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ComFest

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The Town of Pagosa Springs kicked off its annual ComFest summer concert series Friday, June 16, in the athletic field near Town Park, with proceeds from drink sales benefiting Veterans Memorial Park. The free series will continue on July 21 with Heavy Diamond Ring. Proceeds will benefit Healthy Archuleta.



April death ruled accidental drowning

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The April death of Jeremiah Enriquez Villarreal has been ruled an accidental drowning by a pathologist.

Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux announced the results via press release late Tuesday.

On April 18, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) announced that a body was located in Lake Pagosa and positively

identified as 22-year-old Villarreal, who was reported missing days earlier.

According to an April 17 ACSO press release, on April 16, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch received a report of a possible miss-



Villarreal

■ See Death A8

Council to discuss steps in finding new town manager

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Thursday, June 22, the Pagosa Springs Town Council will consider steps to take in the search for a new town manager.

This comes in the wake of a June 16 letter sent to the council by Andrea Phillips, the current town manager, stating that she will not be seeking the renewal of her employment agreement, which would run for another three-year term.

In the letter, Phillips cites "personal circumstances," and that she

plans to spend more time "caring for family" in Arizona and "moving back to Mancos, CO."

The Pagosa Springs Town Charter states, "The Town Manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the Town. The Council, by a two-thirds vote of all



Phillips

■ See Council A8

Fire district to take over inspections in town

By Josh Pike and Derek Kutzer
Staff Writers

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Board of Directors approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Town of Pagosa Springs, transferring responsibility for fire inspections within the town boundaries from the town to PFPD, at its June 13 meeting.

This IGA was previously approved at the May 18 town council meeting, where Community Development Director James Dickhoff told the council that the matter before them for consideration would "reauthorize the Pagosa Fire District to conduct business inspections within the town and would also" authorize the district

■ See Inspections A8

LPEA's electricity provider seeks approval for rate increase

By Carrie Hugus
La Plata Electric Association

La Plata Electric Association Inc.'s (LPEA) wholesale electricity provider, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc., announced on June 16 that it submitted a new formula rate filing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The new rate, if approved by FERC, would increase the rates for LPEA by 6.2 percent.

Tri-State must obtain rate ap-

provals from FERC rather than through its local board of directors. If approved by FERC, the new rates will take effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

In Tri-State's June 16 announcement, Tri-State CEO Duane Highly explained, "For the first time since 2017, Tri-State is proposing a rate increase, driven by factors including inflation, increased fuel and energy costs, and supply chain pressures, and, notably, the proposed wholesale rate increase

■ See Electricity A8

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Free mental health services for youth through I Matter

Colorado renewed its commitment to provide free mental health services to all young people in Colorado, according to a press release The SUN received on Tuesday.

I Matter provides up to six free therapy sessions for youth and reimburses participating licensed therapists.

The behavioral health services program provides access to mental health and substance use disorder services for youth 18 years of age or younger or 21 years of age or younger if they are receiving special education services.

"In less than two years, nearly 8,000 Colorado youth have participated in at least one therapy session and youth from 61 counties have scheduled an I Matter appointment. More than 37,000 therapy sessions have been completed," explains the press release. "Therapy appointments are primarily scheduled via telehealth, which removes known barriers to accessing mental health services for urban, frontier, rural, and Tribal populations. More than 215 licensed clinicians participate in the I Matter program."

I Matter therapy is made available in both English and Spanish.

Accessing and signing up for I Matter services has been made easy by simply visiting IMatterColorado.org, or for Spanish services, visiting Yo-ImportoColorado.org, where you will participate in a confidential survey

about your mental health and you can schedule sessions.

I Matter first launched during the COVID-19 pandemic on Oct. 27, 2021, with Colorado lawmakers allocating an additional \$6 million for this effort in the 2023-2024 budget, allowing for the program to be extended through June 30, 2024.

The I Matter program is managed by the Colorado Behavioral Health Administration (BHA).

"We know there are many barriers that keep youth from receiving mental health care, including stigma, cost and location. The BHA is proud to continue providing any youth in Colorado with free, confidential therapy sessions from licensed therapists that meet patients where they are," said Michelle Barnes, BHA interim commissioner.

Youth and guardians are encouraged and reminded to reach out for support during the summer months. Sometimes people forget that help is still available even when school is not in session.

"Parents, seeking support for your child is not a sign of failure—it's a sign of strength," reads the program website.

Information on how to be connected to a therapist can be found at IMatterColorado.org.

Additional resources are also available on the site to help better under-

stand ways you can stay healthy or help a friend or family member with a mental health or substance use concern.

"Youth in Colorado and across the country have experienced heightened mental health challenges since the COVID-19 pandemic. I Matter was created to be a mental health resource for kids, and we are so thankful to see it stay because the need remains prevalent," said Paul Barnett, director of child, youth and family services at the BHA.

What makes the program even better is that youth age 12 and older can sign up for I Matter without consent or assistance of a parent or guardian at IMatterColorado.org. Those younger must have a parent or guardian sign up for the program on their behalf.

The website notes that telehealth appointments are generally available immediately.

Please note, if you or someone you know is in crisis or needs help dealing with one, call 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255 to speak to a trained professional. Learn more at coloradocrisiservices.org.

We believe that all youth should have access to the help that they need for their mental well-being. Having free therapy available at no cost to your youth could make all of the difference in their future.

It helps to talk. You do matter.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 22, 1923

The City Garage has just installed a Hobart Bros. twin-cylinder automatic air compressor, which will provide free air at any time of day or night to its patrons. The hose is located at the northwest corner of the garage and the pressure will range from 120 to 145 pounds. When diminished to 120, pumping is automatically resumed. Also, a comfortable ladies' restroom is now ready for use.

The entire San Juan basin received two hard jolts by heavy frost Saturday and Sunday nights and in addition was treated to severe winds. Gardens in general were practically ruined, while alfalfa and grain also suffered. Fruits in the higher altitudes were considerably damaged.

Advertisers, correspondents and contributors will please submit their material to the Sun in ample time before publication day, while orders for job printing can best be handled on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Double duty, on the part of the staff, makes this rule imperative, and it remains our desire to give service that pleases.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 25, 1948

Intermediate Girl Scouts held a birthday party at the Youth Center Wednesday afternoon and celebrated the first year of Girl Scouting in Pagosa Springs. Leaders, committee members and Girl Scouts attended. Plans were made for selling popcorn during the celebration on July 3 and 4. Discussion was held concerning Girl Scout camp, which will be held at Born's Lake the first of August.

What is the average man's reaction when the weather turns off rainy? The Allison farmer, who is trying to put up his hay sez, "Dad-blame the dad-gummed weather." The Pagosa rancher sez, "Let 'er pour—I can stand it." The fisherman says, "'Tis a good day for ducks." All of us which goes to prove that it is impossible to please everybody and a common understanding of the problem at hand does much to improve any situation.

Construction is underway on a lodge on Wolf Creek on the road to Born's Lake. An extensive improvement, involving considerable building and clearing is being planned, according to reports.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 21, 1973

Red Ryder Roundup time is just under two weeks away. The rodeo committee has most of the arrangements completed. Inquiries from cowboys and other visitors are arriving daily, and everything seems in readiness for the big event. Most certainly the celebration will be one of the finest.

The Town water system, at the moment, is working again. High water, slipping highways, effects of a heavy winter and other factors have caused considerable trouble. Town officials hope that many of the factors have now been compensated for and the problems will lessen as the summer progresses. Road and water line problems have been widespread through the entire southwest corner of the state this year.

The building inspector for the Town of Pagosa Springs reports that building permits totaling \$52,800 were issued during the month of May. Again, this is a record amount for the month.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 25, 1998

Archuleta County plans to let bids July 23 for rebuilding a portion of South Pagosa Boulevard, according to a report presented to the county commissioners Tuesday.

County Manager Dennis Hunt said a preliminary engineering analysis prepared by Davis Engineering of Pagosa Springs estimates the cost of the project at about \$255,600. The cost of the project will be shared between the town and the county, since the project is included in a joint road improvement agreement. The monies will be taken from a road and bridge fund financed by sales tax dollars. Plans call for reconstructing the divided portion of the street eliminating the island. No paving is contemplated. The finished product will be a gravel street.

Approximately \$60,000 budgeted for replacing the Gallegos Bridge across Stollsteimer Creek may be diverted to the South Pagosa Boulevard project, since negotiations with the Bureau of Indian Affairs concerning the bridge are stalled.

LOOKING BACK



Taken from The Pagosa Springs SUN files of June 25, 1992: Charlie Stith, Lillie Gurule, Virginia Torrey and Ray Rodey, left to right, have been named co-grand marshals of the 1992 Fourth of July parade. With the event only nine days away, parade sponsor, Pagosa Springs Rotary Club, is encouraging local service organizations, businesses, civic groups, churches, youth group and individuals to turn in their entry forms for the parade.

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6/19	79	41	-	-	-

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Letters

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Bullying

Dear Editor:
Candace Jones's letter to the Sun last week hit a chord with me and has given me a new perspective on my own emotional and psychological journey during and since the Trump presidential years. I've been searching for an understanding of what has gripped such a large portion of my fellow Americans and using words like authoritarianism and fascism, misogyny and racism — but Ms. Jones has clarified and simplified my perspective — it's bullying, plain and simple. As a member of one of the former president's frequently bullied groups, that helps explain my feelings of grief and despair when he was elected and as he has continued to spiral into ever more cruel and unhinged bullying.

According to the National Center

Against Bullying: "Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behavior that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening." This is actually a definition intended for relationships between children but it certainly fits any relationship where abuse is occurring and definitely fits the style of the MAGA crowd, who have adopted the methods of their leader.

And yet, I know people who identify as conservative and always vote Republican who are very nice and don't seem to be overtly cruel and appear to treat other people with respect and decency. So this is where I become confused. Why would these same people vote to install a leader who is so intentionally off the charts in cruelty towards women and minorities? Especially in rural America, where I've read that values are more important to voters than policy and political wonkism? If values are so important to rural Americans, why

do so many support a person whose basic human values are plainly awful? Apparently the awfulness is part of the allure. Bullies usually do have a gang of sniveling sycophants — I've always assumed these people join in to avoid being the victims but there must be some people who experience a pleasurable rush in the application of cruelty.

But what about the values? The values exhibited by the MAGA leader and his miserable minions are not those of Jesus. I'm not a religious person but I will always defend the teachings of Jesus because they are worthy and are a good guide for human behavior. However, there seems to be a good number of self-declared Christians supporting the big bully. Which is confusing. Did Jesus tell us to hate other people if they aren't just like us? Would he say we should make it more difficult for impoverished people to obtain food stamps to feed their children? Did he say that being rich shows that God loves you best? I'm pretty sure that is the exact opposite of Christ's teachings. In government, values dictate policy — what do we really want, America?

Lee Stophor

Boebert's focus

Dear Editor:

Lauren Boebert's Congressional District is physically large and touches 3 borders: Wyoming, Utah, and New Mexico. Her district, and Colorado itself, do not share a border with Mexico.

Lauren Boebert sits on two House committees: the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability. Neither of those committees deals with the issue of immigration. There is a separate committee for that purpose.

So why is Lauren Boebert using her time and energy to introduce articles of impeachment against Joe Biden regarding his handling of the border crisis and illegal immigration? She needs to focus on the issues facing her district; and the issues presented to the committees she serves on.

This is yet another example of her grandstanding and vacuous efforts to draw attention to herself rather than serve her constituents.

Teri Feeney Styers
Grand Junction

Scholarship recipients to perform during Fourth of July musical events

By Michelle Chapman
Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society is proud to award scholarships to two local musicians.

Ethan Mazur, Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) class of 2022, and Alexis (Lexi) Derr, PSHS class of 2023, each received \$1,000 toward their higher education and continued pursuit of musical excellence. The scholarships are renewable for a second year.

Mazur began studies this past year at Tennessee Tech in piano, French horn and voice.

Derr plans to attend Fort Lewis College in the fall in a pre-veterinarian degree. She will also play oboe with the San Juan Symphony.

Mazur and Derr both perform regularly with the Pagosa Springs Community Band and for musicals put on by Curtains Up Pagosa and the high school drama program. You can see and hear them both perform uplifting patriotic music with the Community Band this July 4 at the Town Park at 2 p.m.

Mazur will also be playing in the orchestra for the "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" production at the high school starting June 29.

Don't miss these opportunities to support and be entertained by the amazing musicians of Pagosa Springs.



Ethan Mazur



Alexis (Lexi) Derr

Letters

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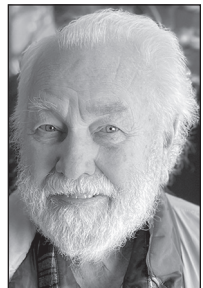
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Obituaries

Oscar 'Olin' Hazen

Jan. 6, 1935-April 27, 2023

Oscar "Olin" Hazen was born in Sacramento, Calif. He later lived in Colorado and Nevada. He graduated from Chico High School, Claremont Men's College and the University of Southern California, with his MBA, before passing the CPA exam. Olin served in the Army Reserves.



Olin worked in financial management before moving to Colorado to own a business offering computerized medical billing, payroll, tax and accounting services. Later, in Pagosa Springs, Olin built homes, owned small businesses

and developed a stock market investing program. In his last chapter, Olin moved to Nevada.

Most important to Olin was his relationship with his Lord and Savior. Through thick and thin and to the end, Olin sought to serve Jesus as he parented, lead, fellowshiped and enjoyed God's creations.

Olin is survived by his children, Darcy Kathleen Houghton and her husband, Howard and Olin Bradford Hazen and his wife, Emma; his grandchildren Seth and Zak Houghton and Nicole Hazen; his nephews Chris and Larry Hazen; and his niece Stephanie Hazen. He is also survived by Joanne Hazen and Sherry Clark.

A celebration of life will be held on July 2 at the home of Darcy Houghton in Carson City, Nev.

Jonathan Martin Montoya

1979-2023

Jonathan Martin Montoya, 43,

lifelong resident of Pagosa Springs, passed away May 15 after a lengthy illness. Jonathan, aka Jon, was born Aug. 13, 1979, to John O. Montoya and Mary Ann Valdéz. He married his high school sweetheart, Cheryl Romine, July 16, 2010. Jon held various jobs over the years, one of which was as a lift operator at Wolf Creek Ski Resort, and later his own fencing business. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, José Eugenio and Glorifica Montoya and John F. and Fedelina Valdéz; his uncles Gene, Leonard and Levi Montoya; his mother-in-law, Sharon Romine; and sister-in-law, Hope Eckstein. Surviving him are his wife, Cheryl; daughters, Am-



ber and Kalista Montoya; parents John O. Montoya and Mary Ann Valdéz; siblings Nathan, Michael, Eric Chisholm and Rachel, Jake Christner and Josie Montoya; sister-in-law Amanda Richardson and father-in-law Marvin Romine; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Phillip and Cheryll Romine, Richard and Maria Levitt, Brian and Christina Cook, Joe and Kayla Romine and John Romine; aunts and uncles Servilia Trujillo, Norma and Vicente Duran, Rosie and Del fin Griego, Ruthie Montoya, Jake and Theresa (Tia Teddie) Maestas and Joe M. and Sue Valdéz; and numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Jonathan and his friendly, contagious smile will be greatly missed. Cremation has occurred. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hood Mortuary in Durango.

County approves four new road projects

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 20 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved four contracts for paving projects in the county for 2023, totaling more than \$2.7 million in work.

In an interview, County Manager Derek Woodman explained that these projects will likely mobilize in the second week of August.

The first contract approved is with Sunland Asphalt for road asphalt patching and crack sealing on North Pagosa Boulevard and Cloud Cap Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$72,940.78.

The second contract approved is also with Sunland Asphalt to

chip and fog seal various roads in the county at a cost not to exceed \$595,728.

According to the agenda materials for the meeting, the work will include work on portions of County Road 600, Lake Forest Circle, Cloud Cap Avenue, County Road 500, Park Avenue, Handicap Avenue, Pines Club Place, Carlee Place, Holiday Avenue, Masters Circle, Aspenglow Boulevard and Fairway Place.

Woodman indicated during the interview that this work will focus on addressing cracks and potholes on county roads.

The BoCC also approved a contract with EnviRoad for paving work on various roadways at a cost not to exceed \$1,568,000.

According to the agenda docu-

ments, EnviRoad will apply a variety of cold-mix asphalt products to portions of Trails Boulevard, Bonanza Avenue, Lyn Avenue, Canyon Circle, Raven Court, Prospect Avenue, Surrey Drive, Homestead Avenue, Highland Avenue, Lake Street, Port Avenue, Fireside Street, Fortune Drive, Brook Drive, Paradise Drive, Settler Drive, Lakewood Avenue, Hopi Drive, Oakwood Circle, Redwood Circle, Palm Court, Teakwood Circle, Rosewood Circle, Sam Houston Avenue, Domicile Circle, Yeoman Drive, Martinez Place, Ripple Court, Trappers Drive, Stevens Circle and Grant Court.

The documents indicate that the total length of these projects will be approximately 10.1 miles.

The fourth contract the BoCC

approved is with Specialty Applicators LLC for road resurfacing on portions of several roads, including County Road 600, County Road 500, Lake Forest Circle, Vista Boulevard, Cloud Cap Avenue and Park Avenue, for a cost not to exceed \$487,912.50.

Woodman indicated that Sunland Asphalt and Specialty Applicators will work together on many of these projects, with Specialty Applicators completing road resurfacing by placing a layer of pavement on the road once Sunland Asphalt has completed chip-sealing repairs.

At the meeting, the commissioners commended Public Works Director Kevin Pogue for including a range of contractors in the county paving projects for the year.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, June 22

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosahotspings.com>

sasprings.civicweb.net/portal/.

Monday, June 26

Archuleta County Public Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee meeting. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meet-

ing room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Tuesday, June 27

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=dlFFV0JlGVKaNHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 91609048375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Joint Pagosa Springs Town Council and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 5 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. See the town or county websites for participation information.

Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83611276692>, meeting ID: 83611276692.

Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosahotspings.com>

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Wednesday, June 28

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meet and greet with State Treasurer Dave Young. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96759128658?pwd=RmdWbHlzTXNyMEF3dEc4QThDNDRjQT09>, meeting ID: 96759128658, passcode: 39366. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Thursday, June 29

Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosahotspings.com>

Informative.

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Parking prohibitions announced for Independence Day parade

By William Rockensock
Pagosa Springs Police Department

Due to public safety concerns and to reduce any conflict with pedestrian and vehicular traffic, all on-street parking is strictly prohibited along the designated Fourth of July parade route.

This order is in effect July 3 at 9 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on July 4 after the parade. Only parking in designated parking lots will be allowed within the parade route and vehicles must remain in place until the conclusion of the parade and the roads are reopened.

This order includes the 400 block of Pagosa Street (U.S. 160) at Goodman's Department Store

through the 600 block of Pagosa Street (U.S. 160) to the bell tower park), all of Hot Springs Boulevard and the Apache Street bridge.

Additionally, all parking will be prohibited on 1st Street and the 100 block of Lewis Street between the hours of 9 p.m. on July 3 until after the parade, 12:30 p.m. on July 4. This is required for the designated detour.

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Get ready for the Fourth of July holiday

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

At this time of year, the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce gets inundated with questions about all the activities occurring over the Fourth of July holiday. The most frequently asked ques-

tion is about the Fourth of July parade. Unless it is a Sunday, the parade is always on the Fourth of July. This year, the parade is on Tuesday, July 4.

Applications to enter the parade are currently available on the town's website, www.pagosaprisngs.co.gov. The link to the application is right on the homepage. Please note

that applications need to be turned into the town, not the Chamber, by noon on Tuesday, June 27. Don't forget to turn in your applications on time as there will be no acceptance of late applications.

There is no cost to enter your float in the parade. Staging will be at the high school beginning at 7 a.m. and lineup will be along 6th Street.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. and come out onto U.S. 160, then travel east to Hot Springs Boulevard, where it will travel down Hot Springs Boulevard and end at Apache Street. The parade will not go down to 2nd Street this year.

Artisan market

The annual Park to Park Artisan Market will take place from Saturday, July 1, to Tuesday, July 4, in Town Park and the athletic field on Hermosa Street.

The market takes place from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. every day except July 4, when it ends at 4 p.m.

There will be more than 70 vendors with a wide range of beautiful artisan products including jewelry, clothing, woodworking, pottery, art work, body products and salves, unique gift items, pet products and so much more. An addition to the market, will be four days of musical entertainment from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. under the shade tent in the athletic field.

Relax, grab some delicious food from one of the park food vendors, and enjoy the sounds from a range of talented musicians.

Pagosa Springs Community Band

The Pagosa Springs Community Band will hold its annual patriotic concert in the tent at the athletic field at 2 p.m. on the Fourth of July. The regular location has changed

from The Springs Resort due to construction. Come out to the town parks to enjoy a range of artisans, both musical and craft talents.

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

Another highlight of the Fourth of July holiday is the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. The rodeo is celebrating its 73rd year this year. The performances will be at 6 p.m. on July 2 and 3, and at 2 p.m. on July 4, with all the festivities being held at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds off of U.S. 84.

Persons interested in participating in the rodeo can obtain information about the different categories at www.pagosarodeo.com. Tickets are on sale online from the website or at the gate the day of the event. Special box seating can be arranged by calling (970) 749-3492.

Fireworks

The annual fireworks display is anticipated to take place on the Fourth of July behind the high school off of South 8th Street. The sparklers kick off about 9:15 p.m. or at dark. Good locations to view the fireworks are from the Yamaguchi Park area, around the parks downtown, or looking back to the high school from streets off of U.S. 160 and along Goldmine Drive. Please be cognizant about not blocking streets such as Hot Springs Boulevard, 6th Street and private property.

There will be many other activities to take advantage of over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. BBQs will be in abundance, there are many hiking areas to enjoy, the river is still at a level where it is enjoyable to raft and you could take advantage of the Freedom Float at 1 p.m. on the Fourth of July.

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County unemployment continues to drop in May

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

According to a June 16 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate dropped from 2.7 percent in April to 2.6 percent in May.

County unemployment rose in January and February after falling for most of 2022, then fell again in March and April.

From April to May, Archuleta County's labor force rose from 6,941 to 7,165.

For the month of May there were 6,977 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is up from April's report of 6,756 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for May was San Miguel County at 6.4 percent, followed by Huerfano County at 5.1 and Pitkin County at 4.9.

The state's unemployment rate stayed even at 2.8 percent from April to May.

The state's labor force increased from 3,235,000 in April to 3,244,400 in May.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged from April to May at 2.8 percent. The number of unemployed individuals grew by 600 over the same time period to 90,000. Colorado's unemployment rate has been below 3.0 percent for thirteen consecutive months and remains at pre-pandemic levels. The national unemployment rate increased three-tenths of a percentage point to 3.7 percent from April to May."

Employers in Colorado added 3,900 nonfarm payroll jobs from April to May, bringing the total num-

ber of jobs in Colorado to 2,900,500. Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector gained 2,800 nonfarm payroll jobs and the government sector gained 1,100 jobs.

The private-industry sectors with significant job gains in May include:

- Other services at about 3,900.
 - Leisure and hospitality at about 2,900.
 - Manufacturing at 1,300.
- Significant over-the-month declines occurred in the following private-industry sectors:
- Professional and business services at about 1,900.
 - Construction at about 1,800.
 - Financial activities at about 1,200.

Since May 2022, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 30,200, with the private sector growing by 13,000 and government adding 17,200 jobs, the press release notes.

Since May 2022, the largest private-sector job gains include:

- Leisure and hospitality at about 21,200.
 - Professional and business services at about 7,000.
 - Other services at about 1,800.
- Since May 2022 the largest private-sector job losses include:
- Financial activities at about 10,600.
 - Educational and health services at about 3,000.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities at about 6,800.
 - Information at about 2,800.
 - Construction at about 1,800.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.7 to 33.5 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$34.68 to \$35.72, two dollars and twenty-eight cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$33.44."

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Workforce housing, internships, grants topics of Community Development Corporation meeting

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) met June 14 to address workforce housing developments and grants, among other things.

A financial update was presented by treasurer Chelle Keplinger, who explained the PSCDC had an income for the month of May of \$257,000, with \$909,452 to date.

"That's significantly over what we had budgeted," Keplinger added. Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke provided an update explaining that Pueblo Community College (PCC) is working with the school district, specifically with a career and technical education (CTE) instructor to "get creative with training" at the high school.

Lashbrooke added a workforce innovation grant of \$271,000 will reimburse 66 employers in the county, employing 47 students, equating to \$3,500 per intern.

Addressing the broadband project that would provide redundant internet service to Archuleta County, Lashbrooke reported they have used \$900,000 of the first \$2 million in the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant, and that they are "almost done with broadband."

Lashbrooke noted that a brick-and-mortar building for a base

for the broadband has been built near the Parelli ranch, and they are working on a lease contract with La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) for a 30-year lease.

"This is extremely favorable to us. Hopefully the county will be signing off on that," Lashbrooke said.

Lashbrooke added she would attend a four-way partnership meeting for a second \$2 million DOLA grant for broadband that would take internet access up Colo. 151 to Pagosa Springs and on to La Plata County.

She noted that they have made an agreement with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to utilize the construction on U.S. 160 to get a conduit installed while they have a trench accessible.

Lashbrooke moved on to discuss developments at the Archuleta County airport, the Airport Advisory Commission will visit to help conduct an economic development impact study while the Federal Aviation Administration is doing a recertification.

"This might be a good time to update our airport," Lashbrooke said.

Lashbrooke also addressed a workforce housing project, explaining she spoke with local builders to get an average price of building a three-bedroom, two-bath, one-

car garage home, in addition to a two-bedroom, two-bath, one-car garage home.

She reported the project will be executed in two phases and the homes will hit "all the AMI [average median incomes] that we need to hit."

Lashbrooke added that building "a total of four three-bedrooms and four two-bedrooms times the average price of \$428,000" would total "\$3.3 million for the entire project."

Lashbrooke noted these prices don't include potential grants they could receive.

She explained she has talked to two banks, one of which is willing to give a 6 percent loan for the entire project. The other bank will give a loan of no interest, with a onetime interest fee at the end of the loan. The second option will minimize the amount of drawdowns with just nine in nine months.

The board voted to hold a meeting at 4 p.m. on June 29 via Zoom to decide whether to approve the project's budget or not.

Lashbrooke went on to say that the PSCDC has been asked to coordinate a visit from Sen. John Hickenlooper later this month to discuss issues in Pagosa Springs and take a look at the CTE program at the high school as the board has put in an application for congressionally directed spending.

Grant Writer Beth Lamberson

then took the floor and told the board she had recently coordinated with the Main Street program and noted they are finalizing branding through the Pickaxe project.

She also noted that she celebrated her one-year anniversary with the PSCDC and, in that time helped to raise \$1,039,000 for Archuleta County, including \$372,000 in workforce training, \$50,000 from the Colorado Department of Education for Build Pagosa, a \$60,000 DOLA community development grant for Build Pagosa, \$16,000 for the food pantry in Arboles and \$1,000 for Vets for Vets.

At the meeting, Lashbrooke also proposed a reigniting of the loan fund for small businesses.

As of now, there is \$12,000 in the loan fund account, she explained, and the board voted on whether to increase this pool to \$20,000 with unrestricted funds in the Bank of Colorado.

She also proposed they partner this fund with the Main Street program to "offer businesses loans at favorable interest rates to improve their facade and front of their buildings."

The board moved to vote on moving forward with this fund reallocation after they decide what they're doing with the workforce housing project.

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Planned workforce housing project awarded federal tax credits

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

A Pagosa Springs project was recently awarded a reservation of federal 9 percent Housing Tax Credits to support the construction of new affordable housing units from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA).

According to a press release from CHFA, "These developments will serve a variety of housing needs in Colorado including supporting individuals and families, as well as households who are exiting homelessness, older adults, and veterans."

The development in Pagosa Springs will be called Trails at Pagosa Springs and will be located

at U.S. 160 and Alpha Drive.

CHFA notes in the press release that the Town of Pagosa Springs will provide support with reduced fees and the Archuleta County Housing Authority will financially support the development.

"The development is proximate to public transportation, grocery, medical, retail and commercial businesses," the report of the awards states. "The development offers access to Pinon Lake reservoir and a hike and bike trail system connecting the community."

Generation Housing Partners LLC, a Texas-based company, will be the developer, according to the press release.

The development will include 50 units, 22 of which will be one-

bedroom, 12 will be two-bedroom and 16 will be three-bedroom.

The total credit awarded for the project is \$1,450,000.

Five of these units will be at 30 percent of the average median income (AMI), 11 units will be at 50 percent AMI, 14 units will be at 60 percent AMI, 14 units will be at 70 percent AMI and six units will be at 80 percent AMI.

"The project is still required to seek approval from the Town through the Major Design Review application process, and will most likely break ground in 2024," Community Development Director James Dickhoff wrote in an email to The SUN. "Projects of this size will typically take approximately 18-24 months to complete before eligible

residents can move in."

The press release about the development adds that the construction will be an all-electric design.

"The total private sector equity investment estimated to be generated from the federal tax credits awarded in this round exceeds \$149.9 million," the press release reads, addressing the developments in Boulder, Colorado Springs, Crested Butte, Denver, Frederick, Glenwood Springs, Greeley, Lakewood, Pagosa Springs, Rifle and Windsor.

The press release notes that CHFA received 26 applications in its first allocation round of the year.

Attempts to contact Generation Housing Partners for more information were unsuccessful.

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AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps to join Habitat Archuleta for 2023 Summer of Service

By Leah Ballard
Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County will host its first ever AmeriCorps team this summer.

Habitat Archuleta staff applied for an AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) team last fall in hopes of landing some extra hands for our projects this summer. These AmeriCorps NCCC members will work alongside our usual crew of core jobsite volunteers, our partner families and a few high school interns from the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation's (PSCDC's) RUN program, Reskill, Upskill, New Skill.

AmeriCorps NCCC places an emphasis on service learning, where their members are able to see the impact of their volunteer hours firsthand.

The NCCC, pronounced "N triple C," is one program under the AmeriCorps umbrella. NCCC teams are typically groups of eight to 12 that work on a project site for six to 12 weeks. Seven of these teams of young adults, all part of the NCCC's Summer of Service Program, are currently training at the AmeriCorps campus in Aurora, Colo., before disbursing to projects throughout the western United States. Archuleta County is the only Summer of Service location in Colorado this year.

AmeriCorps NCCC is traditionally a full-time, 10-month program in which members serve at least 1,700 hours. Summer of Service is an abbreviated version of traditional AmeriCorps NCCC, allowing college students and others without 10 months available to serve to spend their summer traveling somewhere new and making a difference in that community — and the timeline fits our build season perfectly.

Habitat Archuleta will work with eight AmeriCorps NCCC members five days a week throughout July, plus a week on either side in June and August. The members will work on our jobsite four days a week and spend Mondays on a construction project at Restoration Fellowship. And, four days per week, a few members will also lend a hand at the new Community Food Pantry of Pagosa Springs, located at 2800 Cornerstone Drive, Unit A1.

Katherine Solbert and the group of volunteers who manage the food pantry recently outgrew their space at Restoration Fellowship and joined forces with even more community members as they moved to the new location this spring. The food pantry is open Mondays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays 4 to 6 p.m., Thursdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m. to noon. Historically, this group has served about 750 families per month

or 2,600 individuals. Solbert expects that number to continue to rise in this new space.

Winning this AmeriCorps team was a community effort. Restoration Fellowship is providing lodging for the NCCC members throughout their six-week stay in Pagosa Springs. The Pagosa Lakes Property Owner's Association (PLPOA) has generously donated the use of shower facilities at the recreation center, just a short distance away from our three build sites in the PLPOA this summer.

With the grant support Habitat Archuleta received from the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board, we will provide several meals for the NCCC team during their stay. The AmeriCorps members coming to Pagosa Springs are from all over the country and are excited to lend a hand in our community.

During a site visit in May, Assistant Program Director Catherine Trumpis indicated that the collaboration between several organizations bumped our application to the top of the pile. Habitat Archuleta is grateful to partner with Restoration Fellowship, PLPOA, PSCDC, the local tourism board and food bank to help get this AmeriCorps NCCC team to our community.

We cannot thank our community enough on behalf of our homeowners, the businesses who employ them and the children who rely upon

them. Habitat Archuleta projects are a combination of volunteer labor, subcontractors, in-kind donation of products and services, and homeowner sweat equity. Habitat families work alongside volunteers to build their home and pay an affordable mortgage.

We'll be on the jobsite Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call (970) 264-6960 or email office@HabitatArchuleta.org before you come to volunteer so we can plan for how many hands will be on deck.

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County clerk, treasurer to change hours, commissioners hear park update, equipment acquisition proposal

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 13 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) further discussed changes to leave policies and hours for the county clerk's and treasurer's offices as well as hearing an update from the Veterans Memorial Park Charitable Foundation (VMP) and a proposal for leasing two road graders.

The discussion of the leave policies and hours for the clerk's and treasurer's offices began at the June 6 BoCC work session and meeting when Human Resources Director Mitzi Bowman presented at the work session a proposal for a new holiday hours policy which would have all county employees paid eight hours on full holidays and four hours on partial holidays, whether they worked that day or not.

The commissioners praised the standardization of policy this policy would allow, but County Treasurer Elsa White and County Clerk Kristy Archuleta raised concerns about it at the meeting where a resolution to change hours for the clerk's and treasurer's office from Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., was up for consideration.

They noted that they previously requested that their staff be paid 10-hour holidays, made up for by the fact that the offices would miss several Friday holidays, and asked the BoCC to table the hours change until they could discuss the issue further with the commissioners.

The BoCC agreed to do this and to discuss the issue with White and Archuleta at the June 13 work session, although the commissioners reiterated their support for the proposed policy change.

At the June 13 work session, Archuleta stated that part of the reason she and White want 10-hour holidays is because they have newer employees in their offices who lack the paid-time off to take off the additional two hours that would not be covered by the eight holiday hours.

She indicated that, after discussions, her and White's staff members agreed that they would be on board with altered hours under the new holiday policy as they could do in-office training or cleaning work on a mile of County Road 500 that Archuleta's office adopted to cover the additional hours.

White added that her staff would also be willing to work additional time on Fridays to cover the holiday hours, and both she and Archuleta indicated they wanted to move forward with the hours change.

Commissioner Veronica Medina pointed out that the offices would no longer be giving up holidays under the new policy, commenting that she feels the holiday pay policy will be "as equal as can be for all departments throughout the county" and that she supports White and Archuleta trying the altered hours for their offices.

Commissioner Warren Brown

commented that he worked 10-hour shifts for a long period of time and that he felt that the issue of holiday hours would be less of an issue in practice.

He added he appreciates White's and Archuleta's flexibility.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that he liked the hours change White and Archuleta presented and that he supports the change.

At the June 20 BoCC meeting, the board approved both the hours change for the clerk and treasurer and the new leave policy.

According to the resolution approved by the BoCC, the hours change for both offices will take effect July 3 and a trial period will run through the end of the year with the potential for the change to become permanent next year.

VMP update

The update from the VMP opened with VMP board president Karin Daniels explaining that the organization formed in 2013 as 501(c)(19) with the mission of building a park for veterans in the area.

Daniels stated that the group has completed a wide range of projects since the 2017 groundbreaking on the park, including work on the parking area, trails development, a brick display and the installation of benches.

She stated that 2022 was the second phase of phase one construction of the parking lot and that the organization has raised all the money for the projects completed thus far.

She noted that the organization is appreciative of the approximately \$130,000 Archuleta County has contributed to the project and that the project would not have been able to reach its current level of completion without the support.

Board member Eric Davidson noted that the park is used by a wide range of people in the community, which Daniels agreed with.

Davidson then outlined planned work for the park, including the installation of an Iwo Jima flower garden and memorial; the installation of a Blue Star Family art piece; the installation of sidewalk around the parking lot, which he noted would require approximately \$40,000; the moving and expansion of the brick display; and the creation of a memorial area, which he noted would cost between \$1.5 million and \$2 million and would change the park from a "standard community park" to a "destination for community interaction."

Davidson stated that the Blue Star Family art piece is already funded and would be simple to install, while the Iwo Jima memorial would only require a donated load of topsoil and labor to be completed, which he indicated the group plans to do this summer.

He commented that the sidewalk installation would be higher cost, though all the plans were already finished.

Davidson indicated that the plans

for the brick display expansion are already completed, though funds are still needed and that this project would feed into completing the overall memorial area.

Daniels stated that the group is at a "crossroads" and that the group is unsure where to go from here.

She then asked where the BoCC wants the group to go and if it wants the board and the nonprofit organization to continue.

Maez asked when the project would be completed, with Daniels responding it would occur with the completion of a proposed plan for the park.

Medina asked the VMP board what role it wants to have in the future, to which Daniels stated that she sees the board as project managers for the park and that retaining the nonprofit would be useful to allow continuing donations.

Other board members stated that they would like to take a more advisory role, and Daniels added that the board needs more direction and resources.

Maez commented he would support funding the park and proposed adding funding to the park to the county budget to support the upkeep, maintenance and expansion of the park.

Davidson then showed the boards the concept plans for the park, including areas for each service branch and an educational area.

The group also highlighted how the amenities at the park could generate greater demand, including potentially a need for a reservation system, and could turn the park into a regional destination.

Brown raised the possibility of securing grant funds for the park.

Daniels noted that the board had an interest in pursuing grants but that she could not do the work on her own and that the organization also has difficulty securing matching funds.

She added that working more closely with or under the county would be an ideal direction for forward movement.

Medina commented that she supported the idea.

Maez asked if the VMP board is requesting \$40,000 to get the sidewalks completed, which Daniels and other board members confirmed, noting that they would do the work on installing the Iwo Jima memorial themselves.

The board then agreed to direct staff to look into finding funds to support the project.

County Manager Derek Woodman noted that money from the Conservation Trust Fund is available and could be used for that purpose.

Daniels also requested that the BoCC raise the allocation to \$50,000 to match the amount it gave last year and to accommodate cost increases.

The group then briefly discussed the logistics of creating a line item for the VMP in future budgets and agreed to have a meeting between the group and county staff to refine the details of potential funding by

the county.

Road grader proposal

The board also heard a proposal Fleet Manager Mike Torres and Public Works Director Kevin Pogue for leasing two road graders.

Torres opened the discussion by explaining that the county had an opportunity to enter a lease-purchase agreement for two previously used road graders with between 1,500 and 2,000 hours, which he described as a "low" number.

He stated that the cutoffs for manufacturers of such equipment are in June or July and the county would have to wait another year to acquire equipment after that point.

Torres explained that the departments were planning on replacing two graders next year and that, if the county could come up with funding to pay the first year of the lease this year, they could budget to continue leasing the graders next year.

Torres then presented on the current state of the county's road graders, noting that five to six of the county's 10 road graders were used continuously throughout the year prior to Pogue's arrival and that he has done additional work, potentially necessitating additional equipment.

Torres then discussed the details of three outdated road graders that he was proposing to auction off to fund the leasing of the two others, including one acquired in 1990, one acquired in 1993 and one acquired in 1998.

He indicated that these graders have a large number of issues, from mechanical problems to low power to difficulty in finding parts to repair the machinery.

In response to a question from Brown, Torres indicated that the cost of the leasing of the two graders combined would be approximately \$140,000 while the auctioning of the other three graders would likely earn that much or be "just below" this amount.

He added that the sale price of each grader is approximately \$350,000 now and that they would cost approximately \$500,000 next year if purchased new, according to his sources.

Torres highlighted that the county

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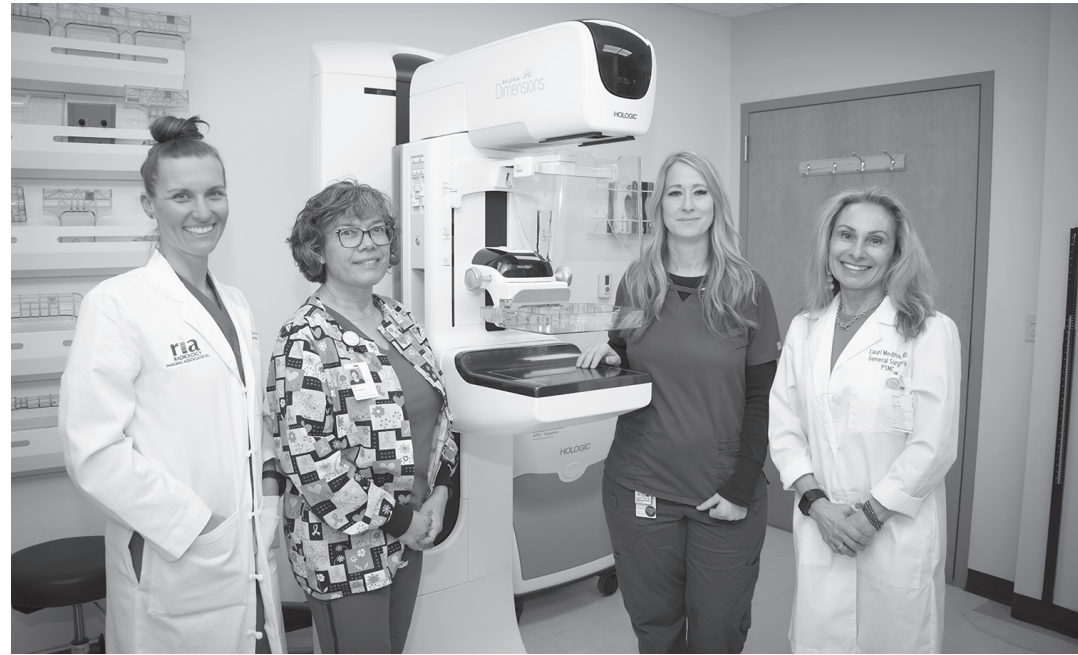
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Inspections

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A previous IGA, dating back to 2016, gave the town the responsibility of taking over the duties and services of development and permit plan reviews and inspections, inspections of new and existing businesses, as well as special event and vendor inspections, Dickhoff explained at the meeting.

As a result of this added authority, the town hired a fire code official, and this made the town a rare exception in Colorado as only one out of two municipalities in the state to conduct its own fire inspections rather than having a local fire district handle the responsibility, according to agenda documentation for the May 18 meeting.

Dickhoff told the council that the decision before them was to either have the fire district take back over the responsibility of these duties or for the town to continue doing it itself.

He said that, from his perspec-

tive, "the fire department has a lot more knowledge of our structures, has full ability to review our new building permit plans to make sure they are meeting the fire code and also they are very aware of how to respond ... to emergency situations."

He added that if the council were to approve the new IGA at the meeting, in conjunction with the PFPD also approving it at its June meeting, that the town "would certainly work quickly to hand the authority back over to the fire district."

Mayor Shari Pierce commented, "I think this is where we need to be on this."

She then entertained a motion to approve the new IGA. After a motion was made and seconded, it was carried unanimously by the council.

At the June 13 PFPD meeting, Fire Chief Randy Larson explained that the town had previously decided to do its own fire inspections, but that it was now in a position where it wants PFPD to resume

performing inspections.

He added that PFPD agreed with this change, as it is currently "not getting into the businesses like we should" and that the district has personnel who are more trained in inspections than the town staff.

Larson also explained that the district would take over all commercial inspections, though the town will continue to handle vacation rentals.

He added that not doing the inspections did not cause a cost savings, but a realignment of leadership staff had occurred around the same time.

Larson stated, in response to a question from the board, that the additional work would not overwhelm the district and that the town would not lose any positions from the change either.

The board then discussed if PFPD would have a member on the town's board of appeals to which inspections decisions may be appealed.

Board chair LeRoy Lattin asked, "What's in it for us?"

"It's back where it should be," Larson replied. "We are the ones that are responsible for fire and life safety in our community, and we've had no say in this. And I think that, without casting shadows, that we will do a much better job of making sure that codes are followed and that standards are upheld."

The board then further discussed the possibility of having a member on the board of appeals, ultimately deciding that PFPD would have to be notified about any appeals and would not request a representative on the board of appeals.

The board also expressed positive views on the agreement in general.

Following the discussion, the board moved to approve the IGA, with no modifications, with Larson stating that he would reiterate to the town that PFPD expects timely notification of any appeals.

Council

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Members...shall appoint a Town Manager who shall serve at the pleasure of the Council and at a salary fixed by the Council."

Phillips states that she is "happy to help" with the upcoming transition.

Her current three-year term is set to end in August, and the letter states Phillips plans to make Aug. 4 her "last day with the Town of Pagosa Springs."

The Town Charter states that the appointment of a new town man-

ager "shall be within a reasonable time after a vacancy exists in the position and shall be made on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications with particular emphasis on actual experience and knowledge of the duties of the office."

Phillip's six-year tenure as town manager oversaw the navigation of the town through a pandemic, problems with the town's wastewater conveyance system and, what some have labeled a "workforce housing crisis" in the community.

In the letter, Phillips states that she is proud of her accomplishments, which she says include "several capital projects" as well as ramping up "our comprehensive street maintenance program" and the construction of a "new consolidated town maintenance facility."

She also mentions the creation of the Main Street Advisory Board, the stabilization of the town's wastewater conveyance system and securing grants for "key projects" as accomplishments that took place during her tenure as town

manager.

"Thank you for this excellent opportunity to serve the Pagosa Springs community and I wish you all the best of luck into the future," Phillips states in the letter.

"I hate that we are losing Andrea, but I am proud of her for being strong and making the choice that will work best for her at this time. I have really enjoyed working with her over the past few years. She is a true professional," Mayor Shari Pierce wrote in a statement to The SUN.

Death

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ing person, with law enforcement agencies beginning a preliminary investigation.

The following day, it notes, the ACSO "began a full scale investigation and search for Villarreal."

That search and investigation, according to the press release, included the ACSO, CBI, the ACSO

Office of Emergency Management and Flight for Life, with additional resources from Colorado and New Mexico requested.

The ACSO announced the search for Villarreal publicly on April 17 and explained he was last seen at the Break Room, at 2045 Eagle Drive, on Saturday night, April 15, then at the Wyndham

condos in the early hours of Sunday morning, April 16.

The April 18 press release reports that, at approximately 11:55 a.m. on April 18, a body was located in the lake by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Marine Evidence Recovery Team and identified as Villarreal.

The investigation continued in the following months while au-

topsy results were pending.

Le Roux's Tuesday press release states the ACSO received the autopsy report from the pathologist on Monday, June 19.

"Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and Archuleta County Coroner's Office have completed their investigations and agree with the findings presented by the Pathologist," it notes.

It adds the investigation did not reveal any evidence of foul play.

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San Juan River levels drop, drought conditions not expected

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Flow levels in the San Juan River have dropped over the last several weeks, though they remain above median and drought conditions are not forecast for the near future.

The San Juan River in Pagosa Springs was running at 1,170 cubic feet per second (cfs) at 11 a.m. on June 21, down from a nighttime peak of 1,380 cfs at 1 a.m., according to data from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

The median flows for June 21, based on 87 years of data, are 915 cfs, according to the USGS.

Despite being above median, these flows are down slightly from a week prior when, according to USGS, the river was flowing at 1,240 cfs at 11 a.m. on June 14, down from a nighttime peak of 1,450 cfs at 12:30 a.m.

The flows are also markedly down from June 7, when the San Juan was flowing at 2,350 cfs at 11 a.m., down from a nighttime peak of 2,930 cfs at 2 a.m. 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.

Drought forecast

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

The NIDIS indicates that May was the 32nd wettest in 129 years, with 0.54 more inches of precipitation than normal and that January to May of 2023 has been the 26th wettest in the past 129 years with 2.58 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, most of the county will experience a mix of abnormally and moderately wet conditions with certain areas seeing normal 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 NIDIS 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 NOAA 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 time frame (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."

Water report

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey stated that all PAWSD reservoirs, including Lake Pagosa, Lake Forest, Lake Hatcher, Village Lake and Stevens Lake, 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 noted that there is a substantial amount of snow remaining in the Fourmile Creek drainage and that he expects a call to occur in the next two to four weeks.

He added that PAWSD water production is down compared to last year.

Weather forecast

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

For Thursday, June 22, sunny skies with a high of 84 and light winds rising to 15-20 mph in the morning are forecast.

Thursday night is predicted to bring mostly clear skies with a low of 44 and 15-20 mph winds gusting as high as 30 mph before midnight.

For Friday, June 23, the forecasted high is 80 degrees with sunny skies and 5-10 mph winds rising to 20-30 mph winds with gusts over 40 mph over the day. The forecasted low is 39 degrees with clear skies overnight and breezy conditions.

For Saturday, June 24, sunny skies are expected with a high of 81 degrees. The forecasted low is 38 degrees Saturday night with clear skies.

For Sunday, June 25, the forecasted high is 84 degrees with sunny skies. The forecasted low is 41 degrees with clear skies.

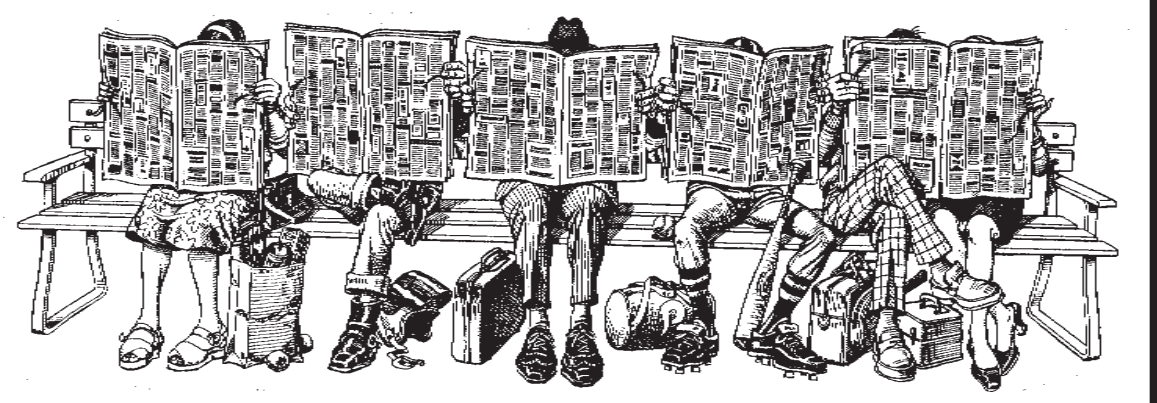
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Correction

Last week's article "Town to explore moving multiuse pavilion to South Yamaguchi Park" incorrectly indicated the town could locate a wastewater treatment plant at South Pagosa Park.
In fact, the town is considering land at Yamaguchi South for a possible future facility.
The SUN regrets the error.

Talk of reservoir need surfaces at multiple meetings

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) discussed hiring Ehat Consulting as a consultant to help advance a proposed reservoir on Running Iron Ranch at its June 19 meeting.

The next day, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an update from Bob Formwalt, BoCC proxy to the Park Ditch Corporation, who provided another perspective on the importance of the reservoir.

The SJWCD meeting opened with Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board member and former SJWCD board member Bill Hudson commenting on the consultant and reservoir project, reporting that PAWSD will potentially triple its available water with projects in the near future.

In response to SJWCD Executive Assistant Sally High, Hudson clarified that he was speaking as a private citizen.

Hudson also recommended that the SJWCD board read the feasibility study performed for the proposed Dry Gulch Reservoir project in 2007, noting several inaccuracies he perceived in the report such as the study suggesting the area would be out of water by 2023 and that the study indicated that SJWCD would transfer funds to PAWSD to assist in repaying the loan for the Running Iron Ranch property, which he noted has "never happened."

The Dry Gulch Reservoir project was later renamed the San Juan River Headwaters Project by the SJWCD.

"PAWSD customers are paying for the Running Iron Ranch purchase," Hudson said. "And if the conservancy district wants to do something on that property, you certainly are welcome to do that, but we need to be made whole for our customers before anything goes forward. Unless the PAWSD board agrees with what you're doing, you'll have to pay back the \$10 million to our customers."

Hudson added that PAWSD is responsible for \$10 million of the debt on the property and that, in his opinion, PAWSD would have to be "made whole" through the SJWCD paying \$10 million if SJWCD is planning something PAWSD does not endorse.

"I don't think that makes a whole lot of sense," SJWCD board member Chuck Riehm commented.

SJWCD President Al Pfister stated that this was public comment and the board was not going to respond to the comments made.

Hudson commented that he wanted SJWCD to hear "one perspective from one board member of PAWSD."

SJWCD member Doug Secrist questioned whether Hudson was speaking as a PAWSD board member or as an individual since he had stated both.

"I'm not representing the PAWSD board, but I am a member of the PAWSD board," Hudson replied.

"So are you representing an opinion of a director on the PAWSD board?" Secrist replied.

"Indeed, yes," Hudson said. "Just myself."

Pfister moved the meeting on to the next item, noting he did not "want to go down that rabbit trail."

Later in the meeting, Pfister opened the discussion of the consultant by stating that he, Riehm and Secrist had been looking at the specifications of Long Hollow Dam which Steve Harris of Harris Water Engineering had used as a basis for a 2017 estimate of the cost of the reservoir.

Pfister explained that the cost was approximately \$30 million at the time but that that figure is likely no longer relevant given rising costs.

He stated that, in the process of investigating these specifications, he spoke with WCA Construction, who built Long Hollow Dam and who referred him to Rick Ehat of Ehat Consulting.

Pfister noted that Ehat was highly recommended by WCA Construction and the Animas La Plata Water Conservancy District, and that he developed a proposal for him to help further SJWCD's efforts to advance the San Juan River Headwaters Project, including assembling the information the SJWCD has and determining what further information might be needed.

Ehat opened his comments by noting that the reservoir project is currently in its "infancy in regard to design and construction" and that he could help move the project along, though he is not a designer.

He explained that his expertise is in construction management, but he has worked with designers.

He noted that, for this project, there is a substantial amount of site work that still needs to be accomplished.

Pfister stated that Ehat's expertise could assist the SJWCD in applying for additional grants and that the SJWCD objective subgroup of him, Riehm and Secrist were recommending moving forward with contracting Ehat.

Pfister added that there are funds in the SJWCD budget for engineering services this year.

Secrist stated that this could be a good first step to move the project forward by providing direction on steps to move it forward and secure partners and grants.

Riehm agreed, stating that the board cannot move forward without additional expertise.

SJWCD board member Candace Jones questioned if the subgroup had discussed what the initial work products would be, which Pfister explained they had not yet.

SJWCD board member Rob Hagberg questioned what the cost would be, to which Pfister replied that Ehat had requested \$185 an hour and had indicated his work would take between 120 and 160 hours.

The board then discussed what work Ehat would do and what the first deliverable would be.

Ehat proposed that he would

meet with Harris and discuss the reasons for why the Running Iron Ranch was chosen as a reservoir site and gather data with a first deliverable to the board potentially being having a field investigation performed or hiring a designer to provide options for directions to the board.

He added that he sees a key step as presenting recommendations and pros and cons to the board.

Secrist highlighted that Ehat could also assess the data that the SJWCD already has to help determine forward directions.

The board then agreed to move forward with developing a contract with Ehat, with board members providing comments on the draft contract with Ehat.

The board is anticipated to consider and potentially approve the contract at the SJWCD's July meeting.

BoCC discussion

At the June 20 BoCC work session, Formwalt provided another perspective on the importance of the reservoir during his update to the board on the Park Ditch Corporation.

Formwalt indicated that, at the Park Ditch Corporation annual meeting, the group discussed the degradation of the pipeline near Catchpole's Mistake, located near the Ole Miner's Steak and Chop-house, and potential solutions to the issue.

He noted that the solutions to the problem include building the dam for the proposed reservoir or boring a tunnel through the mountain instead of going around it.

He added that repairing these issues would be expensive.

Formwalt also discussed the issues on the Running Iron Ranch property, which the ditch travels through, including pipes diverting water from the ditch without a mechanism to measure the amount diverted.

He noted that these issues came to a head last year and the corporation decided to install water measurement devices above and below the property to measure water usage, which would be done later this year.

Formwalt explained that the headgates for the ditch are currently in good condition and that issues should not arise there.

In response to a question from Commissioner Warren Brown, Formwalt explained that constructing the reservoir would likely solve the issue at Catchpole's Mistake, though there would also be benefits to boring through the mountain in terms of water availability.

Formwalt also commented that the conditions on the river, with a winding stream with a large number of cottonwoods near the banks, are similar to those before the 1911 flood, which damaged or destroyed all bridges in Archuleta County on the San Juan River.

Brown commented, "I just think it's time to start having serious discussions about the Dry Gulch Res-

ervoir again because we need the water storage and we've seen what the demand on water has been. It's only going to continue, and efforts like you are making with the ... Park Ditch will only go so far ... in routing the water, conserving the water, making sure everybody has the right to use it who's a member. But, at the end of the day, as a community, if we don't have enough water, we're done. And so, I just ... for the public's sake, I think ... this is a topic that should be on the top of people's list to start heading down this road."

"Couldn't agree with you more," Formwalt said.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez stated that he supported the reservoir when it was first proposed and that the county would have been "money way ahead of the game if we'd have put it in then."

He added that every time the project is delayed it becomes more expensive and commented, "Water's the new gold."

Formwalt stated that the San Juan River is part of the Colorado River system and the state of Colorado could potentially be outvoted on water issues by lower basin states such as California, thus making reservoir construction more urgent.

He added that the county is already in a 30-year drought and that he believes this will continue.

"I'd rather have a lake than have an empty glass of water," Maez commented.

"This is where we are," Brown concluded. "And we need to do something about it, and I'm really appreciative of the Park Ditch taking action to plan on the replacement of that pipe in there and secure that water. ... It's continual and we'll all be dead and gone by the time it needs to be replaced next time."

The discussion concluded with Maez thanking Formwalt for representing the BoCC to the corporation.

At the BoCC meeting that afternoon, Hudson reiterated his comments about the increased water availability for PAWSD during a public comment to the commissioners.

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San Juan Basin Public Health board approves interim director contract

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health (BoH) approved a contract with Interim Executive Director Tiffany Switzer by a 4-2 vote at a June 13 special meeting. BoH vice president Shere Byrd opened discussion of the contract by stating that the BoH would discuss the process and plan for the contract, which she noted was worked on by the Cordes and Company LLC (the receivers for SJBPH), legal counsel and Switzer.

Receiver Bellann Raile then outlined the process behind the contract, beginning by highlighting that this is a decision for the BoH not the receiver, although she had the ability to veto the decision if it "did not make financial sense."

She stated that she had been presented with a memorandum from Byrd on May 31 presenting a team-based management structure for SJBPH that she helped design.

Raile noted she was not "completely comfortable with that" and that she had contacted the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), which was against the idea and urged that there needs to be a single person in charge.

The CDPHE also indicated that there could not be a period without an interim director, which led to the June 1 emergency meeting of the BoH to appoint Switzer as interim director, Raile explained.

Raile noted that it went back to her to negotiate compensation with Switzer, who had requested that members of her team take on specific roles as well and made it a requirement of taking the position.

She noted that this was "not an unreasonable ask" but that the BoH had typically appointed the director, who then arranged for the compensation of her staff.

However, Raile added, since Switzer would only take the job if her team received specific compensa-

tion, she felt that this needed to be disclosed and the numbers would need to be provided to the board.

Responding to a question from Raile, SJBPH Attorney Michael Goldman stated that he felt it would be appropriate for the Raile to provide background and history on the situation, but that the BoH should enter executive session to discuss the specifics of the recommended salary ranges for her personnel.

Tom Plumb of Cordes and Company then went over the financial impacts of the contract agreements to SJBPH and the general state of the organization's finances as the dissolution continues.

Plumb noted that the forecast he was providing was intended to forecast what assets would remain in the SJBPH general fund following the dissolution and had been updated based on the leadership changes being discussed at the meeting and additional information.

Plumb stated that, according to the current projection, SJBPH would have \$1,542,682 remaining, excluding fixed assets, by the end of the dissolution.

He noted that includes a \$1,181,004 savings in operating budget adjustments, including \$611,327 in savings from position eliminations, \$353,561 in new or additional program revenues, a \$17,009 loss from the leadership team changes being discussed at the meeting and a positive \$233,165 in actual variances to date.

Plumb noted that the position eliminations include a number of positions that had been eliminated or had emptied and will not be rehired or are being covered with less staff.

He noted that the variances to date encompass differences between expected and actual costs that have already occurred.

Plumb then discussed the dissolution expenses, which total \$2,186,286 for 2023 and beyond and which he noted are not included in

the 2023 SJBPH budget.

Plumb stated that these expenses include receiver fees, retaining an interim controller after resignations in the SJBPH Finance Department, final employee costs such as paid-time off costs that must be paid out as well as retention costs, 2023 audit costs and a 10 percent contingency.

Following Plumb's presentation, the board moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters and to determine positions relevant to selecting an interim director for SJBPH.

Following the executive session, which lasted more than an hour and a half, the BoH returned.

BoH treasurer Terry Peterson moved to accept the compensation requested in a contract to be signed between the BoH and Switzer with the addition of the amount of an additional retention payment to be made on Sept. 30.

At the request of BoH member and La Plata County Commissioner Marsha Porter-Norton, the board members outlined the reasons for their positions prior to a vote.

Porter-Norton began by noting that it has been a period of "high anxiety," "high transition" and "high uncertainty" for SJBPH staff and that she was in favor of approving the compensation amounts.

She noted the importance of financial transparency and that the BoH had given the package a "thorough brushing."

She added that she knew the job descriptions existed and wanted to see them to elaborate what the additional funds would be paying for.

"And I also, just speaking for La Plata County, my expectation is collaboration and a smooth transition and as much collegiality and as much ... working together, for lack of a better word," Porter-Norton said. "We're all in a really hard time trying to get these departments set up by 1-1-2024. ... I am in favor of this ... in favor of it with some expectations around ... working now to 1-1-24 the

hardest that we can in a cooperative fashion."

BoH member Dr. Jon Bruss declined to offer a comment and Peterson stated that she was in favor of the appointment of Switzer, who she noted has done a "phenomenal job."

Archuleta County Commissioner and BoH member Warren Brown commented, "I have to say that I don't think that I'm going to support this in principle. The salary range is I think about \$40,000 higher than our newly hired executive director in Archuleta County with the staffing component of this ... proposal. I appreciate that, but ... part of my job is being ... fiduciary and responsible for the money at Archuleta County. If we have a savings, I don't think we're obligated to spend it. Not that I'm not thrilled with Tiffany, I just think that on principle that I would be a dissenting vote, but I appreciate all the discussion."

BoH member Bob Ledger stated that he would echo Peterson's comments to not be repetitive.

Byrd stated that she would favor the contract as it is one of the few ways to maintain continuity in "a time of pretty serious instability."

The board then voted, with Byrd, Peterson, Porter-Norton and Ledger voting for the contract and Bruss and Brown voting against.

Byrd concluded the meeting by stating that she understood the reasons for the no votes but that the board would move forward with appointing Switzer.

In an email to The SUN, Clerk to the BoH Janet Wolf explained, on the subject of Switzer's salary, "The Board of Health adopted and will incorporate in a contract the negotiated terms discussed for Ms. Switzer's employment as Interim Executive Director of SJBPH for the remainder of 2023. It approved the equivalence of an annual salary in the amount of \$155,097."

She also noted that the final contract that was approved would cost the district approximately an additional \$17,000.

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Bat found in La Plata County home tests positive for rabies

San Juan Basin Public Health

A bat found in the Durango area recently tested positive for rabies. There was no human interaction, but vaccinated pets that were exposed have received booster rabies shots.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) urges residents to stay away from stray and wild animals, check pets' vaccination status (even indoor pets can be exposed) and take other precautions to avoid rabies. The vaccine can prevent companion animals from getting rabies from wildlife and possibly exposing your whole family to the disease.

Rabies is regularly found in Colorado wildlife, especially skunks and bats. Interaction be-

tween humans and wild animals, particularly bats, skunks, foxes and raccoons, increases the risk of rabies exposure to pets and people. If you see wildlife that is acting unusual, call SJBPH at (970) 247-5702 immediately.

Rabies is spread primarily through the bite of rabid animals. It is almost always fatal in humans once symptoms appear. People who have been bitten or scratched by an unfamiliar animal should contact their health care provider immediately to reduce the risk of rabies.

Avoiding rabies

To avoid rabies:

- Never touch or feed wild or stray animals. Don't leave pet

food outdoors. If you see a sick or orphaned animal, do not touch it; instead, contact SJBPH at (970) 247-5702.

- Vaccinate your pets. Use a licensed veterinarian, and make sure you keep up with pets' booster shots.

- Leash your dog. Protect dogs and wildlife by keeping your pet on a leash while walking or hiking.

- Keep cats and other pets inside at night. Keep dogs within your sight (in a fenced yard or on leash) during the day while outside.

- Call your veterinarian promptly if you believe your pet has been exposed to a wild animal.

- Vaccinate pastured animals annually. Have a licensed vet-

erinarian administer an approved large-animal rabies vaccine.

- Bat-proof your home. Information is available at www.cdc.gov/rabies/bats/management.

If a bat has been present in a room in which people have been sleeping, it is important that the bat is safely trapped and tested for rabies. If a bat cannot be tested or there are multiple bats in the home, postexposure treatment of anyone living in the home is recommended. Please contact SJBPH for guidance on safe capture, testing of bats and follow-up.

Recognizing sick wildlife

To recognize sick wildlife:

- Many healthy wild animals are normally afraid of humans; sick animals often do not run away when spotted by people.

- Wildlife with rabies may act aggressively or will violently approach people or pets.

- Some rabid animals are overly quiet and passive and want to hide. Don't bother them.

- Rabid wildlife might have trouble walking, flying, eating or drinking.

The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Calls for service for week: 252.

June 3 — All other thefts, Alcazar Place.

June 11 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, Buttercup Drive/Flicker Lane.

June 12 — Information only, County Road 382/U.S. 84.

June 12 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Brass Place.

June 12 — Information only, County Road 982.

June 12 — Schedule II substance-opium or derivative, Eight Mile Mesa Road.

June 12 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, County Road 302.

June 13 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, information only, Retreat Court/Pipe Stem Court.

June 13 — First-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, Hurt Drive.

June 13 — Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by minor, driver failed to yield right of way at stop sign, Aspenglow Boulevard.

June 14 — Theft from vehicle, Escobar Avenue.

June 14 — Identity theft-intent, Coy-

ote Court.

June 14 — Expired license plates, drove vehicle without insurance, failed to observe or disregarded traffic control device, Boulder Drive/Cornerstone Drive.

June 14 — Unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Buttercup Drive.

June 14 — Warrant arrest, Buttercup Drive.

June 14 — Violation of restraining order, violation of restraining order, violation of restraining order, unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon, Buttercup Drive.

June 15 — Information only, U.S. 160.

June 15 — Fraud by check-other method, West U.S. 160.

June 15 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, Blue Jay Circle.

June 15 — Information only, Harman Park Drive/West U.S. 160.

June 16 — State warrant, Harman Park Drive.

June 16 — Drove vehicle without insurance, expired license plates, East Stollsteimer Road/Beuceler Lane.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department
No report.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court:
Judge Anthony D. Edwards

June 12 — Bette Bogard, unsafe backing, fines, costs and fees — \$72.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

No report.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

No report.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

June 16 — Douglas Ray Nelson, controlled substance-possession more than 4 grams Schedule 1/2, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$2,578.50.

June 16 — Lawrence Jerome Gallegos Jr., criminal mischief-under \$300, 18 days jail, fines and costs — \$75.



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Education



Seeds of Learning graduation

Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning
 Thirty preschoolers graduated from Seeds of Learning on May 26 and will be off to kindergarten in September.



Youth activities to be offered at Chimney Rock National Monument

By Nadia Werby
 Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association is providing four days of youth activity workshops this summer at Chimney Rock National Monument.

They will be held on four Wednesdays: June 28, July 12, July 26 and Aug. 9.

These workshops will include guided tours and hands-on craft activities. Participants will learn

about the human and natural history of the area and have fun creating items to keep, which also relate to that history. Some of the activities include making a coil pottery pot, making a feather cartouche, trying branch weaving, throwing the atlatl and many other activities. Each workshop will have different activities, allowing participants to come more than once if they choose.

The workshops are designed to accommodate multiage groups,

for those going in kindergarten through eighth grade. Each workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and finish at 2:30 p.m. Students must bring a lunch, but snacks and water are provided, as well as all activity materials. Parents can attend, but are not required to stay.

There is a fee of \$25 per workshop for one child, \$12.50 per child for each additional child from the same family. The workshops are conducted by experienced volunteers of the Chimney

Rock Interpretive Association, a nonprofit organization that works in partnership with the San Juan National Forest. Registration and further information is available by emailing officemgr@chimneyrockco.org or calling (970) 731-7133.

Visit this ancient Puebloan cultural site located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 3 miles south on Colo. 151.

For more information, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Families can still apply to participate in Universal Preschool Colorado

Colorado Department of Early Childhood

With the first two rounds of Universal Preschool (UPK) Colorado complete, 27,457 families have accepted their provider matches and their children will attend the state-funded high-quality, voluntary mixed-delivery preschool program this fall.

Between the first two rounds, 90.7 percent of children were matched to any of their chosen providers and 78.6 percent of families were

matched to their first choice.

"We are excited that over 90 percent of families are matched with a high-quality provider, saving families over \$164 million across the state. As universal preschool in Colorado welcomes the first class of students this fall, we are ensuring the youngest Coloradans have a strong start while putting money back into the pockets of hardworking families, and we encourage anyone who has not yet signed up to do so today at UPK.Colorado.gov," said Gov. Jared Polis.

There are seats available in every county in the state and families can still apply to participate. Archuleta County has 26 remaining seats available out of 60 total seats.

Families that participate in UPK Colorado save \$6,000 per year on average, equating to roughly \$164.7 million in savings that families around Colorado will be able to put toward everyday use.

Families that declined their match in the first or second rounds are still able to submit new program choices and repeat the matching process. Coloradans can also work directly with their local coordinating organization, which can help families find a program where there are current openings available.

Families seeking to participate in UPK Colorado that have not yet applied can continue to sign up and make provider rankings for their child. Two additional rounds of matching are planned for the sum-

mer. Enrollment will continue on a rolling basis, so families can log in to UPK.Colorado.gov to find a provider in their area. There is no deadline to sign up.

Free universal preschool is estimated to save families thousands of dollars every year and will put Colorado's youngest learners on the path to success. There are 1,930 providers to date that have chosen to participate in this program that will help save families money.

Class of '73 plans July 3 reunion

Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) graduating class of 1973 will be holding its 50-year class reunion on July 3.

The class will host a potluck picnic lunch at Schick's Sunset Ranch at 12:30 p.m.

We invite graduates from that era to join us and share memories of the wonderful time we had growing up in Pagosa back in the day.

We thank Kathy (Schick) O'Donnell (PSHS '73) and Greg Schick (PSHS '69) for hosting our celebration at their ranch.

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Second-grader Ariella prepares a healthy, fun snack during her Pagosa Peak Open School Peak Week intensive June 5-9.

Charter school students enjoy school ‘intensive’ week

By Emily Murphy
Pagosa Peak Open School

Farming, engineering, museums, hot springs, jam bands, outdoor art and storytelling: Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) staff set the stage for a week of mixed-age experiences where students mingled with others they do not normally and chose adventures in their learning.

“I learned a lot about science and I had so much fun,” said kindergarten Piper.

Students got to choose their Peak Week options with their families through the Peak Week catalog, outlining experiences for all students K-8. Options included things like “Urban Experiences in Middle School” with a trip to New Mexico; Stillwater Music Company, where students learned to perform four songs for their school audience; and Outdoor STEM, where stu-

dents faced engineering challenges in multiage teams.

“I love Ms. Rain so much,” fourth-grader Quinn said of her creatives advisor, who took Quinn’s Peak Week group to Ghost Ranch for an outdoor watercolor painting experiences and history lesson. “I had so much fun this week and got to be with my friends from other classes.”

Southern Roots Farm hosted an intensive for the second year, where students learned where their food comes from, made healthy snacks, harvested the farm’s produce and planted rows of veggies.

“She has chickens and a bunny that live there, too,” second-grader Brantley said.

PPOS students have three weeks left to the school year and returned Monday eager to share their experiences with their classmates, many of whom hadn’t seen each other for the week.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

First-grader Rueben plants rows of vegetables at Southern Roots Farm during the Pagosa Peak Open School Peak Week June 5-9.

Local

Amber Kirkham

Amber Kirkham, of Pagosa Springs, received a master of arts in educational leadership from the University of Northern Colorado at the end of the spring 2023 semester.

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Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr/PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: 970-264-8160
Attorney for Plaintiff: Daniel L. Fiedler #47916
190 Tallisman 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 Plaintiff

to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing with 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado more particular described as follows:
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
First publication: May 25, 2023
Last publication: June 22, 2023
Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15 and 22, 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
v.

Defendants: DANIEL L. VALDEZ and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
Submitting Attorney: Duke Eggleston, #24965
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com
Case Number: 2023CV30039

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF ANDREW GUINN
TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:
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 filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

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

This is an 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 for Record September 1, 1964 as Reception No. 65907.
Respectfully Submitted this 31st day of May, 2023.
Published in The Pagosa Sun
First Publication: June 8, 2023
Last Publication: July 6, 2023
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
/s/ Duke Eggleston
Duke Eggleston, #24965
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
(970) 403-1580
Published June 8, 15, 22, 29 and July 6, 2023, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
Pagosa Peak Open School
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Pagosa Peak Open School Board on May 17, 2023 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and has been filed in the Administration Office of Pagosa Peak Open School and online at pagosapeakopenschool.org 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 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room at PPOS, 3133 Cornerstone Dr., Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

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.
PAGOSA PEAK SCHOOL BOARD
June 6, 2023
Pagosa Peak Open School
Charter School authorized by Archuleta School District 50Jt.
Angela Reali Crossland, School Director
Published June 15 and 22, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF CONTRACTOR’S SETTLEMENT
County of Archuleta
State of Colorado
Notice is hereby given that on or after the 21st day of July, 2023, final settlement will be made by Archuleta County, for and on account of the contract of said:
Maxwell Asphalt, Inc.
Company
for the furnishing and installation of Improvements to the Archuleta County Airport - Stevens Field, Schedule I - Runway 1/19, Taxiway A, Main Apron, North GA Apron, Crack Repair, Seal Coat and Striping and Schedule II - Taxiway B Crack Repair, Seal Coat and Striping (Non-Federal), AIP Project No. 3-08-0066-026-2022 and any person, co-partnership, association or corporation who has an unpaid lien against said Maxwell Asphalt, Inc. for or on account of the furnishing of labor, materials, team hire, sustentances, provision, provender or other supplies used or consumed by such Contractor or any of the subcontractors in or about the performance of said work, may at any time up to and including said time of final settlement on said 21th day of July, 2023, file a verified statement in the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim with Archuleta County.
Failure on the part of the claimant to file such final statement will relieve said Owner from all and any liability for such claim.

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State of Colorado
First Publication: June 22, 2023
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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON July 18, 2023
DAVID AND BARBARA PETTUS have applied for a MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Pettus Minor Subdivision in Sec: 14 Twn: 34 Rng: 2.5W, at 1375 County Rd 326, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-071). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR).
Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PFlowers@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on July 18, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
Published June 22 and July 13, 2023, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Request for Proposal
The Archuleta School District is accepting proposals for the provision of solid waste and recycling pickup services for the 2023-24 school year. Details of the RFP are located on the district’s website www.mypagosaschools.com under District > Bids/RFPs/RFOs. Please contact Josh Sanchez at jsanchez@pagosa.k12.co.us with any questions.
Published June 22, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

FOR PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON June 28, 2023
KIP STROHECKER, representing STROHECKER ASPHALT, has applied for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MAJOR AMENDMENT, on Lots 1 and 2A of the Strohecker Minor Subdivision at 300 County Rd 302, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-049). The property is zoned INDUSTRIAL (I).
Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PFlowers@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on June 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
Published June 1 and 22, 2023, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING July 5, 2023
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS 30-28-116 that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, will hold a public hearing to consider revising the County Land Use Regulations. The language proposed to be adopted is available for review at the County Development Services Department 970-264-1390 and on the County Website. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 5,

2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner’s Meeting Room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at which time all interested parties will be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, at or prior to said public hearing. Published June 22 and 29, 2023, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Notice of Public Hearings
Pursuant to C.R.S. 30-10-306(4) and (5), notice is hereby being given that the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. on July 5, 2023, electronically via Zoom and in the meeting room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 to solicit feedback from Archuleta County residents on proposed redistricting plans. Public comments pertaining to the proposed revisions to the Commissioners’ districts will be accepted via Zoom during this public hearing.

Maps and further information can be found at www.archuletacounty.org.
Published June 22 and 29, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

County Court
Archuleta County, Colorado
109 Harman Park Dr.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Case No. 23CV59

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is given on June 16, 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 Kevon James Belk be changed to Kevon Alex Herrera.
/s/ Justin Fay Judge

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County Court
Archuleta Combined Courts
109 Harman Park Dr., PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Case No. 23CV48

PUBLIC 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/ Susleen Lohar
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

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ARCHULETA COUNTY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
VENDOR		
BOK FINANCIAL	2023 Q2 RCI LOAN PAYMENT	\$ 125,093.01
NONSTOP ADMINISTRATION & INSURANCE	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 17,806.46
CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE	COUNTY HEALTH BENEFITS	\$ 63,682.51
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	TOTAL APRIL 2023	\$ 791,094.73

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Pagosa Peak Open School predator study

Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School students study the hides of apex predators during their project exploring Proposition 114 that allows for the re-introduction of wolves into our part of Colorado this year. Nate Martinez from the Colorado Department of Wildlife brought in wolf skulls for the students to examine. The students also drew portraits, created scientific drawings and put together their own agamographs as part of the project.

Nathan Yip Foundation awards funding to local schools

By Danielle Dascalos
Nathan Yip Foundation

The Nathan Yip Foundation announced Tuesday that \$200,000 was awarded to 18 rural Colorado schools and districts to create and implement classroom projects that will have a positive impact on their students and classrooms.

Grants awarded locally include:

- San Juan Mountain School —

\$27,690 for a greenhouse to use in multiple subject areas.

- Pagosa Springs High School — \$8,000 for a 3D printer and laser cutter.

The Nathan Yip Foundation was established 22 years ago in honor of Nathan Yip, the only son of Jimmy and Linda Yip, after he died in a car accident.

The foundation has supported rural schools internationally for

many years, but in 2016 shifted its focus and funding to rural schools in Colorado, to help close the opportunity gap between rural and urban schools in Colorado. Funds are raised through special events, including one of the largest Chinese New Year celebrations in the Denver metro area — the Nathan Yip Foundation Chinese New Year Gala (which will be held next year on Feb. 3, 2024), as well as through

individual donations.

Rural and small rural schools and districts submit grant requests in the spring and the chosen schools were awarded funds for the 2023 Rural Schools Grant Cycle. With this \$200,000 in donations, the Foundation is close to reaching \$1 million in funding given to rural Colorado schools over the past seven years.

Learn more at www.nathanyip-foundation.org.



Photo courtesy Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library's annual summer book sale will be held July 21 and 22 at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St.

Friends of the Library to hold book sale

By Helen Richardson
Friends of the Library

Ah, those lazy days of summer are here. You'll want to curl up in the shade with a good book. The Friends of the Library can help you restock your personal library with its upcoming book sale.

Unlike the brief sale in February, this is the big one with books on all topics and tons of fiction, both hardback and soft cover, at great prices.

The sale will be downtown in the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. Come shop from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on July 21 or 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on July 22.

Friends of the Library members have special access each day, from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Not a Friends member or late renewing your membership? Stop in at the library to pay. The individual membership fee is \$15, family membership is \$25 and a lifetime membership is \$100 per person.

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RECREATION NEWS

Youth and adult soccer registration now open

By Matt Zaborowski
Town of Pagosa Springs
Parks and Recreation

Registration is now open for pee-pee soccer ages 3-4. The registration fee will be \$45 for the first child and \$25 for the second child. The deadline to register will be July 21.

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 \$45 for the first child and \$25 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.

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

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A youngster takes advantage of the nice weather to fly fish at Echo Canyon Reservoir on Father's Day. The 211-acre site is a designated state wildlife area.

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could save more than \$200,000 by leasing the graders now.

Brown asked what term of lease this would be, to which Torres responded that it would be a five-year term with a buyout option.

Torres also noted that the graders proposed for auction have all depreciated to the extent that they have no value in the county accounting books.

Brown then raised the issue of if the new graders would be able to utilize a snow gate to reduce the degree to which county snow plowing seals in driveways.

Torres and Pogue both highlighted the difficulties of using a snow gate, including the challenges of operating the snow gate on the grader and the current challenges of

preventing snow buildup.

Torres also proposed the possibility of attaching a snow gate to a front-end loader.

Woodman highlighted that the new graders would also include a blade on the front of the grader, which would improve plowing capacity.

Maez asked where the Road and Bridge Department's budget is and Pogue noted that lease payments for the two graders would likely be approximately \$72,000 for the remainder of the year and that the sale of the other graders would likely cover the costs for the rest of the year.

Following the discussion on the graders, Pogue provided a brief update on ongoing road projects, noting that he had several more road projects that would be up for

approval by the BoCC in the near future.

He added that work on County Road 982 paused due to the contractor, Sunland Asphalt, having asphalt supply issues and opting to switch to a new supplier and mix design for the project.

He noted that the project would likely resume work within two weeks and that the new mix design could be used on other road projects that have already been awarded by the county to the contractor.

Pogue also stated that the new asphalt would be supplied from Aztec, N.M., and that the trucking issue had arisen due to delays from afternoon rains.

At the June 20 BoCC meeting, the board approved the lease purchase of two road graders at a

first-year lease cost of \$67,942.03 for one grader and \$69,153.72 for the other for a total first-year cost of \$137,095.75.

Torres noted at the meeting that the prices had changed somewhat due to one grader that he had proposed to lease selling and the vendor supplying a different grader.

He also stated that he received quotes from people interested in buying the three motor graders to be auctioned off, indicating that they would sell for at least \$50,000 a piece, providing more than enough funding to cover the cost of leasing the new graders.

Prior to the vote, Maez commented that he appreciates Torres' work and the cost savings he would create with this approach.
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Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

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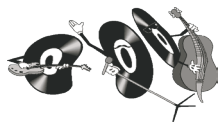
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The 73rd Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo will take place July 2-4 at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds. Tickets are available now.

Live Performers



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The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.

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73rd Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo set for July 2-4

By Diana Talbot
Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo is celebrating its 73rd anniversary. It began in Pagosa Springs in 1949 and has been a town and rodeo tradition ever since. The rodeo was named for the famous comic strip character, Red Ryder, who was drawn by Pagosa Springs resident Fred Harman Jr.

The comic strip was wildly popular and ran from 1938-1964 in 750 newspapers.

Red was a cowboy hero and a crime fighter of the west, accompanied by his sidekick Little Beaver, a young Navajo Indian boy. Both had trusty steeds named Thunder and Papoose, respectively.

Cowboys and cowgirls from various states, on their trusty steeds, will travel to compete for prizes and prize money in this sanctioned rodeo series. The event is also filled with a variety of exhibition events to make an entertaining traditional American rodeo event.

The Red Ryder rodeos are Sunday and Monday, July 2 and 3, at 6 p.m., and Tuesday, July 4, at 2 p.m., presented at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds off U.S. 84 and Mill Creek Road.

Tickets are available online and at the gate prior to the event. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 for children 12 and under. A limited number of box seats are available

and can be purchased by calling (970) 749-3492.

Concessions include delicious smoked meats, beer and beverages.

Each daily performance begins with an impressive grand entry with flags waving from westerners on horseback. Rodeo events are

interspersed with a variety of other acts like the mutton bustin' contest, Daisy BB gun raffle and rodeo clown. The website, www.PagosaRodeo.com, has detailed information about the entire event. Additional questions can be directed to (970) 749-3492 or dtalbot111@gmail.com.

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By Richard Walker
Special to The PREVIEW

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Auction for the Animals more important than ever as Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Animal Shelter reaches capacity

By Robson Reyes
Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

America's animal shelters are in crisis. Since the early months of the pandemic, shelters around the nation have faced a chronic shortage of staff and volunteers. To make things worse, shelters are packed to capacity with dogs and cats. Adoptions are lagging across the nation as families surrender pets they can no longer afford to keep. Animal rescues are understaffed, and workers are overwhelmed. Shelters need help now more than ever.

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (HSPS) is seeing similar trends and urgently needs the support of its community to help combat these difficult times. For

some time now HSPS has seen its shelter over capacity.

To try to reduce the shelter population in anticipation of receiving more incoming animals, HSPS recently offered reduced adoption fees and various adoption events to try to encourage adoptions and get some of their shelter animals into new homes. But even after desperate efforts to try to place more animals into forever homes, the number of animals coming into the shelter continues to outpace adoption rates, creating a crisis.

"As a no-kill animal shelter, we never euthanize our animals based on time, financial or space constraints. We heal their bodies, mend their spirits, and offer every homeless, neglected, and abandoned animal our unwavering love

and support until they get adopted, no matter how long it takes," said Robson Reyes, executive director. "This means it is critical that we adopt out animals at a rate that allows us to take in new animals in need of our shelter and care. The best way for our community to help is by choosing to adopt, foster, volunteer and donate."

As rising housing costs and inflation continues to squeeze the wallets of Archuleta County residents, the HSPS animal shelter is tasked with not only getting more animals into homes, but keeping them there. The HSPS offers many community services to help people keep their pets. Spay and neuter vouchers, emergency medical aid, a pet food bank and low-cost vac-

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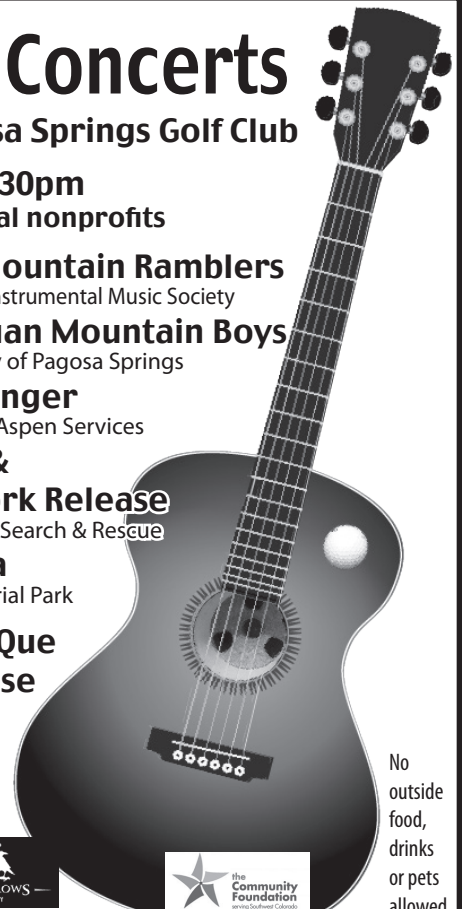
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Auction

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 cination events are just a few ways HSPS serves Archuleta County's population with pets.

"Inflation has made owning and caring for a pet more expensive, leaving some owners struggling to afford to keep their pets. The rising cost of pet food and medical care can make owning a pet a financial strain for many families already struggling to afford to live in our community," said Reyes. "Our community services keep our shelter population down by helping pet owners keep their beloved companions, even in financially difficult times. But these services take resources, which is why the success of this year's virtual Auction for the Animals and other fundraisers is more important than ever. We know things are going to get worse before they get better. We have to be prepared with the resources needed to continue to care for our community and its animals in need."

The Auction for the Animals is the Humane Society's most important annual fundraiser. The success of this online auction makes a huge difference in the organization's ability to provide nutritious food, safe shelter and quality medical care that every lost, abandoned and homeless animal needs and

deserves.

The funds from the auction will help HSPS continue to provide a safe haven to more than 700 animals that will call the shelter home, at least until a family and a forever home can be found.

The success of this online auction makes a huge difference in the organization's ability to provide nutritious food, safe shelter and quality medical care that every lost, abandoned and homeless animal needs and deserves.

Virtual auction attendees can bid on hundreds of incredible items including jewelry, art, home goods, outdoor gear, gift baskets and gift certificates donated by

generous local businesses, as well as gift certificates and items from nearby towns like Creede, Lake City, Ouray, Chama, Silverton and Durango. There are adventure items like Durango and Cumbres Toltec railroad train passes, San Juan dog sledding, Wolf Creek ski passes, Overlook Hot Springs soak passes and so much more.

Start viewing items and bidding on your favorites now by visiting www.hspsauction.org. The auction ends promptly at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 26.

The HSPS thanks you for your support.

The HSPS is a local private non-profit organization that operates the only animal shelter in Archuleta County. Your local humane society does not receive funding from the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane, ASPCA or any other national animal welfare organizations. Private donations, grants, and thrift store revenues cover only a portion of animal shelter operating expenses. The remainder of shelter costs must be met through fundraising events like the Virtual Auction for the Animals. The HSPS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company continuing run of ‘The Great American Trailer Park Musical’ and ‘Jersey Boys’

By **Tim Moore**
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Join us this weekend for an exhilarating double dose of musical extravaganza at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Thingamajig Theatre Company is continuing its smash run of these sensational shows that are guaranteed to leave you entertained, uplifted and craving more. Mark your calendars for June 23 and 24 at 7 p.m. for side-splitting laughter in “The Great American Trailer Park Musical” and unforgettable singing in “Jersey Boys.”

After a completely sold-out weekend for “Jersey Boys,” the buzz surrounding these performances is electric. Audiences have been flocking to the theater, eager to experience the toe-tapping tunes, gripping narratives, and the unmatched talent of the cast and crew. It’s no wonder that tickets have been flying off the shelves, as theater-goers can’t resist the allure of these remarkable productions.

‘Godspell 2012’

We are also delighted to announce the return of Andrew Barrat Lewis, a gifted director who has graced the Thingamajig stage with his unparalleled vision and creativity. Lewis, who previously directed the critically acclaimed productions of “Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Radio Play,” “A Grand Night for Singing,” “A Charlie Brown Christmas” and last summer’s unforgettable “Bright Star,” is back to captivate our hearts once again.

Lewis’ unique skill set as a director shines through in his ability to breathe life into every production he touches. His attention to detail,



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

Andrew Barrat Lewis returns to direct “Godspell 2012,” opening June 30 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

meticulous scene work and his innate understanding of storytelling make each show an immersive and unforgettable experience.

At the helm of this show, “Godspell 2012” promises to be a production that will touch your soul, lift your spirits and leave you with a renewed sense of hope and joy.

The opening night for “Godspell 2012” is just around the corner, on June 30.

This iconic musical, filled with heartwarming songs and a timeless message, is set to be a highlight of the season. Don’t miss the opportunity to secure your seats and witness the magic firsthand. Experience the retelling of the Book of Matthew as told by the incredible talents of the Thingamajig cast, as

they bring this beloved production to life.

The Thingamajig Theatre Company invites you to immerse yourself in the world of captivating stories, breathtaking performances, and unforgettable memories this summer. Don’t wait any longer; secure your seats for an unforgettable evening of entertainment and join us in celebrating the magic of live theater.

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Town announces Fourth of July festivities

By Kate Porter
Town of Pagosa Springs

The Fourth of July is fast approaching and lots of activities are being planned to make it a fun-filled day.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. featuring our 2023 grand marshal, Jann Pitcher.

Make sure to arrive early to find parking and pick your viewing location. Announcers will be located near the entrance of the Overlook parking area so you can hear details about all the awesome parade participants. Watch for additional information to be distributed about voting for your favorite parade entry.

If you want to enter the parade, don't forget the deadline to submit your application is June 27 at noon.

Live outdoor music: 19th Hole Concert Series to feature Bob Hemenger

By Robson Reyes
Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

Join us as we celebrate the Aspen House and Aspen Services at the 19th Hole Concert at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club on Thursday, June 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy Bob Hemenger's soulful saxophone on Thursday, June 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. promoting Aspen House and Aspen Services.

Aspen House/Aspen Services operates under A Safe Place in Pagosa Springs Inc., a recognized nonprofit 501(c)(3). Patricia Brown and Carolyn Paschal created this nonprofit in 2015 to provide a safe home that would support their adult children with developmental disabilities. They expanded their vision to include additional families facing the same circumstances in the Pagosa Springs area.

Every week, your \$10 cover charge supports five local nonprofits that are part of the 19th Hole Concerts. Local nonprofits participating this year are Veterans Memorial Park, the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society, Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Aspen House and Aspen Services, and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue. All concerts are at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. At the end of the series, all proceeds are pooled and equally distributed to the featured organizations.

Food from the grill, beer, wine and signature cocktails will be available for purchase. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or a blanket. No outside food, drinks or pets are allowed.

Details can be found on the town website at <https://www.pagosasprings.co.gov/4th-july>.

Who wants to see some fireworks? The show will start at sundown (approximately 9:30 p.m.) and can be viewed from multiple

locations in town, but Yamaguchi Park is one of the favorite gathering spots.

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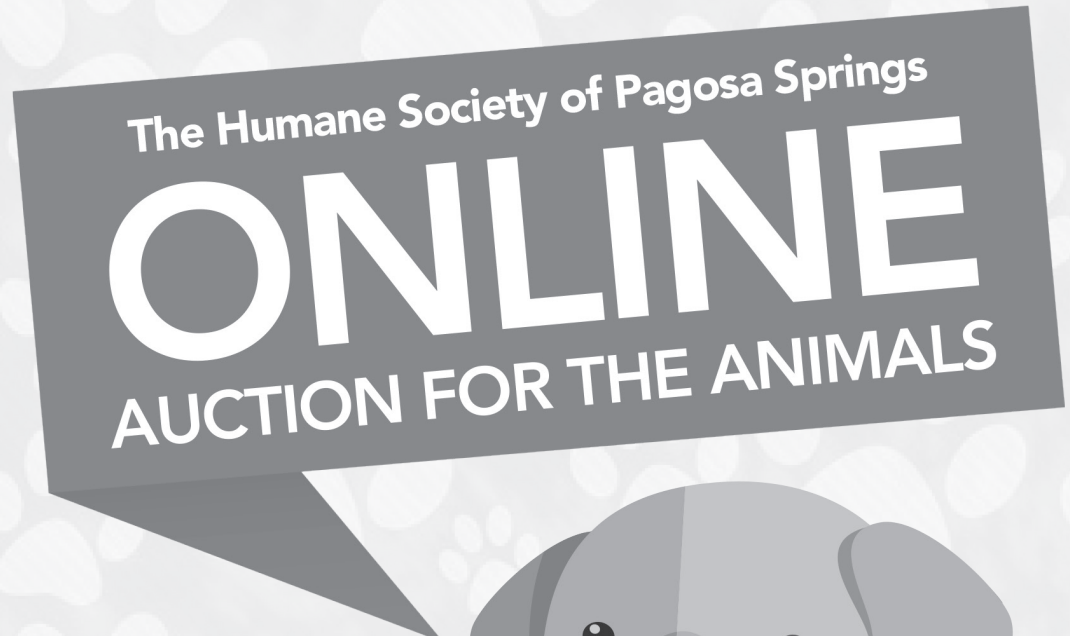
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For the love of bees: Healthy Archuleta announces event about bees

Healthy Archuleta

The Vista Lake Community Garden will host an event featuring guest speaker Jenifer Doane on Saturday, June 24, at 4:30 p.m.

Learn about Colorado native bees and their importance for a healthy ecosystem.

The event will take place in the Vista Lake Garden near the gazebo in front of the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association offices at 230 Port Ave. Families are encouraged to attend. Topics include comparing various bee species, discussing support for healthy bee populations, and building a small native bee house.

Doane is a certified interpretive guide. Her love for bees extends to both honeybees and Colorado native bees. When she is not tending her beehives, she is often found documenting native bees for the Colorado Native Bee Watch.

There will also be two crafts for the kids. One is to make a bee hotel from a recycled can, rolled paper and sticks. The other will be to create a paper bee. Supplies are limited. We hope to see you there. Let's bee interested and bee crafty.



Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

Jenifer Doane will speak about bees at the Vista Lake Community Garden at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. There will also be two crafts available for kids after the talk.

'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' tickets now available

Curtains Up Pagosa

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is already in town getting her engine fine tuned and ready for the upcoming Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) production of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" from June 29 through July 2 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

We are happy to announce that tickets are on sale now at <https://our.show/chitty23>.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for students (18 and under). Show tickets will be \$5 more at the door.

'Under the Hood' tour planned

CUP is also excited to announce that we will be offering a behind-the-scenes look into the show on Saturday, July 1, at 2 p.m.

Come with us "Under the Hood" for a look into the special effects in the show. This backstage tour will be led by our director, Dale Scrivener, and take you for a look into how our flying car works, along with seeing how things get set up backstage and a peek into other special effects in the show.

We are so happy to bring this show to our community. Get your tickets now before they sell out. "Under the Hood" tickets are also available at the link mentioned above as a 2 p.m. performance on July 1. Tickets for this behind-the-scenes look are \$10 in advance.

Volunteers of the pit orchestra

If you've ever been to Broadway and seen a musical show, you may have noticed that the instruments were not on the stage or taking up room in the orchestra section of the theater, but they sure were heard.

If you sat in the balcony, you probably saw the "pit": an area below the stage and the floor of the house, dimly lit by small lights on music stands for individual orchestra musicians. The conductor stands in the center of the pit with the musicians tucked closely together and from there can see both the stage and the players.

The house lights dim, quiet descends on the theater, and wow. The pit orchestra lets you know the show has begun with an overture that will contain musical themes for the entire production.

CUP has a terrific group of local volunteer musicians in our pit orchestra and they'll be playing for "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." All of them have supported both the high school and CUP musical productions many times.

Here's a very typical reason why our local musicians participate in community theater: "I have been playing in Pagosa Springs for both CUP and the high school for around 20 years, even though I don't live in Pagosa. The main reason I play in community theater is

so the singers and actors can have live music. They expend so much effort and so much time preparing for the show that they deserve live music! The second reason I

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A dream in the making: Mountain Light Music Festival set for July 23-29

By Sally Neel
Mountain Light Music Festival

The Mountain Light Music Festival will return this summer, July 23-29, culminating in some spectacular jazz band concerts on July 26-28 at the Keyah Grande Guest House.

Mountain Light Music Festival is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bringing high-quality music concerts to Pagosa Springs audiences and outdoor music camp opportunities to specially selected high school and college-age students.

The Mountain Light Music Festival was born out of a dream. As a young boy, Mountain Light Music Festival founder Brent Phillips came to Pagosa Springs every summer to participate in Voice of the Wilderness outdoor adventures led by Chet Russell, backpacking through the glorious San Juan mountains and forests. Throughout his life he has remained dedi-

cated to the spiritual benefits that nature, music and physical exercise bring to his life and the lives of others.

Though his summer adventures took a break when he entered Rice University as a talented trombonist to pursue degrees in music, his Pagosa Springs experiences remained a foundational influence in his life. At the completion of his college years, he was selected to be a member of the "President's Own" Marine band in Washington, D.C. He has since gone on to be a professor of music at Baylor University, where he continues to teach and influence aspiring music professionals.

Pagosa Springs continued to call Phillips back to the wilderness, and he began to think in terms of how his amazing formational experience could be shared with other young musicians. He talked with Russell about the idea blossoming in his mind that would involve using Russell's lodge in Lost Valley as

a base camp for a music festival for young aspiring professional musicians. The camp would offer expert tutelage by professional musicians along with daily wilderness hikes. The festival would climax with musical performances for members of the Pagosa community. In 2015, the dream became a reality, and we have all been richer for it.

The dream continues to evolve with hopes of making Mountain Light Music Festival a multi-week festival that offers classes for selected students in chamber, jazz, choral, and orchestral music under the tutelage of world-class instructors from across the nation.

"This music festival is an exciting way to showcase our beautiful community in ways that complement through music the spiritual and natural beauty of our glorious surroundings. We are working to establish strong financial support from members of our community and music enthusiasts from across

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Tickets

■ continued from previous page like to play is it is very challenging because it's totally different from orchestral or band playing. The conductor is concentrating on the stage action, so it is up to the individual musicians to thoroughly know their parts and how they fit in with the rest of the music. And, it is flat-out fun to be a part of these fabulous productions!" — Karen

Mesikapp, trumpet.

We'd like to acknowledge all of our pit musicians for "Chitty" and ask that if you know any of them, please thank them for all that they contribute because without their commitment to Pagosa volunteer community theater productions, we would not be able to present first-class entertainment.

They are: violin: Heidi Tanner,

viola: Michelle Chapman, cello: Jean Broderick, guitar: James Kiker, clarinet: Erika Sueker, flute: Denise Fisk and Stephanie Cloward, saxophone: Malinda Burnett and John Cloward, trumpet: Karen Mesikapp, French horn: D'Ann Artis, trombone: Rich Carson and Mark Etheridge, piano: Suzanne Hill, and keyboard: Ethan Mazur. The conductor is Dale Scrivener.

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Jessica Low.

Meet the ladies of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By **Danyelle Leentjes**
Seeds of Learning

The six stars of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars are preparing for the sixth annual dance competition to support Seeds of Learning.

These stars have been matched with a dance coach who will lead them through the process to win the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy.

Let's get to know the women of the 2023 Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.

Sherry Phillips

After a diagnosis of cancer, with a poor prognosis, Sherry Phillips moved to the Florida Keys, where she pursued her passion of scuba diving while living the island life for more than 40 years and never looking back. She was a licensed massage therapist and helped her husband, Les Faust, run a crane service for many years, until the last hurricane persuaded them to become full-time Pagosa residents.

Sherry is very involved in the arts in Pagosa Springs and is a co-founder of the Pagosa Springs Arts Council, sits on the town's public art committee, is the current secretary of the Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado and is the co-owner of the local theater. She also makes time for hiking with her husband and her goofy Lab, Tula.

Festival

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the nation," said Executive Director Carol Larsen.

Tickets can be purchased at Choke Cherry Tree (56 Talisman Drive #8C) and at the Chamber of Commerce office downtown. For more information on ticket purchases for the summer concerts or on how you can support this exciting venture, go to www.mountainlightmusicfestival.com or you may contact Larsen at (214) 649-5041.

Never having children of her own, she believes that children need to have a spirit of confidence. Seeds of Learning cultures this and gives them the best opportunities to shine and fulfill their best lives.

Becky Deitemeyer

Becky and her husband Eric moved to Pagosa in 2000 from Winter Park, Colo., and Moab, Utah, where they both worked seasonally in the ski industry and as river guides. Wanting to settle down a little and grow some roots in town, Becky started a very popular restaurant in 2005 in Pagosa Springs that is still in existence today and successfully ran it until the fall of 2022.

As a working mother of two (Milo, now 15, and Veda, 12), she realized the importance of an early education. Both of her children attended Seeds of Learning through-

out their early years before moving on to public schools. Seeds offered a high-quality learning experience with amazing and caring teachers. She feels grateful to be able to help give back by raising funds to keep Seeds available for all the children in the community.

Jessica Low

As a native of Pagosa Springs, I have traveled to many places throughout the world but have never found any place that feels more like home than Southwest Colorado. My mother, Shelley Low, and I opened our first realty office in Durango in 2016. We were excited to expand our footprint back into Pagosa Springs in the summer of 2020. Our physical presence gave us a better opportunity to give back to our clients and community.

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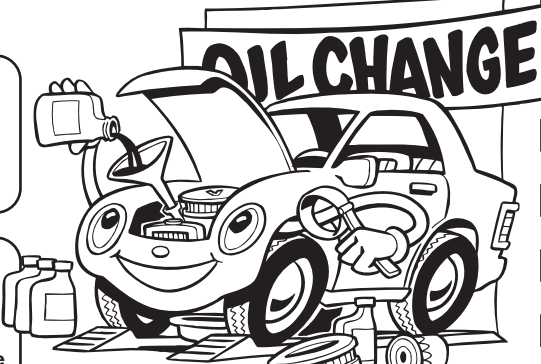


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DMV2GO slots available for seniors, veterans and residents with disabilities

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

DMV2GO is returning to Archuleta County for driver's license services.

The Division of Motor Vehicles' DMV2GO services will return to Archuleta County by appointment on July 17 and 18. DMV2GO's services include first-time Colorado driver's licenses, out-of-state transfers, renewals for driver's licenses, permits and identification cards, issuing new licenses, permits, and IDs; motor vehicle records; as well as reinstatements and Colorado Roads and Community Safety Act Services.

Appointments during regular hours — between 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. can be made online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

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[go/10C0F4DA4A82DA0F5C16-archuleta2](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA4A82DA0F5C16-archuleta2). Appointments for seniors, veterans, and residents with disabilities are available before 11 a.m. and can be made by calling the Archuleta County Administration Office at (970) 264-8309.

For a list of state-required documents, visit <https://dmv.colorado.gov/documents> to have ready for your appointment. July DMV2GO services will be held in the old courthouse on the south side of the building entering through the door

on the far right.

DMV2GO does not offer driver testing or the written permit test. If a written or driving test is needed, you must have this done before the scheduled appointment. Written permit testing can be taken at any state driver's license office, any third-party driver testing center or at home on a computer with camera and microphone capabilities.

For more information, contact Courtney Pogue Archuleta County communications specialist, cpogue@archuletacounty.org or (970) 989-2037.

Al Hurricane Jr. to headline Spanish Fiesta July 29

You are invited to the 21st anniversary celebration. **See Senior on next page**



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Dancing

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Seeds of Learning is near and dear to my heart, as I've had family and friends that attended in the early days. My family has always been a big supporter of Seeds of Learning, and I am so excited to be a part of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, allowing me and my office to give back to this amazing program. Our international home office is also willing to match a portion of the funds we raise.

Tickets and voting

Want to see the stars perform in

person? Purchase a ticket online at 9 a.m. on July 13 from dwtps.org. All tickets include votes for your favorite star, a buffet dinner served by our fine dining restaurant, a sensational show which is sure to entertain, and open dancing is back this year with the Tim Sullivan Band playing during voting.

But why wait until the event to vote when you can do it today? Visit vote.dwtps.org to vote for your favorite stars. 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.

Seeds of Learning is a non-profit standalone preschool serving approximately 58 preschoolers year-round, ages 2.5 to 5 years old. The critical proceeds from this event are what make it possible for most of the children at Seeds to attend.

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Photo courtesy Archuleta Seniors Inc.

Al Hurricane Jr. will headline the 21st annual Spanish Fiesta, slated to be held July 29 at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds. Tickets are available online.

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nual Spanish Fiesta, sponsored by Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI). The theme is “Viva la familia, cultura y tradición!”

Enjoy the Fiesta in Pagosa Springs, where Spanish, Mexican and Native American cultural traditions intertwine to create the strong heritage we have today here in Southwest Colorado. Food, music, dance, vendors, color and good company provide the ingredients of a party to delight all the senses.

This year is the 21st anniversary of the Spanish Fiesta in Pagosa Springs after being dormant for some 20 years.

The Spanish Fiesta Committee (formed by the families and royalty of fiestas of years past) has worked hard to make this first year back memorable.

The headliner for the day’s activities will be the famous New Mexican artist Al Hurricane Jr. and his band during the evening at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds. Hurricane is generously giving his own time to benefit the fundraiser.

Activities earlier in the day will include authentic Hispanic cuisine of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico plus a variety of other food trucks, artisan vendors, music from local band Los Mitotitos, and folklorico dance performances from local artists.

While there will be no royalty during this first event, we look forward to engaging the community and youth to support the fiestas in this capacity once again. Proceeds from this event will support

older adults of Archuleta County through the services of ASI and a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) youth scholarship fund.

Admission is for an afternoon and evening from 3 to 8 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit <https://givebutter.com/asispanishfiesta2023> or stop by the Pagosa Senior Center, located in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Interested in being a sponsor or vendor? Please visit <http://www.psseniors.org/events-and-fund-raisers.html> for more information or call (970) 264-2167.

Senior Conversations

Join us Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of Senior Conversations with local Bill Salmansohn. 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.

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Level: Beginner

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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4	9	1	8	7	2	3	5	6
7	3	8	6	1	5	4	2	9

ANSWER:

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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 copenhavercreative@gmail.com.

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 Ross Aragon 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 22 — Beef cottage pie with mushroom gravy, roasted cauliflower, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, June 23 — Thai coconut mango chicken with corn salsa, quinoa pilaf, garden salad, fruit, lime bars and milk.

Monday, June 26 — Chicken Marsala with baked potatoes, peas and pearl onions, garden salad, fruit, pecan bars and milk.

Tuesday, June 27 — Creamy tomato soup with grilled cheese sandwich; chef salad with turkey, ham, Swiss and avocado with ranch dressing; and milk.

Wednesday, June 28 — Beef spaghetti with garlic bread, delicata squash, garden salad, fruit, banana brunch cake and milk.

Thursday, June 29 — Crispy cod fish with tartar sauce, green beans, cherry crisp, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, June 30 — New Orleans sausage and corn chowder, focaccia bread, garden salad, fruit, cookies and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and 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.

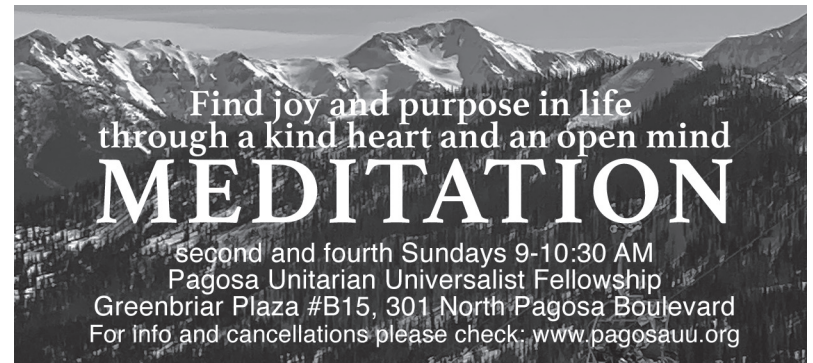
COVID-19 test kits available

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

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.

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Welcome!



Community United Methodist Church
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Community United Methodist Church
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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, June 22

Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

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.

Adventure Clubs for Kids. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Classes for elementary and preschool kids. This club has a separate class for little ones who are 3-5 years old. (This includes any little ones who will not start kindergarten until the fall.) For more information, call Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email her at ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

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

Adventure Club for Kids. 1:30-3:30 at Pagosa Vista Estates, 129 Fireside St. Exciting Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks, and more. For more information, call Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email her at ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring all your device chargers. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email

for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate and advanced students from 5-7 p.m.

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee Meeting. 5:30-7 p.m., Grace in Pagosa.

19th Hole Concerts Presents Bob Hemenger. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. A community event that showcases an Archuleta County nonprofit and a local music talent. The cover charge is a \$10 donation. The featured nonprofit will be Aspen House and Aspen Services.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Friday, June 23

Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. on Fridays through the fall a docent

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Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

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. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

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.

Engaging pictures

Engaging pictures are needed from seniors and their families who live, work and play their best lives in Archuleta County. We are looking for pictures that convey people's active lifestyles, families, culture and more. We would like to use these pictures in our grant applications, on social media and on our website. Please email all pictures to rosa@psseniors.org or feel free to drop them off.

Requesting donations

ASI has an immediate monetary need to support ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County. Please consider donating.

You may mail your donation to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs CO 81147 or please visit our website: <http://www.psseniors.org/>. Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc. We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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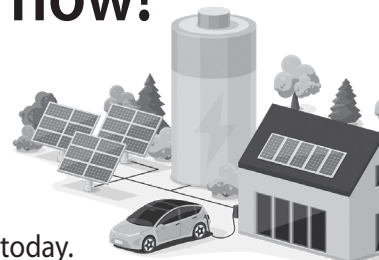
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is available for a guided tour of the Chartres-design labyrinth. The labyrinth is available to the public seven days a week dawn until dusk, in the wooded area behind the parking lot at the wooden cross.

Eric Carle Birthday Party. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Let's celebrate the beloved children's author with cake, stories and crafts. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Video Gaming. 2-4 p.m. Sisson Library. Play age-appropriate video games on various systems. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

'Jersey Boys.' 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 24

Riverwalk Naturalist Tours. 8 a.m., Native Plants Garden on the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Join naturalist guides on a tour of discovery through the Riverwalk wetlands conservation area. Tours are free and last approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars optional. Pets should be left at home. No reservations are needed. This program is sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners and The Springs Resort. For more information, email pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

Together for Toklar. 8:30-9:30 a.m., CrossFit Pagosa, 81 Greenbriar Drive, Unit B. Fun and free event to raise funds to support Toklar Howell and his family while he battles brain cancer. Come get your WOD on and help out the Howell family. Call (512) 745-2641 for more

information.

Pickleball. 8:30-11:30 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Book Buddies. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For those in K-2nd grade. Let's read together and enjoy games, crafts and playtime. We will partner read, echo read and more. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. For kids 6 years and up. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Learn to Knit or Crochet. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Come learn to knit or crochet. For ages 8 and up. Supplies provided. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

'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).

Sunday, June 25

Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Wood Bank Work Day. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., meet at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church parking lot. St. Patrick's Wood Bank will conduct a workday for cutting and loading wood to expand its wood bank for this coming winter. All are welcome to join this effort. Meet at the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church parking lot at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. at 11:30 a.m. to caravan to the work location. Sandwiches and drinks will be served before the work begins. Youth in grades 5-12 are also welcome to join this community activity. Participants with chain saws and trailers will greatly assist this worthy effort to build a sizable Wood Bank for this winter's needs.

Monday, June 26

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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What did Jesus and Paul do on the Sabbath?

"...He (Jesus) went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read."

Luke 4:16 NKJV

"...the Gentiles begged that these (by Paul) might be preached to them the next Sabbath."

Acts 14:42 NKJV

"On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God".

Acts 14:44 NKJV

For more biblical information on the Sabbath, please check out "Sabbathtruth.com."

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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 black-headed grosbeak.

This is another of our summer birds, celebrated for its long, sweet song. In addition to incorporating elements of the songs of American robins and western tanagers, this grosbeak's song also weaves in whistles of its northern cardinal relative.

The beaks of black-headed and evening grosbeaks are similarly large and strong, causing them to share a common name, but these birds are not closely related. Instead, the black-headed grosbeak shares ties with members of the cardinal family, including indigo and lazuli buntings, blue and rose-breasted grosbeaks, western and summer tanagers, and northern cardinals.

For a male songbird, the benefits of song outweigh the danger of alerting predators to his presence. When longer hours of daylight in spring stimulate his hormones and induce him to sing, his song identifies his species to a potential mate and is his chance to show off his stamina and readiness to breed. It announces his territory to other males and alerts them to move on.

Displaying a trait unusual in temperate zone birds, female black-headed grosbeaks also sing, and both sexes sing from the nest. It is thought that by imitating a rival male in song, a female may keep her mate close to home where he is not likely to mate with another partner. Both sexes share incubation duties and feeding of the young.

Breeding males are colored cinnamon-orange and have black heads and black and white wings. Females and immature males are streaked brown and white on the back and orange on the breast. Their heads are striped.

Strong beaks allow these birds a varied diet that includes heavy walled seeds; large, hard-bodied insects like beetles; snails; fruits including those in orchards; and berries. When they're not on the nest, they readily come to sunflower seed feeders. Where their winter habitats in central Mexico overlap those of monarch butterflies, toxic to most birds, these grosbeaks are one of their few predators.

Phone apps like Merlin, developed by Cornell Lab, which link bird species to recordings of their songs, have become popular tools in learning to identify birds by their songs.

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

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Twist and Turns Vacation Bible School. 9 a.m.-noon, John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Games, crafts, music, snacks and faith. Call the parish office at (970) 731-5744 for details.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced group at 10:15 a.m. If you have not attended before, please call

Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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

Tuesday, June 27

Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Twist and Turns Vacation Bible School. 9 a.m.-noon, John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Games, crafts, music, snacks

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and faith. Call the parish office at (970) 731-5744 for details.

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.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring all your device chargers. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., Meltdown on Main. The cost is \$15 and all women are welcome. Please RSVP to (970) 946-1895 by June 25 so we can have plenty of seating. Please do not park in the lot of the Humane Society Thrift Store.

Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are now members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of playing pair to pagosaduplicate@gmail.com or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

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

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

PAWS to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Read with Muppet, a therapy dog who loves stories. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Children's Book Talk. 3:30-4 p.m., Sisson Library For ages 6-11. Need new ideas of what to read next? Learn about the library's newest books and discover similar reads. Everyone leaves with a new book. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate and advanced students from 5-7 p.m.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult

Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Mountain High Garden Club. 6 p.m. Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Come join us for a roundtable discussion of your gardening successes and challenges. We will share our collective knowledge to help us all succeed in our gardening goals.

Riverwalk Naturalist Tours. 7 p.m., Native Plants Garden on the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Join naturalist guides on a tour of discovery through the Riverwalk wetlands conservation area. Tours are free and last approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars optional. Pets should be left at home. No reservations are needed. This program is sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners and The Springs Resort. For more information, email pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

Wednesday, June 28

Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Twist and Turns Vacation Bible School. 9 a.m.-noon, John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Games, crafts, music, snacks and faith. Call the parish office at (970) 731-5744 for details.

Youth Activity Workshops at Chimney Rock National Monument. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association is hosting youth activity workshops. The workshops will include guided tours and hands-on craft activities. Participants will learn about the human and natural history of the area. The workshops are designed to accommodate multiage groups for those in K-8. Parents can attend, but are not required to stay. There is a fee of \$25 per workshop for one child, \$12.50 per child for each additional child from the same family. Registration and further information is available by emailing officemgr@chimneyrockco.org or calling (970) 731-7133.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an educational hour of reading, singing and free play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Senior Conversations. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. Join us Wednesdays for a series of "Senior Conversations" with local Bill Salmansohn. He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining

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to aging in Archuleta County. The meeting will be held at the Pagosa Senior Center in the dining hall, snacks will be provided.

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.

Panhellenic Luncheon. 4-5:30 p.m., 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. RSVP by calling or texting Sherry Spears at (940) 887-9208 or sherrykayspears@sbcglobal.net.

Author Talk: Tannarive Due. 6 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. For details, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Thursday, June 29

Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

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.

Twist and Turns Vacation Bible School. 9 a.m.-noon, John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Games, crafts, music, snacks and faith. Call the parish office at (970) 731-5744 for details.

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

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring all your device chargers. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend

from 4-5 p.m., intermediate and advanced students from 5-7 p.m.

19th Hole Concerts Presents Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. A community event that showcases an Archuleta County nonprofit and a local music talent. The cover charge is a \$10 donation. The featured nonprofit will be Upper San Juan Search and Rescue.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. A Curtains Up Pagosa production. Tickets are available online at <https://our.show/chitty23> or before the performance.

Friday, June 30

Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Twist and Turns Vacation Bible School. 9 a.m.-noon, John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Games, crafts, music, snacks and faith. Call the parish office at (970) 731-5744 for details.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. On Fridays through the fall a docent is available for a guided tour of the Chartres-design labyrinth. The labyrinth is available to the public seven days a week dawn until dusk, in the wooded area behind the parking lot at the wooden cross.

Community Playdate. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Make new friends as we play in the library garden. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information.

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

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

'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. A Curtains Up Pagosa production. Tickets are available online at <https://our.show/chitty23> or before the performance.

Saturday, July 1

Pickleball. 8:30-11:30 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Social round-robin. Loaner paddles are available.

Arboles Fourth of July Parade. 10 a.m., Arboles. Lineup begins at 9 a.m. behind the Piedra Peak Store on Willard Way.

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

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'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. A Curtains Up Pagosa production. Tickets are available online at <https://our.show/chitty23> or before the performance.

Sunday, July 2

Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. A Curtains Up Pagosa production. Tickets are available online at <https://our.show/chitty23> or before the performance.

'Jersey Boys.' 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. 6 p.m. Featuring cowboys and cowgirls from various states competing for prizes and prize money in a sanctioned rodeo series. General admission tickets are \$20 for adults and \$8 dollars for children under 12 and are available at www.pagosarodeo.com and will be available at the gate before each event. Box seats are limited and can be purchased by calling Diana at (970) 749-3492.

'blood(line).' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Dennis Elkins returns to the Thingamajig Theatre Company stage for a one-man performance of "blood(line)", the concluding play of the actor/director/playwright's autobiographical trilogy. This special event is free for the theater's summer season ticket holders, but you are advised to reserve your place quickly by emailing thingamajigbox@gmail.com before all the seats are taken.

Monday, July 3

Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

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

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. 6 p.m. Featuring cowboys and cowgirls from various states competing for prizes and prize money in a sanctioned rodeo series. General admission tickets are \$20 for adults and \$8 dollars for children under 12 and are available at www.pagosarodeo.com and will be available at the gate before each event. Box seats are limited and can be purchased by calling Diana at (970) 749-3492.

Tuesday, July 4

Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Fourth of July Parade. 10 a.m. This year's theme is "Freedom." Show

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Breaking barriers on the Spanish/English language

By **Giselle Alpizar-Calixto**
PREVIEW Columnist

My name is Giselle Alpizar-Calixto and I am a first-generation Mexican American student striving for a higher education at Colorado State University (CSU). I am the oldest of three and although my parents are from Mexico, I grew up in Commerce City, Colo.

I appreciate the need for Spanish-language recognition for basic services. I want to support the Spanish-speaking community that helped me get to where I am today. Growing up, I watched my parents struggle to adapt to living in a foreign country that spoke a language they did not understand, living in fear and uncertainty. My experiences in my community have strengthened me by showing me that it's important to advocate for ourselves because we deserve equity and not just equality.

Extension Viewpoints

I feel extremely blessed to be bilingual and I want to learn more about what is needed to improve the services offered to Spanish speakers in these areas. I value the experiences of others and feel extremely grateful for this opportunity and the ability to keep learning.

In my free time, I enjoy stepping out of my comfort zone and exceeding my academic and personal expectations. I love to travel because I get to embed myself in the language and culture. I am a proud sister of Sigma Omega Nu Latina Interest Sorority Inc. I am

in Fort Collins because it reminds me of home. I have built connections, relationships and a network that is helping me succeed. I have a double major studying health and Spanish because I want to give back to communities in need of assistance and break down language barriers. In the future, I hope to become a certified interpreter and have my own practice as an athletic therapist/trainer.

All over the United States, people struggle with language and culture barriers. Colorado has a large population of Spanish speakers who need basic services such as health care, legal services and social work.

As an intern, I will work with many stakeholders and professionals in these fields. I will work with Spanish-speaking community members in a variety of jobs that include agriculture, restaurant/hotel work, real estate, education and health care, as well as faculty and students in various professional fields about experiences they have with Spanish speakers and the language skill needs in their professions.

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■ **Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo.** 2 p.m. Featuring cowboys and cowgirls from various states competing

for prizes and prize money in a sanctioned rodeo series. General admission tickets are \$20 for adults and \$8 dollars for children under 12 and are available at www.pagosa-rodeo.com and will be available at the gate before each event. Box seats are limited and can be purchased by calling Diana at (970) 749-3492.

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New Thought Center to present on ‘Are You Willing to Be a Creator?’

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The June 25 Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. will be “Are You Willing to Be a Creator?” with Dr. Elaine Harding.

“Sometimes the questions are complicated, but the answers are simple.” — Dr. Seuss

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.

Saturday, June 24: Reiki class with Maggie Red Eagle.

June 28, 5 to 7 p.m.: Chamber of

Commerce Business After Hours.

July 6 — “Sacred Medicine Ways-Basic Healing Techniques” with Shayla White Eagle.

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

July 29 — Vets4Vets benefit outdoor concert. Tickets are \$10.

The John and Sue Love benefit barbecue date and time for August 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.

Aug. 15: 21st Paneurythmy Dancers will be performing and

teaching Paneurythmy Movement as a blessing for our planet.

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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 pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309.

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These interviews will then be transcribed and the needs of specific professions will be categorized. The objectives of this research are to better understand how and when professionals in these careers need and use Spanish in professional interactions, and how to create the educational materials to advance these skills. The results will be used to make recommendations to improve the services offered to Spanish speakers in these areas. I hope to dive deeper and understand their needs, improve my translation skills, and assist with analysis and improvement of Spanish in professional work environments.

Last summer, I worked in Sterling, located in Logan County. I was fortunate enough to work on this exact internship opportunity and I fell in love with the work and data we collected. There is so much to learn and understand apart from statistical information, which is key to most behaviors or response from Spanish-speaking community members. I hope to dive deeper to understand their needs, improve my translation skills and assist with analysis and improvement of Spanish in professional work environments. I appreciate the knowledge I have gained from this internship because the impact of this work is transformational, providing me with skills that will transfer into my chosen fields of work.

My research dovetails perfectly with the CSU Extension internship program as it aims to examine the ways in which these services are or are not successfully provided to Spanish speakers. What we see as unique is that while many needs analyses select faculty, professionals and students in the field to gather the data necessary for

course creation, we have identified what we consider to be the key stakeholders.

They are the underrepresented Spanish-speaking populations of Colorado. Working together with identified county Extension agents in various counties throughout Colorado, we can provide students a unique opportunity to conduct interviews in English and Spanish with stakeholders who our mentors in the field have helped us identify, and that will help us bridge these gaps. Students are given unique opportunities to be the necessary connection between mentors on campus and mentors in the field. The result is key information that provides us with the data necessary to identify the various tasks and language functions necessary to successful course creation. Like my mentor Andrea mentioned, “The relationships forged from these experiences go beyond students and mentors in my view and connect mentors on campus with mentors in the field.”

Robin Young is very connected in Archuleta County and I’m glad I have the opportunity to work with her.

Upcoming events

Save the date for the viticulture workshop to be hosted at Fox Fire Farms on July 15.

The Archuleta County Fair is the first full weekend in August, Aug. 3 to Aug. 6. Go to www.ArchuletaCountyFair.com for more info. Volunteers are wanted.

For more on these and other events, please check out our Facebook page at Archuleta County Extension or call the office at (970) 264-5931.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other

month by the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 264-5931 to register.

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The Pagosa Springs SUN will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day

The Pagosa Springs **SUN**

Birthday party Friday will celebrate beloved children's author

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We hope you will join us tomorrow, Friday, June 23, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. as we celebrate the birthday of beloved children's author Eric Carle with cake, stories and crafts.

He is famous as the creator of brilliantly illustrated and innovatively designed picture books for very young children. His most famous book is "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." First published in 1969, it has been translated into 66 languages and has sold more than 50 million copies.

Library early closure

Your library will close at 5 p.m. next Monday, June 26, and on the fourth Monday of each month for a staff meeting.

Sign up for Summer Reading Program

It's not too late 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 and lots of prizes, 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 activities available to you and your family this summer.

Save the date for book sale

The Friends of the Library have

Library News

announced their highly popular annual summer book sale will take place July 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and July 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friends members will have early access to the sale both days, so you may want to take this opportunity to join the Friends before the sale or at the door.

Between now and then the library is not accepting any more donations of books, DVDs and other materials because the Friends have all they need for the sale.

Summer Reading Club today

Our weekly Summer Reading Club for those in kindergarten through fifth grade takes place 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.

Online author talk

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

On Wednesday, June 28 at 6 p.m. you can interact with Tananarive

Due, co-author of "Black Panther: Tales of Wakanda."

Video gaming tomorrow

Play free age-appropriate video games Friday, June 23, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Book Buddies Saturday

Those in kindergarten through second grade will read together and enjoy games, crafts and playtime as we partner read, echo read and more on Saturday, June 24, from 10 to 11 a.m. at this free event.

LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to bring your imaginations on Saturday, June 24, 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.

Knit and crochet Saturday

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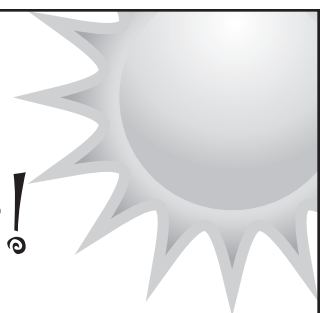
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Shift" by podcast host Tinx is a guide to dating, self-worth, friendships and happiness.

Other nonfiction

"Brave the Wild River" by Melissa L. Sevigny is the tale of two pioneering female botanists on a boat trip through the Grand Canyon. "Crimes Against America" by Judge Jeanine Pirro is the author's indictment of Democratic policies. "A Renaissance of Our Own" by Rachel E. Cargle is a memoir of an activist, philanthropist and CEO. "When the World Didn't End" by Guinevere Turner is a memoir of a young girl who leaves a cult with her disgraced mother and her 4-year-old sister.

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"Mystery 101" is a three-movie DVD that also includes "Playing Dead" and "Words Can Kill." "The Martha's Vineyard Mysteries" is a four-movie collection featuring a retired detective. "Joe Pickett" is season one. "His Dark Materials" is the complete third season. "Dungeons & Dragons Honor Among Thieves" is an action comedy.

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Large print

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Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Chrysalis" by Lincoln Child is a

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Out of juice
- 5 Dry spell
- 10 Close with a bang
- 14 Ice unit
- 15 Trees with cones
- 16 Caesar's garb
- 17 Artist's asset
- 19 Declare firmly
- 20 Word with "gin" or "candy"
- 21 Lacking diplomacy
- 23 Basketball goal
- 25 Corridor
- 26 It makes weather feel colder
- 31 ___ and flow
- 34 Spanish Steps city
- 35 Ice mass
- 36 Take in, perhaps
- 38 Matterhorn's chain
- 39 Partly melted snow
- 41 Director Preminger
- 42 Left-hand page
- 44 Look ___ (study)
- 45 Kill, as a bill
- 46 WNW's reverse
- 47 Easily angered
- 50 Wine charm holder
- 52 Enlarge, as a hole
- 53 James Baldwin, for one
- 57 Slushy drink
- 61 Take it on the ___
- 62 Blabber's lack
- 64 "Peter Pan" pirate
- 65 Ward (off)
- 66 Chunk of dirt
- 67 Admits, with "up"
- 68 Short and to the point

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- 1 800, to Caesar
- 2 Mark's replacement
- 3 Help at a heist
- 4 Immortal
- 5 "Fish" and "Frasier", e.g.
- 6 Actress Tyler
- 7 Academic credit
- 8 Facebook parent company
- 9 Hitchcock classic
- 10 Shower area
- 11 Mail from a sweetheart
- 12 Long time
- 13 Red planet
- 18 Worker's implement
- 22 Twelve Oaks neighbor
- 24 Washed-out
- 26 Want badly
- 27 Golfers' goals

- 28 Rich Little forte
- 29 It precedes a KO
- 30 Lab worker, at times
- 32 Midler of music
- 33 Agonize (over)
- 37 Marriage based on real affection
- 40 In the clear
- 43 Altar word of old
- 48 During

- 49 "Reap" anagram
- 51 Army vehicles
- 53 Reverberate
- 54 Third place
- 55 Web page
- 56 Russian emperor
- 58 Heap
- 59 Down and out
- 60 Comes to a close
- 63 Walgreens rival

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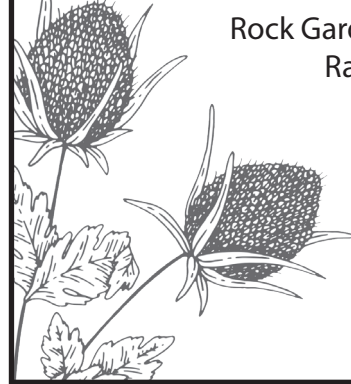
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Backcountry heroes always try to bring us back

By Molly Absolon
PREVIEW Columnist

When I was leading groups into the Wyoming wilderness in the 1990s, once we left a trailhead we were on our own.

If somebody got hurt, we could walk or carry the injured person out or send runners to the road to call for support. In the case of a life-or-limb-threatening emergency, we could use a transponder to try to send a coded message to a passing aircraft, pleading for help.

Things have definitely changed. “People expect to be rescued,” said Tod Schimelfenig, who has been on the search and rescue team for Fremont County, Wyo., since the 1970s. “Maybe it’s that a whole generation has grown up with instant communication, and that drives what they do when they go into the wilderness.”

What they do, according to Schimelfenig, is go farther and attempt more difficult objectives, which means demands on search and rescue teams have increased sharply over the last decade.

The United States has a patchwork of search and rescue (SAR) organizations charged with responding to backcountry emergencies. Who comes to your aid depends on where you are and what land management agency is responsible. Most have volunteer teams that report to a local law enforcement officer, although some national parks, like Yosemite or Grand Teton, have paid crews on call.

In the 1930s, The Mountaineers,

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a Seattle-based climbing group, came up with what they called the 10 essentials to help prepare people for outdoor emergencies. The checklist became ubiquitous. But it’s longer now, said Maura Longden, a member of the Teton County Idaho Search and Rescue, who trains teams across the country.

In addition to practical things like water, food, a map and layers of clothing, the essentials list now includes cellphones, personal locating beacons and GPS devices. Communication is critical.

Carol Viau, who’s been with Teton County, Wyo., Search and Rescue for 23 years, said that many people choose climbing routes, ski descents and remote peaks just by surfing the internet.

This past winter Viau helped rescue a skier who’d been injured in a fall while deep in the Tetons — a place he’d chosen online. He used his phone to call for assistance, and Teton County’s SAR team brought him out.

Jim Webster has been involved in search and rescue since the 1970s and leads the Grand County, Utah, SAR team. He said today’s outdoor recreationalists aren’t as self-sufficient as they used to be.

This spring, Webster’s team

helped rescue a canyoneer who realized — midway down a rappel into a slot canyon — that her rope failed to reach the ground. She hung suspended in the air until rescuers were able to find her and haul her back out of the canyon.

Another spring rescue involved a solo boater who decided he wanted out from descending a flood-stage river. He couldn’t — or wouldn’t — go farther. Webster said he called for help and a rescue boat went to his aid.

Both of those calls had happy endings. But Webster’s team has experienced the opposite, including recovering the body of a BASE jumper last fall.

Webster said his team of 30 to 35 people responds to around 120 calls per year, an average of two a week. But teams often get two or three calls in a single day. Most teams are made up of volunteers, though in the case of Grand County, volunteers get paid when they’re on a call. Many have to take time off from work to respond.

This past winter in Wyoming, Viau said she was called out every day for a week — usually just as she

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high-tech mystery about virtual reality. “The Lie Maker” by Linwood Barclay focuses on a man whose father disappears while in the witness protection program.

Other novels

“Good Night, Irene” by Luis Alberto Urrea is a story of women’s heroism based on the author’s mother’s life as a Red Cross volunteer in World War II. “Glassworks” by Olivia Wolfgang-Smith follows a wealthy woman escaping her spendthrift husband via her passion for science. “Berlin” by Bea Setton features a woman who runs into more drama than she left behind. “The Singing Trees” by Boo Walker tells of an artist moving to New England to seek new opportunities. “Yellowface” by R.F. Kuang explores the world of plagiarism and racism in the publishing industry.

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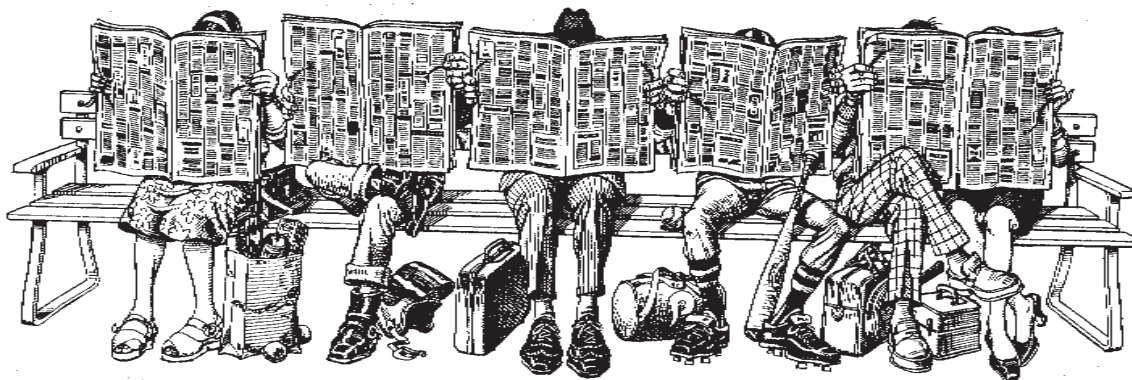
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Knowing when to let go

When do we let go? Sooner than we have to? Sooner than we want to? In 2012, a son of a special long-time friend made a trip from Clovis to Pagosa to tell us some strong, important words.

He said, "I'm going to tell you like I told my folks. I sat them down and said, 'While you have each other, make those important decisions. Don't wait until one of you is gone.'"

Those words were full of spirit and truth, and we knew that message came from God. Al and I decided to sell one of our houses and the property with it. We had hung onto that land for 45 years and had refused to let go of it. But the message was loud and clear: "Make the decision while you have each other."

We were in our 70s and getting older. Al could not keep up with all the work involved with two properties. Every day he said, "I can't keep up with everything." On the financial side, we were overwhelmed with property taxes, homeowners' insurance and utilities for two houses.

Our children either owned their own homes, they didn't live here or they weren't interested in all the upkeep and work to keep another house in good shape.

For one year, we talked about which house to sell. Could we give up the home we raised our children in, with memories that reached back to 1976? We would be sacrificing the 3,600-square-foot house, with my painted murals on every wall and door, five bedrooms, a 900-square-foot art studio and Al's 900-square-foot hunting room.

The other house is 2,200 square feet, one bedroom, built in 2005 with modern appliances, fireplace in the bathroom and with little maintenance. We knew this was the best choice for us to keep.

In 2014 we sold the big round house, which I used for my gallery and art studio. Over the next nine

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



years, we looked at our old house next door, the one we loved, the one on the Home and Garden Tour for two years, the one our family lived in, laughed and entertained guests in. We were saddened by its deterioration.

The man who purchased the house only came to Pagosa a few times. The winter took a toll on the wood. Stairs were rotten, trellises halfway hanging. Summer brought thistles and overgrown weeds. Trees had fallen and nothing had been done to maintain the house or the property.

At times we wondered why we sold it, but then we went back to the original words that we knew were from God: "Make the decision while you have each other." Because of the upswing in property value, did we let go too soon? No. We needed to act on the reality that we were getting older, there was too much to do and remember why we made the decision in the first place. We believed it was a message from God.

My Sweet Al would look out our window at the run-down house and say, "I need to go over and pick up the limbs and nail up those stairs; they are becoming dangerous."

I would remind him, "Even though we loved the house and our history was there, it isn't ours and it isn't for us to maintain it."

The house sold in 2022 and we have new neighbors. As I look out the window and see them working night and day, upgrading everything, ripping the porch and stairs to the ground, they are bringing this house we loved back

into better condition than when we owned it.

Knowing the Lord's words nine years ago were full of truth and life, and even not seeing the whole picture then, we know we made the right choice. Al propped up a chair in the yard and watches the neighbors work next door. He doesn't have to do the work. Expenses for tractor and bulldozer, taking trailer loads of debris to the dump — our neighbor has invested in what we loved all those years.

Final brushstroke: Sometimes it's just a knowing that you know. God sent a man with a message and asked us to be obedient to His word. As hard as it was to let go, we did. This was a moment God asked us to obey him. It was for our good. We let go, and thought it seemed too soon, it was right on time. He took the load off of us by a younger man who will love the house and hopefully have wonderful memories.

Send your comment to betty-slade.author@gmail.com.

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Writers

■ continued from previous page was getting off her job as a guide at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. That stretched her eight-hour days into 12-plus-hour days. She's so busy, she said, she doesn't think she should own a dog.

It's undeniable that the volunteer search and rescue system is feeling the strain. Last October, Christopher Boyer, executive director of the National Search and Rescue Association, told the PBS NewsHour the current system is "broke."

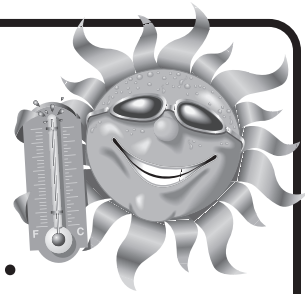
What's the solution? In Colorado, you can buy an inexpensive SAR card that reimburses a county

for the cost of your rescue. Or, what about diverting some tax revenue to equip and pay teams?

For now, these unsung heroes keep bringing victims back alive. They do it even when the desperate caller has gone somewhere they probably shouldn't have — somewhere they couldn't leave without help.

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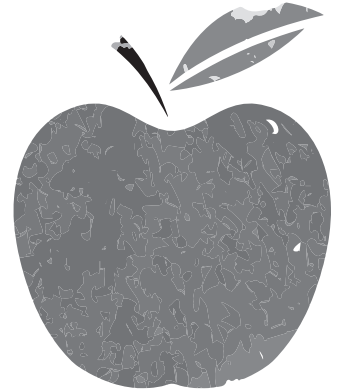
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YARD SALES

SATURDAY ONLY ESTATE SALE. 8a.m., 117 Brook Dr. in Vista! Antique and vintage collectibles, crystal, silver, home decor, furniture, craft supplies, kitchenware, many free items. Everything must go so bring your best offer!

CRYSTAL GARAGE SALE. Saturday 6/24, 8a.m.-1p.m. Crystal at wholesale prices! Towers, spheres, clusters, figures, carved figures and more. Cash only. 83 Woodridge

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YARD SALES

ESTATE SALE FRIDAY 6/23 and Saturday 6/24, 8.m. sharp. 11 Walnut Place (off N. Pagosa). Furniture, decor, BOOKS, long-arm quilting machine, quilting fabric, knitting machine, rugs, tools, outdoor furniture plus a 2000 road TREK CAMPERVAN, most items 1/2 price Saturday 6/24. Sale by The Organizers.

BARN SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH, 8a.m. sharp. Lots of tools, fishing, camping, inflatable pontoon boat, table and chairs, men's clothes, some household, lots of garage items, radial arm saw, belt sander, lathe, jointer, band saw and more. Hwy. 160 west, left on Oakridge Dr., right on Steep Place, house #82. Rain or shine. AEHPAE.

PAGOSA BREWING, 118 N. PAGOSA BLVD. 9a.m.-3p.m. Saturday, June 24. Beer to go, T-shirts, hoodies, home brew equipment and more.

GARAGE SALE- FARM HOUSE dining suite with 8 chairs, solid oak 10' table with leaves, wicker glass table, antique boxes, round oak table, etc., tools, electric mower. 6/24, 8a.m.-12p.m. 785 Big Sky Place.

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

KEYAH GRANDE GARAGE SALE. June 23-24, 9a.m.-2p.m. 13211 W. Hwy. 160, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Cash only.

MAN CAVE SALE. Guns, ammo, bows, arrows, hunting equipment. June 30- July 2. Wait for address next week.

ESTATE SALE. TOOLS, lots of everything including housewares, home goods. June 23-25, 8a.m.-3p.m. 121 Lemon Court.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL is having a garage sale on June 23rd and June 24th from 8a.m.-3p.m. each day. Located at 56 Meadows Drive, back parking lot in gym. Dishes, exercise equipment, books, toys, games, bedding, pictures, crafts and more. All proceeds go to OSL.

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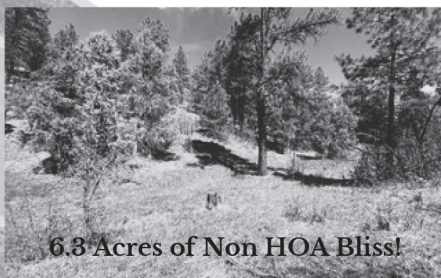


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Majestic Mancos on 35 Acres 17300 CR 36.5



Large Lakefront Lot



6.8 Acres of Non HOA Bliss!



Bayfield REO



Level Lot in Lakes Area



CREEDE REO



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CORTEZ REO



1+ Acre with Electricity