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Road projects underway Piedra Road closures begin

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Construction season is underway in the area, with Archuleta County announcing and approving several projects recently.

Multiple road paving projects, including on Piedra Road, North Pagosa Boulevard, Talisman Drive and Valley View Drive, have begun or will begin soon in Archuleta County, causing potential delays and traffic detours.

Piedra Road

Piedra Road between Cloud Cap Avenue and Stevens Lake Road is closed for construction beginning on June 6.

According to a press release from Archuleta County, the project will repave this section of road to address "severe road damage."

The press release explains that all local traffic coming from the south

■ See Road A8

PSHS class of 2023 earns more than \$500,000 in scholarships

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School staff, students, friends and family gathered at Golden Peaks Stadium on Saturday, June 3, to celebrate 96 graduating seniors.

The class of 2023 had eight students earn the distinction of gaining a 4.0 GPA: Lynelle Bartz, Kaleb Johnson, Jonathan Nasralla, Reece Peterson, Jordan Pham, Avery Ramirez, Hannah Rockensock and Skylar Sherman.

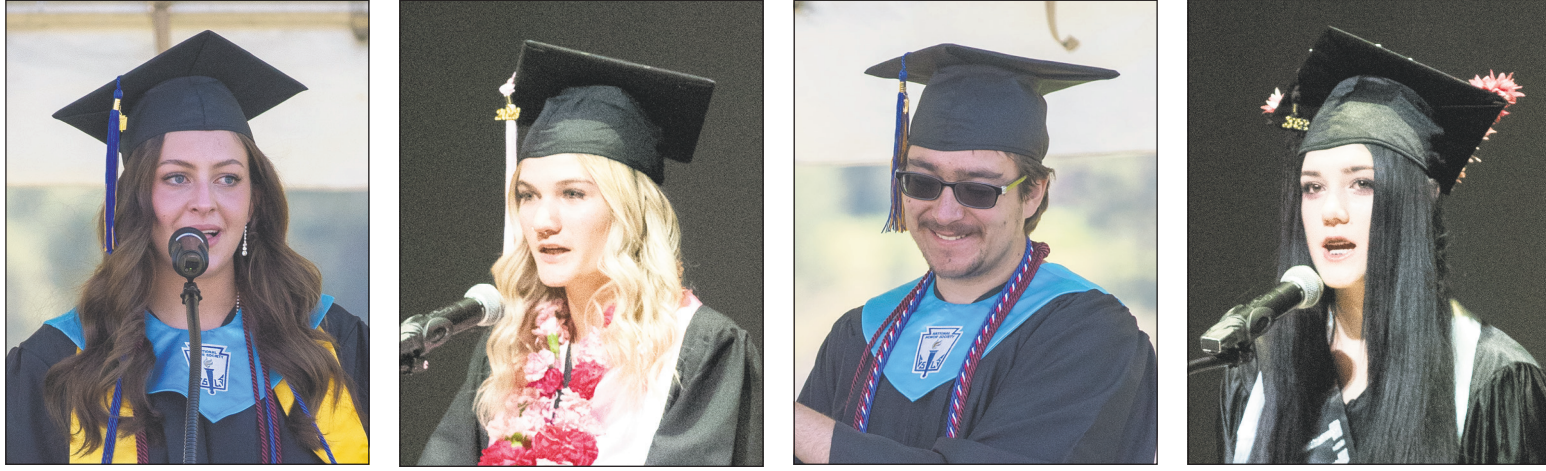
Those graduates earning a distinction of 3.9 GPA are Andrew Bowles, Jai Loveday and Ava Pargin.

The class had four students earn a GPA of 3.8: Chantelle Caldwell, Alexis Derr, Kali Jury and Noah Slingerland.

Those in the National Honors Society with a GPA of 3.4 or higher

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Graduation celebrations



SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) and San Juan Mountain School (SJMS) students, families and supporters celebrated at their annual commencement ceremonies June 3, with both ceremonies honoring the achievements of the classes and ending with the traditional cap toss as the students closed out their high school careers. Top, left to right: PSHS valedictorian Lynelle Bartz, SJMS valedictorian Sorcha Sweeney, PSHS salutatorian Avery Ramirez and SJMS salutatorian Jaylynn Ramsey. Middle: PSHS graduates celebrate at Golden Peaks Stadium. Bottom: SJMS graduates celebrate in the PSHS auditorium.



Lawsuits: Filings against county allege discrimination, other claims

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

In a report to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on May 9, County Attorney Todd Weaver briefed the board on pending litigation, including on a trio of employment-related lawsuits by former or potential county employees filed against the board.

In early March, the county's insurance carrier settled one of those lawsuits — with former county employee Lacy Brown — for \$105,000.

More on that case and settlement is included in the June 1 issue of The SUN.

The two other employment-related lawsuits continue, with Weaver's May report indicating that former Department of Human Services director Matthew Dodson filed a discrimination action with the Colorado Civil Rights Division in April 2022 and a complaint was

■ See Lawsuits A8

Water levels high across region, drought conditions favorable

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

River levels across the region remain above average while the snowpack on Wolf Creek Pass was 79 percent of median as of June 7, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Water and Climate Center's snowpack report.

The USDA report indicates that the pass had 10.9 inches of snow water equivalent on Wednesday, June 7, below the median of 13.8 inches.

Area rivers also remain high, with the San Juan River in Pagosa Springs running at 2,470 cubic feet per second (cfs) at 9 a.m. on June 7, down from a nighttime peak of 2,930 cfs at 2 a.m., according to data from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

The mean flow for June 7 is 1,550 cfs, while last year's flow on the date was 1,100 cfs, according to the USGS.

The San Juan River has remained consistently above the median flow for the last 30 days, only briefly dipping below the median on June 4.

Other regional rivers are also high, with the Animas River in Durango flowing at 4,410 cfs at 9 a.m. on June 7, well above the mean flow of 3,100 cfs for that date based on USGS data.

The Piedra River near Arboles was flowing at 1,980 cfs at 9 a.m. on June 7, according to the USGS, compared to a mean flow of 1,170.

The Los Pinos River above Vallecito Reservoir near Bayfield was flowing at 1,090 cfs at 9 a.m. on June 7, according to the USGS, above the mean flow of 670 cfs.

The Animas, San Juan, Los Pinos

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Long may she wave

Old Glory. The Stars and Stripes. The Star-Spangled Banner. No matter what you call it, the American flag stands for freedom and hope for mankind. There exists perhaps no greater symbol of national pride in the United States than the American flag.

Next Wednesday is Flag Day. It is a time when to honor the commemoration of the adoption of the U.S. flag by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777.

Flying the flag honors every serviceman and woman who has pledged to protect and defend it—some who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Have you noticed the special care that is given to the American flag when it is hoisted up a flagpole? It is formality reserved for the symbol of our country as it flies with honor; it is given with honor and should be retired with honor.

While many proudly fly the flag every day, the American Legion's website notes: "The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year's Day, January 1; Inauguration Day, January 20; Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, the third Monday in January; Lincoln's Birthday, February 12; Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February; Easter Sunday (variable); Mother's Day, second Sunday in May; Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May; Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Father's Day, third Sunday in June; Independence Day, July 4; National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day,

October 27; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays."

There are detailed rules outlined in the U.S. Flag Code concerning its display.

According to the Veterans of Foreign Wars website:

- The federal flag code says the universal custom is to display the U.S. flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in the open, but when a patriotic effect is desired the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. Also, the U.S. flag should not be displayed when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.

- When a U.S. flag is flown on the same staff as others, it should be at the peak, above all others.

- All persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the armed forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or, if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

- On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff. On Memorial Day, it is flown at half-staff until noon and then raised.

- Do not let the flag touch the ground.
- Do not fly the flag upside down un-

less there is an emergency.

- Do not carry the flag flat, or carry things in it.

- Do not use the flag as clothing.

- Do not use it as a cover.

- Do not fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.

- Do not draw on or otherwise mark the flag.

A proclamation was issued by President Woodrow Wilson that officially established June 14 as Flag Day in 1916.

"I venture to say that a great many things are said about the flag which very few people stop to analyze," Wilson said in his Flag Day address on June 14, 1915. "For me the flag does not express a mere body vague of sentiment. The flag of the United States has not been created by rhetorical sentences in declarations of independence and in bills of rights. It has been created by the experience of a great people, and nothing is written upon it that has not been written by their life. It is the embodiment, not of sentiment but of a history, and no man can rightly serve under that flag who has not caught some of the meaning of that history. Experience, ladies and gentlemen, is made by men and women. National experience is the product of those who do the living under that flag. It is their living that has created its significance."

Thirty years later, Congress established a National Flag Day in 1946.

For many, Flag Day is a reminder that the Fourth of July just around the corner, and it is a good time for businesses and government agencies in our community to check on the U.S. flags we fly each day and make sure they are still in good condition.

May Old Glory proudly wave.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 8, 1923

Had it not been for the lack of cooperation on the part of Del Norte and other San Luis Valley towns last Sunday, the Wolf Creek Pass Highway would now be open and in fair shape for travel. As it is the pass is still closed, though the east slope people are now busy doing their work.

About 35 Pagosa men journeyed to the hill Sunday and blasted and shoveled out all of the snow on this side to the top, expecting to meet the Del Norte contingent at that point. But the latter failed to make their appearance, and did not put on a crew until the following day. We understand they have since been working daily. Several cars are now at Pagosa awaiting the opportunity to cross the hill.

The state highway department has commenced running lines for a new piece of road through the Frank Matthews ranch, adjoining this city on the west, thereby eliminating what is known as the "Putnam hill" road and connecting with the state highway about three miles west of town. It is hoped that the work can be completed this summer.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 11, 1948

In a meeting which seemed to cover a multitude of details Monday night, the Town Board made preliminary plans for establishing a recreation area on Reservoir Hill, considered revising its truck parking ordinance, discussed the stray dog situation and accepted the resignation of one of its members.

Mayor Connelley and the board started plans for receiving bids to cut some of the timber on Reservoir Hill.

Proceeds from the timber sale would finance the improvements for the contemplated recreation area, Connelley explained.

The resignation of Harvey J. Catchpole, Pagosa businessman was accepted by the board. Catchpole was re-elected at the last town election.

Control of stray dogs was urged and the town marshal was instructed to enforce the existing ordinance and make a house-to-house survey on dog ownership immediately.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 7, 1973

A fund drive is now underway to raise the needed money to provide equipment and supplies for the opening of the Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Center next month. A doctor is to arrive then and he is assigned here by the Public Health Service. It is also anticipated that a dentist will start a full-time practice in the medical center sometime this year. Local residents are being asked to provide the needed funds by either buying prepaid medical services, purchasing stock in the medical center, or by outright donation. In any event such money is a tax-deductible item.

Archuleta County has purchased a hot mix plant for paving and is in the process of purchasing a machine to lay the hot mix. County commissioners said this week that the first hot mix asphalt surfacing project would be that on the Trujillo road, south from the city limits.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 11, 1998

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District directors voted Tuesday to issue \$4,815,000 in revenue bonds for the purpose of installing a new water supply line south of Pagosa Springs carrying water from the San Juan River to the District's Vista facility, construction of a water treatment plant at the Vista facility and other water distribution needs.

Once the bonds are sold, the next step is to build the intake structure and begin laying the 16-inch supply line. Negotiations are still underway for a small portion of the pipeline right of way. Installation could start by mid-July.

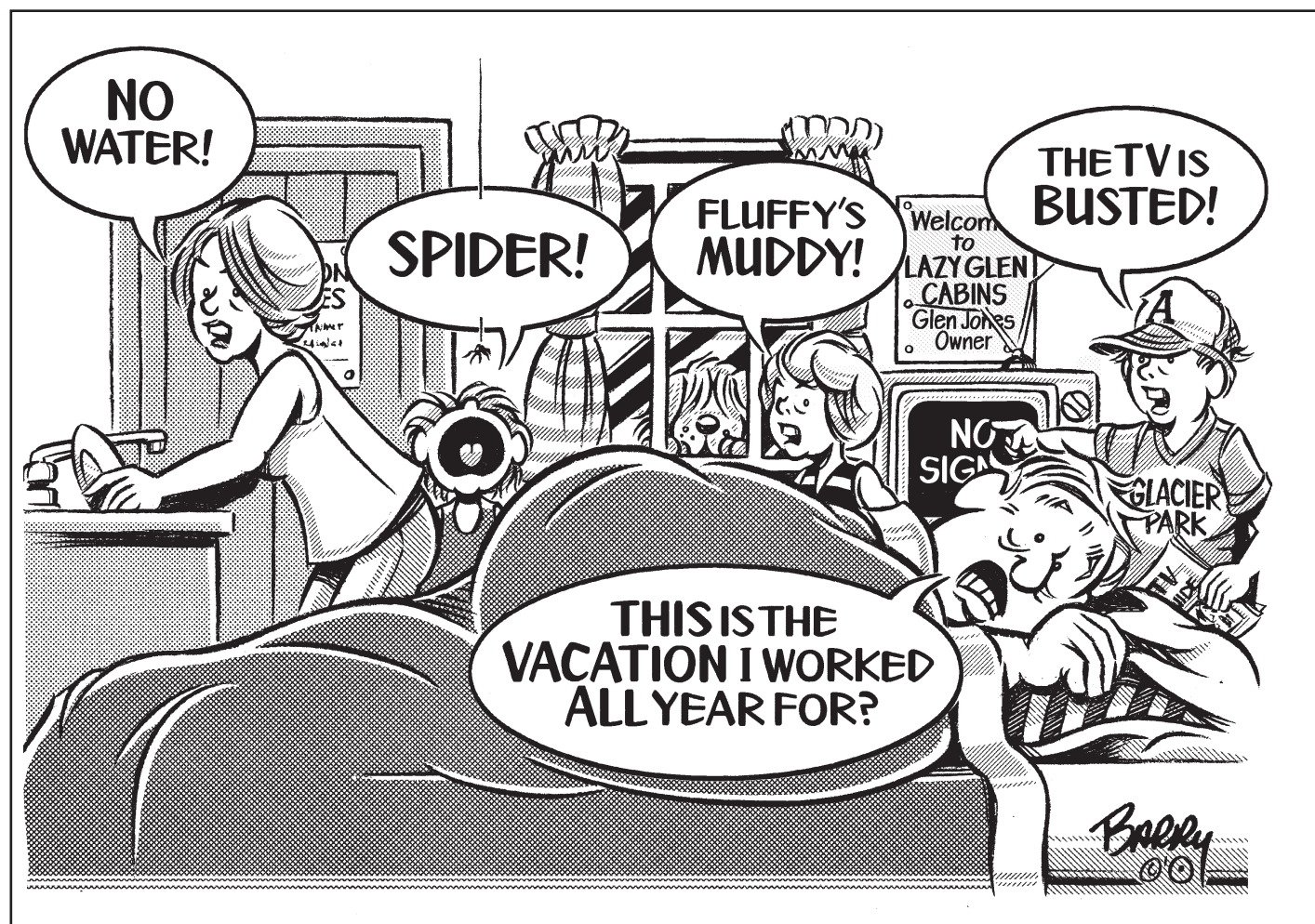
This is the second time the district's board has voted to issue bonds for this project. Last year, just days before the impending bond sale, a law suit on behalf of Bass family interest stopped the sale. Among other things, the Bass suit challenged the utility's diversion and alleged that an enterprise set up by the district was not legal. The district denied the allegation.

An out of court settlement was reached. One of the tenets of the settlement required the district to conduct an election to get the people's permission to issue the bonds.



Taken from The Pagosa Springs SUN files of May 31, 1962: PICTURED at left is one of the teams of square dancers from the 4-H Clubs of Archuleta County. Square dancing is one of the wholesome entertainment features of the 4-H clubs. The group shown here has become quite proficient in the art of square dancing and has appeared at various social events in the county giving exhibitions of their talent. Their latest appearance was at the Cowbelle district meeting held here last week.

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'Idiocy of our Congress'

Dear Editor:
This past week's Sun had an article in the series, "Opinion: Writers on the Range" and Titled: "Farmington, a Town in need of a Jolt" It reviews the woes of that City since they were forced to shut down their coal fired generation facilities. At about midway, it states:
To keep its coal plants open, Farmington chased a coal capture scheme even though its history is one of failure. All 11 of President Obama's Carbon capture projects have either gone belly up or were

never built. A Mississippi coal project alone cost \$7.5 Billion, leaving only mountains of scrap.

Now if we fast forward four paragraphs, in the very same article, it states:

Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, which gave a boost to nonprofit utilities like Farmington Electric, there's Federal Money available to help build solar arrays. The act allows a utility to build and sell renewable electricity while also raking in generous government incentives.

Huh? Why is this utility being criticized for squandering Government handouts on one side, while encouraging the Utility to take more Government money to fix the problem? Obvious answer; Government money is not the fix, it's the problem. Every bit of that money goes to debt, and the gigantic debt we have accumulated is coming home to haunt us. The real fix: Don't vote for these lunatics.

The "Inflation Reduction Act" also illustrates the idiocy of our Congress: Inflation reduction and federal handouts at this time are polar opposites. On one hand they raise interest rates to curb inflation, while handing out "generous

subsidies" to curb inflation?
Dick Riethmiller

Coach Keith Candelaria

Dear Editor:
"The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts." C.S. Lewis
As the school year ends for our children, I'd like to take a minute to acknowledge one of the most amazing mentors at our middle school. Coach Candelaria has been the most influential coach/teacher for my son and many other kids in our community. Thank you Coach for your guidance, love, and dedication to your students. We appreciate the conversations, life lessons and mentoring over the last year. Here's to a strong man helping raise our boys into men.
Hazel Wedemeyer

Dispatch board approves Oracle contract

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 1 meeting, the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Board voted to move forward with a contract with Oracle for computer-aided dispatch (CAD) equipment and software for the dispatch center.

Prior to the vote, board member and Pagosa Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips highlighted that the contract was shown to the town's attorney, Bob Cole, who had examined it and suggested a number of minor and "legalese" edits.

She noted that these edits were sent to Emergency Communications Director Devin Moffat, who indicated he had sent them to Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver.

Moffat added that he hoped he would hear back quickly from Weaver and, assuming no one on the board had objections or addendums, he would sign the contract

once he received it.
The board then discussed if it could motion to approve the contract pending final edits from Weaver and if a motion was needed since the board had already approved the emergency communications director being the signatory on the contract.

Pagosa Springs Police Department Chief William Rockensock and Pagosa Fire Protection District Chief Randy Larson noted that they were already preparing to install the equipment and were ready to move forward with the contract.

The board then agreed to make a motion to approve the contract with Oracle pending edits from Weaver and to allow Moffat to sign.

In response to a question from Phillips, Moffat explained that he would follow up with Weaver on the timeline for the contract but that he hoped to have the process completed within two weeks.
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Letters

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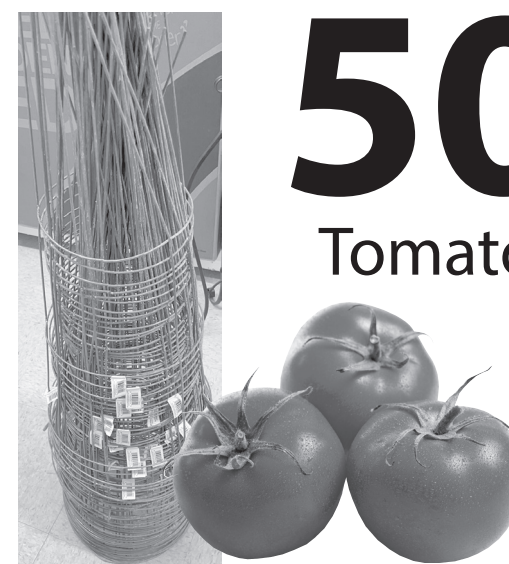
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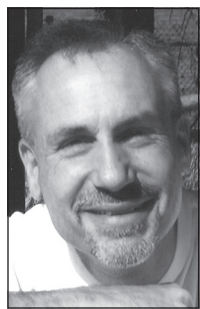
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Obituaries

Daniel Clyde Aupperle

Daniel Clyde Aupperle, born Sept. 27, 1957, in Green Bay, Wis., died on Wednesday, May 24, at his home in Platteville, Wis., with his wife, dogs and daughter by his side. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Kay Aupperle, of 41 years, 11 months and 26 days; his daughter, Sara Elyse Aupperle; his son, Daniel Edmond Aupperle; his two old dogs, Clover and Ollie; and his comfort kitty, Pester.



Dan had a long career as a banker, but that was just a small fraction of his life: He was a skilled carpenter, electrician and plumber; runner, hiker, explorer, morel hunter; horticulturalist and cider-maker; hobby farmer and amateur large animal veterinarian; a dad profoundly proud of everything Sara and Daniel accomplished; a husband wholeheartedly and unequivocally devoted to his wife; and an exceptional father and husband.

He loved gardening, but what he enjoyed most was sharing his labors of love with everyone. Dan and Lisa hosted dinner for Dan's mother, Jean, nearly every Sunday, and she always went home with more fresh apples, pears, zucchini,

asparagus, raspberries and tomatoes than she could ever possibly eat in a week. He sent his sister Katie home with pickled beets, probably the only other person in the world that would appreciate them, and he delighted in showing his brother David around the farm each time he would visit. He was a beloved son and brother.

You always knew where you stood with Dan. He was honest, direct and he didn't suffer fools lightly. But underneath his furrowed brow was a dry sense of humor and a smirky smile. He was a man with sound advice, a good judge of character, a know-it-all with encyclopedic knowledge of seemingly everything, and a constant tease. Dan was a generous and incredible friend.

The world will be a little less funny and will have far fewer delicious tomatoes without him in it. He will be forever loved and missed.

A celebration of life will be held at his home in Platteville on June 24 at 5 p.m. (cocktail hour). Please join us for old-fashioned, spotted cow, fancy Wisconsin cheese and good memories. No cut flowers please—if you feel the need to give, please donate to your local humane society. Or, send us bourbon.

Online condolences: martin-schwartzfuneralhomes.com.

Carlene Jewel Kilgore Bailey

Carlene Jewel Kilgore Bailey, 89, of Pagosa Springs, died Friday, May 26, peacefully in her sleep. Her memorial service will be a

come-and-go remembrance at the Grace in Pagosa Campus, 1044 Park Ave., in Pagosa Springs, on Thursday, June 8, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.



Carlene was born May 23, 1934, to William and Jewel Kilgore in Plainview, Texas. She spent her childhood years in Plainview, Texas, and Carlsbad, N.M., with her older sister, Billie, and younger brother, Kyle. After high school, she attended Eastern New Mexico University, where she met the love of her life, Jerry Amos Bailey. They married, and together they raised their two children: Curtis (Lisa) and Kathy Faber (Mark). Carlene and Jerry have five amazing grandchildren: Ty, Kari Beth (Luke), Erin (Landon), Jacob and Jerrad and four of the sweetest great-grandchildren: Duke, Isabella, Whit and Isaiah, with twins expected to arrive in August.

From an early age, Carlene loved life, her family and friends. She was a spark of joy to her entire family. She shared wisdom, care and a quiet humor with all.

Carlene was a dedicated teacher. She and Jerry taught (coached) together their entire married life: Carlsbad, Artesia and Tularosa, N.M.; Brownfield, Texas; Pagosa Springs, Colo.; and Aztec, N.M. Following Jerry's death in 1996, she moved back to Pagosa Springs, where she went back to teaching at Pagosa Springs Elementary School until the fall of 2013.

Carlene loved Jesus. She was a quiet inspiration and humble servant. She ran the worship slides for over 20 years for the church. She used to say that typing and reading the words was a worship experience itself. She was efficient and talented. It was her service to pastors and the church body.

Carlene hosted a book club at her house for many years. She kept it so organized and well-stocked with new books. She opened her home to anyone who wanted to read a book and used it as a ministry to many ladies in our community.

Carlene is survived by her children, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren as well as loving and kind nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry; her parents, Bill and Jewel Kilgore; her sister, Billie Martin; and her brother, Kyle Kilgore.

God was gracious in giving our mother and Grandmama 89 years on this earth. She trusted and relied on Him each day of her life, sharing His love with us all. She touched the lives of countless people through each student who passed through her classroom, to athletes and coaches she and Coach Bailey welcomed into their lives, to all the church members she served.

Waiting to rejoice in Heaven with you, Grandmama. We love you.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." — Proverbs 3:5-6.

Commissioners approve application to state for WIC services

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 6 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), acting as the transitional Board of Health, approved an application to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to provide the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) through the county health department.

County Manager Derek Woodman explained that the program would begin on Jan. 1, 2024, and that the application would allow

the CDPHE to provide funding for the program.

As Woodman noted at the meeting, the application was reviewed several times by the Archuleta County Health Department Transition Advisory Committee (TAC), most recently at its June 5 meeting.

At the meeting, the TAC voted to approve the application with no amendments, with Public Health Director Ashley Wilson and TAC members highlighting that there are gaps in the application, particularly concerning budgeting, that will be filled in later and that the state has indicated that having these gaps is acceptable.

The TAC also discussed the need to have a dietitian oversee the WIC program and the potential options for obtaining one.

The group agreed that an eventual goal for the health department and area should be to attract a registered dietitian to the area to work at the department and other agencies, although this is unlikely to occur in the department's first year.

TAC board size

In other news at the June 5 TAC meeting, the committee voted to reduce its size from seven to five members to make the number of members required for a quorum

smaller.

This change follows the resignation of two members from the committee and legal advice from County Attorney Todd Weaver that Wilson can remain as a voting member on the committee as long as she recuses herself from issues that would benefit her directly, such as her pay.

Prior to the vote, the TAC also discussed the possibility of recruiting additional members but decided to not do so due to the challenges of bringing new members up to speed on the committee's actions and goals thus far. josh@pagosahun.com

County and PLPOA discuss athletic field construction

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

In May, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) board held a work session to discuss potential joint park projects, among other issues.

PLPOA board president Dan Mayer noted that the county has access to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant money and PLPOA has an extensive amount of property, and that it might be possible for PLPOA and the county to jointly fund amenities such as playgrounds or athletic fields.

Mayer explained that the PLPOA is considering putting athletic fields near its recreation center but that it would be difficult to fund without additional funding partners.

PLPOA General Manager Allen Roth explained that PLPOA is work-

ing on constructing new parking lots at the center this year, with plans to build a multipurpose athletic field in the future.

He noted that this field would be intended to provide additional fields for existing leagues run by the town and other club teams as well as PLPOA residents.

Mayer commented that the PLPOA has been turning its thinking toward serving younger residents of the area, having previously been focused on older community members, and asked if there was any interest among the BoCC in the proposal and how it might move forward.

Commissioner Warren Brown agreed that collaboration would be valuable and raised questions about who would be given priority for using the field, how the fields would be maintained and if there would be fees associated with them, noting that he would expect the county to receive a portion of

these fees if they exist.

Brown closed by reiterating his support for the proposal if these issues could be resolved equitably.

The group then discussed the logistics of the potential fields, with PLPOA board vice president Lars Schneider highlighting that PLPOA is leaning toward turf fields, which have a higher upfront investment but lower maintenance costs and noting that he expected that PLPOA would offer to handle the scheduling and potentially maintenance for the fields.

Brown commented that he believed that further research needed to be done into the specific stipulations on the GOCO grants and what reporting is connected to them as well as a survey of the public to determine if they feel the fields are a suitable expense.

The group then discussed the logistics of using GOCO grant funding versus Conservation Trust Fund

money, with County Attorney Todd Weaver stating that Conservation Trust Fund money would require the county to have an ownership interest in the property.

They also further discussed the potential for a multiphase build-out of the project and the logistics of applying for funding, with Brown suggesting that such a multiphase approach would likely boost the chance of securing grant funding.

The discussion concluded with the group agreeing that PLPOA and county staff would continue to examine the requirements for potential grants and discuss the logistics of the project further.

Also at the meeting, the group discussed short-term rentals in PLPOA, communications between the county and PLPOA on major decisions, and utilities development in the Chris Mountain II, Vista and Trails subdivisions. josh@pagosahun.com

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Middle-mile broadband infrastructure approved as Enterprise Zone Contribution Project

By Heather Peterson
Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado

The building of middle-mile broadband was approved as an Enterprise Zone Contribution Project by the State Economic Development Commission (EDC) on May 18.

This designation allows Region 9 donors of \$250 or more to claim a 25 percent state tax credit and

a 12.5 percent state tax credit on in-kind donations. This credit is in addition to the federal tax deduction for contributing to any 501(c)(3) organization.

This Enterprise Zone Project, under the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, will support the construction of middle-mile broadband infrastructure, which is a region-wide priority project in southwest Colorado. The South-

west Colorado Broadband Plan, completed in early 2023, identifies the necessary infrastructure, priority routes and costs associated with this project.

"Region 9 was asked by our member governments to coordinate with the various partners across the five-county region to complete needed fiber connections between our communities," said Laura Lewis Marchino, executive director of Region 9. "Region

9 hopes that by supporting middle mile infrastructure, Internet service providers (ISPs) can focus their resources on building last mile connections and fiber to our homes."

Nineteen Enterprise Zone projects are currently designated in southwest Colorado. For program information and a list of projects, please visit <https://www.region9edd.org/enterprise-zone>.

Tourism board expresses need for more staffing in Tourism Department

By Derek Kutzer and Monica Nigon
Staff Writers

At a joint work session that involved representatives of the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and Pagosa Springs Town Council, several members of the tourism board expressed that Tourism Director Jennifer Green needs "more staffing."

Board members suggested that she often maintains a staff of one and works above and beyond the general job description.

Tourism Board Member Julian Caler told the participants that Green's office is "short-staffed" and "needs a couple of hands" to aid her in the role as the head of the area Tourism Department, which she has served in for about 11 years.

Caler said, "She's been grinding it out. She just lost her last marketing person," adding that he thinks Green "has been understaffed for years now, but she's stubborn."

He suggested that with the increase of events put on by the Tourism Department, in addition to Green's participation with Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, the Main

Street Advisory Board as well as her role as head of fireworks, justifies "getting her some help."

County Commissioner and tourism board member Ronnie Maez suggested that Green should "get some help before we burn her out."

Mayor Shari Pierce asked exactly what kind of position the tourism board representatives were proposing to create.

Caler explained that the board has yet to specifically describe the position it has in mind, but "I would say something along the lines of having an external marketing company. That's just my opinion. I don't know if she [Green] would be on board with that."

Others on the board clarified that an administrative position within the office of the tourism director "is what she really needs."

When Green chimed in, she said, "The way I'm viewing it, is perhaps a 'right hand' to assist in everything, whether it be events" or other duties.

She added, "There's so many things that have been put under 'tourism' in the last few years," she said.

She added she is concerned that

she "is losing sight of the strategic vision of what we need to do in order to grow tourism."

Tourism board member Shane Lucero noted that Green is a "workaholic" and that she regularly takes time out of her personal life in attempting to fulfill her vision for tourism in the area.

Maez added, "I think if we want to succeed, we gotta take the person who is actually making a success of things and keep her focused and grounded and get her extra hands to where she can delegate all these other duties to where she can maintain the performance she has" since Green has been in the position.

Pierce suggested that maybe Green is doing more than is expected out of the position and that it's perfectly fine if she pulls back a little bit.

Pierce suggested the possibility of taking Green off of Region 9 and the Main Street board to "free up that time a little bit."

Pierce also asked about if the marketing position could be contracted out to an outside office or firm, to which Green pushed back, saying, "We have a very limited marketing budget and if we use

[outside] agencies, agency fees will eat up our budget."

She added, "We are much more effective with [inside] staff and also we understand our market. Agencies don't always, they don't understand the market."

She also pushed back on the suggestion that she pull back from the other boards that she participates on outside of tourism, saying that Region 9 "is really not hugely" time-consuming.

"It's a quarterly meeting that lasts a couple of hours," she said.

On the issue of the Main Street board, she said, "I just wanna be involved, because recently they've had some suggestions that would definitely change the course of tourism in the community, so that's where I think it's important to have that knowledge of what we are doing and that there is actually a plan and strategy in place without them getting too sidetracked, perhaps."

Pierce, who recently joined the Main Street board, agreed on this latter point, saying that Green's presence at the meetings "made a difference" and "I really appreciated" her being there to keep the message "cohesive."

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When the meeting turned to what it would take to make the additional staff a reality, several members of the tourism board suggested it could be done in a “budget amendment.”

Pierce asked the tourism board to inform the town council “what you anticipate paying this person” and that, if the council agrees, it can bring it up for consideration as a future agenda item at a town council meeting.

County Commissioner Veronica Medina asked Green if she had someone in mind that she’d like to

hire, with Green replying that she did have “someone from the Visitor Center” in mind, but that they’d go through an interview process with several candidates.

Green said that she did not think this would come before the town or county until at least July because it would take some time “to think through what the job description is” and to “work through the budget.”

Town Manager Andrea Phillips added that the town would be setting up “a tourism office” at Town Hall for Green and her potential staff, which could include the

tourism director, an assistant and a marketing director.

At a meeting held June 5, the tourism board was able to figure out the budget measures for a potential marketing position.

The board believes it will be able to reduce line items in wayfinding/signage, the Visitor Center capital expense and data analytics to “free up from within the approved 2023 budget, without impacting events, infrastructure, or marketing,” according to an agenda brief of the meeting.

The tourism board will need a formal vote before it moves ahead

to requesting the budget adjustment to town council and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners.

According to the brief, “Town estimates a full time position with a fully loaded rate (insurance, FICA, benefits, etc) is \$86,000. Assuming a hire in July, Director is estimating needing approximately 50% of the annual fully loaded rate, or \$43,000.”

In its meeting on June 5, the tourism board members noted they are addressing the issue for filling this position to “ensure progress can be made before our next meeting on July 18th.”

The July 18 meeting is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center.

County seeking public comments on proposed 2023 redistricting map

By Courtney Pogue
Archuleta County

Archuleta County is seeking public review and comments on the 2023 proposed Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners redistricting map.

Comments will be accepted in person or via Zoom at a public hearing on Wednesday, July 5, at 1:30 p.m. Comments can also be submitted online at <https://www.archuletacounty.org/751/2023-County-Commissioner-Redistricting>.

By law, all counties must review their commissioner district boundaries after each federal census to ensure the districts are no more than a 5 percent deviation between the most populous and the least populous district in each county.

Due to significant delays in availability of population data caused by

COVID-19, the mandated review was pushed back from 2021. The new deadline to review and complete redistricting is Sept. 30.

The 2020 Census Bureau data reflects Archuleta County’s population at 13,359, up from the 2010 census of 12,084.

The Board of County Commissioners was presented with and discussed the proposed changes to the commissioner districts at a work session on May 23.

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San Juan Basin Public Health appoints Switzer interim executive director

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At a June 1 special meeting, the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health appointed former deputy director of operations Tiffany Switzer as interim executive director for SJBPH.

This appointment follows the June 1 departure of the former executive director, Liane Jollon, who accepted a position as executive director of the Public Health District of North Larimer County, according to a press release by the agency.

The meeting opened with the board expressing its appreciation of Jollon, who attended the first 10 minutes of the meeting.

Board president Shere Byrd expressed her appreciation of Jollon's work, highlighting the improvements she made to the organization, and SJBPH Attorney Michael Goldman commented on the lessons she taught him on leadership and public health as well as on her capabilities as a leader.

Board treasurer Terryl Peterson and vice president Bob Ledger also commented on the quality of Jollon's work and her contributions to the organization.

"You've fulfilled every expectation I ever had," Ledger said. "You've been a wonderful director, a wonderful person and I consider you a wonderful friend. So, best of luck to you. We're gonna hate to lose you, quite frankly."

Jollon commented that a "virtuous feedback loop" between board members and staff, particularly those board members who had served for a long period of time, enabled the organization's success in "kind of constrained and difficult circumstances."

Switzer also commented that Jollon helped foster leadership in the organization and improve the capabilities of staff.

The meeting then moved on to discuss the appointment of an interim executive director.

Byrd outlined the history of the situation, noting that Jollon submitted her letter of resignation on May 9 and that Byrd and Goldman began discussing a succession plan with staff.

However, she noted that receiver Bellann Raile of Cordes and Company LLC was in Portugal for a week and was not able to be included in the discussion, and she and Goldman had worked on assembling a tentative plan — an effort that was delayed by Byrd being out of town for a week.

She explained that she tried to call a meeting earlier in the week but that Archuleta County Commissioner Warren Brown was out of town attending a conference and there were other conflicts.

She added that, on the Tuesday before the meeting, SJBPH was informed that if it did not have an executive director in place by June 1 it would potentially have to furlough its employees, among other actions.

Byrd explained that she and Goldman discussed with Switzer the possibility of her serving as executive director supported by other staff as deputy directors in a "team approach."

She stated that, if the board agreed in concept with this approach, the compensation for the executive director and deputy directors would need to be determined.

Byrd then asked Raile about the legalities of what would need to be in place concerning the executive director by the end of the day.

Raile commented that as long as the board appointed Switzer or another as interim executive director, the specifics of the contract could be determined later.

Byrd also asked if it was worth the board discussing compensation since the receiver would ultimately determine this.

Raile commented that the board should be aware of the plan and that she would recommend going

into executive session to make them aware of these details.

In response to a question from Byrd, Goldman also recommended that going into executive session could be valuable but that it would be useful to hear from Switzer before this on her position and expectations.

Switzer noted that she is a finalist for the public health director position for La Plata County and there would be next steps in that selection process on June 8.

She added that her past nine years of experience at SJBPH have given her the background to serve as executive director and that she is comfortable with serving in this role. Goldman noted that the board should also discuss the possibility of Switzer being selected for the public health director role in La Plata County and if there could be a shared role between the county and SJBPH.

Byrd stated that she had been informed by Raile that, if Switzer is hired as public health director for La Plata County, the county would be amenable to job sharing with SJBPH.

She proposed that the board name Switzer interim executive director until the decision is made by La Plata County, Raile and legal counsel help negotiate her compensation as well as that of other staff and then, if Switzer is chosen for the La Plata County role, that the board revisit the issue of job sharing with the county.

Board member Jon Bruss asked how long there would be overlap for a shared position if Switzer is chosen by La Plata County.

Board member and La Plata County Commissioner Marsha Porter-Norton stated that the county intends to have a director hired by the end of June, creating six months of overlap.

She added that the county is open to the possibility of job sharing if Switzer is selected.

Bruss commented that developing a health department is potentially a full-time job.

Porter-Norton agreed that was a "fair point" and pointed out that the county already has two former SJBPH staff members working as a transition coordinator and a health planner and that the work could be allocated between the three positions.

Byrd noted that is part of the argument for a team approach as the time needed may be more than one

person can do.

Peterson commented that the potential for Switzer being chosen for the La Plata County role should not preclude the board from selecting her as executive director as the board needed to make a decision and was "under a gun."

Raile then explained what would occur if SJBPH did not have an executive director, noting that the state felt there was no room for SJBPH to not have a director and that the district would not be in a "legal position" without one.

She added that she fully supported the appointment of Switzer and that she felt she would be "very cooperative" if she is appointed to the La Plata County role in helping SJBPH move forward.

Bruss commented that he also supported Switzer's appointment but raised concerns about the process of how to appoint an interim director, noting the potential logistical problems with appointing a director if the district had had shorter notice of Jollon's resignation and that the board had not had the opportunity to vet candidates for the role.

Raile noted that the process has been challenging and that the board could investigate vetting other candidates further at a later date.

She added that, with greater notice, she would have still looked at Switzer first due to her having the best qualifications.

Porter-Norton commented that these are "extraordinary circumstances all the way around" and that she appreciated Byrd's work in assembling the meeting and recommendation and asked the board to give each other "a bit of grace on this timeline."

She noted that she supported moving forward with the plan and that the ramifications of not having a director seem severe.

Goldman noted that SJBPH needed to avoid a loss of statutory authority which would occur if the organization had no director.

Bruss commented that the needs of wrapping up SJBPH will have different requirements than La Plata County's needs in developing a health department and that this situation would put a "heavy burden" on the board to ascertain if a staff member could attend to both of these needs simultaneously.

Porter-Norton agreed those were "fair points."

Byrd commented that the board should re-examine the appointment if Switzer is chosen by La Plata County and that she wanted to be "careful about how we approach the potential of her working for both entities."

However, she added that SJBPH needs a director and Switzer would be the appropriate person for the role.

Porter-Norton asked if SJBPH has a policy on temporary assignments.

Switzer replied that SJBPH has a policy around interim assignments, but that it is intended for typical situations and she does not feel this is a typical situation.

Porter-Norton also asked if Switzer's degree met the requirements for a public health director in Colorado.

Goldman commented that Switzer's credentials were checked and they meet the requirements.

The group then discussed the process for negotiating compensation, with Byrd stating that the discussions would occur primarily between Raile and Switzer with Byrd and Goldman potentially providing assistance.

Raile noted that she would like additional time to work on the compensation but that she thought that, with additional time, a package that Switzer and her team would be happy with and that would "stand up to public scrutiny" could be assembled.

She also offered to present a recommendation to the board on compensation that it could then provide feedback on.

"That would be really nice," Byrd said.

Porter-Norton agreed with Byrd and stated that SJBPH has a meeting planned for June 7 where the compensation could be further discussed and ratified.

The board then agreed there was not a need for the board to enter executive session.

Following a discussion where Bruss suggested that the motion not include verbiage about reevaluating Switzer's appointment if she is selected for the La Plata County position and that the board could address the issue later, Bruss moved to appoint Switzer as interim director of SJBPH.

Peterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
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Cerro is the closest USGS monitoring station to the Rio Grande headwaters that provides cfs data. It is located to the north of Taos, N.M.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) provides another view on current climate conditions, indicating that Archuleta County is not currently experiencing drought.

The NIDIS indicates that April was the eighth driest in 129 years, with 1.3 less inches of precipitation than normal, but that January to April of 2023 has been the 26th wettest in the past 129 years with 2.25 more inches of precipitation than normal.

The NIDIS also provides an experimental Multi-Indicator Drought Index (MIDI) for the county, which indicates that, over the next 90 days, the county will experience a mix of normal and abnormally wet conditions with certain areas seeing moderate wet conditions.

The NIDIS defines abnormally wet conditions as conditions wetter than 70 to 80 percent of past conditions between 1979 to the present, while moderate wet conditions are wetter than 80 to 90 percent of past conditions between 1979 and the present.

The MIDI explains that the MIDI functions through several key drought indices for moisture and precipitation into an objective computer-generated map and uses a methodology developed by the National Weather Service's (NWS's) Climate Prediction Center.

The NIDIS adds, "The Short-Term MIDI approximates drought impacts from changes in precipitation and moisture over a short-term timeframe (looking back up to 90 days), such as impacts to non-irrigated agriculture, topsoil moisture, and range and pasture conditions. Long-term droughts (lasting months to years) can have different impacts."

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey also noted the wet conditions and stated that all PAWSD reservoirs are full.

He added that there has not yet been a call on water in the Fourmile Creek drainage, meaning that water is continuing to flow into Lake Hatcher.

Ramsey stated he does not expect a call before early July given current conditions, which he noted would be significantly later than

the median call date of approximately June 4.

He added that last year the call of Fourmile was made in the middle of May.

Ramsey also stated that PAWSD reopened the San Juan water plant for the summer on June 5 and that water usage has risen over the last month, likely due to increased numbers of visitors and irrigation.

Weather forecast

The NWS forecast for Pagosa Springs indicates largely clear conditions for the remainder of the week in Pagosa Country.

For Thursday, June 8, sunny skies with a high of 76 and 5-10 mph winds in the afternoon are forecast.

Thursday night is predicted to bring partly cloudy skies with a low of 38 and 5-15 mph winds after midnight.

For Friday, June 9, the forecasted high is 78 degrees with mostly sunny skies and 5-15 mph winds in the afternoon. The forecasted low is 39 degrees with mostly clear skies overnight.

For Saturday, June 10, sunny skies are expected with a high of 78 degrees. The forecasted low is 40 degrees Saturday night with mostly clear skies.

For Sunday, June 11, the forecasted high is 80 degrees with mostly sunny skies. The forecasted low is 42 degrees with partly cloudy skies.

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Scholarships

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are Aaron Aucoin, Bart, Bowles, Caldwell, Beatrice Carpenter, Chelsea Casaceli, Gabrielle Coba, Derr, Karissa Foster, Emma Gantt, Keigan Hughes, Anna Jones, Peterson, Pham, Jovanka Ponce de Leon, Ramirez, Shayden Riggs, Rockensock, Sherman, Slingerland, Kamron Winkler and Emma Ziminsky.

The following is a list of the scholarships awarded provided by the PSHS Guidance Counselor Mark Thompson.

Caldwell: CSU Green and Gold Scholarship, \$2,000, renewable; CSU Partnership Award, \$2,500, renewable; Schick Family Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

Carpenter: Andrea McGinn Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; the Whit Newton Good Citizen Award, \$500.

Jury: Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund, \$500.

Nasralla: Chama Peak Land Alliance Scholarship, \$500; Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund, \$500; CSU Green and Gold Scholarship, \$2,000, renewable; Montana State University Achievement, \$12,000, renewable; MSU WUE Scholarship, \$19,000, renewable; University of Hawaii WUE Scholarship, \$16,380, renewable; University of Denver Provost Scholarship, \$28,000, renewable.

Slingerland: 1st Southwest Bank Scholarship, \$1,000; CSU Green and Gold Scholarship, \$2,000, renewable; Durango Elks Lodge Scholarship, \$1,000; Montana State University WUE Award, \$12,000, renewable; Regis University Presidential Scholarship, \$25,000; renewable; University of Colorado's Chancellor Scholarship, \$25,000, renewable.

David Ashbaugh: Durango Elks Veterans Scholarship, \$1,000; Veterans Relief Scholarship, \$1,000.

Bartz: Chancellor Award, \$2,500, renewable; Colorado Sheriff's Association Scholarship, \$500; CSU Green and Gold Scholarship, \$2,000, renewable; New American University Provost Award, \$12,000; Regis University Merit Scholarship, \$25,000, renewable; Rotary, \$2,000; San Juan Rangers Scholarship, \$250.

Kaylor Christians: Ruby M. Sisson Automotive Scholarship, \$2,000.

Elisia Lucero: C> Scholarship, \$1,000; ReSport Legacy Scholarship, \$600; WHIPs Scholarship, \$12,000.

Bowles: Colorado School of Mines Merit Award, \$2,500, renewable; Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund, \$500; Patty Aragon Memorial Scholarship, \$750; South Dakota School of Mines Merit Award, \$3,000, renewable.

Gantt: Chase Register Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scholarship, \$1,000; Moniker Award, \$1,000, renewable; Vic and Ethel Poma Memorial Scholarship, renewable;

WHIPs Scholarship, \$1,200.

Hughes: Chama Peak Land Alliance Scholarship, \$1,000.

Tucker Mashue: Grand Canyon University Scholarship, \$4,050, renewable; Montana State University Scholarship, \$10,000, renewable; University of Arizona Scholarship, \$12,500, renewable; Western Colorado University Scholarship, \$8,000, renewable.

Pargin: CMU First Generation Award, \$1,000, renewable; Colorado Mesa University's President's Scholarship, \$3,500, renewable.

Derr: Chase Register Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; Fort Lewis Presidential Merit Scholarship, \$5,000; Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society, \$1,000.

Ramirez: Pagosa Mountain Rotary and Vets for Vets Scholarship, \$1,000; ReSport Legacy Scholarship, \$600; Rotary, \$9,000 over two years.

Rockensock: CMU Distinguished In-State Merit Scholarship, \$7,000, renewable; Colorado Police Protective Association Scholarship, \$1,000; Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund, \$300; CU Boulder Outstanding CO Student, \$1,000, renewable; CUPS-John Graves Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; Durango Elks Lodge Scholarship, \$1,000; NAU Founders Gold Scholarship, \$6,000, renewable; Rotary, \$4,500 over two years; Tennessee Tech Honors Engagement Fellowship, \$1,000, renewable; Tennessee Tech Music Scholarship, \$5,000, renewable.

Baylee Rollins: Art Merit Scholarship for WCU, \$1,000; First Generation Scholarship, \$500; Moniker Award, \$1,000, renewable; Pagosa Mountain Rotary and Vets for Vets Scholarship, \$1,000; Western Resident Award, \$700.

Angelina Voss: Tristan Lynn Numan Memorial Scholarship, \$5,000.

Ziminsky: CMU First Generation Award, \$1,000, renewable; Colorado Mesa University Academic Merit Scholarship, \$5,000; Tom Dorgan Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

Ivanna Erne: ASU Grizzly Partnership Scholarship, \$3,200, renewable; ASU Vice President Merit Scholarship, \$1,000.

Hannah Girardin: Tennessee Tech Housing Scholarship, \$2,000; Tennessee Tech Music Scholarship, \$3,000.

Jordan Heaton: Benildus Scholarship, \$20,000, renewable.

Johnson: Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund, \$500; Durango Elks Lodge Scholarship, \$1,000; Levy Shear Memorial Scholarship, \$4,000, renewable; Rotary, \$4,500 over two years.

Loveday: DAR Good Citizen Award, \$500; FLC Equity Scholarship, \$2,000, renewable; FLC Presidential Merit Scholarship, \$5,000, renewable.

Riggs: FLC Colorado Equity Scholarship, \$2,000, renewable; FLC Top Achiever Award, \$1,000; Provost Resident Tuition Scholarship, \$1,000.

ship, \$4,000.

Justin Rivas: Aim Higher Scholarship, \$5,000; Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund, \$300; Deacon Pat Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; LPEA Lineworker Scholarship, \$12,000; Pagosa Mountain Rotary and Vets for Vets Scholarship, \$1,000; Rotary Vocational/Technical, \$2,000; Uncle Leroy Lucero Scholarship, \$500; Vic and Ethel Poma Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000, renewable over two years.

Skylar Sherman: Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund, \$300.

Winkler: Aim Higher Scholarship, \$5,000; Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund, \$300; CSU Partnership Award, \$2,500, renewable; Moniker Award, \$1,000, renewable; Ruth J. Rumley Scholarship, \$3,000; TRIO Scholarship, \$1,000, renewable.

Aucoin: Adams State University Scholarship, \$4,000, renewable; CHSAA Scheels All Star Award, \$2,500; Fort Lewis Scholarship, \$20,000; McNeese State University Scholarship, \$8,900, renewable; Mesa State University Scholarship, \$3,500, renewable; Northumbria University Scholarship, \$3,500, renewable; TRIO Top Achiever, \$1,000; University of Northern Colorado Scholarship, \$16,000; Western Colorado University, \$10,000.

Foster: Chama Peak Land Alliance Scholarship, \$500; Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund, \$300; CUPS-John Graves Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.

Kyle Marotta: American Legion Post 108 Scholarship, \$1,000; Andrea McGinn Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; Chase Register Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; Colorado Mesa University Scholarship, \$5,000; Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund, \$300; Durango Elks Lodge Scholarship, \$1,000; FLC Provost Tuition Merit Scholarship, \$16,000; Grand Canyon University Scholarship, \$5,000, renewable; NAU Founders Gold Scholarship, \$6,000, renewable; Patty Aragon Memorial Scholarship, \$750; Regis University Dean's Scholarship, \$23,000, renewable; San Juan Rangers Scholarship, \$250; TAMU-CC Islander scholarship, \$6,000; UCCS Academic Scholarship, \$2,500, renewable; WCU Merit Scholarship, \$2,500, renewable.

Peterson: Chase Register Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; Colorado Mesa University Distinguished Scholar, \$8,000, renewable; Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund, \$500; Daniels Fund Scholarship, \$25,000, renewable; Utah State University Merit Scholarship, \$15,000.

Pham: Colorado School of Mines Medal of Achievement, \$1,000; Schick Family Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

Regina Sikes: Pagosa Springs Arts Council, \$5,000.

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Lawsuits

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filed in U.S. District Court in March alleging wrongful termination and discrimination.

Weaver also reported on a case by Mark Garcia that alleges discrimination for not hiring him.

According to Weaver's report, Garcia filed a discrimination action with the Colorado Civil Rights Division in May 2022 and a complaint was filed in U.S. District Court in April.

All three plaintiffs are represented by Albrechta and Albrechta LLC.

Dodson case

A complaint and jury demand in Dodson's case notes Dodson served as the director of the Archuleta County Department of Human Services for eight years and, in that time, received "positive performance reviews and no disciplinary actions" and in 2017 was awarded Director of the Year by the Human Services Directors Association, among other recognitions.

The complaint alleges, "In 2021, after one of Plaintiff's subordinate employees complained to the County Administrator and County Commissioners about not receiving a bonus, Plaintiff was verbally attacked, including through the use of discriminatory and offensive remarks, by the County

Administrator. Plaintiff contacted each of Defendant's County Commissioners and Director of Human Resources to complain about the harassment and submitted a written statement."

The complaint alleges the previous county administrator made derogatory remarks, "repeatedly [referring] to Plaintiff as a 'butt buddy' in reference to his homosexuality."

The complaint later suggests no one from the county responded to the complaint "or acknowledged any form of investigation into the incident."

It notes, "Shortly thereafter, Plaintiff was shown a text from an employee under his supervision that the employee was having 'a difficult time not punching that tiny man in the face' referring to Plaintiff."

It explains that, following that, Dodson also filed a complaint regarding the employee who threatened him with physical violence and the employee was terminated.

It further alleges that, in November 2021, the plaintiff met the human resources director, and Weaver to discuss shortages in his department and Dodson requested additional duty pay per county policy, but that his pay increase was temporary, with Weaver allegedly stating the commissioners would

not grant a permanent pay adjustment because of complaints about Dodson's behavior.

"Plaintiff had never been informed formally or informally about anything negative related to his job performance or behavior," the complaint states, "indicating that Dodson explained the allegations were in retaliation for his complaints about the county manager and COVID bonus and did not receive any examples of specific performance issues."

The complaint alleges Dodson was also informed the employee who had been terminated had been reinstated.

It further notes that Dodson sought to take leave due to anxiety, but his request was ignored and he was directed to a worker's compensation doctor, whom he saw multiple times and was prescribed anti-anxiety medicine by.

The complaint further alleges that Dodson voiced concerns regarding the human resources director's husband, Derek Woodman, being a finalist for county manager to an interview panel he was part of and the commissioners, with Woodman ultimately hired.

Shortly thereafter, the complaint indicates, Woodman informed Dodson he was being

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Road

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will be directed to take Cloud Cap Avenue to North Pagosa Boulevard as a detour route, and traffic from the north will be directed to take Mission Drive to North Pagosa Boulevard.

It adds that heavy trucks and trailers should bypass Piedra Road to avoid neighborhood detours and should use North Pagosa Boulevard from U.S. 160 as an alternative route.

"Archuleta County asks that all Piedra Road travelers respect the advised detour routes and use caution when driving through neighborhoods and around road construction workers and equipment," the press release states.

It concludes by stating that construction on Piedra Road should be completed by the end of August.

North Pagosa Boulevard

In an interview with The SUN, County Manager Derek Woodman explained that work will begin soon on a mill-and-pave project on North Pagosa Boulevard from Bastille Drive to U.S. 160.

He stated that the contractor, Sunland Asphalt, is currently finishing a mill and pave project on County Road 982 near Arboles, which is expected to be completed this week.

Following this, Woodman stated, the contractor will begin work on North Pagosa Boulevard, for a project Woodman expects to take "a couple days."

He indicated that work will likely begin early next week.

Upcoming paving projects

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved contracts with Sunland Asphalt for milling and paving on Talisman Drive and Valley View Drive

at its June 6 meeting. According to Public Works Director Kevin Pogue at the meeting, the work on Talisman Drive will involve a 4-inch mill and repave with the millings being relocated to an off-site location at a cost of \$499,953.82.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if there are any other contractors that were given the opportunity to submit a bid.

Pogue stated that the county had informally looked at numbers for the project last year but had run out of time to complete the project.

He added that, as a maintenance project, the project could be put out to contractors already working for the county and a contractor could be selected from this pool.

He highlighted Sunland's other work for the county and indicated that Sunland's cost is appropriate to the county budget and they had been selected.

Brown noted that his question was for the benefit of the public.

Pogue explained that the county has several contractors working on road maintenance this year and that he has divided up offering the projects by the specialties of the contractors.

"What I've done is looked at where these guys excel and kind of lined them up accordingly to those projects," Pogue said.

Pogue also explained that the work on Valley View Drive would mill and pave the road to 3 inches at a cost of \$306,590.

He noted that the millings on this project would be used for subgrade corrections on the road.

In response to a question from Commissioner Veronica Medina, Pogue explained that the millings

from the Talisman Drive and County Road 982 projects would be stockpiled and used for subgrade repairs or other projects.

In the interview, Woodman indicated that the work on these projects will begin after work on North Pagosa Boulevard is completed, with Talisman Drive being next, followed by Valley View Drive.

Bulldozer repair and land use regulations

In other business at the June 6 meeting, the BoCC approved a purchase requisition for repairs on a bulldozer used at the landfill.

The repair of the bulldozer was tabled at the May 16 meeting due to the county not having received a written cost estimate for the repair.

The repairs were approved at a cost not to exceed \$295,027.77.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Ronnie Maez highlighted that the repairs would be a significant savings compared to a new bulldozer, which could cost \$1.4 million.

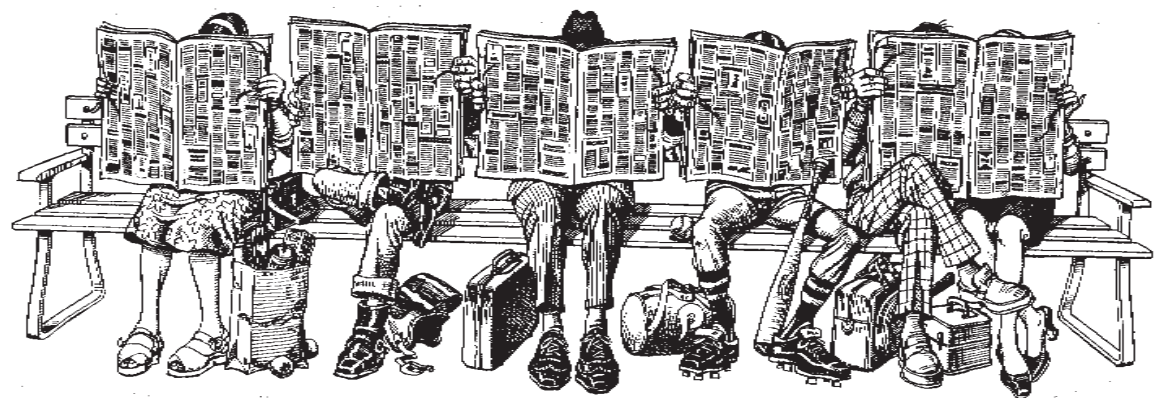
The BoCC also tabled consideration of amendments to the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations concerning tiny homes and density bonuses for workforce housing at the request of Development Director Pamela Flowers.

Flowers indicated that the changes involved in these regulations are complex and that she would like to review them with the commissioners at a work session prior to a vote.

Brown and Medina commented that they had planned to make a similar request and the board agreed to discuss the changes at its June 13 work session with a vote to follow as soon as noticing requirements allow.

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Education

Wings expansion project takes off

By Sherry Milligan
Wings Early Childhood Center

A long-awaited expansion of the Wings Early Childhood Center began May 30 as the preschool playground was moved so that construction could begin on an addition that will effectively double the capacity of the center.

Students and teachers kicked off the project by helping to move equipment and gear to a new play area that will be used as the building is constructed. Final approval was granted by the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission on May 9, paving the way for construction to begin this month.

Wings board member David Smith has been spearheading the project for the addition to the center, noting that it is needed to spur workforce growth in Pagosa Springs. Currently, 70 children are on the waiting list for Wings, and many of their parents are unable to join the local labor pool until appropriate child care can be obtained.

With this addition, Wings will be building two new preschool rooms, three new playgrounds that are also used as outdoor classrooms and a commercial kitchen. The addition is about 2,700 square feet.

Current enrollment capacity will be increased from 40 to 82 children. Ten of those slots will be for infants from 6 weeks to 1 year. This will more than double the licensed



Students and teachers kick off the expansion of Wings Early Childhood Center by helping to move equipment and gear to a new play area.

Photo courtesy Wings Early Childhood Center

child care slots for infant care in Pagosa when complete.

The center will also expand its offerings for the 3- to 5-year-old group, who will benefit from a program that stresses nature and

creative learning.

"Our kids are entering elementary school with important life skills and learning," said Smith.

The additional classroom space will allow Wings to divide these

children into discreet age-specific programs and provide a more challenging prekindergarten curriculum to the older group.

Construction is expected to take nine months.

Exploratory funding session focuses on school district poll about possible mill levy override extension

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

A future funding exploratory session for Archuleta School District (ASD) was held June 5 via Zoom to introduce bond counsel/legal counsel and discuss the conduct of an upcoming district-wide poll regarding the potential extension of a mill levy override (MLO) set to expire in 2025.

In 2018, voters within the school district approved a \$1.7 million MLO, which is set to sunset in 2025. The MLO was passed for four purposes: recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and staff, school resource officers, full-day kindergarten and a share for Pagosa Peak Open School (the district's authorized charter school).

Consultant Lynea Hansen mediated the meeting and introduced legal counsel — Kim Crawford and Dalton Kelly with Denver-based firm Butler Snow — and Jake Mar-

tin with Keating Research, which will conduct polls in the area to assess voters' thoughts on extending the MLO.

Crawford said Butler Snow would "serve as special counsel to the district and assist in the election, including drafting about questions, TABOR notices, tending to election matters."

TABOR is the Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, which, among other things, requires voter approval for certain tax increases.

Crawford added that she and Kelly have worked with many school districts and elections.

Hansen also introduced Martin, who explained Colorado-based Keating Research, a polling firm, does public opinion polling and has worked on many campaigns in the state for school districts and local and statewide governments exploring ballot measures.

"Our role here is to kick the tires on a proposal to see how voters are feeling about taxes and schools

generally," Martin said.

Crawford explained that "any school district in Colorado has to have an election ... if you want to extend taxes, extend debt, increase debt or extend an expiring tax, which is what the district is going to be doing this time."

The tax of 2018 is set to expire in 2025, Crawford noted, "so, my understanding is the district wants to continue that tax at \$1.7 million annually, and perhaps open it up to a few more purposes than what was involved in 2018."

She added, "Our role will be to assist in drafting a ballot that complies with TABOR, assisting the district."

She added that the district will need to certify the ballot question to both of the counties in the district before the first part of September.

Crawford noted the counties will run the election, but the district will be responsible for providing a TABOR notice.

She added that she and Kelly will advise on the Fair Play Campaign Practices Act.

Kelly noted, in regard to the TABOR notice, "That is where there's an opportunity to submit pro or con comments, so we help summarize those if there are comments longer than 500 words. So, that's something the community has the opportunity to participate in."

Crawford explained that pro or con comments that are more than

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500 words are required to have an election official responsible for summarizing them.

"I want to be very clear," Hansen added. "A decision to move forward or not has not been made. So, legal counsel is on here to make sure we have everything ready and to do things in the way we need them to be done should the decision to move forward be made."

She noted that the decision to move forward with the MLO extension is ultimately up to the school board.

Hansen added legal counsel was hired to ascertain what the ballot would look like moving forward.

"If we're going to go poll, we need to make sure we have some accurate ballot title language that we can poll with," she said.

Martin explained that a poll in the district would be a survey of 300 voters, which could include either a text message or phone call with a live interviewer.

He further told those present there will be 35 questions, includ-

ing demographics.

Board member Lisa Scott asked why there are only 300 residents polled, to which Martin replied, "Three hundred gives us what we can achieve and confidently contact. Three hundred is representative."

Martin added that the polling will be representative of what voter demographics look like in the district, including age, gender, region, education and political party.

Martin noted the cost with a poll size of 300 respondents is "about \$18,000."

Lynea explained this can come out of general fund money in the district because it is a poll of citizens, not likely voters.

She added the poll results will be "pretty open and out there."

ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson noted there's no line item in the budget, but added, "We do have reserves that could cover the expense."

Hansen noted that her contract that was voted on by the school board notes the budget for the poll

is \$20,000, "so this is coming in at a little less than what I thought this was going to end up at."

Martin added that the questionnaire will address six objectives: the political environment in the district, testing the ballot language that voters would read, testing specific components in the ballot measure and whether they're more or less likely to support the measure depending on what is included in the ballot question, tax sensitivity, arguments in favor and against, and demographics to ensure the questionnaire is representative of the district.

Martin explained Keating Research will start drafting the questionnaire this week and next week and "making sure they're unbiased."

He added that at the next meeting with the committee on June 19 they will have circulated the poll questions for review from the committee and have them prepared by June 26 to "get into the field with this survey."

"We're going to work with the

district to ensure we're accurate in what we're saying," Hansen said, adding, "Our next meeting we will spend actually going through and making sure everybody is OK with what we have before we put it out into the field."

San Juan Mountain School Principal and committee member Stewart Bellina asked if it would be wise to postpone putting the MLO extension on this year's ballot due to the increase in property taxes residents in the district have seen in the last month, and if they would do another poll at that point.

Hansen responded, "If you were to postpone and go into '24, you would want to do research again... A lot of campaigns, we sometimes do two, maybe three polls leading into them, but you guys aren't in a position financially to really be able to do that, so that's why we're trying to use this one poll to, kind of, really help crack a lot of these pieces such as message and title."

"Do some school districts or people who are a bit more strapped for cash that are polling select to not do this pre-poll and wait until they decide to move forward with the ballot issue to get more accurate data?" Bellina asked.

Hansen explained most districts do the poll now and use that information to decide whether or not to go forward with the ballot issue.

"So, that becomes the really important decision: Is your community ready or not?" Hansen added.

She explained that ASD's is the smallest a poll could be and still be "really scientific."

Hansen explained the next committee meeting at noon on June 19 will be dedicated to reviewing the poll questions and she will send out the questions ahead of time to give committee members time to send back thoughts and comments.

"We'll want to leave the June 19 meeting with pretty much a final draft," Hansen said. "There could be some facts we need to check or something, and then it will be up to Rick [Holt] and Mike [Hodgson] to sign off for the district to the actual final poll as the client after getting all of your feedback."

Lastly, Hansen noted she and ASD Communications Director Jane Parker are working on outreach, which will include updating the website for information on the MLO.

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Bella Adkisson, Kia Choat, Madison DeClark, Madelyn Preus, Madisen Stretton and Stanton Tully are graduates of Our Savior Lutheran School's eighth-grade class.

Rancho Lobo and Chama Peak Land Alliance award local scholarships

Chama Peak Land Alliance

The Chama Peak Land Alliance (CPLA), a diverse group of conservation-minded landowners committed to embracing and practicing responsible land, water and wildlife stewardship in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico, has selected three graduating Pagosa Springs High School students to receive the 2023 CPLA Conservation Scholarship.

The scholarship program is presented in partnership with Rancho Lobo, a member ranch, and student applicants were asked to write an essay about their future plans along with their thoughts on conservation.

"The essays this year were just really good and they left us all feeling really hopeful about the

next generation," said Caleb Stotts, CPLA executive director.

A selection committee reviewed the applicants and selected the recipients. The recipients include Keigan Hughes, Karissa Foster and Jonathan Nasralla.

Included below are short excerpts from each student's essay:

Hughes: "As I was growing up, most of my spare time was spent exploring and learning about different outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, hunting and hiking. This installed in me a love for the outdoors and a will to protect it."

Hughes plans to pursue a degree in science, majoring in parks and recreation management with a minor in criminology.

Foster: "I have been lucky to grow up in such a beautiful place with so many opportunities to learn and explore outside. From

the age of 9, I have been very active in the local Audubon Society. With my grandpa and others in the group, I have been on many birding excursions and documented our findings to the Audubon website."

Foster plans to major in communications.

Nasralla: "I learned how the springs are a renewable and sustainable source of energy, providing much of the heat for downtown businesses, schools, churches and government buildings. When businesses utilize clean energy resources, this has a very positive effect on our climate, with minimal environmental impact."

Nasralla plans to pursue a degree in business.

For more information on the CPLA scholarship and the recipients and other CPLA programs, visit www.chamapeak.org.

Local

Nathan Scott Lewis

Iowa State University announces that Nathan Scott Lewis, of Pagosa Springs, has made the spring semester 2023 Dean's List.

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Early Childhood Council to offer free college course for early childhood educators

By Laura Mijares
Early Childhood Council
of Archuleta County

The Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County (ECCAC) is pleased to announce a collaboration with Fort Lewis College and the Durango Adult Education Center to offer a professional development opportunity for early childhood educators.

The upcoming course, titled "Child Growth and Development," promises to empower educators with valuable knowledge and provide them with a chance to earn three college credits to advance their career path.

Scheduled for June 22, 23, 29 and 30 at the San Juan Mountain

School building, this comprehensive course will delve into the intricate aspects of child growth and development, equipping educators with essential skills and insights to nurture the young minds under their care effectively.

By focusing on evidence-based practices, research and the latest advancements in early childhood education, the course will enhance the abilities of educators to create nurturing and developmentally appropriate environments for children.

The course will be led by an accomplished instructor, Ashley Wilson. Wilson, a seasoned educator with a deep understanding of child development, is committed to inspiring educators to reach their full potential. She will deliver

an engaging and dynamic learning experience, enabling participants to deepen their understanding of child growth and development.

"This collaborative course is a testament to our commitment to supporting early childhood educators in Archuleta County," said Laura Mijares, director of the ECCAC. "By partnering with Fort Lewis College and the Durango Adult Education Center, we can offer this unique opportunity that combines academic rigor with real-world application. We firmly believe that investing in the professional development of educators is key to ensuring the optimal growth and development of our youngest community members."

Registration for the course is now open and interested early

childhood educators are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible to secure their spot.

For further details, including requirements and registration information, please visit our website at <http://eccarchuleta.org>. Together, let us work toward a brighter future for our children by nurturing a knowledgeable and skilled early childhood workforce.

About the ECCAC

The ECCAC is an advocacy group dedicated to fostering and sustaining a comprehensive, high-quality and accessible early childhood system that supports families and the community in order to prepare children for academic and personal success in life.

Charter school releases draft budget with lower student count

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

This month, the Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors is anticipated to consider a budget for the 2023-2024 school year that includes a reduction in student enrollment from the current year.

The draft budget presented to the board on May 17 is for 115 students, which a report from board treasurer Julie Simmons notes is a conservative figure.

The school's 2022-2023 adopted budget was for 133 students, with the 2022-2023 amended budget revising that number down to 126.

The school can have a maximum enrollment of 195 students.

Simmons and School Director Angela Reali-Crossland presented the proposed budget to the board and spoke about it during their respective reports.

Reali-Crossland noted the school's enrollment is stable at 115, driving the budget to be based off that number, though she has budgets and staffing plans for 110 and 125 students in her "back pocket."

"We've looked at that," she said. Reali-Crossland also highlighted

in her report that the state increased per-pupil revenue by a record 10.6 percent.

The budget includes per-pupil revenue of \$10,722.62, up from \$9,650 in the previous budget.

She also noted that a bill passed at the state level will "supposedly fund" education in the next two years, which means the budget stabilization factor school district have to consider will "supposedly" go away.

The budget also includes the addition of a facilities manager, reductions in some staffing levels, \$60,000 from the Student Activities Fund for the purchase of a bus, PPOS paying for utilities instead of the PPOS Building Corporation and the potential payoff of a building loan held by the Region 9 Economic Development District of Colorado.

Simmons and Reali-Crossland also presented several unknowns that will affect the final budget, including how much small rural schools funding the school will receive, whether or not some services (such as technology and copier) can be reduced and how the school needs to budget fund reserves that are required by the Colorado

Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR).

Board member Pamela Meade suggested that if the school does not have to budget additional funds for TABOR reserves, it should identify where that extra money would go, such as bringing people back to their previous levels of employment.

Reali-Crossland also noted they found errors in the formulas in the budget spreadsheet that they are looking into.

As proposed in May, the PPOS draft budget includes a total beginning fund balance of \$597,518.35, total estimated revenues totaling \$1,765,699.30, budgeted expenditures of \$1,718,370.85 and a total ending fund balance of \$636,334.94.

Later in the meeting, the board also approved a reserve policy that states the school will have a Reserve Fund with a targeted minimum balance equal to 60 days cash on hand.

The board is anticipated to consider adoption of its 2023-2024 budget, as well as a revised 2022-2023 budget, during its June 21 meeting, which is slated to begin at 5 p.m. at PPOS, located at 3133

Cornerstone Drive.

New board members, new officers

At the beginning of the May 17 meeting, the board voted to elect two new members: Meade and Jesse White.

The board previously interviewed the prospective board members during a work session on April 18. Meade also sits on the school's finance committee, while White serves on the school accountability committee.

Meade will fulfill Simmons' term (ending May 2025), while White will fulfill Ursula Hudson's term (ending May 2024) following Hudson's and Simmons' resignations. The May 17 meeting was Hudson's last with the board, and Simmons' final meeting will be this month.

The board has one remaining vacancy following the ending of Michelle Carpenter's term.

The board also elected new officers at the meeting, with Lawrence Rugar to serve as president, White to serve as vice president and Meade to serve as treasurer following Simmons' resignation.

Reali-Crossland and Rugar will serve as liaisons with Archuleta School District.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, June 8

Main Street Advisory Board meeting. 4-6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89821999924?pwd=ZzlkSjYlL1BKbmRzRUpZcUkxUkx5Zz09>.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District board meeting. 5 p.m., administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

Monday, June 12

Archuleta County Public Health

Department Transitional Advisory Committee meeting. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Tuesday, June 13

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1N>

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Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors regular meeting. 5:30 p.m., administrative office, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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About 100 Pagosa Springs Middle School seventh-graders participated in an adventure learning trip in May in and around Bandelier National Monument where students learned about the ancestral Puebloan culture, the volcanic history of the southwest and the historical significance the Los Alamos Laboratory played in ending World War II. In addition, students mountain biked, disc golfed, and went swimming and hiking.

Photos courtesy Chris Hinger

San Juan Back Country Horsemen organizes Treasure Falls cleanup

By Annie Pack

San Juan Back Country Horsemen

Saturday, June 3, was National Trails Day, and the San Juan Back Country Horsemen Chapter was out in force.

Each year the group celebrates by cleaning up the gateway to Pagosa, Treasure Falls.

There never seems to be a shortage of, let's say, interesting litter. Nonetheless, our members get out there and get it done — sweeping, pruning, raking, repainting signs, weed whacking, stripping stickers off signs, and litter pickup on and off trail.

After all was said and done, I walked to the falls alone to admire the beauty and take it all in. As with most days there were many others doing the same thing, stopping to take pictures along the way. I had to wonder, how many were thinking, "Gee, sure wish we lived here; this is unreal." We live in a magical place with beauty all over the place. Thank you to all of you who help keep our community cleaned up along the highways, trailheads and trails — hikers, bikers, ATVers, outfitters, equestrians, etc.

As a community team, let's keep it going.



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The San Juan Back Country Horsemen organized a cleanup of the Treasure Falls trailhead, trail and parking area on June 3 as part of National Trails Day. Joining in the effort were Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts from Pagosa Springs.

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Pagosa Valor Academy celebrated the end of the school year with hot air balloon rides.

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo to celebrate 73rd anniversary

By Diana Talbot
Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo is celebrating its 73rd anniversary. Cowboys and cowgirls from various states will compete for prizes and prize money in this sanctioned rodeo series. The rodeos will be held July 2 at 6 p.m., July 3 at 6 p.m. and July 4 at 2 p.m. and presented at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds.

This traditional American rodeo is a must-see event. More rodeo information is available by visiting www.pagosarodeo.com or calling (970) 749-3492. Tickets are available online on the website and at the gate prior to the event. A limited number of box seats are available and can be purchased by calling (970) 749-3492 after June 10.

Traditional rodeo events are presented with a variety of exhibition events to make a varied and entertaining American rodeo experience. Each performance begins with an grand entry with flags waving from westerners on horseback. The rodeo clown offers a variety of comedy throughout the event.

Cowpokes 6 years and younger will test their strength and stamina by riding a sheep as long as they can hold on in the mutton bustin' event. This contest is held daily with 10 new contestants each leaving the arena with a special trophy and the overall winner receiving the authentic rodeo belt buckle. See the website for how to register.

While there were rodeos in Pagosa Springs dating back into beginning of the century, the first Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo was in 1949. In 1948, a group of local ranchers organized an effort to start a regular named rodeo series for this town. The initial group of volunteers included Glen Edmonds, Fred Harman, Daily Hott, Leon Montroy, Terry Robinson and Babe Shahan, to name a few. They collaborated with the owner of the



Photo courtesy Lea Leggett

The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo celebrates its 73rd anniversary with this year's rodeos, set for July 2 at 6 p.m., July 3 at 6 p.m. and July 4 at 2 p.m.

rights to the Red Ryder registered trademark to brand this rodeo with the cartoon character that is so famous in this region. In 1949, the first rodeo was held at the site of the current Ross Aragon Community Center. Photographs show how automobiles were placed in a large circular formation to create the boundary of the rodeo arena. Spectators stood behind the cars.

Later that year, the committee advertised and sold stock in the rodeo organization, named Pagosa Springs Enterprises, and raised \$15,000. With these proceeds, approximately 40 acres of land was purchased for the express use of hosting the annual rodeo. That initial site continues as the current facility on the corner of U.S. 84 and

Mill Creek Road. Construction of a rodeo arena with wood boards and woven wire was accomplished just prior to the 1950 Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. Over time, the structures that exist on the rodeo grounds today were constructed as additional stock was sold for the purpose of raising money and creating a supporting membership.

For over 70 years, this organization has been run by local dedicated volunteers, funded with individual and business donations from the local community, and continues to be an independent, self-sustaining and successful entity.

In the mid-1990s, the organization obtained its nonprofit status and renamed the organization the Western Heritage Event Center,

whose mission is to provide an annual three-day Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo as well as a year-round venue for education and training for youth and equestrian events for Archuleta County. The Western Heritage board is dedicated to preserving the history and traditions of the American West.

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Sports

Local athletes compete to qualify for Chinese kickboxing world championships

By Ryan Foster
Forge Martial Arts

While most people were enjoying an extra day off for the Memorial Day weekend, a few local fighters were putting their training to the test in the Sanda National Team Trial in Lubbock, Texas.

Sanda, also known as Chinese kickboxing, was developed by the Chinese military and combines full-contact kickboxing with grappling takedowns and throws. With the integration of many styles and techniques, the art closely resembles mixed martial arts. Contests are held on an elevated platform and combatants can also score by pushing their opponents off the platform, which adds an extra element of strategy and excitement to the fight.

Fighters Ariana Cizek and Braden Smith both competed at the trials for a chance to represent the USA Team in the World Wushu Championships in November. The World Championships will be held in Dallas, Texas, this year, which will be the first time the event has been held in the United States since 1995. The world championships is expected to have more than 600 athletes representing more than 80 countries.

Cizek, 17, started training in 2019 because her mom made her. Since that fateful day her mother dragged her into the gym, she's grown to love the challenge of competition, and the mental and physical health

training brings. Cizek is the fourth oldest child out of 12 who works all day putting in sprinklers with coach MorgAnne Foster, then works four hours a night to train and teach the youth of Pagosa. She has come a long way and still has a bright, exciting future to go. At Nationals, Cizek fought two fights and impressed the USA head coaches and USAWKF board enough to make the 2023 USA Sanda Team to compete this year at worlds as well as the Pan-American Games next fall.

Smith, 28, began training in martial arts when he was 10 in tae kwon do. He started training in 2019 because he was looking for an outlet for recreational martial arts. He loves the benefit you get from doing difficult things, which is something he found through the training and competition. Smith lost his fight by a few technicalities but made the coaches proud. He did leave with a broken nose, yet his fighter could hardly walk from the massive leg kicks he delivered. All in all it was an amazing weekend.

The experience came full circle for head coach Foster, who herself has represented the U.S. in Sanda all over the world from China to Turkey. Foster, having been the first champion and international representative from a small town in Texas, and now seeing Cizek become the first international representative for a small town in Colorado, found the experience



Photo courtesy Ryan Foster

Ariana Cizek (left) and Braden Smith competed at the Sanda National Team Trial in Lubbock, Texas over Memorial Day weekend. Smith brought home a third-place medal and Cizek brought home the gold and a chance to represent the United States and Pagosa Springs against the world in November.

surreal. Foster sees this as the first chapter of many that will see kids from Pagosa traveling the world, competing and making memories of a lifetime.

The day of trials was filled with ups and downs, wins and losses, and saw the full spectrum of hu-

man emotions that only combat competition can bring. In the end, Smith brought home a third-place medal, falling just short of qualifying. Cizek brought home the gold and a chance to represent the United States and Pagosa Springs against the world in November.

BASEBALL



Photos: Nathan Morales, Josh Pike

A trio of Pirate baseball players earned postseason honors following the spring season. From left, Hunter Poyer and Riley Laugel earned first-all-conference honors, while Kaison Clifford earned an honorable mention.

Aspen House golf tournament set for June 24

By Joanne Irons
Aspen House

Pagosa Springs Golf Club is once again the location of Aspen House's annual golf tournament.

Last year's success was clearly an indication of the support that Aspen House, the home for adults with disabilities, has received in the past and we are ready to repeat this event once again.

Individual competitions include longest drive for both men and women, closest to the pin, chip and putt contests, and several hole-in-one prizes including a hole-in-one for \$10,000. The four-person scramble will begin after registration and the chip and putt contests. Lunch is included in the

registration.

There will be door prizes and a silent auction, all benefiting the building of Aspen House, which will be located on the corner of Vista Boulevard and Lake Forest Circle. Residents with developmental disabilities will not only have a "Safe Place in Pagosa," but also wrap-around services within the community.

Registration for the event

For more information, call Pagosa Springs Golf Club at (970) 731-4755 or Bryan Looper, golf event coordinator, at (970) 946-2335, or register at <https://2nd-annual-aspen-house-charity-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com/>.

SOCCER



SUN photo/Josh Pike

Two Lady Pirates earned all-conference honors for their work on the pitch during the spring soccer season. Ava Pargin (right) and Jeidy Moreno-Echavarria (center) made the first team for the 2023 season and Vida Maes (left) made the second team.

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Case Number: 2023CV30039

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF ANDREW GUINN
TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:
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If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Lot 26 in Hudson's Rio Blanco Subdivision No. 5 according to the Plat thereof filed for Record September 1, 1964 as Reception No. 65907.

Respectfully Submitted this 31st day of May, 2023.
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/s/ Duke Eggleston, #24965

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ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
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Phone Number: 970-264-8160
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Daniel L. Fiedler #47916
190 Talsman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
970-507-8528
Case Number 2023CV30026
Plaintiff:
PATRICK H. DISNER
v.
Defendants:
PAGLAND INVESTORS, INC., ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action.

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

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This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado more particular described as follows:
LOT 77 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74884
Respectfully submitted this 19th day of May, 2023.
/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler
Daniel L. Fiedler
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Last publication: June 22, 2023
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Jack Andre Fleuridas, also known as Jack A. Fleuridas, Deceased.
Case No. 2023PR30013
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before September 25, 2023, or the claims may be forever barred.

Eddie Dale, Co-Personal Representative
31 Windward Drive
Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147
(970)946-3958
Colette Fleuridas, Co-Personal Representative
1222 Anderson Ranch Lane
Napa, California 94459
(925)963-5014
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INVITATION TO BID
Separate sealed BIDS for the 2023 Northlake Avenue Pedestrian Trail Project will be received by the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at 188 South 8th Street, P.O. Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147, until 2:00 P.M. local time on, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of constructing approximately 4,420 linear feet of gravel pedestrian trail along Northlake Avenue from the North Pagosa Boulevard Multi-use Trail at the intersection of North Pagosa Boulevard, proceeding easterly and ending near the intersection of Antelope Avenue. The project will include topsoil removal and replacement, excavation, embankment, subgrade preparation, drainage structures, and aggregate base course placement for gravel trail construction.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained on or after June 6, 2023, at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at the address mentioned above, upon payment of \$50.00 for each set. No refund will be made for returned copies.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and inspection trip for prospective Bidders will be held June 13, 2023, at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (phone number (970) 264-5055), located at the address mentioned above, at 2:00 P.M. local time.
Date: May 25, 2023
Published June 1 and 8, 2023, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT,
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr/PO Box 148,
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
Plaintiff:
ANDREW GUINN

PLAINTIFF ANDREW GUINN
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, COLORADO, BY TAX DEED, ALL PARCELS AS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AT RECEPTION NUMBER 74885 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, TO WIT:

410 TRAILS BLVD, PARCEL NBR 569930202026, ACCT NBR R012426;
23 LANCER CT., PARCEL NBR 569930202029, ACCT NBR R012429;
19 LANCER CT., PARCEL NBR 569930202027, ACCT NBR R012427;
21 LANCER CT., PARCEL NBR 569930202028, ACCT NBR R012428;
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166 RANGER PARK DR., PARCEL NBR 569930203019, ACCT NBR R012445;
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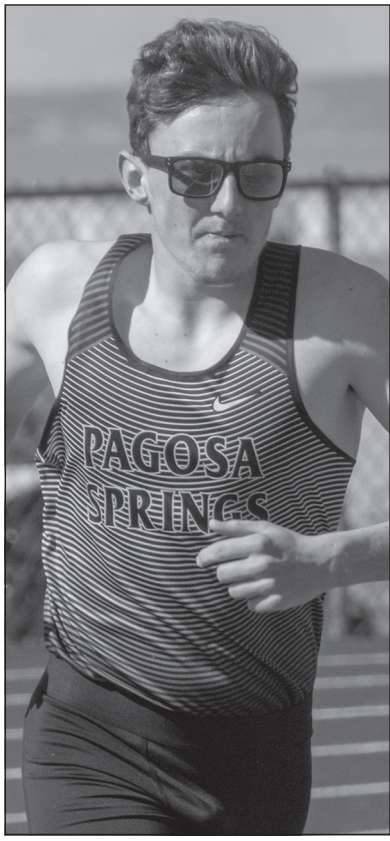
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Public notice is given on June 2, 2023 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Court.
The Petition requests that the name of Sylvia Lucette Goossens be changed to Sylvia Lucette Thompson.
/s/ SuelLEN Loher
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
Published June 8, 15 and 22, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
Archuleta School District 50 Jt.
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of the Archuleta School District 50 Jt. on May 30, 2023 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and has been filed in the Administration Office of the School District where it will be available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District on June 20, 2023 at 3:00 pm in the Middle School Library, 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. A Zoom meeting link will be posted on the District's web site www.mypagosaschools.com at least 24 hours prior to the June 20 meeting.
Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his or her objections thereto.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 30, 2023
Archuleta School District 50 Jt.
Mike Hodgson, Finance Director
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Notice of Liquor Board Hearing
Pursuant to C.R.S. 44-3-311(1) notice is hereby given that Parkorum Entertainment, Inc. dba Coyote Moon Lounge has applied for a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License with the Premises being located at 120 County Road 800 in Pagosa Springs, CO. A public hearing is set by the Board of County Commissioners as the local Liquor Board for 1:30 p.m. on June 20, 2023 in the meeting room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
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TRACK



Photos courtesy Gerry Lindstrom, Stacey Barker and Jessica Carr

Several Pirate track and field athletes earned all-conference honors during the team's spring season. Top, left to right, are Andrew Bowles, Chantelle Caldwell and Rylie Carr. Bottom, left to right, are Elio Groves, Annabelle Parker and Sienna Rose.

RECREATION NEWS

Soccer registration open for all ages

By Matt Zaborowski
Town of Pagosa Springs
Parks and Recreation

Registration is now open for pee-wee soccer. The registration fee is \$40 for the first child and \$20 for the second child. The deadline to register will be July 7.

Online registration will be available through the town website, or stop by the Ross Aragon Community Center to fill out a form. This program will run Aug. 7-31.

Recreation soccer (5-12 years)

Registration is now open for soccer ages 5-12 years. The registration fee is \$40 for the first child and \$20 for the second child. The deadline to register will be Aug. 11.

Online registration will be available through our website, or stop by the Community Center to fill out a form. Play will begin in late August and end in late September.

Adult coed soccer (6v6)

Registration for adult coed soccer is now open. The team registration fee is \$300 total with no individual fees. The deadline to register a team is July 14. There is a limit of eight teams.

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Please call the Recreation Department with any questions at (970) 264-4151, ext. 233.

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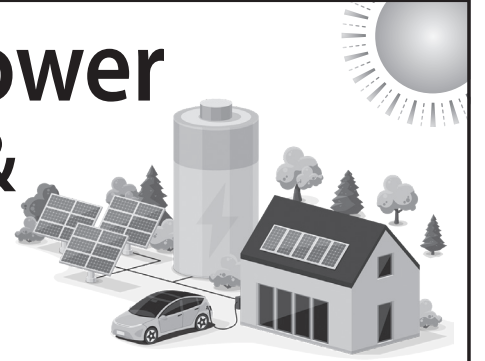
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Lawsuits

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placed on administrative leave pending an investigation into his "behavior," though Dodson had "never been formally or informally reprimanded," and his email was deleted.

"Ultimately," the complaint states, "Plaintiff submitted a letter of involuntary resignation. However, the County refused to accept his resignation and instead terminated Plaintiff's employment based on the findings of an investigation that was initiated because on [sic] Plaintiff's complaints."

Dodson did not provide a comment to The SUN by press time Wednesday.

Garcia case

Garcia's case alleges racial discrimination and that, despite being the "most qualified candidate," he was not selected as the Archuleta County manager in 2021, but that the county violated policy to hire the husband of the individual serving as director of human resources at that time.

It states, "Plaintiff submitted an application for the Archuleta County Manager/Administrator position in September 2021. Plaintiff was selected as one of three finalists for the position and completed multiple interviews with the Commissioners and other panels of select county employees. Plaintiff was the most qualified candidate for the position with 25 years of local government management experience, including 14 years as a local government manager. Ultimately, Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners hired Mr. Derek Woodman who had no local government management experience, is married to the then-acting Human Resources Director of Archuleta County, and is not Hispanic."

The complaint also alleges the human resources director managed the hiring process despite her husband being a finalist, that the county manager was hired in violation of the county's nepotism policy and that

executive sessions held during the hiring process were not executed in accordance with law.

Garcia declined to comment on the case.

Weaver did not respond to a request for updates on the cases by press time Wednesday.

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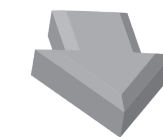
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Graduations

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The community celebrated more than 100 high school graduates on Saturday, June 3, with Pagosa Springs High School and San Juan Mountain School both holding commencement ceremonies.



Commissioners consider hiring experts to aid Board of Equalization

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the retention of real estate and valuation experts to provide recommendations to the county Board of Equalization (BOE), composed of the three commissioners, at its June 6 work session.

Commissioner Warren Brown raised the issue, highlighting the importance of having the review of the assessments done by experts and noting that he is not an expert in real estate or assessment.

He stated that, in discussions with other counties, he had found that some counties contract with experts to review assessments and make recommendations to the BOE.

Brown noted that he wanted to propose the idea for consideration and added that he was unsure if this would be feasible this year but that he wanted to make sure that the decisions were made with the highest amount of expertise possible.

"I just want to make sure our citizens know ... that we are making sure to go to every effort and every length to be transparent ... and to make sure we are ... correct in our decision," Brown said.

County Attorney Todd Weaver then explained that state statute gives the BOE the authority to appoint independent referees with experience in property valuation to conduct hearings on behalf of the BOE and make findings and submit recommendations to the BOE.

He indicated that many larger counties, such as La Plata County, hire independent referees to sit at the hearings and make recommendations which are then adopted by the BOE.

Weaver also highlighted that this arrangement prevents the commissioners from being "tied up" for the week or two weeks that the appeals process can take.

He stated that he was unsure how much such referees would have to be paid or how easy it would be to retain such referees due the limited number of experts in the area.

In response to a question from Commissioner Ronnie Maez, Weaver indicated that the county would not know how many appeals would be filed until the middle of July but that he expected it to be "a lot."

Maez stated that he did not see the process being changed this year and commented that, to him, that was another form of creating bureaucracy which would create

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Commissioner Warren Brown

additional expenses and would potentially not be necessary.

He added that he has been through BOE hearings and "they're not that difficult to become an expert" and noted that Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott does "an excellent job" of presenting the county's and state's cases on the values of properties.

"It's up to us to make that decision," Maez said. "That's our job, that's what the people elected us for and I'm not really totally sold on this idea. ... Yeah, it takes time out of our lives, but we're elected to do that. I mean, I have to make severe adjustments and financial ones to do it, but, it's what it is."

Brown commented that he viewed the issues as more about "due diligence" for residents in ensuring accurate valuations and less about time savings.

He stated that the issue is similar to the county contracting out road construction to ensure the job is done correctly.

"That's kind of how I'm looking at this," Brown said, "to make sure

that ... I'm not in error when I make a decision. ... And I'm fully OK with making decisions, I just want to have the most information to make sure I'm making the correct decision."

"Well, I'm not really in favor of it," Maez responded. "I think it's still part of our jobs to do that. But, you know, like I said, we could look at it for next year."

Holiday pay changes

In other business at the meeting, the commissioners heard an update from Human Resources Director Mitzi Bowman on a plan to change how holiday pay works for county employees.

Bowman stated that the proposed revisions would have all employees paid for eight hours on the holiday instead of creating a bank of holiday time at the beginning of the year.

She and County Manager Derek Woodman explained that this would help equalize holiday pay practices between departments and prevent incidents where staff cannot benefit from holiday pay during the year due to needing to work holidays.

The commissioners expressed approval for the changes.

At the BoCC meeting later that day, the board voted to table a change in the office hours of the county clerk and treasurer which would have switched the offices to four 10-hour days.

As County Clerk Kristy Archuleta explained at the meeting, both officials wanted their offices to be paid 10-hour holidays to fit with the new schedules for the offices.

At the request of Archuleta and Treasurer Elsa White, the BoCC tabled the change in hours until Archuleta and White could express their concerns to the board about the new policy and discuss potential solutions.

Prior to the vote, Brown and Commissioner Veronica Medina reiterated their support for the policy's standardization of holiday pay across county departments while Maez emphasized the importance of hearing the views of other county elected officials.

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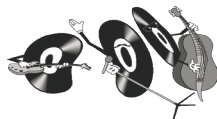
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Live outdoor music: 19th Hole Concert Series to feature Jackson Mountain Ramblers

By Robson Reyes

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

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The 19th Hole Concerts pair an Archuleta County nonprofit with a local music talent each Thursday evening throughout June.

Please join us Thursday, June 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to enjoy the Jackson Mountain Ramblers concert promoting the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS).

The Jackson Mountain Ramblers play an eclectic mix of originals and feel-good music from the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and '00s. Their goal is "bringing music we love to the people we love."

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June 8 — Jackson Mountain Ramblers — PSIMS.

June 15 — The San Juan Mountain Boys — Humane Society of Pagosa Springs.

June 22 — Bob Hemenger — Aspen House and Aspen Services.

June 29 — Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release — Upper San Juan Search and Rescue.

July 13 — Bo DePeña (rescheduled) — Veterans Memorial Park.

Each concert is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., rain or shine, at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Your \$10 cover charge supports five local nonprofits. At the end of the concert series, all proceeds are pooled and distributed equally to the five featured

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PSIMS's appropriate tagline is "Music for Life." PSIMS is a group of local musicians performing concerts throughout the year for the community. It is vital to the continua-

tion of the high caliber of musical performances in Pagosa Springs to continue encouraging musicians of all ages to get comfortable playing in public. It is a big step for many rusty musicians and PSIMS provides the opportunity for them to experience performing live in a supportive environment.

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Mobile Market, Fourth of July Parade planned in Arboles

By Susan Halkin

TARA Food Pantry

The TARA Food Pantry, in conjunction with Care and Share Food Bank, will hold a Mobile Market on Thursday, June 15, from 5 to 6 p.m.

This event is held in the parking lot of the TARA Community Center at 333 Milton Lane in Arboles. The public is invited. Please bring your own bags. No boxes, please.

Arboles will hold its annual Fourth of July Parade on Saturday, July 1. Lineup will begin at 9 a.m. behind the Piedra Peak Store on Willard Way. The parade begins at 10 a.m.

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16th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass this weekend

By Jonathan Hunt
KSUT

Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass returns for its 16th year Friday through Sunday on Reservoir Hill in Pagosa Springs. Sixteen acts in the bluegrass, folk, rhythm and blues, and Native American genres will perform over the course of the weekend, including several that have received multiple International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) awards.

"We are excited to welcome back festiversians to Reservoir Hill for our June bluegrass and folk festival," said KSUT Executive Director Tami Graham. "The lineup reflects both the festival's long history and the quality of our diverse on-air programming that our listeners appreciate."

While still maintaining deep acoustic music traditions, the 2023 Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass lineup reflects the music heard on the KSUT Music Blend by including rock, R&B and Native American artists in addition to folk and bluegrass.

"Part of KSUT's mission is music discovery," said KSUT Development Director and Music Director Chris Aaland, who serves as the talent buyer for the festival. "Our lineup includes old favorites like Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley and FY5 alongside up-and-coming artists like Caleb Caudle and Full Cord."

"We are also proud of our roots as one of the nation's oldest tribal radio stations, and we're committed to presenting award-winning Indigenous performers in a variety of genres."

Sihasin, an acclaimed Diné duo with punk rock roots that appeared at last summer's Telluride Bluegrass Festival, incorporates traditional Diné healing and hoop dancing into their rhythm-heavy drums-and-bass music.

Single-day, weekend and patron passes are on sale at www.ksutpresents.org, as are camping

passes and a very limited quantity of vehicle passes.

Headliners for the festival include Ickes and Hensley, Sister Sadie, Becky Buller and the Larry Keel Experience.

Ickes is a 15-time IBMA Dobro Player of the Year from the Bay Area who co-founded the highly influential bluegrass group Blue Highway and is one of Nashville's most sought-after session players. Hensley has been called "Nashville's hottest young player" by Acoustic Guitar magazine. The duo has released four albums that weave bluegrass, country, blues, and rock and roll. Their latest album, "Living in a Song," charts highly in national bluegrass, Americana and alternative country music polls.

The five women of Sister Sadie won three straight IBMA Vocal Group of the Year awards from 2019 to 2021 — no small feat in a genre that has been dominated by male pickers and singers since bluegrass was created in 1946. Led by original members Deanie Richardson (fiddle) and Gena Britt (banjo and vocals), Sister Sadie has played the Grand Ole Opry, been featured in an exhibit at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, and continues to rack up awards, both as a group and individually.

Becky Buller is a 10-time IBMA award recipient for her fiddle playing, singing and songwriting. In addition to her own award-winning albums, her songs have won Grammys for the Infamous Stringdusters and the Travelin' McCourys. When not touring with the Becky Buller Band, she serves as a board member on the IBMA Foundation and is heavily involved in music education.

The Larry Keel Experience is led by its namesake, Larry Keel, who is widely regarded as one of the most expressive flat picking guitarists in the world. He frequently collaborates with such musical innovators as Tyler Childers, Billy Strings, Al DiMeola, Keller Williams, Sam

Bush and the late Tony Rice. Keel has appeared on more than 20 albums, 12 of which he produced. Alongside his wife, bassist Jenny Keel, and longtime mandolin player Jared Pool, the Experience is one of the most popular and influential bands on the jam-grass circuit.

Other artists who will appear at Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass include Fireside Collective, Henhouse Prowlers, Stillhouse Junkies, Armchair Boogie, Full Cord, Phoebe Hunt, Leon Timbo, Sihasin, Caleb Caudle, FY5, The Bonnie and Taylor Sims Band (formerly known as Bonnie and The Clydes) and the Stone-Hall Trio.

Festival amenities include a late-night stage, workshops, a children's tent, food and crafts vendors, campground picks and a beer garden. As has become tradition, Saturday and Sunday mornings will kick off with Bubbles and Bluegrass, which pairs acoustic performances by FY5 (Saturday) and Bonnie and Taylor Sims (Sunday) with complimentary beverages in the beer garden from 10 to 11 a.m.

Preceding the festival is the Jam Camp and Junior Jam Camp, held Monday through Wednesday on Reservoir Hill with professional instructors including members of FY5, the Bonnie and Taylor Sims Band, Alissa Wolf of Stillhouse Junkies, Matt Flinner and others. Information on the Jam Camp and Junior Jam Camp can be found at www.ksutpresents.org.

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership announces three Thursdays of fun and learning for youth

By Sally High
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) and its educational partners will host three full Thursdays this summer just for youngsters. Active, creative, hands-on learning will be based at the GGP site in Centennial Park. There is no charge for this immer-

sion into fun and the ecology of our downtown Riverwalk.

On June 15, July 20 and Aug. 17, GGP's professional educators and partners will provide instruction in identifying birds, understanding wetlands and growing food for community. The value of native plants and pollinators will be spotlighted. Youngsters will explore the down-

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Photo courtesy Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends

Professional storyteller Kathy Santopietro will present *Men for All Seasons in Story*, a fundraiser for the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends, on June 17. Tickets are available now.

Professional storyteller Kathy Santopietro to present *Men for All Seasons in Story* June 17

By Deborah Fox
Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends

Save the date for *Men for All Seasons in Story* on June 17 at 6 p.m., an event perfect for Father's Day weekend.

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends is pleased to welcome back professional storyteller Kathy Santopietro for another magical evening of storytelling, accompanied by local pianist Sally Neel and a special guest

appearance by vocalist Robert Neel. The doors will open at 6 p.m. with a cash bar and entertainment. The stories will begin at 7 p.m., with lite hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar to follow at 8 p.m.

The event will take place at the Tennyson Building Event Center and is for ages 16 and older. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased online at <https://pagosalibrary.org/> or in person at your Ruby Sisson Library. Tickets at the door on the night of the event will be \$45.

GGP

continued from previous page town Riverwalk and its plants and animals. Kids will create art — lots of art — to enhance the GGP site.

Adults from the GGP, Weminuche Audubon, Audubon Rockies, Pagosa Wetland Partners and the Pagosa Community Initiative will lead all activities. Educators and adult nature-lovers enjoy sum-

mer creativity as much as kids. The GGP will provide kids with shade, healthy lunches, snacks and water bottles, and, oh yeah, art supplies — lots of art supplies.

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‘Chitty Chitty Bang Bang’ set to fly through Pagosa Springs June 29-July 2

Curtains Up Pagosa

Mark your calendar for one of four performances of Ian Fleming’s “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang,” one of the most beloved family musicals of all time. Brought to you by Curtains Up Pagosa, our community theater group where our kids and adult residents come together several times a year to entertain the community, learn theater skills and even earn college scholarships.

You may have seen the 1968 film starring Dick Van Dyke and Sally Ann Howes, but you’ve probably never seen the Broadway musical version, launched in 2005. Well, now you can, right here at Pagosa Springs High School June 29 to July 2.

Our resourceful artistic director, Dale Scrivener, found another theater company that had the flying Chitty car and drove it by truck all the way from Ontario, Canada, to Pagosa Springs. It flies, it levitates, it honks, it’s ah-mazing.

Additional props and sets were also obtained from this company. But, what really sets off the scenes in a theater production? The lighting. We are extremely fortunate to have Aaron Bishop, a highly trained and experienced theater professional, on our team to create not only the lighting but other special effects as well.

In Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast,” just produced by Pagosa Springs High School under the direction of Scrivener with lighting and special effects by Bishop, there were many enhancements that re-



Photo courtesy Curtains Up Pagosa

The “Enchanted Rose” special effect from “Beauty and the Beast,” presented by Pagosa Springs High School earlier this year. This summer’s Curtains Up Pagosa production of the classic “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang” will also feature noteworthy lighting and special effects.

ally added to the story.

“Lighting tells the story as effectively as the lines the characters speak,” Bishop said. “In ‘Beauty,’ Belle was lit with blue light, the Beast with red light. As the story progressed and their love grew, the lighting on both characters became purple.”

Lighting also enhances the costumes. Costumes for “Chitty” will be created by Nanette Cheffers,

who has provided the costumes for most of Curtains Up Pagosa’s and Pagosa Springs High School’s productions in the past several years.

“I make sure that the lighting is also timed to the music,” Bishop explained. “There were many moments in ‘Beauty’ as well as ‘The Addams Family’ last fall where the timing was critical to the drama of a scene.”

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Projection of images is a newer theatrical technique where Bishop is proficient. The “Enchanted Rose” that had falling petals in “Beauty” was an illusion created by projection of the image and remotely controlled.

In “Addams,” Bishop did projection mapping of the entire stage, and put it into a computer with CAD processing so that specific projections would show up on stage exactly when and where they were needed during the story. Lightning had to strike Gomez at a precise moment, and that spider had to crawl up the curtain just as the show began.

In “Chitty,” the special car is 6 feet wide, 14 feet long, has lighting inside and out, and wheels that flip up so it can float on water and fly in the sky.

“Special effects and lighting make the unbelievable believable,” said Bishop, “transporting the viewer into another imaginative world.”

“Chitty” will be performed at Pagosa Springs High School on June 29, June 30 and July 1 at 7 p.m., and on July 2 at 2 p.m. You can buy tickets online at <https://our.show/chitty23> or before each performance.



Photo courtesy Helen Richardson

Susan Kanur loves a good mystery. As the May winner of a free book from the Friends of the Library, Kanur selected “The Judge’s List” by John Grisham. Each month, the Friends draw a name from the list of Friends members and offer a bin of books from which to choose.

Kanur has a long history with Friends of the Library, serving on the Friends board as secretary/treasurer as well as volunteering in the library for more than 20 years. She and her husband moved to Pagosa Springs in the early 1990s.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company's 'Jersey Boys' rehearsals underway, 'The Great American Trailer Park Musical' continues

By Tim Moore
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Excitement is in the air as Thingamajig Theatre Company kicks off rehearsals for its highly anticipated production of "Jersey Boys."

Set to open on June 16 at 7 p.m., this summer repertory production promises to be a must-see event for theater enthusiasts and fans of musicals alike.

Fresh off the heels of its recent triumph with "The Great American Trailer Park Musical," Thingamajig Theatre Company is riding a wave of success that has the local community buzzing. Audiences are raving about the hilarious comedy, and if you missed the opening weekend, fear not: The show continues this weekend on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., but tickets are selling fast.

"The Great American Trailer Park Musical" has proven to be an uproarious hit, captivating audiences with its witty dialogue, catchy tunes and vibrant performances. It's the perfect blend of heart and humor, providing an unforgettable experience that will leave you laughing long after the final curtain call.

Now, as Thingamajig Theatre Company prepares to bring "Jersey Boys" to the stage, anticipation is building. The production, which tells the incredible story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, has won numerous accolades and captivated audiences worldwide. With its iconic songs and gripping narrative, "Jersey Boys" is sure to be a showstopper.

Under the guidance of Director Dennis Elkins, music director Boni McIntyre and choreographer Dani Loewen along with the incredible talent of the summer repertory cast, rehearsals are already in full force, ensuring a top-notch performance that will transport audiences back to the golden era of rock 'n' roll. From the soaring harmonies to the electric choreography, this production



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

Ashley Woodson stars as Pippi the runaway dancer in Thingamajig Theatre Company's "The Great American Trailer Park Musical," playing this weekend at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

promises to be a feast for the senses.

Whether you're a die-hard fan of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons or simply appreciate the magic of live theater, "Jersey Boys" is not to be missed. The Thingamajig Theatre Company has a long-standing reputation for delivering outstanding productions and this one is shaping up to be a true highlight of the summer season.

Tickets for both "The Great American Trailer Park Musical" and "Jersey Boys" are available at the Thingamajig Theatre Company box office or online at pagosacenter.org. Given the immense popularity

of "The Great American Trailer Park Musical," we encourage theater enthusiasts to secure their seats as soon as possible.

Come and experience the magic of live theater with Thingamajig Theatre Company. Be prepared to laugh, sing and dance your way through a summer of unforgettable performances. Don't miss out on the opportunity to witness these performers wow you again. Get your tickets today.

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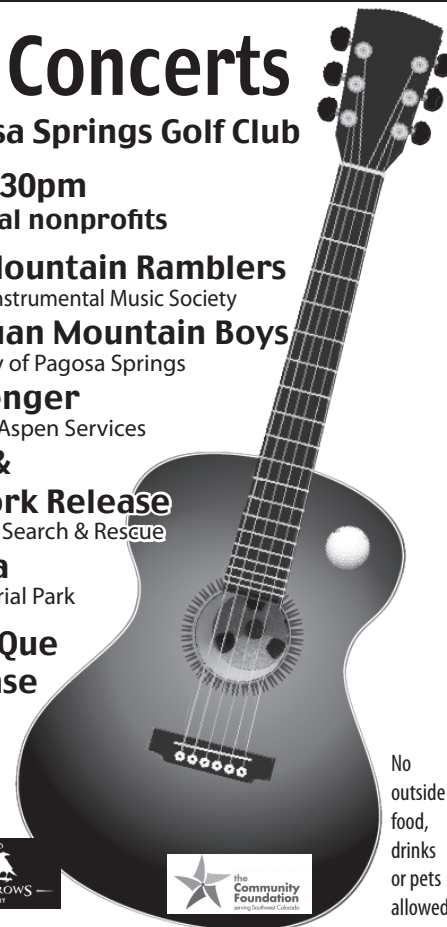
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In 2015, 31 women gathered for the annual Panhellenic luncheon. Women affiliated with a collegiate sorority are invited to attend a gathering of sisters at the Alley House Grille from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on June 28 to revive the event. For more information and reservations, call or text Sherry Spears at (940) 887-9208 or email sherrykayspears@sbcglobal.net.

Pagosa Panhellenic gathering planned

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

Women affiliated with a collegiate sorority are invited to attend a gathering of sisters on June 28 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Alley House Grille.

The event will feature hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. A \$10 donation at the event is requested to assist in covering the cost of the appetizer and beverage service.

There is interest in reviving this fun event and the intent is to catch up with old friends while enjoying the new friends that you will meet and share the bond of sisterhood across badges.

Please help us by mentioning

this upcoming event to friends and acquaintances that you know to be Panhellenic members so that we can continue to grow participation for this event. We look forward to welcoming the traditional attendees, as well as new faces, to this special event.

The planning committee consists of Sherry Spears, Delta Delta Delta; Joni Rose, Pi Beta Phi; and Lisa Scott, Pi Beta Phi. For planning and food preparation, please let us know you are attending: Call or text Sherry Spears at (940) 887-9208 or sherrykayspears@sbcglobal.net.

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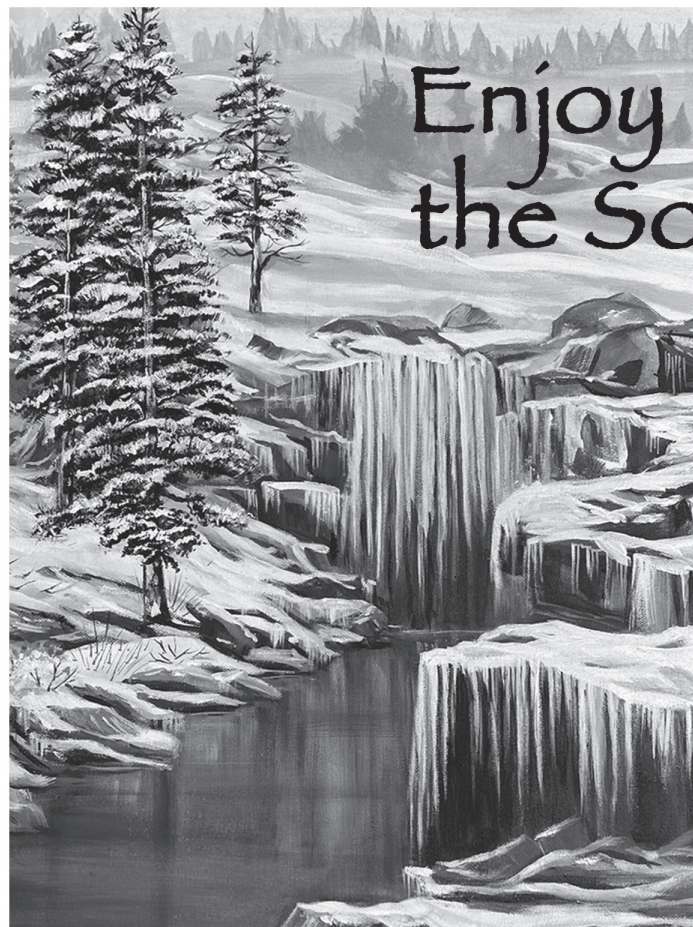
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Music in the Mountains announces 37th anniversary festival season

By Angie Beach
Music in the Mountains

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Deemed as one of the longest-running classical music festivals in the southwest, Artistic Director and Conductor Guillermo Figueroa promises to take audiences on a musical adventure through the classics.


World-class musicians travel from across the country to join and form the Festival Orchestra. You will hear all your favorites like Tchaikovsky, Vivaldi, Mozart, Brahms, Stravinsky and Schumann, plus an exciting lineup of pops concerts performed by the Festival Orchestra. This year's venues include Sky Ute Event Center, Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College, Glacier Club, First Presbyterian Church and more.

Professional musicians highlighted during the festival this year include the Texas Guitar Quartet and Jason Vieaux, classical guitar; Aviram Reichert, Tony DeSare and Mariano Morales, piano; Philippe Quint and Erin Schreiber, violin;

and Nestor Torres, flute. Attend Pops Night — Music in the Mountains' biggest fundraiser of the year — and hear the Festival Orchestra perform under the baton of renowned pops conductor Richard Kaufman in an incredible display of Oscar-winning music from films across the decades. This is a very special event that includes cocktail hour, plated multi-course dinner with wine and concert.


During the season, Music in the Mountains will present two donor events, four classical orchestra performances with complementary pre-concert lectures, four pops concerts, two chamber performances featuring principal

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New Thought Center to present on 'Recognizing Greatness Every Day'

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The June 11 Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. will be "Recognizing Greatness Every Day" with Shayla White Eagle.

"When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid." — Audre Lorde.

Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join SpiritHeart band. Please text Bruce at (970) 507-0739 for band information.

The John and Sue Love benefit barbecue date and time is to be announced.

John and Sue Love donations can be dropped off at the New Thought Center; slide it between the glass doors or mail to: The New Thought Center, P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Make checks out to John Love.

Dates for the Reiki class with Maggie Red Eagle will be announced.

Fourth of July weekend: Freedom Concert.

July 15: Second annual tree orientation ceremony led by Rhonda Sande.

About us

The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance our members' life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an inclusive community. Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through awareness of a higher power. We are the "GoodVibeTribe" that practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com;

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players, a fun family dinner and concert, and nine free community concerts on its mobile stage in and around the region.

There will be a mobile stage concert in Pagosa Springs at 7 p.m. on July 6 at Town Park.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.musicinthemountains.com, in person at the festival office, 515 East College Drive in Durango or by calling (970) 385-6820. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Bird of the Week



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

Translated from the Chippewa language, the name for this bird means "big noise for its size." Hearing the loud, bubbly song of this bird may have you expecting one much larger than the tiny house wren. In mating season, a male may sing from dusk to dawn and, on occasion, females join in.

Both sexes are small brown birds with relatively long, curved beaks and dark barring on their wings and tail held upright. Their scolding calls are often heard from deep within the brush.

This backyard bird, common over nearly the entire Western Hemisphere in summer, is another that evokes conflicting emotions in people. Some love it for its cheery song, acrobatic antics and willingness to devour garden pests. But its fierce defense of nesting territory can be alarming to witness.

In an attempt to ensure nesting success, the house wren will invade the cavity nests of neighboring birds to pierce holes in their eggs, peck both nestlings and adult birds, and even throw nestlings to the ground. Males will fill vacant cavities and nest boxes with twigs to prevent other birds from nesting, much to the dismay of people hoping to attract bluebirds to their yards.

In an effort to impress a female with his prowess, a male will build as many as 12 dummy nests of twigs and take her on a tour of them. These nests may show up almost anywhere: in cavities, planters, nest boxes, drainpipes and laundry left hanging to dry. If he's done a good job, the pair will mate and she will choose a nest to complete by adding a soft liner.

In summer, look for house wrens in any scrubby habitat with cavities for nesting, including in your own backyard.

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Free Medicare 101 class to be offered June 12

By Caryn Hill
San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging

A free introduction class to Medicare will be offered at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library on Monday, June 12, at 1 p.m. This class is open to everyone, whether currently enrolled in Medicare or planning to enroll soon.

A certified Medicare counselor from the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) will present Medicare basics such as:

- Medicare eligibility and when

to enroll.

- Definitions and explanations of parts A, B, C, D and Medigap plans.

- Deadlines, open enrollment dates and avoiding penalties.

- How Medicare works with other health insurance plans.

Medicare counselors from SJBAAA are certified by the Colorado State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and are not associated with any health insurance company.

Medicare can be confusing,

but SHIP counselors are available to help you navigate the program with as much ease as possible. Attending a Medicare 101 class is a great way to start your journey and meet your local SHIP counselors.

To register for the class, please leave a message and your contact information at (970) 264-0502, ext. 4. You can leave a message 24/7.

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library is located at 811 San Juan St.

If you can't attend the class but would like to meet with a Medicare counselor, call (970) 264-0505, ext 4 to request an appointment. The SJBAAA Medicare office is located in the Pagosa Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Counseling sessions are by appointment only.

Spiritual Experiences Group to discuss getting guidance through dreams

By Laurah Brock Young
The Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

Your dreams are real.

If you understand dreams and how they work, you can use your dreams to guide and help you take steps forward, both spiritually and in your daily life.

Are you interested in techniques to help you remember and interpret your dreams?

Would you like to understand the spiritual nature of dreams?

Did you know there are eight types of dreams?

Everyone is welcome to join the June class. We will begin by briefly summarizing what we learned in the May class about tools and spiritual exercises for better dreaming experiences and will include a handout from the May class if you were unable to attend in May.

Those who are interested can briefly share a dream experience and what they learned from trying a new technique.

We plan to offer more techniques that can help you remember and interpret your dreams. We'll go over eight types of dreams that you can easily identify as you continue your dream studies. Again, our

goal is that each participant will gain a deeper understanding of their dream worlds from a spiritual perspective.

Join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs at 1 p.m. on June 11 for a lively discussion on "Your Source for Everyday Guidance: A Spiritual View of Dreams, Part Two." We will meet at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

For more information, visit <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>.

This free event is sponsored by Eckankar as a community service, a spiritual resource for people of all faiths and beliefs. It is an individual, creative practice to experience our own unique relationship with the Divine.

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Meet the celebrity men of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By **Danyelle Leentjes**
Seeds of Learning

The stars of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars are getting ready to strap on their dancing shoes and prepare for their night on the dance floor.

They will be matched with a talented coach who will lead them through this performance of a lifetime to support Pagosa Springs' Seeds of Learning. Three of these fabulous stars are Gustavo Palma, Tim Wightman and Josh Butcher.

Gustavo Palma

Gustavo Palma is 25 years old and is a local actor, teacher and entrepreneur. He grew up in Pagosa since he was 4 and has had a life full of adventure. From Miami to LA, Puerto Rico and Nepal, Gustavo has made the most of his life so far and continues to push his comfort zone in all aspects. He spent five years in college studying the fine arts of theater and music, performed in New York City at the Lincoln Center and Birdland Jazz Club, and summited a 20,000-foot mountain in the Himalayas and wrote a play about it.

Now, he spends his days teaching our youth at Pagosa Springs Middle School teaching drama and English language arts, and was just hired as the social studies teacher for next school year. If that wasn't enough, he also started his own company with his best friend.

Palma would like to thank everyone for taking the future of our youth so seriously and for supporting Seeds of Learning in their commitment to our young ones.

Tim Wightman

Wightman was born in Ohio and is one of five children. There were four boys and one girl. They moved to a small town in east Texas when he was a freshman in high school. He loved to play football, which

enabled him to quickly make new friends. He also joined the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and his project was raising black Angus cattle. With the FFA seed, he and his dad built an Angus ranch that taught him and his siblings all about hard work. After high school, Wightman played college football and graduated with a bachelor's in computer science. His professional career was rooted in information technology across many different industries.

Wightman and his wife, Linda, bought their forever retirement home in Pagosa Springs in August 2017 and moved here permanently in August 2022. Wightman recently retired from the corporate world

and will enjoy spending quality time with his wife, Linda, with church, golfing, hiking, photography, hunting, fishing and just hanging out with friends.

He has a passion for helping others, giving back and building a stronger tomorrow. As part of giving back, it is his honor and privilege to stand with the children and staff at Seeds of Learning.

Josh Butcher

Josh Butcher made Pagosa Springs his home in 2011. In 2014, he chose to serve his community as a member of the Pagosa Fire Protection District as a volunteer. In 2019, he became a full-time ca-

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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, June 8

Ruby's Writer's Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writer's Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

Centerpoint Church Vacation Bible School. 9-11 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

For ages 4 years to fourth grade. Preregister at www.centerpointpagosa.com.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Summer Reading Club. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Explore the summer reading theme "All Together Now" through engaging activities, stories and crafts.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or until food runs out, Community United Methodist Church. Note: until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish

Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving Frito pie and dessert to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat, and other staples are available for those in need.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.
Hand and Foot Card Game. 1:15
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Dancing

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reer member of the fire district and now functions as his shifts' driver operator. Butcher is excited and proud to be joining his beautiful wife and six-year coach of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, Ashley Butcher, for this year's event. Not only is Butcher grateful for this opportunity to directly support Seeds of Learning, but he also looks forward to continuing to work for the Pagosa Springs community, Archuleta County and its neighbors.

The competition

These three male stars will be joined with three more female stars to compete for the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. Next week, we will highlight the amazing women. You can now go to the Seed's website at dwtps.org to learn more about all the stars and their coaches and vote for your favorites.

Voting is now open. Start voting online today at vote.dwtps.org. Each \$1 vote moves a star closer to winning the fabulous trophy and bragging rights for the next year. You can vote for as many stars as

you would like as many times as you want. But, more importantly, all the proceeds go to sustaining Seeds of Learning's tuition mission to provide affordable, high-quality early childhood education in Pagosa Springs.

All tickets include voting for your favorite star, a buffet dinner of fall-off-the-bone, slow-cooked short ribs served by our fine dining restaurant, a fabulous show which is sure to entertain and open dancing with the Tim Sullivan Band playing during voting.

Ticket sales will open to the public at 9 a.m. on July 13. Watch our website and DWTPS Facebook page at facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa/ for specific instructions on ticket purchase.

Seeds of Learning is a nonprofit standalone preschool serving approximately 58 preschoolers year-round, ages 2.5 to 5 years old. The critical proceeds from this event are what make a sliding scale tuition possible for the families in our community. Please help support the most vulnerable population in Pagosa Springs — our children.

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Scene ... The Friends of the Theatre host a homemade dinner for Thingamajig Theatre Company's summer cast and directors on May 30 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Professional actors from across the U.S. are presenting three Broadway musicals rotating between now and the end of August – "The Great American Trailer Park," "Jersey Boys" and "Godspell" – and also will perform at the Broadway Gala fundraiser on July 25.



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p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Rock Painting. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. Join local artist Becky Crowe for a free rock art session. We have gathered a variety of rocks of different sizes for your painting pleasure. Stop by the dining hall and either bring your own rock or select from our collection. We will provide the paint; you bring your own inspiration to create a colorful rock to place in your garden or to use as a paperweight. This activity is free and open to all ages.

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Friday, June 9

Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass. Reservoir Hill. For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.ksutpresents.org/folkbluegrass>.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Mini Monets. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. This program uses art, sometimes messy, to build early literacy skills. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Tween/Teen Makers. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice weaving and felting. No experience required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via Zoom at the library. Contact (970) 264-2209 or ruby@pagosalibrary.org. Registration opens on the first day of each month. Space is limited.

Summer S.T.E.A.M. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Solve engineering challenges and science experiments. Activities available for multiple age groups. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Springs Car Show. 5 p.m.,

Lewis Street. Cars and motorcycles will be on display. There will also be live music and more.

'The Great American Trailer Park Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Saturday, June 10

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Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Senior Center dining room. Bring your scrapbooking projects or any crafting project you may want to work on with the group.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6 and up. Bring your own or use our LEGOs to build.

Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For new or experienced knitters. Get help with your project or sit and knit.

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Monday, June 12

Medicare Mondays. For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. Someone will return phone messages within 24 hours.

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Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Medicare 101. 1 p.m., Sisson Library. This free class is open to everyone, whether currently enrolled in Medicare or planning to enroll soon. A certified Medicare counselor from the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) will present Medicare basics. If you can't attend the class but would like to meet with a Medicare counselor, call (970) 264-0505, ext. 4 to request an appointment.

Teen/Tween Escape Room. 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Solve puzzles and find clues, but hurry because you don't have long to get out of the room.

Tuesday, June 13

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Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail 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. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. Open to all.

Laundromat Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Hill Top Laundromat. Join us for stories and a craft. Families will receive books and games to take home.

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Wednesday, June 14

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages.

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Pickleball. 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Community Center. Free beginner lessons. Reserve at www.pagosapickleball.org.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Camp Connect. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. A S.T.E.A.M (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) program for those in 5th-8th grade. Registration is required.

Senior Conversations. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Wacky Wednesdays. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Let's get silly and play. Each week will be a different activity. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Thursday, June 15

Ruby's Writer's Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writer's Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

Pickleball. 9 a.m. -noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Summer Reading Club. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Explore the summer reading theme "All Together Now" through engaging activities, stories and crafts.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or until food runs out, Community United Methodist Church. Note: until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving a hot meal to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat, and other staples are available for those in need.

Author Talk: 'An American in Provence' by Jamie Beck. Noon,

virtual. Listen live or recorded. For details, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing

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Friday, June 16

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Wee Play. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. Enjoy free play with our collection of toys.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Tween/Teen Taskmaster. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Test your problem-solving skills with a variety of challenges.

Cardboard Construction Zone: Superhero Gear. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Come build with us. Transform regular cardboard into superhero gear.

ComFest. 5:30-8:30 p.m., Town Park athletic field. A free outdoor concert featuring the Jackson Mountain Ramblers and RPM.

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Oral Storytelling. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Experience the power of oral storytelling with professional oralist Kathleen Santopietro.

Pokemon Club. 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your cards to battle against others who love Pokemon too. No experience required.

'Men for All Seasons in Story.' 6 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center. Professional storyteller Kathy Santopietro will present an evening of stories accompanied by live music. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at pagosalibrary.org or in person at the library.

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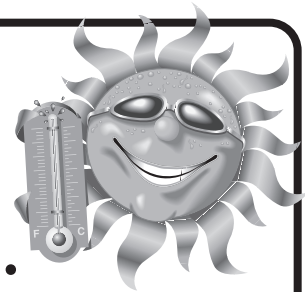
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Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

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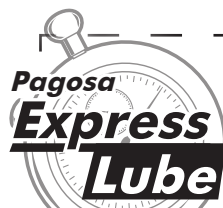
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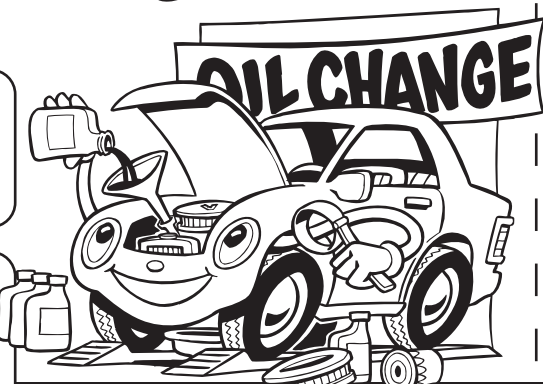


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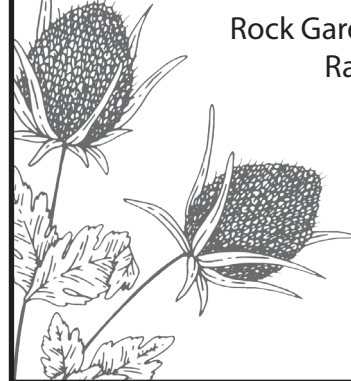
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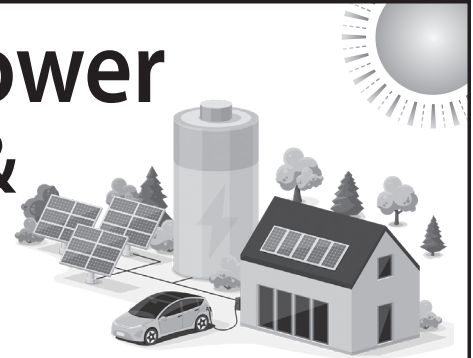


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Senior Center to host rock painting with local artist June 8, July 6

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Join local artist Becky Crowe on June 8 and July 6 at 1:15 p.m. for a free rock art session.

We have gathered a variety of rocks of different sizes for your painting pleasure. Stop by the dining hall and either bring your own rock or select from our collection. We will provide the paint and rocks and you bring your own inspiration to create a colorful rock to place in your garden or to use as a paperweight.

This activity is free and open to all ages.

Pagosa Senior Center partners with Archuleta County MET for free rides

Adults 60 and older are eligible for free transportation provided by Archuleta County Mountain Express Transit (MET). Seniors can ride the MET Pagosa Springs route for free Monday through Friday. This route stops at the Senior Center and the Medical Center 10 times per day.

Disabled community members that live within 3/4 of a mile of this route but are unable to make it to a stop can qualify for free paratransit service. Paratransit service requires community members to book their ride 24 hours in advance. Community members must call the MET at (970) 264-2250 by 3 p.m. the day before to reserve their ride.

Additionally, the MET offers discounted dial-a-ride service to eligible seniors for \$4 per stop within town limits or \$8 outside town limits.



Senior Conversations

Join us Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of Senior Conversations with local Bill Salman-son. He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

The meeting will be held at the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

It meets each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new 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. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to copenhaver-creative@gmail.com.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Makes a scene?
- 5 Bratty talk
- 9 Flat-bottomed rowboat
- 14 Inn's offering
- 15 Jacob, to Esau
- 16 ___ sanctum
- 17 Fancy enamel-work
- 19 Religious doctrine
- 20 Summertime top
- 21 Brain part
- 23 Like some copper
- 25 You-here link
- 26 Machinist's letters
- 29 Texas flag feature
- 30 Pillowy
- 32 Word before beer or canal
- 34 Wish otherwise
- 35 Well-behaved
- 38 Deodorant type
- 40 Ulna locale
- 41 Drunk, slangily
- 42 Slammer
- 43 Proton's place
- 44 Wagon tongue
- 45 Skin eruption
- 47 SFO posting
- 48 Feathered scarf
- 50 Whistle blowers?
- 53 Surpass
- 55 Comedian's asset
- 59 Chilled
- 60 Like articles in The Onion
- 62 Search through
- 63 Disneyland transport
- 64 "Gladiator" setting
- 65 Looks after
- 66 Drought-ridden
- 67 Patella's place

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- 1 Garden wedding feature
- 2 Pepsi or RC
- 3 Workshop item
- 4 Maggie who played Minerva
- 5 "Star Wars" soldier
- 6 Beard on grain
- 7 Heartfelt
- 8 Curl one's lip
- 9 Escape route, for some
- 10 Door opener
- 11 Bring into favor
- 12 Thigh bone
- 13 Bowling unit
- 18 Salty septet
- 22 7 minutes for EMS, say
- 24 Stake driver
- 26 Seafood item
- 27 Holiday carol
- 28 Crowning ceremony

- 31 Pet's pest
- 33 Shopper's bag
- 36 Meadowlands pace
- 37 Jane Austen heroine
- 39 First-string players
- 40 Trepidation
- 42 Whip up
- 46 Inheritor
- 48 Hike
- 49 Weight measure
- 51 Pugilist's pair
- 52 Smug grin
- 54 Desert Storm missile
- 56 Coin anagram
- 57 Dogtag datum
- 58 Singing club
- 61 Roof goop

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Share lunch Monday through Thursday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays downtown at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is open to all. Pickup is available all week, including Fridays.

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 \$10, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10 charge for guests under the age of 60.

Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage. Some popular menu items include Frito chili pie, pork tenderloin with harvest chutney, Singaporean pork ribs, vegetarian lasagna, Hawaiian shrimp with coconut rice and always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand-prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

We provide a welcoming gathering space that serves as a community hub where nutritious food and other resources/supports are available to help older adults and their caretakers stay independent, active, engaged in our community and living in their homes. Weekly educational and social activities include our healthy aging and yoga therapy class, Mahjong and more.

Check out our senior discount card for local discounts and perks

at <http://www.psseniors.org/discount-club.html>.

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, June 7 — Cajun shrimp with cheesy grits, zucchini and squash saute, garden salad, fruit, blueberry streusel muffins and milk.

Friday, June 8 — Turkey tetrazzini, green beans, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Monday, June 11 — Seafood Veracruz with cod and shrimp, quinoa, garden salad, strawberry shortcake and milk.

Tuesday June 12 — Vegetable lasagna with white sauce, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, June 13 — Beef pot roast with root vegetables, focaccia bread, garden salad, fruit, cookies and milk.

Thursday, June 14 — New Mexican chicken enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, garden salad, fruit, flan and milk.

Friday, June 15 — Barbecue pulled pork, coleslaw, blueberry cobbler, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10 also. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

Mobile food pantry service discontinued

The Mobile Food Pantry Service has been discontinued due to funding shortages. Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to

schedule a ride with their paratransit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-N-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of six free COVID-19 tests kits for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public who needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

Medicare call 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. This service is available by appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair. Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays 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 Thursdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

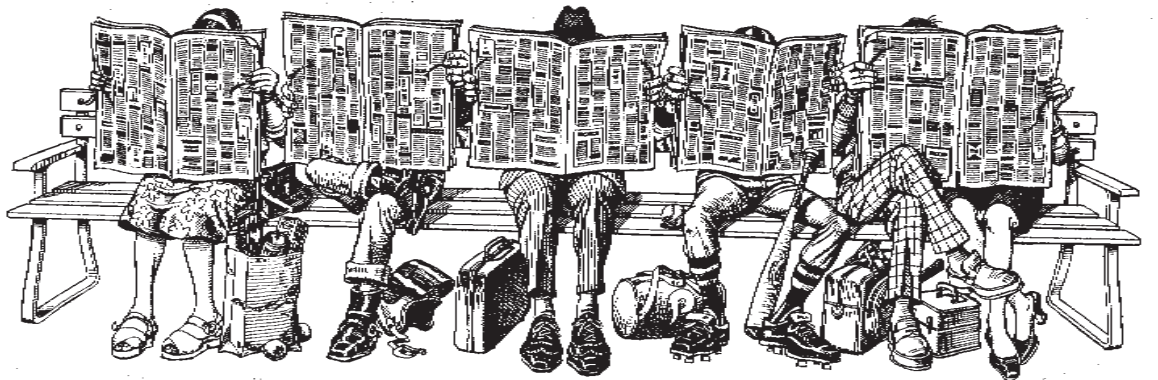
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Weekly bingo sheets and Summer Reading Club start today

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Two new free events that are part of your library's Summer Reading Program launch today, June 8: weekly bingo sheets for all ages and the Summer Reading Club for youngsters.

All ages are invited to complete five activities in a row on weekly bingo sheets and then turn your sheet in at the library to get a prize. Pick up your sheet in person or at <https://pagosalibrary.org>.

Also launching today is a weekly Summer Reading Club for kindergartners through fifth-graders on Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with crafts, guest speakers, stories and more. We'll explore topics such as kindness, service, teamwork, connection, friendship and community. No registration is required.

Sign up for Summer Reading Program

Be sure to sign up in person or on the library's website at <https://pagosalibrary.org> for the free Summer Reading Program. It offers a huge variety of special programs for all ages, lots of prize drawings, and will conclude with a celebratory party July 28. Pick up monthly events calendars at the library so you don't miss any of the free library activities available to you and your family this summer.

Local author

"The Helion Chronicles" by Annie Jackson is a sci-fi story about a female thief named Finley who successfully lies and steals her way across the solar system with a male partner. This is the complete season one containing all six episodes.

Mini Monets tomorrow

Friday, June 9, from 10 to 11 a.m., ages 1-5 are invited to use art — and sometimes to get messy — to build early literacy skills at this free activity.

Tween, teen makers tomorrow

Tweens and teens are invited to a free session to practice weaving and felting on Friday, June 9, from 1 to 2 p.m.

S.T.E.M. program tomorrow

Solve engineering challenges and science experiments at our free S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program tomorrow, Friday, June 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. Activities are available for multiple age groups. Preregistration is required.

Legal clinic tomorrow

This month's legal clinic on civil issues is by appointment tomorrow, Friday, June 9, from 2 to 3 p.m. Come to the library to meet privately via Zoom with our

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volunteer attorney. To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic" with your first name and phone number to ruby@pagosalibrary.org, or phone (970) 264-2209 or stop by the library.

All-ages chess Saturday

Learn how to play chess with free quick lessons and game time Saturday, June 10, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations on Saturday, June 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the free LEGO Club. Note the extended time of two hours rather than one. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

Adult knitting Saturday

Join other new and experienced knitters this Saturday, June 10, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

Two escape room activities

Solve puzzles and find clues quickly to be sure you can get out of the room before the deadline next Monday, June 12, for these free escape room sessions for teens and tweens from 10 a.m. to noon or 3 to 5 p.m.

Ruby's Book Club

Ruby's Book Club meets in person from 2 to 3 p.m. next Tuesday, June 13, to discuss "The Last Report of the Little Miracles at No Horse" by Louise Erdich. Copies are available at your library. This free book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, June 13, from 4 to 5:30, join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

Wacky Wednesdays for kids

Ages 6-11 are invited to get silly and play next Wednesday, June 14, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., and every Wednesday in June.

STEAM program

Camp Connect is a free STEAM (science, technology, engineering,

arts and mathematics) program for fifth- through eighth-graders next Wednesday, June 14, from noon to 2 p.m. Preregistration is required.

Writers support group

Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for opportunities, support, resources and camaraderie with other writers.

Online author talks

There will be two more talks in June in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors with an opportunity to ask questions.

Thursday, June 15, at noon will showcase "An American in Provence: Art, Life and Photography" by photographer Jamie Beck.

On Wednesday, June 28, at 6 p.m., you can interact with Tanagerive Due, co-author of "Black Panther: Tales of Wakanda."

Downloadable books

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Nonfiction

"You Could Make This Place Beautiful" is a memoir by poet

Maggie Smith. "The Joy of Politics" by Amy Klobuchar is the Minnesota senator's memoir of her life and work. "Dirt Road Revival" by Maine state senator Chloe Maxmin and her campaign manager Canyon Woodward offers a road map to rebuilding rural politics. "Perhaps the Future" by Sarah Watling looks at the women journalists, writers, photographers and activists whose courage took them into the Spanish Civil War. "The Daddy Diaries" by Andy Cohen uses humor to tell the author's story of being a father to two youngsters.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Mastering the Art of French Murder" by Colleen Cambridge features a young American tourist and Julia Child. "The Seaside Library" by Brenda Novak reunites teens 20 years after a tragedy.

Other novels

"The Midnight News" by Jo Baker is a love story set in London during World War II. "All the Days of Summer" by Nancy Thayer is a family tale set on Nantucket. "Properties of Thirst" by Pulitzer Prize-winner Marianne Wiggins looks at the changing American landscape during World War II. "Can't I Go Instead" by Lee Geum-yi follows the lives of a Korean nobleman's daughter and her maidservant. "Not Alone" by Sarah K. Jackson takes place after a global environmental disaster. "Lassiter"

by J.R.F. Ward is the latest in the Black Dagger Brotherhood vampire series. "Cloud Girl" by Lisa Hardhig features two young teens who meet in a brothel in Ireland.

DVDs

"All's Quiet on the Western Front" is the remake of the classic that won four Academy Awards last year. "A House Made of Splinters," which covers the war in Eastern Ukraine, was nominated for best feature documentary. "Yellowstone" starring Kevin Costner is season five.

Books on CD

"The Bridge Wore White" by Amanda Quick features a psychic dream consultant who is kidnapped. "The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese features three generations of a family with a secret in South India. "The Wedding Planner" by Danielle Steel goes behind the scenes to explore private problems. "Ghostly Game" by Christine Feehan is a Ghost Walker fantasy.

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Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

Members of the 4-H Clothing Construction Project hosted visitor seamstress Beverly Raulen, who donated a huge supply of fabric and sewing supplies for the 4-H project participants. Raulen brought the wedding dress she made for her daughter to show the young seamstresses. From left to right in the back row are Nicoletta Ibram, Sophia Ellis, Edith Odom and Veda Deitemeyer. In the front row are Claire Monroe, Addy Hart, Ayla Ibram, Raulen and Winter Porter. Other project participants that could not attend the day are Faith Lee, Adelyn Hittle, Kaiden Srery, Daphnie Skinner, Emma Gantt and Reece Peterson. All 4-H projects have started and will culminate in project presentation at the Archuleta County Fair Aug. 3-6.

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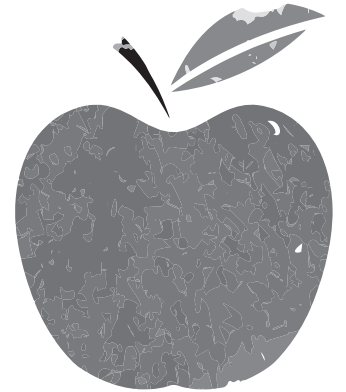
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TIM BROWN CUSTOM HOMES is looking for a few high quality, detail oriented craftsmen to help in the framing, interior finishing and painting of our custom homes. We have been building homes in Pagosa Springs for 23 years. Work year around with us and enjoy top pay, paid holidays, paid vacation and a retirement plan. Please call (970)731-7071 or stop by the office at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B16.

SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERT (Facebook, Google, Instagram) wanted to help create and manage advertising and marketing campaign for growing business. Please send resume to pagosad@yahoo.com.

PART-TIME GROUNDS KEEPER/ MAINTENANCE POSITION – Healing Waters Resort & Spa. Some evening and weekend hours may apply. We have a great team in place, just want to add one more to our crew. Looking for someone who is handy with tools - or has the willingness to learn; who doesn't mind sweeping, raking, and shoveling; and who is self-motivated. If this is you, we'd love to talk! Download an application at www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or stop by 317 Hot Springs Blvd. Employees and immediate family soak for FREE! Apply today!

GENERAL LABORER, general labor, construction and ranch work. Please call (970)264-5000.

NOW HIRING FULL-TIME kitchen line cooks. Work in a fast paced and clean kitchen. Pay negotiable. Apply within at The Buck Stops Here Market and Eatery.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Davis Engineering Service, Inc. is looking for a highly organized, detail oriented, meticulous individual to fill an administrative assistant position in our Pagosa Springs office. The job entails general administrative tasks, bookkeeping, accounting, customer service, and support of engineering and surveying staff. Excellent communication (verbal & written) and computer skills are necessary with Microsoft Office products (especially Word & Excel) and QuickBooks experience a plus. Benefits for full time employees include paid time off, retirement plan, health insurance. Pay dependent on qualifications. Send resume to myron@daveng.com. Successful applicants will be contacted for interview.

IF YOU WANT TO BE on GOD'S PAYROLL, get your marching orders and provisions at 965 Cloud Cap Avenue.

START A NEW CAREER servicing hot tubs. \$17-\$20+ hour, plus bonus and mileage. Full or part time. Must have reliable vehicle. We will train you on water quality, chemistry, repair and installations. Homespun Hot Tubs. Call or text Stuart at (818)963-0836.

IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR CDL DRIVER with a minimum 2 years experience- Experience in forestry equipment helpful. Must pass drug test. Local driving only. Please send your resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com.

PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

SAN JUAN SIDE BY SIDES is looking for part-time help this summer. Help customers hook up trailers and explain how to drive on 4X4 trails. Starting at \$18 an hour. Apply in person at 635 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO.

YARD SALES

South Fork Friends
Foundation Annual
Community-Wide

YARD SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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MOVING SALE. 6/10, 9a.m.-2p.m. 579 Stevens Circle, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Furniture: couch, bed, chairs, tables, nightstands, lamps, mirrors, etc.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE. Friday, June 9, 7a.m.-3p.m. and Saturday, June 10, 8a.m.-noon. 322 Capitan Circle.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, June 9th and 10th, 9a.m.-3p.m. 37 Valley View Dr., #3137, Pagosa. 2 Lazy Boy leather recliners, 1 antique secretary desk, 1 Dream Cloud queen mattress, miscellaneous household items, women's clothes, men's leather jacket and more!

JOYS NATURAL FOODS. Store closing. Everything must go. Indoor garage sale. 117 Navajo Trail Drive. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

MOVING SALE! Everything must go! 7:30a.m.-11:30a.m. Friday, June 9, only — early birds welcome. Located at 2026 Antelope Ave.

ESTATE SALE BETWEEN BAYFIELD and Durango. Friday and Saturday, 8a.m. sharp. MATCO and Snap-on mechanic tools as well as a full household plus antiques and functional water bed! Come see: 727 E. Pioneer Drive, turn at Recla-metal and follow signs. 1/2 price Saturday. Sale by The Organizers.

BIG GARAGE SALE. Friday, Saturday, June 9-10, 8a.m. 126 Lakeside Dr.

YARD SALE, JUNE 10, 8a.m.-1p.m. Tools, furniture, fishing, camping, welding. 89 Northshore Circle.

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HORSE BOARDING AVAILABLE, up to 2 horses. Running stream through 10 acre fenced pasture. \$100 per month. (970)883-2600.

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HONDA SNOWBLOWER, 2 YEARS OLD, \$2500. Dining room set, table, 6 chairs. Two piece sofa, like new, \$1800. Light fixture for dining room, \$75. Band saw, 14 inch, with stand, \$200. Table saw, \$100. Air compressor, 25 gallon, \$50. (254)541-6995.

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4 BEDROOM EXECUTIVE HOME. Four miles north on Snowball Road (CR200). One mile to trout streams and National Forest, possible irrigated pasture. \$3,200 per month. (970) 946-6274. Leave message.

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2 BED 2 BATH 1 car garage duplex \$2,100. Available 4/1/23. Call Team Pagosa (970)731-8599.

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PAGOSA LAKE VIEWS. 3 bedroom in 4plex. Available June 1. Most utilities paid, W/D, dishwasher, range, fridge, covered deck, seasonal stream, 10 minute walk to lake. \$1,585 for 3 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1,000 security deposit. No pets, nonsmokers preferred. For details, call or text John at (720)960-4910.

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2 BED 2 BATH 2 car garage furnished townhome \$2,250.00/mth. Available now Call Team Pagosa (970)731-8599.

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH on the Golf Course. Very nice duplex in uptown Pagosa Springs. Well-behaved pets are permitted with additional fee and landlord approval. \$1,900/ month. Call or text (505)980-9227 for more information.

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2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH DUPLEX apartment on golf course. Lots of storage and garage. \$1,500 plus utilities and deposit. (970)946-4181.

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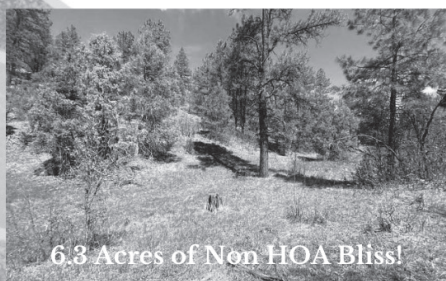


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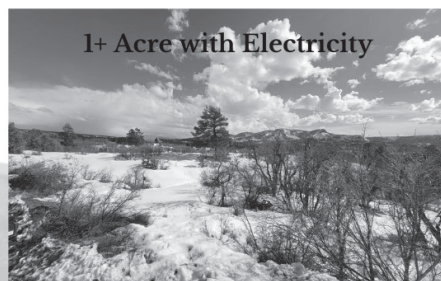
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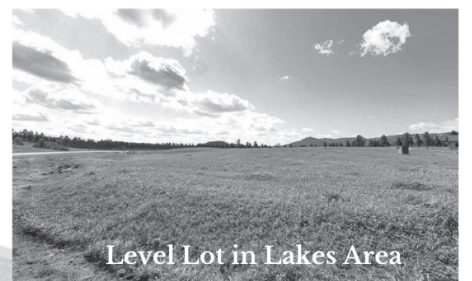
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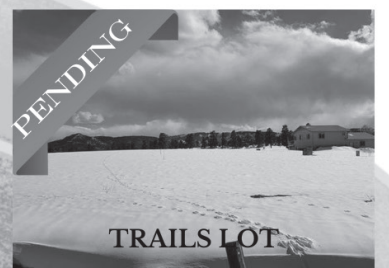
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