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PAWSD moves down to drought stage one

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Due to the recent rains, improved river flows and other factors, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) is lowering its drought restrictions to stage one, District Engineer Justin Ramsey explains in a Sept. 21 press release.

He states that September has been a “welcome wet month” so far, with precipitation at 108 percent of the median for the month, although annual precipitation is only at 58 percent of the median.

“While drought conditions are improving, continued diligence in water conservation remains important,” he states.

The San Juan River, one of the key determinants for the PAWSD’s drought stage, is currently flowing at 113 cubic feet per second (cfs), above the median flow of 88 cfs for Sept. 21 and higher than the 79 cfs flows on Sept. 21, 2025.

The National Integrated Drought Information System has also downgraded all of Archuleta County from extreme to severe drought, according to Ramsey.

■ See Drought A17



Photo courtesy Kathy Fischer

The America 250 - Colorado 150 Stories in the Sky drone show lights up the sky as a balloon glows during Saturday’s Colorfest events at Yamaguchi Park. The drone show, which featured several regional pieces and a little love for Pagosa, is part of a series of nearly 150 community drone shows taking place across Colorado this year.

Commissioners hear tourism proposal from local lodgers’ association

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Sept. 22, the board heard a presentation from the Pagosa Lodgers Association and its proposal for how current county lodging tax revenues are used and where they’re directed to.

The Pagosa Lodgers Association was represented by John Harper and

Kelly Spence.

“Over time questions have been [raised] about transparency, accountability and about how the effectiveness of tourism marketing dollars can be clearly demonstrated,” Harper said.

He explained that the association’s proposal is intended to address those concerns and provide “strong oversight and clearer reporting into the structure from the beginning.”

■ See Proposal A8

Commissioners approve first phase of slope repair project on County Road 500

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Public Works Director Mike Torres recently spoke to the Board of County Commissioners during two work sessions, on Sept. 16 and again on Sept. 22, with updates on the status of County Road 500 near Arboles and flooding caused by rain storms in the area over the past week.

During its regular meeting on Sept. 16, the BoCC approved the start of

phase one of the slope failure repair project on County Road 500.

According to that meeting’s agenda, “This project will be funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and not to exceed the amount of \$533,475.00. The USDA-NCRS will reimburse 75% (\$400,106.00), the state will reimburse 12.5% (\$66,684.50) and the County will cover the remaining 12.5% (\$66,684.50) of this project.”

An attached document also explains the project details.

■ See Repair A8

Charter school board passes resolution in support of district ballot question

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors has formally endorsed Archuleta School District’s (ASD’s) Question 5A, which will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot.

During its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16, the board voted 5-1 to approve a Resolution No. 091126-A, with board members Jesse White, Lawrence Rugar, Pamela Meade, Stephan Cox and Elle Highcamp voting in favor of the resolution and board member Bill Hudson voting against the resolution.

According to the resolution, “Ballot Question 5A seeks voter authorization for a \$79.9 million bond issue with a repayment cost of up to \$156,500,000 to unlock approximately \$50 million in matching state funds through the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant program.”

The ASD Board of Education unanimously approved specific ballot language for voters to consider during its regular meeting held on Sept. 2.

“The school’s families are ASD families, and the board’s resolution recognized that investing in public school facilities, whether district-managed or charter, benefits the entire community.”

Jesse White
PPOS board member

The resolution also explains that the ballot question, if approved, will provide funding to build a new pre-

kindergarten through eighth-grade campus for “district students while also allocating funds for needed facility repairs, infrastructure, and capital improvements at Pagosa Peak Open School.”

In a press release, White explains that PPOS serves approximately 15 percent of ASD students.

“The school’s families are ASD families, and the board’s resolution recognized that investing in public school facilities, whether district-managed or charter, benefits the entire community,” it states.

During the Sept. 16 meeting, School Director Emily Murphy explained that the topic of PPOS’ stance on the ASD ballot measure was brought up in a family council meeting, mentioning that there might have been a “lack of clarity” on what the school’s stance is.

Meade asked Murphy if she felt like the resolution would help address the concerns.

■ See Resolution A6



SUN photo/Clayton Chaney

The San Juan River flows above 500 cubic feet per second (cfs) in downtown Pagosa Springs on Thursday evening, Sept. 17, after storms across the area dropped multiple inches of rain throughout the week. The river flow spiked at 679 cfs that night. Rain storms continued into this week, and, as of 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23, the river was flowing at a rate of 331 cfs. Prior to Sept. 17, the last time the San Juan River was flowing above 500 cfs was on May 26, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

CMAS results: Percent of students who met or exceeded expectations							
	Archuleta	Alamosa	Bayfield	Durango	Ignacio	Montezuma-Cortez	State average
Math Grade 3	27.0	42.8	25.7	53.1	20.9	26.8	41.5
Math Grade 4	43.4	22.9	29.1	40.2	*	25.2	39.0
Math Grade 5	16.3	14.8	39.2	47.3	*	28.8	39.3
Math Grade 6	22.1	9.6	21.2	31.7	18.9	9.5	32.7
Math Grade 7	28.2	11.2	19.5	29.6	18.0	19.4	32.9
Math Grade 8	23.5	11.6	31.0	45.0	15.4	21.1	37.8
English Language Arts Grade 3	29.8	26.5	27.0	54.5	18.6	18.9	40.8
English Language Arts Grade 4	39.8	36.9	45.9	47.8	14.9	36.5	47.0
English Language Arts Grade 5	37.0	34.6	51.9	61.1	28.6	41.9	49.9
English Language Arts Grade 6	38.1	25.7	31.3	43.7	22.6	18.3	41.6
English Language Arts Grade 7	45.5	31.0	32.9	45.2	28.6	20.0	46.6
English Language Arts Grade 8	36.1	23.3	28.2	52.2	15.4	24.7	42.2
Science Grade 5	25.6	22.6	30.4	47.0	26.2	28.2	36.1
Science Grade 8	21.9	15.6	26.5	40.2	17.9	19.8	35.4
Science Grade 11	25.7	12.4	18.3	39.3	12.5	25.4	24.8
PSAT/SAT mean scale score results							
PSAT Grade 9	890	812	892	925	795	809	889
PSAT Grade 10	899	828	910	994	834	856	926
SAT Grade 11	971	894	911	1034	904	910	982
An * denotes a sample size too small to report.							
Numbers listed above include all applicable schools within each district as provided by Colorado Department of Education.							

Local schools highlight growth in state assessments

By Randi Pierce and Clayton Chaney
Staff Writers

The staff and boards overseeing Archuleta County’s public schools recently considered the district’s and schools’ spring 2026 standardized assessments.

Archuleta School District (ASD) and Superintendent Rick Holt reflected on the district’s results on the Colorado Measure of Academic Success (CMAS), PSAT and SAT via press release, with the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors and School Director Emily Murphy discussing PPOS’s CMAS results on Sept. 16.

ASD

In a press release, ASD highlights student growth in the assessment data, as well as the fact that all district schools earned a performance rating.

Highlights included by the district in the press release are:

- For the past three years, ASD students in the third through eighth grades have demonstrated growth at or above the state average in both English language arts (ELA)

■ See Assessments A17

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OUR VIEW

Trusted journalism matters

Sept. 28 is World News Day, and its message, "trusted journalism matters," feels more apt now than at any time in recent history.

Artificial intelligence, misinformation, disinformation, debates over who should and should not have access to our government, and looming elections, among other things, highlight the importance of ensuring that independent, accurate information about each level of government is being provided to us — by humans and for humans.

While we may currently be seeing tiffs between the press and politicians playing out on a much larger stage and within the federal courts, its important to realize battles for information and adherence to law are also occurring at local levels in communities throughout our state and nation. Citizens and media regularly battle via the courts and through discussions with local officials to help ensure information is available and government officials are following the laws.

They're seeking to ensure that democracy prevails at all levels.

Independent, accurate information through trusted journalism is also critical to maintaining democracy.

In a world where facts are treated as optional by some and social media favors divisiveness, it's important to have trusted

local journalism — by humans and for humans — to turn to.

Since 1909, The SUN has sought to do just that.

Our upcoming election in particular is a big one, both locally and at the state and federal levels. There are a lot of facts and opinions bouncing around.

Its imperative, now and always, that we head into the next election armed with knowledge, not conjecture, and with facts, not conspiracy theories being spouted across places like social media.

It's also important to understand that logical people can reach different conclusions and opinions when given the same facts, as can be seen fairly regularly in our letters section (as well as throughout life).

The SUN values and welcomes that diversity of opinion. Through our letters to the editor, we aim to provide an open forum for responsible discussion of issues that are important to our community, and to perhaps spur on additional thoughts, questions and research as we all strive to make up our minds about the many ballot questions and measures.

As we move further into the this election season, we would like to offer a reminder that The SUN will not accept political letters relating to an election within three editions prior to that election.

That means Oct. 15 is the last day letters

regarding the Nov. 3 election will appear in The SUN.

We also offer a few other reminders concerning letters to the editor:

We cannot guarantee that every submission will be published, but know we work hard to ensure fairness in considering each submission.

Submissions that exceed the 500-word limit or are not accompanied by the letter writer's name, address and phone number will not be considered. Please note the address and phone number are for verification purposes and are not printed. Anonymous letters will not be accepted.

No more than two submissions per letter writer per month will be considered.

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All submissions should be transparent about any relationship (personal, professional or political) between the author and candidate or issue being discussed.

Personal attacks on private citizens will be removed or may mean the letter is not printed.

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Letters may be submitted for consideration via pagosasun.com/forms/letters/ or emailed to editor@pagosasun.com by noon on Tuesday for that Thursday's issue.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 24, 1926

Sheriff Geo. A. Dutton and Harry Macht returned Wednesday from Denver, where they last week shipped the Hollowell cattle by stipulation of the parties concerned in a matter pending in the federal court. A good market was encountered, the stock bringing over \$21,000, from which was deducted the expenses of shipment and the Archuleta county taxes, leaving a new sum of about \$17,500, which the sheriff has deposited to his account in the Colorado National bank at Denver, pending the disposition of the injunction proceeding in the federal court.

Ray W. Smith, cashier of the Citizens bank, went to Durango yesterday to attend a meeting of the San Juan Bankers' Association, which met to discuss and formulate plans inaugurating a "service" charge on all small accounts, as is being done in other sections of the state and country. The charge will probably not exceed 50 cents for accounts which average less than \$50 per month.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 21, 1951

The post office is undergoing a remodeling and face lifting job that will do much to improve the service here. Additional space is also being added and a large loading dock at the rear of the building.

Some time ago the post office department finally woke up to the fact that the present space occupied by the post office was entirely inadequate and called for bids on a larger space. Mr. Petry was low bidder and was informed of this a few weeks ago.

Work was started last week by Don Warr on the remodeling and enlargement and he states that if the necessary building materials are not too hard to get, it will be completed shortly after the first of the month.

More floor space is being added, a new floor, covered with linoleum will be put down, all fixtures will be repaired and painted until such time as new ones are available, and the entire space is to be redecorated with additional lights added.

The Hazelwood Jewelry store will continue to occupy a small space in the front of the building.

There will be no football game here this Friday. The date was originally scheduled with Dove Creek, instead the local team is to go to Tierra Amarilla to play.

The first home game of the season will be Friday, September 28 at the rodeo grounds, Pagosa Springs vs. Ignacio.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 23, 1976

If the experience of Pagosa Lodge is any indication, this will be an exceptionally good year for Wolf Creek Ski Area.

According to Lodge Manager Ken Bennett, reservations for 1,437 room nights were booked before September 17th, four times as many as had been received by that date last year. Ski Clubs and skiing families from as far away as Florida are planning to visit Pagosa Lodge this winter.

"Wolf Creek's growing reputation for having Colorado's finest powder is the primary reason," according to Bennett. "And many people to come back once they've tried it," he explained. "Of course, we find that our package rates are attracting some of those who would ordinarily ski at resorts closer to their homes."

Harry and Marge Lewis arrived in Pagosa Springs last week after hurrying all the way from San Diego, California. What was their hurry? To renew their SUN subscription of course! The Lewis' are property owners at San Juan River Resort and are making preparations to move to Pagosa Springs next summer.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 20, 2001

A Federal Aviation Administration grant amounting to \$2.7 million was accepted by the Archuleta County commissioners while meeting in regular session Sept. 11.

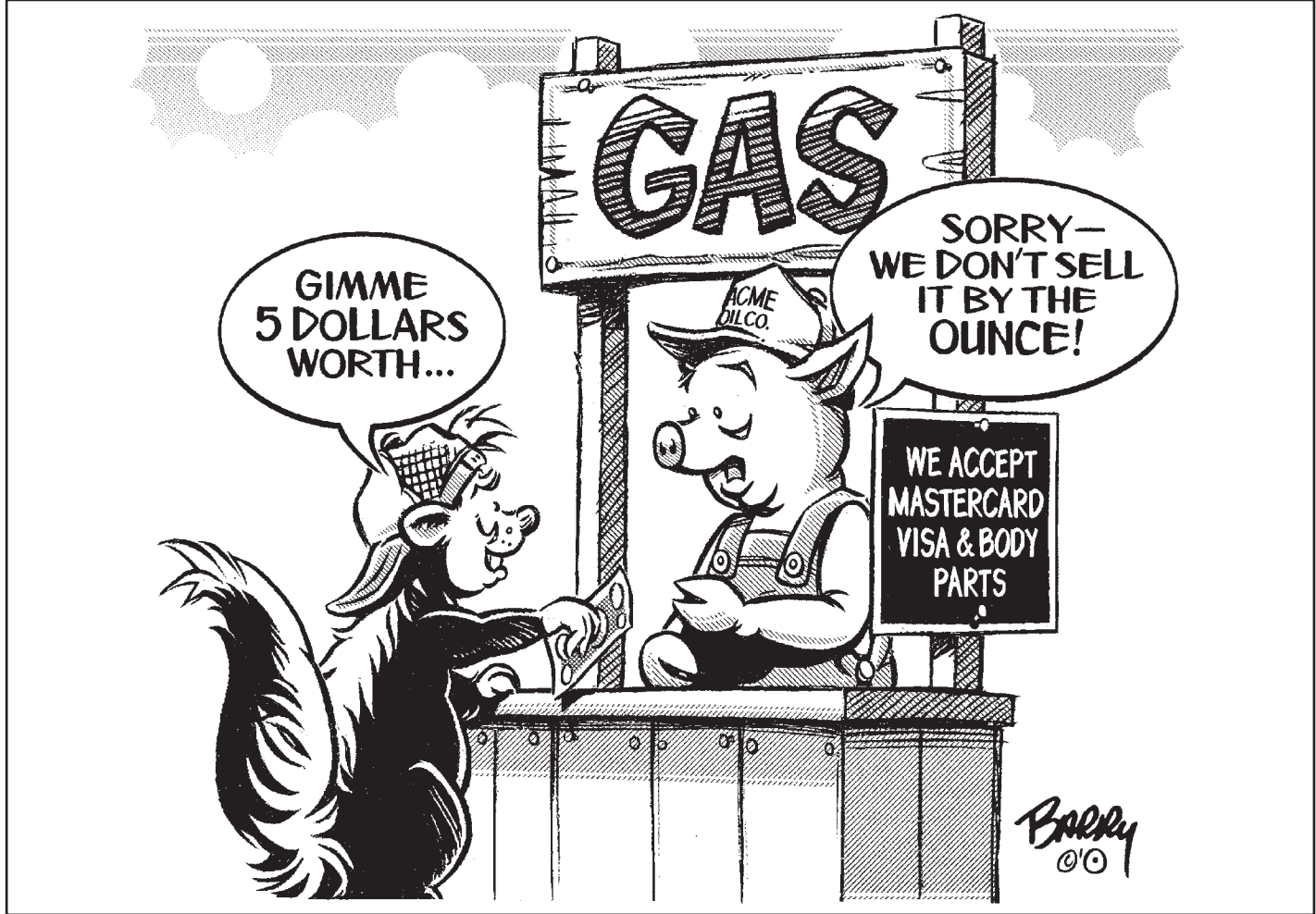
Money totaling just over \$3 million will be used to fund the continuing upgrade of Stevens Field, according to Tim Smith, the airport manager. Colorado and Archuleta County are donating \$152,346 each as a match to the FAA grant. A portion of the county match may take the form of donated labor, equipment, and materials.

The grant was anticipated and money is already included in the county's 2001 budget. Tuesday's action is tantamount to depositing the money in the bank. Work on the project should begin next week and be concluded by the end of the year, according to Smith. Nielsons-Skanska of Cortez has the construction contract.



From the Nov. 12, 1987, Pagosa SUN — 7 X 7 BULL ELK — Monica Short, of Pagosa Springs, poses with her 7x7 bull elk taken in this area last week during hunting season. Short, who has been hunting the area for the past six years, says this is her first elk.

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Weather data

Date	High	Low	Precipitation	Moisture	Type	Depth
9/15	77	49	0.42	NA	NA	NA
9/16	71	50	0.15	NA	NA	NA
9/17	63	53	0.40	NA	NA	NA
9/17	71	51	0.25	NA	NA	NA
9/19	71	45	0.01	NA	NA	NA
9/20	72	40	0.02	NA	NA	NA
9/21	72	35	0.00	NA	NA	NA

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Letters

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Early vote rally

Dear Editor:

In America, we have no kings. The people choose their leaders. Leaders do not get to choose who votes, whose voices count, or what future our communities deserve. Across this country, families are struggling with the cost of groceries, gas, electric bills, and everyday expenses. The choices made by those in power affect our lives, and elections determine who has the power to make those choices.

Please join No Kings/Equality Pagosa for an Early Vote rally on Saturday October 17 10am-Noon at Town Park. This is a non-partisan event that will focus on early voting, which begins on October 19 in Colorado.

Early voting information will be available and a speaker will address the importance of early voting.

At noon the group will march to Town Hall to celebrate those who have come to the event with completed ballots ready to drop off. The group will then walk to the Bell Tower for the Saturday Stand-Up from Noon-2pm(New location and time).

Voting early gives us the power to make our voices heard on our own terms, before Election Day, before the last-minute chaos, and before anyone else can decide what happens next.

Local communities know what is at stake. From the cost of living to voting rights and the future of our democracy, people are organizing around the issues that affect their families and their communities every day.

Please join us on October 17th.
Eddie Abbott

Living sustainably

Dear Editor:

Are you interested in living more sustainably on our planet?

8 billion and counting...

It's easy to feel powerless when there's so many of us - and it seems all the power is in the hands of a wealthy few.

And although this may be true to certain extent, you do have power.

With 8 billion people on the planet every single choice you make has an impact on our environment and global communities.

You can either make choices that reinforce the status quo - exploitation of people and the environment - or something better.

Ask yourself these questions:

Which search engine am I using? There is a non-profit search engine out there that plants trees with their dollars.

What products am I buying? You could be purchasing from online platforms that vet their suppliers for ethical and sustainable suppliers - instead of those who exploit the environment and workers.

Do I use self-care products that don't have toxic chemicals in them? Check your labels with Environmental Working Group (EWG). They do the work for you!

Am I conserving water? You could save your water as you are waiting for it to get hot, throw water that isn't too soiled on your plants and trees, etc.

Do I thrift whenever possible? Thrifting in one of the best ways to recycle - it takes the least amount of energy.

Do I limit any purchases wrapped in plastic and recycle that plastic? Recycling is great, but plastic can only be recycled 2-3 times before it becomes too toxic and too degraded to recycle. Try limiting it/reusing it as much as

possible.

Do I sign petitions when there is a cause I believe in? Being an active member of society is a very powerful way to make your voice heard.

Do I vote in every election?

Am I planting natives in my yard to feed the local critters? Am I limiting my use of fertilizers, rodenticides and pesticides? We've been waging a war on insects - and spoiler alert - winning. Insects are the base of our food chain, our success depends on their success. There's been a 50%-75% global loss of insects in the last 50 years. Rodenticides kill birds of prey and predators such as bobcats and cougars.

Am I volunteering for causes I believe in? Again, when we are intentional with our time and energy - it has ripple effects.

Do my bank, insurance company and retirement investments reflect my values?

What if a million of us did these things? 5 million? 10 million? 50 million? 1 billion? Together we can make real change! We are powerful! Let's evolve - together!

Christa Chagra

Helpful kindness

Dear Editor:

I'm so grateful to the kind young man named Warren in your community of Pagosa Springs who helped my son on Friday, 9/11. He was travelling through your town when he had a fender bender which deployed his air bags causing his windshield to shatter and a transmission line to disconnect. He drove and was pushed to the automotive store where between the employees, and Warren' they repaired the truck enough for my son to drive 2 hours to his home, It is a good feeling to live here in Colorado among such helpful kindness as shown in the community of Pagosa Springs. Thank you.

Barbara Coddington
Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Keeping the workforce

Dear Editor:

Dear Community,

You want the workforce to stay here and work? Don't add any new taxes. We hear every day in the news that the cost of living is too high. That is true here. Want a new school - great idea but if it is going to drive the work force to leave, now is not the time. Want the workforce to pay for new employee housing? The workforce can barely afford the housing they have. Once employees leave, they will sell their home at retail and no employee wanting to move here can afford that home. Are they renting? When that employee leaves, the rent isn't going to go down. It will go up, making it even more expensive to live here. Stop the new taxes, figure out how to raise salaries, figure out how businesses need to help in providing housing, survey other ski towns to find out what they are doing to make housing affordable. The struggle to make ends meet is real, promoting new or more taxes is an acknowledgment that the workforce doesn't matter. Want new in our town? Then pay for it. Want to help the workforce, figure out what is needed and help.

Beverly Compton

Check the facts

Dear Editor:

I am grateful to live in a community that engages in conversations about our schools, even if they include challenging questions about the proposed bond for a new PreK-8 school. Those questions deserve to be asked and deserve factual answers.

I have seen claims about this proposal circulating online and in opinion pieces that are untrue or out of context. We ask our students to think critically, seek reliable information, distinguish fact from opinion, and ask good questions. Rather than simply taking the District's word for it, I hope voters seek to understand the facts as they consider this proposal:

1. Understand the numbers:

\$17.4M, \$88M, and \$129M are three different investments with substantially different outcomes.

• \$17.4 million would keep the buildings limping along over the next 10 years.

• \$88 million would address many deficiencies identified by third-party facilities assessments (e.g., accessibility, security, fire suppression, etc.) but would not address fundamental site and design limitations.

• \$129 million is the estimated cost for a new PreK-8 school designed to address all of the identified issues (with \$50 million funded by a BEST grant).

2. Understand what moving the school would actually mean.

The decision to build the proposed new school on the Vista property was the result of extensive research and community engagement. The Board concluded this was the best option for the district because it offers:

• An expansive campus, additional field space, and flexibility for future expansion (here and at the high school).

• More opportunities for students to walk and bike to school (without crossing 160)

• Overall cost and fiscal responsibility.

Moving two schools to the Vista property would change where students travel each day. Some families would be closer; others farther away. We already transport students throughout our geographically large district and would continue to do so, including providing after-school transportation to common downtown locations (like the Ruby Sission Library).

3. Look at the whole financial picture.

The ballot asks voters to authorize up to \$79.9 million in debt with a repayment cost of up to \$156.5 million. Think of this like a loan for a car. The purchase price is one thing (\$79.9 million) while the repayment cost, including interest, is significantly more.

Additionally, building one PreK-8 school (instead of replacing two) reduces the initial construction cost to taxpayers by an estimated \$20 million. Modern efficiencies of a new school will provide an estimated 60% reduction in ongoing utility expenses. And while a new school would still require maintenance, it would be significantly less.

A new school will provide in-

■ See Letters A4



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

Crews pour concrete for the mainline roadway on the south side of U.S. 160 in the 100 Block in front of Kip's Cantina.

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of Sept. 28-Oct. 2

Note: All work is subject to weather conditions. Crews may work consistent weekends, especially when work cannot be completed during the weekdays due to inclement weather.

Work activity

• 1st Street intersection: Tentatively planned for Oct. 5, 1st Street will be reduced to one lane alternating in each direction for planned work. This reduction will be seven days a week, 24 hours per day for two weeks. This is a joint project with the Town of Pagosa Springs that will include utility updates and concrete paving operations.

• 100 block: Crews will continue concrete pouring operations for curb and gutter and sidewalk on the south side of the 100 block. Please observe marked pedestrian walkways and stay clear of freshly poured concrete.

• 5th Street intersection: Crews are planning on closing the south side of the 5th Street intersection this week. Alternative access to businesses on 5th Street will be through the old courthouse parking lot. Please observe directional signage for alternative access. Crews will be continuing utility work at this location as well as planned asphalt paving operations as a part of the Town of Pagosa Springs work.

• 7th Street intersection: Utility work is complete at the 7th Street intersection. The project team is finishing up the north side of 7th Street intersection

with plans to open it this week. The south side of 7th Street will be closed a few more weeks as crews prep the subgrade for future concrete pouring operations. Please note that pedestrians and vehicles should utilize 5th Street and Lewis Street, and 8th Street as alternatives to cross U.S. 160.

• Harman Park and Piedra Road: Work continues at this intersection, with work hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Given current weather conditions, drivers can expect work seven days a week. We ask that drivers slow down and please allow extra time to get through the work zone.

• Pedestrian safety: Pedestrian crosswalks are open at 2nd, 3rd, Hot Springs, mid-block at 4th, Lewis, 6th and 8th. Our team continues to see pedestrians jaywalking and crossing at unsafe locations. Our work zone is active in several locations and we want to keep everyone safe. Please observe marked crossing locations.

Stay informed and connect with the project

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

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Letters

The SUN welcomes letters from readers.

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creased safety and security, improved learning environments, and increased efficiencies. Of course, this means increased property taxes.

We don't often get a direct say in how public dollars are spent. This November, voters will. You may look at the same information and reach different conclusions. That's part of participating in an election. But let's make sure we are discussing the actual proposal and numbers.

Rick Holt
Archuleta School District
superintendent

A special kind of place

Dear Editor:
Everyone loves a story with a happy ending. This one reveals something wonderful about Pagosa Springs.

My wife, Debbie, and I have been coming to Pagosa for 32 years, ever since my in-laws, Fran and Bill Smith, retired here from Houston. I like to say I married into Pagosa. Our twin boys, now 27, don't remember a time when Pagosa wasn't part of their lives.

For the past two summers, I drove our 15-year-old Havanese sisters, Dolly and Lola, from Arlington, Virginia, for month-long visits.

This July, we were visiting Fran. On Sunday, July 19, I took the dogs on their usual 7 a.m. walk up Jacobson Circle. Both had failing eyesight and hearing, and Lola had Cushing's disease, but they remained hilarious companions. Dolly was the alpha; Lola happily spent her life following her bossy sister.

That morning, we returned to the house. I briefly stepped into the garage. Moments later, Dolly was sitting at the front steps.

Lola was gone.

She wasn't a wanderer. We searched everywhere, knowing the July heat made every hour critical. Had she found a quiet place to cross the rainbow bridge? Had a predator taken her? We didn't know.

We walked for hours. Then something remarkable happened.

Pagosa Springs showed up.

Complete strangers responded to online posts. Fran's neighbor Keena Carstensen helped spread the word. Nikki Taylor offered ideas and resources. Jason Kosola arrived with his personal drone and offered his hand-held thermal camera. Dani, a neighbor from Jack's Pasture Road, simply showed up and started searching.

Chalyn Fitzgerald searched for hours. Others called, offering drones, manpower and encouragement. Even a woman named Judy, who specializes in finding lost pets, offered psychic guidance. We welcomed every bit of hope.

By Monday afternoon, we were running out of ideas.

Then the phone rang.

A guy named Mike from the Sheriff's Office offered to bring out the department's thermal-imaging drone after the day's heat subsided.

Mike turned out to be Archuleta County Sheriff Mike LeRoux. His wife, Kirsten, came with him.

Tuesday evening, we flew the thermal drone. It found seemingly every deer within a half-mile.

But no little Lola.

Eventually, we called off the search. We never found our beloved Lola. Not a trace. She simply vanished. A predator probably took her. Coyote, wolf, mountain lion...we'll probably never know.

I pointed the SUV east toward home with Dolly beside me, feeling about as low as you can imagine.

But I left Pagosa with something else, too.

When our family desperately needed help, an entire community said, "We want to help."

Neighbors and strangers gave us their equipment, ideas, encouragement and, most importantly, their time. Even your county sheriff and his wife spent their evening helping two visitors search for one small, aging dog.

That's a special kind of place.

Pagosa, we love you and we thank you.

Lola loved you, too.
Rest in peace, little girl.

Ward LeHardy
Arlington, Va.

Roadless Rule

Dear Editor:

The Roadless Rule is the single most important regulation that benefits hunting and fishing in America. However, it's just as important for preventing forest fires. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule (i.e., "Roadless Rule") is a U.S. Forest Service policy that protects 58.2 million acres of roadless areas in national forests from being sold for timber, roadbuilding, mining, or oil-and-gas drilling.

However, last summer the Trump administration announced their intention to rescind the rule. The move is wildly unpopular among hunters, anglers, and nearly everyone else. During the 2025 public comment period, out of 625,930 comments received 99% opposed repealing the Roadless Rule. In addition, roads actually increase fire risk—90% of all wildfires start within a half-mile of a road.

Timothy Ingalsbee is executive director of Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics, and Ecology. "The Trump administration wants to revoke the Roadless Area Conservation Rule and bulldoze new roads into national forests, claiming that they are necessary for 'wildfire prevention' and 'fuel reduction' to improve firefighter efficiency," he explained.

"In fact, roads are the most common ignition sites for human-caused wildfires. A scientific review of 1.5 million wildfire records covering a 20-year period discovered that people were responsible for 84% of all unplanned wildfire ignitions," Ingalsbee said. "Ignited by logging operations, careless recreationists or criminal arsonists, the overwhelming majority of these human-caused wildfires were ignited near roads."

"The historical evidence is clear: roads did not and do not prevent wildfires, they actually facilitate them," Ingalsbee added. "Extending road-dependent, mechanized suppression strategies into road-less areas—some of the most rugged, remote and uninhabited regions left in the lower 48 states—will have even less chance of success and divert suppression resources away from ... protecting homes and communities."

Roadless areas are some of the most fire-resilient landscapes we have left precisely because they have been relatively protected from the logging operations and wildfire ignitions that roads facilitate. In addition, the nation's 370,000 miles of existing national forest roads (the earth's circumference is only 24,000 miles) have a \$10-billion-plus maintenance backlog. We don't need more roads! To take action visit: <https://takeaction.io/bha/maintain-national-forest-roadless-areas/>

David A. Lien
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Sanctioning Russia Act

Dear Editor:

On August 07th, the U.S. Senate passed the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia Act on a 86–11 vote.

On September 16th, the U.S. House passed the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia Act.

In a 262–159 vote, 203 Republicans, 58 Democrats and one independent supported the bill — while seven Republicans and 152 Democrats opposed the bill.

Congressman Jeff Hurd voted Yes! Gratitude is extended to all CO-03 constituents who encouraged Hurd to VOTE Yes!

The bill is now headed to the President's desk for his signature.

What is included in the Sanctioning Russia Act:

-The toughest sanctions yet on Russia's defense industry, financial sector, shadow fleet, government officials, and oligarchs.

-Up to 100% tariffs on the top purchasers of Russian oil and gas, and on the countries helping Moscow evade sanctions.

Neonila Martyniuk
Montrose, Colo.

This isn't working

Dear Editor:

Since January 2025, the image of America has been tarnished, our strategic resources have been squandered, our national debt has exploded, and our economic well-being has weakened. At home and abroad, we've lost our footing.

Last week, one governor spoke out about the explosion of measles in his state. In 2026, PA has 720 recorded cases and 4 reported deaths, from a disease that had been eliminated in this country for 25 years.

Governor Shapiro summarized the current administration in three resonant words:

Chaos
Cruelty
Corruption

Except for billionaires and bullied GOP Congressmen, most Americans resoundingly disapprove of the country's direction.

We are not cruel people, despite ICE's brutal policies.

We are not reckless in our strategic planning, despite Trump's chaotic actions and risky brinkmanship.

We are not patsies, despite the unchecked corruption which has enriched Trump, his friends, and his family.

We don't hate Canada and our other long-time allies.

We don't support building monuments while groaning under ballooning fuel and food costs.

We don't want millions of Americans to lose their medical coverage.

The Trump administration has flagrantly violated our Constitution. It has attempted to usurp the right of states to manage their own elections. It has alienated our allies and left the US isolated and untrusted. It demands that all but the wealthy happily sacrifice to pay for Trump's ruinous policies. Through it all, few GOP representatives have even dared to object.

Vote them out. None of this is working for the American people.

Kathy Muth

Reached the limit

Dear Editor:

I think I have reached my limit with our representative to the US House of Representatives, Jeff Hurd. Through out his term I have received his regular communications. Except for one brief mention of tariffs and Canada, he seems completely devoid of any opinions or thoughts of anything happening on a national level. What is your opinion on Iran? Why are we there? You're our representative in Washington, surely you have something to say.

What about immigration reform? Any ideas? Do you agree with what ICE has been doing? Do you think they need more training? He repeatedly says how much money he has brought to Colorado but glosses over the fact that the Big Beautiful Bill he voted for left our state with a 1 Billion dollar deficit. That's 1000 million dollars.

What pushed me over the edge, though, was his election flyer which was mailed to my house. It states "I oppose extreme policies..." Seriously? This administration has had nothing but extreme policies and he hasn't opposed any of them. He has been what I call an "RSR" or rubber stamp republican. Our country has serious work to do to repair international relationships, a Middle East war that is destabilizing an entire region and forcing gas prices through the roof. We need a representative willing to talk about and engage on issues on a national level and not just hide behind a bunch of words that say nothing. It feels like simple fear of having an opinion that might get someone mad. We need opinions. We need discussion. We need to get work done on hard things. I doubt Jeff Herd is the person to get that done.

David Nasralla

Support for 5A

Dear Editor:

A "Yes" on the upcoming School Bond is an essential investment and leaves a legacy of care for our community's future. This bond is about ensuring that Pagosa remains a thriving community.

Bill Hudson's recent article shifts focus away from education and onto pocketbooks, framing the narrative around a "\$156 million tax increase" by conflating the base bond with total long-term interest. However, according to formal bond counsel, the actual cost to property owners is \$5.15/month for every \$100,000 of home value. For a \$500,000 home, that is ~\$25 a month.

Let's review the facts regarding the real condition of our schools:

- Enrollment Realities: Bill claims that falling enrollment means we do not need space. In reality, Archuleta School District enrollment has remained remarkably flat. The call for new facilities is not primarily driven by a lack of space, but by the age (1920s, 1950s, 1960s vintage), safety risks, and structural degradation of the current elementary and middle schools.

- "Fairly Good Shape": Bill argues that the existing buildings have "good bones" that can last another 50 years with a \$17.4 million investment. This \$17.4 million figure is actually just a bare-minimum patch job, 4- to 5-year emergency triage plan (\$3.5 million per year) that leaves the core issues unfixed.

- True Cost of Renovation: Comprehensive assessments by RTA Architects reveal that standard compliance and deferred maintenance will cost between \$58.6 million and \$66.1 million. Therefore, we can spend \$79.9 million and get a new facility with its full lifespan intact or spend 83% of that (\$66.1 million) and have a 100-year-old building with no room for campus growth.

- Room for Students: The current middle school campus is a paltry 4 acres with no chance of expansion; the new site is 37 acres (9.25 times larger). The new location affords very needed field space (for PE classes and sports practices and events) that is currently shared with the Town of

Pagosa Springs and the High School (K-8 schools have the lowest priority compared to those competing entities).

- Accessibility for Students: The new location removes the schools from the congested state highway into a position with accessibility from all sides of the new building.

- Centrality for Students: The new location serves the county populace in which the majority live in the PLPOA (~67% of the population of Archuleta County), directly around the new school site.

- Safety Hazards: a 'no' vote leaves our children inside a middle school facility that dates back to the 1920s and exposes them to ongoing safety risks like asbestos.

Temporary fixes are a financial and moral dead end and delay the inevitable, leaving subsequent generations to inherit crumbling infrastructure compounded by years of inflation.

Let's choose a better path. Voting "Yes" is an affordable, responsible investment that secures our neighborhood's schools, protects our kids, and proves that we care deeply about the future we leave behind.

MacRae Nicoll

Support for Dwayne Romero

Dear Editor:

Jeff Hurd thinks we're stupid. He sold Coloradans out by voting to gut our healthcare to pay for tax cuts for billionaires. But the healthcare cuts were cleverly set up to go into effect after the November election. Hurd thinks we're too dumb to remember. If Hurd is reelected, we will all lose a lot.

Because Hurd voted to cut our benefits, 377,000 Coloradans will likely lose Medicaid coverage, and nearly 300,000 could lose SNAP (food

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I heard fixing the old schools would only cost about \$17 million.

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That number is real, but it buys less than it sounds. At the Aug. 5, 2026 board meeting, district staff presented an in-house list of about \$17.4 million and called it the "limping-along scenario": mechanical and other necessary repairs needed to keep students in the buildings another four or five years. The professional facilities assessment identified \$88 million of urgent and important needs in school facilities districtwide. Additional issues include windowless classrooms, undersized cafeterias, and lack of secure entries.

Go to: CitizensforASD.org

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for a new PK-8 School

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Paid for by Citizens for ASD, Lisa Scott, Campaign Manager

Public health launches CredibleMind to support mental well-being

Archuleta County Public Health Department

The Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD) is expanding access to mental health and well-being support through a new partnership with CredibleMind, an online platform designed to help people find trustworthy resources when and where they need them.

Available 24 hours a day, CredibleMind brings together more than 10,000 science-backed resources covering a wide range of topics, including stress, anxiety, sleep, relationships, grief, resilience, substance use, parenting and healthy habits.

Community members can explore articles, videos, podcasts, self-assessments and practical tools at their own pace, based on the subjects most

relevant to their lives.

Mental well-being looks different for everyone. Some people may be looking for simple ways to manage everyday stress, while others may want help understanding what they are experiencing or deciding whether additional support could be useful. CredibleMind offers a private, approachable place to begin. Users can choose how deeply to explore topics and do not need a referral to begin. The platform provides personalized recommendations and can also help users navigate toward clinical care and community resources when appropriate.

This launch supports the ACPHD's commitment to prevention, early intervention and whole-person health. By making information easier to find, the department hopes to reduce barriers, encourage people to seek support

sooner, and give Archuleta County residents more tools to care for themselves and the people they love.

"True public health works upstream to prevent challenges before they escalate," explained Ashley Wilson, ACPHD director. "Through CredibleMind, we are quipping our community with early-intervention mental health tools that foster resilience, while maintaining a strong pathway to professional care for anyone requiring deeper support."

CredibleMind is not intended to replace emergency services, diagnosis or treatment from a qualified health care professional. Instead, it adds another level of support: reliable information and self-care resources that are available outside regular office hours and can be accessed from a phone, tablet or

computer.

The ACPHD will share the local CredibleMind access link and additional information when the platform officially launches on Sept. 28. Residents are encouraged to explore the available topics, try an assessment if they choose and return whenever they need new ideas or guidance.

Those who register by Oct. 26 will have a chance to win one of four \$25 gift cards.

For further information, or questions about CredibleMind, reach out to the public health department by calling (970) 264-2409 or emailing adminACPHD@archuletacounty.gov.

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Hurd literally took away our health-care. The "Big Beautiful Bill" passed the House by 1 vote. Hurd could have stopped it, but he chose billionaires over his own constituents.

Because of Hurd, 6 rural hospitals in Colorado now face closure. The cuts to Medicaid do not only affect those who are receiving Medicaid, but everyone in the 6 counties who may lose their hospitals because of the cuts.

Dwayne Romero is running against Hurd. He has pledged to reverse cuts to Medicaid and SNAP. It's time we had someone in the House who is working for us, not for the elite billionaires.

Check your voter registration at <https://www.coloradosos.gov/voter/pages/pub/olvr/findVoterReg.xhtml>

And be sure to vote for Dwayne Romero for US House of Representatives, CD3. Show our incumbent boot licker that we're not as dumb as he thinks we are.

Save our healthcare. Save our hospitals. Vote for Dwayne Romero.

Philip Riffe
Hesperus, Colo.

Support for 5A

Dear Editor:

In last week's SUN there were two letters opposed to 5A, the school bond measure on the upcoming ballot. One was from a person who provided us with a rundown of all the current right wing Christian conspiracy theories and probably wants tax-payer money for religious schools. The other was from Bill Hudson. Hudson, local op-ed journalist, has been against building a new school from the beginning, even as he participated in the Master Planning Advisory Committee — this committee of about 30 regular attendees, met monthly for four months to hear information from consultants, school boards, community surveys — to study and discuss the issues and present a recommendation to the board.

In his letter, Bill presented estimates of needed repairs mixed up with yearly maintenance estimates, conflating and confusing them to the point where it sounds positively cheap to fix those schools. He complained that Lisa Scott, in a previous letter, had exaggerated the cost of repairing the schools, stating they needed \$88 million in urgent repairs, when Jason Taylor, ASD chief operation officer, was quoted by the SUN as stating the need was \$59 million. The \$88 million price tag came from RTA Architects,

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consultants for the school board on this project — \$36 million of that were deficiencies of immediate need. I found this on a PDF saved at pagosa-dailypost.com.

Bill wrote in his SUN letter that the yearly maintenance budget was \$500K a year when Jason said that it was \$375K last year and \$500K the year before last. Bill has stated in his posts that "sometimes a lack of information feels the same as misinformation". Yet he has quoted Jason Taylor regarding the cost of repairs and yearly maintenance for the schools and has omitted some clarifying statements. Jason estimated \$1.7 million a year over 10 years in maintenance and \$59 million in needed repairs. Bill neglected to include that those numbers were to keep the schools operational for 4-5 years and "Taylor commented that those numbers represent the 'limping along scenario'".

After spending millions on repairs and maintenance for 4-5 years, what then? A school is not going to get any cheaper to build and no telling what they will find when trying to renovate. If the new school is built, the old buildings will be repurposed, not at taxpayer expense — there is already interest in both buildings.

I would not make such a big deal about Bill Hudson except that he has a committed local audience and he is impugning the character of members of our community by implying that they are not being honest on this issue while he appears to do the same.

I think we should invest in the future of our community. Doctors, nurses, teachers, tradespeople, small business owners will not move/stay here if their kids have to attend crumbling schools. Every American child should be able to attend a fabulous public school. Place and surroundings matter. Our children and grandchildren deserve better.

Lee Stopher

Fundamental flaw

Dear Editor:

A recent e-newsletter from one of our U.S. Representatives declared that this Representative would "keep draining the swamp and putting Colorado first." Another of our U.S. Representatives often announces in digital communications that large amounts of money have been garnered from federal programs for Colorado businesses. In the self-affirmations of both I find a fundamental flaw in our understanding of representation.

I say "our" understanding, because I think both major parties and most citizenry share this misconception of the purpose of representation at the federal level. Most people, I think, understand the task of Representatives and Senators to be getting stuff for Colorado residents and businesses. We send people to Washington to get money for us, because otherwise the people of, say, Rhode Island will take it all. We often articulate this mission as "fighting for" a state or a population.

To be fair, I think that one of our major parties has been, for a long time, principally interested in raising money at the federal level and then pitting one virtuous dog against another at the state and local level to get it for their causes. The other party, having given up on the possibility of reducing government to its principles, has quietly acquiesced to the work of funneling the money into its own favored entities. Either way, the purpose of representation is money-grubbing.

As a result, the Article 2 branch of government has taken up all the space and power yielded by Congress, to disastrous and embarrassing effect.

Our Colorado Members of Congress should go to Washington in order to participate in the law-making that will benefit the entire nation. For the most part, this means ensuring that the principles of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness are not obstructed by any person, organization, or governing body. Some legislation must address problems that cannot be tackled at the smaller levels of state and community. But the clarion and universal address of the Constitution should be the clear and major focus of our national Congress. Certainly, given the size and complexity of the world, this should be enough to occupy its time. Seeking the particular prosperity of people in Colorado falls to the capable minds and reasonable scope of Colorado's own government.

If we continue in our present category error, substituting landmen for Constitutionalists, our Congress will become a seething mass of sycophants groping for whatever favors the executive branch will toss out. With no body of legislators minding the Constitution, which cannot defend itself, the truths we hold so dearly will be trampled under the rush for power.

This and every election cycle, choose the candidates who will follow the Constitution and leave Colorado free to thrive.

Emrys Tyler

VOTE YES FOR PSMC EMS and Hospital

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Does this ballot measure raise taxes?

No. The official ballot question begins with the words "WITHOUT RAISING TAXES."



What does the ballot question do?

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Artist Mark Rane cuts the ribbon to celebrate the completion and installation of “Shared Current,” the town’s newest public art installation. The art piece features repurposed used panels from the town’s geothermal system.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce



Obituaries

Mary Jo Gwaltney

Mary Jo Gwaltney, born Mary Jo Bottoms, passed away on Sept. 3, 2026, in Pagosa Springs, Colo. She was born on Oct. 18, 1944, in Arkansas, and lived a life marked by kindness, devotion to children and a deep love for her family.



Education opened the path to the work she would so faithfully carry out for decades. Mary Jo devoted 37 years to the Wichita Public Schools. For the first 22 years of her career, she taught first, second and third grades, helping young students build the foundation for their futures. During her remaining 15 years in the district, she served as an elementary school librarian. She believed deeply in the importance of reading and in the promise held by every child. In one of the schools where she served many high-need children, she developed a grant that was funded, allowing each child to receive a book to learn to read at school and then take home and keep. She believed that this gift of reading would benefit not only the child, but also younger siblings and other family members, especially in non-English-speaking homes.

While serving as librarian in one of her assigned schools, Mary Jo was nominated by parents and staff and received the Good Apple Award from the Wichita Public Schools Board of Education, an honor presented bi-annually to employees who provide exemplary service to children and the district. Even with that meaningful recognition, her proudest accomplishment was always her family.

Mary Jo had a kind heart and a remarkable ability to connect with others. In Pagosa Springs, during her daily swims at the recreation center, she made many friends and acquaintances. One of her fellow swimmers called her “Ms. Sunshine,” a name that beautifully captured the spirit she brought into the lives of others.

She also found joy in creativity and in the natural world. Mary Jo loved sketching, drawing, and painting with acrylics and oils. She had a deep

interest in Native American art and over the years built a treasured collection that included storyteller dolls, baskets, pottery, carved figurines and Navajo rugs. She was also an avid birdwatcher and an annual member of the South Padre Island Bird Center, where she spent many winter days enjoying the birds at the center and along the Laguna Madre shoreline.

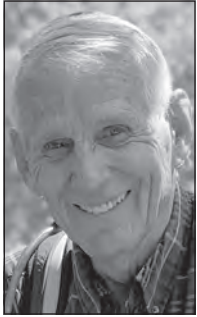
Among the memories her family will hold close is the love she poured into simple moments together. On family car trips, her favorite game was “I’m thinking of an animal,” with each person taking turns asking questions until someone guessed correctly and began the next round. Those happy sessions sometimes lasted for hours and became part of the family’s cherished story.

Mary Jo is survived by her beloved husband, Larry Gwaltney, and by her son, Ryan Gwaltney, and his daughters, Danielle Elise and Penelope Jo, and their mother, Holli, who were deeply loved by her grandmother.

Joel T. ‘Tom’ Hall

Brig. Gen. (USAF Ret.) Joel T. “Tom” Hall lived a life of service devoted to his country and his family. He passed away quietly in Chandler, Ariz., on June 23, 2026, at the age of 90.

Born in 1935 in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Jim and Lena Hall, Tom, “Tommy” to the Shawnee folks,



was a spark, a light, a fire. A natural athlete who excelled at every sport. A schemer who lovingly tortured his brother. A daredevil who took chances and occasionally knocked out his teeth. A young man full of passion and determination. A dreamer who dared to do great things — mission accomplished.

Throughout his life, Tom met every challenge full throttle. Tom was honorably discharged from both the Army and Marines Corps Reserves

before joining the United States Air Force. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1961 with a degree in aerospace engineering and would often remind us that he performed calculus with only the assistance of an abacus and/or whiz wheel.

He completed pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., and in January 1967, he was assigned to the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing at Bien Hoa Air Base in the Republic of Vietnam. During his time in Vietnam, Tom was awarded the Silver Star by the president of the United States for gallantry and two Distinguished Flying Cross medals for exceptional airmanship.

Tom was a fighter pilot through and through. He was admired and respected by his fellow service men and women. He was decorated for his bravery and promoted for his leadership, but the medals and professional recognition only tell part of his story. His greatest accomplishment was not his rank or his service, but the life he built as a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. In our family, Tom held the highest rank of all. He devoted his life to serving his country for the freedom of his family. There wasn’t anyone he loved more.

As a dad, he treasured time with his children. The time he lost due to military duty he made up for as best he could whenever he was home. Rarely was there a ski trip he missed, and he took great pride in teaching each child how to ski. A friend to both the slopes and the links, he shared his love of golf with his children through evenings at the driving range. After barely surviving being run over by his youngest child in a golf cart, he carried that love of golf into retirement, working as a shop pro and course ranger in Las Vegas.

Never one to sit still, Tom filled his time with woodworking, automotive restoration and repair, pastry and bread baking, and whatever else gave him a reason to stay busy. When feeding the sourdough became too much work, break-and-bake cookies became his pride and joy. Still, nothing brought him greater happiness than having his family together, all pets welcome.

strategic goals, and I think that is why we should be voting for this,” he said. clayton@pagosasun.com

Resolution

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dress concerns brought up in the family council meeting, with Murphy stating that it would be helpful to say the board approved the resolution.

Hudson explained that he “personally can’t support 5A,” suggesting that it might be a “controversial issue.”

Rugar explained that he attended the district’s Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) meetings where information on the district’s current conditions of its elementary and middle school buildings was presented.

Rugar noted that there are issues with the buildings that are not necessarily noticed by simply looking at or even walking into the schools.

“These buildings are old,” he said.

Rugar also explained that there were arguments about if the district could repair the buildings, or if a new school was needed, and that “majority of people” felt the community needed a new school.

Rugar mentioned that once the

decision was made to go with a new school, the next argument was about where that school could be built, up-town or downtown.

He explained that the ASD board decided to build on the uptown site located off of Vista Boulevard and that “aside from the fact that they were saving a huge amount of money because they own the property,” the majority of people wanted it uptown.

“The kids deserve a safer place to learn, a better place to learn,” he said.

Rugar also explained that with the way the bond is written, \$1.7 million would go to PPOS, which he noted could be used on phase two of the school’s gym project.

“So, we have value in that,” he said.

Rugar claimed that PPOS wouldn’t be able to raise that amount of money in 20 years based on its fundraising efforts over the past five years.

“But, we have an opportunity to make a large amount of money for us to move forward in some of our

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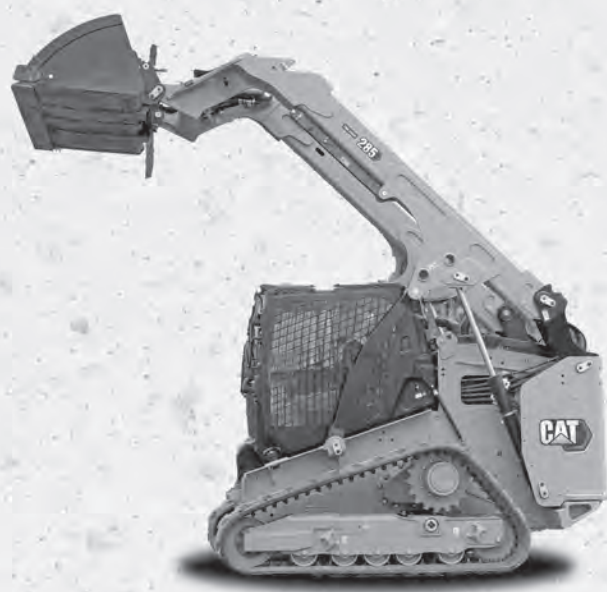


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Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) staff and board members, as well as community leaders, pose for a photo during the recent open house at PSMC’s new downtown EMS station. The event offered the public a chance to learn more about PSMC’s vision for transforming the building into a second, fully operational, 24/7 EMS station serving downtown Pagosa Springs and the surrounding community.

Proposal

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He added, “We’re not here proposing a different proposal for these tourism dollars. We’re proposing a structure with clear accountability, professional execution and measurable results.”

Harper stated that the association was proposing a structure in which the county can see where funds are going, what was done with those funds and what the results were.

“So, that’s why we’re here,” he said.

Harper explained that the “purpose” of the lodging tax funds wouldn’t change, but that part of the proposal included the county approving an advisory committee.

Currently, 2 percent of county lodging tax funds must be used on advertising and marketing efforts, based on a previous voter-approved ballot measure.

The county has approved a new ballot measure for voters this fall to decide if the current lodging tax rate of 2 percent should be raised to 6 percent, with those additional funds to be spent on county infrastructure, emergency services and child care programs.

During the work session, Harper also explained that the proposal would include having the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce “keep the books” and hire a marketing firm through an open bid process.

According to the presentation, the committee would comprise four lodgers, one Chamber representative, one county commissioner and one “other tourism business.”

“What changes is how the program is carried out and how the results come back to you” Harper said.

He noted that the proposal is to operate like this for one year and come back to the BoCC for it to assess the situation and decide whether to keep going with the new system or not.

“Our goal is simple — it’s to bring more visitors to Pagosa,” Harper said, explaining that creating more overnight stays during the mid-week and shoulder seasons can lead to more

spending by visitors.

“These are county funds under county-approved oversight. No single organization controls the money, the plan or the results,” Harper said.

Spence provided details on how the approximately \$525,000 in county lodging tax funds would be spent on year one, with \$211,000 going toward advertising to travelers who live outside of the county.

According to the presentation, \$88,990 would be spent on hiring a marketing firm, \$77,000 would be spent on program management or a “contract manager who runs the day-to-day,” \$69,000 would be spent on websites and tracking, \$52,500 would be given to the Chamber for accounting fees and \$26,510 would be held on contingency.

The presentation also notes, “Year one also carries about \$72,000 of one-time start-up cost. In year two, advertising rises from 40% to 54%. The request is a share of the tax, so the program grows or shrinks with what the County collects.”

Spence went on to explain that “transparency is our goal” and that the lodgers’ association wants “everyone completely involved.”

Commissioner John Ranson expressed support of the proposal, stating that he’s “been an advocate of this ... for a period of time,” and that he believes firmly that having tourism and the lodgers’ association working side by side would be a “big plus” for the community.

In response to a question from Ranson, Harper stated that the lodgers’ association wants the county involved and that it’s “not about the lodgers; it’s about the community.”

“I’m all for this,” Ranson said.

Ranson then asked if it would be possible to accommodate the association’s proposal in phases and only commit half of the lodging tax funds with the other half still going to the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board, “so we don’t cut them off immediately.”

“We would need... that full amount,” Spence said, explaining the lodgers

are asking for that “as we see we can place that money in the appropriate programs to get the results that I think we’re gonna need.”

Spence also noted that could be discussed with Jesse Hensle, stating he is the “brains” of this idea.

Hensle currently sits on the tourism board as the lodgers’ representative.

“It has been discussed, but when it comes down to it, I think it’s vital that we maintain that full amount to really get the results that we’re gonna need,” Spence said.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that this conversation has been going on “for a long time,” noting it as “very unfortunate, because again we have two organizations really working against each other, not with each other.”

Medina explained that she hoped once the lodgers’ association had a representative on the tourism board that things would improve, “but it seems like that the disagreement has still continued.”

Medina went on to explain that she views the proposal differently, in that “this money is really going to be going towards, not the whole community, it’s going to be going to one organization.”

“We have a bigger tourism market,” she added, while noting that lodgers are “very important.”

She noted that the BoCC recently went through a “rigorous rewrite” of the tourism board’s memorandum of understanding.

“And it was stated very clearly that the BoCC did not want any of that money to be spent on personnel,” she said, noting that about \$218,000 would be spent on fees and employees with the association’s proposal.

“So, that’s half the budget,” Medina said.

Medina also expressed that she feels it’s “very clear where the money has went” with the way county lodging tax funds are currently handled through the tourism board.

Medina then expressed that the Chamber recently promoted a give-away for a business in Durango.

Repair

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plains that the purpose of the project is to “stabilize portions of the San Juan River adjacent to County Road 500 where riverbank erosion and channel instability threaten the roadway and associated public infrastructure.”

During the Sept. 16 BoCC work session, Torres explained that this project falls within the National Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program that the county received funding for earlier this year.

“The engineering portion of this is 100 percent funded through the EWP program,” he said, explaining that the county’s match on the project is roughly \$66,000.

“With this flooding going on, I’m really getting nervous,” Torres said. “Hopefully the rains continue and then stop so I can get this done.”

County Manager Longinos Gonzalez indicated that Road and Bridge crews worked overnight last Monday, Sept. 15, clearing parts of County Road 500 “cause of the rains.”

He also indicated that two rescues occurred with people who were stuck in the area and could not get out due to flooding.

He added that crews were in the area working and “are aware of local resident concerns” while also prioritizing roads that were becoming impassable and continuing with other flood mitigation work as the storm progressed.

Torres spoke to the BoCC again on Tuesday, Sept. 22, indicating that crews were still working on flood mitigation efforts.

“I honestly think that County Road 500 is worse than the 2025 flooding,” Torres said.

According to reports entered into

the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, more than 3 inches of rain fell in the Arboles area from Sept. 13 through Sept. 22.

Torres also noted that crews spent more than four months between the end of 2025 and in 2026 working on ditches and culverts in the area and now “can’t even tell, at all” that some of that work was done.

“For how much effort we put into [County Road 500], we gotta look long-term,” he said.

He explained that the county has also been working on a right of way agreement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, which he indicated would help get more effective work done on the road.

“I feel like we should probably get in there and maybe put some larger culverts, address it for the amount of water that’s actually flowing down to the road,” Torres said.

“It’s really bad in Arboles,” Commissioner Veronica Medina commented, explaining she was surprised by the amount of flooding that’s occurred due to recent storms.

Torres described the situation as “difficult, because I feel like when Arboles was established, I don’t know how much engineering was really put

into some of those roads.”

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that a disaster declaration wasn’t issued for the recent flooding in the area, but suggested that the county could enter into an OMNIA agreement with surrounding counties “because it’s been proven that the federal government’s not coming here to help us.”

Brown stated that the only people coming to help “are us and our neighbors,” explaining the OMNIA agreement would allow the county to reach out to neighboring counties and ask for assistance to “fix” an emergency situation, and vice versa.

Torres commented that in his conversations with neighboring counties, “We all mutually are there for each other, but that more often than not everyone is dealing with the same issues at the same time.

“I know a few roads in La Plata county that were affected pretty heavily,” Torres said.

In an email to the SUN, Torres urged people to travel with caution on County Road 500.

“There have been multiple wash-outs along CR500 and the roads are very slick in areas,” Torres writes.

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Outdoors

Kickoff to five-part film series ‘Thinking Like Water’ set for Oct. 8

By Monica Nigon
Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership/Confluence Collective

Join us for the kickoff screening of the five-part film series “Thinking Like Water,” which follows “water wizard” Bill Zeedyk and his collaborators as they transform degraded watersheds into resilient ecosystems by working with nature.

The first in the series, “Willing to Try Things,” is coming up Oct. 8 at Liberty Theatre.

The event will also feature a highly demanded second screening of the film “Reviving Our River-The Pagosa Gateway Project” by Christi Bode.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the films will begin at 7 p.m.

The five-film series is sponsored and hosted by a collaboration of local organizations: Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership, Audubon Rockies, San Juan Mountains Association, Chama Peak Land Alliance and Confluence Collective.

The five-film series explores the use of Zeedyk’s structures, used to restore “broken” creeks in the Southwest.

Monica Nigon, of Confluence Collective, used these Zeedyk structures to address a particularly incised channel in Pagosa Springs as part of a master’s thesis. She had no idea how truly beneficial these structures could be.

That is, until it started to rain.

In the case of this particular incised channel, she chose Zeedyk structures (usually made predominately of rocks) because the drainage is ephemeral, meaning water only flows through it during high rain or snowmelt events. These structures work like other low-tech process-based restoration (LTPBR) interventions: slow the water down, spread it out and allow water to reconnect with its historic floodplain.

She chose this site due to the fact that it drains into Hatcher Reservoir that stores drinking water and that



Photo courtesy Monica Nigon

Water runs through a Zeedyk structure on Oct. 11, 2025. The screening of a five-part film series, “Thinking Like Water,” which follows Bill Zeedyk and his collaborators as they transform degraded watersheds into resilient ecosystems by working with nature, will begin on Oct. 8.

the incising channel was beginning to erode the trail.

Likewise, a quick look into the time lapse feature on Google Earth and referencing historic U.S. Geological Survey maps showed that the drainage was once a thriving wet meadow. Images from just 15 years ago show a vibrant green expanse; a modern photo shows mostly brown with a deep incision down its middle.

She hoped that an increase in water storage in the soils at Turkey Springs would encourage the growth of native wet meadow species, such as the corn lily, quaking aspen and Western blue flag.

The effects of LTPBR on biodiversity

are even more broad-ranging than just plants.

For example, surveyors noted an increase in the population of native cutthroat trout in the Comanche Creek Watershed in northern New Mexico after installing Zeedyk structures. The filtration of sediment and water temperature control offered by the Zeedyk structures allowed the fish to thrive.

In Gunnison, habitat for the threatened Gunnison sage grouse improved as a result of Zeedyk structures, increasing lek size.

Researchers in Colorado, Oregon and Nevada utilized satellite imagery to monitor vegetative growth across three LTPBR sites in riparian and wet

meadow zones, showing a 25 percent increase in the production of native vegetation, which persisted annually.

The increase in moisture and vegetation provides shade, habitat, and forage for birds, amphibians, insects and mammals. The increase in moisture in the soil creates a natural haven for wildlife during severe disturbances like droughts and wildfires.

As part of her master’s project, Nigon recruited friends and strangers to help, and they ultimately succeeded in building a Zuni bowl, designed to armor a headcut against further erosion and a one-rock dam (ORD), a grade-control structure below it. The two structures are usually built in tandem.

Two weeks after the installation day, on Oct. 11, 2025, the remnants of Tropical Storm Priscilla hit Pagosa Springs, turning creeks into torrents and sending the San Juan River over its banks. The river surged to 8,270 cubic feet per second (cfs) overnight.

There was a two-day reprieve, and then Tropical Storm Raymond visited the area, dropping several more inches of rain in Southwest Colorado, and the river broke another record at 8,560 cfs, becoming the third highest on record and causing more devastating damage due to the already-saturated soils from Priscilla.

All told, the two storms dropped 12.5 inches of rain in the region over a span of five days, while average precipitation for the entire month of October is normally less than 2 inches.

Nigon anxiously checked on the Zuni bowl and ORD throughout the flooding, and found they were doing exactly what they were supposed to be doing: The water was slowing down, spreading out and filtering out sediment. There could be no better test of a restoration project’s success than a 98-year flood.

The structures had survived and live on to this day. This spring, she noticed the Zuni bowl and ORD have filtered out so much sediment that there is vegetation growing in what has been captured. There’s even a Western blue flag.

Fall a good time to get ready for wildfire

By Bill Trimarco
Wildfire Adapted Partnership

Hopefully, our local wildfire season is slowing down. The recent rains have certainly lowered the risk but, after the many late fall and winter wildfires that Colorado has seen over the last few years, that doesn’t mean that the wildfire season is over.

Spring and early summer are usually times when we are prone to wildfire. What your property looks like in the fall is what it will look like after the winter snows have left. Those dead grasses and leaves in the fall can easily resurface as prime kindling in the spring.

Spring and fall are good times to get ready. The following tips can be used any time of year, though.

Wildfire safety cleanup tips

Any wildland landscape can experience wildfire.

In addition to the threat to lives and structures from the direct flame and from radiant heat, embers can travel more than 2 miles and can start spot fires and ignite structures.

A few simple precautions can greatly reduce the risk of wildfire damage and destruction:

- Move firewood piles at least 30 feet away from structures. (Even in the winter.)
- Ornamental junipers and spruce are highly flammable. Keep them 10 feet or more away from structures.
- Rake up leaves and needles within 10 feet of the structure.
- Clean the leaves and pine needles off of the roof.
- Clean the eavestroughs.
- Make sure all attic and soffit

vents have 1/8-inch metal screening.

- Chimneys need spark arrestors. (They keep birds out of your woodstove, too).
 - Repair any holes or gaps in the siding.
 - Crawl space vents need 1/8-inch metal screening.
 - Remove all combustibles on, under or near wooden decks.
 - Install metal screening under the deck to keep duff and critters out.
 - Maintain decks and stairs. Dried-out wood is more flammable than oil stained or painted wood.
 - Use noncombustible fencing within 5 feet of the house.
 - Remove any combustible plants within 5 feet of the house.
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R019973 CARPENTER ANNE B Parcel: 616303100003 RURAL Sec: 3 3020 COUNTY RD 988 Total Due: \$2,06.42 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: 570525100032 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: 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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: 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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: 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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: 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BLANCO 4 Tract: 7 9901B US HWY 84 Total Due: \$1,912.69 R014243 HUBBARD-REDSTONE ANDRE Parcel: 588727301011 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: 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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: 569725400013 RURAL Sec: 2
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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: 569525203008 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 254-255-256 75 MARTIN CT Total Due: \$874.87 R013960 MARKS-TOWNLEY FAMILY TRUST U/T/A DATED 6/3/0222 Parcel: 5887114300020 RURAL Sec: 14 285 PAT'S CT Total Due: \$2,104.52 R013966 MARKS-TOWNLEY FAMILY TRUST U/T/A DATED 6/3/0222 Parcel: 5887114400012 RURAL Sec: 14 554 PAT'S CT Total Due: \$5,599.91 R020589 MARPLE MARK EDWARD Parcel: 589309306069 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 3922 1562 DOC ADAMS RD Total Due: \$4,874.49 R017594 MARTINEZ ARTHUR Parcel: 616111720907 Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK SUB 1 Tract: 2 734 WANDERING HILLS Total Due: \$843.07 R011367 MARTINEZ STANLEY J & ANNETTE A Parcel: 569921211032 Subdivision: PAGOSA ALPHA Lot: 21-11A 77 W MCCABE ST Total Due: \$3,684.48 R004329 MARTINEZ THOMAS J Parcel: 569525105002 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 25-26 36 CONVENTION PL Total Due: \$732.48 R004308 MATHIAS MONTGOMERY Parcel: 569525104041 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 258-259 321 SAM HOUSTON AVE Total Due: \$414.77 R004457 MATHIAS MONTGOMERY Parcel: 569525109004 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 382-383 89 DOMICILE CIR Total Due: \$800.32 R019726 MATTHEWS JERRY E & PEGGY M REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST Parcel: 570520400038 Subdivision: MAJESTIC MOUNTAIN Lot: 21 X COUNTY RD 326 Total Due: \$112.01 R018675 MATTHEWS JERRY E & PEGGY M REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST Parcel: 570520400030 Subdivision: MAJESTIC MOUNTAIN Lot: 22 13800 COUNTY RD 326 Total Due: \$395.47 R015791 MCCAY MIKE Parcel: 589316408024 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 558 168 ALLISON PL Total Due: \$191.91 R004541 MCFIE MARSHALL N & MARY LOUISE FAMILY TRUST DATED 5/23/2007 Parcel: 569526112019 Subdivision: ELK PARK MEADOWS 2 Lot: 19 833 GINGER CIR Total Due: \$2,278.89 R016493 MCINTYRE LIVING TRUST DATED 11/8/2005 Parcel: 596914301011 Subdivision: ALR POND HLS 1 Tract: 11 1135 BLUE SPRUCE DR Total Due: \$3,307.37 R000706 MCKAY STAN Parcel: 558314204004 Subdivision: TEYUAKAN Lot: 11 571 JACOBSON CIR Total Due: \$1,418.38 R019776 MCKEAIGG 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 PIKE 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 RD 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: 569908227001 Subdivision: DILLARD POINT Lot: 1 59 STEVEN'S LAKE RD Total Due: \$1,532.20 R015844 POMPEO JACOB JAVIER Parcel: 589317101035 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 236 166 CAT CREEK OVERLOOK Total Due: \$685.61 R003815 PONCE DE LEON KRISTY Parcel: 569314207003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 21 Lot: 9 995 BEUCLER LN Total Due: \$295.53 R003827 PRATT TIMOTHY Parcel: 569314210017 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 24 Lot: 8 1002 BEUCLER LN Total Due: \$1,658.37 R020327 PRESTON JANE E Parcel: 569916416035 Subdivision: ASPEN IN THE PINES Block: 14 Lot: 7 X CADDY CIR Total Due: \$254.19 R003772 PRICE JOSHUA R Parcel: 569314103002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 7 Lot: 8 60 BLUE JAY PL Total Due: \$1,127.35 R011625 PRICE SHAWN & KIMBERLY W Parcel: 569923103007 Subdivision: GARVIN ADDITION Block: 2 Lot: 5X 521C S 11TH ST Total Due: \$2,041.86 R004376 PROM KIMBERLY C Parcel: 569525105049 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 124-125 28 HOME CT Total Due: \$800.32 R016997 RAKE FAMILY TRUST Parcel: 614912401002 Subdivision: CROWLEY RANCH RES 4 Lot: D-7 95 E ARBOL PARK DR Total Due: \$1,902.67 R015494 RAY FREDDIE J & DELLA M Parcel: 589315404165 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 813 35 WAYNE'S CT Total Due: \$628.47 R019530 REDSTONE'S LLC Parcel: 569914210030 Subdivision: ROCK RIDGE COUNTRY ESTATES Block: C Lot: 13 X GOLDMINE DR Total Due: \$2,402.92 R006884 REDSTONES LLC Parcel: 569914210002 Subdivision: ROCK RIDGE COUNTRY ESTATES Block: C Lot: 14 180 GOLDMINE DR Total Due: \$1,776.11 R019529 REDSTONES LLC Parcel: 569914208010 Subdivision: ROCK RIDGE COUNTRY ESTATES Block: C Lot: 12 181 GOLDMINE DR Total Due: \$5,066.45 R004281 REINING PROFITS LLC Parcel: 569525101012 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 139-140 27 ROOSEVELT DR Total Due: \$2,438.01 R014777 REMAR JORDAN Parcel: 589113030323 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 4 Lot: 208 365 BRADLEY PL Total Due: \$2,415.84 R009844 REMINGTON KARI L REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED 1/24/2020 Parcel: 569919312019 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 141X 31 HIGHLAND AVE Total Due: \$892.21 R019048 RICHARDSON HOWELL G Parcel: 588710100021 RURAL Sec: 10 X US HWY 84 Total Due: \$1,180.94 R004655 RIEBEL STEVEN W TRUSTEE Parcel: 569909100136 Subdivision: ELK RUN ESTATES_AKA Lot: 3 852 ROYAL ELK PL Total Due: \$4,005.46 R017654 RISINGER DAVID R Parcel: 616117209086 Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK SUB 1 Block: 4 Lot: 36 15 CIRCLE VIEW Total Due: \$437.84 R017653 RISINGER DAVID R Parcel: 616117209085 Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK SUB 1 Block: 4 Lot: 37 35 CIRCLE VIEW Total Due: \$437.84 R011905 RIVERA DANIEL J Parcel: 569924222007 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 68 Lot: 14 & Lot: 15 Total Due: \$493.48 R002720 RIVERA-ESPINO ROMAN E Parcel: 569320202121 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 13 Lot: 15 979 CACTUS DR Total Due: \$732.61 R000963 RM GOLDEN LLC Parcel: 558325302038 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 73 129 SNOW CIR Total Due: \$723.10 R008155 ROBERTSON LANELL BEAIRD Parcel: 569917103062 Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES 2 Lot: 158 43 PAR PL Total Due: \$820.65 R013825 ROBINSON DANIEL Parcel: 588708301008 Subdivision: LOMA LINDA 1 Lot: 7 893 LOMA LINDA DR Total Due: \$4,088.13 R009834 ROMERO JANA M Parcel: 569919312009 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 136 77 HIGHLAND AVE Total Due: \$487.21 R001205 ROMINE MERENDA R Parcel: 558325307037 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 364 26 DURANGO CT Total Due: \$960.70 R006280 RUEGGER STEVE & MAES RAE ELAINE Parcel: 569913208062 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 11 Lot: 5 & Lot: 6 303 N 6TH ST Total Due: \$677.06 R015785 RUIZ TONY Parcel: 589316408018 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 564 1411 CROOKED RD Total Due: \$628.47 R016550 RYAN TIMOTHY C TRUST C/U THE DENISE M RYAN REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 1/25/2013 Parcel: 569625103010 Subdivision: ALR COY PK 1 Tract: 15A 688 STALLION PL Total Due: \$1,379.29 R007707 RYBARCZYK SHAIN Parcel: 569916319009 Subdivision: PINON CONDOS Unit: 50F 88 VALLEY VIEW DR #3194 Total Due: \$450.31 R019923 RYBARCZYK SHAIN Parcel: 558336210034 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 794X 40 RINCON CT Total Due: \$1,599.22 R000771 SABATINO SAGAN Parcel: 558324300072 Subdivision: RESERVE PAG PEAK PH3 Lot: 72 607 SANTINO PL Total Due: \$1,064.20 R003387 SAINTE JOHN TAE Parcel: 569311411027 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 8 Lot: 45 & Lot: 53 65 STARBRIGHT CT Total Due: \$4,283.38 R017482 SANDS GLEN I Parcel: 616108308006 Subdivision: PIEDRA PARK 2A Block: 3 Lot: 6 & Lot: 7 88 RUN AROUND RD Total Due: \$1,107.66 R002049 SAWYER SANDRA R Parcel: 558336412023 Subdivision: MARTINEZ MTN EST Lot: 83 380 HORSESHOE CIR Total Due: \$4,480.09 R019121 SCANLAN KELLIE E Parcel: 569908206050 Subdivision: LAKE PAGOSA PARK Block: 6 Lot: 16X X FIESTA PL Total Due: \$1,285.32 R004994 SCHAVEY KIM M Parcel: 569907210034 Subdivision: TWINCREEK VILLAGE Lot: 435 498 CAPITAN CIR Total Due: \$1,803.33 R008376 SCHICK DENNIS F & ROXANNE E Parcel: 569917301007 Subdivision: CAPSTONE VILLAGE Lot: 7 219 CAPSTONE CIR Total Due: \$1,561.93 R020786 SCHICK LIMITED PARTNERSHIP Parcel: 557932401016 Subdivision: SUNSET HEIGHTS Lot: 5XZ 422A E US HWY 160 Total Due: \$503.15 R020788 SCHICK LIMITED PARTNERSHIP Parcel: 557932400011 RURAL Sec: 32 418E E HWY 160 Total Due: \$2,276.06 R017289 SCHOFIELD STEPHEN Parcel: 615913400030 Subdivision: RURAL/NOT IN SUBD RURAL Sec: 13 & 24 28619 COUNTY RD 500 Total Due: \$809.73 R014305 SCHOGER CYNTHIA A & DENISE E Parcel: 588728300011 RURAL Sec: 28 X ALAMOS A PL Total Due: \$154.76 R015506 SCOWCROFT TERRY & JANE Parcel: 589316102007 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 657 714 JUSTIN'S RD Total Due: \$628.47 R015503 SCOWCROFT TERRY A & JANE E Parcel: 589316102004 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 654 640 JUSTIN'S RD Total Due: \$628.47 R011773 SEGURA JOPHIE ARNOLD Parcel: 569924207004 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 55 Lot: 17 426 S 9TH ST Total Due: \$1,258.32 R016981 SEITZINGER FLOYD L Parcel: 614912301002 Subdivision: CROWLEY RANCH RES 4 Lot: D-12 587 W ARBOL PARK DR Total Due: \$1,902.67 R008228 SHAFER MATTHEW R Parcel: 569917108037 Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES 2 Lot: 252 45 SCRATCH CT Total Due: \$790.30 R002698 SHERWOOD DEBBIE A Parcel: 569302102176 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 10 Lot: 9 1147 RACCOON DR Total Due: \$2,599.28 R006656 SHINGALA INC Parcel: 569913403003 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 22 Lot: 15 362 PAGOSA ST Total Due: \$6,312.27 R006172 SILBERMAN KAREN HEATHER Parcel: 569913104020 Subdivision: PS PARADISE MESA Lot: 13 336 APPLE ST Total Due: \$1,657.26 R017181 SIMANTON DONALD GARY Parcel: 615112201020 Subdivision: ALR ELK RDG 1 Tract: 5 1365 BULL ELK PL Total Due: \$67.58 R014933 SIMPSON RICK Parcel: 589308401028 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 345 1391 WEST VIEW RD Total Due: \$191.91 R014932 SIMPSON RICK Parcel: 589308401027 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 344 1417 WEST VIEW RD Total Due: \$527.12 R012166 SIMS TODD L TRUSTEE Parcel: 569917161009 Subdivision: PARK MEADOWS Lot: 9 161 BLUE HERON CIR Total Due: \$3,496.51 R015673 STODDARD KYLE Parcel: 589316208096 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 255 819 WEST VIEW RD Total Due: \$628.47 R015672 STODDARD KYLE Parcel: 589316208095 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 256 847 WEST VIEW RD Total Due: \$1,498.30 R016437 STORDAHL TIMOTHY Parcel: 596532100006 RURAL Sec: 32 X COUNTY RD 500 Total Due: \$1,010.63 R002316 STRAUSS WAYNE E Parcel: 569301101003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 3 Lot: 3 1507 OAK DR Total Due: \$1,627.72 R015846 STUART MAUREEN Parcel: 589317101037 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 208 58 LOOK AWAY PL Total Due: \$337.54 R015821 STUART MAUREEN Parcel: 589317101012 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 210 1020 WEST VIEW RD Total Due: \$337.54 R015847 STUART MAUREEN Parcel: 589317101038 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 209 20 LOOK AWAY PL Total Due: \$936.70 R014937 SUNFLOWER PROPERTIES LLC Parcel: 589308402001 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 304 1326 WEST VIEW RD Total Due: \$628.47 R012569 SWEETMAN JANET M Parcel: 569931402019 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 3 Lot: 32 1576 HERSCH AVE Total Due: \$3,692.18 R000829 SWOFFORD JON Parcel: 558324401133 Subdivision: RESERVE PAG PEAK PH4 Lot: 133 667 CLINT CIR Total Due: \$582.06 R000828 SWOFFORD JON Parcel: 558324401132 Subdivision: RESERVE PAG PEAK PH4 Lot: 132 697 CLINT CIR Total Due: \$582.06 R011029 TELT-CO INVESTMENTS LLC Parcel: 569920243002 Subdivision: LAKEVIEW EST CONDO Unit: B6 578 LAKESIDE DR #B6 Total Due: \$1,465.08 R012112 TEPPER FAMILY TRUST DATED 2/26/2024 Parcel: 569928230021 Subdivision: COLO TIMBER RIDGE #1 Lot: 21 445 BRISTLECONE DR Total Due: \$7,996.96 R003638 THE LIVING CENTER LLC Parcel: 569312208020 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 10 Lot: 24 364 OAKRIDGE DR Total Due: \$792.14 R014584 THE UNIVERSE Parcel: 588901100040 RURAL Twn: 34 221 CHAMISA PL Total Due: \$2,589.31 R006826 THOMPSON JAYNE E & LORY D Parcel: 569914163018 Subdivision: PAGOSA HILLS 1 TPS Lot: 3 3 BIENVENIDO CIR Total Due: \$273.02 R019421 TINGUELY ROY J Parcel: 569908309062 Subdivision: LAKE PAGOSA PARK Block: 14 Lot: 10 121 INSPIRATION DR Total Due: \$3,225.71 R007939 TOUCHSTONE SELENA Parcel: 569916417088 Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES Block: 13 Lot: 27X 429 E GOLF PL Total Due: \$877.57 R019804 TOUHEY ERIC Parcel: 596501107032 Subdivision: RIO BL CAB SITE 1 Lot: 4X 236 EVENING RAIN CT Total Due: \$1,707.55 R014783 TRIANGULUM HOLDINGS LLC Parcel: 589110304014 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 4 Lot: 225 1146 HARVARD AVE Total Due: \$1,204.50 R014782 TRIANGULUM HOLDINGS LLC Parcel: 589110304013 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 4 Lot: 224 64 BRADLEY PL Total Due: \$1,433.52 R003406 TRUJILLO PATRICK Parcel: 569311411058 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 8 Lot: 9 20 BLUE JAY DR Total Due: \$590.48 R014217 TUCKER ALLEN R & SANDRA R Parcel: 588722100032 RURAL Sec: 22 X COUNTY RD 326 Total Due: \$1,793.06 R006460 TUGGLE JENNIFER Parcel: 569913309023 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 17 Lot: 5 243 N 6TH ST Total Due: \$1,402.34 R007085 TWO BLONDE GIRLS INVESTMENTS LLC Parcel: 569915115004 Subdivision: PS CENTURY PLAZA COMM Block: 1 Unit: 4 2145 EAGLE DR Total Due: \$3,021.55 R017230 TWO RIVERS RANCH LLC Parcel: 615702400055 RURAL Sec: 2 Total Due: \$1,375.25 R017246 TWO RIVERS RANCH LLC Parcel: 615711100010 RURAL Sec: 11 X COUNTY RD 551 ESMT Total Due: \$1,595.67 R005936 USS PAVE CLOMAN LLC Parcel: 569909205003 Subdivision: CLOMAN IND PARK-COMM Lot: 6 Unit: C 600 CLOMAN BLVD #C Total Due: \$376.85 R014500 VALDEZ JESSICA LYNN Parcel: 588734101001 Subdivision: HUDSON RIO BLANCO 3 Lot: 26 410 ROBERT'S PL Total Due: \$510.17 R014755 VARDAMAN KARIN Parcel: 588717202007 Subdivision: LOMA LINDA 1 Lot: 17 1728 LOMA LINDA DR Total Due: \$1,651.37 R007226 VILLALOBOS LUIS Parcel: 569915319019 Subdivision: HARMAN PARK SUB Lot: H-3 587 MARIPOSA DR Total Due: \$1,487.68 R003174 VILLARREAL EMILY ANN Parcel: 569301113002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 10 Lot: 12 116 NUTRIA CIR Total Due: \$574.39 R003900 VOSS CALVIN R Parcel: 569315102014 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 5 Lot: 340 1084 HURT DR Total Due: \$1,616.64 R020783 WAGGONER DEBRA Parcel: 569916439052 Subdivision: SUNRIDGE OF PAGOSA SPRINGS PHASE 1 Unit: 30 2790 ROCK RD #A Total Due: \$173.41 R009714 WALCOTT LEO LIVING TRUST U/A/D 7/11/2025 Parcel: 569919308004 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 124 156 CANYON CIR Total Due: \$252.82 R005154 WALLER CRAIG Parcel: 569907413012 Subdivision: TWINCREEK VILLAGE Lot: 583 48 BALFOUR CT Total Due: \$3,018.55 R002708 WALLIS PAMELA J Parcel: 569302109021 Subdivision: ASPEN
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Public Notices



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To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On July 28, 2026, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records. Original Grantor(s) Elizabeth Rae Atencio Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR The Central Trust Bank, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current Holder of Evidence of Debt COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY Date of Deed of Trust November 30, 2020 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust December 02, 2020 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 22007722 Original Principal Amount \$171,830.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$155,141.82 Pursuant to CRS §38 38 101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN LOT 1 OF BLOCK 3 IN PIEDRA PARK SUBDIVISION NO. 2A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JANUARY 23, 1961 AS RECEPTION NO. 60166, COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO.

APN #: 616108308011
Purported common address: 53 W Cedar Dr, Arboles, CO 81211.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 11/19/2026, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 305 Village Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 9/24/2026
Last Publication 10/22/2026
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 07/28/2026

Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
/s/ Elsa P. White
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Lama M Baddah #62210
Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9540 Maroon Circle, Suite 320, Englewood, CO 80112 (855) 263 9295
Attorney File # 26 0371

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
Published September 24, October 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (313415)

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38 38 103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2026 008

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On July 8, 2026, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records. Original Grantor(s) James A Pacheco and June J Balizan Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for The Central Trust Bank, ITS Successors and Assigns Current Holder of Evidence of Debt PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Date of Deed of Trust September 06, 2019 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust September 09, 2019 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21905117 Original Principal Amount \$250,381.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$230,461.16 Pursuant to CRS §38 38 101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the Deed of Trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN LOT 2 OF BLOCK 2 IS ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 20, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74785.
Purported common address: 511 Blue Jay Cir, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 11/05/2026, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 305 Village Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 9/10/2026
Last Publication 10/8/2026
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 07/08/2026

Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
/s/ Elsa P. White
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Steven Bellanti #48306
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369 6122
Attorney File # CO 26 1056015 JH
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: 970-264-8160
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Daniel L Fiedler #47916
190 Talsman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
970-507-8528
Case Number 2026CV30057
Plaintiff:
PATRICK H. DISNER
v.
Defendants:
MEADPROP UNITS, LLC, ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This

Action,
SUMMONS BY PLIFICATION
PLAINTIFF: PATRICK H. DISNER
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing with 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado more particular described as follows:
Subdivision: LAKEWOOD VILLAGE: Lot: 39 LWW Sec: 19 Two: 35 Rng 2W
Respectfully submitted this 15th day of September, 2026.
/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler
Daniel L. Fiedler
First publication: September 24, 2026
Last publication:
Published September 24 and October 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (317938)

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
FRANKLIN E. WITTHROW III
Defendants: CARL KRAUTER; ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY at 1129 Buttercup Drive Pagosa Springs CO
Case Number:
2026 CV 30046
Murray Wilkening, P.C.
Murray Wilkening Atty. Reg. #:15302
7691 Shaffer Parkway Suite B
Littleton, CO 80127
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Phone: (303)763-8988
Email: murray@mwilkening.com
SUMMONS

TO THE DEFENDANTS NAMED ABOVE:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the attached Complaint. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you. Your answer or counterclaim must be accompanied with the applicable filing fee.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, the Court may enter judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
The following documents are also served with this summons: **DISTRICT COURT CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET**
Dated this 16th day of August 2026.
/s/ Murray Wilkening
By Murray Wilkening - #15302
Published September 3, 10, 17, 24, and October 1, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (315413)

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Plaintiff: FRANKLIN E. WITTHROW III
Defendants: ALLEN KUDERCA aka ALLAN J. KUDERCA; ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY at 25 Sweetwater Drive Pagosa Springs CO
Case Number:
2026 CV 30045
Murray Wilkening, P.C.
Murray Wilkening Atty. Reg. #:15302
7691 Shaffer Parkway Suite B
Littleton, CO 80127
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Phone: (303)763-8988
Email: murray@mwilkening.com
SUMMONS

TO THE DEFENDANTS NAMED ABOVE:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the attached Complaint. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you. Your answer or counterclaim must be accompanied with the applicable filing fee.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, the Court may enter judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
The following documents are also served with this summons: **DISTRICT COURT CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET**
Dated this 16th day of August 2026.
/s/ Murray Wilkening
By Murray Wilkening - #15302
Published September 3, 10, 17, 24, and October 1, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (315282)

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel.: 970.264.8160
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
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Christopher B. Conley (51651)
Eck, Conley & Richardson, PLLC
700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
Tel. 479.242.5906
Email: ir@ecrlegal.com

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): Gary Lee Hamman, surviving joint tenant with right of survivorship of Katrina Lee Hamman, deceased
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an *in rem* action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) for failure to pay the Monthly Payments to Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.
Published in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*
First Publication: September 17, 2026
Last Publication: October 15, 2026
/s/ Christopher B. Conley
Christopher B. Conley
Published September 17, 24 and October 1, 8 and 15, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (317165)

DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta County, STATE OF COLORADO
CIVILATION 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 ETHEREEDGE 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 reserves the right to accept a bid in full, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.

****BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THEIR HIGHEST BID AT TIME OF SALE. ****

Further, for the purpose of paying off, curing default or redemption, as provided by statute, intent must be directed to or conducted at the above address of the Civil Division of the Sheriff's Department of Archuleta County, Colorado.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.
First Publication: 09/03/2026
Last Publication: 10/01/2026
Published in: Pagosa Sun

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CURE AND RIGHT TO REDEEM

RE: Sheriff's Sale of Real Property pursuant to Order and Decree of Foreclosure and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq.

This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated May 15, 2026, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on July 22, 2024, at Rec. No. 22402972, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, **WHICH LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.**

You may have an interest in the real property being affected, or have certain rights or suffer certain liabilities or loss of your interest in the subject property as a result of said foreclosure. You may have the right to redeem the real property or you may have the right to cure a default under the instrument being foreclosed. Any Notice of Intent to Cure must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. **A notice of intent to cure filed pursuant to section 38-38-104 shall be filed with the officer at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the first scheduled sale date or any date to which the sale is continued. If the sale date is continued to a later date, the deadline to file a notice of intent to cure by those parties entitled to cure may also be extended.**

A notice of intent to redeem filed pursuant to section 38-38-104 shall be filed with the officer no later than eight (8) business days after the sale.

In this regard, you may desire and are advised to consult with your own private attorney. IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVER 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 MUST COMPLY WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov
Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

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.
DATED in Colorado this 8th day of August, 2026.
Sheriff of Archuleta County, Colorado
/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.
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DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO WATER RESUME
(This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the state court website at: www.coloradojudicial.gov).

TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of August 2026, for Mineral County.

2026CV30023 Mineral County, (17CW3043, 10CW71, 98CW88) DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION NO. 7, STATE OF COLORADO, 1060 East Second Ave., Suite 106, Durango, CO 81301, (970) 247-2304, CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR BOOTHJACK RANCH, LLC, IN MINERAL COUNTY, COLORADO, APPLICATION FOR FINDINGS OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE AND TO MAKE CONDITIONAL WATER RIGHTS ABSOLUTE. 1. Name, Mailing Address and Telephone Number of Applicant: Dennis Burch, Ranch Manager Bootjack Ranch, LLC 12500 E. Hwy. 160 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 264-7280 Direct All Pleadings To: Wayne F. Forman, #14082, Michael P. Smith, #48730, and Jack A. Wold-McGimsey, #59382 at BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK, L.L.P. 675 15th Street, Suite 2900 Denver, CO 80202 Phone: (303) 223-1100 Fax: (303) 223-0920 E-mail: wforman@bhfs.com, msmith@bhfs.com, jwold-mcgmsey@bhfs.com. I. CONDITIONAL UNDERGROUND WATER RIGHTS 2. Description of Brown South Well Underground Water Right: (a) Name of Structure: Brown South Well. (b) Date of Original Decree: October 20, 2004; Case No. 98CW88; District Court, Water Division No. 7. (c) Legal description: NE¼SW¼, Section 29, T37N, R1E, N.M.P.M., 2,200 feet from the South section line and 2,200 feet from the West section line of said Section 29. See Exhibit A. (d) Depth: 15 feet. (e) Appropriation Date: July 29, 1998. (f) Uses: Recharge of water level in Michael's Lake and either directly from the Brown South Well or from storage in Michael's Lake for domestic and commercial use including but not limited to a house with a maximum of 4 bedrooms and 7 bathrooms, up to 30 guest homes, recreation/aquatic building, greenhouse, and maintenance facility, office complex with 3 baths; piscatorial; stock watering; fire fighting; recreation; and irrigation for 70 acres located in the SW¼ of Section 20, and N¼ of Section 29, T37N, R1E, N.M.P.M., lying west of the West Fork, including golf course watering and watering of lawns and gardens. See Exhibit A. (g) Originally Decreed Absolute: 2.67 c.f.s. (1,200 g.p.m.), conditional. (h) Subsequent Decrees Awarding Findings of Diligence: (i) Case No. 10CW71, decree entered on November 28, 2011, District Court, Water Division No. 7, made 156 g.p.m. of the total decreed 1,200 g.p.m. during the irrigation season absolute, and continued in full force and effect the remaining conditional 1044 g.p.m. (2.33 c.f.s.) for all decreed beneficial uses. In the non-irrigation season 53 g.p.m. of the total decreed 1,200 g.p.m. was made absolute and the conditional portion of the remaining 1,147 g.p.m. (2.56 c.f.s.) was continued in full force and effect for all decreed beneficial uses except irrigation. (ii) Currently Decreed Absolute: (i) Irrigation Season: 488 g.p.m. absolute and 712 g.p.m. (1.59 c.f.s.), conditional, for all decreed beneficial uses. (ii) Non-irrigation Season: 53 g.p.m. absolute, 1,147 g.p.m. (2.56 c.f.s.), conditional, for all decreed beneficial uses except irrigation. (iii) Conditional Decreed Absolute: (a) Name of Structure: Brown South Well. (b) Date of Original Decree: October 20, 2004; Case No. 98CW88; District Court, Water Division No. 7. (c) Legal description: NE¼SW¼, Section 32, T37N, R1E, N.M.P.M., 900 feet from the South section line and 400 feet from the West section line of said Section 32. See Exhibit A. (d) Depth: Approximately 135 feet. (e) Appropriation Date: July 29, 1998. (f) Amount: 400 g.p.m., Conditional. (g) Use: Irrigation of 70 acres, lying east of the West Fork and located in the W¼ of Section 32, T37N, R1E, N.M.P.M. See Exhibit A. (h) Subsequent Decrees Awarding Findings of Diligence: (i) Case No. 10CW71, decree entered on November 28, 2011, District Court, Water Division No. 7, continued this conditional right in the amount of 400 g.p.m. in full force and effect. (ii) Case No. 17CW3043, decree entered on August 4, 2020, District Court, Water Division No. 7, continued the entire conditional right in the amount of 400 g.p.m. in full force and effect. (iii) Permit Number: 061416-P-R. (i) Name(s) and Address(es) of owners of the land upon which structure is located: (i) The structure is located on Applicant's property. 4. Detailed outline of what has been done to ward completion or for completion of the appropriation and application of water to a beneficial use as conditionally decreed, including expenditures during the diligence period. (a) Applicant spent more than \$139,000 in salaries for its employees to conduct well inspections, repair and replace damage to Applicant well structures and lakes, and maintain ditches, irrigation pump/pipes, and the Upper Twin Lakes, Marie Lake, and Elizabeth Lake. (j) This includes flood damage repair to the Brown South Well specifically in November 2025, when Applicant repaired a bank from washout to the structure and the well. (b) Applicant engaged the water consulting firm SGM and has spent more than \$67,000 for its water rights support over the diligence period, including, but not limited to, the following cases: 17CW3014, 17CW3050, 17CW3043, 17CW3041, 18CW3051, 19CW3028, 21CW3029, 22CW3034, 22CW3049, 22CW3044, and 22CW3050. 5. Claims to make conditional water rights absolute. (a) Applicant exercised the Brown South Well water right in the amount of 500 g.p.m. during both the irrigation season (June 15, 2026) and non-irrigation season (April 11, 2026) for all decreed beneficial uses. This constitutes an increase of 12 g.p.m. over the 488 g.p.m. previously made absolute for the irrigation season and 447 g.p.m. over the 53 g.p.m. previously made absolute during the non-irrigation season. The diversion records for the Brown South Well are attached as Exhibit B, and confirm the exercise of the subject water rights during the relevant diligence period. (b) Applicant exercised the Well WS-1 water right in the full decreed 400 g.p.m. amount to irrigate approximately 70 acres of lands lying east of the West Fork and located in the W¼ of Section 32, T37N, R1E, N.M.P.M. Applicant diverted the full decreed 400 g.p.m. throughout the diligence period, but specifically observed this pumping rate on May 9, 2022, and August 7, 2026. The diversion records for Well WS-1 are attached as Exhibit C, and confirm the exercise of the subject water rights during the relevant diligence period. 6. Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool: (a) All structures are located on Applicant's property. WHEREFORE Applicant requests that the Court enter a decree finding that Applicant has been reasonably diligent in the steady application of effort to complete the appropriation of the conditional water rights in a reasonably expedient and efficient manner under the facts and circumstances and continuing the following conditional water rights in full force and effect: (a) Brown South Well: (i) Irrigation Season: 700 g.p.m., conditional, for all decreed beneficial uses. 2. Making the following conditional rights absolute: (a) Brown South Well: (i) Irrigation Season: 12 g.p.m., in addition to 488 g.p.m. previously made absolute, for a total of 500 g.p.m. absolute for all decreed beneficial uses. (ii) Non-irrigation Season: 447 g.p.m., in addition to 53 g.p.m. previously made absolute, for a total of 500 g.p.m. absolute for all decreed beneficial uses. (b) Well WS-1: 400 g.p.m., absolute, for all decreed beneficial uses. 3. In the event the Court does not make the foregoing rights absolute, then continuing their conditional status in full force and effect until the next diligence application. 4. To the extent Applicant exercises the remaining conditional portions of the Brown South Well water right during the pendency of this case, Applicant requests that the Court decree those additional portions absolute as well. 5. Granting such other relief as the Court deems just and proper. (12 pages including exhibits)

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO WATER RESUME
(This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the state court website at: www.coloradojudicial.gov).

TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of August 2026, for Mineral County.

2026CV30024 Mineral County, (17CW3050) DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION NO. 7, STATE OF COLORADO, 1060 East Second Ave., Suite 106, Durango, CO 81301, (970) 247-2304, CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR BOOTHJACK RANCH, LLC, IN MINERAL COUNTY, COLORADO, APPLICATION FOR FINDINGS OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE AND TO MAKE CONDITIONAL WATER RIGHTS ABSOLUTE. 1. Name, Mailing Address and Telephone Number of Applicant: Dennis Burch, Ranch Manager Bootjack Ranch, LLC 12500 E. Hwy. 160 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 264-7280 Direct All Pleadings To: Wayne F. Forman, #14082, Michael P. Smith, #48730, and Jack A. Wold-McGimsey, #59382 at BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK, L.L.P. 675 15th Street, Suite 2900 Denver, CO 80202 Phone: (303) 223-1100 Fax: (303) 223-0920 E-mail: wforman@bhfs.com, msmith@bhfs.com, jwold-mcgmsey@bhfs.com. I. CONDITIONAL UNDERGROUND WATER RIGHT 2. Description of Ground Water Right: (a) Name of Structure: Brown South Well First Enlargement. (b) Date of Original Decree: August 4, 2020; Case No. 17CW3050; District Court, Water Division No. 7. (c) Legal Description of Brown South Well: The diversion point is located on the west bank of the West Fork in the NE¼ SW¼, Section 29, T37N, R1E, N.M.P.M., 2,320 feet from the South Section line and 2,200 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29. Also described as UTM coordinates: 14AD83, Zone 13N, Meters, UTM X: 331887.00, UTM Y: 4142518.00. See Exhibit A. (d) Source: West Fork of the San Juan River. (e) Originally Decreed Amount: 270 g.p.m. (0.602 c.f.s.), absolute; 30 g.p.m. (0.067 c.f.s.), conditional. (f) Appropriation Date: December 29, 2017. i. How appropriation initiated: Formation of an intent to appropriate and actual beneficial use, and the filing of the Application in Case No. 17CW3050. ii. Date water applied to the beneficial use: May 31, 2019. iii. Uses: To fill and successfully refill the water storage rights and structures described in Paragraphs 7-11 of the decree for Case No. 17CW3050 (Marie Lake, Elizabeth Lake, Upper Twin Lake 1, Upper Twin Lake 2, and Upper Twin Lake 3) for piscatorial, wildlife watering and habitat enhancement, recreation, fire-fighting, and aesthetic uses. h) Permit: Permit No. 83137-F. II. CONDITIONAL SURFACE WATER RIGHT 3. Description of Surface Water Right: (a) Name of Structure: Elizabeth Lake. (b) Date of Original Decree: August 4, 2020; Case No. 17CW3050; District Court, Water Division No. 7. (c) Legal description: 1,147 g.p.m. was continued in full force and effect for all decreed beneficial uses except irrigation. (i) Currently Decreed Absolute: (i) Irrigation Season: 488 g.p.m. absolute and 712 g.p.m. (1.59 c.f.s.), conditional, for all decreed beneficial uses. (ii) Non-irrigation Season: 53 g.p.m. absolute, 1,147 g.p.m. (2.56 c.f.s.), conditional, for all decreed beneficial uses except irrigation. (iii) Conditional Decreed Absolute: (a) Name of Structure: Brown South Well. (b) Date of Original Decree: October 20, 2004; Case No. 98CW88; District Court, Water Division No. 7. (c) Legal description: NE¼SW¼, Section 32, T37N, R1E, N.M.P.M., 900 feet from the South section line and 400 feet from the West section line of said Section 32. See Exhibit A. (d) Depth: Approximately 135 feet. (e) Appropriation Date: July 29, 1998. (f) Amount: 400 g.p.m., Conditional. (g) Use: Irrigation of 70 acres, lying east of the West Fork and located in the W¼ of Section 32, T37N, R1E, N.M.P.M. See Exhibit A. (h) Subsequent Decrees Awarding Findings of Diligence: (i) Case No. 10CW71, decree entered on November 28, 2011, District Court, Water Division No. 7, continued this conditional right in the amount of 400 g.p.m. in full force and effect. (ii) Case No. 17CW3043, decree entered on August 4, 2020, District Court, Water Division No. 7, continued the entire conditional right in the amount of 400 g.p.m. in full force and effect. (iii) Permit Number: 061416-P-R. (i) Name(s) and Address(es) of owners of the land upon which structure is located: (i) The structure is located on Applicant's property. 4. Detailed outline of what has been done to ward completion or for completion of the appropriation and application of water to a beneficial use as conditionally decreed, including expenditures during the diligence period. (a) Applicant spent more than \$139,000 in salaries for its employees to conduct well inspections, repair and replace damage to Applicant well structures and lakes, and maintain ditches, irrigation pump/pipes, and the Upper Twin Lakes, Marie Lake, and Elizabeth Lake. (j) This includes flood damage repair to the Brown South Well specifically in November 2025, when Applicant repaired a bank from washout to the structure and the well. (b) Applicant engaged the water consulting firm SGM and has spent more than \$67,000 for its water rights support over the diligence period, including, but not limited to, the following cases: 17CW3014, 17CW3050, 17CW3043, 17CW3041, 18CW3051, 19CW3028, 21CW3029, 22CW3034, 22CW3049, 22CW3044, and 22CW3050. 5. Claims to make conditional water rights absolute. (a) Applicant exercised the Brown South Well water right in the amount of 500 g.p.m. during both the irrigation season (June 15, 2026) and non-irrigation season (April 11, 2026) for all decreed beneficial uses. This constitutes an increase of 12 g.p.m. over the 488 g.p.m. previously made absolute for the irrigation season and 447 g.p.m. over the 53 g.p.m. previously made absolute during the non-irrigation season. The diversion records for the Brown South Well are attached as Exhibit B, and confirm the exercise of the subject water rights during the relevant diligence period. (b) Applicant exercised the Well WS-1 water right in the full decreed 400 g.p.m. amount to irrigate approximately 70 acres of lands lying east of the West Fork and located in the W¼ of Section 32, T37N, R1E, N.M.P.M. Applicant diverted the full decreed 400 g.p.m. throughout the diligence period, but specifically observed this pumping rate on May 9, 2022, and August 7, 2026. The diversion records for Well WS-1 are attached as Exhibit C, and confirm the exercise of the subject water rights during the relevant diligence period. 6. Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or

Archuleta County's unemployment rate rises in August

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

According to a Sept. 18 report from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), Archuleta County's unemployment rate rose to 4.3 percent in August, which is up from July's figure of 3.5 percent and up from August 2025's rate of 3.4 percent.

Archuleta County's labor force totaled at 6,445 with 278 unemployed in August, according to the report. That compares to a labor force of 6,542 in July, with 231 unemployed. Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.0 percent, the report notes.

According to the survey of households, the number of unemployed individuals in Colorado increased by 3,200 to 128,200 from July to August.

"Colorado's labor force decreased by 6,500 in August to 3,182,400," the

report notes. "The share of Coloradans participating in the labor force was 65.3 percent in August, two-tenths of a percentage point lower than in July. The August rate of 65.3 percent marks the lowest participation rate on record, going back to 1976. The U.S. labor force participation rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point to 61.6 percent in August."

The national unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.1 percent for August.

Costilla County had the highest unemployment rate in the state in August at 8.0 percent, followed by Huerfano County at 7.0 percent and Las Animas County at 6.9 percent.

Yuma County had the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.7 percent, followed by Kit Carson County at 2.8 percent and Cheyenne County at 2.9 percent.

Regionally, the report shows La Plata County with a 4.1 percent

unemployment rate in August, San Juan County at 3.6 percent, Mineral County at 4.6 percent, Hinsdale County at 3.5 percent, Rio Grande County at 5.0 percent and Conejos County at 4.3 percent.

Job loss, growth

"Employers in Colorado lost 1,400 nonfarm payroll jobs from July to August for a total of 2,970,300 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs decreased by 900, while government decreased by 500," the report notes.

The report also states, "July estimates were revised down to 2,971,700, and the over the month change from June to July was an increase of 3,800 jobs rather than the originally estimated increase of 5,800 (monthly revisions are based on additional responses from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates)."

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

The only private-industry sector with significant over-the-month job gains in August was leisure and hospitality at about 1,700 jobs.

The only private-industry sector with significant over-the-month job losses in August was construction at about 2,200, according to the CDLE.

Since August 2025, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased by 6,600, with the private sector increasing by 11,900 and government decreasing by 5,300 jobs

The largest private-sector gains were in:

- Education and health services at about 12,400 jobs.
- Leisure and hospitality at about 9,000.

- Construction at about 2,200.
- Professional and business services at about 1,900.
- During that same period, payroll jobs declined in:
 - Information by about 5,600 jobs.
 - Financial activities by about 4,300.
 - Other services by about 1,100.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities by about 1,100.
 - Manufacturing by about 1,000.

"Colorado's rate of job growth over the past year is 0.2 percent, below the U.S. rate of 0.4 percent," the report notes.

The report further notes that, over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased to 34.3 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$39.14 to \$40.31, \$2.56 more than the national average hourly earnings of \$37.75.

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Legal Description: The diversion point is located on the north bank of an unnamed tributary of the West Fork of the San Juan River in the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 29, T.37N., R.1E., N.M.P.M. Mineral County - UTM Coordinates: NAD83, Zone 13N, Meeters, UTM X: 331286.14, UTM Y: 4142895.75. See Exhibit A. d) Source: Unnamed tributary to the West Fork of the San Juan River. e) Amount: 0.71 c.f.s., absolute; 0.29 c.f.s., conditional. f) Application Date: December 29, 2017. g) How application initiated: Formation of intent to appropriate and actual diversion of water to storage in Elizabeth Lake and Marie Lake and the filing of the 2017 Application, Case No. 17CW3050, and the diversion of water to beneficial use on or before May 15, 2020. h) Uses: To fill and successively refill Elizabeth Lake and Marie Lake for recreation, piscatorial, fire-fighting, wildlife watering and habitat enhancement and aesthetic uses. 4. Detailed outline of what has been done toward completion or for completion of the appropriation and application of water to a beneficial use as conditionally decreed, including expenditures. (a) Applicant spent more than \$139,000 in salaries for its employees to conduct well inspections, repair flood damage to Applicant's well structures and lakes, and maintain ditches, irrigation equipment, and the Upper Twin Lakes, Marie Lake, and Elizabeth Lake. (i) This includes flood damage repair to the Brown South Well specifically in November 2025, when Applicant engaged a bank from washout to the structure and the well. (b) Applicant engaged the water consulting firm SGM and has spent more than \$67,000 for its water rights support over the diligence period, including in, but not limited to, the following cases: 17CW3014, 17CW3050, 17CW3043, 17CW3041, 18CW3051, 19CW3028, 21CW3029, 22CW3034, 22CW3049, 22CW3044, and 22CW3050. (c) Applicant engaged Evergreen Pump and has spent more than \$40,000 on pump replacements, variable frequency drive (VFD) replacements, motor replacements & control box replacements. (j) This includes a replacement motor and control box for the Brown South Well and VFD replacement specifically. (d) Applicant engaged Mackey Construction and spent over \$11,000 on flume fabrication and installation for water rights compliance efforts. (i) For the Elizabeth Lake Ditch specifically, in August 2026 Applicant installed a 12-inch flume. Because Applicant did not have a flume installed until near the end of the diligence period, and the Elizabeth Lake Ditch only runs during spring snowmelt, Applicant could not measure the water right put to beneficial use and does not have any records during large snowpack years, but will exercise and measure this right in the near future. (e) Applicant engaged Mountain Valley Services and spent over \$40,000 on well repair and improvement work. (f) Applicant engaged Summit Supply and spent over \$1,000 on distribution pipe installation and well pipe repairs. This includes a pipeline replacement from the Elizabeth Lake to the Upper Twin Lakes. (g) Applicant engaged the law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, and spent more than \$160,000 in legal fees to protect its water rights and interests in water court by opposing applications of others, adjudicating new water rights, and meeting its diligence obligations, including in, but not limited to, the following cases: 17CW3014, 17CW3050, 17CW3043, 17CW3041, 18CW3051, 19CW3028, 21CW3029, 22CW3034, 22CW3049, 22CW3044, and 22CW3050. 5. Claims to make conditional water rights absolute. (a) Brown South Well First Enlargement. (i) Applicant has diverted water at the maximum decreed rate of 300 g.p.m. under the Brown South Well First Enlargement water right throughout the diligence period, but specifically observed this pumping rate on August 13, 2026. Applicant delivered that water to Marie Lake, Elizabeth Lake, and Upper Twin Lakes 1, 2, and 3 for piscatorial, wildlife watering and habitat enhancement, recreation, fire-fighting, and aesthetic uses. The diversion records for the Brown South Well are attached as Exhibit B, and confirm the exercise of the subject water rights during the relevant diligence period. 6. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) of the land on which structure is or will be located, upon which water is or will be stored, or upon which water is or will be placed to beneficial use. (a) All structures are located on Applicant's property, WHEREFORE Applicant requests that the Court enter a decree: 1. Finding that Applicant has been reasonably diligent in the steady application of effort to complete the appropriation of the following conditional water right in a reasonably expedient and efficient manner under the facts and circumstances and continuing the following conditional water rights in full force and effect: a) Elizabeth Lake Ditch: 0.29 c.f.s., conditional for all decreed beneficial uses. 2. Make the following conditional rights absolute: (a) Brown South Well First Enlargement: 300 g.p.m. (0.067 c.f.s.), absolute for all decreed beneficial uses, in addition to the 270 g.p.m. previously decreed as absolute, which would make the entire decreed 300 g.p.m. (0.669 c.f.s.) absolute. 3. In the event the Court does not make the foregoing rights absolute, then continuing their conditional status until the next diligence application. 4. To the extent Applicant exercises the remaining conditional portions of the Elizabeth Lake Ditch water right during the pendency of this case, Applicant requests that the Court decree those additional portions absolute as well. 5. Granting such other relief as the Court deems just and proper. (10 pages including exhibits)

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Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of August 2026, for Archuleta County.
2026CW3032 Archuleta County, Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence. 1. Applicants: Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District ("PAWSD"), P.O. Box 4610, Pagosa Springs, CO 81157, (970) 731-2691, and San Juan Water Conservancy District ("SJWCD"), P.O. Box 2462, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, (832) 370-5017, c/o their attorneys, Kendall Burgemeister, LAW OF THE ROCKIES, 525 North Main Street, Gunnison, CO 81230, (970) 641-1903, kburgemeister@lawoftherockies.com, and Jeffrey Kane, SOUTHWEST WATER AND PROPERTY LAW LLC, 679 E 2nd Ave Unit 10, Durango, CO, (970) 422-5510; kjane@sw-propertylaw.com. 2. Water rights originally decreed Oct. 31, 2011, Case No. 04CW85, Water Division 7, for which a finding of reasonable diligence was entered Aug. 19, 2020, Case No. 18CW3041, for which Co-Applicants request entry of a finding of reasonable diligence: **A. Dry Gulch Reservoir.** i. Location: off-channel reservoir located on Dry Gulch, an ephemeral tributary to the San Juan River. The center point on the dam axis is located on the section line separating Section 5 and 8, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, of the N.M.P.M., 1,300 feet west of the Southeast corner of said Section 5. Dry Gulch Reservoir will occupy all or portions of the following quarter sections, all located in Township 35 North, Range 1 West, of the N.M.P.M.: all of the SW1/4, the S/2 of the NW1/4, the S/2 and E/4 of the NE1/4, and the S/2 and NW1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 4; the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 5; the N/2 and SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 8; and all of the NW1/4, all of the NE1/4, the N/2 of the SW1/4, and the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 of the San Juan River, an ephemeral tributary to the San Juan River and the San Juan River from Dry Gulch Pumping Station and/or Park Ditch. ii. Appropriation Date: Dec. 20, 2004. i. Amount: a. Filling Rate: 4,700 acre-feet ("AF"), conditional, combined filling rate of up to 50 cfs in combination with SJWCD's existing 6,300 AF conditional storage right (previously decreed in Case No. 308-73D, Archuleta County District Court with a priority date of Dec. 19, 1968. b. Successive Refill: 11,000 AF, conditional, combined filling rate of up to 50 cfs, to refill successively whenever in priority after first fill. v. Uses: municipal (including domestic, industrial, commercial, mechanical, fire protection, sewage treatment, watering of parks, lawns, gardens and other public spaces), irrigation, agriculture, recreation, piscatorial and incidental wildlife uses, lake and reservoir evaporation, exchange, augmentation, and replacement, adjustment and regulation of the Co-Applicants' respective storage and delivery systems, and those of its users, among themselves and with others. The water may be placed to use only within the PAWSD or SJWCD service areas as such now exist or may exist in the future. vi. Dimensions: a. Surface Area: approx. 319 acres. b. Height of Dam: approx. 105 feet. c. Length of Dam: Approx. 1,500 feet. d. Active Capacity: Approx. 11,000 acre feet. **B. Dry Gulch Pumping Station.** i. Location: in the San Juan River (4 miles through the SE1/4 of Section 5, 8, and Township 35 North, Range 1 West, of the N.M.P.M., at a point 3,100 feet from the east section line and 750 feet from the south section line of said Section 5. ii. Source: San Juan River. iii. Appropriation Date: Dec. 20, 2004. i. Amount: 50 cfs, conditional, for direct use and/or storage in Dry Gulch Reservoir or other reservoirs currently owned or controlled by the Districts. v. Uses: municipal (including domestic, industrial, commercial, mechanical, fire protection, sewage treatment, watering of parks, lawns, gardens and other public spaces), irrigation, agriculture, recreation, piscatorial and incidental wildlife uses, lake and reservoir evaporation, exchange, augmentation, and for replacement, adjustment and regulation of the Co-Applicants' respective storage and delivery systems, and those of its users, among themselves and with others. The water may be placed to use only within the PAWSD or SJWCD service areas as such now exist or may exist in the future. 3. Diligence activities. A. SJWCD and PAWSD own the land upon with the Dry Gulch Reservoir dam, will be built. B. PAWSD completed the following during the diligence period: i. Spent approximately \$265,691.32 for engineering analyses and project planning, including water supply and demand analyses for the SJWCD service area, evaluation of its portfolio of water rights, and structural options for meeting such demand. ii. SJWCD spent approximately \$5,301.50 obtaining a finding of diligence for the senior Dry Gulch Reservoir water right. iii. SJWCD worked with PAWSD concerning the management of the Flamingo and Lower Ponds. iv. The Districts entered into grazing negotiations concerning gravel mining and grading leases and gravel mine reclamation. v. SJWCD developed and adopted a Strategic Plan in 2021 to identify issues, action items, and priorities for achieving its mission to be an active leader in all issues affecting the water resources of the Upper San Juan River Basin and discusses implementation of the Strategic Plan at each of its meetings. v. SJWCD has participated in and contributed funding to projects by the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Project. Growing Water Smart, San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, and Mountain Studies Institute, spending approximately \$40,361.84, to work with the local community to plan for and implement efforts to ensure water is available in a future warming and drying climate. vi. SJWCD spent approximately \$75,899.26 on public outreach to its constituents concerning water matters and planning. vii. SJWCD spent approximately \$16,500.00 as a partner in the Water Information Program, with a mission to explain, promote, and publish objective and balanced information and educational workshops and festivals related to water in southwestern Colorado. 4. Names of owners of land upon which any new diversion or storage structure will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored: A. Co-Applicants jointly own the land upon which the Dry Gulch Reservoir dam will be constructed. B. United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, C. Kurt William Leavitt, 2244 E. Highway 160, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147. Notice of this Application will be given in the manner required by law. 4. Other Pertinent Information: These water rights are subject to the terms and limitations specified in the 04CW85 Decree, including a "Reality Check" provision in Section 29.2, for which Co-Applicants include the fol-

lowing information: A 2022 engineering analysis prepared for SJWCD determined that projected water demand shortages for municipal, environmental, and recreational uses will exceed 20,000 acre-feet in some years and that a 10,000 acre-feet reservoir would meet future municipal and mid-range agricultural and environmental demands of the District's constituents in all years except very dry years. After a comprehensive analysis, SJWCD's consulting engineer concluded that the Dry Gulch Reservoir site is the most advantageous reservoir site in the upper San Juan basin to meet the Districts' projected water demands. A map providing the general location and extent of the Reservoir is filed with the Application. (11 pages including exhibit)

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2026CW3025 (ref. 17CW3030, 73-308D, et al.), MINERAL COUNTY AND ARCHULETA COUNTY, APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE. Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District ("PAWSD"), 100 Lyn Ave, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, (970) 731-2691; and San Juan Water Conservancy District ("SJWCD"), with PAWSD, the "Applicants") P.O. Box 2462, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147, (832) 370-5017. Please direct all correspondence to Attorney for Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District: Law of the Rockies, Kendall K. Burgemeister, Atty. Reg. #41593, 525 North Main Street, Gunnison, CO 81230 970-641-1903, kburgemeister@lawoftherockies.com; Attorney for San Juan Water Conservancy District: Jeffrey M. Kane, Atty. Reg. No. 44075 SOUTHWEST WATER AND PROPERTY LAW LLC 679 E 2nd Ave Unit 10, Durango, CO 81301 (970) 422-5510, kjane@sw-propertylaw.com. Summary of Application. Applicants seek a finding of reasonable diligence for the Second Enlargement of Dutton Ditch, conditional water right, described in detail below. Name of Structure: **Second Enlargement of the Dutton Ditch.** Previous Decrees: The water right was originally decreed in Case No. 73-308D (December 19, 1968, District Court, Archuleta County). Findings of reasonable diligence were entered in Case Nos. W-193 (1970), W-581-76, 08CW104, 84CW80, 88CW50, 94CW39 (May 25, 1995), 01CW29 (February 23, 2003), 17CW3030 (August 19, 2020), all in District Court, Water Division 7. Source: Four Mile Creek and its tributaries. Date of Appropriation: July 6, 1967. Amount: 40 cfs (conditional). (Each Co-Applicant owns 20 cfs). Point of diversion: In 73-308D, the point of diversion is described as being on the West Bank of Four Mile Creek, a tributary of the San Juan River, at a point whence the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 36 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M. bears South 77°32' West, a distance of 2,610 feet. The point of diversion is in the SE1/4 of Section 35, T37N, R2W, N.M.P.M., at approximately 318859E, 4140636N, UTM Zone 13, NAD83. See Exhibit A. Beneficial uses: Irrigation, industrial, municipal and domestic uses. Claim for Finding of Reasonable Diligence. Detailed outline of what has been done toward completion or for completion of the appropriation and application of water to a beneficial use as conditionally decreed, including expenditures: PAWSD. PAWSD diverted water for beneficial use from Four Mile Creek through the Dutton Ditch pipeline pursuant to its existing absolute right total decreed rate: 10 cfs, amount owned by PAWSD: 8 cfs) that is senior to the subject conditional water right. Summary of maximum diversion rates by PAWSD during the diligence period: 2021: 5 cfs; 2022: 6 cfs; 2023: 8 cfs; 2024: 4 cfs; 2025: 4 cfs; 2026: 5 cfs. PAWSD took numerous actions to ensure compliance with the terms of its USDA Forest Service Special Use Permit related to the Dutton Ditch Pipeline, including operation and maintenance of the diversion structure in a manner that ensures required bypass flows are sustained. PAWSD maintains a water enterprise fund to account for revenue and expenditures related to the operation, maintenance, and development of its water supply infrastructure (which excludes general fund and wastewater fund revenue and expenditures). During the diligence period, the records of the water enterprise fund reflect that PAWSD expended the following sums operating, maintaining, repairing, and developing its integrated water supply system, which includes the diversion storage infrastructure used to exercise the subject water right: 2020: \$5,144,130.2021: \$5,645,248.2022: \$6,832,277 2023: \$11,570,915.2024: \$29,389,922 (approximate): \$31,561,771 2026 (budgeted): \$12,229,553 PAWSD prosecuted an application for a finding of reasonable diligence and to make absolute in part for other conditional water rights in its raw water supply portfolio. C. SJWCD completed the following during the diligence period: i. Spent approximately \$265,691.32 for engineering analyses and project planning, including water supply and demand analyses for the SJWCD service area, evaluation of its portfolio of water rights, and structural options for meeting such demand. Diligence for Companion Water Rights. SJWCD spend approximately \$5,301.50 obtaining a finding of diligence for other conditional water rights it owns. Strategic Planning. The SJWCD Board of Directors retained a consultant and developed and adopted a Strategic Plan in 2021 to identify issues, action items, and priorities for achieving its mission to be an active leader in all issues affecting the water resources of the Upper San Juan River Basin and discusses implementation of the Strategic Plan at each of its meetings. v. SJWCD has participated in and contributed funding to projects by the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Project. Growing Water Smart, San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, and Mountain Studies Institute, spending approximately \$40,361.84, to work with the local community to plan for and implement efforts to ensure water is available in a future warming and drying climate. vi. 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Other Pertinent Information: These water rights are subject to the terms and limitations specified in the 04CW85 Decree, including a "Reality Check" provision in Section 29.2, for which Co-Applicants include the fol-

lowing information: A 2022 engineering analysis prepared for SJWCD determined that projected water demand shortages for municipal, environmental, and recreational uses will exceed 20,000 acre-feet in some years and that a 10,000 acre-feet reservoir would meet future municipal and mid-range agricultural and environmental demands of the District's constituents in all years except very dry years. After a comprehensive analysis, SJWCD's consulting engineer concluded that the Dry Gulch Reservoir site is the most advantageous reservoir site in the upper San Juan basin to meet the Districts' projected water demands. A map providing the general location and extent of the Reservoir is filed with the Application. (11 pages including exhibit)

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2026CW3026 (ref. 17CW3031, 83CW145, et al.), ARCHULETA COUNTY, APPLICATION FOR FINDING OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE AND TO MAKE ABSOLUTE IN PART: Name, address, and telephone number of Applicant: Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District ("District") 100 Lyn Ave Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 731-2691 Please direct all correspondence to Law of the Rockies Kendall K. Burgemeister, Atty. Reg. #41593 525 North Main Street Gunnison, CO 81230 970-641-1903, kburgemeister@lawoftherockies.com. Summary of Application. The District seeks to make a conditional water right for the San Juan River Intake absolute in part, and a finding of reasonable diligence for the portion not made absolute. Description of the subject conditional water right: Name of Structure: San Juan River Intake. Original Decree: 83CW145 (November 14, 1984, District Court, Water Division 7). Relevant Subsequent Decrees: Findings of reasonable diligence were decreed in Case Nos. 88CW101 (April 27, 1989), 94CW84 (July 19, 1995), 01CW42 (August 6, 2002), 08CW82 (March 24, 2014) and 17CW3014 (August 26, 2020), all in the District Court, Water Division 7. The District's ownership was reduced in 97CW51, and alternate points of diversion were adjudicated in 99CW71 (APD #2 was abandoned in 17CW3014). Source: San Juan River. Date of Appropriation: December 19, 1983. Amount: 15.06 cfs conditional, 1.52 cfs absolute. Location of point of diversion: On the west bank of the San Juan River, at a point bearing North 65°17'48" East, a distance of 1177.8 feet from the southwest corner of Section 36, Township 35 North, Range 2 West of the N.M.P.M. in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado; alternatively described as located in the SE1/4SW1/4SW1/4 of said Section 32, 321007E, 4121030N, UTM Zone 13, NAD 83. Beneficial uses: Direct flow or storage for all municipal, commercial, industrial, domestic, irrigation, recreation, piscatorial, wildlife propagation, and all other municipal uses. Claim to Make Absolute: The District owns the following water rights decreed for diversion at the San Juan River Intake (a/k/a San Juan River Intake Alternate Point #1, WDD 2901006): A.D. Archuleta Ditch, Admin No. 16181.000000, 2.5cfs, and Admin No.16954.00000, 1.0 cfs; Keith Ditch, Admin No.17380.00000, 1.0 cfs; Pagosa Lumber Co. Ditch #1, Admin No. 19012.15493, 2.0 cfs; the above rights are limited to a combined 105.11 acre-feet of consumption per year; San Juan River Intake, Admin No.45077.00000, 0.8 cfs (Absolute); San Juan River Intake, Admin No.45077.00000, 0.8 cfs (Absolute); San Juan River Intake, Admin No.45077.00000, 12.0 cfs rate of fill, 250 acre-feet (cond.); San Juan Recreation Reservoir, Admin No.45077.00000, 12.0 cfs rate of fill; San Juan River Intake, Admin No. 48930.00000, 1.52 (Abs), 15.06 (Cond). The Districts owns 6.5 cfs of absolute water rights that are limited to 105.11 acre-feet of depletions to the San Juan River per year. During many days in the diligence period, the District diverted water through the San Juan Intake for delivery to its water treatment plant at a rate of 6 cfs, including on days after the 105.11 acre-feet limit was met. Because the water was diverted directly to the water treatment plant, it cannot be allocated to the San Juan Raw Water Storage Reservoir and San Juan Recreation Reservoir water rights listed above. Therefore, the 6 cfs of diversions would be allocated first to the 0.8 cfs absolute water right senior to the subject right, and then to the 1.52 cfs portion of the subject right that is already absolute. 3.68 cfs was diverted under the conditional portion of the subject water right. Therefore, the District seeks to make the subject water right absolute for an additional 3.68 cfs. Diversion records are attached as Exhibit B. Claim for Finding of Reasonable Diligence. Detailed outline of what has been done toward completion or for completion of the appropriation and application of water to a beneficial use as conditionally decreed, including expenditures: The District diverted water pursuant to the subject conditional water rights throughout the diligence period, including the diversions described in paragraph 4, above. PAWSD maintains a water enterprise fund to account for revenue and expenditures related to the operation, maintenance, and development of its water supply infrastructure (which excludes general fund and wastewater fund revenue and expenditures). 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SJWCD has participated in and contributed funding to projects by the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Project, the

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Sports

Soccer

Pirates pick up two wins, improve to 4-1-1

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team won two games last week, leaning on a pair of strong second halves against Alamosa and Bayfield to improve to 4-1-1 on the season.

The Pirates played two league opponents in four days and picked up two more wins. Now at the halfway point in the season, the Pirates have only lost one game and sit ranked 19th in 3A.

The first of the two games was a home game against the Alamosa Mean Moose on Friday, Sept. 18.

"I hold our players to a pretty high standard. They've shown me why I can hold them to that and, man, the response was, that second half was really fun to be a part of it as a Pirate coach, as a Pirate supporter [and] as a Pirate player."

Coach Dan Janowsky

Alamosa came into the game with an 0-3 record and the Pirates won the game 4-1, but the score doesn't tell the whole story, emphasized coach Trevor Gian.

"The league games, you know, it's easy to try to look at someone's record and judge how things are going to turn out by that," he said. "But, you know, that game was a tough one. No result shows what it shows."

Rain from earlier in the week made for some sloppy field conditions which transitioned into a slower start for the Pirates, Gian noted. The Pirates put one in the back of the net to start the game off with a 1-0 lead.

Ryder King had a chance to give the Pirates a two-goal lead with a penalty kick, but the Alamosa keeper made the save. Still, the Pirates found the back of the net later in the first half to take the 2-0 lead.

Despite the two-goal lead, the Pirates were still struggling with the Mean Moose's counterattack, emphasized Gian.

Before halftime, Alamosa was able to get on the board and make the score 2-1 as the whistle blew for the break.

After halftime, the Pirates squad was able to adjust and flip the momentum, Gian noted.

"We just sort of found that second gear again," he said. "We were able to clean things up. We were able to find some momentum."

The Pirates scored two goals in the second half and held the Mean Moose scoreless on their way to the 4-1 victory.

On Monday, Sept. 21, the Pirates were back in action.

The Pirates traveled to Bayfield for a rivalry game against the Wolverines.



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Randi Pierce

Pirate Elmer Castillo works to possess and control the ball during the team's matchup with the Alamosa Mean Moose on Friday, Sept. 18. The Pirates won 4-0, improving to 4-1-1 on the season.

Despite shutting the Wolverines out 4-0, Gian once again emphasized that the score does not tell the full story of the game.

"We were wanting to build off of that Alamosa game," he said. "We're wanting to build off the games that come before, kind of string together a performance, an all-around effort like we've had at times, and going into Bayfield, we knew it would be tough."

The Pirates scored just two minutes into the game off of a one-touch upper-90 finish from Xavi Sanchez.

That would be all the scoring for either team for the rest of the first half, though, as both teams battled hard for the final 38 minutes of the half, Gian emphasized.

"And, once again, [we] talked at halftime about what kind of quality team I think we are, what I know and what I expect," Gian said. "I hold our players to a pretty high standard. They've shown me why I can hold them to that and, man, the response was, that second half was really fun to be a part of it as a Pirate coach, as a Pirate supporter [and] as a Pirate player."

The Pirates netted three more goals and held the Wolverines scoreless, winning their fourth game of the

season 4-0.

Up next, the Pirates will play two straight games against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

The first game against the Panthers will be in Pagosa Springs beginning at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24, and the second game will be in Cortez on Saturday, Oct. 3, beginning at 1 p.m.

The Panthers are 7-2 and ranked 13th in 3A.

Like the Pirates' last two opponents, Montezuma-Cortez is a league opponent that is going to pose a unique threat, Gian noted.

He added he knows that the Panthers are going to come after the Pirates in both games.

The Pirates will have over a week in between games, though, which Gian noted will be good for the growth of the team.

"We're just going to go in and try to mentally prepare, draw up a good game plan that we want to go out and execute, really build off of what we've [done]," he said. "We're looking at really five games on the field together only and we've got things we still need to work on. We've got things we want to grow into."

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Volleyball

Lady Pirates top Panthers in Cortez

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team came back from being down two sets to none to beat the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers for their fourth win of the season on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

The Lady Pirates traveled to Cortez to take on the Panthers for the second and final matchup of the regular season for the two teams. The Lady Pirates bested the Panthers 3-0 the first time.

Through two sets, Tuesday's match looked like it might end differently than the previous match.

The Panthers won the first set 26-24 and the second set 25-21.

Coach Chelsea Caler indicates she felt that the Lady Pirates were struggling to pick up some of the Panthers' tips, rolls and deep corner shots.

But, with their backs against the wall, the Lady Pirates were able to flip the script.

The Lady Pirates won the third

set 26-24, the fourth set 25-12 and the final set 15-9 to sweep the regular season series with Montezuma-Cortez.

"I think the biggest thing was that we finally settled down, cleaned up some of our defense and started trusting ourselves again," Caler wrote in an email to The SUN. "The girls kept fighting, made adjustments in our lineup and stayed in it long enough to give ourselves a chance. Then we really turned it on in the fourth and fifth."

Caler emphasizes that there were a lot of girls that stepped up in the match, specifically mentioning Saleisha Black, Malorie Morton, Sydney Plake, Avea Bruce and Darria Fiorenza.

"I'm especially proud of Saleisha, who came into a different role as a right-back DS and did a great job helping us pick up tips and keep balls alive," she wrote. "Darria really held it down for us in serve receive and defense. Malorie came in with some clutch swings and blocks, Sydney

found her rhythm offensively, and Avea had some really big swings for us when we needed them."

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

With the win, the Lady Pirates improved to 4-8 on the season. The sit as the No. 44 team in the state's 3A rankings.

The Lady Pirates' next game will be against the Bloomfield Bobcats on Monday, Sept. 28, at home.

The Bobcats are 4-6 and ranked 19th in New Mexico's 4A division.

Caler indicates she is hopeful that her team can use the momentum they generated in their win over Montezuma-Cortez in the second half of the season.

"I think it gives them confidence that they can be down, make adjustments and still find a way to win," Caler wrote. "We've talked a lot about learning how to finish and learning how to respond when things aren't going our way, and last night they got a pretty good test of that."

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CROSS-COUNTRY



Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

Pirate Miles Dempster runs en route to a 17th place finish at the Coronado Cougar Classic in Colorado Springs on Saturday, Sept. 19. The team finished third at the event.

Pirate teams take second, third at Coronado Cougar Classic

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams competed at the Coronado Cougar Classic in Colorado Springs on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Though both the boys' and girls' teams were not at full strength, the boys placed third out of the 16 teams competing and the girls placed second out of the eight teams competing.

The only team from the Pirates' region was Lamar and, according to coach Josh Kurz, both teams need to beat Lamar to qualify for the state meet. The girls beat Lamar by 11 points and the boys were edged out by Lamar by three points.

"I believe with a full squad, the boys could have eclipsed Lamar's narrow margin, and the girls would have widened their lead substantially," Kurz wrote in an email to The SUN.

Rylan Ash led the way for the Pirates, finishing fourth overall at the

meet with a time of 16 minutes, 48.40 seconds.

Weston Sweet placed 16th with a time of 17:57.40, Miles Dempster placed 17th with a time of 18:15.60, Jacen Easling placed 32nd with a time of 19:01.80 and Kieran Kurz placed 46th with a time of 19:41.90 to round out the top five boys who scored for the Pirates.

Liam McKnight was the only other Pirate to race at the varsity level, and he placed 57th with a time of 20:19.20.

Madi Stretton led the way for the Lady Pirates, finishing 10th overall at the meet with a time of 22:02.80. Bella Jackson placed 14th with a time of 22:59.60, Lucy Rivera placed 16th with a time of 23:49.40, Olivia Diffey placed 25th with a time of 24:24.60, and Adelaide Oelking placed 31st with a time of 25:09.10 to round out the top five scoring girls.

Elsy Wood was the only other Lady Pirate to run at the varsity meet. She placed 37th with a time of 25:35.30.

Nine athletes ran personal best races on Saturday, according to Kurz,



Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

Bella Jackson helps her team to a second-place finish at the Coronado Cougar Classic in Colorado Springs on Saturday, Sept. 19, with a 14th-place individual finish.

including Oelking, Easling, Diffey and Dempster.

JV runners setting new personal records on the day were Skylar Leiker, Matthew Mars, Breland Bridges, Jacob Freeman and Stetson Osborn.

"Lucy was the monster of the week, dropping 1:31 from last week, and Adi was close behind with an improvement of 1:14," wrote Josh Kurz.

This week the team will be hosting their home meet, the McGinn Memorial Cross Country Challenge, on Saturday, Sept. 26. There are currently five teams registered to race, not including Pagosa Springs.

The Lady Pirates' race is slated to begin at 10 a.m. atop Reservoir Hill, with the Pirate boys' set to follow at 10:45 a.m.

"We are pleased with the way our teams are progressing, and we encouraged our athletes to ensure that their actions and choices are consistent with their goals," wrote Josh Kurz. "In order to qualify for state, we must take charge of the things that we can control: diet, hydration,

sleep, attitude, work ethic, and quality stretching."

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GOLF

Pirates set to face off at IML Championship

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With flood damage canceling Monday's tournament in Farmington, N.M., the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team has only one regular-season tournament left before the state tournament in early October.

The Pirates were slated to play Monday, Sept. 21, at Pinon Hills Golf Club in Farmington, N.M.

"They had flood damage on the course, so we didn't get to go play," coach Mark Faber explained.

He added that tournament has been rescheduled for Oct. 6, which is also the second day of the state tournament.

The Pirates now have one regular-season tournament remaining —

the Intermountain League (IML) Championship at Cattails Golf Club in Alamosa.

That tournament is slated to begin at 9 a.m. today, Thursday, Sept. 24.

"It looks like it might be wet," Faber said.

Faber noted that he's never had tournaments canceled in his years of coaching the team, but has had two canceled this season.

In addition to hoping the team will be able to compete, Faber indicated the team has an eye on state, particularly when it comes to Chatwin Pickering.

"Chatwin's close to qualifying for state, so we'd really, really like to see that happen," he said, adding a good tournament would help.

As of Wednesday, Sept. 23, Picker-

ing was ranked 103rd, with the top 84 golfers as of Saturday, Sept. 26, advancing to state Oct. 5 and 6, which will also be held in Alamosa.

Tyler Dimond was ranked 37th as of Sept. 23.

"This is a great opportunity for those who do make state to play Cattails again," Faber said, adding that for the other Pirates it'll be another chance to keep getting better.

But, beyond being an important tournament for those who are looking to advance to state, Faber noted the IML tournament is a championship itself.

He explained the tournament determines the league champion, and helps determine Player of the Year and all-conference honors.

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School board approves multiple policies

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting held on Sept. 1, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BoE) unanimously approved multiple policies.

The board unanimously approved the first reading of the district's amended school transportation vehicle operator requirements policy.

Superintendent Rick Holt explained that the purpose of updating the policy is "to match that of the state," specifically to match the state's age requirement.

Holt explained that the district's previous policy had a minimum age limit requirement of 21 years, and the state's minimum is 18 years.

"We felt it best to be aligned with the state so that we could access as many possible drivers," Holt said.

Absentee policy

The BoE also unanimously approved the second reading of its amended students absences and excuses policy.

The board first considered the

amended policy at its Aug. 5 meeting, ultimately choosing to not take any action on the first reading and recommending changes to be brought for the second reading.

See the article titled "School district considering updated attendance policy" in the Aug. 20 edition of The SUN for addition information.

During the Sept. 2 meeting, Holt explained that language was added for San Juan Mountain School and Pagosa Family School "that operate under different guidelines," giving those schools the option to modify the policy at the school level.

"We want to make sure they had the flexibility to have a policy approved that met their needs," Holt added.

He also explained that the other BoE's suggestion on how daily attendance is calculated was added to the policy, along with how families can contact schools and the process for setting up a prearranged absence. "[The] rest of the policy remained unchanged," Holt said.

BoE member Amanda Schick com-

mented that a prearranged absence is an excused absence, but that it still counts toward the student's absence rate.

"We're also trying to highlight that those unexcused absences are really truancy. Those are the ones where we just have no idea, either we've witnessed a student leave campus without permission, or they've had no contact with families," Holt said.

He noted that the district has opportunities to talk to families to address those situations.

"What we're finding is that people were racking up excused absences at an inordinate rate that made them chronically absent," Holt said, noting that was happening under the guise that it was excused, "so it's OK."

He added, "We're trying to say that it's OK, but you need to be aware that you're missing learning opportunities ... specifically your child is missing opportunities to learn."

The BoE also noted that absences for school-sponsored events are excluded from the policy.

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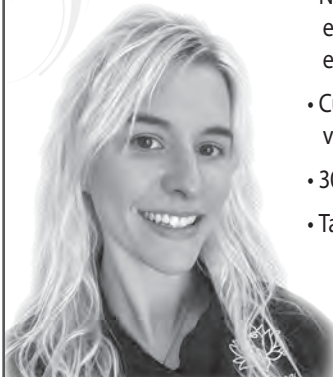
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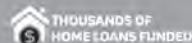


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The Pagosa Women's Golf Team, pictured, recently earned first place low net in the Four Corners Ladies Team Play Golf League. The season runs from May to September. There are eight teams in total in the league from northern New Mexico and Southwest Colorado.

FOOTBALL

Pirates give up multiple turnovers in loss, look to improve on ball security this week

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team lost to the Delta Panthers by a score of 49-0 last Friday, Sept. 18 in Delta.

The Panthers put up 21 points in the first quarter, followed by 14 points in both the second and third quarters.

Coach Nathan Morales spoke about how turnovers heavily affected the game, noting the Pirates gave up four turnovers in the first half.

"The whole game is my fault," Morales said.

The coach explained that he needs to do a better job of making sure everyone is prepared for each game.

"I thought the second half they played a lot better than they did in the first half," Morales said of the Pirates.

Morales stressed the importance of taking care of the football and not giving up multiple turnovers in a game.

"It just makes it tough to recover when we don't take care of the football," he said.

The Pirates put up a total of 111 yards of offense, with Hudson Mazur leading the Pirates in rushing yards on the night.

Mazur ran for 58 yards on eight carries.

Alex Pacheco racked up 33 yards on 11 carries, Kasen Limebrook ran for 12 yards on eight carries and Gage

Sams tallied 8 yards on five carries.

Limebrook was unsuccessful on his only pass attempt of the night.

On the defensive side, Reese Jenkins led the Pirates in tackles, coming up with six solo tackles on the night.

Pacheco, Sams and Jimmy Elledge each had five solo tackles, and Mazur had four.

Morales commented that the Delta Panthers are a notorious playoff team that is well-coached with good athletes.

"They did handle business," Morales said of the Panthers.

The Panthers are currently the No. 1-ranked team in the state's 2A division with an overall record of 5-0.

Morales also mentioned that Pagosa Springs is competing in a large, tough league this season, "which is what we want."

He explained that the Pirates want to be playing against quality opponents, "because we are a good football team."

He added, "We just gotta go out there and prove it every week, and last week we were not able to do that."

Morales noted that the Pirates plan to "learn and grow" from their performance against Delta.

Despite the loss, the Pirates moved up one spot in the state rankings over the week and are now the 22nd-ranked team in the state's 2A division with an overall record of 2-3.

League action will continue for the

Pirates this weekend as they host the Basalt Longhorns on Saturday, Sept. 26, at Golden Peaks Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 3 p.m.

When asked about preparations for the game, Morales explained that the Pirates "just gotta take care of the football," noting, "it's hard to win games if we don't have the ball to score."

Morales mentioned the Pirates were able to move the ball against Delta, but simply didn't take care of it enough to prevent turnovers.

With four games left in the regular season, including this week's game against Basalt, "every game counts for us," Morales said.

He noted that Basalt is another notorious playoff team and that the Pirates will need to do all of the little things right — take care of the ball, finish their tackles and move the ball on offense — in order to be successful against the Longhorns.

"Just gotta do the little things right. I believe in this team, and I believe they can do a lot, but it starts with taking care of the football," he said.

Basalt is currently ranked 11th in the state's 2A division with an overall record of 3-1, including a Western Slope League record of 1-0.

Morales explained that with this week's game being one of two remaining home games, "hopefully we can get everybody out there to support their Pirate football team."

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Assessments

■ Continued from front and math.

•Fourth-grade students showed the largest growth in proficiency, increasing by 14 percent in ELA and 16 percent in math from the previous year.

•Sixth-grade students demonstrated growth above the statewide median in both ELA (61) and Math (74), compared with the state's median growth of 50 in both subjects.

•SAT math median growth was significantly higher than the state average at 68 (versus the state's score of 50).

The press release further notes ASD also saw improved student performance in areas.

"At the high school level, ASD's average SAT scores increased in both Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math," it states. "With these scores, ASD exceeded the state average in both subjects for the first time in five years."

"These results give us a lot to celebrate as we start the year and reflect on the summative work that has brought us to this point," Holt said. "While we can't attribute improvement to any one effort, we can look at the collective work we've done to improve student outcomes. We've remained focused on high-quality instruction, strong curriculum and relationships, and aligning the rigor of classroom learning with grade-level expectations. Our cellphone policy has also helped create learning environments where students can focus more fully on teaching and learning."

The press release indicates district

and school leaders will use the results to identify areas where current practices should be maintained and areas requiring additional instructional focus.

"We need to look carefully at where students are performing at high levels, where we need to maintain that progress and where we need to put additional time, energy, and resources so that all students have access to rigorous grade-level learning and exceptional teaching," Holt said.

Holt also credits district teachers and staff for their continued work with students.

"So much of our success relies on the dedication and individual efforts of our teachers," Holt said. "Our school district thrives because we have a community of people who care deeply about our students and their success. These results give us reason to celebrate their work while continuing to focus on the students and areas where we have more work to do."

PPOS

During the Sept. 16 PPOS Board of Directors meeting, School Director Emily Murphy presented the school's CMAS results to the board, as well as school's performance rating.

In her written report, Murphy highlights:

• Strong academic growth in the middle school (sixth through eighth grades), which achieved a "Meets" rating for academic growth.

She also notes the middle school

exceeded growth benchmarks, with the middle school ELA median growth percentile (MGP) being 54.0, which "Meets state expectations" and the math MGP being 55.0, which also meets state expectations.

•Free/reduced-price lunch-eligible students achieved a 56.0 MGP in ELA and a 53.5 MGP in math, earning a meets rating in both areas.

• Overall, the elementary (third through fifth grade) academic growth received an "Approaching" rating with 48.8 percent of points.

The elementary achieved an MGP of 45.0 in ELA and 41.0 in math.

Murphy also that the school received an official rating of "performance plan" on the performance framework with 54.7 percent of overall points earned.

Murphy noted this is the first time PPOS has received that rating, which is up from last year's "improvement rating" with 50.8 percent of overall points being earned.

Murphy explained that when breaking down the "performance plan" rating, the middle school of PPOS received 62.4 percent of overall points, earning a "performance rating," which is up from last year's report with the middle school earning 50.8 percent of overall points and designated as an "improvement rating."

She also explained that the elementary school at PPOS increased from 39.3 percent last year to 47.1 percent this year, "which is an improvement rating."

the soil instead of being lost to the sun and wind," he said. "During the day, high temperatures, low humidity, and frequent afternoon winds drive up evapotranspiration, meaning much of the sprayed water evaporates or drifts away before it can benefit plants. By irrigating from about 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., more water reaches the root zone, coverage is more uniform, and plants are better able to absorb moisture, making the process both more efficient and healthier for vegetation."

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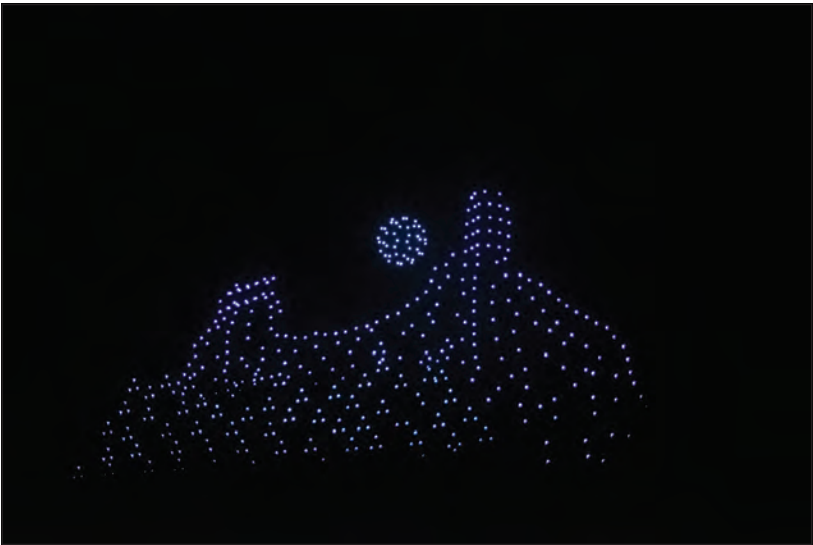
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For the 40th year, Colorfest brought color to Pagosa Springs last weekend, both through mass hot air balloon ascensions and a drone show, and through ground events, which included the Passport to Pagosa; Bands, Brews and Barrels; and Aspen House's Color Run.

40th annual Colorfest an astounding weekend of balloons, color and community

By Jenelle Syverson
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The 40th annual Colorfest turned out to be a gorgeous weekend of hot air balloons, music, local cuisine, brewers and distillers, and the 250/150 celebratory drone light show, all complemented by sunshine, welcome showers, community and color. The Passport to Pagosa featured a few new culinary talents along with some previous favorites. Winners included Coyote Moon for Best Vegetarian; Dublin Crust for Most Original; Patria for Most Flavorful, People's Choice and Best Decorated Booth; and Natalee's Artisan Micro Bakery for Best Sweet Indulgence. Pilots and crew joined in the tent for their reception, adding to the festivities. Maxwell Miller rounded out the evening with his lovely musical stylings, which went down as well as the wine selection. Weather blessed the pilots Saturday morning with gentle winds that allowed a full sky of color, along with

some splashing and dashing in the river during Breakfast with Balloons, while runners were colored for a good cause during the Color Run. The evening brought the Tylor Brandon and Bo DePena, along with brewers and distillers, for dancing and tasting before an outstanding balloon glow featuring eight of our generous pilots and their crews. Riff Raff took home the People's Choice Award for Brewers, while 1874 Distillery won the Distillers' People's Choice Award. A once-in-a-lifetime drone show was a highlight for 250 years of U.S. history and 150 years of Colorado history and culture, along with scenes celebrating our local Pagosa community. It made for a memorable ending, with the balloons still glowing and firing up to emphasize the celebration. Sunday brought more colorful skies over the west side of Pagosa to wrap up the weekend. None of these community events would be possible without the support of the community itself. So, a huge

thank you goes out, including to the and the most volunteers we have seen yet, including, in no particular order: Darren and Lindy Gant, Ryan Fay, Beverly and Ed Chester, Kim Collins, Paula and Andy Byra, Robert and Anne Faris, Tammy Koenings, Kelly Spence, Tricia and Dave Frank, Denver and Katie Dobbins, Nusi Hughes, Dana LeBeau, Kelly Hausler, Shayla Wayne, Davilyn Valdez, Jerry and Vicki Jones, the Denens, Art Koenings, Mike Kincaide, Jennifer Brown, Robert Melton, Davin Montoya, Loretta Paniagua, Kelly Maestas, David Harris, Emily Lashbrooke, Cynthia Sperry, Longinos Gonzalez, Mark Douthey, David Keese, Mark LeBeau, Oz Blanchard, Carissa McPeak and her husband, Julie Gurule, Brenda Alexander, the entire middle school track team and their coaches, the entire wrestling team and their coaches, and the high school and its maintenance staff. And a special thank you and farewell to our outgoing events coordinator, Angela Maxey. Best wishes to you on your new adventure.

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Runway for Rise Recycled Fashion Gala

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Team Sparkle Society will be bringing the sparkle to Runway for Rise for the first time on Oct. 3. From left to right are Amy Johnson, Falisha Plake, Allison Trujillo and Natalie Ortega. Not pictured is Stephanie Pham.

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Fashion meets purpose: Runway for Rise set to return for fourth year

Rise Above Violence

The creative energy is building as Rise Above Violence prepares to host its fourth annual Runway for Rise Recycled Fashion Gala on Saturday, Oct. 3.

This unique fundraising event challenges 10 teams to transform unconventional materials — thrift-store finds, nature elements, plastic and cardboard — into runway-worthy fashion statements.

But this competition is about far more than style; it's about saving lives.

Team Sparkle Society takes the stage

Among this year's competitors is Team Sparkle Society, making their debut appearance at the gala.

Team members Natalie Ortega, Stephanie Pham, Amy Johnson, Fali-sha Plake and Alison Trujillo share a powerful mission statement: "Ending domestic violence starts with awareness, grows through education, and succeeds through action."

Now, they're putting that philosophy into practice, channeling their creativity and passion into both their fashion creation and fundraising efforts.

The community can support Team Sparkle Society through online voting, where every vote equals one dollar and is donated directly to Rise. These funds provide critical help and safety to survivors of violence, making each vote a tangible act of support for those in need.

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fashion auction

This year's event introduces an exciting element: a live auction featuring a one-of-a-kind custom fashion piece by local designer Adrienne Young.

Raised in Pagosa Springs, Young pursued her passion for fashion by studying and working in Los Angeles

for eight years before returning home to continue her craft. Now back in her hometown, she creates custom pieces from her home studio and has designed for Thingamajig Theatre Company.

For this special auction, Young has created two stunning render-

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End of Life Education to meet Sept. 24

By Joan Mieritz
End of Life Education

End of Life Education will be hearing from the emergency response team on Sept. 24, and about the latest modern natural funeral options in person on Oct. 15.

We began our autumn 2026 series of classes on Thursday, Sept. 17, and will also be meeting on Thursdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 15 and Oct. 29, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. We will also meet on Oct. 20, which is a Tuesday.

I realize that this is no one’s favorite topic, but I cannot count the times that people have said to me how important and helpful these sessions have been. For people who have led a planned-for and orderly life, this can be even more difficult, and there is much that can help.

The meetings will begin at 1 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St, in the fellowship hall. Use the side door off the parking lot. (The front doors are often locked if there are no other church activities.)

On Sept. 24, we are planning on hearing from an emergency response team that shows up with the ambulance when 911 is called. It is an excellent presentation.

Here again is a crisis that is much better handled when people are prepared. This is when the do-not-

resuscitate paper needs to be on the refrigerator. Huge decisions are made at this time, and being prepared can mean life or death.

You will also learn how important the vote on Nov. 3 is to improve our emergency services without increasing the tax cost.

On Oct. 15, Keris Meskimen will be here again in person with a detailed presentation on the many new more-natural options for burial and cremation, such as water cremation and terramation, which is more quickly turning a body into soil, and other new options.

Our grandchildren will be using these new methods, but for now they are only available closer to Denver. But, it is more affordable to transport a body. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn the latest burial techniques.

There is so much to learn. In the future we are also planning on more time for large- and small-group discussions so you can explore your thoughts and feelings.

When you come you can get the booklet for end-of-life decisions that is given to you when you enter a hospital in Colorado. Now is a better time to get it. We are also hoping to have our newest, most important form for recording personal information needed after death in a hard copy, or request an email copy.

Runway

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ings for bidders to choose from—an elegant gown and a luxurious robe. Both pieces, titled “The Designs of Many Colors,” are crafted from vintage scarves and draw inspiration from Dolly Parton’s beloved song “Coat of Many Colors” and its empowering message.

The highest bidder will select which design Young will tailor-make exclusively for them. Preview both renderings now at Rise Above Violence’s website.

Supporting survivors through legal advocacy

Every dollar raised through Runway for Rise supports Rise Above Violence’s comprehensive services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. One crucial area of support is legal advocacy, helping survivors navigate the often-daunting criminal and civil justice systems.

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By demystifying legal processes and ensuring victims never face the courtroom alone, the organization

helps transform fear into resilience and independence.

In 2025, Rise helped 200 clients with court and legal support, including providing protection order assistance and preparation 130 times.

Thanks to fundraisers like Runway for Rise and generous community support, these services are offered completely free of charge.

Join the movement

With only a few seats remaining, time is running out to secure tickets for the live event.

However, voting remains open until the night of the gala, so there’s still time to support Team Sparkle Society and the nine other competing teams.

Don’t miss this opportunity to witness creativity, compassion and community come together for a vital cause. Purchase tickets, cast your votes, and view Young’s custom designs at www.riseaboveviolence.org.

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Rotary invites community to help clean up Put Hill

By Terri House
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is inviting community members, families, organizations and local businesses to roll up their sleeves and join a community cleanup of Put Hill on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers will meet in the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts parking lot before heading out to clean up Put Hill.

Rotary will provide work gloves, trash bags, grabbers, snacks and water, so volunteers simply need to show up ready to lend a hand.

Put Hill is one of the most heavily traveled and visible areas of our community, welcoming residents and visitors as they make their way through Pagosa Springs. Keeping it clean is a simple project with an immediate and very noticeable result.

And Rotary would love some company.

“We hope this becomes more

than just a Rotary cleanup,” said organizer and Rotarian Ben Fox. “We would love to see neighbors, families, community organizations and local businesses come out and work alongside us. This is our community, and taking care of it is something we can all do together.”

Local businesses are especially encouraged to gather a team of employees and join the effort. It can be an easy way to spend a couple of hours together outside the workplace while giving something back to the community.

For members of the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs, the cleanup is another example of the organization’s commitment to “Service Above Self.”

Rotary service can take many forms, from scholarships and youth programs to supporting local nonprofits and international humanitarian projects. Sometimes, however, service is considerably less complicated: a pair of gloves, a trash bag and a willingness to leave a little

corner of the community better than you found it.

Those small efforts add up quickly when people work together.

Community members do not need to be Rotarians to participate, and no special experience is required.

Just meet the Rotary crew at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts parking lot at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26. Volunteers can participate for all or part of the cleanup, which will continue until approximately 10:30 a.m.

Come meet your neighbors, help beautify Pagosa Springs and discover what can happen when a community tackles the trash together.

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The Mountain Chile Cha Cha, including the 18th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic, Salsa Competition and Margarita Tasting, will be back for its 20th year on Sept. 26 at Yamaguchi Park.

20 years of tradition: Mountain Chile Cha Cha to return Sept. 26

By **Jacque Aragon**
Mountain Chile Cha Cha

The countdown is on: The Mountain Chile Cha Cha will return to Yamaguchi Park on Saturday, Sept. 26, where the smell of roasting green chile will fill the air and 20 years of tradition will come to life with Latin music, margaritas, salsa, dancing and plenty of flavor.

The gates will open at noon, and general admission is \$10, with children 12 and under admitted free. Admission gets you into the festival to enjoy the music, vendors, beer garden, kids' activities, and all the sights and sounds of the Cha Cha. Green chile, salsa and margarita tastings are sold separately inside the event.

At 12:30 p.m., tasting begins for the 18th Annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic, featuring recipes from home cooks and local restaurants. Green chile tasting trays are \$15 and include 12 tastes, plus a tortilla or chips. Festival-goers can taste the entries and help choose the People's Choice winner, while private judging determines the top home and commercial entries.

Local restaurants will add even more flavor with the Salsa Competition and Margarita Tasting. Salsa tasting is \$5 and includes chips and salsa from participating restaurants, while two judges select the competition winners.

Margarita lovers can purchase margarita tasting tickets, enjoy creations from participating restaurants, and cast their votes for their

favorites.

Then there's the music.

Back by popular demand, Sangre Joven and Str8 Shot will return to the Cha Cha stage for an afternoon of Latin music and dancing, bringing the sounds of Northern New Mexico to Yamaguchi Park.

Fresh green chile will be roasted on-site, with several heat levels available for purchase by the bag or bushel. Food vendors, a beer garden and kids' activities round out the day. Rugby's Rescue will also be on-site with adoptable dogs looking for their forever homes.

The mission of the Mountain Chile Cha Cha is to build community in Pagosa Springs and the Southwest by celebrating and preserving Hispanic cultural heritage through culinary and musical arts. Event proceeds help support local youth and scholarships while also sustaining the Mountain Chile Cha Cha.

So, bring your appetite, grab your dancing shoes, and join us as the Mountain Chile Cha Cha celebrates 20 years of tradition on Saturday, Sept. 26, at Yamaguchi Park.

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St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will hold its Annual Clothing Giveaway on Oct. 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon, continuing a long-running effort to help residents prepare for colder weather. Donations will be accepted between 9 a.m. and noon each day from Oct. 3 through Oct. 9.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Annual Clothing Giveaway set for Oct. 9-10

By Michelle Chapman
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., will hold its Annual Clothing Giveaway on Oct. 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon, continuing a long-running effort to help residents prepare for colder weather.

The free event brings together donated winter clothing and footwear for people of all ages. Community members may browse the available items and select what they need, making the giveaway a practical way for neighbors to share useful clothing while reducing waste.

Volunteers will be available to assist in finding the right size and style while keeping the selection in good order for all guests.

Organizers welcome donations of lightly used, clean items suitable for the season, including coats, jackets,

sweaters, warm pants, shirts, hats, gloves, shoes and boots. Volunteers will be available to accept donations at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall, next door to Pagosa Springs Medical Center, between 9 a.m. and noon each day from Oct. 3 through Oct. 9. Sorting is much easier if the clean, lightly worn clothes are separated by genre and size.

Volunteers will sort and arrange the donations to make shopping easier. The annual project depends on the generosity of area residents and offers an opportunity to clear out closets while helping individuals and families stay warm through the coming months.

This annual event is important for our community, both the donors and the recipients. In years past we have had people overflow with gratitude at finding the perfect outfit for job interviews and construction workers beaming over an urgently need pair

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The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs’ annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance brings together friends and neighbors for a fun-filled, community-building evening. Every ticket sold helps fund Rotary’s many local charitable programs.

Kick up your heels for a cause at Rotary’s 11th annual Barn Dance

By Terri House
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

On Oct. 24, the Archuleta County Colorado State University Extension Building at 344 U.S. 84, will be transformed into a lively Western dance hall for the 11th annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance.

From 7 to 10 p.m., guests will enjoy the sounds of Vanishing Breed, featuring Colorado Country Music Hall of Famer and longtime area favorite Odis Sikes. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will be packed with more than just great music. Guests can bid in a silent auction. Hungry dancers will be treated to hearty fare from one of Pagosa’s favorite food trucks. To keep the fun going, contests for best dressed and best dancer will invite everyone to join in the spirit of the night.

The event’s proceeds directly support the club and Rotary’s scholarship program, which helps local graduates pursue higher education or vocational training. Over the past 40 years, the club has awarded more than \$609,000 in scholarships to deserving students.

“When you attend the Barn Dance, you’re not just buying a ticket — you’re opening a door for a student who might not otherwise have the chance to pursue their dreams,” said scholarship foundation chair Shellie Peterson.

Funds also support other vital Rotary initiatives, including the Feed

Our Children backpack program, Meals of Hope, the Dictionary Project for third-graders, youth exchange, teacher and community grants, and youth leadership development.

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Don’t wait; buy your tickets today at Tangled or Wednes-

day Bouquet. Tickets can also be purchased online at PagosaSpring-sRotary.org.

“We’ve seen firsthand how scholarships can change lives,” said Rotarian Livia Lynch. “This dance is our way of ensuring more young people in Pagosa Springs get that opportunity.”



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Thingamajig Theatre Company to open fall and winter season with ‘The Shark Is Broken’

By Tim Moore

Thingamajig Theatre Company

The making of “Jaws” was almost as dramatic as the movie itself. When the mechanical shark used in Steven Spielberg’s 1975 film refused to work properly in the ocean, production slowed to a crawl. The actors were left waiting aboard the fishing boat Orca, with little to do but talk, argue, drink and endure one another.

That stretch of downtime is the setting for “The Shark Is Broken,” the first production in Thingamajig Theatre Company’s 2026-2027 fall and winter season.

The play will open Oct. 9 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and continue through Nov. 15.

Directed by Laura Moore, the production stars Tim Moore as Robert Shaw, the actor who played the unforgettable shark hunter Quint; Scott Moorehead as Roy Scheider, who played police chief Martin Brody; and Cameron Vargas as Richard Dreyfuss, who portrayed marine biologist Matt Hooper.

The play does not attempt to recreate “Jaws” or retell the familiar story of Chief Brody, Quint and Hooper hunting a great white shark. Instead, it imagines what might have happened between takes, when three very different actors were trapped together on a boat while one of the most difficult film productions in Hollywood history continued around them. The result is part backstage comedy, part character study and part meditation on the strange business of making art.

The men argue about acting, fame, money and masculinity while they wait for the shark to function. They trade stories, needle one another and gradually reveal more than they intend. Beneath the humor is the pressure of a film that is running wildly over schedule, over budget and increasingly beyond anyone’s control.

“The Shark Is Broken” was written by Ian Shaw, Robert Shaw’s son, in collaboration with Joseph Nixon.

Ian Shaw was a child when he visited the set of “Jaws,” where he encountered the mechanical shark that would become one of the film’s most notorious problems. Years later, while wearing a mustache for another acting role, Ian Shaw looked into a mirror and saw his father as Quint looking back at him, prompting him to revisit the story behind the film.

Ian Shaw researched the production through interviews, documentaries, family stories and his father’s personal journals, including a diary that recorded Robert Shaw’s struggles with alcohol during the filming. The connection is especially personal because Robert Shaw died when Ian Shaw was still a child.

In the play, Ian Shaw takes on his father’s most famous screen role, bringing together professional research and an intimate understanding of the man behind the performance.

The play also builds toward one of the most famous scenes in “Jaws”: Quint’s account of surviving the sinking of the USS Indianapolis.

Robert Shaw helped rewrite the speech, transforming it into the haunting monologue remembered by generations of moviegoers. For Ian Shaw, performing the speech became both a theatrical responsibility and a way of engaging with his father’s legacy.

At its heart, “The Shark Is Broken” is about people waiting for something to work again. The shark is broken, the boat is unreliable, the production is in trouble and the men’s relationships are fraying. Yet, in that suspended space, something meaningful begins to emerge as the actors are forced to confront their ambitions, insecurities and very different ideas about what it means to create something lasting.

For audiences familiar with “Jaws,” the play offers a fresh look at the personalities behind the iconic performances. For those who have never seen the film, it remains a comic and human story about ambition, artistic frustration and three

actors trying to survive one another.

“The Shark Is Broken” opens Oct. 9 and plays through Nov. 15 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

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

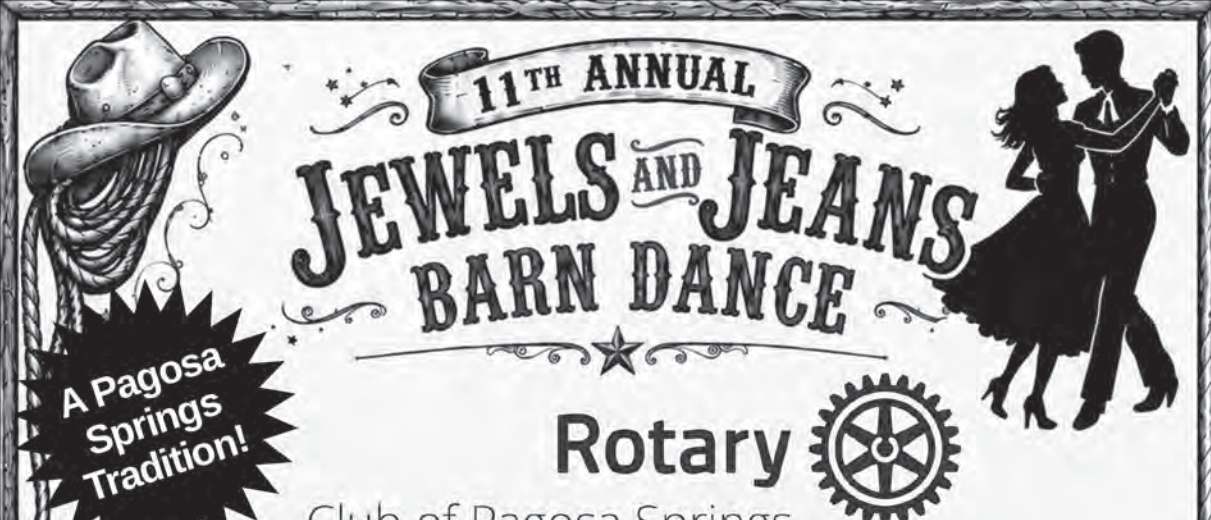
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Free books available from Pagosa Peak Genealogy Society

By CiCi Stuart

Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society

With the renovation of the Ruby Sisson Library, the genealogy section has also been renovated.

A limited number of books not online are housed at the library in a special genealogy section (the red corner cabinet in the main room). Others will be available at no cost at the next Pagosa Peak Genealogy Society meeting on Oct. 3, at the Community United Methodist Church, at 10 a.m.

Come to the meeting. The program will be Aimee Cross on “Cleaning Up Your Genealogy.”

Some titles are broad, such as “Index to Mexican War Pension Applications” and “Abstracts of Orphan Court Proceedings 1778-1800.” Others are more specific such as “Harford County [Maryland] Wills 1774-1800” and “History of Our Church--175 Years of Lutheranism in the Leechburg [PA] Community” (church records), “A Guide to Genealogical Research” and more.

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Less than a month left to join 100+ Women Who Care

By Marcy Mitchell
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

Pagosa women, you have less than one month left to join Pagosa’s 100+ Women Who Care group for 2026.

While building community with other women, your \$100 donation grants you membership for the year and makes a meaningful impact on the nonprofit community of Pagosa Springs.

Members may nominate one non-profit and vote at the giving event at Coyote Moon on Oct. 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you cannot attend, your \$100 donation will still go toward the award. Only in-person votes will count.

The top three nonprofits who receive the most nominations will be invited to give a pitch about their organization at the event on Oct. 30.

You must be a registered member to nominate and vote for nonprofits, but if you would simply like to donate

to the cause, that is wonderful. The link to register and donate is https://cfssc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=3508.

Only one nomination and one vote per member will be accepted.

To be eligible, the nonprofit you nominate must be:

- A registered 501(c)(3) or fiscal project of a 501(c)(3)
- Operating in Archuleta County.
- Willing to participate in the funding event by providing a 10-minute pitch and five-minute Q-and-A.

First place will receive 70 percent of the pot, and second and third place will receive 10 percent of the pot each. The Archuleta County Fund will receive 10 percent of the pot.

A link to the nomination form will be in the donation receipt, and the Community Foundation will email the nomination link in all member communications. You only need to submit your nomination once.

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Healthy Archuleta announces upcoming events

Healthy Archuleta

Fall is officially here. As we turn our attention away from the active garden season, Healthy Archuleta invites the community to participate in a new season of learning sessions, volunteer efforts and health initiatives.

- The fourth annual Archuleta Health Fair and Expo: Oct. 24.

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, a keynote speaker, breakfast and more.

We are also looking for volunteers to support this important community event. Learn more and register at: www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/

archuleta-health-fair-and-expo.html.

- Growers and Producers Forum: Nov. 5.

Save the date for the next Growers and Producers Forum on Nov. 5 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Ruby Sisson Library, Community Room A. The topic of the forum is “Water Wise.”

Join us to learn more about this important topic for Archuleta County. Healthy Archuleta Growers Producers is a space where local growers and producers learn about each other’s work and advance the efforts of local food production.

Learn more on our website at www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/events--happenings.html.

To learn more about these programs or stay informed on future initiatives, visit www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org, email fsfearchuleta@gmail.com, or follow Healthy Archuleta on Facebook and Instagram.

Genealogy

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Additionally, there are several extremely old printings. Other titles are family specific.

The authors of both the broad and more narrow books have spent many hours compiling their information. It is always interesting to compliment your own genealogy efforts and secure your knowledge with perhaps primary source documents.

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So begins today’s excerpt provided below.

According to the World Health Organization, alcohol is the third most harmful risk factor for chronic disease (WHO, 2003).

Research indicates that drinking more than 1 standard drink per day

for women and 2 for men is associated with increased risks of high blood pressure, stroke and some types of cancer.

As the amount of alcohol consumed increases, the risk of these conditions also increases. “We need to clear up misconceptions that people may have about alcohol and health,” says Rebecca Kavanagh, coordinator of the Smiths Falls FOCUS Community Coalition. “The bottom line is that for healthy people who choose to drink, reducing intake will help reduce the risk for chronic disease and other alcohol-related problems.”

This month, FOCUS communities across Ontario are launching a province-wide campaign to raise awareness about alcohol and chronic disease, including the risk of stroke.

Drinking more than 1-2 drinks per day and binge drinking (more than 5 drinks at one time) can double the risk of ischemic stroke and increase the risk of hemorrhagic stroke two to three times.

Alcohol use at these levels increases the risk of stroke by raising the blood pressure and contributing to obesity. Source: “A hangover may be the least of your worries.”

By Rebecca Kavanagh, <http://www.healthunit.org/chsr/measure/chronic/cvd/cvd.htm>

Bonus Tip: Visit <http://www.AmazingFacts.org> for spiritual refreshment every week!

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Archuleta Rural Health Network expands local workforce capacity through training series

Healthy Archuleta

Throughout the summer, the Archuleta Rural Health Network convened care coordinators, health care providers, community service professionals, community health workers, navigators and outreach staff for a series of professional development opportunities.

These sessions focused on strengthening support systems for individuals and families across Archuleta County.

The series grew out of direct conversations with local partners about the essential skills and resources they need in their daily work.

Although participants represent diverse organizations and roles, many share the goal of helping community members navigate complex health and social service systems, overcome barriers to care and connect with vital resources. The training series provides practical skill-building while establishing a shared framework and collaborative language across organizations.

The inaugural session in July focused on motivational interviewing. Participants reviewed foundational concepts, including OARS communication techniques and strategies to identify and encourage “change talk.” The workshop emphasized client-centered interactions that respect individual autonomy, foster trust and empower community members to set self-identified goals.

In August, the network hosted a session on trauma-informed care. Attendees first completed a self-paced online module through the Patient Navigation and Community Health Worker Training program, followed by a facilitated group session to translate core concepts into practice. Discussions moved beyond basic definitions to examine how trauma-informed practices can be integrated into daily operations, organizational cultures and broader systems of care — aspects particularly critical in a rural setting where cross-agency coordination and trust are paramount.

This fall, the network will host the third session in the series, focusing on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

The ACEs workshop will continue the blended-learning format. Participants will review online materials before the session to establish a common knowledge base for interactive discussion, peer learning and practical application. The workshop will examine how childhood adversity impacts long-term health outcomes while highlighting resilience, protective factors, and the transformative power of supportive relationships and community networks.

Together, these three workshops form a cohesive learning continuum.

Motivational interviewing equips staff with practical engagement tools; trauma-informed care provides insight into how historical trauma influences interactions; and the ACEs curriculum broadens the perspective on how early experiences and community environments shape long-term well-being.

In addition to skill-building, the series creates a dedicated forum for cross-sector collaboration across Archuleta County.

By learning together, care coordinators, health workers and community service providers can build stronger professional networks, align service approaches and improve overall care delivery for local residents.

This initiative is part of the broader efforts of the Archuleta Rural Health Network, a collaborative partnership among Healthy Archuleta, Archuleta County Public Health Department, Axis Health System and Pagosa Springs Medical Center, with Healthy Archuleta operating as the backbone entity. The network remains committed to enhancing health care access, navigation assistance, community education and service integration across the region.

Network establishment and background

The Archuleta Rural Health Network builds upon a multiyear foundation of interagency collaboration, originating from the informal Health Partner Coalition created by Healthy Archuleta and local health partners.

Following a 2024-2025 planning phase supported by a HRSA Network Planning Grant, with Healthy Archuleta serving as the administrative home, the network was formally established in June 2025 through a five-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) among Healthy Archuleta, the Archuleta County Public Health Department, Axis Health System and Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

The upcoming ACEs training underscores this commitment by directly addressing the priorities identified by local workforce partners.

Beyond the training room, community members can meet these dedicated care coordinators, health care providers and community health workers in person at the upcoming Archuleta Health Fair and Expo on Oct. 24.

Hosted and sponsored by the Archuleta Rural Health Network, the health fair offers a vibrant community space to connect with local health professionals, explore resources and experience the network’s collaborative care model firsthand.

Together, these integrated training sessions and public events reflect a sustained investment in the profes-

sionals and residents working to build a healthier Archuleta County.

ACEs event details and registration

The ACEs training session is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 28, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Care coordinators, health care and community service providers, community health workers, navigators, outreach staff and regional partners are encouraged to participate.

To register or request additional details regarding the location and session materials, please contact Healthy Archuleta at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

Archuleta Health Fair and Expo

For more information and to register for the 2026 Archuleta Health Fair and Expo, visit us at www.food-coalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-health-fair-and-expo.html.

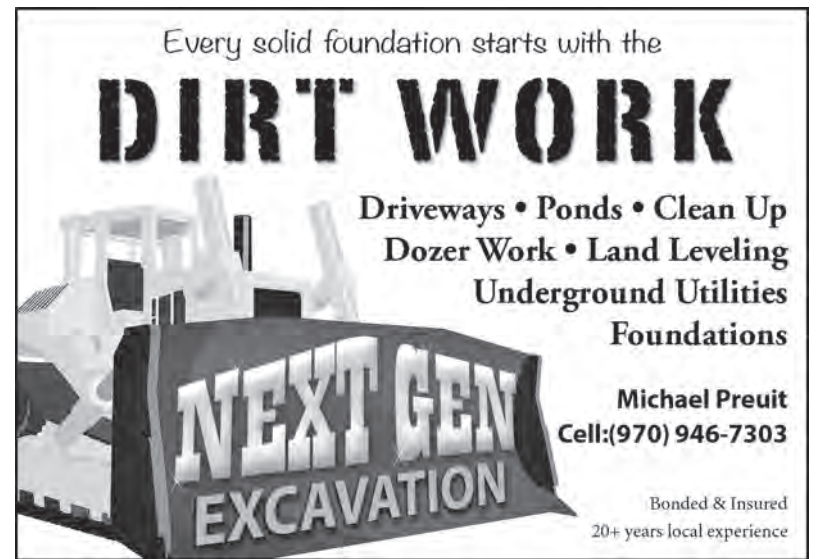
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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to focus on election, voting at Action Sunday gathering

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship will engage in Action Sunday on Sept. 27 at 10:30 a.m.

It is held each fourth Sunday.

The fellowship is an active partner in the UU Colorado Action Network (UUCAN). UUCAN serves as a resource for information specific to Colorado.

One action we take is to become informed about the democratic process and justice-focused issues which uphold our values. As we continue to learn about Colorado voting issues, we know that states and local jurisdictions administer our elections and are subject to federal laws passed by Congress. What that means is that defending democracy requires organizing at the state and local level.

Another resource available for our Action Sundays is UU the Vote. Its purpose is to mobilize voters, protect access to the ballot, recruit poll workers and election defenders, and build networks.

The commitment to making sure every eligible voter can participate, and that every vote is counted, is of upmost importance.

Participants at Action Sunday will address postcards to friends and neighbors, encouraging them to vote in the upcoming election.

A quote from a recent UUCAN email says it best: “People power our elections. Voters, poll workers, election officials, and election-protection volunteers make our democracy possible. While civic organizations and state leaders continue the legal fight for free and fair elections, each of us has a role to play.”

Visit us Sunday to join others engaging in our democracy with a small action.

The UU Fellowship is located in the Greenbrier Plaza, Unit B-15, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing Pagosa Peak. We celebrate diversity and foster a spiritual home of open minds, loving hearts and helping hands, and gather together for active hope.

The UU Fellowship space is available for adjacent groups to meet, such as Qigong practice on Monday afternoons at 1 p.m. The Wise and Wakeful Circle meets the second and fourth Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. This open group is a time of connection, mindfulness and engaging in community. The Tara Meditation Group will start up again Oct. 4 and is held Sundays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, check out the website, PagosaUU.org, for our current monthly newsletter and more.

Pagosa Catholic Community to hold new 14-part series on discovering the Holy Spirit

By Shanna Robb
Pagosa Catholic Community

Is it possible to tame a wild goose? Ask anyone who has encountered Canada geese and the resounding answer will be, “No.” Geese are untamable, unpredictable and will fiercely defend their goslings from any perceived threat. Perhaps this is why Celtic Christians called the Holy Spirit the “wild goose” (in Gaelic, An Geadh-Glas).

Unraveling the mystery of the Holy Spirit is the focus of a new 14-part video series titled “Wild Goose” that is produced by award-winning creators and studios. Fr. Dave Pivonka, president of Franciscan University of Steubenville, leads the unforgettable journey into the very heart of God.

Shot in various locations across the United States, the series weaves together engaging interviews, sacred scripture and Pivonka’s own story. The study guide provides a synopsis, discussion points and a list of reflections that are all tied to holy scripture.

The goal of the series is to awaken the hearts of those attending to the transforming breath of the Holy Spirit. Viewers will be invited to discover, or rediscover, a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit in their own lives.

Ready to tame the wild goose and encounter a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit? If yes, women are invited to join Women’s Fellowship starting on Monday, Sept. 28, at 9 a.m., with future gatherings scheduled every Monday at the same time. Men are invited to join Men’s Fellowship starting Oct. 13 at 6 p.m., with future gatherings every Tuesday at the same time.

Both groups meet at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church located at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. There is no cost to attend, and participants will be provided all accompanying study resources. All are welcome.

For more information, visit ih-mjp2.org or call the Parish Office at (970) 731-5744.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Male deer
- 5 Hose shade
- 10 Czech or Serb
- 14 Entice
- 15 "Li'l" comics guy
- 16 "La Boheme" heroine
- 17 Tues., for Tuesday
- 18 Accounts
- 20 "Missing You" singer John
- 22 It may follow a dot
- 23 Colleague of Ketanji
- 24 Slow flow
- 26 Imparts
- 27 David of "CSI: Miami"
- 29 Twelfth Hebrew letter
- 31 Dump-truck filler
- 32 Dance move
- 33 Resort
- 36 Rabbit ears
- 38 Addict's accomplice
- 40 Wallace of "E.T."
- 41 Barnyard cacklers
- 43 Unbending
- 44 Cousin of a raccoon
- 45 Stew pieces
- 46 Drink accessory
- 49 Eager, so to speak
- 51 Windy City airport
- 52 Batman and Robin, e.g.
- 53 Labor leader Chavez
- 56 MDF, for one
- 59 Drive-____
- 60 Flower with a bulb
- 61 Aquatic mammal
- 62 Burial chamber
- 63 Tallies
- 64 Michelob and Molson, e.g.

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- 1 Cole ____
- 2 Orchestral heavyweight
- 3 Act as a go-between
- 4 Writer Stein
- 5 Go for the bronze?
- 6 Taken ____
- 7 Opens, as a sleeping bag
- 8 Spread throughout
- 9 Memorable time
- 10 Lit up the room, maybe
- 11 Add pep to, with "up"
- 12 Change, as a bill
- 13 Some charge cards
- 19 Blessed with ESP
- 21 1950s president
- 25 Eye part

- 27 Iron follower
- 28 Top-notch
- 30 Upstanding guy
- 33 Goliath's undoing
- 34 Film legend Gregory
- 35 Word after martial or performing
- 37 Poison remedy
- 39 Clairol choice
- 42 Put into place

- 44 Affectionate touch
- 46 Vergara of "Modern Family"
- 47 Bronze finish?
- 48 Fanatical
- 50 Kitchen gadget
- 54 Battle needs
- 55 Like Dorothy's slippers
- 57 Go up and down
- 58 E.R. workers

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Our Savior Lutheran School to host Oktoberfest Fundraiser and Pig Roast

By **Hannah Longmire**
Our Savior Lutheran School

Our Savior Lutheran School is happy to announce that on Oct. 24 from 5 to 9 p.m. we will be hosting the inaugural Oktoberfest Fundraiser and Pig Roast.

Come join us for a fun filled evening with a full pig roast, open bar, silent and live auctions, and music by Pagosa's own Mountain Alibi.

Early-bird tickets are available for \$40 for a single ticket and \$280 for a table of eight. On Oct. 1, those prices

will increase to \$50 for a single ticket and \$320 for a table of eight. Go to oslcpagosa.org to purchase tickets.

Our Savior Lutheran School is a small, private, classical Christian school that offers classes for pre-school and kindergarten through eighth. As a private school that receives no government funding, we rely on donations, fundraisers and scholarships to keep tuition costs as low as possible for families.

All the proceeds from Oktoberfest will go toward scholarships to help families who are unable to pay the

full tuition.

So, gentleman, put on your lederhosen. Ladies, don your dirndls, and have a wonderful time supporting a good cause. You can purchase tickets at oslcpagosa.org.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming event

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 date for the following activity at the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center:

- Sunday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m.: Harvest Moon Celebration and Circle with potluck at Xanadu. A \$15 love donation will be collected. For more information, contact (970) 309-6067.

The center also offers educational classes and workshops.

About us

The SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is a 501(c)(3). We are an

all-inclusive community honoring all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine. We are the "Good Vibe Tribe" who practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

The vision of SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is to empower each participating member to become their "best self." Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through self empowerment and awareness of the creator's divinity.

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

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

St. Francis of Assisi annual Mass, celebration announced

By **Florian Gallegos**
Special to The PREVIEW

The St. Francis of Assisi annual

Mass and celebration will take place Oct. 4 at noon.

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Library announces major author event Oct. 2

By Barbara Brattin
PREVIEW Columnist

Now that we have a brand new community room, we are excited to announce a full lineup of in-person author events.

We kick off the series with best-selling author Miriam Horn — author, journalist, filmmaker and environmental advocate — on Friday, Oct. 2, from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

Horn spent 15 years at the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and six years at the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado, working on habitat conservation, landowner and community partnerships, and public education. Before joining EDF, she was a senior writer at U.S. News and World Report and freelanced for many years for The New York Times and other publications. Horn divides her time between New York City and Pagosa’s Blanco Basin.

Horn’s newest book, “Homesick for a World Unknown,” published by Penguin Press in April 2026, is the first full biography of legendary wildlife biologist George Schaller.

Schaller, now 93, is celebrated worldwide as a pioneer of modern wildlife biology and conservation, having mentored three generations of scientists. Despite his extraordinary impact, he spent more than half a century avoiding the public spotlight.

During her talk, Horn will share the remarkable lengths she went to in order to earn Schaller’s trust and become the author of his definitive biography.

This event offers a rare chance to hear from a nationally published writer and to gain insight into the private life of one of the most influential conservationists of our time.

For more information about the author and “Homesick for a World Unknown,” go to <https://miriam-horn.com>.

Next up in our adult education series:

- Oct. 6, 5 to 7 p.m.: Join Walt Dabney — former National Park Service superintendent and Texas State Parks director — for an eye-opening talk on how America’s public lands came to be, why most are in the West, the economic value of these lands and what we all stand to lose if they are transferred out of our common ownership.

- Oct. 15, 12:30 to 2 p.m.: The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association and Chimney Rock National Monument will present “Knowing our Ancient Puebloan Neighbors.”

Board vacancy

We have an unexpected vacancy on our library board.

The library board establishes library policies, oversees library finances, and advocates for the library in the community.

Members serve three-year terms and must be residents of Archuleta County. The time commitment is

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generally one meeting per month.

If you would like to serve, please send a letter of interest to director@pagosalibrary.org.

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, wood-working, 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>.

Radon detectors available for checkout

The Colorado State library recently partnered with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to provide a limited number of radon detectors to libraries for circulation.

The Ruby Sisson Library has two units available to check out with a library card for a three-week loan. Instructions are included in the kit. Reserve one through the library catalog or ask at the front desk.

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.”

If you need a little extra help, stop by and we’ll work with you. For extended help, our Tech Time drop-ins are every Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten prepares your little one for success

As a new school year begins, you

might be thinking ahead to your toddler’s first day of kindergarten. Will she be prepared?

The library has a free, fun program to give your child the head start she needs.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is an early childhood initiative that helps inspire a love for reading and literature while also helping our youngest readers get exposure to print and phonetics, and earn prizes along the way.

The goal is not to read 1,000 different books before kindergarten, but to simply read 1,000 times

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the hermit thrush.

True to its name, this bird lives a secret life by blending into the needles and leaves on the forest floor. Here it forages for insects and spiders hidden within the litter by shaking its feet to stir up prey. When startled from the ground, this bird's typical response is to perch low on fallen logs or shrubs and stare at the intruder while flicking its wings and slowly pumping its tail up and down.

The hermit thrush is brown above with a contrasting reddish-colored tail. It is shaped like a robin, but much smaller. Its underparts are pale with spots on the throat and breast. Red tail color and differences in song distinguish it from the Swainson's thrush, which also is reported here in summer, but in much smaller numbers.

With an extensive breeding range that includes northern hardwood forests and most mountainous and boreal forests north of Mexico, it is one of the most widely distributed forest-nesting migratory birds in North America. They are often found in open areas or at the edges of openings inside the forest. It is the only forest-dwelling thrush whose population has either remained stable or increased over the last 20 years.

The ethereal, flute-like song of the male hermit thrush is one of the welcoming sounds of the forest in spring and early summer. It begs you to stay still and listen. The song originates in a complex two-sided structure called the syrinx, which acts to resonate the sound that carries through the trees. This bird can control each side separately, enabling him to sing two different pitches or notes simultaneously. He can harmonize with himself.

Winter finds this thrush retreating to lower elevations and searching for berries before migrating south to areas in much of the southern United States and south through Mexico to Guatemala. Hermit thrush are late fall migrants and often some can still be found in our area as late as November as long as food is available. This may not be the case this fall since our hot, dry summer has resulted in few wild berries and fruits.

For information on events, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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before they begin their journey to expand their knowledge. If your little one has a favorite book that they want you to reread to them immediately after finishing it the first time, then that counts as another book read.

Every 100 books is a milestone where our young patrons can receive a small prize or an experience at the library. At the end of their journey, they will receive a grand prize as well as an invite to a celebration at the library with all of those who have finished their 1,000 books before kindergarten.

Sign-up is free and easy. Enroll today by visiting the library.

Colorado Parks Passes for checkout

Fall is here. Have you visited a Colorado state park this year? Colorado state parks require a paid pass to enter, but you can borrow one from the library for a few days at no cost to you.

Passes come with a backpack filled with nature guides, binoculars and fun activities. Reserve yours today.

Note: Colorado State Park passes are not valid for Chimney Rock National Monument.

Activities calendars

Pick up monthly calendars at the library or check the website, www.pagosalibrary.org/events-calendar, so you don't miss any of the free programs, events and activities available to you and your family.

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Enjoying a safe and healthy fall season

By Ricardo Martinez
PREVIEW Columnist

As summer gives way to fall, cooler temperatures, changing leaves and shorter days create wonderful opportunities for seniors to enjoy the beauty of the season.

Fall is a great time to walk, visit with friends and family, enjoy seasonal activities, or simply spend time outdoors appreciating the changing colors.

At the same time, the change in weather means it is important to prepare for cooler mornings and evenings by dressing in layers and keeping a jacket or sweater nearby.

Staying active throughout the season can help maintain strength, balance and overall well-being, but seniors should pay attention to changing weather conditions and avoid outdoor activities when temperatures, wind or other conditions make them unsafe.

Safety around the home is especially important during the fall. Wet leaves, uneven walkways and early darkness can increase the risk of slips

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and falls, so keep sidewalks, steps and entrances clear and well lit. Check outdoor lighting, wear sturdy shoes with good traction and use handrails when going up or down steps.

Fall is also a good time to make sure heating systems are ready for colder weather and that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.

At Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI), we encourage older adults to stay active, connected and informed throughout the year. Our programs provide opportunities for nutritious meals, exercise, socialization and activities that help seniors remain engaged in the community.

Enjoy the beauty of fall, take a few extra precautions and make the most of this wonderful season.

Holiday Closure

ASI will be closed Monday, Oct. 12, for Indigenous Peoples Day.

Senior Conversations

The very popular Senior Conversations with local Bill Salmansohn takes place on Mondays from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

However, the group will not meet on Oct. 12 due to Indigenous Peoples Day.

Salmansohn brings to the conversations a variety of topics designed to stimulate discussions within a safe and comfortable environment as we explore our well-being and shared experiences.

This is a unique opportunity to connect with others in the Archuleta community, fostering sharing and friendships.

Snacks will be provided.

Afterward, hosted by Robin Williams, stay for a get-together created for those who wish to continue the conversation. This opportunity is typically from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., following Senior Conversations. The group occasionally reconvenes as an informal gathering at various local

restaurants.

Stretching and mobility classes

Community members are invited to attend free weekly classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., in the back of the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The stretching and mobility class-

es for adults age 55 or better are designed to help build balance in the body through functional exercises that aim to improve mobility and flexibility.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of techniques that can help enhance overall movement efficiency.

Though not necessary, a mat is

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Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays. Taylor helps with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets, and also provides assistance in accessing the library's online resources. No appointment is needed, but please bring your device's charger and passwords with you.

New books collections brimming with interesting titles

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New in large print

• "Those Who Are Gone" by Laurie King. Cold-case detective Raquel Laing investigates a drug dealer's murder while uncovering disturbing connections between her past and an international cartel.

• "Heart of Glass" by Jennifer Hillier. Twenty-five years ago in Seaside, Wash., three teenage friends met a drifter at an amusement park named Wonderland. Days later, one of them, Lorelei, was found murdered.

• "The Boat House" by Fern Michaels. Running their inherited marina in a quirky, picturesque New

Jersey shore town, siblings Madison and Lincoln Wainright discover what could be a map to Captain Kidd's lost treasure.

New fiction

• "Conspiracy" by Colleen Coble is the latest book in her "Sanctuary" series. Wildlife veterinarian Paradise Alden is hunted by a trained leopard while trying to solve the 15-year-old cold case murder of her parents.

• "People Watching in the Desert" by Cali Adeline stars a "lonely young woman who prefers to observe the world rather than participate in it and the seismic repercussions that follow when she steps out of her own bubble."

• "Sumblimation" is described as "a mind bending thriller about personhood, homeland nostalgia, global migration, and all forms of alienation."

New biographies

• Sportswriter Peter Gammons delivers stories of personal encounters and conversations with baseball's greats in "It's All about the Players: What I've Learned from Baseball's Best."

• "Cormac McCarthy: A Legacy Revisited." Pulitzer prize winning author Terry Daugherty explores McCarthy's journey from his early days in poverty and obscurity in Tennessee to international literary fame.

• "Brady: An American Story and the Price of Greatness." A biography of Tom Brady exploring his obsessive discipline, relentless pursuit of success and the personal costs of his legendary football career.

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recommended for this class.

The program is instructed by local ballet dance instructor Dee Pitchon, who will provide modifications to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the exercises.

American mahjong

American mahjong is played using a set of tiles and the current year score card. Play includes groups of three or four players and follows a pattern of division exchange and display of tiles.

Bring your card and come to play or watch and learn from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the Senior Center.

Bridge

The game of bridge is held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of play, with the final round reached sometime between two and three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Rummikub

Come check out Rummikub on Tuesdays from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. It is a tile-based game for two to four players, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong.

Emotional freedom

On the second Thursday of the month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., join the "Tappers," who practice a self-regulation technique to relieve symptoms of anxiety, depression, insomnia and more.

Everything you need to get started is included in this fun, engaging, supportive class taught by Judith Newman, LPC.

Mindful drawing

Mindful drawing is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Join our friendly instructor, Roberta Strickland.

Classes are every Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Senior Center.

This activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

Mexican train dominoes

Mexican train dominoes meets

on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tai chi

Tai Chi classes are held again now at the Senior Center on Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Tai chi is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this meditative practice. The 19 movements and one pose are designed to stimulate, circulate and balance the vital energy that is inherent in all of us.

Bingo

Join us for bingo on Oct. 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Participation is free, and all we ask is you bring yourself and a friend for an hour of joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes for all winners, and snacks will also be provided.

No RSVP is required; just show up.

All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with an adult chaperone. Seats are first come, first served.

Scrapbooking and crafters club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking and Crafters Club continues to hold monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., within the dining hall in the Senior Center.

This creative tradition has been happening since 2005, and we invite all creative individuals to come and share ideas, connect with new and old friends, learn/share creative techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together. Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group.

Help us create an intergenerational community. Those ages 18 and older are welcome. For those youth age 17 and younger, we kindly request an adult chaperone accompany them.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com and you will receive a notification each month of the upcoming meeting, along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking and more.

Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join local elders, their friends, family and community at the Community Cafe, also known as the Silver Fox's Den, in person for delicious meals Mondays through Fridays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Grab 'N' Go pickup via our convenient portico is also available all week.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 8:45 a.m. weekdays. Please say whether it is dine-in or Grab 'N' Go. Our dining hall is open to all ages

and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$6, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10.50 charge for guests under

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the age of 60.
Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage.

Community Cafe menu

Call or text (970) 264-2167 before 8:45 a.m. Please note that occasionally the menu must be changed on short notice.

Thursday, Sept. 24 — Pumpkin ravioli with sage butter, wilted spinach and onions, garden salad, fruit, muffin, and milk.

Friday, Sept. 25 — Pork carnitas, refried beans, tortilla, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Monday, Sept. 28 — Beef lasagna, garlic bread, wilted spinach, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 — Thai chicken with peanut sauce, quinoa rice pilaf, snap peas, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 30 — Perfect 10 codfish, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 1 — Pork tortilla soup with cotija cheese and tortilla strips, garden salad, fruit, lemon poppy seed muffins, and milk.

Friday, Oct. 2 — Eggplant Parmigiana, pesto asparagus, garden salad, fruit, carrot cake and milk.

Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. The meals are delivered by our wonderful volunteers. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167 for how to sign up for the program.

Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Mountain Express Transit senior paratransit services

Seniors over the age of 60 can be verified to receive services through discounted paratransit services, free bus rides and pick up at your home to bring you to the Senior Center for lunch. To become eligible, there is a form to complete.

Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry can contact the Mountain Express Transit (MET) to schedule a ride with its paratransit service.

Call the Archuleta County MET at (970) 264-2250 for information.

Medicare assistance by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare

plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 403-6759 for an appointment and where to meet.

Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has positions open. Terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term.

Potential candidates should be at least 21 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

Please stop by our offices at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. to pick up an application or call (970) 264-2167 for more information.

Support the Senior Center

Starting in 2026, small donations can be deducted without itemizing your tax return. It is the Permanent Universal Charitable Deduction.

Here's what this means: For tax years beginning after Dec. 31, 2025, those who do not itemize can deduct up to \$1,000 for individual tax filing and \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly.

The goal of this provision is to recognize and encourage charitable giving across all income levels, potentially boosting donations from middle-income households who may not itemize their deductions. This change has the potential to significantly impact charitable giving patterns by incentivizing a broader base of donors.

You may mail your donation to ASI, P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or please visit our website: www.psseniors.org/ (donation button).

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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.

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., Senior Center. 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.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Kirtland Central.

Friday, Sept. 25

Pagosa Christian Women's Retreat.

Sonlight Christian Camp. There will be worship, uplifting teaching, activities and fellowship. The guest speaker will be Becky Johnson. The cost is \$220 for six meals and two nights of lodging. For more information, visit pcwomenretreat.org.

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.

Birding at Chimney Rock Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour is presented in partnership with the local chapter of the Audubon Society and affords a wonderful opportunity to observe and learn about birds that are native to the area. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

'Patterns in Nature' Nature Journaling Hike. 9 a.m.-noon, Reservoir Hill. Hike up Reservoir Hill while discovering and journaling about patterns in nature. There is a \$10 materials fee. Register by calling (970) 264-5931.

Baby Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join for stories, songs and giggles. Stay and play after storytime and connect with fellow caregivers. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Early Explorers: Construction Site. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 3-5 with caregivers. Explore the world of construction in a safe and age-appropriate environment. Get ready to make crafts, read some stories, move around, play in the sensory bin and more. Dress for mess.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Pagosa Christian Women's Retreat.

Sonlight Christian Camp. There will be worship, uplifting teaching, activities and fellowship. The guest speaker will be Becky Johnson. The cost is \$220 for six meals and

two nights of lodging. For more information, visit pcwomenretreat.org.

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour ex-

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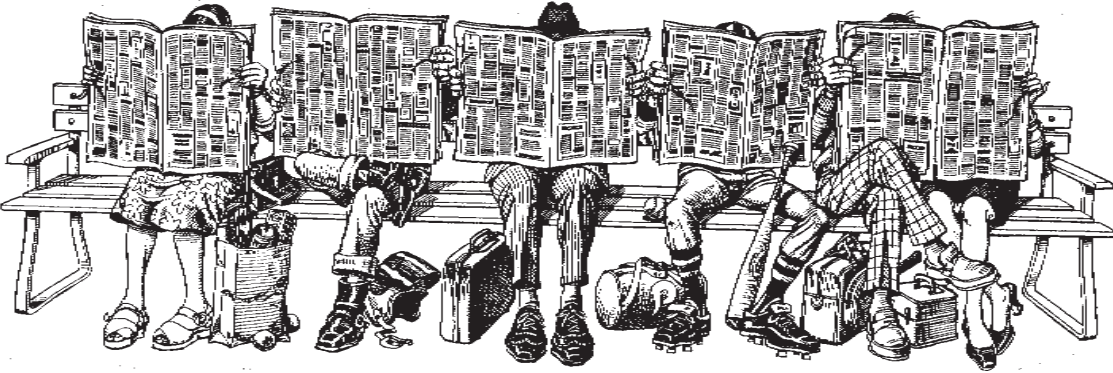
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Put Hill Cleanup. 8-10:30 a.m. Meet at the parking lot at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts to join Rotary in cleaning up Put Hill.

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.

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.

Rockets-Themed LEGO Build. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Bring your own LEGOs or use the library's. This month's focus is on rockets.

Mountain Chile Cha Cha. Noon, Yamaguchi Park. Celebrate fall with green chile, live music and more. Admission is \$10, with those 12 and under free. Chile tasting tickets are sold separately at the event.

Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Any type and experience level of needleworker is welcome.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Football. 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Basalt High School.

Full Moon Program and Early Tour. 4:45 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Combine the Full Moon Program with an early, guided tour of the Mesa Village Trail to create a four-hour event. The cost is \$30. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. Masquerade Ball. 6-9 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Choose your finest disguise and join ASI for a night of dancing, dining and giving back. For tickets and more information, visit www.pssseniors.org or call (970) 264-2167.

Full Moon Program. 6:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A three-hour event culminating in a unique experience of viewing the moonrise from atop Chimney Rock Mesa. Prior to that, a presentation will highlight the Ancestral Puebloan ties to astronomy and the Chacoan culture. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids.

For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Sunday, Sept. 27

Pagosa Christian Women's Retreat. Sonlight Christian Camp. There will be worship, uplifting teaching, activities and fellowship. The guest speaker will be Becky Johnson. The cost is \$220 for six meals and two nights of lodging. For more information, visit pcwomenretreat.org.

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Monday, Sept. 28

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.

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

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.

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.

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. 29

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.

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.

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.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., Tai-Bankkok. The cost is \$20. All women are welcome. An RSVP to (970) 946-1895 is required by Sunday night, Sept. 27.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Rummikub. 1:15-3:45 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen Secret Snacks. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 14-17. 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.

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history of the area through

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Managing unexpected dental emergencies in Pagosa Springs

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Knowing proper first aid steps before reaching a clinic can safeguard your oral health.

For severe toothaches, rinse with warm water and floss to remove trapped food, but avoid placing aspirin directly on gums to prevent tissue irritation. If a permanent tooth is knocked out, hold it strictly by the crown, avoid scrubbing the root and keep it moist in milk or saliva. If a broken tooth creates sharp edges, temporary dental wax can protect cheek tissues.

Apply a cold compress for swelling, but seek emergency medical care immediately if swelling affects breathing or swallowing. Lost crowns should be saved, but never use household glue.

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Dentists diagnose underlying causes to deliver targeted treatments, including root canal therapy to clear infected tissue, draining abscesses, applying dental bonding or extractions when teeth are unsalvageable.

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League of Women Voters of Archuleta County. 5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. There will be discussion on the three local ballot initiatives and more.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

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.

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.

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.

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.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mexican Train Dominoes. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mindful Drawing. 1:30 p.m., Senior Center.

LEGO Challenge: Bridge Building. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-10. Come by yourself or with a team to build a bridge out of LEGOs. Build the strongest bridge to win a small prize and bragging rights.

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, Oct. 1

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.

'Vibrant V Rock' Geology Hike. 9 a.m. The hike is free, but sign-up is required at SJMA.org.

Medicare 101. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging will present on the ins and outs of Medicare to help you be ready for your enrollment.

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

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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.

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

Friday, Oct. 2

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.

Author Talk with Miriam Horn. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Horn is a bestselling author, environmental advocate, journalist and filmmaker.

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.

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Climbing the mountain

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

When I look around, I see exhaustion in everyone. It's like we are all climbing a steep slope to a distinct peak. Guess what? We are. Many of us are too busy climbing the mountain that we lose sight of Jesus waiting for us at the summit.

As I walk through the last days of my Sweet Al's life, I am seeing little things, which I missed in the climb. The summit is becoming clearer as I reach the top and a new panorama is in view. As I look back over the years, the climb is piling, fatigue is gone and worries are no more. Catching sight of the face of Jesus takes away the pain.

And what does this summit look like? Not what, but Who. Jesus is the summit. He's our destiny, our destination. This life, with all the trials and temptations, has been building our character. We are becoming more like Him, and He is preparing us for that day when we finally see Him face-to-face.

As I prepare for the next Bible study, two words come to mind. Throughout the Gospel of John, the apostle often starts with, "After these things," and adds that Jesus departed from Galilee or Jerusalem or somewhere else. "All these things" are some of the signs and miracles Jesus embarked upon in order that they might believe He is the Son of God. He climbed the hill to the cross in order to make His departure.

There is a difference between embarkment and departure. Embarkment for us is like buying the ticket, packing the suitcase, meeting obligations, making reservation for our pets and checking the schedule. Departure is setting sail. It is when the ship leaves the shore.

We are climbing to the summit that we embarked on long ago through faith in Bible studies, prayer and scriptures. This spiritual journey has been exhausting. We have changed, learned and banged our knees. We've encountered the bears and lions. Many of us have come to understand that our biggest enemy

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is ourselves.

We've been climbing this mountain set before us. At this point in life, getting closer to the summit, we are catching a glimpse of the One who has been waiting for us, the Bridegroom. He has been preparing a place for us, His Bride.

Writing this book has been difficult. It has almost eaten my lunch and also my editor's. It is like climbing a very steep rocky cliff. Every step has been challenged, every word has been tweaked, and every phrase has been questioned. I've come too far to turn back. The only way is up. The due date keeps changing, but it will happen.

I've been working on this book since January 2024. I prayed and felt like the Lord was saying, "You have the mind of Christ. View this final edit from Christ's mind. See every word from Jesus' view, from the top of the summit. It looks different from there."

This project is based on an allegory, a fictional story, between the Shulamite and King Solomon. For the believer, it is Christ's love for his bride. It is a letter from God's heart, and the Song of Solomon has been considered the most controversial book in the Bible, yet carries some of the most tender words ever written.

God's words have emboldened me. His poetic expression of deep intimacy and affection for his bride shows Jesus' heart toward me. This project is part of my climb to the summit.

Final brushstroke: On this intimate spiritual journey, we are learning to take life one step at a time, only to reach the summit one day. Jesus is waiting for us.

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