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Photo courtesy Archuleta County
Above: Snow-dusted mountains peek through the clouds after the areas mountains received their first snowfall of the season on Tuesday, Sept. 29. **Left:** A portion of County Road 500 floods on Wednesday, Sept. 30, as Pagosa Country continues to receive steady rainfall.

Storm causes record high river flows, road closures

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Pagosa County has seen consistent steady rainfall over the last week, causing record flows on the Piedra and San Juan rivers.

In the early morning hours of Tuesday, Sept. 29, the San Juan River flow peaked at 2,510 cubic feet per second (cfs), setting a record high flow for that date.

The Piedra River reached a peak flow of 2,410 cfs early in the morning on Tuesday, Sept. 29, also setting a record high flow rate for that date.

Record high flows continued with both rivers on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

As of 2 p.m. on Wednesday, the San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs was flowing at a rate of 1,190 cfs.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), based on 90 water

years of record, the previous record high for that date was set in 2014 at 902 cfs. The record low was set in 1953 at 12 cfs. The median flow for that date is 92 cfs, and the mean flow is 163 cfs.

As of 2 p.m. Wednesday, the Piedra River near Arboles was flowing at a rate of 1,890 cfs.

According to the USGS, based on 63 water years of record, the previous record high for that date was set in 2014 at 1,390 cfs. The record low was set in 2018 at 14.4 cfs. The median flow for that date is 107 cfs, and the mean flow is 190 cfs.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Blanco River at the Pagosa Springs dam peaked at a flow rate of 677 cfs.

It notes that the “historical peak” was set on Aug. 24, 1992 at 3,130 cfs.

■ See Storm A18

General election ballots to be mailed Oct. 5

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Ballots for the Nov. 3 general election will be mailed to active registered voters beginning Monday, Oct. 5.

The election will be a mail-ballot election in accordance with Colorado law.

Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta indicated there has been a steady flow of people coming in to pick up ballots due to happenings at the federal level concerning mail ballots, but noted there

are no changes to how the election is being conducted.

Archuleta cautioned, however, that voters may have to wait a bit longer to receive their ballots via mail due to Oct. 12 — Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples’ Day — being a holiday.

She noted that, if a ballot is not received, call the Archuleta County Elections Office, or go in to receive a ballot.

The last day for a county clerk’s office to mail a replacement ballot is

■ See Ballots A7

Town, county discuss status of Country Center Drive access closure

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the status of a potential road access closure to Country Center Drive off of North Pagosa Boulevard during a joint work session held on Monday, Sept. 28.

Town Manager David Harris provided an update on the matter, explaining that he spoke with representatives of Kroger Real Estate and that a verbal agreement had been reached with Pagosa Realty LLC that “allows City Market to make initial repairs to Country Center Drive ... and undertake the maintenance operations moving forward with costs split between City Market and Pagosa Country Center LLC.”

Harris continued, referencing the “message” from Kroger Real Estate explaining that the current access issues are on Pagosa Realty property and City Market does not have rights to make repairs over the property.

“This new agreement will allow City Market to make repairs and

maintain the drive aisle in perpetuity at the cost of City Market and Pagosa Country Center Drive LLC,” Harris said.

He also explained that the legal documents are drafted and with the parties for review.

Mayor Shari Pierce asked about a possible timeline for the repairs, with Harris explaining that they’re waiting on the parties to review the documents.

Pierce commented that she appreciates “some progress” being made on the matter.

Commissioner Warren Brown explained at the previous town and county joint work session that the potential posting of a closure notice was discussed with the purpose being to protect motorists from vehicle or personal damage.

Brown also explained that he received a letter from the owner of Rosie’s Pizzeria on the matter, which he then read.

The letter expresses frustration about the county’s proposal to close the access road, stating that it would hurt small business owners.

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On to state



Photo courtesy Mark Faber
A pair of Pirates — Tyler Dimond and Chatwin Pickering — will represent Pagosa Springs High School at next week’s 3A state championship in Alamosa. For more on the Pirates and the tournament, see related article on A15.

PAWSD ends drought restrictions

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) exited its mandatory drought restrictions on Monday, Sept. 28, due to recent precipitation, according to a report from District Engineer Justin Ramsey.

This change removes the tier rate multipliers for higher water use and other restrictions that were in place under prior drought stages.

PAWSD’s drought management plan sets its drought restrictions based on water levels in the San Juan River; water levels in Lake Hatcher, one of the district’s primary reservoirs; and National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) drought levels for Archuleta County;

among other factors.

Ramsey states that the San Juan River was flowing at 339 cubic feet per second (cfs) as of Sept. 28, above the median Sept. 28 flow of 90 cfs and last year’s flow of 57 cfs.

He indicates that curtailment of PAWSD water diversion on Four Mile Creek has ended, and Hatcher Lake is now receiving water again and its level is rising.

The NIDIS has also downgraded all of Archuleta County from extreme to severe drought, Ramsey states.

Ramsey states that the water levels in Hatcher and the San Juan River flows are sufficient to remove the district from drought restrictions.

He added that precipitation in September has been 272 percent of normal September precipitation.

PAWSD considering rate increases, budget cuts to help 2027 budget problems

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors pondered the district’s 2027 budgetary problems with increasing costs, potential cuts and rate increases at its Sept. 24 meeting.

PAWSD District Manager Andrew Connor explained to the board that the district’s operating accounts currently are projected to have a \$1.6 million shortfall for 2027 between the anticipated revenues and the revenues needed to meet the district’s debt obligations.

Jack Dossett, PAWSD’s comptroller, stated that the district has an

obligation to meet a debt service coverage ratio of 1.1 for its debts, meaning that the district’s net operating revenues, which is total revenues minus expenses, must be 110 percent of the payments that the district must make to its creditors.

He indicated that PAWSD’s debt payments have grown by \$543,000 for 2027, negatively impacting this ratio.

Dossett explained that calculation of the district’s net operating revenue does not factor in general fund revenues or capital expenditures and instead only incorporates the district’s enterprise fund revenues.

He stated that the district is at a debt service coverage ratio of 0.7 in 2027 with its current budget, but

would need to reach a ratio of 1.1 at a minimum.

Connor commented that, if the district has issues with pipes rupturing due to a cold winter with limited precipitation or other unexpected costs, it needs to have funds set aside in its operating budgets to pay for these issues without falling below debt service coverage threshold.

Dossett stated that service fees are the primary revenue sources for these enterprise funds.

He explained that another issue contributing to the budgetary challenges is that PAWSD’s health insurance expenses will rise by 14 or 15 percent in 2027, even after a switch in insurance providers.

He added that, for its general insurance, the district has received more in claims than it has paid in premiums over the last several years, leading to an increase in its insurance premiums in 2027.

Connor noted that the distinction between billing various expenses between capital and operations expenses is complex, with operational expenses generally having more flexibility but contributing to debt service coverage issues, and capital expenses not contributing to debt service problems but requiring specific budgeting for any expenses incurred.

Dossett added that all supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) ■ See PAWSD A8

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OUR VIEW

Part of something bigger

As we mentioned last week, Monday, Sept. 28, was World News Day, and, among other things, it was a day to celebrate and focus on the fact that journalism, especially local journalism, is a vital part of our civic infrastructure.

Trusted local journalism is important, and it is the presence of trusted journalism across our nation, both at the local and national level, that helps us maintain democracy.

On the heels of that, we'd like to offer our annual thank you for trusting us to bring you information about the news, happenings, events and people of Archuleta County.

This issue begins a new chapter for us at of The SUN as we roll into Volume 119. That means another year of bringing our community news and entertainment is in the books.

And what a year it's been. The last year has brought historic flooding, historic fires, historic anniversaries, good news, heart-breaking news, maddening news, news that gives us hope, news related to the governments and organizations that lead our community, and a whole lot of events and personalities.

We can only imagine what our next 52 issues will hold.

And we can't wait to continue to bring it to you.

Every day in this job we connect with this community's past, present and future, which is a unique blessing. Looking back helps us learn from our successes and our mistakes and to see how history repeats itself (this week's "Legacies" is a great example); taking

in the happenings as they happen shows us where we are, what we're accomplishing and where we need to improve; and looking ahead to future meetings, events and opportunities serves as a reminder that we've not only come a long way, but there are a lot of people who care about this community and are working to make it more successful, healthier and a little more fun.

Connecting with the past, present and future also helps us remember that all of us here are simply stewards of something bigger.

The SUN — and, more importantly, our community's past, present and future — is something bigger than each of us.

We're just grateful to be a part of it.

The SUN has been around since 1909, and it's our job to continue the commitments we've made to our readers and advertisers to ensure we pass a vibrant SUN along in the future.

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We love the stories we get to hear, the people we get to meet, the connections we might have never made without serving in this role.

We love that so many of you make a point

to stop in our office every Thursday morning, no matter the weather, to pick up your copy of The SUN or grab an extra PREVIEW so everyone in the house can do the puzzles. We love the conversations we get to have and the stories we hear as we meet new people each and every week.

We also love that we get to work with local students to help increase media literacy.

In 2021, The SUN began partnering with area schools for our Newspapers in Education program, and we are pleased to continue to do so. Through the program, students at multiple local schools receive copies of the newspaper each week.

Research shows that newspapers as a teaching tool offer myriad benefits.

Among other things, the program seeks to help students gain a better understanding of local government, links real-world experience to the classroom and encourages critical thinking.

Beyond that, we are also very happy to be a part of education surrounding media literacy, which continues to prove to be a critical skill in our world, especially with the continued evolution of AI.

We also know that local journalism is incredibly important and will continue to be important as these students grow and become community leaders themselves. Local journalism is what keeps our community informed and connected, day after day, and is vital to a healthy democracy.

We hope to, in our small way, help ensure democracy prevails.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 1, 1926

Work on the gravel walk on Hermosa street and the concrete walk on east Pagosa street is progressing in splendid shape.

The New Light and Power Co. ditch broke late Sunday night and the city was without power until late Monday evening, when the auxiliary steam plant was utilized. The ditch break was repaired yesterday.

The Robinson & Schilder circus, owing to the rainstorm, failed to arrive in Pagosa early enough Monday to show, but remained over until the following day to present their show to crowded houses — or rather tents.

A telegram received yesterday from Carl S. Milliken, secretary of state, informs us that the supreme court has rendered a decision to the effect that Amendment No. 4 is not to appear on the official ballot. This was the famous or infamous Civil Service Amendment.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 28, 1951

The next Congress will be asked to give preliminary authorization to the proposed San Juan River water to the Rio Grande.

Colorado River Commissioner Fred E. Wilson said the commission has been asked to draft the bill.

The proposed project would consist of about a half dozen dams along the upper Colorado and its tributaries of which the San Juan is one. The storage project would "control and regulate" flow of the river. Mr. Wilson said to aid in administration of the Upper Colorado compact and provide hydroelectric power.

Mr. Wilson said it was reported from Washington that Secretary of Interior Oscar Chapman would ask for preliminary authorization for the Shiprock irrigation project for northwest New Mexico. He would agree, it was reported, to preliminary authorization to the transmountain diversion division project.

That project would channel San Juan water across the mountains into the Chama river and then into the Rio Grande.

The extra water to reach the Rio via tunnels and canals would be used for supplementary irrigation in the Rio Grande valley.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 30, 1976

One of the best items of news to come along in quite some time was the announcement Monday that the bill introduced and sponsored by United States Congressman Frank Evans had passed the House of Representatives. This bill would eliminate the tributaries to the Piedra River, other than in the Wilderness area, from study for classification as a wild and scenic river.

It was rain and more rain this past week with a total of 1.68 inches of precipitation at the U.S. Weather Station in town. This brought the total precipitation for September through Wednesday of this week to 3.78 inches.

This is the heaviest rainfall for September since 1970 when 5.68 inches fell. Last year 1.64 inches fell. There have been only three out of the past 18 years when more than three inches of rain fell in September. This would seem to make this an unusually heavy rainfall month.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 27, 2001

Sales taxes collected in Archuleta County continue to come in at a record-setting pace. Through August, collections for the year amount to almost \$3.3 million, 13.5 percent above collections for the same time last year.

August totals were compiled before Sept. 11 terrorist attacks impacted the national economy. The effect of the terrorist attacks on the local economy as reflected in retail sales will show up in next month's sales tax collection report.

A 6.91 percent sales tax is levied on most retail sales and services within Archuleta County, including within Pagosa Springs town limits. Most of the collections are made within town, since that's where most of the businesses are located. Of the 6.91 percent, the state skims 2.91 percent off the top. The remaining 4 percent is divided equally between the county and the town.

Both county and town dedicate sales tax receipts to capital improvements. More specifically, the county dedicates 1 percent to the general fund and 1 percent to capital improvements.

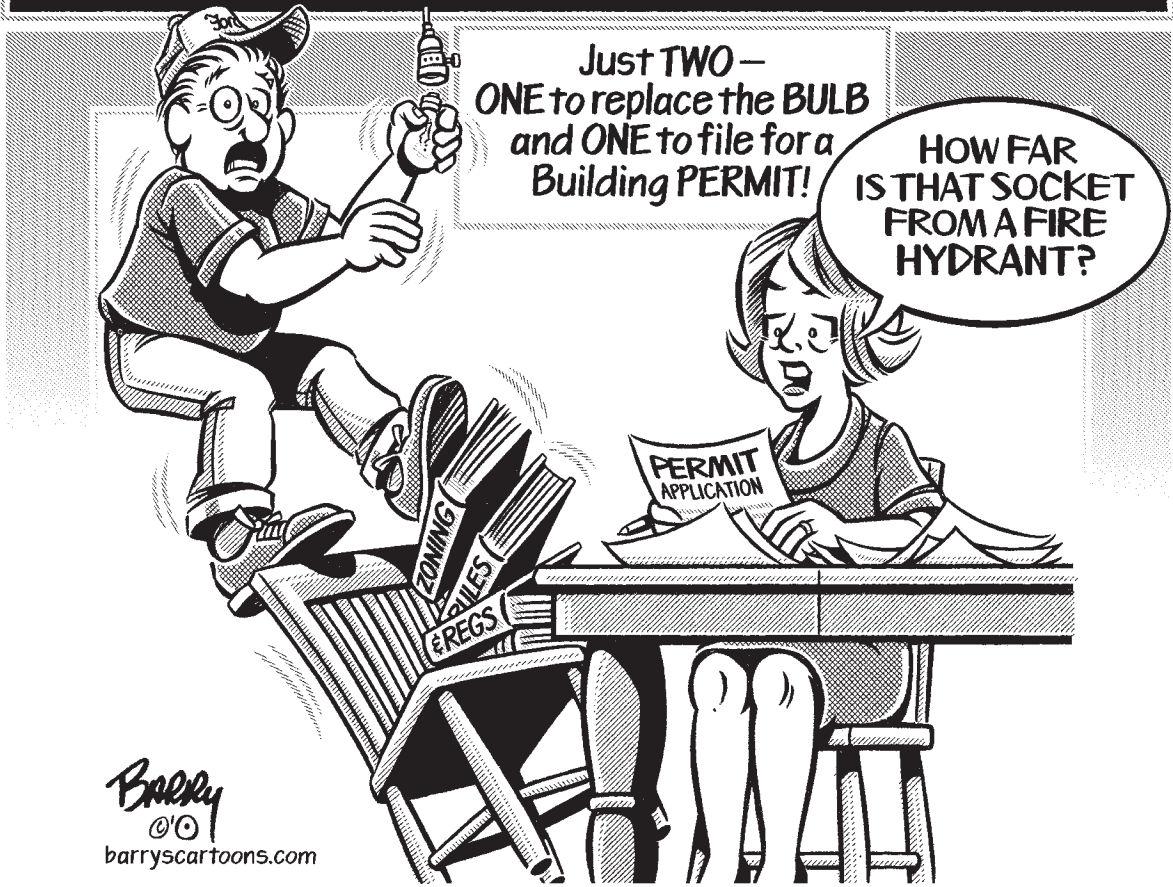
On Jan. 1, 2003, 2 percent of the tax shared by the county and town expires. Town voters approved a replacement 2 percent sales tax during 1999. County voters are being asked to approve a 2 percent sales tax on the coming Nov. 6 ballot.



From the Oct. 1, 1970, Pagosa SUN — SCHOOL BAND — The local school band appeared in the homecoming parade last Friday and at the football game Saturday. Although small, the band performed well and added to the success of the parade and the football game.

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HOW MANY FOLKS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHT BULB?



Weather data

Date	High	Low	Precipitation	Moisture	Type	Depth
9/22	70	42	0.05	NA		NA
9/23	57	49	1.12	NA		NA
9/24	59	48	0.10	NA		NA
9/25	64	43	0.00	NA		NA
9/26	70	38	0.50	NA		NA
9/27	71	43	0.25	NA		NA
9/28	56	46	0.10	NA		NA

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Letters

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Re: Keeping the workforce

Dear Editor:

Although I appreciate and sympathize with Beverly Compton's concerns expressed in last week's letter to the editor, I believe her position is short-sighted.

I have lived in the Southwest since 1996 and in Pagosa Springs for more than 25 years. I know what it means to work multiple jobs and live paycheck to paycheck. I also know how fortunate I am to wake up every day as a resident of this amazing community.

To me, voting against the bond issue means voting against the children sitting in our classrooms today—children who will become the next generation of workers, parents, business owners, teachers, and community leaders.

I was fortunate to grow up in a small farming community in Central Illinois where residents chose to invest in my education and that of my classmates by voting for a new school. At the time, gas prices were painfully high, food and everyday expenses were rising, and many families were feeling the financial strain. Yet my community recognized that investing in its children was an investment in its future. I vowed that I would always try to do the same for the community in which I live, even when doing so is financially difficult.

And, with respect to the working families Beverly is concerned about protecting, I believe we also need to ask: What about our teachers and school staff?

They work in buildings that, in my opinion, are far from adequate—and in some cases, far from safe. We have heard about leaking ceilings, sewage backups, black mold, and aging facilities. At the same time, teachers and staff work for salaries that can barely sustain them, while the cost of health insurance can make quality coverage difficult to afford.

Our children deserve classrooms with natural light, modern and functional facilities, and environments that support learning. But our teachers and staff deserve better, too. They deserve to work in buildings that are safe, healthy, and worthy of the people who dedicate their lives to educating our children.

This bond is an investment in our children, our educators, and the future of our community. I understand that it comes with a financial cost. I also believe that some investments are worth making, even when they are difficult.

Please join me in voting YES on 5A.

Sincerely,
Ann Bubb

A strange experience

Dear Editor:

I'm hands down shaking while typing this. I don't care if people think I'm crazy or on something. I know what I saw. Last night around 10:30 PM, I pulled over on a turnout off Highway 160, right before the Wolf Creek overlook. My truck's alternator has been acting up and my headlights started flickering out, so I wanted to check the battery before I got stuck in the pass. It was freezing, pitch black, and completely dead silent. I was under the hood with my flashlight when I heard this heavy, metallic clack. Like two massive river rocks smashing

together. Then the ground literally vibrated. I thought it was a mini earthquake at first because the tools in my truck bed started rattling. I turned my flashlight toward the woodline. About thirty yards out, standing right in a gap between the ponderosas, was this thing. At first I thought it was an old dead tree trunk, but it was too straight. And it was huge. Easily 10 feet tall. I shined the light directly on it and my stomach just dropped. It wasn't a bear. It wasn't a person. It didn't even have hair. Its body looked like it was made out of chunks of jagged, black volcanic rock—like that dark basalt rock you see around the valleys—but all woven together with thick, gnarled pine roots. It was incredibly skinny, with arms that went past its knees. It didn't have eyes or a nose. Just a smooth, hollowed-out face that looked like an old ash cave. When the flashlight hit its face, it didn't run. It just slowly turned its head. I could hear the wood and rock grinding inside its neck. Scrrrch-clack. Then it stepped forward. Its feet were like solid blocks of stone. When it hit the dirt, the vibration went straight through my boots and up my spine. My teeth actually ached from the frequency. I didn't even close my hood. I jumped in the cab, slammed it into drive, and tore out of there. My headlights were cutting out the whole way down the pass. When I got home, I looked at my compass app on my phone and the needle was just spinning in circles. It's still broken today. Has ANYONE else seen this? Is there some kind of weird mining equipment out there or am I losing my mind? I'm not driving that pass at night ever again.

John Ediths
Cape Town, South Africa

Support for 7B

Dear Editor:

Voters of Archuleta County and parts of Mineral and Hinsdale counties will soon receive ballots which include Proposition 7B. The proposition asks voters to permanently exempt Pagosa Springs Medical Center (Upper San Juan Health Service District) from the limitations imposed by the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR). The exemption does not affect voter property taxes at all. It will insure that the Medical Center will be free of limitations on its ability to receive government grants for things like ambulances, medical equipment and facility improvements.

Our local hospital and EMS service have depended on government grants for millions of dollars in the past and will continue to do so in the future. Please vote YES on Proposition 7B.

Thank you,
Mark B. Floyd

Support for Dwayne Romero

Dear Editor:

Enough is enough for me. Congressman who takes PAC and corporate donations are slaves to their donors. Why would a 3rd District Congressman vote to injury his constituency by voting for the Big Beautiful Bill. Haven't the rich had enough tax breaks? Out with those who just follow the lead of the money guys.

The question is will we be better in the next two years if a Republican Congress continues to forfeit their responsibilities? It will only get worse. It is already too bad already!

Join me in voting for Dwayne Romero. A West Point graduate in Engineering and Army veteran who received a Bronze Star. He is refusing to take PAC or corporate donations, instead relying on small donations. He is relying on the voters of CO-3 to break the stranglehold of the wealthy. Dwayne Romero is a successful businessman who wants to make life affordable for everyone in rural Colorado.

Go to romeroforcolorado.com and see more of his accomplishments. Join the Romero campaign and let's regain control of our lives.

Bill Fowler

Support for Katie Stewart

Dear Editor:

Experience and success in government matter, so there is every reason to re-elect Katie Stewart to the Colorado House of Representatives. Rep. Stewart has achieved so much in her first two years as a representative for southwest Colorado that it is difficult to summarize it.

She sponsored and passed, along with our Senator Cleve Simpson, a bill that would allow EMT services to bill insurance and Medicaid for treatment done at a person's home, or at the site of an accident, and be able to transport a patient to a non-emergency provider. Previously, if the EMT provided treatment but did not transport a patient to the emergency department, the EMT would not be paid. That created financial stress for the EMT service providers. This is particularly relevant to Archuleta County because our EMT is a public service provided by our hospital district. It can also spare the patient an expensive emergency room visit.

Rep. Stewart also sponsored a bill that allows compounding pharmacies to continue to operate in our state. You may need a medication that is different from the one produced by a pharmacy company, or the medication you need can be produced less expensively by a compounding pharmacy. The bill allows you to get that personalized medicine and savings.

We know that housing expenses in mountain resort communities are more expensive than in urban areas. She sponsored a bill that increased the allowable income threshold for affordable housing to 120% of the area median income (AMI) so that more people can qualify. The law will also allow an eligible organization to temporarily rent units it cannot sell.

A bill that Rep. Stewart and Sen. Simpson sponsored has particular relevance for Archuleta County right now. It allowed counties to raise the lodging tax up to 6% and expanded its permitted uses when approved by local tax payers. We will be deciding whether to raise lodging taxes here during this election.

Water is a contentious issue. Rep. Stewart has proposed that transmountain diversion water rights be reevaluated in light of the long-term decreases in snowpack. She has also

■ See Letters A4



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

Crews set forms at the intersection of Piedra Road and Harman Park Drive as they prepare to pour new concrete curb and gutter and sidewalks.

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of Oct. 5-9

Work activity

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.

- 1st Street intersection: Beginning the week of 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: The south side of the 5th Street intersection will remain closed as work continues. 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: Crews are prepping the south side of the 7th Street intersection for paving operations. Please note that pedestrians and vehicles should utilize 5th Street and Lewis Street and 8th Street as alternatives to cross U.S. 160.

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sponsored a resolution to force the federal government to honor its responsibilities to tribal water rights.

Rep. Stewart sponsored a bill that gives tribal members free access to state parks so they can visit those ancestral lands for free.

Prenatal care is important to protect both the mother and the fetus. Rep. Stewart, mother or stepmother to six children, knows this. She passed a bill that requires insurance companies to pay for up to three prenatal visits with no co-pay or deductible.

Another bill that Rep. Stewart sponsored is call “Preventing Sexual Abuse in Jails.” This bill prevents jail personnel from viewing video strip searches. In La Plata County 117 inmates in 3,000 instances were subjected to this abuse of power.

Let’s keep Katie Stewart in the Colorado State House so she can continue this exemplary record of service and success.

Lynn R. Frederick

‘Thinking Like Water’

Dear Editor:

Monica Nigon has written about the upcoming presentation of the “Thinking Like Water” film at the Liberty Theater on October 8 at 7:00 PM. It documents Bill Zeedyk’s investigations and projects regarding restoring watersheds and wetlands in New Mexico and Utah, using very simple hands-on techniques. The film presentation is a must-see event. If you have already seen it, go again. Bill’s work documents the negative effects of animal and human traffic in wetland areas resulting in packed soil, rapid water flow during rain events, and the development of head cuts that dramatically increase erosion, further degrading the surrounding water table. His simple structures, called one-rock dams, along with some slightly more complicated ones, have shown that strategically slowing water flow and allowing sedimentation can rapidly and permanently restore these areas to vibrant ecosystems.

I have personally witnessed this happening in the Canjilon Lakes area of the Carson National Forest. The area transformed from a dry, eroded gully into a lush wetland with flowing water, the upwelling of a new spring, and spongy water-soaked ground in only 6 months.

As a participant and sponsor of the construction of the Zuni dam and two one-rock dams in the Turkey Springs area last year, I can attest that the outing was fun, productive, and satisfying.

See the film. Learn about the simple things we can do to restore our riparian areas and help reduce downstream flooding. Think about what you can be doing on your own property or in eroding landscapes to reverse the trend.

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could organize one day per month for the community to meet and construct some of these structures to preserve and restore our woodland and wet-

land environments.

I’m all in!

Robert Hagberg, MD

What’s raising costs

Dear Editor:

In a recent Cortez Journal column, Rep. Katie Stewart blamed the war in Iran, federal tariffs and wildfires for shrinking family paychecks. Those issues affect our economy. But Stewart left out something much closer to home: the higher costs approved by Colorado lawmakers.

Stewart voted yes on HB25-1296. That law denies Colorado workers the state tax benefit of the new federal deduction for qualified overtime pay. Federal law lowers the tax on qualified overtime, but Colorado still taxes it.

State analysts estimate about 500,000 Colorado taxpayers could be affected. The same bill also made interstate telephone services subject to state sales tax.

Stewart voted yes on SB25-285, which raised the maximum annual inspection fees charged to restaurants and other food businesses. The increases begin at 25% in 2026, followed by additional increases in 2027 and 2028.

Those expenses do not disappear. They can show up in the prices families pay for meals and groceries.

She also voted yes on HB26-1223. Beginning in 2027, the law extends Colorado’s sales tax to many downloaded software purchases. State analysts estimate it will collect \$44.4 million in its first half-year and \$92.2 million the following year. The bill uses that money for tax credits for qualifying families, but businesses and other software buyers will still pay the new tax.

Stewart also supported SB25-321, which allows certain vehicle-emissions inspection fees to double. That law mainly affects Front Range drivers, but it is another example of Denver approving higher charges for Coloradans.

She even voted for HB26-1418, which would have added a 5% fee to certain online video-game purchases. Gov. Jared Polis vetoed it, so families were spared that cost.

Katie Stewart cannot control a foreign war or federal tariff policy. She can control her votes. When she writes about affordability, she should acknowledge the taxes and fees she supported in Denver.

Families understand that government services cost money. They also understand that every new tax, fee and mandate eventually comes out of someone’s paycheck.

If Stewart believes rising costs are hurting families, she cannot keep blaming Washington while voting for higher costs at home. Southwest Colorado deserves a representative who will ask one question before every vote:

What will this cost the people I represent?

We need accountability from Denver, not excuses about decisions made somewhere else.

Kelly Hegarty
Durango, Colo.

Take care of home

Dear Editor:

I write today about nonpartisan local issues with a few partisan candidate notes at the end. The theme is the same, however: vote to take care of home.

Look for three local issues on your ballot.

Issue 7B extends a TABOR waiver Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) has had for 20 years. Vote YES to keep the waiver in place, protecting PSMC’s ability to accept government grants. Past grants – totaling about \$6.4 million – have funded the outpatient clinic, wellness facility, and medical equipment. Losing the TABOR waiver could jeopardize future grant funding for things like new ambulances.

Issue 5A will provide funds to replace two aging school buildings with one new K-8 school. The cost to maintain and repair the existing buildings saps funds otherwise used to pay operating expenses – teachers, equipment, and supplies. The old buildings are no longer fit for educating our kids. (Yes, our County has school-aged kids – not just old people and tourists.)

A YES vote on 5A is a commitment to funding that would match a competitive state grant (the “BEST” grant). Showing local support will strengthen the Archuleta School District’s BEST application, and no new taxes will take effect unless the District wins a BEST grant.

The School District and a public advisory committee spent more than a year talking to the community and studying options. Renovating existing buildings is not the best approach. It would be a huge expense that doesn’t solve fundamental problems – like classrooms with no windows and no external walls to add them.

Years ago, Town leaders opted for the “cheaper fix” of pumping wastewater uphill to a PAWSD treatment plant. That has turned out to be a costly error. We shouldn’t take the bait of a “cheaper fix” again.

Issue 1A will increase the County lodging tax. Additional tax revenue will be used for roads (80%), emergency services (10%), and childcare (10%).

We also need representatives in Denver and Washington who will help us take care of home. Katie Stewart is our State Representative (HD59), a Democrat who has delivered. One example. When the rules for state affordable housing grants didn’t work for Archuleta County, she got a bill passed to change them.

Barb Clementi is a retired teacher who shows up and takes seriously the duties of the State Board of Education.

Dwayne Romero is an Army veteran and businessperson running for Congress against Jeff Hurd. Romero isn’t beholden to an administration that favors billionaires over healthcare for working people, and he won’t support tactics like tariffs and unchecked wars that drive up the cost

of everything.

Hurd had a chance, and he caved. He’s trying now to show his independence, but Hurd voted as Republican leaders demanded to cut food benefits and Medicaid (which helps fund rural hospitals) so rich Americans can have more tax breaks, to restrict voting, and to let the Iran war continue unchecked.

Romero will stand up and be an unwavering voice for rural Colorado. Candace Jones

Support for 5A

Dear Editor:

I am currently serving as Archuleta School District Board President, but I am writing to express my personal opinions, not those of the Board.

Local schools say a lot about a community and reflect some of our deepest values. We are fortunate to have excellent schools in Pagosa because we have dedicated and highly capable teachers, excellent administrative leaders and parents who care deeply about their children’s education. We also have aging buildings that require an exceptionally large percentage of the operating budget just to maintain. The buildings that serve our pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students have limitations and constraints that the annual maintenance budget does not address. Windowless rooms and poor drop-off and pick-up locations are just two aspects of the buildings that are sub-par.

With the upcoming ballot measure 5A, we have a chance to come together as a community and build facilities that reflect a community priority, providing the best educational experience for our children. The vibrancy of a community is tied directly to the overall quality of its schools. New families are drawn to towns that invest in kids. Even if you do not have children in school now, I certainly don’t, we all benefit when we have a thriving school system and active parents operating businesses, working here, and lending a hand to all we do as a community.

This bond measure has a unique feature that we have never had before. The tax will only occur IF the district is able to win a BEST state grant of 50 million dollars. We will be able to build a new prek-8 school with a 40% contribution from the state of Colorado now. No one can say for sure if these funds will be available in the future.

The last time our community approved a ballot measure to build a new school was in the mid 1990’s. That great “new” high school is almost 30 years old and that building debt has long since been paid off. Let’s come together and build a new school to serve our children for years to come.

Bob Lynch

Attendance policy

Dear Editor:

Children and parents should not be punished for tardies or absences. There are often extenuating circumstances.

■ See Letters A5

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Many kids legally drop out of school by age 17. Courts get involved, leaving parents to seek alternative options.

I'm tired of hearing older people say that kids today have no manners or respect. I see adults in the same boat. I ask, "Were you ever a teenager?" No response. Respect goes both ways. It's these same kids who use those respectful manners when it matters most.

Forget the national average. Stop pressuring educators to teach to the test. Our kids are showing growth in many areas even when we are not watching them.

Some advice from a retired teacher who used to be in the trenches: No tardy rule. Instead, let the student know upon showing up to class, you are glad to see them. No questions asked. The student is left with their dignity intact.

If a student has a prearranged absence--on vacation or hunting, don't lesson plan. Wish them well and excuse their work because there are still opportunities for them to meet the required state standards. Students will be eager to share exciting experiences upon return.

Other present-day situations are doctor, dentist, and orthodontist appointments that interfere with a student's attendance--real-life opportunities that show how the real world works. Parents should be commended for providing these. What better teacher! These same students are learning from the time they get up until the time they go to bed, every day, just in different settings.

When did we stop trusting parents' judgements? They are the only ones who should determine whether their child's absence is excused or unexcused. They are the only ones who know what's best for their child. They are trying their best to raise hardworking, self-sufficient, responsible, independent kids.

According to Rick Holt, "People were racking up excused absences at an inordinate rate that made them chronically absent." What does that even mean?

As educators, we are only there to meet every student with the skills they bring, to build upon those skills, to nurture them, and to help them climb the educational ladder.

We need to stop judging parents and their kids for their circumstances. We should continue to encourage our students to use their critical skills, to question their choices in this chaotic world, and yes, to encourage them to come to school whenever possible.

Let's stop making so many rules only to give exceptions along the way. Every kid and every situation is a unique exception to the rule and should be treated as such.

Let's stand together to pave the way for our future leaders who deserve the very respect, trust, and hope that were once given to us.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Martinez

Fuel prices

Dear Editor:

The average price of a gallon of diesel fuel in the United States continues to set records.

President Trump has been repeatedly saying that sky-rocketing diesel prices are the result of Ukraine striking Russia's refineries.

"This isn't done by the Middle East, this is done by what's happening with Russia and Ukraine." [Trump said at his golf course in Doonbeg, Ireland on September 13]

Ukrainian drone strikes on Russian refineries are not the primary driver of global fuel price crises.

Primary factors: International fuel inflation, broader macroeconomic factors, including Middle East conflicts and a worldwide shortage in refining capacity.

According to Serhii Kuyun of the A-95 Consulting Group, Ukrainian strikes are estimated to have reduced global supplies of Russian oil and petroleum products by about 1 to 1.5 million barrels per day. Meanwhile, the crisis surrounding Iran has disrupted 10 to 12 million barrels per day.

Neonila Martyniuk
Montrose, Colo.

What we need right now

Dear Editor:

I am an independent voter. Like most independents I know, I'm exhausted by the money politics the two parties devote their time to, at the exclusion of real issues. I haven't seen a real platform discussion in years, and I'm not sure I'd know one if I saw it.

The other thing I like about independents is that we tend to keep things simple. We vote on conscience, or jobs, or defense, or whatever motivates us, but we try not to over-

complicate it.

My issue this election is competence and its uglier sibling, corruption. I'm willing to put up with inefficiency in government, since checks and balances were designed for resiliency, not efficiency. But what we're seeing in Washington today isn't inefficiency. It's incompetence at best and corruption at worst.

To keep it simple, I sort politicians into three kinds of dogs. First is the friendly old dog who sits under the chair and comes out for a pet every so often, maybe barking a few times to show he's still got it. Second is the lap dog, there only to make you feel good and in need of constant stroking. Third is the guard dog, the one you count on to warn you of danger and who, if need be, will sacrifice to keep the family safe.

Take Jeff Hurd. He's no lap dog. He's shown some independent thinking, and he's been a good dog on Western Slope water. But he's no guard dog either. Deciding when America goes to war is Congress's most important check on a president, and Hurd has voted four times against Congress having a say in the war with Iran, a war that has cost American lives and more than \$38 billion. And while the President's family pulls in over a billion dollars from crypto, I haven't heard Hurd bark once.

No, Jeff is the trusted old friend who comes out for a pet now and then but spends most of his time lying at your feet, making sure you know he's there.

What kind of dog do we need in Washington right now?

Edward Matlack

Proposed development

Dear Editor:

Oct.6th 5 p.m. Town Meeting Open to the Public ... Voice your Yay or Nay opinion or just come sit in in person or on zoom to show your support.. we have choices...it's about Big Development friends on South Side of 160 West of Our library & school. It's no secret I will be voicing my concerns about evacuations onto 160 especially after this 2026 summer of BIG Concerns , I take this real serious Many have great alert system set up on our phones... But if we can't get on the road to get out of town.. scary though, like many I live on the North side of 160, it is my big concern ... More Big Developments mean more people & more traffic, if this is approved they'll be right there at 160 being able to evacuate if traffic is moving... A lot of us live inland north a mile or more.. Other topics, water concerns or lack of it to support these big developments needs will be brought up by others... This is Our Chance, Newbies or Old Timers, Hope to see you at Oct. 6th Public Town meeting on Hot Springs blvd 5:00 p.m.!

Also Zoom if that's your preference!

Robyn Nay

Medicaid rides

Dear Editor:

I'm covered by Medicare, not Medicaid, but I know how important it is to get to a medical appointment. In rural Colorado, that trip can be a long one. People who cannot drive often depend on someone else to take them.

Effective July 1, Colorado reduced the base payment per trip for certain Medicaid taxi and ambulatory rides from \$36.40 to \$12.15.

That is a cut of about two-thirds. In rural areas, where drivers may travel a long distance to reach a passenger, will enough providers still be willing to make these trips?

At the September 24 five-county meeting, Rep. Katie Stewart acknowledged that the reduction has had a disproportionate impact on La Plata and Montezuma counties. The cut came through the state budget process, and Stewart voted yes on HB 26-1410, the final budget bill.

Rural residents need more than acknowledgment after a policy takes effect.

We need representatives who will work to protect access to medical care. What will Rep. Stewart do to address the impact of this cut and help ensure people in our communities can get to their doctors?

Stanley Patterson
Durango, Colo.

Support for 5A

Dear Editor:

I'm old, I'm retired living off savings, I have no children in this school district and I fully support ballot measure 5A to fund our schools. This vote has nothing to do with curriculum, politics or ideology. It is simply a yes or no if you want our children to be taught and fed in decent facilities. With this opportunity to make a positive change I can't imagine con-

tinuing to send a 7 year old little girl to a school built in the 1920s or a 12 year old boy to his band class where sheet music and instruments have been damaged due to a leaking roof in a facility built in the 1950s. We've gotten our moneys worth out of these buildings. When I was little, people long gone that I never met voted to fund decent facilities for me to go to school. I see it as an honor and a duty to now pay it back and pay it forward for these kids that will shape the future of our country.

Jim Snead

Proposed development

Dear Editor:

The Sketch Major Subdivision and Planned Development for the proposed Ponderosa Pine Development was approved on Sept 8th by the planning commission. The proposed subdivision encompasses approximately 70 acres located at Great West Blvd and U.S. Highway 160 (Put Hill near GTS). This area envelopes and strongly impacts both Rock Ridge and Alpha neighborhoods. Phase one and two of this development will encompass 28-acres of the 72 total project acreage. This will consist of 164 dwellings: 82 for-sale residential homes and 82 rental lodge/resort cabins.

The decision to approve took hours to decide with almost 50 people listing many concerns about this proposal. Among the many concerns with this project - impact on surrounding neighborhoods, changing zoning codes to fit their needs, dangerous roads, lack of infrastructure and water, I get back to the question of "what are the benefits of this proposal?"

The developer states their research shows 3 target markets: local and county residents, active retirees, and second-home and vacation buyers. It also offers a percentage of these buildings to be affordable work-force housing.

The 40 workers this development would hire include hospitality workers. These are not the people who can afford a \$369,000 home (which is what the developer states is affordable housing AMI over 100). "Years of studies in Archuleta County have failed to provide any significant evidence that households earning more than our average income are struggling to find housing in Pagosa. There's plenty of evidence, meanwhile, that families earning less than the average income are leaving the community because they cannot afford housing here." (Pagosadailypost 9/11)

Tourism/vacation homes: Currently there are roughly 25-35 residential properties listed between \$350,000 and \$500,000. The 2025 Archuleta County housing assessment reported 109 permitted STRs within the Town of Pagosa Springs and 503 in unincorporated Archuleta County in 2024, or 612 permitted properties countywide. Do we need more rental cabins that seriously impact the local neighborhoods and all residents with more traffic, and stress on infrastructure?

The planning commission job is to make sure developments fit the LUDC and Town codes and evaluate development proposals for compliance of design compatibility with the community. In my mind compatibility includes not putting high density next to much older, existing neighborhoods, using other development metro district roads for new developments, or changing the code to entice new developments.

Residents have repeatedly and loudly stated their concerns with the type of developments being proposed. We reiterate, we are not against growth, we all realize growth is helpful to a community. But what is the benefit from this particular project? How about taking a step back and considering what the benefits of this project are before going further?

The Town Council will consider the Planning Commission's recommendation at its meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. 551 Hot Springs Blvd. We hope to see you there!

Jane Weitzel

Really?

Dear Editor:

Really GOP, Victor Marx? You picked that guy as your candidate for Governor of Colorado? A guy who claims to have killed someone when he was 7 years old, even though there is no record of unsolved murders at the time. He claims to have reported the killing to the local Sheriff's department, but the agency says it has "no record of the incident". He also claims to have killed other people, but is unsure how many. (He told 9 News that he doesn't think those details need to be clarified.) The two opposing (and far better qualified) primary candidates Kirkmeyer and Bottoms did not claim to have

killed anyone, but apparently killing people is a quality you admire so you voted for him. That would have given me pause, to say the least.

His campaign website once claimed that his ministry has rescued 45,000 women and children from abuse, though any details or facts backing this up aren't available. (He did later state that this number was wrong.) His campaign website has since removed this claim since it has apparently been disproved. When asked how many people he HAD helped, he said "it's more than one and less than a bunch". Now that is the kind of firm answer you want from your Governor, so you voted for him.

Marx also claims he can "summon and cast-off demons" a practice similar to exorcism, and he can even do this over the phone! Now who wouldn't want this fine quality in a Governor? You never know when you might run into someone possessed by the devil in that line of work. So, you voted for him.

He claims to have the support of other Republican candidates, former officials and the like. He apparently does have the support of Lauren Boebert, General Mike Flynn and Matt Gaetz all three of which have questionable morals, levels of honesty and intelligence if you ask me. The general consensus from others seems to be that Marx is a "grifter" and a "con man." I would tend to agree with that assessment. But these are qualities the GOP wants in a Governor, so you voted for him.

Recently Marx's campaign admitted to campaign finance violations for accepting contributions over the legal limit, and not refunding the excess. The state is asking for a fine in excess of \$51k. Perfect Governor material.

He even started talking to his dog during the primary debate on TV! And now he wants people to fast for 21 days before the election? This guy is a crack pot, at best.

I was a life-long Republican until about 10 years ago when the party lost its way. Electing Trump and the blind obedience to him has sickened me. GOP now choosing Victor Marx cements my decision to step away from the right and vote for a better America.

Sue Wells

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Business

San Juan Conservation District urges local farmers and ranchers to apply for historic new state ag stewardship tax credit

By **Gena Renée Mathews**
San Juan Conservation District

The San Juan Conservation District is urging agricultural producers and landowners across Archuleta, Hinsdale and Mineral counties to prepare for a historic funding opportunity.

Starting in October, the state will open applications for the new Agricultural Stewardship Tax Credit.

Formally created through House Bill (HB) 24-1249, this program offers massive financial rewards for voluntary conservation efforts that protect the rugged lands and critical water resources of the San Juan Basin.

HB24-1249 focuses on helping local producers implement sustainable conservation practices while maintaining business profitability.

This recently enacted Colorado law aims to “encourage an individual to actively practice one or more qualified stewardship practices on a farm or ranch, including any practice that increases soil health, improves water efficiency, or creates more diverse and beneficial ecosystems while maintaining the productivity of the farm or ranch.”

The state has allocated \$3 million annually for this first-of-its-kind program. Because the credit is fully refundable, eligible local ranchers and farmers will receive a direct cash rebate from the state even if they have zero state income tax liability.

“I am deeply committed to ensuring our local producers, ranchers and landowners are positioned to capture these vital funding streams,” said Renée Mathews, the newly appointed district manager of the San Juan Conservation District. “While programs like this are highly competitive, they can be used strategically across our agricultural community. Even if this specific credit doesn’t fit your current agricultural operation, it could be a game-changer for a neighbor—and, ultimately, every successful conservation effort benefits our entire community.”

Crucial deadlines and funding caps

The state portal opens in October, with a strict final submission deadline. Applicants should ensure their applications are completely filled out ready to submit promptly at Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. The selection process functions like a lottery.

Landowners can receive up to \$150,000 for one qualified practice, \$200,000 for two practices and a maximum of \$300,000 per year for implementing three or more practices. Individual taxpayers can participate for up to three tax years.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture has approved more than 17 distinct agricultural stewardship practices suited to our local geography. These include advanced irrigation water management, managed grazing, no-till farming, overseeding and virtual fencing.

The state will not allow double-dipping. This tax credit cannot be used if a landowner is already receiving other state grants or state tax credits for the exact same practice on the exact same acreage.

Only qualified taxpayers are eligible to receive an agricultural stewardship tax credit. A qualified taxpayer is an individual or an entity (such as an LLC or partnership) that pays income taxes in the state of Colorado. Producers will not be eligible for this tax rebate if they owe taxes. Please consult a tax professional to determine if you or your entity is eligible to receive this tax credit.

Get help applying

Landowners are highly encouraged to attend the state’s upcoming informational webinars:

Webinar 1: Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m.

Webinar 2: Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 10 a.m.

For assistance, application guides and webinar registration links, visit the Colorado Department of Agriculture Stewardship Tax Portal at <https://ag.colorado.gov/ag-stewardship-tax>.

About the San Juan Conservation District

Serving landowners in Archuleta and parts of Mineral and Hinsdale counties, the San Juan Conservation District is a special district government entity that promotes the wise use and sustainable management of soil, water and related natural resources through local leadership, education and direct technical assistance.

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Chamber to host Small Business Development Center Advising Day

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

The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host an upcoming Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Advising Day on Oct. 19, giving local entrepreneurs, prospective business owners and established companies an opportunity to receive one-on-one guidance from the Colorado SBDC.

The advising day is designed to connect businesses with practical, confidential assistance on the issues that matter most: starting a business,

strengthening operations, improving marketing, understanding finances, planning for growth or working through a current business challenge.

The Colorado SBDC advising is offered at no cost, helping make professional business support accessible to entrepreneurs at every stage.

During individual appointments, business owners may discuss topics such as:

- Business planning and goal setting.
- Cash-flow management and financial projections.
- Marketing, branding and customer outreach.

- Startup requirements and business structure.
- Funding preparation and lender readiness.
- Hiring, expansion and operational planning.
- Technology, online presence and e-commerce opportunities.

Small businesses are central to the character and economic strength of Pagosa Springs. From restaurants, lodging properties and retailers to contractors, artists, professional services and outdoor recreation businesses, local entrepreneurs create jobs, serve residents and provide the experiences that draw visitors to

the area.

The Chamber encourages business owners to take advantage of this opportunity, even if they are not facing an immediate challenge. A dedicated conversation with an experienced business consultant can help clarify priorities, identify overlooked opportunities and create a more confident path forward.

Appointments are encouraged. Interested entrepreneurs and business owners should contact the Chamber office at (970) 264-2360 for appointment availability, event details and registration information.

Colorado Creates Grants awarded to 187 arts organizations

State of Colorado

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, Gov. Jared Polis and the Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) announced 187 new recipients of the Colorado Creates Grants.

These grants support arts programs, services and activities associated with the National Endowment of the Arts’ (NEA) strategic plan by providing general operating support to arts-focused organizations for the presentation of public programming.

The grants announced will support 187 arts organizations across

33 Colorado counties, including Thingamajig Theatre Company in Archuleta County.

“Growing up in a family of artists, I appreciate the difference art makes in our communities. Arts and culture are an essential part of who we are as Coloradans, driving local economies and inspiring creativity. These grants will support the great work of arts organizations across the state who fill daily life with creativity and fun,” Polis said.

In total, 37 percent of this year’s grantees are based in rural counties, a key focus of the Colorado Creates Grant program.

Research from NEA suggests that rural counties with arts organizations

have experienced increased population growth and higher household incomes than rural counties without performing arts organizations. Two out of three rural businesses report that arts and entertainment are important to attracting and retaining workers. Additionally, 20 percent of grantees represent Colorado’s smallest organizations, with annual operating budgets below \$100,000.

“The creative industries contribute nearly \$20 billion to Colorado’s economy and support over 120,000 jobs annually. These arts organizations’ work strengthens our creative economy and reinforces the vital role arts and culture play in our communities,” said OEDIT Executive Direc-

tor Eve Lieberman.

“Arts, culture, music and film play a vital role in strengthening communities and fostering resilient economies across the state. CCI is thrilled to support these organizations to help build a more equitable and resilient creative economy and ensure arts access for all in Colorado,” said CCI Director Josh Blanchard.

Colorado Creates Grants offer general operating support within a one-year period, and the funding amounts are based on the organization’s cash operating income. Award amounts range from \$6,000 to \$14,000. Grants are made possible through a partnership between CCI and the NEA.

State Unit on Aging designates Region 9 Economic Development District as Area Agency on Aging for five Southwest Colorado counties

Colorado Department of Human Services

On Thursday, Sept. 24, the Region 9 Economic Development District voted to accept the designation from the Colorado Department of Human Services’ (CDHS’) State Unit on Aging (SUA) as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for Southwest Colorado.

Serving Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan, Montezuma and Dolores counties, the district will use this designation to provide essential resources

like home-delivered meals, transportation and local caregiver support programs.

The SUA officially offered the AAA designation to Region 9 to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of Older Americans Act services and support to older adults and caregivers throughout the area.

“This means the district will directly coordinate essential community services, while our teams work closely together on a detailed transi-

tion plan to ensure current services to older adults are not disrupted,” stated Laura Strother, director of the SUA. “The SUA and the Region 9 Economic Development District are partnering to complete the transition by early 2027. Afterward, the SUA will continue providing ongoing support

and technical assistance.”

The AAA designation establishes Region 9 as the organization responsible for coordinating all AAA essential functions and working with local partners to support the independence and well-being of the region’s older adults.

Department of State’s Electronic Recording Technology Board awards more than \$3 million to 33 counties, including Archuleta

Colorado Secretary of State’s Office

The Colorado Department of State’s Electronic Recording Technology Board (ERTB) awarded more than \$3.3 million in grants to counties across Colorado during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Included in the funding was \$37,828 for Archuleta County.

“My office is committed to delivering crucial support to counties throughout Colorado. These grants ensure our local governments can enhance their systems to record documents and promote accessibility to everyone,” said Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold.

The ERTB was created in 2016 with the mission of developing, maintaining, improving, replacing or preserving land records systems in our state.

The ERTB’s statutory authority was renewed in 2021 with new legislation that allows the board to consider security improvements for counties’ land recording systems.

The grants help counties — especially in rural Colorado — invest in technological upgrades. Since its creation, the board has awarded more than \$23 million dollars to ensure county clerks are able to improve and maintain property records and other important documents.

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Commissioners discuss possible bus grant, service to Durango

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Transportation Coordinator Andrew Mylroie recently spoke to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) during a work session held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, in regard to a grant award the county recently received for a new body-on-chassis bus.

Mylroie commented that “these are the big buses we run round Pagosa Springs.”

He added, “Honestly this award surprised me. It came out of nowhere, but it’s a good problem to have.”

Mylroie explained that the grant would allow the county’s Transportation Department to get an “expansion bus” rather than a replacement bus.

“We don’t have to get rid of anything,” he said.

Mylroie indicated that he believes the grant award “got pushed through” because the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is “looking

to get the daily route to Durango up and running.”

He mentioned that CDOT “is already allocating funds for that.”

Mylroie also explained that the “bus comes with its own operating funds, which is huge.”

He noted that two out of the three big buses the county currently has have already had engine replacements, and one with 254,000 miles is “nearing end of life.”

Mylroie also noted that these buses rack up about 200 miles a day of “stop and go, rough miles.”

He went on to explain that, “of course, there’s always a local match” tied to the grant, indicating the county would have to cover a 20 percent match.

The total cost for the bus is \$255,660, which leaves an awarded amount of \$204,528 and a county match of \$51,132, he explained.

Mylroie was joined by Public Works Director Mike Torres, who commented that the county “would

be getting a quarter-million-dollar bus for \$50,000.”

He reiterated Mylroie’s comment about the daily mileage the Transportation Department’s buses travel.

Torres indicated that the buses the county currently uses get almost 100,000 miles a year “just from traveling around Pagosa.”

Mylroie mentioned that about \$2.6 million in operating funds are tied to the bus, but that the local match portion has not been worked out yet.

In response to a question from Commissioner Veronica Medina, Mylroie explained that it would be a gasoline-powered bus.

Medina also asked how many buses the county is currently waiting on, referencing an electric transit van that the county ordered through a grant it received in January 2024 and has yet to receive.

Mylroie explained that the county is still waiting on the electric transit van, and has also signed a contract for a propane-powered bus.

Medina asked if the county currently has a bus that could cover a daily route to Durango, with Mylroie indicating, “It would be tricky.”

Mylroie explained that the new bus would be used for routes between Pagosa Springs and Durango, noting that is something CDOT wants to see happen.

“I’m confident we could make it work,” Mylroie added in regard to Medina’s question.

In response to a question from Commissioner John Ranson, Mylroie explained that he was requesting the \$51,000 match to be included in the county’s 2027 budget.

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What’s on the ballot?

The following offices and items will appear on Archuleta County ballots.

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Federal offices

For U.S. senator, voters will have a choice between several candidates: Republican Mark Baisley, Democrat John Hickenlooper, Forward candidate Bob Chew, Approval Voting candidate Christopher Baum, Libertarian Blake Huber, Unity candidate Adam Withrow and write-in candidate Donald Willoughby.

For U.S. representative for Congressional District 3, voters will have the option to vote for either Democrat Dwayne L. Romero, Republican Jeff Hurd, Libertarian Cory Robertson or unaffiliated candidate Clifton Brown.

State offices

For governor/lieutenant governor, voters will have several options: Republicans Victor Marx/George Washington Markert, Democrats Phil Weiser/Lesley Dahlkemper, American Constitution candidates Stephen T. Hamilton/James K. Treibert, Libertarians Eric Mulder/Wayne Harlos, Unity candidates Jeff Peckman/T.J. Cole, Approval Voting candidates Erik Underwood/Frank Atwood and unaffiliated candidates Greg Lopez/Taralyn Romero.

For secretary of state, voters will choose between Democrat Amanda Gonzalez, Republican James Wiley, Libertarian Sean Vadney, American Constitution candidate Amanda Campbell and Forward candidate Celeste Landry.

Candidates for state treasure include Democrat Jeff Bridges, Republican Kevin Grantham, Libertarian Jodie Barr and Approval Voting candidate Marilee Langer Sturgis.

For attorney general, voters will choose between Republican Michael J. Allen and Democrat Jena Griswold.

For state board of education member for Congressional District 3, voters will choose between Republican Sherri M. Wright and Democrat Barb Clementi.

The race for state representative for District 59 includes a choice between Democrat Katie Stewart and Republican Naomi Reiss.

Archuleta County offices

There are no contested races at the Archuleta County level.

Those appearing on the ballot will include Randy Betts for commissioner for District 3, Archuleta for clerk and recorder, Elsa P. White for treasurer, Johanna Tully-Elliott for assessor, Mike Le Roux for sheriff and Brad Hunt for coroner.

Ron Sutcliffe is running as a write-in candidate for surveyor.

Judicial retention questions

Voters will also be asked to vote yes or no on the retention of several judges, including Justin William W. Hood III of the Colorado Supreme Court; and judges Rebecca Ranking Freyre, Elizabeth L. Harris, Katherine E. Lum, Pax Moultrie, Karl L. Schock and Grant Sullivan of the Colorado Court of Appeals.

Ballot measures

Ballot questions referred by the general assembly or a political subdivision are listed by letter. Ballot questions initiated by the people are listed numerically.

Amendments propose a change to the Colorado Constitution, and propositions propose a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Three Archuleta County ballot measures will appear on the ballot.

Archuleta County Ballot Issue 1A

asks if the Archuleta County lodging tax should be increased from 2 percent to 6 percent, generating an increase of about \$1,080,000, annually. The increased revenues would be split, with 80 percent going toward county road maintenance and improvement, 10 percent would go toward public safety and emergency dispatch, and 10 percent would go toward child care for the local workforce.

Archuleta County School District 50JR Ballot Issue 5A concerns approving debt of up to \$79,900,000 with a repayment cost of up to \$156,500,000 if the district receives a Building Excellent Schools Today, or BEST, grant from the state to construct and equip a new pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade school and provide funds to Pagosa Peak Open School to update and equip educational facilities for students. District taxes would increase by up to \$6,700,000 annual to pay the debt, with the mill levy to be sufficient to pay the principal, premium and interest.

Upper San Juan Health Service District Ballot Issue 7B would allow the district, which operates as Pagosa Springs Medical Center and operates emergency medical services, to continue to, retain and spend revenues above limits identified in the Colorado Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights.

The ballot will also include 14 state ballot measures.

Amendment 81 asks about requiring law enforcement to notify the Department of Homeland Security when a person is charged with either a violent crime or any crime if the person has a prior felony conviction if law enforcement cannot determine that the person is lawfully present in the United States.

Amendment 82 asks about creating a new law granting the right for consumers to purchase natural gas for cooking or heating in homes or businesses, and for distributors and utilities to sell natural gas to consumers.

Amendment 83 asks about creating a constitutional right to hunt, fish, and harvest fish and wildlife; establishing hunting and fishing as the preferred means of managing fish and wildlife populations; and preserving the right of the state to regulate hunting, fishing and wildlife management.

Amendment 84 asks about requiring a voter to sign and include the last four digits of the Social Security number, driver’s license or identification card number on the outside of the mail ballot, as well as provisions for correcting mistakes.

Amendment 85 asks about requiring ballots questions to be written in plain language and at no more eighth-grade reading level, as well as prohibiting a state statute from requiring language that conflicts with the requirement for citizen-initiated measures.

Amendment 86 asks about reenacting the current congressional redistricting process.

Amendment 87 concerns implementing a state graduated income tax to “increase or improve” levels of public services, including K-12 public education, health care, and early childhood care and education.

Proposition NN asks about increasing investment in K-12 public education by 2 percent each year for the next 10 years by raising the limit on state fiscal year spending.

Proposition 132 concerns changing criminal penalties for fentanyl

and certain synthetic opioids; increasing the felony classifications of drug-related crimes for distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, sale or possession of fentanyl and certain synthetic opioids; creating mandated treatment for certain drug felony violations; and changing sentencing provisions for crimes related to fentanyl and certain synthetic opioids and drug-related deaths.

Proposition 133 asks about modifying existing laws and creating new laws concerning human trafficking of a minor, as well as increasing the penalty.

Proposition 134 concerns limiting participation in K-12 and collegiate school sports based on the participant’s biological sex.

Proposition 135 concern prohibiting surgery on a minor for the purpose of altering biological sex characteristics.

Proposition 136 asks about capping the state income tax at 4.4 percent of federal taxable income for individuals and corporations.

Proposition 137 concerns creating a new law to increase water and land conservation funding through allowing the state to keep and spend a portion of revenue from the state sales tax on sporting goods and equipment.

Returning voted ballots

Voters can return voted ballots by mail, through a drop box or to the Archuleta County Elections Office/Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC), located at 305 Village Drive.

Archuleta County election materials caution against returning ballots via mail to ensure they are received in time and to instead deliver them personally to the VSPC or a drop box.

It also cautions to affix adequate postage if returning your voted ballot by mail.

Ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. on Nov. 3 to be counted. Postmarks do not count.

Secure drop boxes with video will open on Oct. 5 and will be located in front of the Pagosa Springs Town Hall (551 Hot Springs Blvd.) and the TARA Community Center (333 Milton Lane in Arboles). They will be open 24/7 through 7 p.m. on Election Day.

The elections office will serve as the VSPC beginning Oct. 19.

From Oct. 19-30, it will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Oct. 31, it will be open 8 a.m. to noon. On Nov. 2, it will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and it will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 3 (Election Day).

On Election Day only, the Archuleta County Extensions Office, located at 344 U.S. 84.

Ballots can be tracked via Archuleta.BallotTrax.net or www.govotecolorado.gov

Additional voter information

Voters can make sure their registration is up to date by visiting the Archuleta County Elections Office at 305 Village Drive, which is open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., or online at www.govotecolorado.gov.

The office can be reached at (970) 264-8331.

Eligible Coloradans can also register to vote and update their voter registration at GoVoteColorado.gov through Election Day.

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PAWSD

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DA) expenses had been counted as capital expenses, but that certain expenses, such as phone bills, were not appropriate for capital expenses and have been moved to operating expenses.

In response to a question from PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh, Dossett stated that the district's auditor had not caught these errors so far.

Walsh replied that he appreciated "exactitude," but that "organizational assumptions and practices" could potentially be followed if they have not caused problems and helped reduce the district's shortfall.

Connor added that operational expenses have also grown due to growth of fuel and power expenses.

Walsh asked if the increase in debt service, which is partially driven by doubled charges for the final two payments for a loan paying for construction of the district's Hatcher Lake water treatment plant, could be mitigated by arranging with the lender to extend payments for another year and split the payment over those two years in exchange for a small bonus payment.

Dossett indicated that he spoke with the loan provider on this issue and that the district does not have the ability to refinance the loan.

Connor stated that he wanted direction from the board about whether it wanted to cut operation budgets to try and meet the debt service coverage ratios, which he commented is "not possible," or look at creative ways to raise more revenue or raise rates.

"Any kind of input from the board will allow staff to better present the draft in another two weeks when we sit down with this," he said.

PAWSD board member Bruce Jones asked how much of a rate increase would be required to get the district to the 1.1 debt coverage ratio.

Connor stated that water and wastewater service fees would have to be raised by about 19 percent to meet this target.

He added that he had also provided potential cuts to the board, but that he did not recommend them due to potential damage to the district's operations and that he would like "all the increases on the revenue side, but I do understand that we're talking \$1.6 million, close to a 19 percent increase. If we could meet in the middle at a 10 percent increase, then I'd go ahead and make these cuts."

He added that approving recommended capital projects would help the district since it would repair infrastructure that might be a problem in 2027 while meeting in the middle in terms of rate increases and operational cuts.

PAWSD board member Bill Hudson commented that increasing non-operating revenues would also help the board meet its budget targets.

Walsh highlighted that the district has been significantly short of its expected capital investment fee revenues for water and wastewater.

He added that he believed that the district should count any items that it has historically counted as capital expenses as so for 2027 and try to "fine tune" them in 2028.

Walsh stated that he would limit employees to a 3 percent wage increase with the potential for an additional 2 percent for merit instead of the proposed 6 percent increase, and would not move forward with the district retaining an external human

resources consultant since it has not needed one in the past.

With these changes, he commented that he would also support an effort to "meet in the middle" and potentially look at 10 percent or 12 percent increases in revenues, spread out across rate increases and increases in costs for other services.

He added that direct rate increases could be reduced by creating a \$5 or \$6 per month capital investment rate that could be applied to customer bills and then removed if capital investment fees revenues increase in future years.

"I think we can be creative and fair, especially with ... meeting somewhere near the middle," he said. "I think 10 is nice, I think it's going to be a 12, but I'm confident that we can be fair and ... we're going to have to spread the pain as fairly as we can."

Walsh added that the district should consider increases to things like availability fees or capital investment fees to help balance increasing costs.

He suggested that the district could also investigate if there is a way to have income like that generated from payments on the district's loan to the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District added to its revenue calculations for debt service, which they currently cannot be.

"We do want to be careful. Every single year these operating costs are increasing and, if we don't back them by monthly revenue coming in, we just simply keep continuing getting behind every year and when [Regulation 31, a Colorado regulation placing increasingly stringent standards on nutrient contained in wastewater] does come, hopefully it does not, we need to be able to absorb those extra costs," Connor said. "I'm just leery of keeping everything at the floor and just hoping that we can ride out the years. I do agree and I'm hopeful that the board can meet me halfway on this debt service coverage with the cuts that I have in front of you. If you guys would look those over and provide me any comments so we can better prepare as staff for the Oct. 10 draft meeting."

Walsh commented that having a capital fee could be a useful way to have a charge that can be identified to customers as increasing due to federal government regulations.

In a discussion with Hudson and Jones, Connor emphasized that the proposed cuts would hit key customer services like Dropcountr water use monitoring or incur potential additional expenses elsewhere since more staff time and travel would be needed for certain tasks after eliminating services like Starlink providing connection for remote control of certain systems.

He added that this was part of why he does not recommend these cuts and that the cuts would be to services that the district could still likely function without, although hitting the numbers would be dependent on problems like unexpected equipment replacements not happening.

Jones commented that these cuts would lead to significant declines in efficiency and staff time spent on efforts like landscaping, since PAWSD would eliminate funding a contractor to manage the landscape.

Connor added that staff would be used in different ways since the large projects they normally work on would not be funded.

"That's why I did not recommend

these, but I needed to bring something to the board," Connor said.

"You showed that you're willing, but again, it's like, willing at what cost?" Jones said. "I can't imagine how many pissed off people you would have if we dropped Dropcountr."

He added that, in his work in disaster mitigation, he already deals with people discontented about damage from water leaks which Dropcountr allowed them to rapidly detect.

In response to a question from PAWSD board chairman Gene Tautges, Business Services Manager Cyndi Foster explained that, without Dropcountr, it would only be feasible to check for excess water use monthly since daily checks would require staff to download and individually examine reports for each customer account to detect excess use.

In response to questions from Tautges, Foster and Connor confirmed that checking these accounts would be an extensive and time-consuming process and would also require large amounts of contacting customers to inform them about water use that may or may not indicate a leak or other issue.

Jones pointed out that reducing items like water line maintenance might lead to a lack of progress on issues like reducing water leakage and increase costs over the long-term since deferred maintenance is likely to be more expensive overall.

Connor clarified that the proposed cuts would require a 10 percent increase in user rates in addition to the cuts to meet the debt service requirements.

In response to a question from Tautges, Dossett noted that the amount of money that could be transferred from the general funds to the enterprise funds to supplement them is limited and that, since the amount of reserves in the general fund is trending down, a large transfer could leave the district with significantly less than the six to 12 months of operating costs that the reserves should likely contain.

He added that he would recommend minimizing any transfers from the general fund.

"That's a dangerous bucket to continually deplete your equity," Dossett said.

Jones commented that there is a possibility that the district could make a larger rate increase for 2027, a smaller one for 2028 and then not perform rate increases for a few years in 2029 and beyond since the district's Hatcher construction loan would be paid off and it would have approximately \$1 million more in revenues per year.

Connor commented that a larger increase in rates for 2027 combined with cuts would help increase the district's debt service coverage ratio and prevent the "same conversation" from occurring next year.

He added that a larger service rate increase would also allow more flexibility in making cuts while not negatively impacting the district.

Tautges commented that he appreciated Connor's work on the cuts and that, if he wants to retain services like Dropcountr, he should find other things to cut to make up for the costs.

"I understand where you're going with this," Connor said. "When I say it's the floor, you know me well enough, Gene, it's the floor. There isn't anything else to cut. If you want

some of these cuts to not come out, you're gonna have to leave me that monies with rate increases. I absolutely cut this to the floor. So, I agree with you, I'd love to put Dropcountr back in, but that means you as a board need to bring in those rate increases to cover that \$15,000."

Connor commented that he would look over the cuts again with the feedback from the board that "you guys understand the situation we're in and we will need to get some more revenue to cover costs."

He stated that he would look at cuts that eliminate tools the district currently does not have or are less impactful while keeping more impactful tools the district already has.

Connor stated that he would look over the budget again and would try to provide it to them sometime in the next week.

He added that he would also be happy to look over the budget one-on-one with board members and explain cuts.

He also emphasized that the board approving the recommended capital projects would help with operational expenses since it will reduce problems like pipe breakages by replacing problematic pipes.

"Well that's great, the feedback," Connor said. "I really appreciate that. I know Jack does, as well. We know that we should go as we present the draft to you in just a couple weeks. I will work on these cuts and get them back to you. Now, we're at \$700,000 right now. It's going to be less, so I just want to make sure you know that."

Following further discussion where Hudson considered various changes for how the general fund could support the enterprise funds and Dossett warned that excessive modifications to this relationship could risk the status of enterprise funds and cause disaster for the district, Connor closed by reiterating his timeline and suggesting that the board consider what approaches it would bring to its Oct. 10 meeting to raise additional revenues.

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Closure

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The letter also claims that the county has the "means and equipment to fix this 20-foot section with patches easily."

Brown commented that there are "valid concerns" in the letter, while also stating that the town and county have been talking about this matter as a "collective" since the beginning of the year.

Brown also acknowledged the suggestion that the town or county could repair the road, stating, "That's not going to happen."

He explained that the road is private property, "and I think when the county decides they're going to take a particular piece of private property and repair it, we're setting bad precedence."

Brown commented that the information shared by Harris is "promising to hear ... but we've heard this kind of talk before, and I have to tell you, frankly, I would still like to see the county move forward with posting a sign that notifies in 30 days that road access will be shut off until there is actual work and maintenance and potholes filled with a semipermanent substance, not just gravel."

Brown added that his desire to post the closure notice is not for punishment purposes, but to make

the property owners responsible for fixing the road "come to the table."

He also commented that the information shared by Harris is the "first real response" the community has gotten.

Brown explained that the posted notice would state the reasons for the closure being public safety, hazard mitigation, and emergency road repairs and maintenance.

"I don't really want to do this ... but here we are," Brown said.

Pierce asked Brown if the BoCC had voted on posting the notice, with Brown explaining that the matter was discussed in a work session and staff was directed to look into what was needed to post the closure notice.

During a regular meeting held by the BoCC on Sept. 1, the board unanimously approved an agenda item authorizing the posting of a 30-day notice of closure for the access road.

In a later interview with Brown, he explained that the BoCC vote on Sept.

I authorized staff to post the closure notice, but that it had not actually been posted yet, as staff researched what all needed to be posted.

He explained that the BoCC would likely vote on posting the notice at its Oct. 20 regular meeting, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the commissioner's room at 398 Lewis St.

"My hope is they will repair those potholes and we won't have to post it," he said.

During the joint work session, council member Leonard Martinez commented that the town and county have been appealing to the "civic side" of the matter with the access road, suggesting to make it a "business matter."

"We just haven't hit the right levels," he said, suggesting that if the matter is escalated to a higher level it might get taken care of sooner.

"At some level these are pennies," he said, adding that the town and county need to "keep an eye on it."

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#4104 Total Due: \$1,006.23 R019800 CLOUGH CHRISTOPHER MARTIN Parcel: 570529100032 RURAL Sec: 29 13640 COUNTY RD 326 Total Due: \$6,625.65 R009829 CLOUS GEORGE E Parcel: 569919312001 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 144 646 LAKE ST Total Due: \$651.59 R010014 CLOUS GEORGE E JR Parcel: 569919322029 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 658X 651 LAKE ST Total Due: \$161.91 R014604 COLLYER JOYCE E Parcel: 588936400013 RURAL Twn: 34 X COUNTY RD 335 Total Due: \$1,336.97 R018107 COMPASS LAND USA FUND 1 LP Parcel: 589315201075 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 672X 80 JAN'S CT Total Due: \$626.47 R010361 CORTES CARLOS E Parcel: 569920101005 Subdivision: PAGOSA PINES CONDOMINIUMS Unit: 32C 145 DAVIS CUP DR #4032 Total Due: \$1,593.40 R011344 COTE LEIGH ERICA Parcel: 569921205003 Subdivision: PAGOSA LODGE CONDOMINIUMS Unit: 23 217 PINON CSWY #3023 Total Due: \$464.87 R003518 COTHERN SHEILA Parcel: 569312107020 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 9 Lot: 20 96 PINERIDGE TR Total Due: \$792.14 R014406 COTTLE MATTHEW Parcel: 588732101020 Subdivision: RIO BL VAL 4 Lot: 20 164 EAGLES CREST PL Total Due: \$2,064.93 R015452 COUNTRY MILE LAND LLC Parcel: 589315404119 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 798 164 SCHROEDER CT Total Due: \$626.47 R001948 CROPP TODD Parcel: 558336209012 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 754 369 SADDLE CIR Total Due: \$384.42 R015723 CRUMM GEOFFREY T Parcel: 589316308101 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 250 643 WEST VIEW RD Total Due: \$626.47 R002473 DARCY DANIEL Parcel: 569301301096 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 13 Lot: 46 247 WINDMILL PL Total Due: \$2,897.47 R002865 DAVIS ROBERT S Parcel: 569302307032 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 6 Lot: 33 437 BUTTERCUP DR Total Due: \$389.12 R002864 DAVIS ROBERT S Parcel: 569302307031 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 6 Lot: 32 465 BUTTERCUP DR Total Due: \$389.12 R014638 DAY MARTHA A Parcel: 589103402001 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 4 Lot: 97 3386 MEADOWS RD Total Due: 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GONZALES HERMAN Parcel: 569525104037 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 263 30 PIONEER CT Total Due: \$414.77 R004207 GOODRICH GRAY Parcel: 569524310018 Subdivision: ELK PARK RANCH #2 Lot: 18 2082 BACKCOUNTRY DR Total Due: \$1,384.75 R015290 GRAY CHRISTOPHER Parcel: 589315201072 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 703 224 GUN BARREL RD Total Due: \$628.47 R002813 GREENWALD JACOB Parcel: 569302304003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 5 Lot: 39 117 MAGPIE LN Total Due: \$732.61 R002812 GREENWALD JACOB Parcel: 569302304032 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 5 Lot: 38 89 MAGPIE LN Total Due: \$732.61 R009406 GRIGLAK RYAN M Parcel: 569919131004 Subdivision: SADDLE MOUNTAIN TH 1 Unit: 3 620 LAKESIDE DR #A3 Total Due: \$1,188.00 R014558 GUINN ANDREW Parcel: 568735201031 Subdivision: HUDSON RIO BLANCO 5 Lot: 26 X ROBERT'S PL Total Due: \$594.79 R010525 GUSZCZA ANDREW JR Parcel: 569920140005 Subdivision: WESTWIND CONDO Unit: 13 284 TALISMAN DR #13 Total Due: \$639.20 R014861 GUTHRIE 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PARK DR Total Due: \$1,168.89 R010194 HART BRIAN R Parcel: 569919424018 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 610 592 VISTA BLVD Total Due: \$1,337.37 R001241 HEATH STACEY ANN Parcel: 558325311005 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 285 86 HAWK PL Total Due: \$808.39 R006599 HEILHECKER ASHLEY Parcel: 569913327013 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 49 Lot: 14 350 S 8TH ST Total Due: \$1,478.22 R002530 HEIRIGS TRACY ELLEN Parcel: 569301401103 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 1 Block: 13 Lot: 38 152 OAK DR Total Due: \$1,313.74 R017258 HENDERSON CLAY & MYRNA Parcel: 615712300038 RURAL Sec: 12 1659A COUNTY RD 551 Total Due: \$59.14 R017259 HENDERSON CLAY & MYRNA S Parcel: 615712300039 RURAL Sec: 12 1956B COUNTY RD 551 Total Due: \$59.14 R017260 HENDERSON MYRNA Parcel: 615712300040 Subdivision: RURAL/NOT IN SUBD 1956G COUNTY RD 551 Total Due: \$59.14 R017261 HENDERSON NOAH CLAY Parcel: 615712300041 RURAL Sec: 12 1956C COUNTY RD 551 Total Due: \$59.14 R017257 HENDERSON NOAH CLAY Parcel: 615712300037 RURAL Sec: 12 1956 COUNTY RD 551 Total Due: \$104.64 R017253 HENDERSON NOAH CLAY AND MYRNA S Parcel: 615712300012 RURAL Sec: 12 1901 COUNTY RD 551 Total Due: \$68.35 R004649 HER MAJESTY'S RANCH LLC Parcel: 569536400049 RURAL Sec: 36 7110H W US HWY 160 Total Due: \$4,146.76 R004642 HER MAJESTY'S RANCH LLC Parcel: 569536100050 RURAL Sec: 36 73 PARELLI INSTITUTE DR Total Due: \$4,894.82 R014681 HER MAJESTY'S RANCH LLC Parcel: 589106200053 RURAL Sec: 6U & 7U 1134 PARELLI INSTITUTE DR, 1192 PARELLI INSTITUTE DR, 1304 PARELLI INSTITUTE DR Total Due: \$5,664.96 R014689 HERNANDEZ ALEX Parcel: 589104409010 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 4 Lot: 261 115 OLYMPIO CT Total Due: \$1,850.03 R017975 HERRERA JOSEPH ERNEST Parcel: 616313100001 RURAL Sec: 13 762 COUNTY RD 975 Total Due: \$448.11 R003121 HERRMANN ANDREW Parcel: 569311110006 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 11 Lot: 34 891 E STOLLSTEIMER RD Total Due: \$1,054.50 R009107 HICKMAN ANNE L REVOCABLE TRUST Parcel: 569918203049 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 196 7 SANDSTONE CT Total Due: \$2,183.35 R009106 HICKMAN ANNE L TRUSTEE Parcel: 569918203060 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 197 19 SANDSTONE CT Total Due: \$1,321.58 R009095 HICKMAN ANNE L TRUSTEE Parcel: 569918203048 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 209 8 SANDSTONE CT Total Due: \$1,321.58 R009096 HICKMAN ANNE L TRUSTEE Parcel: 569918203049 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 208 26 SANDSTONE CT Total Due: \$1,385.43 R017051 HIGGINS ALTENHOFEN TRUST DATED 5/23/2025 Parcel: 614914304004 Subdivision: SPRING VALLEY RANCHES Lot: 4	X SPRING VALLEY RANCH RD Total Due: \$12,440.76 R018014 HIGH COUNTRY LAND INVESTMENTS LLC Parcel: 616314102003 Subdivision: COX EAST ALLISON Lot: 3 13806 STATE HWY 151 Total Due: \$2,643.67 R009098 HIGH COUNTRY PROPERTY LLC Parcel: 569918203052 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 205 72 SANDSTONE CT Total Due: \$1,321.58 R011128 HINES LANCE Parcel: 569920317011 Subdivision: LAKEWOOD VILLAGE Lot: 230 80 WOODRIDGE CIR Total Due: 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Subdivision: HUDSON RIO BLANCO 4 Lot: 2 THRU Lot: 6 9901A US HWY 84 Total Due: \$3,610.95 R007579 HUGHES JONATHAN M Parcel: 569916212011 Subdivision: PAGOSA IN THE PINES Block: 3 Lot: 11 & Lot: 12 458 HANDICAP AVE Total Due: \$1,805.79 R003621 HUGHES MAURICE Parcel: 569312206008 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 3 Block: 11 Lot: 8 523 OAKRIDGE PL Total Due: \$792.14 R002854 HUPP RENAE E Parcel: 569302307016 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 2 Block: 6 Lot: 17 518 CACTUS DR Total Due: \$1,285.58 R008968 INTEGRITY INVESTMENTS OF AUSTIN INC Parcel: 569918103075 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 37X 664 ANTELOPE AVE Total Due: \$3,202.68 R019006 IVERSON JAMES P Parcel: 588710400111 RURAL Sec: 10 500 N PRIMROSE RIDGE PL Total Due: \$2,027.99 R020304 JERNIGAN DAVE Parcel: 569918103095 Subdivision: LAKE FOREST EST Lot: 34 X ANTELOPE AVE Total Due: \$1,448.56 R001059 JOHNSON RANDY Parcel: 558325302159 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 299 1334 HILLS CIR Total Due: \$958.20 R004743 JORGE JOLEEN ANN LIVING TRUST JUNE 1, 2020 Parcel: 569906303004 Subdivision: MARTINEZ MTN EST 2 Lot: 52 3898 N PAGOSA BLVD Total Due: \$2,508.04 R003319 KARR MEADOW B Parcel: 569311315002 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 29 Lot: 21 283 UTE LN Total Due: \$1,054.50 R001631 KEIL ALICE O Parcel: 558336101113 Subdivision: LAKE HATCHER PK Lot: 109X 118 LUXURY PL Total Due: \$2,974.04 R015563 KELLY SEAN R Parcel: 589316103046 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 142 115 REBA'S CT Total Due: \$1,088.96 R004304 KILPELA GREGORY R Parcel: 569525104035 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 265 31 PIONEER CT Total Due: \$414.77 R015843 KING HEATHER A Parcel: 589317101034 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 235 204 CAT CREEK OVERLOOK Total Due: \$464.12 R005452 KIWI COMPOUND LLC Parcel: 569908227002 Subdivision: DILLARD POINT Lot: 2 91 STEVEN'S LAKE RD Total Due: \$2,103.58 R013910 KOLODZIEJ LEON TRUSTEE Parcel: 588711200038 RURAL Sec: 11 X CATCHPOLE DR Total Due: \$1,658.83 R012525 KUNEMUND ROBERT AND KATHRYN FAMILY TRUST Parcel: 569931106007 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 3 Lot: 91 1953 HERSCH AVE Total Due: \$3,931.35 R016006 LA QUERENIA TRUST Parcel: 589725400013 RURAL Sec: 25 27561A STATE HWY 151 Total Due: \$538.72 R011141 LANER DYLAN Parcel: 569920318006 Subdivision: RIDGEVIEW
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R004505 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 569525203014 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 242-243 23 YEOMAN DR Total Due: \$698.19 R004520 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 569525204007 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 214-215 154 YEOMAN DR Total Due: \$732.48 R004502 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 569525203011 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 248-249 64 MARTIN CT Total Due: \$766.08 R004508 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 569525203017 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 236-237 85 YEOMAN DR Total Due: \$800.32 R004500 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 569525203009 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 252-253 79 MARTIN CT Total Due: \$837.29 R004501 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 569525203010 Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 250-251 78 MARTIN CT Total Due: \$837.29 R004489 MANDY DAVID G INVESTMENT TRUST DATED 6/21/2017 Parcel: 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KENT Parcel: 569924210032 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Block: 52 Lot: 17XZ 426 S 6TH ST, 428 S 5/6 ALY Total Due: \$4,085.73 R004285 MEADOWS ALFRED Parcel: 569525102007 Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 193-194-195 161 ROOSEVELT DR Total Due: \$410.02 R001870 MESA CANYON HOMES LLC Parcel: 558336207025 Subdivision: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST Lot: 593 88 WAXWING PL Total Due: \$852.06 R003052 MILBURN THOMAS AUSTIN Parcel: 569310404006 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 4 Block: 27 Lot: 10 171 NAVAJO PL Total Due: \$1,124.23 R015498 MILLER BRANDON KEITH Parcel: 589316101004 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 659 595 JUSTIN'S RD Total Due: \$628.47 R015497 MILLER BRANDON KEITH Parcel: 589316101003 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 658 657 JUSTIN'S RD Total Due: \$628.47 R012191 MILLER ROSS OTTO Parcel: 569928404134 Subdivision: COLO TIMBER RIDGE #3 Lot: 134 1300 BRISTLECONE DR Total Due: \$5,306.77 R020895 MILLER SCOTT WILLIAM & MILLER JAMIE LYNN Parcel: 588708200087 Subdivision: THUNDER VALLEY MINOR SUBDIVISION Lot: 2 571B WILDLIFE PARK RD Total Due: \$1,236.08 R015516 MILLESON DONITA CHRISTINE Parcel: 589316102017 Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 616 459 DOC ADAMS RD Total Due: \$628.47 R012815 MILLS CHRISTOPHER P & STEPHANIE KING Parcel: 569934301002 Subdivision: PAGOSA MEADOWS 4 Lot: 147 104 BUTTRESS AVE Total Due: \$1,479.14 R014368 MIRANDA DARCY Parcel: 588731101020 Subdivision: RIO BL VAL 3 Lot: 16 X COUNTY RD 335 Total Due: \$271.91 R013453 MITCHELL WILL AND SON LISA FAMILY TRUST DATED 1/17/2024 Parcel: 570131411006 Subdivision: ECHO LAKE ESTATES Lot: 6 272 RIVER FOREST DR Total Due: \$816.78 R010762 MODERN MAX Parcel: 569920204012 Subdivision: PAG WILL SERV COMM Lot: 12 177 BASTILLE DR Total Due: \$7,584.29 R006020 MOHS KIMBERLY S Parcel: 569910407004 Subdivision: PAGOSA HILLS 3 Lot: 17 375 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 DR Total Due: \$236.47 R005871 PAGOSA PEAK STORAGE LLC Parcel: 569909106003 Subdivision: CLOMAN INDUSTRIAL PARK 4-COMM Lot: 43 332 INDUSTRIAL CIR Total Due: \$4,436.47 R006842 PAGOSA PINES RV PARK LLC Parcel: 569914200006 Subdivision: TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Sec: 14 1501 W US HWY 160 Total Due: \$4,771.88 R020878 PAGOSA SPRINGS VENTURES LLC Parcel: 570106300128 RURAL Sec: 1 2054 COUNTY RD 200 Total Due: \$518.95 R009750 PALMER KRISTY N Parcel: 569919309007 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 67 157 CANYON CIR Total Due: \$236.47 R006576 PANTER ADRIENNE J Parcel: 569911332504 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: PAGOSA 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: 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569919312019 Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA Lot: 141X 623 CAROL'S CURVES 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 JANAM 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: 569913208002 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 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Sports

FOOTBALL

Pirates take down Basalt, move to 3-3 on the season

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team evened out its record on Saturday, Sept. 26, taking down the Basalt Longhorns by a score of 21-16.

The Pirates now own a 3-3 overall record, including a 2-1 record in the Western Slope League, and are the No. 15-ranked team in the state's 2A division.

"I thought the defense played really well," coach Nathan Morales said of the Pirates' performance against Basalt.

The first quarter ended scoreless, with teams trading possession of the ball.

The Pirates forced the Longhorns to punt on their first possession, and then put together an eight-minute drive that ended in a turnover on downs.

Pagosa opened up the scoring late in the second quarter after another offensive possession taking up the majority of the quarter.

Pirate running back Alex Pacheco broke through with a 4-yard touchdown rush. A successful extra-point attempt put the Pirates up 7-0 with about two and half minutes remaining in the first half.

The Longhorns were then able to piece together a scoring drive to tie the game a 7-7 with a 13-yard touchdown pass just before halftime.

Morales commented that the Longhorns' touchdown before halftime was his fault.

"That's on me," he said, explaining that he was taking responsibility for letting Basalt score before halftime.

Morales spoke highly of the Pirates' attitude going into the second half.

"They picked me up at halftime and they played a hell of a second half," he said, noting that the Pirates played a complete four-quarter game. "And I can't be more proud of this team."

Morales also noted that the Pirates were able to come up with some big momentum-saving plays throughout the game.

Basalt was in the red zone looking to add to their score before halftime when Colby Ross was able to come down with an interception off of a tipped ball, halting the Longhorns' drive.

Morales commended Ross' performance, saying that's "Colby Ross doing Colby Ross things."

Morales also explained that Ross had returned from injury that week and was playing with "club wrist."

"He does good stuff for us," Morales said of Ross.

The Pirates received the ball to start the second half and were able to drive down the field and capitalize with a 7-yard touchdown rush by quarterback Kasen Limebrook, putting the Pirates ahead 14-7.



SUN photo/Clayton Chaney

Pirate running back Hudson Mazur fights through multiple Basalt defenders to earn additional yards. Mazur ended the game with a total of 153 rushing yards as the Pirates took down the Longhorns by a score of 21-16 on Saturday, Sept. 26.

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Later in the third quarter the Pirates were backed up on their own goal line and would give up a safety, bringing the score to 14-9 entering the fourth quarter.

More defensive stops from both teams continued until the Pirates were able to add to their lead after a long drive that ended with a 1-yard rushing touchdown by Limebrook.

The Pirates led 21-9 with about six minutes left in the game.

Basalt was able to score off a 31-yard touchdown pass with less than a minute to go, pulling within one score of the Pirates trailing 21-16.

Basalt attempted an onside kick which was recovered by the Pirates, sealing the victory.

"It was definitely a team effort," Morales said.

He mentioned he was "proud of the O-line," noting the Pirates ran for "quite a few yards" on the day.

Pagosa racked up a total of 341 yards of offense, with two ball carriers rushing for more than 100 yards on the day.

Hudson Mazur led the Pirates with 153 rushing yards and on 15 carries, followed by Gage Sams with 112 yards on 10 carries.

Mazur also converted three extra-point attempts.

Pacheco tallied 64 yards and one touchdown on 17 carries, and Limebrook had a total of 12 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries.

Morales noted that the Pirates' success in the run game was due to a "collective effort," starting with the offensive line paired with ball carries that "ran hard."

"They played really well," Morales said, adding, "I'm super proud of them."

Morales also spoke about Limebrook's impact, explaining that he's "been our vocal leader."

Morales mentioned Limebrook "knows the game of football" and that "he does a lot for us."

The Pirates' defense forced multiple turnovers on downs throughout the day, along with Ross' interception.

"Our secondary did a good job today," Morales said, noting multiple pass plays that were broken up by the Pirate defensive backs.

He described the last touchdown scored by Basalt in the fourth quarter as a "teachable moment," noting the Pirates hadn't been in many situations like that yet this season.

Janzen Tuggle-Rapp led the Pirates with five solo tackles, followed by Vinny Fish, Sams and Mazur, who each had four solo tackles.

Morales commended multiple Pirates for their defensive performances, specifically noting that "[Reese] Jenkins played well," along with Jimmy Elledge and Ethon Kinkaed.

"It was a four-quarter grind," he added.

Morales also spoke about how the Pirates have been focused on being a football family this season and continuing to work hard for each other.

"I love our locker room, the way we're staying together no matter what," he said. "They just continue to grind ... it's our culture as a football program, and we're gonna continue that."

The Pirates are currently in their bye week, with their next game scheduled for Friday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in Aspen against the Aspen Skiers.

The Skiers are currently the No. 9-ranked team in the state with a 3-2 overall record. They sit in fifth place

of the Western Slope League.

The Pirates are currently second in the league, behind first-place Delta.

When asked about how the Pirates are planning to use their bye week, Morales said, "It's good, I like the mid-season bye week," explaining that it gives the team time to rest and heal up "to be the best football team that we can at the end of the year."

Morales explained that the Pirates will still have work to do over the bye week, but that they will be able to focus more on themselves rather than having to prepare for a specific opponent.

"We can iron out some things on ourselves," he said.

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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Pirates fall to Bloomfield

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team fell to 4-9 after dropping a match to Bloomfield at home earlier this week.

The Lady Pirates hosted the Bobcats on Monday, Sept. 28, and lost 3-0 in their 13th match of the season.

The Bobcats came into the match with a 4-8 record, the same as the Lady Pirates, and were ranked 20th in New Mexico's 4A division.

"It just wasn't our night," wrote coach Chelsea Caler in an email to The SUN. "We struggled to play as a team and to even settle into our roles. There were some good individual efforts, but we weren't clicking together and we didn't have the fight I know we're capable of when we were only down a few points."

The girls lost the first set 25-12, the second set 25-17 and the third set 25-19.

Caler explains she ended up making lineup changes in the game to give some Lady Pirates new opportunities in order to find out which other players wanted to "step in and compete."

The Lady Pirates have four practices, which Caler calls a "good reset," before they travel to Alamosa on Saturday, Oct. 3, for their first game of the season against the Mean Moose.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Tatiana Monterroso receives a serve against the Bloomfield Bobcats on Monday, Sept. 28. The Lady Pirates fell prey to the Bobcats and will next face the Alamosa Mean Moose in Alamosa on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Alamosa is 10-4 and ranked No. 6 in 3A.

The Lady Pirates will then be back in action again on Tuesday, Oct. 6, against Bayfield at home.

Earlier this season, the Lady Pirates lost 3-0 to the Wolverines in Bayfield. Bayfield is 2-10 and ranked 46th in 3A.

In order to get back in the win column, Caler states she believes that the team needs to get back to the basics.

"We're going to slow things down, redefine roles, work through different game situations and rebuild some cohesion and confidence," wrote Caler.

Stats for the matchup against Bloomfield were not available by press time Wednesday.

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Soccer



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Pirate keeper Ethan Bracken punches the ball away in the team’s matchup with the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Thursday, Sept. 24. The Pirates lost 2-1.

Pirates snap win streak with loss to Panthers

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys’ soccer team fell to Montezuma-Cortez in a one-goal game Thursday, Sept. 24, ending their five-game unbeaten streak.

The Pirates hosted the Panthers Thursday, Sept. 24, for their first game in their back-to-back set.

Pirate coach Trevor Gian emphasized that the field conditions “were not ideal” due to the rain and weather leading up to the game and that they were “lucky to get the game in.”

The first 40 minutes of the game were described by Gian as a back-and-forth battle where each team had their opportunities, but, ultimately, the half ended in a 0-0 stalemate.

“I think field conditions created a

type of game I would not like us to be in most of the time,” Gian said. “You know, kind of back and forth, the control, the touches on the ball with the wet field and muddy conditions kind of influenced a little bit of how we were attacking the game there.”

The Panthers opened up the scoring in the game early in the second half with a goal off of a corner kick.

Despite the Pirates’ inability to control the game the way they wanted, Gian emphasized that the boys kept fighting and eventually tied the game up with 10 minutes left in the second half.

The goal by Angel Ramirez got the crowd back into the game, noted Gian, and the environment felt like that of a playoff game.

Unfortunately, three minutes after the Pirates scored the tying goal, the

Panthers got one of their forwards isolated with the keeper and he buried the ball in the back of the net to give the Panthers’ their second one-goal lead of the game.

“I know our team was tired, exhausted, probably emotionally,” Gian said. “Going through those emotions, going down, tying it, going back down, now having to push and claw your way back into it at the end and, unfortunately, we just came up a little short.”

After the game, Gian emphasized that the game could have gone either way and that he is excited for their next matchup.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, the two teams will square off again, this time in Cortez.

After the first game, the Pirates sit at 4-2-1 and are ranked 25th in 3A, while the Panthers are 8-2 and ranked

eightth in 3A.

Gian explained he believes that quality possession is the key to victory on Saturday.

He noted he felt that his team wasn’t able to possess the ball to the standard that he desires on Thursday because of the field conditions.

Gian added he also wants his team to limit the Panthers’ set pieces because they have some taller players.

“I hope field conditions are good, the weather’s good, so we can kind of play our game and see where we’re at there,” he said. “I feel comfortable and confident in the response of our team, what we’re going to bring to the table there and, again, I anticipate a tough, hard-fought battle.”

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GOLF



Photo courtesy Mark Faber

Pirate Treyson Cotts putts on hole nine at the Intermountain League Championship in Alamosa on Thursday, Sept. 24. The Pirates finished third at the tournament.

Dimond, Pickering qualify for state

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Junior Tyler Dimond and sophomore Chatwin Pickering will represent the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team at next week’s state tournament in Alamosa.

Dimond qualified as the 36th-ranked golfer in the 3A classification, with Pickering heading into the state’s final tournament ranked 74th.

Eighty-four golfers advanced.

“Both of them made it, so we’re excited about that,” coach Mark Faber said.

It will be Dimond’s third trip to the state tournament and Pickering’s first. In 2024, Dimond tied for 72nd. Last year, he tied for 56th.

The state tournament will take place on a familiar course for the pair — Cattails Golf Course in Alamosa — on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 5 and 6.

The Pirates will head into the tournament with limited practice due to rains, Faber indicated.

He added the golfers will go Sun-

day and play a practice round at Cattails ahead of the tournament Monday and Tuesday.

Faber also highlighted the sun is supposed to be shining all three days the team will be in Alamosa.

“I want to see them both compete,” Faber said. “I think they can, and I think ... it’s a good spot. They know the course, they’ve played it enough, so, yeah, I’m expecting good things out of both of them.”

The Pirates completed their regular season on Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Intermountain League (IML) Championship at Cattails.

Pagosa took third as a team out of five teams, behind Monte Vista and Alamosa, at the rainy tournament.

“We were playing for the IML championships and through probably eight or nine holes we were leading the tournament as a team,” Faber said.

After that, whether due to the weather or something else, Faber relayed, it “got kinda tough” for the Pirates.

“They really, really started well and

were playing well,” he highlighted.

Pickering led the team on the day, taking fourth out of 33 golfers with a score of 80 on the par-71 course.

Pickering’s day included shooting birdie on one hole and par on 10 holes.

“Chatwin really stepped up,” Faber highlighted. “He needed a good score. He needed to play well, and, you know, he did. Ultimately, he played well. It might’ve made the difference of whether he went to state or not. There’s a good chance it did, so good for him.”

Dimond took 10th overall with an 83, which included shooting birdie on two holes and par on seven holes.

Logan Lamoreaux finished tied for 14th with an 86. His effort included shooting birdie on one hole and par on seven holes.

Maximus Ibram took 26th with a 96, which included shooting par on three holes.

Treyson Cotts finished 31st with a 110, which included shooting birdie on one hole and par on one hole.

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Cross-Country



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The Pirate cross-country teams compete at and host the McGinn Memorial Cross Country Challenge, on Saturday, Sept. 26. The Pirate boys' team took first on the day, with the Lady Pirates taking third. The meet was moved from Reservoir Hill to Pagosa Springs High School following heavy rains.

Pirate harriers take first, third at home meet

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams hosted their home meet, the McGinn Memorial Cross Country Challenge, on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Though the race was originally scheduled to take place atop Reservoir Hill, the conditions caused by rain forced coach Josh Kurz to map out and set up a new course on the school district's property the day before the race.

"Despite the last-minute change, the home meet was a great success," wrote Kurz in an email to The SUN.

Five teams, including the Pirates, participated at the meet.

The Pirates took first place overall on the boys' side and third place overall on the girls' side.

Thirteen Pirate harriers finished with new personal records after the race.

Rylan Ash led the Pirates, finishing first overall at the meet with a time of 16 minutes, 35.00 seconds. Weston Sweet finished fourth with a time of 17:38.00, Miles Dempster placed sixth with a time of 18:06.00, Jacen Easling placed 14th with a time of 19:34.00 and Kieran Kurz placed 17th with a time of 20:04.00 to round out the top five scoring Pirates.

Ash's time was a personal best.

Josh Kurz also emphasizes that if Sweet is able to drop his time under 18 minutes, it will be the first time in

almost 10 years that three athletes on the team come in under 18 minutes in a race.

Wells Witting placed 21st with a time of 20:24.00, Stetson Osborn placed 22nd with a time of 20:37.00, Hawkin Kofke placed 28th with a time of 21:02.00, Cole Hancey finished right behind him in 29th with a time of 21:02.00, Isaac Hanto placed 31st with a time of 21:26.00, Jacob Freeman placed 34th with a time of 22:44.00, Matthew Mars placed 37th with a time of 24:18.00, Liam McKnight placed 38th with a time of 24:36.00, Davyn Leiker placed 39th with a time of 24:37.00, and Eli Hanto placed 41st with a time of 26:27.00.

Hancey and Kofke both competed in their first high school 5K on Satur-

day, Josh Kurz notes. Eli Hanto was the "monster of the week" on the boys side, dropping 2:54 from the previous week's race.

Madi Stretton led the way for the Lady Pirates, placing eighth with a time of 22:30.00. Olivia Diffey placed 10th with a time of 22:39.00, Bella Jackson placed 12th with a time of 23:14.00, Elsy Wood placed 13th with a time of 23:46.00, and Lucy Rivera placed 18th with a time of 24:50.00 to round out the top five scoring Lady

Pirates.

Isabelle Ratcliff placed 25th with a time of 26:40.00 and Skylar Leiker placed 30th with a time of 28:47.00.

"Madi had another consistent performance, and Olivia had a breakthrough race, dropping 1:45 from last week," wrote Josh Kurz.

Ratcliff was the female "monster of the week" after dropping 2:56 from her time at last weekend's Coronado Cougar Classic, according to the coach. Skylar Leiker also broke the

30-minute barrier for the first time in her high school career.

The Lady Pirate team now has five athletes that can run in the 22- to 23-minute range, which Josh Kurz emphasizes will put the Lady Pirates in a good position at the regional meet.

Up next, the team will race in Salida at the Salida High Mountain Desert Twilight on Saturday, Oct. 3, with the action kicking off at 6:30 p.m.

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DUST2 team takes sixth at Spring Valley Scramble

By Gianna Shaeffer
DUST2

Adding yet another awesome race to their resume, the Pagosa Springs DUST2 Cycling Team competed in Glenwood Springs, Colo., on Saturday, Sept. 26.

This was the third race of the season for the team, and 15 athletes represented DUST2 in the race.

With the rainy weather preventing the team from training outside much in the weeks leading up to the race, the athletes were eager to get out and ride some trails.

Each lap of the course was 4.3 miles long with 504 feet of climbing. Riders completed three laps of the course with the exception of varsity riders, who completed four laps. This format was new to the riders considering the fact that the race is usually two laps, or three for varsity, of a longer course. The course included thrilling bermed downhill, steady climbs and technical rocks, adding variety and excitement to the race course.

The theme of the race was disco, so the team wore their best 1970's attire. Walking around the venue, you could spot afros, sparkly outfits, bell bottoms and groovy glasses. The team also added to the excitement by playing disco music at the pit zone.

The race morning started bright and early with the sophomore boys' category at 8:30 a.m.

This category had four DUST2 athletes in it. Ward Halterman came in first for the team with a time of one hour, 12 minutes, placing 22nd out of 60 participants and earning 360



Photo courtesy Janine Emmets

Drake Anderson (front) and Amon Phillips race in the sophomore boys category at the Spring Valley Scramble in Glenwood Springs on Saturday, Sept. 26.

points for the team.

The next Pagosa athlete to cross the line was Drake Anderson, placing 26th with a time of 1:14 and scoring 344 points. Shortly after with a time

of 1:16, Amon Phillips finished in 35th place, contributing 314 points. Max Roukema was next with a time of 1:24, placing 48th and adding 288

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Commissioners deny liquor permit for special event at 84 Ranch

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved a motion to deny a special event liquor permit for an event to be held at the 84 Ranch this weekend, Oct. 2 and 3.

The 84 Ranch is located at 6252A U.S. 84.

During the general public comment period in the beginning of the meeting, a neighbor of 84 Ranch spoke in opposition to the special event taking place.

Commissioner Warren Brown explained that the only item on the agenda pertaining to 84 Ranch that day was the special event liquor permit, noting the other permit to hold the special event is a "separate" matter.

The neighbor asked the BoCC to uphold the findings of the county's Planning Department and follow staff recommendations in regard to the special event permit.

She claimed that Brian Wattier, the owner of 84 Ranch, "failed to comply with the proper permitting procedures," stating that does not create an urgency for the county to bypass rules and regulations.

The neighbor also claimed that Wattier was uncompliant with an event he hosted last year.

She suggested that the county approving both of Wattier's requests would not be a "good idea," asking the BoCC to uphold and enforce the county's codes "to protect the rights of the property owners."

Once the regular meeting was recessed and the liquor board was convened, Paralegal Tonya McCann presented the special event liquor permit for the special event at 84 Ranch.

She noted that all appropriate fees had been collected and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office had been notified, "however, it appears the public notice of the event was not conspicuously posted at the proposed location" for the required 10-day period.

Commissioner John Ranson asked if it would be possible to go back and have the public notice sign posted for a different time.

McCann indicated that is possible, but the event is scheduled for Oct. 2 and 3 and the BoCC's next liquor board meeting would be on Oct. 6.

McCann also noted that "it was [Wattier's] own postings on Facebook" that shows the public notice sign for the special event liquor permit was not adequately posted.

Three more public comments were given on the matter of the special event liquor permit, all in opposition of the county approving the permit.

The neighbor who spoke at the beginning of the meeting offered more comments on the special event liquor permit, explaining that over the past three and half years, she and her husband have "tried to protect the integrity of agricultural land in that corridor of Highway 84."

However, she mentioned that over that time things have progressed that are "not always following the rules and regulations."

She also stated that the county has advertised in sales magazines that it will enforce codes and regulations that are currently in place.

"That is far gone," she said.

She added, "If you do approve it, you're basically telling the rest of us property owners that we're irrelevant."

She asked the BoCC to deeply consider following regulations that are already in place.

The next commenter stated he was the husband of the neighbor who previously spoke and expressed similar concerns, asking the BoCC to follow regulations "that are already in place here in Archuleta County."

He also stated that there "seems to be some bending of rules" and that he "hope[s] that does not continue."

Another commenter also spoke in opposition of the county approving the special event liquor permit, stating he is an "advocate for fairness" and asking the county for some sort of due process "that affords us a pre-

dictable means of being able to have consideration of whatever we bring before you."

He also claimed that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has not issued an access permit for the 84 Ranch property.

Director of Development Eva Kruse clarified that the applicant, Wattier, has yet to receive an access permit from CDOT.

Wattier then addressed some of the comments stating that he "may not have anything perfect," but that he was not trying to "take advantage" of any situation.

Wattier also acknowledged that he held a similar event last year, stating that it was not held in secret; county staff knew it was happening and a liquor permit was approved.

Wattier then acknowledged comments about bending the rules, saying, "I understand why it might look like that," adding that he's a rancher and not a bureaucrat.

Wattier stated that he's always done what the county has asked him to do in regard to his ranch and events.

He mentioned that the permit application was not "100 percent complete," but that he was asking for approval so that "we're ready" when it is complete.

He also indicated that he would still hold the event even if the special event liquor permit is denied and just would not serve alcohol and noted that would not provide "as much revenue for the cause."

Wattier then mentioned that CDOT had been working in front of his driveway when the public notice sign was put up.

"Maybe that sign wasn't seen or maybe it was moved," he said, claiming that the notice sign was posted for the required 10-day period.

"I'm trying to do the right things for our community and respect my neighbors as well," Wattier said, adding that "84 Ranch is here to stay."

Commissioner Veronica Medina mentioned that she had received "quite a few phone calls" relating to this matter.

Brown clarified again that the only matter on the agenda that day was the special event liquor permit.

Kruse explained that the special event permit is a separate permit that goes directly through Development Services, "and there is not a public hearing for that process."

County Attorney Cathleen Giovannini explained that Wattier had met all the requirements for the special event liquor permit, except for having the public notice sign posted for 10 days.

"The only thing he did not do, which is required by state law, is to have that sign up and posted," she said, noting there were multiple "different viewpoints" and videos of the sign on the ground.

"So, we are really concerned," she added.

Ranson asked if the BoCC could make comments after making a motion on the matter, and Brown indicated it could.

Medina then motioned to not approve the special event liquor permit, which Ranson seconded.

"I think some of this talk about not following the rules is a little unfair based on what the county's gone through at the Planning Department over the last 12 months," Ranson said, explaining that most constituents worked with three different directors during that time. "That said... there's been a lot of chances on this."

Ranson added, "You gotta do things right," explaining that the county can only go back on things so many times in the name of economic development, but that the rules must be followed.

"It can't keep coming back to us like this," he said.

Brown commented that this type of permit should be "a very simple and easy approval," and that he's disappointed that is not the case.

Brown stated that he agreed with comments made about how the county needs to follow its rules and regulations.

He added that he felt the BoCC "has gone to some length to try to accommodate Mr. Wattier," as it has with other businesses in the county in the past.

The BoCC then unanimously approved the motion to deny the special event liquor permit.

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points for the team.

The next category to race was the junior varsity and sophomore girls.

Gianna Shaeffer (junior) was the only athlete from Pagosa Springs to compete in the JV girls' category. Shaeffer completed the race with a time of 1:15, and she scored sixth out of 26 riders, contributing 496 points to the team total. Quinn Howard was the only sophomore girl to race for Pagosa. She placed 12th out of 25 riders with a time of 1:21 and scored 414 points for the team.

Next up to race was the JV boys' category. This is the largest category, with 96 racers and five DUST2 athletes.

The first JV boy to finish for Pagosa was Jackson Chaney (senior, legacy), who completed the three laps in 1:09, scoring 31st and contributing 366 points. Next to ride across the line was

Aaron Sowle (senior, legacy). Sowle finished 32nd with a time of 1:09 and earned 363 points. After, came John Grimes (junior), completing the race in 1:17, earning 60th place and 316 points. Henley Pickering (junior) came in shortly after with a time of 1:20, placing 68th and contributing 308 points. River Wilson finished next with a time of 1:33, scoring 289 points and placing 87th.

The varsity category was up next, with two racers from Pagosa Springs. Justin Sewell (senior, legacy) is the team's only varsity boy. Sewell finished his four laps in one hour, 22 minutes, placing 18th out of 26 riders and adding 455 points to the team total. The team's only varsity girl, Adelyn Hittle (senior, legacy), completed her four laps with a time of 1:30, placed seventh out of 13 riders, and contributed 523 points.

To finish off the amazing day of

racing, the freshmen boys' category raced next.

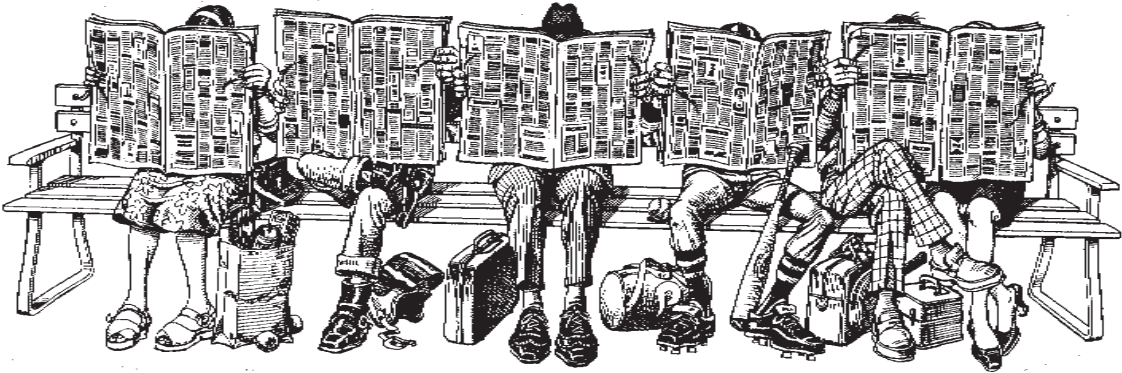
Elias Gorman crossed the line in 19th place with a time of 1:15 and gave the team 375 points. Next up was Rogan Almon, who finished in 1:30, contributed 34 points to the team total and placed 35th out of 46 racers.

At the end of the day, the team came home with 4,012 points in total, earning sixth place for their division.

Despite the changes in weather and the course format, the team brought their best performance to the Spring Valley Scramble in Glenwood Springs. The team is ready to continue training for their fourth race in two weeks in Nathrop, Colo.

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Town council considers budget at two work sessions, poised to adopt on Oct. 6

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council held two work sessions for its 2027 budget on Sept. 21 and Sept. 22.

The work sessions took place after the council heard the initial budget proposal at its Sept. 15 regular meeting. At the Sept. 21 work session, the council discussed not raising the rate for residential sewer customers while directing staff to raise the rate by \$10 per month for commercial users.

The direction came after council members Madeline Bergon and Leonard Martinez, as well as Mayor Shari Pierce, expressed opposition to the original proposal to raise the rate on residential customers by \$10.

Bergon expressed that this would be a “slap in the face” to those who voted for the 1 percent increase in the town’s sales tax to help pay for town’s sewer infrastructure and repairs, especially as the campaign indicated

that the town’s sewer rate might actually be lowered in the future.

At the Sept. 21 work session, council member Brooks Lindner also aligned with Bergon, Martinez and Pierce to oppose raising the rate on residential users of the wastewater system.

All present were in favor, to varying degrees, of raising the rate for commercial users.

Town Manager David Harris explained that he had gotten clear direction from the council and would work this information into a new draft of the budget’s fee schedule.

The residential user rate will stay put at \$71.25 per month, whereas the commercial user rate is poised to increase to \$81.25 per month.

Town Clerk April Hessman clarified that short-term rentals (STRs), such as Airbnbs and Vrbos, will be considered commercial.

At the Sept. 22 work session, Harris explained “the big jump” in the

revenue number in the town’s general fund, increasing by about \$2.7 million.

The increase in revenues in the 2027 budget’s general fund, compared to last year’s, is due to “the fact that we’re moving money between funds to help cover costs and projects,” Harris said.

On the expenditures side, he explained that a lot of the increases come from “salaries and benefits costs” for town staff through various departments.

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

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

Some of these rising expenses stem from the general fund, which are up by \$2.7 million compared to

fiscal year 2026, according to the presentation.

Harris clarified that the budget proposal viewed “the other night did not include funding for early childhood education, and I wanted to let you all know that we are putting that back in.”

He added, “We are looking for revenue to help fund that.”

This addition of early childhood education funding came after some on the council members expressed that they didn’t want to see this funding disappear in light of the affordability issue for parents in the community.

There will be a public hearing on the proposed budget on Oct. 6 at Town Hall during the regular town council meeting, with Harris explaining he’s holding out hope for the council’s adoption of the budget on that date.

The draft budget can be viewed at www.pagosasprings.co.gov. derek@pagosasun.com

Storms

■ Continued from front Local disaster declaration

On Friday, Sept. 25, Archuleta County Manager Longinos Gonzalez signed a local disaster declaration due to recent flooding that has occurred in the county.

According to the declaration, “beginning on or about September 14, 2026, the County of Archuleta experienced severe flooding resulting from heavy precipitation, causing widespread damage to roads, bridges, culverts, and other public infrastructure, and posing a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of residents.”

The declaration also explains that “the magnitude of this event has

exceeded the County’s capacity to respond with available resources, and immediate action is necessary to protect life and property and maintain critical infrastructure and public safety.”

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners has a special meeting scheduled for today, Thursday, Oct. 1, with an agenda item to consider extending the declaration of a local disaster in the county.

Rain totals and drought

According to reports from the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, rain totals across Archuleta County from Sept. 25 through Sept. 30 range from 2.76 inches up to 4.27 inches.

The most recent drought map released by the U.S. Drought Monitor was published on Sept. 22 and shows just over 92 percent of Archuleta County being in a stage two, severe drought.

It also shows that less than 1 percent of the county remains in a stage three, extreme drought.

For more information and to see an updated drought map, visit droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?fips_08007.

Road conditions

On Monday, Sept. 28, the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office announced that County Road 500 near mile marker 37 was shut down

until it can be repaired.

According to a Facebook post from Archuleta County on Wednesday morning, Sept. 30, “Due to the ongoing storm and recent flooding, many County roads are currently in poor condition.”

The post also explains that county crews are monitoring conditions “and will begin necessary repairs and maintenance as soon as the storm subsidies and conditions allow.”

“Our priority is keeping roads passable while preventing further damage during the ongoing weather event.”

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San Juan Water Conservancy District considers draft budget

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its Sept. 21 meeting, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors approved a draft 2027 budget for publication.

SJWCD treasurer Joe Tedder explained that he approached the budget proposal differently this year, including a line-item-by-line-item explanation of budget changes in the board packet for the meeting so the board could review them ahead of time.

Due to this change, Tedder stated that he would only highlight key changes at the meeting instead of covering every change made.

He began by explaining that the SJWCD’s tax revenues would be down by about 1 percent from 2026, according to Archuleta County calculations, with property values dropping by 1 percent and the district’s mill levy remaining the same.

Tedder then discussed the water demand study to be conducted by engineering firm RJH Consultants that the board approved at its August meeting.

He stated that the cost of this study was \$147,400 and that he included a 5 percent contingency on top of this to cover any unexpected expenses.

He added that he budgeted that the district would spend the remaining \$19,779 for engineering work included in the 2026 budget on the study in 2026 and include the remaining costs in the 2027 budget.

SJWCD board member Candace Jones asked whether RJH had provided guidance on what information requests from other entities for the study needed to be made and what work could be done with what information, especially information obtained from the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

“I just want to make sure that if we’re budgeting and we’re still expecting to spend a chunk of money in 2026 that it’s realistic that they’ll actually be able to do the work that is budgeted,” she said.

SJWCD president Randy Cooper replied that RJH has divided the work into a variety of tasks and developed lists of stakeholders to engage.

He added that the study would involve board engagement throughout the process and would require board work to be completed.

Jones commented that she wanted to ensure that the work in 2026 is not work that can be held up or work that anticipates information that PAWSD might refuse to provide if it declines to

cooperate with providing information for the study.

She added that she would want RJH to send information requests to PAWSD and other entities “sooner than later” to learn what information they may be willing to provide and prevent the SJWCD from paying RJH for work that will be unfeasible due to the necessary data not being available.

Cooper stated that the district would talk with RJH and work with the company to front-load the data requests for the study.

Tedder returned to explaining the budget changes, stating that there would be \$5,000 placed in the line item for water rights diligence applications and the line item for water rights defenses would be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 based on the advice of SJWCD legal counsel Jeffrey Kane at the meeting.

He added that he included a 5 percent increase for insurance expenses, although he had not yet received a bill for insurance in 2026, so he was unsure how it might change in 2027.

Tedder commented that general legal expenses would likely need to be increased from \$12,000 to \$15,000 since Kane stated that he would be increasing his fees, which had not been adjusted in several years, earlier in the meeting.

Tedder added that he included \$10,000 in the budget for residual legal expenses related to the lawsuit between the SJWCD and PAWSD over PAWSD’s attempts to sell the Running Iron Ranch, although he expressed hope that most of the expenses related to this litigation, which the two districts are currently negotiating a settlement to, would be done in 2026.

He noted that he increased the budget for training from \$500 to \$1,000, although he expressed skepticism based on previous years that this amount of money would be spent on training.

Tedder also stated that he increased the travel budget from \$500 to \$1,500 due to the potential that board members would need to make trips to interact with RJH.

He indicated that he raised the public education line item from \$2,500 to \$5,000 on the expectation that the district would have more education expenses in 2027.

The Running Iron Ranch management line item was proposed to be kept at \$2,500, Tedder stated.

SJWCD board member Charles Riehm commented that \$2,500 is not enough to do weed mitigation on the property and that Archuleta County Weed and Pest Program Director Ethan

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Share your surplus warm clothing with others through St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church Annual Clothing Giveaway

By Michelle Chapman
St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church

St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., will hold its Annual Clothing Giveaway on Friday, Oct. 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 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.

The days when people had one or two good outfits for work, play, sleep and special occasions is long gone. Today’s fashion industry changes colors and styles with every season. Those of us who try to keep up or cannot resist a good sale often end up with overflowing closets and drawers. Our thrift stores can only take a few items at a time.

The Annual Clothing Giveaway is your chance to start fresh. How many sweaters and warm jackets do you really need? How about the pile of hats, mittens, gloves and scarves that seem to reproduce on the upper shelf in the

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San Juan Stargazers to discuss black holes Oct. 1

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

The next meeting of the San Juan Stargazers will be on Thursday, Oct. 1, starting at 6 p.m. with our social hour. The program will begin at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend because we will be looking at new black holes from the James Webb Space Telescope.

We meet at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. You can use the side door off the parking lot into the kitchen and then come into the fellowship hall. (The main doors to the church are locked.) Just come in and take a seat. Coming early offers a great chance to ask all your astronomy questions.

The educational part of our meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and last about 1.5 to two hours.

This is not an advanced astronomy presentation. Materials, many from the European Space Agency, were made to educate the general public about discoveries. The James Webb team is big on education for everyone, so information is simple and easy to understand. Come to see how interesting and enjoyable it can be.

It was impressive in September when we studied about black holes how even our newest members caught on so quickly when it was easily explained. It was thrilling to see people learn so easily and be pleased with themselves.

We end our meeting with time for discussion. It is said that when alien life is found, it will change the world. These discussions help prepare us for such an experience, and it is an exciting way to end our program.

Star party rescheduled

We will try again on Oct. 10 to have a public star party near Hatcher Lake.

Drive north on Piedra Road 4.7 miles from U.S. 160. If you can see Hatcher Lake to your left you have gone too far, but you are very close. Try to watch your odometer, because 4.7 miles is close to the road that goes left off Piedra and labeled La Ventana. There is also a large sign with the name of the subdivision. If you can get there during daylight (it is a beautiful place to be), you will see a parking lot on a small road to the left off Piedra with a wooden lavatory. The big fishing pier has been removed. The road makes a big loop through the trees just south of the Hatcher Dam.

For a star party we set up several telescopes in the parking lot and then park on the road, which is on a hill, so we get no lights from cars on Piedra. It is a wonderful place, but not easy to find. Coming at dusk is best. We welcome everyone to attend. There will be lots of club members, but nonmembers are very welcome, also.

Joining the San Juan Stargazers

If you want to join the San Juan Stargazers, you can do it at this meeting, or you can check out our website, sanjuanstargazers.org, where we have information about astronomy, our local club and the Astronomical League, which is a large group of people from all over the U.S. that you automatically belong to when you join the Stargazers that gives you all the opportunities of a huge club.

There also are beautiful photos throughout the website.

We look forward to our meeting, and as said, everyone is invited to come because the James Webb Space Telescope was made for all people on Earth so we know what an exciting time we live in and how absolutely wonderful our universe is. You can come as a family, and I assure you it will increase your discussion time around the dinner table.

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Last year’s Runway for Rise teams brought the heat. This year’s teams will take to the runway on Saturday, Oct. 3, to show off what they’ve done with recycled plastic, cardboard, nature elements and thrift store finds.

Runway for Rise sold out, but giving remains wide open

Rise Above Violence

Tickets to Runway for Rise may be gone, but the chance to make a difference is not.

The event is officially sold out, yet supporters of Rise Above Violence and the 10 remarkable teams taking the runway on Saturday night can still be voted on. Every vote helps fund critical domestic and sexual violence services in our county.

The teams have been working hard for weeks, rallying friends, families and neighbors to raise funds for Rise. Now it comes down to the runway and to you. Donate to a team, help one of them become this year’s Pagosa Prada winner, and know that your gift goes straight to work for survivors in our community.

Meet the Mountain School Stars

Our last and final team raising funds for Rise and walking the runway on Saturday, Oct. 3, is team Mountain School Stars.

This group of students attends San

Juan Mountain School and is led by teacher Jami Harms. Students Gracie, Izaiah, Jeylin, Kimmy Beasley, Lucy, Sierra, Angel, Zailey, Auggie, Stacey, Asha, Symphony and Melina are all working on the runway creation. We can’t wait to see it.

“Many of our team members have been touched by Rise and want to give back to support this amazing organization and all it does to support our community,” Mountain School Stars states. “San Juan Mountain School values healthy relationships and feeling safe to express oneself without fear of judgment or violence. Our students care and want to make a difference. They have a lot to say through their style, art and young voices.”

One gift, two votes

Saturday night just got bigger. A matching donor has stepped forward for the evening and will match up to \$10,000 in team votes — dollar for dollar. That means a \$20 vote for your favorite team becomes \$40, and \$100 becomes \$200. Every dollar goes

further, and every vote counts twice.

Support Rise Above Violence, support the 10 amazing Runway for Rise teams, and support survivors in our community by casting your votes online at www.riseaboveviolence.org.

Good News Club for kids to begin Oct. 2

By Connie Porter

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Colorado

Good news for kids in kindergarten through fourth grade: A Good News Club is scheduled to begin on Oct. 2nd at Pagosa Springs Elementary School for kids in kindergarten through fourth grade.

This club meets in the library each Friday that school is in session from 1:15 to 3:15 pm.

A Good News Club is an exciting, fun-filled weekly club in which the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. We also teach respect for authority, character qualities and moral values.

To register for the club, use the registration form that was in the Tuesday take-home folder.

There is no charge for this pro-

gram, and all kids from any school or home-schooled are welcome to come. Children who attend the Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) may attend Good News Club with parents’ permission and notification given to the PCI director by parents.

All Good News Club volunteers are screened before we invite them to join the team. For more information about the Good News Club for kids, email Melanie at melanie.jonason@att.net. We look forward to seeing your kids at Good News Club.

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End of Life Education to meet Sept. 24

By Joan Mieritz
End of Life Education

End of Life Education will have three interesting and important meetings in October about the newest options for burial and cremation and, on Oct. 20, Colorado laws allowing people options of ending life earlier if they feel it is necessary and other topics.

I realize that this is no one's favorite topic, including mine, but I cannot count the times that people have said to me how important and helpful these sessions have been when they are needed.

For people who have led a planned-for and orderly life, it is so important to find out what options are available and make your own choices.

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

We will briefly discuss at all of our meetings how important the vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3, is to improving our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) without increasing the tax cost. But, it is important for everyone who understands it to vote.

On Oct. 15, Keris Meskimen will be in person with a detailed presentation on the many new more-natural options for burial and cremation. Our grandchildren will be using these new methods, but for now they are only available closer to big cities. It is getting more affordable to transport a body. People can do it themselves if the time of death has not been more than 24 hours. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn the latest techniques and the newest options that are available.

There is so much to learn about end-of-life options. In the future we are also planning on having more time for large- and small-group discussions so you can explore your thoughts and feelings about many end-of-life issues.

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m. we will discuss the laws that our state

has made available to us to shorten the end-of-life process. You will learn about the actual laws, but, more importantly, we will go over the exact steps that are required. If you want the help that the state has provided, you must follow the laws and regulations exactly, and you must have a doctor following the entire process. Unfortunately, it is not covered by Medicare.

When you come to any of our meetings, 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 and carefully read the choices that you can make.

We will spend extra time on Oct. 20 going over the three forms that Colorado law provides for our benefit to make the end of life meet our choices. Again, it is so much better to think about the options that are available before they have to be made. There will be time to go over each form and each choice.

On Oct. 29, we will try again to meet with the EMS team to find out what happens when you call 911. You may hope your fairy godmother shows up, but it is actually a team of what I think are true heroes. This is when you need to have a do-not-resuscitate form on your refrigerator. You might ask why you would ever want to not be resuscitated. The truth of the matter is that if they resuscitate you, it means that you were actually dead. I have decided that if I am dead, I would prefer to stay dead. My life is over and I am grateful for a quick and easy end.

Now, if my grandchild can be resuscitated at an early age, that makes sense. I know of a man who was resuscitated in his 50s, and he is happy he did it. But, if you have lived a full life, there comes a point that you don't want to be resuscitated only to die again, perhaps a slower and more painful process. There is life and then there is also quality of life.

So, there is much to be considered.

In September, the EMS team could not make our meeting because they had work to do. I always have back-up plans, but we spent the entire time with questions about many

other things and the group left very satisfied.

I wish that people would know how important these sessions can be and help themselves by being as prepared as possible. It is not morbid to face reality, and it does not make you sad. It can make you love others and appreciate much more the life you have.

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Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society will meet Oct. 3

By Keena Carstensen
Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society

The Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society (PPGS) will hold its regular monthly meeting this Saturday, Oct. 3.

We will meet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., in the fellowship hall.

There will be a short business meeting followed by a program video: "Cleaning Up Ancestry Tree" by

Aimee Cross. Is your family tree disorganized and in need of a clean-up? Keeping your tree clean is important. The video will tell you why and how to accomplish this.

The genealogical society meets on the first Saturday of each month. It hosts guest speakers on a wide range of topics relating to genealogy and history, including the rich history of our area.

For more information, contact Keena Carstensen at keenaruntherace@gmail.com.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

The annual Band-O-Rama concert is slated for Oct. 24. Local musicians are invited to join the Pagosa Springs Community Band for the concert, which will also feature the middle school and high school bands.

Pagosa Springs Community Band looking for new members

By Michelle Chapman
Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

Did you “used” to play an instrument back in high school or college? Maybe you feel the call of making music with others — feeling those resonant harmonies again.

The Pagosa Springs Community Band is preparing for the Band-O-Rama concert each Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School band room. There is still plenty of time for you to learn the music and play which ever pieces you feel comfortable playing.

If you do not have an instrument, Leo Baughman, our fearless leader (and high school music teacher) or Malinda Burnett (middle school music teacher) may have one you can borrow. We have members ranging in age from we don’t want to ask to middle school players. All of us just love to play music with others. You will be heartily welcomed.

The Band-O-Rama concert is Oct. 24 in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m., with a 6 p.m. dress rehearsal.

Some band members will lead master classes for students in middle school and high school bands to learn more about their instruments, how to get the best sound and how to

care for them. The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS) will provide a taco dinner to the students and master class leaders before the dress rehearsal.

Each of the school bands and the community band will perform on their own, followed by a piece we all play together. This is an excellent opportunity for students to play with more experienced musicians and to hear the more complex music that they will be able to play as they develop their talent.

The PSIMS supports the Pagosa Springs Community Band, provides extra funds for local school music programs, scholarships for graduating students going on to study music at a high level, and helps with larger purchases of instruments and repair of instruments for the schools. It is very expensive to keep an orchestra of instruments in good condition.

We are blessed with a community that supports music in schools such that the high school and middle school can provide instruments for band students that haven’t got their own or who want to try a different instrument.

The PSIMS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supported only by donations and sponsorships. All

our concerts are free. We hope you will make a point of attending one in the future — Oct. 24 is your next opportunity.

St. Francis of Assisi annual Mass, celebration announced

By Florian Gallegos
Special to The PREVIEW

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Spooky thrills on the way: PPOS to host third annual Haunted House

By Emily Murphy
Pagosa Peak Open School

Get ready for a night of spine-tingling fun as Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) prepares to open its doors for the third annual Haunted House.

This one-of-a-kind local tradition — the only haunted house event in Archuleta County — promises a memorable Halloween experience for the whole community.

This year, 17 ambitious and creative PPOS middle schoolers selected the Haunted House elective to bring this event to life.

Under the guidance of PPOS Drama Club teacher Alison Beach and Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts owner Laura Moore, these talented students have spent weeks designing, constructing and polishing an immersive installation inside the school.

“The process has been fun,” said eighth-grader Rayleen. “You get to make art with friends and have a big final product at the end set around an overall theme.”

“I’m learning a lot about paper mache,” said eight-grader Finlay. “And I’m excited to be putting all the pieces together and improving on our last time we created the haunted house.”

The students have not only learned about how to apply their creativity, they also learned business concepts such as marketing.

“When marketing, it’s important to keep things interesting and



SUN photo/Garrett Fevinger

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) middle schoolers are gearing up to open its doors for its third annual Haunted House.

capture your audience’s attention,” eighth-grader Quinn said.

Designed specifically with kids ages 5-11 in mind, the tour is tailored to be fun, exciting and family-friendly. Student guides will lead brave visitors through interactive scenes featuring student actors, creative set designs, and plenty of festive surprises along the way.

The fun begins before you even step inside. While waiting in line, families can enjoy an array of autumn activities, including roasting s’mores and having their futures told by student fortune tellers.

The public is welcome to purchase tickets and join in the fun on Oct.

23 and Oct. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. each night.

Come out, support our creative middle school students, and celebrate the spooky season with us. We can’t wait to see you there.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming event

By Shayla McClure
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

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

- Thursday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m.: “The Importance of Higher Self Connection and How It Can Change Your Perspective of Life’s Fulfillment.” We will introduce yourself to your higher awareness and wisdom through your higher self, your direct connection to God and “all that is.” This will be with Shayla White Eagle McClure Azriel, a higher self coach life coach, teacher of holistic health and wellness, and shaman of spiritual awareness through nature and the creator’s universal laws. This will take place at the SpiritFire Center at Xanadu. An \$11 donation will be collected. For more information, text or call (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.

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Our Community Eats food pantry is a recipient of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints charitable 250th celebration initiative. A total of 40,000 pounds of food was donated and split between the Durango and Our Community Eats food pantries.

Our Community Eats receives large food donation, executive director wins award

By David Hamilton
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Our Community Eats food pantry was a recipient of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints charitable 250th celebration initiative. As part of the 250th celebration of our great nation, 250 semi-truck loads of nonperishable food has been delivered to pantries across the United States. An incredible 40,000 pounds of food was donated and split between the Durango and Our Community Eats food pantries. The funding for the 250 truck loads of food comes from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints fast-offering funds. On the first Sunday of each month, members fast for two consecutive meals and donate the money that would have been spent for the meals to the fast-offering fund. Much of the food is produced and processed at church facilities across the United States. Additionally, in recognition of her selfless service to the community,



Photo courtesy David Hamilton
In recognition of her selfless service to the community, Katherine Solbert, executive director of Our Community Eats food pantry, is recognized with the JustServe Hero Award. The award recognizes only one individual/organization each year whose service exemplifies leadership, generosity and commitment to improving the lives of others.

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Photo courtesy Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

Rotarians gather for a group photo before heading out Saturday to pick up trash along Put Hill. Local businesses and community residents joined the effort, putting “Service Above Self” into action and working together to keep Pagosa beautiful.

October Archuleta Health Fair and Expo to offer low-cost wellness screening labs, free follow-up care

Healthy Archuleta

Local residents looking to take proactive control of their health can now sign up for comprehensive wellness screenings at the upcoming community health fair.

Designed to make essential preventative care accessible to all community members, the event will offer affordable blood chemistry panels and vital health metrics in a convenient, local setting.

Participants will have access to affordable wellness labs, including comprehensive metabolic panels, lipid profiles, thyroid screenings and hemoglobin A1C tests. These routine screenings provide critical insights into heart health, blood sugar levels, liver and kidney function, and overall metabolic wellness, often detecting potential health concerns long before symptoms appear.

To ensure a smooth experience and minimize wait times, community members are strongly encouraged to preregister on Healthy Archuleta’s website prior to the event. Preregistration allows attendees to select their preferred lab options, complete necessary paperwork in advance and secure their arrival time slot.

To help residents fully understand their lab work, the Archuleta County Public Health Department is offering free follow-up appointments to review results. During these consultations, public health staff will help

participants interpret their numbers, answer questions and discuss personalized steps to maintain or improve their health.

Event details and how to register

The fourth annual Archuleta Health Fair and Expo will take place on Oct. 24 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Pagosa Springs High School.

To register, visit our website to view available lab packages and complete your preregistration today: www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-health-fair-and-expo.html.

Details on scheduling your free lab review with the Archuleta County Public Health Department will be provided upon completion of your screening.

Take the first step toward a healthier year; register today to reserve your screening spot.

To learn more about the efforts of Healthy Archuleta, visit our website at www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org or send us an email at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

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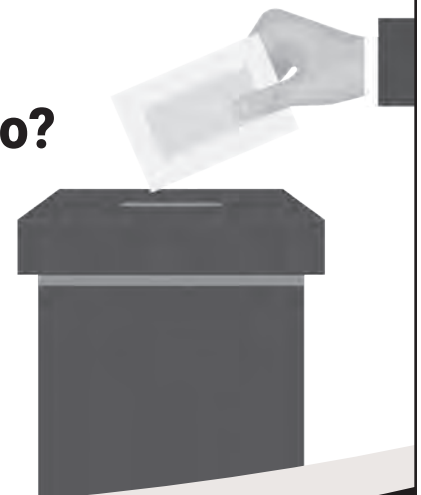
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Does this ballot measure raise taxes?

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

What does the ballot question do?

It asks voters to allow the Upper San Juan Health Service District—which operates Pagosa Springs Medical Center and provides EMS/ambulance, hospital and outpatient medical care—to continue to collect, retain and spend all PSMC revenues without the TABOR revenue and spending limits identified in the ballot question.



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Photo courtesy Archuleta Seniors Inc.

This month, the Sperry family generously donated a beautiful bench to Archuleta Seniors Inc., in memory of their father, Martin Sperry. His family chose to honor his memory by giving a gift that will provide comfort and enjoyment to seniors and community members for years to come. Martin Sperry’s daughters, Crystal and Cynthia Sperry, hand-painted the bench and added a special greeting that captures the spirit of their gift: “Rest a Bit, for Tis a Fine Place to Rest At.” The inspirational saying was discovered on a tree at a resort in Carmel, Calif., and the sisters felt it was the perfect message to share with those who use the bench. The Senior Center hopes the bench will provide seniors and visitors with a welcome place to rest and enjoy a moment of respite from the summer heat, as well as a dry and comfortable place to wait for the MET bus during the rain, snow and colder winter months.

Community United Methodist Church to celebrate World Communion Sunday

Community United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Oct. 4, the Community United Methodist Church will join Christians worldwide in celebrating World Communion Sunday, a day when believers across every tradition, language and nation gather around the same loaf and the same cup.

This year’s message, “One Table,” draws from 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 and asks a question that feels urgent

four weeks before a national election: What holds us together when everything around us is trying to pull us apart?

Pastor Ken Daniell will explore what it means to be one body across difference — across theology, across politics, across the divides that feel wider every day. The communion table, he argues, is not ours to guard. It belongs to God. And God keeps drawing the circle wider.

World Communion Sunday also reminds us that the table moves. It doesn’t wait for people to find their way to a building. At its best, the church goes out to the margins, to the edges, to the people who have wondered whether there is really a place for them.

There is. The chair is already pulled up.

All are welcome at both services. No credentials required.

Services are at 8:15 and 11 a.m.

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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to focus on ‘Living the Question’

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Living the questions, the theme for this month at the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship, is about staying curious, embracing uncertainty and being open to mystery.

We will build on last month’s theme of interdependence, acknowledging it is our responsibility to be open to wondering and listening before jumping to our own independent certainty. Our religious tradition is a living tradition because we are always learning new truths.

We will begin the month with a guest speaker, Mary Ocken, a lay leader from the UU Fellowship of Durango. The sermon, titled “Opening to a Sweet Surrender,” will explore the role of surrender, which can serve as an invitation for what might come into the spaciousness that we’ve made available. Ocken will explore everyday mysticism and how one might use the spaciousness mysticism fosters to enhance one’s connection with a soul’s deepest longing.

A native Coloradoan, Ocken has had a lifelong love affair with the world. She lives in Durango with her husband where she lives the questions of life through eco-spirituality, depth psychology, soul-collage, mysticism, new cosmology and jigsaw puzzles.

Join us Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10:30 a.m. for this inspiring service and check out the schedule for the month ahead. We offer a variety of programs listed here.

• Oct 11, 10:30 a.m.: Going Deeper Sharing Circle.

This lightly-facilitated group is a place for sharing and a practice in deep listening. The broad topic of “Living the Question” will no doubt be food for the soul, so bring your open mind and loving heart.

• Oct 18, 10:30 a.m.: Sunday service — “Meet the Moment Grounding Questions.”

Come for an engaging video and discussion as we navigate this moment we are in. “Meet the Mo-

ment” framework from the Unitarian Universalist Association offers goals in building collective understanding about the context and realities we are navigating, and how we are called in our values to respond to that landscape.

• Oct 25, 10:30 a.m.: Action Sunday.

As we engage our lived values in the world, we take actions to learn and respond to justice making. On the Sunday prior to election day, we will learn more about the work of UUCAN — the UU Colorado Action Network — and share information from the Solidarity Summit held earlier this month.

Our Community Hub is home to several other gatherings and are open to all.

The weekly Tara Meditation practice starts up this week, and continues Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A few specifics about this weekly practice follow: Learn meditation and the purpose of meditation. Just bring a kind heart and an open mind. We can even help you to find those. Newcomers are always welcome. Meditation is reviewed and practiced every week so that newcomers can learn comfortably alongside regulars. Practice is followed by a short talk and discussion. The group is currently working our way through Lama Migmar’s book “The Wisdom Gone Beyond, Teachings on the Heart Sutra.” Can’t attend in person? Join us on Zoom. Please email the Pagosa UU Fellowship to be added to our meditation email list.

Qi Gong Practice is held Mondays at 1 p.m.

The Wise and Wakeful Circle is held the second and fourth Saturdays at 10 a.m.

You can find us in the Greenbrier Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-15, on the north side facing Pagosa Peak. We also offer Zoom services the first and third Sundays of the month. Find our current newsletter at PagosaUU.org for the link to join on Zoom and for further information.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Top of the line
- 5 Photo keeper
- 10 "Fernando" singers
- 14 Plane measure
- 15 Jennifer's co-star on "The Morning Show"
- 16 Surrealist Salvador
- 17 Like unfulfilled orders
- 19 Mineral salt
- 20 Think highly of
- 21 Gentle waves
- 23 ____-garde
- 26 Mambo king Puente
- 27 Woodshop machine
- 30 "We ____ an impasse"
- 32 Part of IOU
- 35 Benefit
- 36 Brownd at the beach
- 38 Classic board game
- 39 Bell sound
- 40 Helpers
- 41 Castle entry, often
- 43 Jessica with two Oscars
- 44 It's next to nothing
- 45 Islamic prayer leaders
- 46 One of Charlie's trio
- 47 Cannes showing
- 49 Arboretum item
- 51 Took a tally
- 54 Rocky's girl
- 58 Guard's command
- 59 Strictly business
- 62 Capri, for one
- 63 Hollywood's Eastwood
- 64 Makes a scene?
- 65 IM sign-off

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- 66 Cultural values
- 67 Speaker's place

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- 1 Paul Bunyan's ox
- 2 Historic periods
- 3 Small faction
- 4 "Get lost!"
- 5 Bakery lure
- 6 Race part
- 7 Panhandle
- 8 Ruse anagram
- 9 Practice Zen
- 10 Grow accustomed
- 11 Airborne activity
- 12 Cookie
- 13 Draws a bead on
- 18 Carpenter's tool
- 22 Fillable bread
- 24 New Hampshire city
- 25 Obvious sayings
- 27 Key in a Bogart film

- 28 Concerning birds
- 29 Stylishly
- 31 Catch, as in a net
- 33 Caddie's offering
- 34 Bygone auto
- 37 Tandoor offering
- 39 Get started
- 42 Sword handle
- 43 Gives praise

- 48 Chip maker
- 50 Carries on
- 51 Promissory note
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Blessing of the Animals set for Sunday, Oct. 3, and Monday, Oct. 4

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

This Sunday, Oct. 4, after our 10 a.m. liturgy, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who delighted in the kinship of all of God's creatures. We will offer prayers of thanksgiving for and bless the animals who share our lives. All community members are invited to bring their animals and come to the steps outside the

front door of the church at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. this Sunday. Those who cannot join the gathering at St. Patrick's on Sunday are welcome to drop by the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership amphitheater by the river on Monday, Oct. 5, between 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., as Rector Wren Blessing from St. Patrick's will be available for walk-by blessings that morning.

Planned giving workshop coming to Pagosa Springs Nonprofits Oct. 19

By Rachel Rosenthal
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado will offer Planned Giving Fundamentals, a workshop for nonprofit development professionals, on Monday, Oct. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ruby M. Sisson Library. Registration is \$30 per person.

The workshop is built around preparing nonprofits to accept planned gifts. When a longtime supporter calls to say they've named the organization in their will, or they'd like to give appreciated stock instead of writing a check, staff are left figuring out on the spot whether they have a gift acceptance policy, who needs to approve the gift and how to respond to the donor.

Planned giving covers any gift a donor arranges now to be given later, through a will, a beneficiary designation, a trust or a transfer of assets such as stock or retirement funds. These gifts often come from loyal donors of modest means. They also tend to be the largest gift a donor ever makes to an organization. A supporter who has given \$500 a year for a decade might leave a nonprofit \$75,000 from their estate.

"Archuleta County nonprofits are already receiving these calls. We want every organization in Pagosa to be ready to say yes and handle the gift correctly," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation.

The session will be led by Brandy Bertram, principal of Great Big Good.

- Participants will cover:
- Gift acceptance policies, so boards know what to accept and what to decline.
 - Monthly giving programs.
 - Bequests and beneficiary designations.
 - Gifts of non-cash assets.
 - IRA and qualified retirement plan gifts.
 - Identifying planned giving prospects.
 - Stewarding planned giving donors.

Staff or board members are welcome to attend.

The same workshop will be offered in Durango on Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon at the TBK Bank Community Room, and in Cortez on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at First National Bank.

Planned Giving Fundamentals is part of the Community Foundation's Year-End Ask Series, which runs August through November.

Registration is available at https://cfssc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/event?event_date_id=3211, and the full series schedule is posted at <https://www.swcommunityfoundation.org/year-end-ask-series-august-november-2026/>.

The Community Foundation serves as the hub of philanthropy for Southwest Colorado, connecting people, ideas and resources to build a vibrant and resilient region. For more information on giving back and supporting community needs, visit swcommunityfoundation.org or call (970) 375-5807.

Photo courtesy St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

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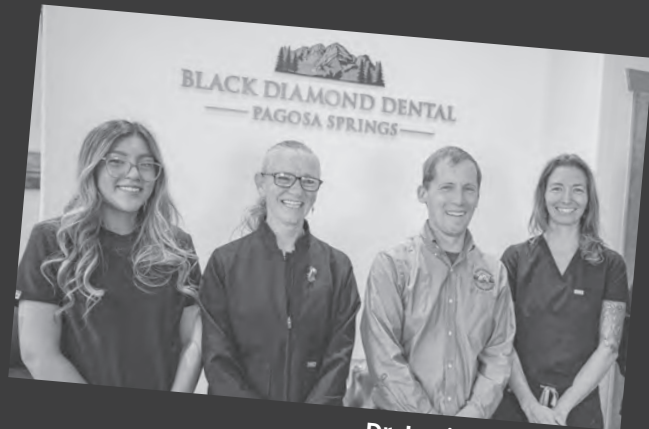
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PAGOSA SCENE . . .

20TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN CHILE CHA CHA

Photos courtesy Jeff Laydon

Scene ... judging and celebrating the winners of the 20th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha. The event again featured contests for best chile, best margarita and best salsa.



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 band-tailed pigeon.

The family of birds that is comprised of pigeons and doves includes more than 300 species worldwide, but only 12 are regularly found in the United States. Common characteristics of this group include compact, chunky bodies, small heads, short legs, strong wings for sustained flight, and a vegetarian diet of seeds and fruits.

Familiar to residents of cities, where tall buildings mimic its natural cliff habitats, is the introduced rock pigeon. Its forest-dwelling counterpart is the elegant band-tailed pigeon, North America's largest native pigeon. In Colorado, band-tails belong to the Four Corners population, found in the dry forests of parts of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Mexico. This migratory population winters in Mexico and arrives in Colorado between mid-April and mid-May. Depending on weather and food supply, they may stay through September before returning south.

These social birds travel in flocks and nest in small colonies in mountain forests, here primarily in those dominated by ponderosa pine and gambel oak. Typically the female lays only one egg, and both parents share in incubation and care of the chick. For the first few days, the chick is fed a milky protein and fat rich substance called pigeon milk, which is secreted in the crops of the parents.

When available, acorns are a major part of their diet, which also includes berries, pine nuts, flowers of trees and shrubs, agricultural grains and orchard fruits. They will feed on sunflower seed in feeders, with several individuals vying for a space to perch. A flock taking off in flight with wings clapping is loud and noticeable.

An adult band-tailed pigeon has a blue-gray back, gray underparts with a purple sheen, yellow bill and feet, and a white crescent and green iridescent feathers on the back of the neck. The pale band on its long tail is visible when these feathers are fanned in flight. Juvenile birds lack the white neck crescent.

Band-tailed numbers were once seriously depleted by over-hunting and there was concern that they might share the fate of the related passenger pigeon, now extinct. Current declines may again be related to hunting pressure.

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



Preview Calendar

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

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 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.

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 educa-

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Preview Calendar

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tional 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.

Good News Club. 1:15-3:15 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. A weekly club for kids in kindergarten through the fourth grade where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. For more information, email melanie.jonason@att.net.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Annual Clothing Giveaway Donation Acceptance. 9 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Aimee Cross will speak on cleaning up your genealogy.

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.

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Puzzle Palooza. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Put together some puzzles and have some family fun.

Runway for Rise: A Recycled Fashion Gala. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Watch teams compete on the runway with fashion creations created using recycled materials while supporting Rise Above Violence. Tickets can be purchased at www.riseaboveviolence.org.

Sunday, Oct. 4

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Annual Clothing Giveaway Donation Acceptance. 9 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

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Blessing of the Animals. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church parking lot, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. All animals and their humans are welcome to join a celebration of the animals in our lives through

this annual blessing.

Monday, Oct. 5

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.

Blessing of the Animals. 8:30-9:30 a.m., GGP amphitheater, Centennial Park. All animals and their humans are welcome to drop by the Amphitheater at any time during this period to receive the annual blessing from St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Rector Wren Blessing.

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

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Pagosa Unplugged. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join a community of local musicians who play for fun and

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learning. Jams are the first and third Mondays of each month.

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, Oct. 6

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 9 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

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Coffee and Kiddos Playgroup. 10-11 a.m., Aspire Medical Services and Education, 602 S. 8th St. For those with kids ages birth to 3 years old.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

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.

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Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Rummikub. 1:15-3:45 p.m., Senior Center.

Tween Book and Art Club. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 11-14. Adventure with books and art activities in this fun-filled hour. This month's book is "Odder" by Katherine Applegate. Copies are available to check out at the library. Snacks will be provided.

Walt Dabney 'Public Lands Champion' Speaking Tour. 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Join for a talk on how important public lands are. Presented in partnership with the Sierra Club.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Volleyball. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Bayfield.

Lecture: Dr. John Kappelman, 'The Dating Game: Archaeological Dating Method.' 6-7:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Kappelman will demonstrate how archaeologists determine the age of ancient objects and events, and why the approaches are important for understanding and interpreting the past.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

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Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A weekly club for 3- to 5-year-olds where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an educational hour of reading, singing and free play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mexican Train Dominoes. 1:15 p.m.,

Senior Center.

Mindful Drawing. 1:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Phone-in Legal Clinic. 2-3:40 p.m., Sisson Library. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via 20-minute

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phone appointments. Registration opens Oct. 1 and space is limited. Registration is required. Call (970) 264-2209.

Make Your Own Moving Hand. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-10. Spooking season is around the corner. Learn how to make a hand that you can move around in mysterious ways.

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. 8

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.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Annual Clothing Giveaway Donation Acceptance. 9 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

'Written in Bark — Aspens and Arborglyphs' Hike. 9 a.m. The hike is free, but sign-up is required at SJMA.org.

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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.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Boys' Soccer. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Bayfield.

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.

'Thinking Like Water' Kick-off Screening: 'Willing to Try Things.' 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre. Join a collaboration of local organizations for the kickoff screening of the five part film series. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9

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.

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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.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Annual Clothing Giveaway. 4-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Annual Clothing Giveaway. 9 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

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.

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ANSWER:

Second annual Masquerade Ball a success

By Ricardo Martinez
PREVIEW Columnist

As the executive director of Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI), I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make the second annual Masquerade Ball such a wonderful success.

This special evening was made possible because of the generosity, dedication and countless hours given by our sponsors, donors, Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, event manager, videographer, chef and kitchen staff, and the many individuals who served on our different event committees. To everyone who attended and showed their support for ASI, thank you. Your presence helped create an evening filled with community, friendship, laughter and a shared commitment to the seniors we are honored to serve.

For me, this event was about so much more than the funds raised. It was about witnessing what can happen when people come together because they believe in the mission of ASI.

I am incredibly proud and grateful to be surrounded by people who are willing to give their time, talents, energy and hearts to support our senior center. Each person played an important role in making the second annual Masquerade Ball possible, and I want you to know how deeply your hard work and dedication are appreciated.

On behalf of the seniors we serve, thank you for believing in our mission, thank you for standing beside us, and thank you for helping make this evening such a memorable success.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center talk

On Monday, Oct. 5, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Jodi Scarpa, manager of the Community Relations and Foundation Department from Pagosa Springs Medical Center, will present updates about programs and services during lunch. Come learn the latest about Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

Senior News

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

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of techniques

that can help enhance overall movement efficiency.

Though not necessary, a mat is recommended for this class.

The program is instructed by local ballet dance instructor Dee Pitchon, who will provide modifications to ensure the safety and effectiveness

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LEGO Build: Castles. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Bring your own LEGOs or use the library's. This month's focus is on rockets.

Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Any type and experience level of needleworker is welcome.

Sunday, Oct. 11

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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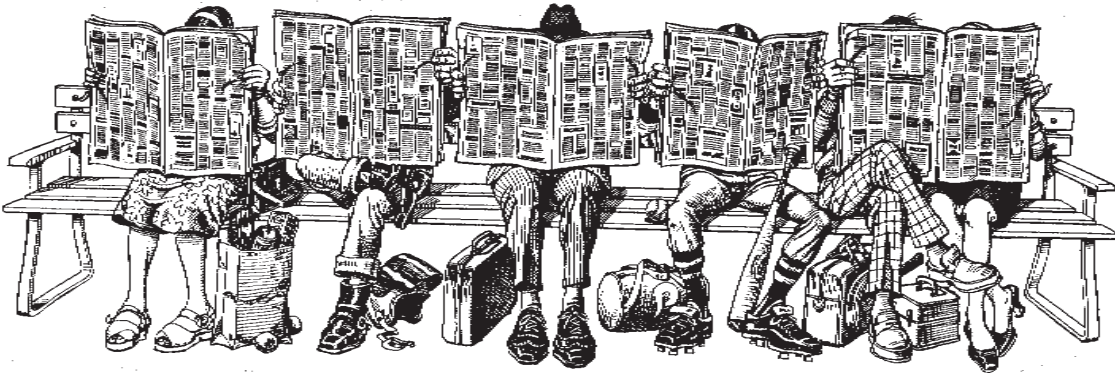
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of the exercises.

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.

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, Oct. 30, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 from 1:30 to 2:30 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 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, 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.

Monday, Oct. 5 — Chicken green chili casserole, Mexican corn, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 6 — Beef-lamb gyro on a pita, spanakopita, tzatziki sauce, garden salad, fruit, muffin and milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 7 — Giant stuffed mushroom with vegetables and feta cheese, couscous, spinach and onions, garden salad, fruit, toffee brownie, and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 8 — Beef vegetable soup, focaccia bread, garden salad,

fruit, cottage cheese and milk.

Friday, Oct. 9 — Turkey and gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing, carrots, garden salad, fruit, scones and milk.

Meals on Wheels

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Libraries are much more than books

By Donna Mosher and library staff
PREVIEW Columnists

In this age of ubiquitous online information, have you wondered why we still have libraries?

Why do we need a physical building staffed with real, live librarians? Why did Pagosa Springs spend more than five years to raise money to make our library bigger and better when any information one wants can conceivably be found online?

I missed our library over the last year, especially when the books (more than 26,000 of them) were stored to complete the renovation. I couldn't walk in to browse them and find one I didn't know I wanted to read. The newspapers and magazines were tucked away. Local groups couldn't hold meetings at the library. We didn't have access to the computers, printers, CDs or DVDs, or to many of the great variety of fun, innovative and educational programs our librarians offer. These are just some of the services we enjoy, and maybe we even took them for granted.

Libraries offer so much more than books. Our Ruby Sisson Library's precious resource is our librarians. Thankfully, they were there to help throughout the renovation. Our librarians help with research and finding information resources we can trust. They suggest books or other materials to meet our interests or needs. Our librarians offer an assortment of programs, from children's storytimes to craft classes. We can find a book club and meet best-selling authors online in special presentations.

Do you need help with a resume? Are you looking for grants to fund an organization? Do you need reliable



access to the internet? Our library has these resources and more.

And, we have more and larger gathering spaces now. As well as an expanded community room, our updated library has a teen room, an expanded children's room and a maker lab for hands-on learning and fun.

Of course, online information sources are there for us. But do you know what they are? Every morning I log onto PagosaLibrary.org to read The New York Times — for free. The library website offers close to four dozen online resources, including genealogy help, an encyclopedia, resources for home improvement and auto repair, and legal resources. You can learn a language, find suggestions for your next novel, or even watch free lectures presented by the travel organization Road Scholar. Kids can enjoy educational digital books. And, of course, the library offers two services for e-books and audiobooks.

Libraries today are more than places to store books. Our library offers learning for all, technology support, professional guidance and a community center. Finally, after nearly a year, our newly expanded, absolutely beautiful library is fully open again.

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library is more than just books — lots more. Come check out all our library offers — in person and online.

Senior

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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.

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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 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 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 cata-

log 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.

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.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available
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New books collections brimming with interesting titles

For a full list of new titles and to reserve your copy, go to www.pagosallibrary.org and choose “Search the Catalog” at the top of the screen. Don’t forget, if there is a waiting list for the book, it may be available now as an e-book or e-audiobook on Hoopla or Libby. Need help? Just ask. We love talking about books.

- New in large print**
- “Dreamland,” by Olivia Blake, is a hauntingly seductive Gothic mystery where the glitz of Los Angeles collides with the dark shadows of the Hollywood elite.
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 - “The Chase” is by Felix Francis. Forty-nine-year-old Fabian Tulley is only trying to run his own art gallery in London’s Mayfair in peace. But someone seems determined to ruin his life by accusing him of forgery.

- New fiction**
- “The Amateur” is by Chris Bohjalian. When a young woman, a golf prodigy, kills a caddy with a stray ball at the country club, the investigation of this freak accident reveals a dark and shocking tale of secret affairs, predatory men and a teenager on trial.
 - “Gilded Mountain,” by Kate Manning, weaves local Colorado mining history into a coming-of-age story.
 - “Birthing Tree,” by Amanda Peters, bestselling author of “The Berry Pickers,” follows a woman who must confront her family’s buried truths and memories of passionate young love when her grandmother’s death leaves her as the only guide to her native community’s future.

- New writing guides from the masters**
- “Story Telling: A Writing Life” is by Isabel Allende. In this deeply personal and insightful book, Allende delves into her creative process, reflecting on nearly half a century of writing that has captivated millions of readers worldwide.
 - “Plot Twist: Life, Craft, and the Messy First Draft: A Memoir on Writing,” by Harlan Coben, offers a look behind the curtain at his own writing process in an inspiring, candid memoir filled with indispensable insights and techniques.

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Seeing is not believing

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

Manassa, Colo., to Pagosa Springs, Colo., — 100 miles from where I began is where I find myself today. So many off-roads I chose — some decisions made out of defiance, and some from the core of my being, but God had his hand on me protecting me through this mire of life.

I didn't see how God had been there in my early days and what I saw I didn't believe. I was not ready to open my heart to Him until I was 30. Yet, when I wasn't even aware of his plans for me, He had already written my story and was making provisions, carrying me forward to this day.

The crazies of life didn't make sense at the time. But when our hearts are open to God, they make total sense later. We finally get a glimpse how God knitted us in our mother's womb and sealed us for our destiny.

It's unbelievable that God gives us free will, yet we end up where we need to be. We're not that smart, but He knows what we need.

I talk about God writing our stories. From that first sentence, when He jots down a few words, "Seeing isn't believing. Seeing is seeing," which we read in the feeding of the thousands in John 6. The rest of the story has been written, and, as we live, our days unfold.

On a day my father took his gun on a pheasant hunt, a drunk doctor stood ready to deliver me, and my mother — angry, furious and frustrated — brought me into the world. I was raised in a Mormon family with sister-wives and lots of cousins. I grew up in a stern household with religious principles that framed me. That was the beginning of my life, which had already been given grace, to live what I had been called to do.

Then, I fell in love with a young man, a staunch Baptist, who didn't budge, and wouldn't accept my religion. I refused to accept his. We fought many battles in the name of love, but wed on April 1, 1960. Everyone doubted this marriage would last, but it has continued over 66 years.

Not until 16 years later after our wedding day, eight months pregnant with my third child, sitting in a Baptist pew, but never fitting in, still believing I didn't belong there, the Lord came for me.

He came to me in that little Baptist church in Las Cruces, N.M. The name of Jesus opened my heart and changed me forever. I yielded to Jesus as I listened to the teachings of the gospel.

Did I believe that my life was orchestrated all along? No. But the Lord knew the core of my being and what it would take to lead me to Him.

My Mormon family and I are still in contact with each other. I tried for so many years to be a witness to them about the true Jesus. And for

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years, they kept me on their church registry. My name had been added to their church roll when I was 8 years old and was baptized. They believe it is my entrance into heaven. I've asked to have my name removed, but they shudder to think I would lose my salvation.

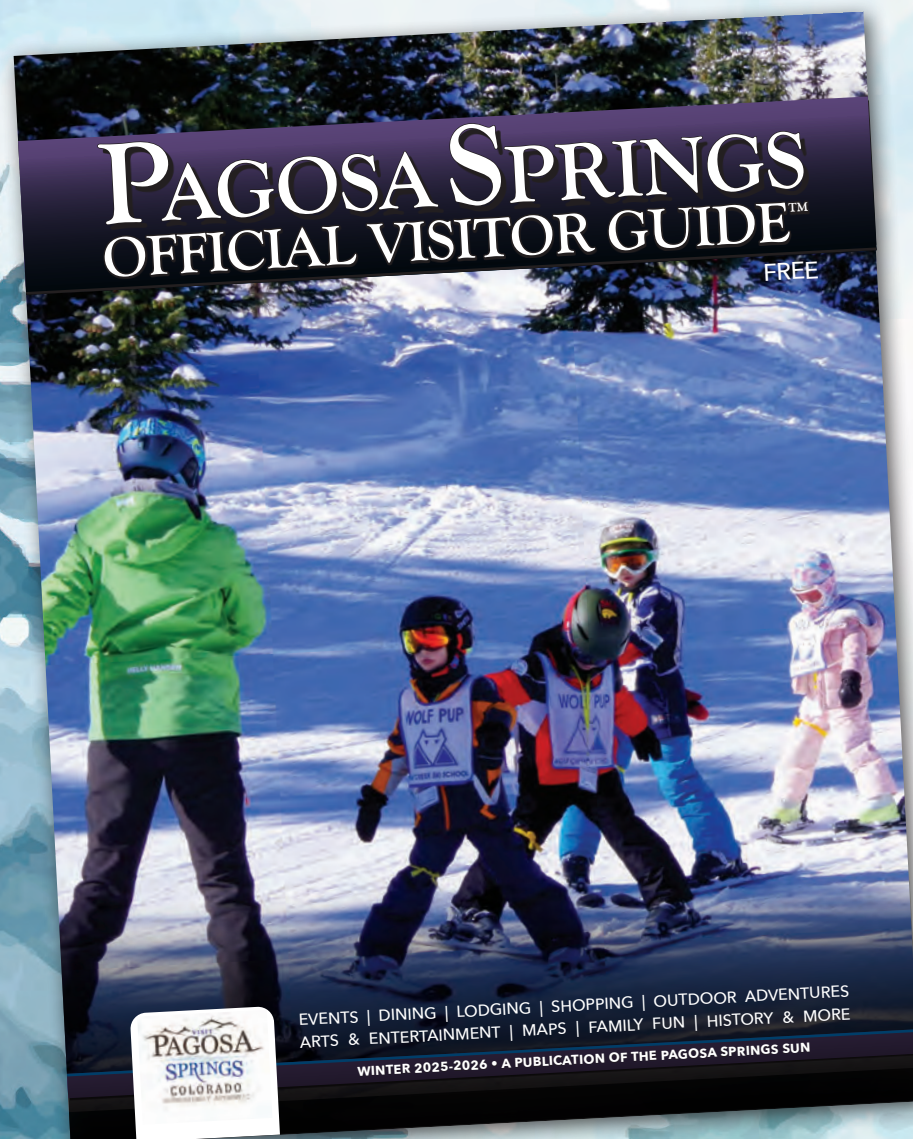
In a way, Al rescued me, determined to make me a Baptist when I wouldn't budge. I have opened the Word every day and taught my Sweet Al from the Bible. We've learned together about Jesus. I always told him I was getting Him ready for heaven. Yes, he sees and believes. His fragile mind is giving way, but he knows "Whom he believes, and is persuaded that He (God) is able to keep that which he (Al) has committed unto Him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12, NKJV). Al says in his gentle, precious way, "I love Jesus."

Final brushstroke: That day, when Jesus comes to us for the last time, we will understand He's been there before we were conceived and brought into this world. For some of us, it has taken a lifetime to believe we fit in a life that was contrary to who we thought we were. When He returns, we will fall on our knees and cry, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God almighty."

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