in His love for you as you join us for “Summer Camp.”

Registration includes six meals and two nights lodging along with worship, activities, etc.

To register, please visit our website at <https://pcwomenretreat.org/>, or contact Sherrie Vick (970) 903-0312 for more info or scholarship opportunities.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

“A realization of the Presence of God is the most powerful healing agency known to the mind of man.” — “The Science of the Mind.”

Save the dates for the following activities at the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center:

- Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6 p.m.: “The Importance of Higher Self Connection and How It Can Change Your Perspective Of Life’s Fulfillment.” We will introduce you to your higher awareness and wisdom through your higher self, your direct connection to God and “all that is.” This event will be with Shayla White Eagle McClure Azriel at SpiritFire Center at Xanadu. She is a higher self coach, life coach, teacher of holistic health, and wellness and shaman of

spiritual awareness through nature’s and the creator’s universal laws. An \$11 donation will be collected. Text or call (970) 309-6067 for more information.

- Saturday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m.: Harvest Moon Celebration and Circle with potluck at Xanadu. A love donation will be collected. For more information, contact (970) 510-0309.

- Sunday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m.: Harvest Moon Celebration and Circle with potluck at Xanadu. A love donation will be collected. For more information, contact (970) 309-6067.

The center also offers educational classes and workshops.

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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Members of the Pagosa Catholic Community assemble for prayer at the church's downtown prayer garden on Saturday, Sept. 12, as part of the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.



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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to celebrate Mabon, hold potluck

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

"Mabon: Celebrating the Web of the Harvest" is the title of Sunday's program, Sept. 20, as the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship celebrates Mabon, the autumn equinox in the Northern Hemisphere.

At this time of equal day and night, we gather together to ground and center ourselves, reflecting upon our deep connection with the earth, giving thanks for the season's bounty and for one other.

As we honor interdependence, our theme of the month, Michael Demchak, a lay minister grounded in Pagan practice, will lead the service in the spirit of the harvest with a potluck to follow. We come together with love and gratitude in our hearts as we give thanks and prepare for the darker days ahead.

Demchak is the current president and chairperson of the Pagosa UU Fellowship's steering committee and Sunday service planning team.

Demchak was raised on the East Coast with UU roots. After moving to Denver with his family in 1976, he attended the Mile High Church of Religious Science. As an adult he became active in a Pagan group, and from that experience Demchak co-created many circles as a Pagan priest in the Living Earth Church, which he helped establish. Demchak has been a Pagosa Springs resident since 2017.

Our Sunday services and programs begin at 10:30 a.m. most Sunday mornings. The Pagosa UU Fellowship is located in the Greenbrier Plaza, Unit B-15, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. on the north side facing Pagosa Peak.

Our Community Hub hosts various groups and meetings throughout the month, and we invite you to peruse PagosaUU.org for more information.

Qi Gong meets weekly on Mondays at 1 p.m. This group practice is open to all.

The Wise and Wakeful Circle is an

open, facilitated group for mindfulness, sharing and deepening with others, and is held the second and fourth Saturdays at 10 a.m.

The long-standing Tara Pagosa Meditation Group will resume Oct. 4 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Love, compassion, joy and equanimity is how the facilitator frames this practice. The following will provide further information, especially if you are a newer participant or wish to begin a meditation practice.

Learn meditation and the purpose of meditation. Just bring a kind heart and an open mind. We can even help you to find those. Newcomers are always welcome.

Diminish pain, conflict and anxiety through patience, kindness and compassion. Learn how training in love and compassion can help you to relax your mind, become a better person, and make you happier and more attractive while doing so.

Simple, yet profound, these beautiful, authentic practices help us to recognize the vast world of extraordinary subtlety lying just beneath the surface of our narrow, preoccupied and fearful existence. Learn to appreciate the exquisite interdependence of life, and restore joy and wonder in your world. Although these are traditional Buddhist practices, you do not have to be Buddhist to benefit from them. All are welcome.

Meditation is reviewed and practiced every week so that newcomers can learn comfortably alongside regulars. Practice is followed by a short talk and discussion.

We are currently working our way through Lama Migmar's book "The Wisdom Gone Beyond, Teachings on the Heart Sutra."

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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Sept. 17

Ruby’s Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby’s Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

‘Hard Evidence: Marine Fossils at 8,000 feet?’ Geology Hike. 9 a.m. The hike is free, but sign-up is required at SJMA.org.

A Day in the Life of the Ancients Tour. 9:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A family-oriented tour along the accessible Mesa Village Trail to visit an ancient agricultural village and learn about daily life 1,000 years ago. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Stretching and Mobility Class. 10-11 a.m., Senior Center. A stretching and mobility class for those ages 55 and up.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

End of Life Education. 1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Tai Chi. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. An Archuleta Senior Center program.

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.

Tween Secret Snacks. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 11-13. See if you really know your favorite treats. Join for tasty treats and a few laughs as you try a few different secret snacks. Get them all right for a small prize.

Curtains Up Pagosa ‘Honk!’ Auditions. 6-9 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School music room. All community members ages 8 and up are welcome to audition for Curtains Up Pagosa’s next production, to be staged the third week of November.

Friday, Sept. 18

A Tour of Two Trails. 7:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection

of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Bingo. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Crafternoon: Jumping Cups. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 3-5 with caregivers. Learn how to make a jumping cup. Design options will be a bunny, frog or rocket.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys’ Soccer. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Alamosa.

Public Art Unveiling. 5:30 p.m., Centennial Park. The town will unveil “Shared Current,” a new art sculpture in Centennial Park.

Colorfest: Passport to Pagosa. 6-9 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. For more information and tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/45SzboF>.

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Saturday, Sept. 19

Colorfest: Breakfast with Balloons. 7:30-9:30 a.m., Centennial Park. Join the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership for breakfast and watching the balloons along the San Juan River. Tickets are \$55 and are available at www.pago-sagreen.org.

Colorfest: Aspen House Color Run/Walk 5K. 8 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Run beneath the hot air balloon mass ascension while being splashed with color at every kilometer. A benefit for Aspen House. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/ColorFestColorRunWalk5K>.

Colorfest: Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension. 8 a.m., downtown. Weather permitting. For more information on Colorfest, visit <https://bit.ly/45SzboF>.

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of

the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. All quilters and wanna-be quilters are welcome. Social hour is from 9:30-10:30 a.m., with the meet-

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ing beginning at 10:30 a.m. For more information on meetings and classes, email pagosapiece-makers@gmail.com.

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A 13-week program to assist with the healing process, regardless of how long it is since your loved one passed. Register and learn more at www.griefshare.org.

Archuleta County Food Drive. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., City Market. Help stock the shelves of the local food pantries.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures.

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Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. 10:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Patty Joy will talk about being a member, including the national website and committees.

Puzzle Palooza. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Put together some puzzles and have some family fun.

Colorfest: Bands, Brews and Barrels. 4-8 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. For more information and tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/45SzboF>.

Flute Music at Twilight Program. 6 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program begins with a guided, short walk through a mesa village followed by live Native American flute music accompanied

by a deepening night sky to reveal celestial bodies. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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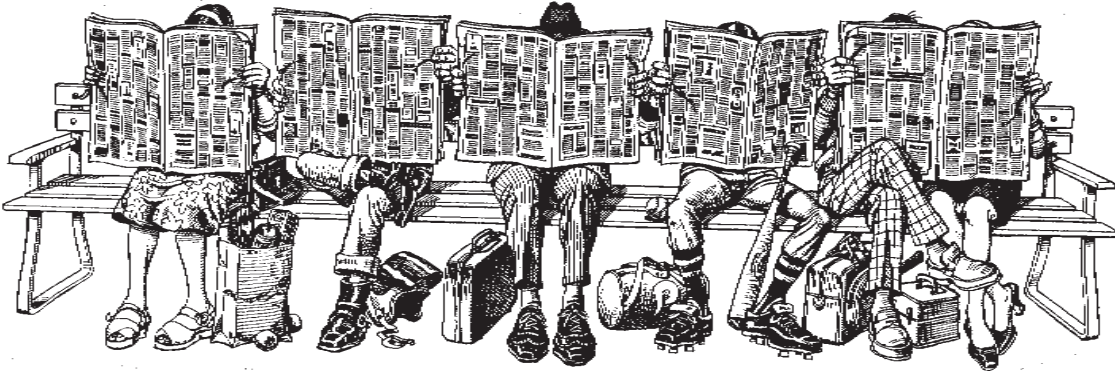
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Colorfest: Balloon Glow and A250 Drone Show. Dusk, Yamaguchi Park. Weather permitting. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/45SzboF>.

International Observe the Moon Night. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Centennial Park. View the moon under high magnification through a telescope. Bring your mobile device and take a picture of the moon. Join the Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers near the geothermal domes.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Colorfest: Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension. 8 a.m., uptown. Weather permitting. For more information on Colorfest, visit <https://bit.ly/45SzboF>.

Colorfest: Paddle Meetup. 8 a.m., Village Lake Boat Ramp.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Monday, Sept. 21

Sunrise at Chimney Rock. 6:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program offers a unique two-hour tour of the archaeological sites with a special emphasis on the view of the sun rising atop the mesa. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven't attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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Senior Conversations. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Conversational Spanish. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required. A Sisson Library program.

DivorceCare. 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church library, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. DivorceCare is a program that provides a safe

environment for persons who have gone through, are going through or are considering going through a divorce. You can register online or join at any class during the 13-week session. For more information, call Jim and Holly Shook at (951) 733-1893 or email jshookup@gmail.com, or the church at (970) 731-2205 or centerpointchurchpagosa@gmail.com. There is no cost for the program.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Autumnal Equinox Program. 5:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program provides an exclusive pre-dawn experience to witness a spectacular sun rising from atop the mesa. After, a tour of the archaeological sites will be conducted with emphasis on the importance of celestial events to the ancient ones. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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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.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

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.

Stretching and Mobility Class. 10-11 a.m., Senior Center. A stretching and mobility class for those ages 55 and up.

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Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen Advisory Group. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 12-18. Be a voice at your library. Build leadership skills, mentor others and plan programs that interest you. Snacks will be provided.

Teen Board Game Night. 4-5 p.m.,

Sisson Library. For ages 14-17. Swing by the library after school to relax and unwind with some of your favorite board games.

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cul-

tural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call

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SMOKING AND ITS RELATION TO DEMENTIA



With Dementia being in the top 5 causes of death, its causes and risk factors need to be determined. If it can be avoided or slowed down in any way it behooves us to know how.

Today's excerpt provides important information. In 2014, the World Health Organization (WHO) published a report entitled "Tobacco Use & Dementia," based on a comprehensive scientific review of tobacco use, exposure to secondhand smoke, and incidence rates for all types of dementia, including Alzheimer's.

The report found that smokers have a 45 percent higher risk of developing dementia than non-smokers, and concluded that 14 percent of all Alzheimer's cases worldwide may potentially be attributed to smoking. These risks hold true across nearly every income level and geographic boundary—including US, China, India, and Latin

America. Smokers with dementia also die earlier than non-smokers with dementia.

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Accelerating atherosclerosis in your heart and brain, which deprives your brain cells of oxygen and important nutrients. Arterial stiffness is associated with the buildup of beta-amyloid plaque in your brain, which is a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease

Oxidative stress, excitotoxicity, neural death, and inflammation that may directly or indirectly be related to brain changes seen in people with Alzheimer's

Source: "Smoking Is Major Factor in Alzheimer's Disease." By Dr. Mercola. <http://www.mercola.com>

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

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Health Archuleta Gardening Education Session. 9:30-11 a.m., PLPOA Vista Community Production Garden. For more information and to register, visit www.food-coalition4archuleta.org or email fssearchuleta@gmail.com.

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A weekly club for 3- to 5-year-olds where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for 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.

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Archuleta County Democratic Club. 11:30 a.m., Uncle's Bar and Social Club.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.
Mexican Train Dominoes. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mindful Drawing. 1:30 p.m., Senior Center.

A Tour of Two Trails. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Ruby's Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

'Written in Bark — Aspens and Arborglyphs' Hike. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Buckles Lake Trailhead. The hike is free, but sign-up is required at SJMA.org.

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End of Life Education. 1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Tai Chi. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. An Archuleta Senior Center program.

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.

Tween Board Game Night. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 11-13. Swing by the library after school to relax and unwind with some of your favorite board games.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Soccer. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

Autumn Plein Air Festival Gallery Reception. 5:30-7 p.m., Two Old Crows. Meet the artists who participated in the festival and view their freshly created art.

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The fourth quarter

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

"The Pastor shook my hand." My Sweet Al glowed.

That's the sermon he carried away, along with the Big Gulp his daughter treated him to, as they came home from Sunday service. Al's world is getting smaller — family, his recliner and his daily, predictable routine. Anything outside of his ordinary space is jolting to him.

Dementia has taken over this once strong man's mind. Damaged nerve cells have robbed him of the ability to communicate and to connect with things and people around him.

My Sweet Al. My husband. My writing muse. This man, whose dry wit caused me to laugh. His kindness and faithfulness still remain above reproach — this man who provided and protected his family. Now he struggles with simple things such as tying his shoes.

This game of life is like a football game. We've fumbled, made mistakes, had our wins, had our losses, fired the coach, changed game plans and played with a broken ankle. But we showed up, ready to play, dressed in our team's colors. We still give the Lord praise for another day.

This man sits beside me. Sometimes he's with me, and sometimes he's not. He has good days and not-so-good days. At times I see the shell of a man staring at me wondering who I am. Seeing imaginary people, afraid to be left alone. We have come to the fourth quarter.

He struggles forming words, trying to be a part of the conversation. But I know this man is still inside, the one who cared for me and our family. It's time to care for him, protect him and love him with our whole hearts. Life is shifting.

I tucked Al into bed, still early. I turned on the Colorado Buffaloes football game, the first game of the season. I sat alone watching the plays. For the first time I felt alone, an eerie feeling I hadn't experienced before came over me. This is no fun watching the game alone. I watched Deion, who had cancer last season, as the game dragged on. I saw the pain in his face thinking he would like to call it quits and go to the locker room, just like I thought about turning off the television.

But then, in the last 32 seconds of the fourth quarter, everything changed. The Buffaloes won. Everything took on a new light, a shift in the game. A smile came over Deion's face as he greeted the coach of the other team. That's how it is when Al remembers and tells a story about days gone by. A new light comes into his face and my heart leaps for joy.

Like silver and gold, heaven's wealth has been woven into our relationship. I have said many times we wouldn't have made it if we didn't have the Lord between us. I am still saying that. My Sweet Al and I have

Artist's Lane

This man sits beside me.

Sometimes he's with me, and sometimes he's not. He has good days and not-so-good days.

become one, entwined together. When he hurts, I hurt.

Al is now talking about going home. I wonder if this happens when a person gets closer to seeing Jesus' face. We surely do not know when that day might come. And when it does, it will still be a shock. I won't be ready for the change, losing someone who still kisses me goodnight and shares coffee with me each morning.

We might not know until we enter heaven what glory has been bestowed on us as the bride of Christ. Al will be wearing Jesus' glory. It seems like he's been wearing it more lately.

Our daughter came by. She said we need to talk about some things. "It's hard to say. But, do you have everything in place?"

"I hope so. Right now, it is easier to make the decisions I need to make. I'm not emotionally in the reality of what is coming. When it does, I'm not sure how I'll handle things. I would hope I'd stand firm in my faith, knowing Al's going to see Jesus before me. We've had a wonderful life together."

My son said, "We're not going to have Daddy too much longer."

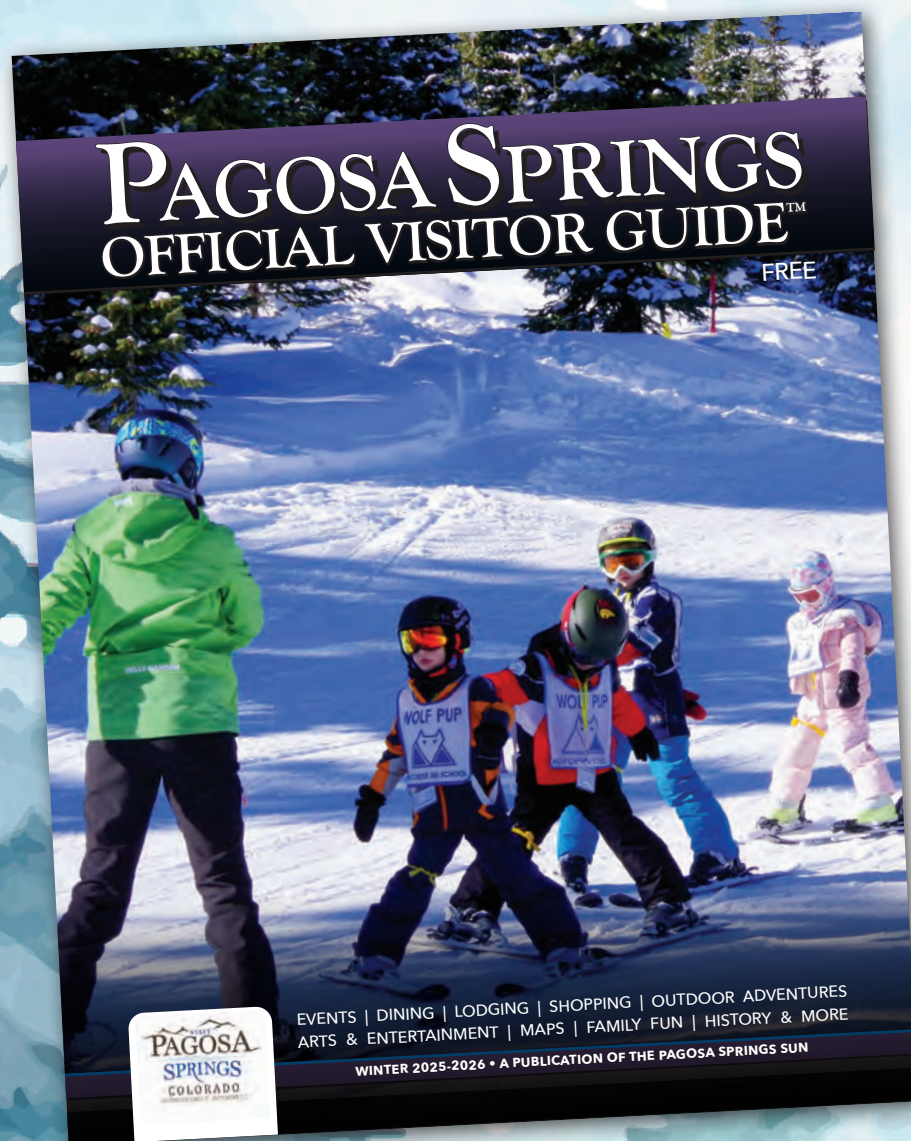
These words had not been uttered from his lips before. Saying those words or not, our family continues to draw closer to their dad. Our simple and fewer words are gentler, more adoring and more protective.

Final brushstroke: I still relish Al's unique way of talking about his playthings, moving things from one place to another and, yes, losing things. Yesterday he lost his wedding ring. He is still looking for it. He needs to know he's still married. Oh, how I love that guy. I'm praying for overtime.

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