PAGOSA SPRINGS, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO 81147

By Josh Pike

At a June 22 special meeting, the Pagosa

Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD)

Board of Directors approved a contract with

Plummer Associates to assist with compliance

with a Colorado Department of Public Health

and Environment (CDPHE) notice of violation

issued to PAWSD concerning sewer overflows.

opened the meeting by explaining that, during

spring runoff this year, the district had several

District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey

Staff Writer

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PAWSD addresses sewage overflow violations

sanitary sewer overflows and subsequently he did not expect PAWSD would receive many

bids on this project.

has "very high" I and I.

He added that PAWSD contracted with its

"Even though the violations were made by

Ramsey responded that there was heavy spring runoff this year but that the district also

Ramsey added that the overflows were likely

caused by a mix of poor weather conditions

Plummer, who has done engineering work

for PAWSD previously, to perform these tasks.

Mother Nature, it's our fault," PAWSD board

president Jim Smith commented.

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and leaks in the system.

■ See Violations A8

# **Events**

By Hailey Sams SUN Intern

This upcoming Fourth of July will feature a number of exciting activities to make it a memorable and fun experience starting as soon as Thursday, June 29.

Throughout the weekend there will be many events and activities.

In addition to the numerous festivities, the weekend will also be filled with other opportunities such as barbecues, hitting hiking and biking trails, and more.

### Thursday, June 29

Curtains Up Pagosa will premiere its production of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at https://our.show/ chitty23. They are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students 18 and under. The price increases by \$5 at the door.

### Friday, June 30

Curtains Up Pagosa will again perform "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" at 7 p.m.

Also on Friday evening, Thingamajig Theatre Company will open "Godspell" at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts at 7 p.m. For more information and tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-7469.

### Saturday, July 1

In Town Park and the athletic field across the street, you will find the Park 2 Park Artisan and Food Market. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The market, in its 40th year, is a great place to find gifts and souvenirs from more than 70 vendors. The market will also include live musical entertainment from 11:30 a.m. to

3:30 p.m. in the athletic field. Arboles will hold its Independence Day Parade at 10 a.m. The parade will begin at the Piedra Peak Store and end at the TARA community Center at 33 Milton Lane. All local businesses and families are encouraged to attend or participate in the parade. Registrations for the parade are being accepted through June 30. There will be cash prizes for first, second and third place in the parade. For more information and parade registration forms, call Pat Everett at (970) 883-7711 or Penny Holmes at (970) 883-5394.

Curtains Up Pagosa will conduct a behind-the-scenes look at "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" at 2 p.m. Tickets for "Under the Hood" are \$10 in

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Curtains Up Pagosa will again take the stage for "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" at 7 p.m.

### Sunday, July 2

The Park 2 Park Artisan and Food market will again be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The market will also include live musical entertainment from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Those interested will have one

■ See Events A8

# Fishing fun

received a notice of violation from the CDPHE.

schedule associated with the notice, PAWSD

is required to hire a third party to analyze soil

contamination and potential remediation,

create a report on how the district intends

to address inflow and infiltration (I and I) in

the future and assist in communications on

timeline of the compliance schedule there was

not time to put the project out to bid, although

Ramsey indicated that, due to the tight

compliance with the CDPHE.

He stated that, as part of compliance



Hunter Valdes, age 13, of Aztec, N.M., poses with a largemouth bass he landed using crankbait on Saturday. While the size and weight of "The Hog" are officially unknown, the self-proclaimed bass fisherman estimated it was 25-26 inches and weighed 10-11 pounds. The fish was released back into the lake unscathed. Valdes is in town visiting his grandpa, Randy Martin. Valdes' family reports that given the current fishing conditions, they fear that they will not see Hunter again in the near future during his visit. Family members are bringing food and necessities to the fishing hole for the smitten teen.

# Commissioners raise concerns about San Juan Basin Public Health expenses

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) reviewed the second interim status report from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Receiver Bellann Raile of Cordes and Company at its June 27 work session.

During the discussion, the commissioners expressed concerns and requested investigation into emergency compensation pay awarded to employees between 2020 and 2023 and voiced objections to the compensation package approved for SJBPH Interim Executive Director Tiffany Switzer and other leadership staff by the SJBPH Board of Health (BoH).

County Attorney Todd Weaver opened the discussion by explaining that the report had been filed with the court on June 21 and that

much of it was routine, but he wanted to resignation of Executive Director Liane Jollon highlight the items filed under the section of the report on significant issues.

Weaver indicated that the first issue was the replacement of the interim controller.

He stated that SJBPH hired a consultant to act as an interim controller following the death of the previous SJBPH finance officer.

The receiver saw the need to replace this consultant, Weaver continued, and hired a consultant with specific experience with public health departments and who had assisted Raile in the dissolution of the Tri-County Health

He pointed out that the interim controller is independent of SJBPH and is reviewing the SJBPH finances, which he noted were "quite the

mess at the beginning of the year." The next issue Weaver highlighted was the effective June 1.

He explained that the BoH appointed Switzer on June 1 and approved a compensation package for Switzer and three deputy directors

Weaver then raised the issue of the emergency compensation pay, stating that, while reviewing payroll records, the receiver discovered a line item in certain employee pay stubs marked "EC," which she had determined represented "emergency compensation" that certain staff were receiving between 2020 and 2023 during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

He stated that the total of \$845,000 was paid out to employees during that period and that there may have been an internal policy

■ See Expenses A8

### Fire season arrives with thunderstorm

The group then discussed the goals for

reducing I and I, with board vice president

Glenn Walsh noting that the population

estimates used as benchmarks for acceptable

I-and-I levels provided by the CDPHE might

not be accurate given the number of short-

term rentals in the area, which might have

be true, the district's I-and-I levels were

Ramsey responded that, while this might

higher occupancy than normal homes.

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Tuesday morning's thunderstorm ushered in this year's fire season, with several lightningcaused fires reported throughout the area.

"We had a delayed fire season due to, of course, the heavy winter we had and abundant spring rain, but it only delayed fire season," said Lorena Williams, communications specialist for the San Juan National Forest. "We are expecting to see an average fire season for the rest of the summer."

As of Wednesday morning, six fires had been confirmed across the San Juan National Forest, including the Six-Horse Canyon Fire, which is located approximately 9 miles

■ See Fires A8

### **Jann Pitcher** announced as parade grand marshal

By Cindi Galabota Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is pleased to announce this year's Fourth of July Parade grand Pitcher marshal is Jann Pitcher.



Jann married Todd Pitcher at Spirit Lake above Santa Fe, N.M., 53 years ago. In 1976 they moved to Pagosa to help run the Wolf Creek Ski Area; Kingsbury and Charity Jane Pitcher, Todd's parents, subsequently purchased Wolf

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It's also a day of rodeo, parades, arts, crafts, live music, backyard barbecues, family reunions and, when darkness falls, the traditional fireworks will light up the sky downtown near the athletic fields at the high school.

Thousands flock to Pagosa Country every Independence Day to participate in our community's many unique and traditional Fourth of July festivities.

This is the time of year that we celebrate our many freedoms. Along with those freedoms, we celebrate the hard work, talent and accomplishments of our friends and neighbors as we attend the numerous events they have lined up for our enjoyment.

The lineup for the plethora of festivities can be found on the front page of this week's newspaper. You'll also find additional details about

Tuesday is the Fourth of July, the activities throughout the pages of this you to be patient as thousands of week's SUN and PREVIEW.

> Advertisements in this week's paper inform of specials, live music, food and drink, sales, open houses, events and more. You won't want to miss out on the many offerings from our local businesses.

> It's also important that you pay close attention and adhere to the July Fourth parking regulations that are necessary to ensure a safe parade and detour route. There is an updated route this year, so be informed before you go.

> Please don't forget that personal fireworks are illegal. We've already had multiple fires this week from Tuesday morning's thunderstorms. Fire season is here, no matter how much snow we received this past winter, and it only takes one spark to start a forest fire or burn down someone's home.

> If you haven't experienced a Pagosa Springs Fourth of July celebration before, locals will be the first to advise

people descend upon our town to discover just what it is that makes Pagosa Springs the best place to be for Independence Day, this is why being patient is extremely important.

Traffic will be heavy and slow, even with the opening of South 6th Street and the barrels finally being removed from the McCabe Creek project.

Allow yourself plenty of time to get to where you are going. It's similar to arriving early to the airport, except TSA agents won't be there to frisk you.

And, if you are lucky to find the time with all of the festivities, there is also hiking, fishing, biking and camping in the mountains and wilderness surrounding our beautiful

One thing is for certain — Pagosans know how to celebrate America's birthday.

Enjoy your celebration.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

### LOOKING BACK



Taken from The Pagosa Springs SUN files of July 9, 1992: — INDEPENDENCE DAY — The 43rd Red Ryder Roundup was truly one of the biggest and best ever. The Fourth of July Parade started with the American Legion and concluded with an airplane being escorted along the parade route. A record number of entries participated in the three-day rodeo which drew a record crowd of spectators. Fred Harman III presented Jessica Kear with one of nine Daisy BB guns that Daisy Mfg. Company donated to the rodeo. The Independence Day activities concluded Saturday night with a spectacular fireworks display at the Sports Complex.

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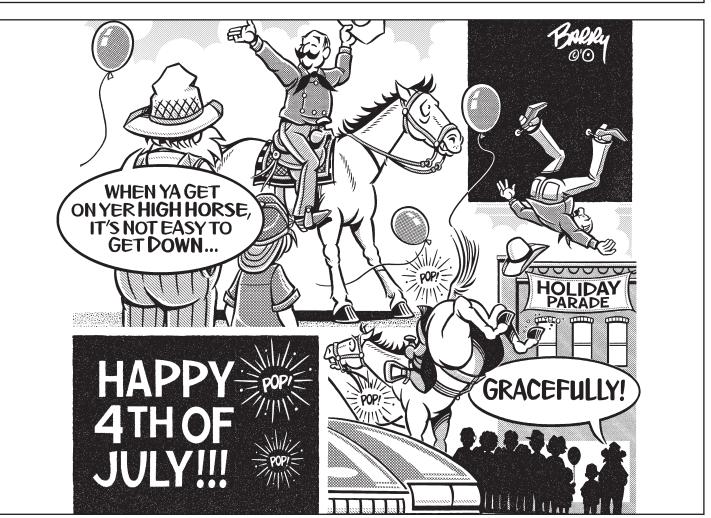
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### LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

# 100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

June 29, 1923

Mrs. Eleanor Todd underwent a serious operation at her home this morning for trouble of long standing. She withstood the ordeal nicely and her friends hope that her recovery will be speedy.

A local citizen paid the sum of \$12 in police court Saturday for demonstrating the speed of his car on the streets of our fair city.

 $\textbf{The City garage} \ \text{reports the sale of two}$ Chevrolet cars the first of this week — a sedan to James Lynch and a roadster to R.E. Charles.

The forest service put two men to work last week on a new government trail on Horse mountain, which will connect several of the trails already built.

Mike Pargin on Wednesday reported that sixteen head of cattle had died on the Sheep creek range from poison weed. It is thought that the stock belonged to four different owners of this section.

The county powder house, being built of stone in Stinking Springs canon by Elick Maitlen and Frank Parcell, will be completed this week.

# 75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

July 2, 1948

Fred Harman's characters from the internationally famed Red Ryder strip will come to life soon in the pages of Collier's

Photographers from the magazine were in the Blanco Basin this week taking pictures of the Red Ryder Ranch, of Harman and the scenes in which the strip is laid. In Pagosa they photographed the people who have become well known as the basis for the characters of the strip. In an early issue of the magazine, the feature article will appear, telling how Harman used the real people as his 'models' and how he developed the strip which now is known everywhere.

Pagosa Springs will be host this weekend to thousands who attend the annual all-amateur rodeo, sponsored by the American Legion. The show is set for two days, July 3 and 4.

Harry Sharp and W.F. Jackson have been in charge of getting the grounds ready for the show. George McCormick will be arena director for the Legion.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 28, 1973

A movie, "Running Wild," which was partly filmed here, will have its premiere showing at the Cooper Theatre in Grand Junction on July 31. The film stars Dina Merril and Lloyd Bridges. Filming here was in the Plumtaw Creek area. The film will be released nationally in August.

The gas shortage is starting to be felt here by local service stations, with some now being on a reduced allotment. As a result the stations are generally opening later, and closing earlier. The shortage isn't as acute here as elsewhere and there has been no rationing of gasoline at the customer level to date. Station operators report that customers are plentiful, but usually don't buy much as they have apparently been filling up at each town they go through.

For the first time since it was built 11 years ago, Navajo Lake is full, and water is going over the spillway at Navajo Dam. The lake is 33 miles long and is backed up the San Juan and Piedra Rivers in Colorado for a considerable distance.

# 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

July 2, 1998

A sale was closed on June 30 resulting in a change of ownership of the Pagosa Springs Golf Club courses and clubhouse, as well as lake properties adjacent to the 27-hole course.

According to Steve Thull of Fairfield Pagosa Inc., the company closed a deal on June 30 with Pagosa Springs Valley Golf Club Inc. — a Colorado limited liability company. The deal closed for a reported \$2.3 million.

Thull said the principles in Pagosa Springs Valley Golf Club Inc. are Bob Williams of Bayfield, and David Flickwir, formerly of American Golf and Chicagobased LinksCorp.

Fourth of July activities in Pagosa Springs get underway in earnest on Friday, July 3 and by the end of the weekend, local events should provide celebrants with their fill of holiday fun.

The centerpiece of the Fourth of July holiday in Pagosa Springs is the Red Ryder Roundup. The 49th annual version of the rodeo gets underway with a 5 p.m. performance on July 3 at the Red Ryder rodeo grounds.



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The opinions of letter writers do not necessarily represent those of the paper.

# Setting a poor example

Dear Editor:

By now, most of us have seen video or read stories about three incredible statements from our representative in Congress, Lauren Boebert. First, on May 23, she declared at a hearing on drug prices that she abandoned her birth control prescription at the pharmacy because it was cheaper to have a third child. At the beginning of June, she lied to her constituents about missing a key vote in Congress. Then this week she ambushed the House with a vote to impeach President Biden.

Maybe Ms. Boebert thought her birth control story was funny or folksy. It wasn't. Parents know that the expense of raising children -

### Letters

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from prenatal care and childbirth through years of food, clothing, healthcare, childcare, and education - is far more than prescription birth control. And parents know that raising children takes commitments of time, emotion, and learning that can sometimes feel more challenging than affording the things money buys.

What message did Ms. Boebert give young women? Many young people are strapped for cash. They're in school or working minimum wage jobs. When they hear a political leader say it's not a big deal to have a kid, it's cheaper than paying for birth control, maybe that story makes it easier for girls to believe sex without birth control is worth the risk.

Ms. Boebert could act on her life lesson by advocating for accessible affordable birth control and women's healthcare. Instead, last year she voted against the Right to Contraception Act.

On May 31, Ms. Boebert missed the vote to raise the debt ceiling - a bill she railed against. For the official record just after the vote, she said she had been "unavoidably detained." Days later, she told her Twitter audience that she had refused to vote as a "protest." That was a lie. Video emerged almost immediately showing her running up the Capitol steps as someone could be heard telling her the vote had already closed.

Everyone makes mistakes. At one time, the appropriate response for a mistake was to own up to it, apologize to anyone harmed or inconvenienced, and to do what could be done to make amends. Lying was not an acceptable response. Just the opposite; lying compounded the offense.

Again, what's the message to young people? As long as you come up with something more creative than "the dog ate my homework," go for it. Try a lie. Broadcast it on social media. Don't take responsibility for your mistakes. And don't apologize.

This week, Ms. Boebert beat out her Republican media rivals in a race to turn the House of Representatives into a kangaroo court. No investigation, no evidence, just a vote to impeach. What does that say to the country about justice? What does it teach young people about the way political and policy differences are to be resolved?

Ms. Boebert is not serious about serving her constituents or upholding the Constitution. Her shameful conduct is not helping southern and western Colorado.

Candace Jones

### The American Dream

Dear Editor:

July 4th is always a reminder that once a people who believed in truth defied a tyrant to claim their independence. And, once they did, their attitude from accepting a life of servitude turned to recognizing their self-worth.

Thus, under the United States Constitution these new Americans emitted a light so powerful that millions of people have now traveled to catch that American glow.

I know Democracy's birth was not fair to women and blacks but since then, its faults are becoming less, although at present day, there are some who wish to regress where open racism and bigotry are the norm.

My Great-Grandfather came to America on August 29th, 1909 to seek the American Dream. He and my grandfather reached it, making it possible for my family to live it.

es, out-of-state transfers, renewals

for driver's licenses, permits and

identification cards, issuing new

licenses, permits and IDs; motor

■ See DMV2GO A7

Like for many immigrants and their descendants, living in a mostly Anglo-Protestant society, life was not easy for minorities from all over the world.

I am a second generation American, who celebrated the Fourth with hotdogs and fireworks. I served in the Armed Forces, as did four more in my family, including my father.

Yet, during my childhood and as a young man, I was not accepted as an American by most whites in Texas. And that made me feel that I wasn't one.

That feeling stayed with me until I was 37 years old. It went away when my brother, Hilbert invited me to the Houston Rodeo in 1989.

While we waited for the rodeo to start, Hilbert told me Little Joe y La Familia would be performing. Little Joe is popular figure in Tejano

I didn't think much of it that he would be performing, but as soon as he started singing 'Oh say, can you see,' I became emotional. A lump formed in my throat as I tried to hold back my tears, afraid that my brother would see them. I dared not turn to him. Men do not cry in my family.

It took one of my own people to make me realize that I was an American when he sang the Star Spangled Banner.

I remember when Michele Obama said she had finally felt like an American when her Husband became the President of the United States. She had been criticized for her statement. I knew exactly how

So on this July 4th, do I feel like an American? Yes! And so does my

I am not unique in my journey to be an American. It's not all perfect, but if one understands the term, "...all men are created equal...with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness..," then they perhaps see themselves and other as equal to all Americans.

Americans of all hues have died for these words. Remember them on this July 4th where we are all Americans and where there is no room for tyrants.

Santos Luis O'Cañas

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**By Courtney Pogue** Archuleta County

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### Commissioners review administration building proposal

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

At its June 20 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) reviewed plans for a proposed county administration building presented by developer Wes Hill.

Hill explained that he is a developer and builder from Durango and that, along with two partners from near Sedona, Ariz., he is contracting with Jim Willingham to develop approximately 22 acres of property between Harman Park Drive and Rob Snow Road.

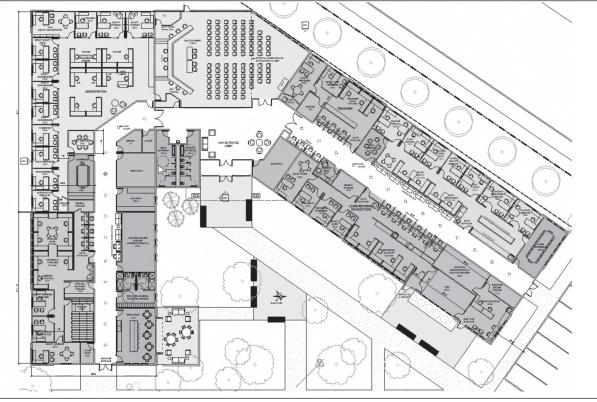
He added that the development will be done with a phased approach and that he had been speaking with County Manager Derek Woodman about the possibility of a build-to-suit leaseback arrangement with the county for a 25,000-square-foot administrative building.

Hill indicated that he is working with Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) for engineering on the project and that SEH Architect Allison Miller had developed a conceptual design of the building.

Miller noted she had only worked on the project for a short period of time and turned over the presentation to SEH Senior Project Civil Engineer and Manager Dan Ponder to explain the overall lot layout of the project before she discussed the details of the building.

Ponder explained that the project will contain four lots, with lot three, where the administration building would be located, being adjacent to the current end of Harman Park Drive.

He noted that lots one and two, both located nearer to U.S. 160, do not have an official use yet and could potentially trigger the creation of an intersection with U.S. 160 while lot four, located behind lot three and further away from U.S. 160, is being considered for the



Rendering courtesy Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.

A draft rendering displayed by Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. Architect Allison Miller at the June 20 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session displays the proposed layout for a new county administration building. North is up in the rendering and parking lots for the building will be located to the south and southeast of the building, according to the site plan.

construction of workforce housing or another use.

Hill then briefly discussed the potential usages of other lots, including the location of a Maverik gas station on lot one, and highlighted that all details are currently provisional and that the project is currently in the land use approval process with the Town of Pagosa Springs.

Miller then outlined the plans for the building itself, prefacing her discussion by noting that she used data from a 2015 programming study conducted by Reynolds Ash + Associates plus input from Woodman to design the building.

She explained that the proposed building would take a southwardfacing U shape with a courtyard in the center of the U to maximize daylight and create a south-facing main entrance and parking lots to facilitate snow removal.

Miller outlined that the central courtyard would include a long "procession" pathway to the main entrance as well as side entrances on the eastern side of the courtvard to serve the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), the county clerk's office and elections.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that he was glad Miller incorporated a south-facing alignment to facilitate snow removal.

Miller then discussed the floor plan for the building, indicating that beyond the main entrance at the center of the U would be a large lobby space with the meeting room for the BoCC to the north of the lobby and two hallways stretching from the lobby down either wing of the building.

She stated that, since the county does not have a receptionist, directions would primarily be given through signage.

Miller also explained that the BoCC meeting room would be approximately 2,700 square feet with a direct connection to the adjacent administrative suite and the potential to shut down a portion of the space to facilitate holding two meetings simultaneously in

She explained that each wing would use a "double-loaded corcenter of the wing and offices on either side.

She indicated that the corridors would also serve as waiting areas and public work stations as well as containing walk-up windows where members of the public can receive service from county depart-

Miller explained that the eastern wing would contain the county clerk and recorder's office and the DMV on its inner side (adjacent to the courtyard in the center of the U) along with the election location, which would utilize the exits on the inner face of the building to access the parking lot for vehicle identification number verification and to circulate voters.

She stated that the Building and Planning departments would occupy the outer side of the end of the eastern wing due to its lower need to access the parking lot.

She added that these departments have a high need for conferencing space and that their portion of the building would include two conference rooms.

The county treasurer's office would occupy the portion of the outer side of the east wing adjacent to the BoCC meeting room, and the area of the inner side of the wing next to the main lobby would be used for housing electrical and other utilities, Miller stated.

She explained that county administration would be located next to the BoCC meeting room and extend down part of the north side of the west wing.

Miller added that this area would include open office space, ridor" with the hallway down the private offices along the edges of the building and a conference

> She indicated that the inner side of the west wing would contain bathrooms next to the main en-■ See Proposal A5

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in the end. She overcame many obstacles and showed determination in all she did.

Sandy was born Aug. 6, 1943, in Laurel, Md., to parents Oscar and Tina Witmer. She grew up in Ocean City, N.J., with 11 siblings while enjoying the sunny beach, swimming, lifeguarding and body surfing in the ocean. It was here in 1964 on the Jersey Shore that the love of her life, Wayne Brehm, put his towel down next to her on the sand. She worked two jobs while attending Glassboro College obtaining a BA in education. While attending Glassboro, she was a cheerleader, serving as the captain her senior year.

Wayne and Sandy were married in 1966, and had five wonderful children and raised their family in Houma, La. Sandy was a great mother and wife who loved her family dearly. She was a dedicated teacher, Girl Scout leader, church volunteer and so much more.

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Wayne Brehm; son Wayne Jr. and wife Lana (grandchildren Kristen, Shelby, and Kyle), daughter April and husband Robert Buttitta (grandchildren Emily and Zachary), son Jeffrey and wife Julie (grandchild Hailey), daughter Rebecca (grandchildren Lauren and Kacey), and daughter Stephanie (grandchild Samantha).

Sandy's celebration of life service will be held at 4 p.m. on July 8 at the Grace Campus in Pagosa

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### Developers speak about Trails affordable housing development

By Monica Nigon Staff Writer

The developers of a development that recently received an award of federal housing credits is providing more details about the proposed project.

In an email, Chris Applequist of Generation Housing Partners LLC (GHP) explained the firm's role in the construction of a new affordable housing development in Pagosa Springs, which will be called Trails and be located at the intersection of Alpha Drive and U.S. 160.

To help fund the project, it was awarded a reservation of federal 9 percent Housing Tax credits to

support new construction of af- A buildings as "the newest and fordable housing units from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), according to a press release from the CHFA.

"The tax credit is simply an additional source of financing," Applequist wrote. "It is used to offset the overall cost of the project, which in turns allows us to build a Class 'A' development while keeping the lease rates at affordable levels ... Teachers, paramedics, retail employees, city employees, and service industry workers are all having difficulties in finding affordable housing. This development will help to address that need."

The real estate website areadevelopment.com describes Class highest quality buildings in their market. They are generally the best looking buildings with the best construction, and possess high-quality building infrastructure. Class A buildings also are well located, have good access, and are professionally managed."

Applequist wrote that GHP, of Dallas, Texas, anticipates breaking ground in mid-July of 2024 and that construction will take approximately 16-18 months.

Applequist added that GHP values sustainability.

"We include green elements in every one of our projects and for this particular development we are seeking LEED Certification,'

According to the U.S. Green Building Council, "To achieve LEED certification, a project earns points by adhering to prerequisites and credits that address carbon, energy, water, waste, transportation, materials, health and indoor environmental quality. Projects go through a verification and review process by GBCI and are awarded points that correspond to a level of LEED certification.'

GHD's website lists 9 percent Housing Tax Credit Equity as one of its "primary areas of expertise."

For more information on the project, see the June 22 issue of

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# Proposal

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trance, additional electrical and janitorial spaces, and a printing and mail room approximately a third of the way down the length of the wing.

She stated that the outer side of the end of the west wing would be occupied by the county assessor's offices, including walk-up windows and a public waiting area in the corridor, offices and file storage.

Miller commented that the assessor's offices were located at the end of the corridor since appraisers might come in with muddy boots and this would place them close to a proposed set of employee showers/bathrooms, as well as to an employee entrance at the end of the wing.

She stated that the break room would be located on the inner side of the west wing at the end and would contain doors that would open onto the courtyard to create an indoor/outdoor meeting space.

Also on the inner side of the west wing, closer to the center of the building, would be a set of showers/bathrooms and lockers for employees as well as a space for long-term shared storage adjacent to the mail room, Miller explained.

Maez asked if Miller had gotten input from all elected officials.

Miller stated it was a "quick effort" and that she spoke with County Clerk Kristy Archuleta and County Treasurer Elsa White as well as meeting with Woodman and that the finalized design would require additional input from county staff and officials.

Maez asked if the floor plan and square footage are set at this point.

Hill stated that, at this point, the plans are conceptual and that his team is looking for input from the county in the next 30 days, after which the team would put the project out to bid and flesh out the budget with numbers from

Woodman explained that he created the square footage estimate from the county's existing square footage, and Hill added that the county could also phase the construction.

Commissioner Warren Brown explained that the building would include additional space for expansion.

Miller added that the 2015 study does not include the expansion estimates but that she and Woodman worked to develop growth estimates.

Woodman stated that the open work spaces in many of the offices would create potential for expansion and private offices beyond those currently needed are incor-

The group then discussed that the bathrooms would have to be gender neutral per a recently adopted state law and considered the need for showers, which County Attorney Todd Weaver supported and Maez expressed doubts about.

Woodman stated that the showers had arisen from a desire for a mudroom and that adding the showers would not be a significant

Miller added that the showers would be helpful for staff who desire to run or bike to work or do so during their lunch break.

Maez commented that there is

a shower at the current county administration building and said, "I might be good with one."

Miller then outlined the massing for the building, explaining that the main entrance, lobby and BoCC meeting room would have a higher roof than the rest of building and that features would be added to break up the simple shape of the building, which is intended to reuce the complexity of laying the foundations of the building.

Hill stated that snow would not slide off the proposed membrane roofs and that the melt would drip off the outer (northern) face of the building with the goal being to keep snow out of the southern courtyard.

Miller added that a key goal is to prevent dangers and liability from snow falling onto pedestrians or

Maez raised the issue of ice dams forming on the outer side of the building where water would

Miller advised that the best way to prevent ice dams is to have a simple roof design and that the roofs would have high solar exposure to help mitigate accumulation of snow.

Hill added that the issue of ice

dam accumulation should be evaluated further and the group discussed strategies for mitigating ice buildup and noted the importance of avoiding having a flat roof.

Following the discussion, Hill stated that the next steps would be to put the project out to bid and to

verify the pricing based on the bids. He added that, in the meantime, it would be helpful for the county

to submit comments on the design. Hill indicated that a discussion on the cost could potentially occur in mid-July.

Brown stated that he would support moving forward with the project and Maez added that he wanted to move forward with seeing the price for the project.

Maez noted that the commissioners and other elected officials would have comments on the project.

"Well, we're on board to work with you all," Hill said. "We'll work through the pricing as well. ... That is somewhat an open book to work together on and create something that works."

The group then briefly discussed the roof and the prevention of ice dams further before concluding the conversation.

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### Archuleta County landfill passes inspection, commissioners decline water truck purchase

By Josh Pike

According to a June 22 press release from Archuleta County, the county landfill passed its yearly inspection by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) with no compliance issues reported.

The press release explains that the landfill has previously been cited for a variety of violations, including the lack of training plan for landfill staff, deficiencies in the application of intermediate cover to trash, excessive windblown trash and accumulations of leachate in cells exceeding the maximum allowed by state regula-

The press release outlines a range of actions that county staff and Public Works Director Kevin Pogue have taken to address the issues, including automating the leachate pumps, securing additional daily cover materials and installing wind screens to mitigate windblown trash.

In the press release, County Manager Derek Woodman indicates that the landfill has not passed an inspection "in recent memory" and commends the progress that has been made by county staff.

### Water truck acquisition

The topic of the landfill inspection also surfaced during a discussion of a proposal to purchase a water truck for the landfill at the June 27 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session.

The proposal was presented by Pogue and Fleet Manager Chris

Pogue began by highlighting that more than 50 percent of the budget for the landfill rolled over from last year, so there would be funds available to purchase the truck.

He added that he and Torres discussed purchasing a water truck after the hydrospray trailer for the landfill had arrived.

He stated that the 2,000-gallon water truck would be sufficient as the trailer contains 1,200 gallons and that the truck would be helpful in providing water for the trailer, as well as in washing and servicing equipment.

In response to a question from Commissioner Warren Brown, Pogue stated that the landfill currently has an "old" 1,000-gallon water truck.

Torres added that the water truck would assist in dust mitigation for the landfill and that the old water truck was acquired through the federal 1033 Program.

He added that, without the water truck, there would be difficulties in

supplying water to consistently use likely be more expensive next year the spray trailer.

Brown asked if there is "exigency" in the need for the water truck or if staff could "limp this piece of equipment along to the next budget period."

He added that the BoCC has authorized several large unanticipated expenditures due to exigency with the Road and Bridge Department.

Pogue recommended that the county not wait to purchase the water truck, noting that he saw the need for the equipment last year and that supplying water to the trailer would be difficult with the current equipment.

He added that he feels the truck does not need to be new or have a 4,000-gallon capacity like the water trucks used by Road and Bridge.

Pogue also pointed out the current truck's insufficiency for suppressing potential fires at the landfill.

Brown highlighted that the landfill staff would only be mitigating the fire until firefighters arrive and that this is a different situation than if staff were trying to put out the fire.

Torres explained that the truck he had gotten a quote on would have an approximate cost of \$83,105 for a 2018 truck with about 150,000

He noted that he looked at other comparable trucks and this one seemed the best and that he looked at buying the equipment new but was not able to locate a dealer with a suitable truck in stock.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez stated that he felt that this item should be presented as part of the 2024 budget and that he felt Torres could keep the truck running until

Torres asked if staff could use the water truck the county planned to sell this year to assist the landfill.

Maez stated that he did not see this as his decision and that staff are free to do what they want on the issue.

Pogue raised objections to the idea on the grounds that shifting used equipment between departments as temporary fixes contributed to the situation that currently

He added that he saw the need for the truck last year and had the budget to purchase the truck last year.

Brown commented that he did not think the county could "cure the sins of our fathers" in one year.

Pogue responded that over half of his budget had rolled over, that he had the funds to buy the truck now and that he did not see the difference between buying the truck now or later.

He added that the truck would

and Maez replied that it could also be cheaper.

Pogue commented that this has not occurred in the past.

Maez commented that he does not support moving forward with purchasing the truck

Brown stated that he did not feel buying the truck is "exigent" and that he would prefer to spread the purchases for the landfill out over several years.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that Pogue indicated that part of the need for a water truck was because of a lack of dirt for daily cover at the landfill and asked how that situation had been progressing.

Pogue explained that the county acquired additional dirt from a resident and noted that he initially pursued the hydrospray trailer to allow the county to use a product called Posi-Shell as cover.

He stated that, going forward, the dirt supply was sufficient for a time and that he is working on getting a new cell authorized by the CDPHE for the landfill.

However, he added that, in the future the hydrospray trailer would be used in a daily application.

Medina stated that the landfill budget is currently at \$2.5 million and that, although she agreed that the county cannot fix all the issues at the landfill in one year and that the BoCC has approved "a ton" of high-cost expenditures for the landfill, she felt that the improvements at the landfill have been "phenomenal."

She added that she attributed these improvements to Pogue's leadership, staff and planning and that, despite being budget-oriented, she was willing to support the purchase since the money is in the budget.

Maez commented that an expansion of the landfill will also be needed and would involve additional costs.

Pogue highlighted that he has done work with recycling and leasing dumpsters to offset costs incurred. Brown asked if Pogue tracked the

landfill's income before and after the installation of the scale. Pogue stated that he has not so far

but intends to calculate these figures, which Brown stated he would be interested in. Maez asked how the work on

expanding the landfill is progressing. Pogue indicated he did not want to discuss details but that he is working on it and that it could potentially be achieved at a limited cost.

Maez also asked Pogue what the life expectancy of the landfill is.

Pogue noted that staff are in the process of repairing the liner in one cell which will free up space that was

previously unusable and are in the process of getting another cell approved, with work on it set to begin in August.

Maez noted that the county has to consider that it is investing a large amount of money in the landfill but that, if it is unable to expand it or find a new landfill, it is not obligated to have a landfill.

Pogue stated that he reminds residents of this.

"So, if it ends up that decision, we gotta think about it and let people know about it that we may have to just shut it down," Maez said. "And then we'll have all this money invested in a bunch of equipment down there. Then what do we do with it then? Put it up to auction? Probably. Utilize it someplace else in the county? Probably. I don't know."

Maez added that this is part of why he wants to know the life expectancy of the landfill and highlighted the work that has been done to extend its lifetime.

"One thing I did want to throw out is I appreciate all the good works

down at the landfill," Brown said. "Excellent job; you guys have done fabulous," Maez added.

"First ever no violations," Brown continued. "The wind screens that you and your crews put together to lower the amount of trash that's airborne, the weekends that your staff were out walking the roads picking up trash — never before that I'm aware of has this happened in Archuleta County and initiated by staff. And that's a big deal to me, so thank you for that."

Pogue commented that without his crew the work would never have been done and highlighted his staff's work on removing windblown trash.

Maez concluded the discussion by thanking Torres for his work in keeping the equipment running. josh@pagosasun.com







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# Directive addresses continued use of virtual proceedings in trial courts

Colorado Judicial Department

Following the May enactment of Chief Justice Directive (CJD) 23-02, which provides Colorado's trial courts with uniform guidance for live streaming criminal proceedings, Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Brian D. Boatright recently signed CJD 23-03, Virtual Proceedings Policy, to increase access to Colorado's trial courts through the continued use of virtual proceedings and remote participation.

The CJD provides Colorado trial court judges with a framework for understanding which proceedings shall be conducted in person and which ones may allow for virtual appearances. The CJD also preserves the authority of the judicial officer to determine on a case-by-case basis when good cause exists to depart from the directive's guidance and

business for hundreds of years by authorizing the use of virtual proceedings which benefit the majority of those involved in court proceedings," Boatright said. "I am confident this CJD provides the necessary and timely guidance to judicial officers to allow for the continuation of virtual proceedings. I believe it increases statewide consistency in operations while allowing the judicial districts and trial court judicial officers to maintain discretion over decorum in their courtrooms.'

The pandemic caused Colorado's courts to pivot quickly operationally, leading to the adoption of virtual appearances and live-streamed proceedings. The Judicial Department's ability to respond quickly to the pandemic rested in the fact that each of the 22 Judicial Districts' chief judges have the authority to adopt local operational policies. With their inherneeds and demands dictate.

The chief justice lauded the members of the Virtual Proceedings Committee for their careful consideration of the matter in light of every case type and the perspectives offered by interested third parties and members of the public.

"I would like to thank the Virtual Proceedings Committee for navigating these uncharted waters in an incredibly short amount of time in such a comprehensive and thoughtful manner," Boatright added. "We heard from more than 100 people when we published the initial draft of the CJD, and most favored the continued use of virtual appearances. Technology such as live streaming allowing for virtual appearances will continue to evolve, and we must evolve with it. I believe this directive strikes the right balance at this time."

CJD 23-03, Virtual Proceedings Policy, is effective Aug. 1.





### Commissioners make appointments, award funds and waivers

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

At its June 20 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) made appointments to the Archuleta **County Planning Commission** and to the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, among other matters.

The board voted to appoint John Musser to fill a vacancy on the planning commission.

According to the resolution approved by the board, Musser is appointed for a three-year term beginning June 20.

The BoCC also appointed Commissioner Veronica Medina to serve as the county representative on the parks and recreation board.

The issue of the appointment was discussed at the BoCC work session earlier in the day where County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that the board was missed when the BoCC made board appointments earlier in the year.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez explained that he had served on the board previously but that, given his tenure as commissioner would be ending in 1.5 years, he wished another commissioner to take the role.

The BoCC also discussed what the role of the commissioners on the board is, how the board is structured and what money the county contributes to the board.

At the meeting, County Manager DerekWoodman explained that up until five years ago, the town and county had had separate parks and recreation boards which were combined into the current parks and recreation board.

He explained that the board comprises seven community members from both the town and county with two nonvoting members, one from the BoCC and one from the town council.

Woodman noted that the county has not utilized the board for making decisions about Cloman Park or Veterans Memorial Park and that the county contributed \$160,000 to the town from the Conservation

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Maez reiterated his desire for another commissioner to take the position, and Medina volunteered to be appointed to the board, which was approved unanimously by the

### School district funding and dumping fee waivers

At the same meeting, the BoCC also approved allocating 100 percent of the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding received from the federal government to the Archuleta School District (ASD) and giving \$1,000 in dumping fee waivers to Peter Hurley for his affordable housing project at 311 South 7th St.

Both issues were discussed prior to the meeting at the BoCC work session that day.

Archuleta County Finance Director Chad Eaton explained that the county previously allocated 100 percent of the SRS funding to the schools.

Maez pointed out that there are ramifications to not allocating 100 percent of the funding, with Weaver adding that whatever funding is not allocated to the schools would be deducted from the county's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) money

Medina commented that not allocating 100 percent of the SRS funding to the schools would not make sense.

Commissioner Warren Brown noted that the county's PILT money is declining due to timbering operations on federal land in the area.

ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson thanked the commissioners for how the SRS funding has been handled in the past.

Brown asked if ASD spends the SRS funds in a specific manner or if it is used wherever needed in the

Hodgson explained that the district has spent the funds on a variety of needs, such as upgrading buses.

"Without this money we would have been in a real world of hurt," Hodgson said.

Maez expressed his appreciation for Hodgson's work and his handling of finances for the school

At the meeting, the board unanimously passed a resolution to allocate \$262,703.19 to ASD.

The BoCC also discussed the fee waivers with Hurley at the work

Hurley began by highlighting that the county is assisting his project with tax waivers and that

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Trust Fund for parks and recreation he was requesting dumping fees waivers for the project, noting that he had had two loads so far and was not sure how many more there would be

> Maez questioned if the county has done fee waivers of this kind before, which Woodman noted that county had not, though it had offered such waivers to Habitat for

Maez commented he would "like to" but that he was concerned about setting a precedent for other construction companies requesting waivers and what impact this would have on the finances of the county landfill.

Maez concluded that he would likely be opposed to the waivers but that he appreciates that Hurley is building affordable housing.

Brown asked if Hurley is a representative of a nonprofit, which Hurley stated he is not, though "there's no profit in it."

Brown stated that the lack of nonprofit status is what sets Hurley's project apart from projects like Habitat for Humanity. Hurley then explained the back-

ground of the project, stating that during his time on the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, three lots with tax liens were put up for bid for affordable housing and had received no offers.

Hurley stated that he is not a developer by trade and that he decided to take on building affordable housing on a town lot as a non-money-making venture.

"If you're trying to encourage private developers to do this, it's kind of the wrong message in my opinion to say, 'Well, ... we can only do it for not-for-profits.' 'Cause not too many not-for-profits are going to do affordable housing for you," Hurley commented.

Hurley explained that he is working through the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), which will limit the amount of rent he can charge.

He outlined the financial and other challenges he has faced in the project and commented that the fee waivers would not make or break the project, but that he wanted to highlight how challenging building such a project is.

Maez commented that he felt more positively on the project after hearing additional information and that he thought a partial fee waiver might be possible.

He asked Hurley what price range the affordable housing he is building would be in.

Hurley explained that the affordable housing units would be priced for rents between 80 per-

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Maez commented that the further discussion had changed his mind and he asked how many loads Hurley expected.

Hurley stated that he was unsure and proposed that the county award him a certain dollar amount of fee waivers that could be spent until it is gone.

Maez commented that he would be willing to approve waivers for a certain amount of loads if the other commissioners agreed.

The discussion continued at the meeting, with Brown expressing his appreciation for Hurley speaking to the board and stating that he would support awarding a specific dollar amount in waivers to Hurley.

Maez stated that he would also support fully waiving the fees for the waste deposited by Hurley's

Brown stated that he suggested a dollar amount to ensure that only the waste associated with the construction site is deposited and not additional trash from other persons who might take advantage of the waivers.

Brown added that he would suggest \$500 and Maez questioned whether, if Hurley does not use all of the waiver funds, additional trash would also be deposited.

Brown stated that this could be solved by wording the waiver as not to exceed a certain amount.

Medina commented that she would support a specific dollar amount as well, noting that Hurley could come back and request additional waivers if this amount is exceeded.

She also stated that the funding for the waivers could come from affordable housing funds taken from short-term rental permitting fees.

Maez stated that he would like the motion to include a provision mentioning that Hurley could come back to request additional

Medina then moved to award Hurley dumping fee waivers not to exceed \$1,000 with the note he could return to the BoCC to request further waivers if this amount is exceeded.

The motion passed unanimously. josh@pagosasun.com

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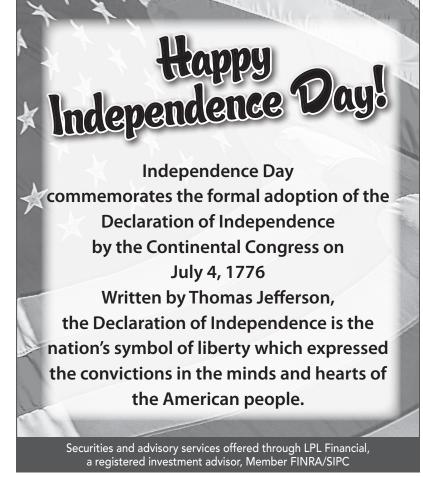
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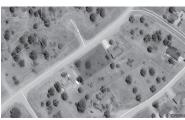
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### **Violations**

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sufficiently far above acceptable levels that variation in population would not be enough to explain

He added that the "appalling installation of services" that contributes to PAWSD's challenges with water loss also contributes to its I-and-I problems.

He also explained that PAWSD would likely be unable to meet the state goal of eliminating 25 percent of the I and I above the acceptable threshold each year due to a lack of contractors and that the plan would have to be negotiated with the state.

Steve Omer of Plummer Associates noted that his team would be working on negotiating with the CDPHE to create a plan that would be viable for PAWSD.

Ramsey outlined that PAWSD has

been working on documenting potential breaks and separations for the last seven or eight years and that the district has a "fairly strong" database of such errors.

He explained that this would assist the district in locating major breaks to be repaired.

Walsh asked how much funding PAWSD has been assigning to this work in its capital improvement

Ramsey stated that PAWSD was previously investing \$1 million a year on I and I but that a new amount to be spent yearly on this issue will have to be negotiated with the CDPHE.

In response to a question from board member Gene Tautges, Ramsey explained that PAWSD did remediation work immediately after the leaks began to mitigate their impacts.

Ramsey indicated that the contract price was not to exceed \$67,819.16 although he did not expect that remediation would have to be done, lowering the price.

Following further conversation on the details of the proposed work and a discussion on if the contract includes language stating that the cost is not to exceed \$67,819.16, the board unanimously moved to approve the contract.

### Vista wastewater

### plant timeline

Also at the meeting, the board discussed PAWSD's continuing efforts to meet new nutrient removal requirements imposed by the CDPHE at the Vista wastewater treatment plant.

Ramsey explained that Omer created a potential "Band-Aid" fix

that would allow the plant to meet the upcoming regulations at a lower cost.

Omer explained that the modifications would focus on changes to the oxidation ditches at the plant and that the modifications could potentially secure approval by the CDPHE before the Dec. 31 deadline for plans to be submitted.

He added that both the exact costs and viability of the approach would have to be determined, but that he believes it is viable.

Ramsey also commented that, even if PAWSD relocates its primary sewage treatment plant to downtown, the district may have to keep the Vista plant running at a reduced capacity to meet requirements by the Colorado State Engineer's Office to not reduce natural flow from the Stollsteimer Creek drainage, where water treated at the Vista plant is released.

He added that the modifications Omer proposed could be beneficial as it would allow for the Vista plant to continue to be used.

Walsh commented that this plan would potentially provide PAWSD with more flexibility in future planning and finding a more permanent solution to sewage treatment in the area than a moreexpensive approach would take.

The board then discussed the logistics of moving forward with the approach suggested by Omer, with the board agreeing to move forward with pursuing this approach.

Later in the meeting, Tautges asked Ramsey if he had heard any indications from the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) on when it might make a decision on its future direction and potential changes to its relationship with PAWSD.

Ramsey indicated that the

feasibility study the PSSGID is currently performing would be done in no more than four months and the PSSGID board, composed of the Pagosa Springs Town Council members, would require a month to make a decision, creating a fivemonth timeline in a worst-case

Later, Ramsey highlighted that a meeting between the CDPHE, Ramsey and Walsh had been productive in making it clear to the CDPHE that PAWSD is willing to work with the agency.

Ramsey also noted that, even if the PSSGID decides based on its feasibility study to separate from PAWSD, it will still be connected to PAWSD during much of the improvements to meet upcoming regulations as the PSSGID will not have a plant completed by the time those regulations have to be met.

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### Archuleta County man arrested on felony warrant

By Randi Pierce

Staff Writer

An Archuleta County man was arrested Tuesday morning on a felony arrest warrant for marijuana-related

According to Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux, the charges stem from a seizure of suspected marijuana plants that occurred last year within Archuleta County.

He noted the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) orchestrated the search warrant and seizure, and submitted the arrest warrant, with the Archuleta County

Sheriff's Office (ACSO) making the arrest Tuesday. Timothy Hertzke, 45, of Archuleta County, was arrested on a drug 2 and drug 3 felony, according to Le

Le Roux reported that 477 plants were seized from the site near East McCabe Street and U.S. 160, with it being approximately 45 pounds of processed marijuana,

"We want to make it known that we take zero tolerance with this kind of stuff," Le Roux said.

The site was one of two searched in September 2022 during a joint operation of CBI, Homeland Security Investigations, the Southwest Drug Task Force and the ACSO, with the operation seizing approximately 600 suspected marijuana plants between two separate residential properties within Archuleta County.

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southeast of Pagosa Springs near U.S. 84 and Eightmile Mesa, according to

On Tuesday afternoon, the fire was reported to be 1 acre and growing, with aviation resources on scene.

On Wednesday morning, Williams reported fire personnel were able to stop the growth at 1.5 acres and were continuing to improve and complete line around the fire and perform mop-up operations.

Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux reported the county tended to three fires stemming from the storm, with all held at one-quarter to onehalf of an acre.

He explained the 118 Fire, located at milemarker 118, was called out

Wednesday morning. A pair of fires were located about 8.5 miles down County Road 500, he explained, with one called out on Wednesday morning and the other controlled, contained and in

Other fires were tended to by other area agencies, and more fires were expected to be reported, with Williams explaining a lot of lightning fires don't show for days or even

"Things are going to be changing still," she said.

Williams and Le Roux urged caution heading into the holiday weekend and the drier season.

Williams noted fuels are starting to cure, though officials haven't seen total curing, which would lead to more aggressive fire activity.

Williams added that although fire behavior has been pretty moderate, there is still fire danger.

"For Fourth of July weekend, for residents, they do need to be cautions when recreating on the forest. There aren't any fire restrictions in place on the San Juan, but that doesn't mean people shouldn't be careful because there's still high fire danger," Williams

Both also urged caution with increased winds and red flag

warnings being issued.

Le Roux suggested if anyone sees what they believe might be a fire, try to get some identifying information to help with the location, including where the potential fire was noticed

### Fireworks prohibited, no burning allowed under red flag warnings

Fireworks that leave the ground are prohibited in Colorado and on national forest land.

"Be conscious of red flag warnings," Le Roux said, adding there will be more red flag days in the future.

He added there is a total rohibition on burning during red flag warnings and urged people to familiarize themselves with the terms of burn permits obtained.

He added those unsure if the weather conditions prohibit burning can call the nonemergent dispatch number for more information.

### Parade.

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Creek in 1978.

Over the years, more than anything else, Jann loved watching her three children grow up and thrive in Pagosa. Now they and their spouses are contributing members of the Pagosa community. Jann and Todd's eight grandchildren are the light of Jann's life, ranging in age from 3 to 25 years old. Her family is truly the most important aspect of her life.

Jann's support of the Pagosa Springs community is endless, and it is easy to see her deep love for her hometown through her varied leadership distinctions. She has been the president of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, president of the Pagosa Springs Area Association of Realtors, Realtor of the Year, chair of the high school's accountability committee, and chair of the Citizen's Bank of Pagosa Springs board, to name a few highlights. Jann also has been an active

member of the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs for many years. In 1987, she had the distinguished honor of being the first female in the club, shortly after the Supreme Court made the ruling to allow women to join. In 1997, she was named Rotarian of the Year and in 2003 she was awarded the Rotary district youth service award. In 2004 Jann was president of the club, leading with kindness, humor

Today, Jann is the chair of the steering committee for the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation's building campaign and is passionately working to get the expansion done. Though she retired from her career as a Realtor in 2019, her love for our community has only grown stronger.

In Jann's own words, "From the day I moved to Pagosa Springs 47 years ago, I have felt part of this community. Pagosa has taken care of me and our family and it has been important to me to give back to the town I love. Thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve as your fourth of

# Expenses

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that allowed for this, although the policy was dated 2015 and is unsigned.

Weaver stated that he had spoken with Commissioner Warren Brown and former commissioner Alvin Schaaf, who had both served on the BoH and who confirmed the emergency compensation had not come before the BoH. He added that both Archuleta

and La Plata counties have requested a "very thorough" investigation of this compensation, which Raile agreed to do and was currently doing. Weaver stated that her

investigation would look into "the reasonableness of the pay, the lack of internal checks and balances and the impact on the SJBPH financials." He also gave an overview of the

cash forecast for the agency, which predicts that approximately \$1.5 million would remain following the dissolution.

He stated that through not rehiring positions and securing additional funding, the receiver had added approximately \$1.2 million in cash flow, which offsets the \$100,000 to \$150,000 that hiring the receiver is estimated to cost.

Weaver noted that most people

would "appreciate that return on investment.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if the investigation of the emergency compensation would extend further back than the COVID-19 health emergency, highlighting "if it was done once, it could have been done before."

Weaver indicated that the investigation is currently focused on the period during the COVID-19 pandemic and added that the policy was adopted during the Gold King Mine incident for the primary purpose of securing Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements.

He also stated that certain dividuals in SJBPH received more than \$100,000 in emergency compensation during the pandemic.

Brown highlighted that the \$1.5 million remaining from SJBPH would be divided 80 percent to 20 percent between La Plata County and Archuleta County, meaning that Archuleta County will receive approximately \$300,000.

"Secondly, I think it's important to note that as a voting member I did not support the compensation package that was presented for the current interim director and staff," Brown said. "I felt that the amount was exorbitant and that SJBPH board had already approved a retention bonus which was considerable in my opinion. And for the purposes of keeping enough staff to fulfill the programs and the services to the community, I supported that, but I felt this was over and above what reasonableness is, and when I combine this with the emergency compensation package, I felt like there needed to be more transparency as to how these funds were being spent and going forward I could not support and be in good conscience being a part of approving that."

In response to a question from Maez, Brown clarified that he was never presented with the emergency compensation pay request but he was presented with the compensation package for Switzer, which he did not support.

### **BoH** appointment

Later in the work session, Brown also explained that the appointments committee for the BoH, on which he sits, had received and accepted an application from Archuleta County Human Resources Director Isabel Vita to serve on the BoH and fill the current vacancy on the board.

### and closed the road, according to the scene, mitigated fluid hazards, and provided support to law the CSP. According to a press release from

June 21 accident results in two deaths

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

A June 21 fatal accident closed U.S. 160 near Colo. 151 and Colo. 151 for part of the day.

According to the Colorado State Patrol (CSP), a call came in at 10:57 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, reporting that a motorcycle accident was blocking the eastbound lane of

The CSP reported on June 21 that there are two confirmed fatalities.

The Colorado Department of

the Pagosa Fire Protection District, "The first arriving engine company completed scene size-up noting a two-vehicle accident involving a passenger pick-up truck and a motorcycle. Size-up also noted two individuals had been thrown from motorcycle and come to rest in the roadway. Emergency medical personnel completed patient assessment and determined no resuscitation efforts would be Transportation arrived at 12:04 p.m. conducted. Responders secured

enforcement units.

It adds, "The position of the vehicles required both highways to be closed to provide a safe working environment for responders."

It notes U.S. 160 was able to reopen after a short time with a modified traffic flow and Colo. 151 remained closed for the duration of the accident investigation.

Attempts to obtain additional details from the CSP were unsuccessful as of noon on Wednesday, June 28.

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### Monday, July 3

The Park 2 Park Artisan and Food market again will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., for more opportunities to buy goodies. The market will also include live musical entertainment from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Pagosa Springs High School graduating class of 1973 is holding its 50-year class reunion on Monday, July 3. A potluck picnic lunch will be hosted at Schick's Sunset Ranch at 12:30 p.m. Graduates of 1973 are invited to join and share memories of growing up in Pagosa back in

The excitement of the Red Ryder

Rodeo will kick off again at 6 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 4

Finally, on the Fourth of July the pinnacle of the festivities happens, with the annual Fourth of July Parade at 10 a.m., downtown. This year's parade route starts at 6th Street and U.S. 160, and the line of floats, people and cars will march east to Hot Springs Boulevard and continue south to Apache Street. The theme this year is "Freedom" and you'll be able to vote for your favorite entry at https://bit.ly/2023ParadeVoting. Voting begins at 10 a.m. and ends at noon the same day.

The Park 2 Park Artisan and Food market again will be open at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for one last chance to get jewelry, gifts and souvenirs while sampling food from across the region and listening to a wide range of music from talented musicians from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30

Also on Tuesday, the Freedom Float or Raft is slated for 1 p.m., assuming water levels allow. Anyone interested can join in with their own float or just watch the

red, white and blue from the side. The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo performs again on Tuesday, finishing its 73rd annual event with a 2 p.m. show.

The Pagosa Springs Community Band will play its annual patriotic

concert at 2 p.m. at the Park 2 Park Artisan and Food Market. Last but not least, a fireworks

display can be viewed around 9:15, or once it's dark. The show will happen behind the high school off South 8th Street. Good viewing spots are from the Yamaguchi Park area, the parks downtown or from the streets off U.S. 160 and along Goldmine Drive. Do not block streets — including Hot Springs Boulevard and 6th Street — or private properties.

### Road closures and parking prohibitions

Hermosa Street will be closed from Hot Springs Boulevard to the lower (east) end of Town Park by the lower parking lot from July 1-4. Parking around the park will also be reserved for vendor parking.

Downtown event attendees should look to park at Mary Fisher Park off of San Juan Street, the area at the base of Reservoir Hill accessible from San Juan Street and the Overlook area on U.S. 160.

Please note that on-street parking is strictly prohibited along the designated Fourth of July parade route between 9 p.m. on July 3 to 12:30 p.m. on July 4 (after the parade). For more information regarding parking prohibitions, see related article from last week or visit https://www.pagosasprings.

### Town council discusses next steps in the search for a new town manager

By Derek Kutzer Staff Writer

On June 22, the Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed the next steps it will take in its search for a new town manager. This came in the wake of current Town Manager Andrea Phillips' announcement that she will not be seeking to renew her contract.

At the meeting, Phillips said, "I'm sad to say that I will not be renewing my employment agreement with the town" and that she plans to step down from the job after her second three-year agreement ends in August.

Both in a letter to the council and at the meeting, Phillips cited "personal circumstances" that led to her decision, including an ailing mother in Arizona.

She said, "It's been a pleasure to work with all of you and to work with this wonderful community" and that she will be around "as a resource" to help out with the transition.

Mayor Shari Pierce said, "I think ment on having Schulte become you are an incredibly strong woman and to make this decision for you, I think it took a lot of guts. I'm really proud of you and I appreciate everything.'

Council member Matt DeGuise added that the town would be lucky to find someone "half as qualified" to replace Phillips.

On the immediate next steps, Pierce noted the town would need to find an interim town manager while it conducts its search to fill the position, which could take several months.

With budget season coming up and other "important things happening," she added it is important to fill the role as soon as possible.

She told the council that she hoped to reach out to former interim town manager Greg Schulte to see if he'd be interested in the position, asking the council for its blessing.

"He's very familiar with our staff, our budgeting process and those types of things," she said.

The council expressed agree-

the interim town manager and a motion was made and was unanimously carried.

Next, the council turned to discussing how it would conduct the search for a new town manager, with the main question being if the town should hire a firm to conduct the job search or if it should conduct the job search "in-house."

There was general agreement among the council that, in the past, using a firm to find a town manager had not worked out too well and it was concluded that the council should find its new town manager through an in-house process.

It was decided that Pierce and DeGuise would work on drafting an application for the position and that they would bring this draft application back before the council at a future meeting for approval by the whole council.

There was then some discussion about conducting an "exit interview" with Phillips in order to gain insight into the position so that the new manager would be set up appropriately with all the information available to arm them for success.

It was decided that only two members of the council would conduct this exit interview and that the information gleaned from it would be shared with the rest of the council through a memo and through discussion.

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

The charter also states that the appointment of a new town manager "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."

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### Commissioners hear library expansion update, funding request

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

Ruby Sisson Library Foundation and Friends Executive Director Cindi Galabota provided an update to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on the progress of the library's expansion campaign and other events at

the BoCC's June 20 work session She also made a funding request to the board.

Galabota indicated that the foundation has raised nearly \$2 million of its \$4 million goal for the expansion of the library, primarily from the community supplemented by a few smaller grants.

She noted that the recent Library Affair event raised \$200,000 alone.

Galabota explained that the foundation is entering the construction planning phase for the project, which will include an application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for a grant to assist with planning and retaining an owner's representative.

She explained that, because the fundraising project has hit its 50 percent mark, the foundation is beginning to apply for grants, including from various private funders

and from DOLA. Galabota stated that the project would break ground in the spring of 2025 and the grant request to DOLA for between \$1 million to \$1.5 million would likely occur in the spring of 2024.

She also highlighted that the library has been highly successful and very busy this year, with 6,500 or more visitors a month, 343 new library cards issued and an average of 33 people per day using a library computer for varying lengths of

The library has put on more than 200 programs through April, Galabota noted, and has served more than 2,000 people with these programs.

She also noted the achievements of new Early Literacy Library Jen Doane and that, with her hiring, Josie Snow, who formerly occupied the position, moved to the teen services and assistant director po-

"A good day at the library," Galabota said. "The campaign is moving along as we expect. Of course, COVID has made it a little slower than we would have wanted, but we're still moving forward."

She added that she was there to ask for the second year of the county's \$100,000 gift at \$20,000 a year that the BoCC approved last year.

Galabota then introduced Ruby Sisson Library Foundation and Friends board president Deborah Hepler, who highlighted that the Friends of the Library group combined with the foundation and will be holding its annual book sale on July 21 and 22.

She added the foundation recently held a storytelling event and hosted an author discussion.

Hepler also noted that the community and local businesses support the expansion campaign and thanked the commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked what the next major event

Galabota responded that the book sale would be the next major event and that the foundation is taking a break from fundraising events to focus on grant writing, although there would be another year of the Library Affair event next year for the final year of fundraising.

County Manager Derek Woodman commented that the author event was "very fun" and "very entertaining."

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked Woodman where the \$20,000 for the library had come from last

Woodman stated that he was unsure.

"I will have to see where we took it out of last year and I will make sure that I bring it before you guys,' Woodman added.

"We'll see where the numbers are and that's what we'll look into," Maez stated.

Galabota concluded by expressing her appreciation for the BoCC's support and time.

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# Town council confronts ongoing problems with Riverwalk West

By Derek Kutzer Staff Writer

At a June 22 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed ongoing problems with a section of trail that the town calls Riverwalk

For the second time since the trail was built, spring runoff, combined with early rains, has eroded and washed out portions of the trail running along the west side of the San Juan River near Apache Street.

This section of trail was originally built by the developer of the Riverwalk Condos through a public-private partnership. The development improvement agreement between the town and developer allowed the developer to construct a "soft-surface trail with a public easement" in 2017, according to agenda documentation on the matter.

At the meeting, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the council set public access to the river as one its major priorities and that it's "an important public

She added that town staff has "worked really hard to negotiate trail easements and access easements from developers," but that property owners in the area have expressed concern with the current state of the trail.

After flooding occurred in 2019, the low-lying portions of the trail were washed out and subsequently

the town hired Southwest River ent options to consider. Engineering to provide an analysis of the various options to rebuild the trail and to connect it to South 6th Street, according to agenda documentation.

Costs to the town included \$4,970 for the engineering analysis, \$17,000 to rebuild the trail and \$25,000 to build a new section of trail, with a total cost of about \$50,000 when the costs of having staff maintain the trail were added, according to agenda documenta-

Phillips explained that when the easement for this project was negotiated the town was aware that 'part of it is in a known floodway and we knew that when we negotiated this."

She added that part of the master plan for the trails in the area was to have the Riverwalk West trail connect "up to the pedestrian bridge and the 6th Street trail that comes down the hill there, whether that's a sidewalk or a trail surface, we are not sure yet.'

Showing recent photographs and long-term data of river flows, documenting what she called "an incredibly high runoff year," Phillips said that the low-lying areas along the trail have recently been "inundated with water" and "you can see where the river has kinda made its own pathway there."

She said that while the photos looked pretty bad, "not all is lost," walking the council through differ-

The options that Phillips laid before the council were as follows:

• Leave the trail as it is. • Reset the weed fabric and re-

gravel the trail. • Keep it natural by layering it

with wood chips. • Move the trail up higher out of the floodway, which would require

a redesign of the trail. · Make the trail into a hardsurface, concrete trail.

 Abandon the trail. Phillips warned against abandoning the trail, saying that it would probably set "a precedent that we want to be very careful about, and that is it will make it very difficult for us to negotiate future trail easements from developers in the future."

Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis added that town staff is "looking for guidance" from the council on the matter, saying that if the trail is to remain a soft-surface trail that the town might want to think about budgeting for repairs on a yearly basis.

After public comment from a property owner near the trail and discussion amongst the council, Mayor Shari Pierce wanted to break down the decision before the council into its most essential parts.

Pierce first wanted to gauge the appetite among the council to keep and maintain the current public easement that the trail runs through and she found unanimous

support to keep and maintain the public easement for a trail.

Once this decision was established, she asked, "Do we want to do the lowest-cost repair that was suggested, with straightening out the weed fabric and doing some wood chips for this year, and then, looking forward, do we want staff to bring us some options on a more sustainable trail through that area?"

Council Member Mat deGraaf stated that he would like to see the trail rerouted away from the floodway area.

Pierce said, "I'd like to see options for just raising that trail, because the water is gonna keep coming down, it's gonna keep washing out on the outside of that curve. That's what water does. It runs faster out there, so we can't just keep doing the same thing. We gotta do something different."

This led the council to decide on directing town staff to investigate options for building a more sustainable trail where it already exists versus options for relocating the trail.

It was noted that this would require hiring either Davis Engineering or Southwest River Engineering, both local firms, to explore these options for the trail.

Lewis also added that the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would bring this subject up at the next meeting to begin the process of exploring these options.

Pierce asked both Phillips and Lewis if they had enough direction from the council to"go back and get comments from Parks and Rec and come back with some options?"

Lewis said, "Yes. So, it's my understanding that you'd like to see us at least patch it with some wood chips and fix the weed barrier."

He noted he would bring this before the Parks and Recreation board on Aug. 3 and that he'd subsequently bring "options for the 2024 budget in regards to that segment over there" back to the council at a future meeting.

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Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/.

### Friday, June 30

Pagosa Peak Open School special board meeting. 2 p.m., Google Meet info: https://meet.google. com/kjx-nqyi-egd, or dial: (904) 999-4778, PIN: 593 139 602#. All attendance will be virtual.

### Monday, July 3

**Archuleta County Public Health Department Transitional Ad**visory Committee meeting. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.org/ agendacenter.

### Wednesday, July 5

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=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHF sa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 09048375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter.

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### Thursday, July 6

**Pagosa Springs Town Council special meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information:

net/portal/.

### Monday, July 10

**Archuleta County Public Health Department Transitional Advi**sory Committee meeting. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter.

### Tuesday, July 11

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/9160904 8375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1N HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information. visit: http://archuletacounty. org/agendacenter.

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

### Wednesday, July 12

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### Monday, July 17

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Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting. 4 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: https://pagosasprings. civicweb.net/portal/.

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Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: https://zoom.

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# Education

### School board renews superintendent, administrator contracts

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Rick Holt will continue as Archuleta School District following a unanimous vote at the Board of Education meeting on June 20.

The vote followed almost an hour of the board meeting in executive session to discuss Holt's evaluation.

Following the executive session, board president Bob Lynch explained Holt's review was very positive and made a motion to affirm and renew Holt's contract for salary plus a 3 percent raise.

Following the vote, Holt's current contract will end June 30, 2026. Board member Tim Taylor told

Holt he appreciates everything Holt has done for the district, which he added has been positive and impactful. Lynch echoed the sentiment,

stating that, collectively, the board couldn't be more pleased to have Holt and that he has been everything the board hoped for.

In addition to renewing Holt's contract, the board unanimously

another three years at his current voted to renew the contracts of all of the school's top administrators, with Holt noting it was a "phenomenal year" and he's glad to have them all coming back.

Included in the renewal vote are Kelly Vining as the elementary school principal, Chris Hinger as the middle school principal, Cory Clopton as the middle school assistant principal, Sean O'Donnell as the high school principal, Chantelle Jordan as the high school assistant principal, Stewart Bellina as the San Juan Mountain School principal and Jane Parker as the Pagosa Family School principal/ shared school liaison/district communications specialist.

Holt also noted that Nicolle Looper will be returning to the elementary school as assistant principal instead of dean of students.

The board also unanimously approved a number of teacher and special service provider contracts across all of the district's schools, as well as volunteer coaching assignments.

Taylor recused himself during the vote on coaching positions due to his being on the list as an assistant high school track coach.



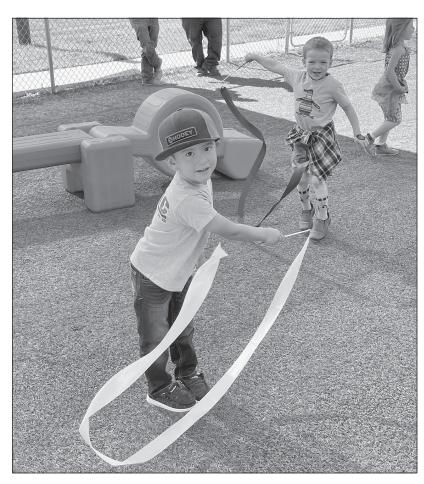
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### Local

### Kristin Morehouse

Kristin Morehouse, of Pagosa Springs, was among the 1,143 students who graduated from Shenandoah University during the 2022-2023 academic year. She earned a doctor of occupational therapy.



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# Charter school board allocates reserve funding, hears assessment update

By Monica Nigon Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors met June 21 to, among other things, address budget resolutions, ultimately reallocating \$285,000 out of general funds and student activities fund

School Director Angela Reali-Crossland presented two resolutions for the 2022-2023 budget to the board.

"There is a resolution [in the agenda packet] authorizing the use of beginning fund balances. At the end of fiscal year '22, we ended the year with \$591,000 in reserves and that was between general fund and student activities," Reali-Crossland said. "In this resolution, I'm asking for \$265,000 to come out and be in this year's budget from the general fund and \$20,000 from student activities fund, so those two items would be in this year's budget.

"When looking through the budget approved for this fiscal year, I scrolled down to the bottom and had that stark realization that the reason we're constantly behind is that there's a lot of money in reserves. Not just a \$100,000 loan, but we had put aside some mill levy funds in previous years earmarked for this.

Reali-Crossland proposed the organization use the general fund surplus for a onetime construction project expenditure and the student activities fund for a onetime bus purchase expenditure that could be used in the current budget year.

"I do feel comfortable pulling this money out of reserves," she said, "that the intention when we put it in there was the construction project, and that it will not take us long to get to that 6 percent reserve policy."

According to the board members and the reserve fund policy, its reserve funds must meet a minimum of \$333,000 (as determined by the policy's formula), "with any remaining balance required to meet the goal is to be funded over the next 3 years through funding strategies incorporated into annual fundraising and budget planning."

The second resolution involved funds appropriation and budget revision, including \$2,724,347.16, to be amended for this year's budget, according to Reali-Crossland. That number comes from the sum of general funds; mill levy override; activity fund; and federal, state and local grants.

The board unanimously approved both resolutions.

The final budget approval for the 2023-2024 fiscal year will be voted on during the board's special meeting at 2 p.m. on June 30. That meeting will be held virtually on Google Meet.

That meeting can be accessed via https://meet.google.com/kjxnqyi-egd, or by calling (904) 999-4778, PIN: 593 139 602#.

### Assessment and curriculum

Also at the meeting, PPOS Instructional Coach Emily Murphy addressed academic and curriculum progress for PPOS over the last year, which included student engagement survey results and new

writing curriculum research.

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She described the student engagement survey as addressing three main tenets of students' school experience: emotional, behavioral and cognitive engage-

She added that they give this survey three times per year.

"Behavioral engagement addresses rule-following and participation; emotional engagement is the level of interest or boredom and whether or not you feel like you belong; cognitive is when they exert effort to do well in school, when they self regulate, have high academic self-concept and are challenged by their work," Murphy explained.

She added, "The survey addresses questions like: Do you feel safe at school? Is your teacher happy to have you in their class? Is the work you do challenging? Do you finish your work? Do you pay attention? Do you enjoy being at the school?"

Murphy explained the students have three options to choose from in the survey: Most of the time, some of the time and not much of the time. She said fourth- through eighth-graders get a link to the survey and do it independently, while kindergarten through third involve her asking the students the questions.

A graph of the results presented by Murphy showed that in from the spring of 2022 to the spring of 2023, there was an increase of 1.1 percent in emotional engagement, a 10.2 percent increase in behavioral and a 1.1 percent decrease in cognitive engagement.

"School-wide, we had a 1 percent decrease," she said. "But, we're really talking about our older grades. K-3 had an 11.2 increase in emotional engagement and grades 4-8 had a 13.4 percent decrease in emotional engagement."

She noted, "I went back and talked to the kids, so the kids that marked 'not much of the time' on their emotional engagement questions ... and there was a handful of them that are new to our school within the last month. How were they supposed to say they get along with their classmates when they don't even know their names?"

She addressed overlap in the three categories of engagement by adding, "What I was seeing with emotional engagement ... is kids who had behavioral issues in the classroom and were being held to an expectation of behaving were then having lower scores for emotional engagement, which tells me I'm proud of my staff for holding them accountable, so we need to help students to understand that we hold them accountable because we care."

Murphy also presented data from the most recent DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessment.

"DIBELS is a criterion reference, just knowledge," she explained.

"We're not comparing kid to kid." She added that the test changes throughout the year and becomes

progressively more difficult. Takeaways presented by Murphy were that kindergarten reading interventions showed larger gains than first-grader intervention

The data also showed that the

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student population changed a lot in first- and second-grade classes between the beginning and end of the year, so the test isn't necessarily testing the same kids, according to Murphy.

A slide in the presentation showed "71% of our students K-3 are on READ Plans, requiring reading goals, targeted interventions, and weekly progress monitoring."

READ plans, according to the U.S. Department of Education, are "tools for success created to ensure that students receive the instruction needed to remediate significant reading deficiencies."

"For me, that's a big indicator that we need to prioritize investing in interventions in these areas, Murphy said.

Murphy explained she compared socioeconomic status in regard to reading comprehension, and found there was a correlation with socioeconomic status, but no correlation between comprehension and school attendance.

In regard to the students' NWEA test, which addresses reading comprehension, writing, math and science, Murphy said they have "insufficient data due to technical difficulties with the district."

Murphy explained that, from the data they were able to gain access to, they saw seventh- and ninthgraders fall short on their math growth goals while remaining above the national average, all grades had positive growth in both math and reading, sixth through eighth grades surpassed the national average for achievement in reading, fourth through sixth grades surpassed the national average for achievement in math, and fifth grade surpassed the national average for achievement in math.

Murphy noted they should have the data issues sorted out by the board's next meeting for more accurate information.

Murphy also addressed a review of the school's Writing by Design curriculum, which, according to a slide in her presentation, was a new way of teaching writing as of the spring of 2022 that involves seven steps: review it, identify it, teach it, model it, do it, share it and wrap it up.

In order to review how well the curriculum was working, Murphy explained they asked the students whether they like reading and whether they feel they are a confident reader and could choose from three options: "most of the time," "some of the time" or "not much

A graph in the presentation showed that, in the fall of 2022, the kindergarten through third grade cohort had 38 percent say "most of the time" when asked if they liked reading, while the spring survey shows that 79 percent of that cohort said they like reading.

One hundred percent of fourththrough eighth-graders answered they like reading "some of the time" in the fall, while the spring survey showed that 38.5 percent of students said they like reading "most of the time."

In regard to confidence in writing, in the fall 65.5 percent of kin-

said they are confident writers, while the spring showed 75 percent of that cohort feeling confident in reading. Fourth- through eighthgraders showed 100 percent of students saying they are confident writers "some of the time," while the spring survey indicated that 38.5 percent of students feel confident in writing "most of the time."

The presentation also addressed the next steps for the second year of the curriculum, which will involve "making rubrics align with our and writing, and modifying the program for English as a second language students.'

Board member Jesse White, addressing state-mandated test scores, said, "What do we actually want that [this data] to look like? It's OK to say we're comfortable with this data, it's actually what we're trying to achieve ... because I look at this and go, 'This could be better,' personally, but maybe this isn't something we really want to prioritize."

"It's hard, but it's a body of evidence to us, rather than one score, an individual level," Murphy re-

"I'll put my parent hat on here and I can say that when I sit down at a parent-teacher conference and all I look at is those results, and that's how your student's doing, that doesn't really tell the story that you just told," White said. "So, coming in here and going, 'Here's what we have to present you at a state level, look at this and then almost saying here's our PPOS measuring stick for measuring child growth, here's how your student is doing here on this chart ... And that actually makes me more attracted to the school, to go, like, I've seen the things in my kid's growth that do matter and that I do care about; there's a reason I'm sending them to this school. We don't care about the state testing results at that point ... it can also be a branding in and of itself."

### Transportation update

The board also addressed community concerns regarding transportation to and from the school.

Reali-Crossland reported next year they will look at expanded transport that would "remove barriers for students that have the highest barriers to coming here. We can meet the demographics of the town if we remove those barriers.

The board and staff discussed a potential pick-up zone in Aspen Springs and the Vista area, and noted that buses aren't outfitted for neighborhood routes yet.

In addition, it was noted there is hope to add a bus that would run a route to the middle school from PPOS to allow students to participate in the district's sports program.

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### Upgrades at disc golf course include concrete tee boxes and signage

By Natalie Carpenter Special to The SUN

The tee boxes at the Cloman Park disc golf course are getting an

upgrade this week. Volunteers with the Four Corners Flyers, a nonprofit group that maintains the Cloman Park and Reservoir Hill courses, worked Saturday to build and set forms for new concrete tee boxes.

In disc golf, players start at a tee box with a heavy driver disc that is thrown toward the target, which is a metal basket with chains to catch the lightweight putter disc that is thrown at the end of each hole. The tee boxes at the disc golf courses on Reservoir Hill and Cloman Park are currently areas of flat dirt marked by branches or narrow tree trunks laid out on three sides.

The new 6- by 12-foot concrete pads will help with player stability during throws, as well as make the tee boxes easier to spot as players move from one hole to another.

"Concrete tee boxes also make the course appealing for top-tier players," noted Jude Oubre, a board member of the Four Corners Flyers nonprofit.

One of the goals of the nonprofit is to host higher-level tournaments that will attract elite players from around the country.

Oubre was one of the dozen volunteers who helped with the initial work to improve nine tee boxes on a hot, sunny Sunday afternoon wielding pickaxes, shovels, crowbars and rakes. The rocky ground at the existing tee boxes was dug down to a level to hold a 6- by 12foot wooden form in preparation for a concrete pour this week.

According to Corey Hauck, an-



Photo courtesy Natalie Carpenter

Volunteers with the Four Corners Flyers disc golf club work on a concrete form for tee box three at the Cloman Park course. Twelve volunteers built forms for the first nine tee boxes, with a concrete pour scheduled for this week. Work on the remaining nine tee boxes that includes new signage is scheduled to be completed in early July.

tee boxes for the first batch of nine holes at Cloman Park will be completed by June 28 and then concrete will be poured into the forms at each tee location.

"Once the concrete is set, the forms will be taken apart and the supplies used for building another batch of nine tee boxes," Hauck explains. "Doing the forms in two batches saves us money on lumber, stakes, and other items needed for the concrete pour."

In addition to tee boxes, new signage is being created for each hole. The Cloman Park course is heavily treed and it's often difficult to figure out which way to throw the first disc when the basket is not visible from the tee box. The new other Four Corners Flyers member signs feature original watercolor

and volunteer, form work for the depictions of the basket location and trees as viewed from each tee. The watercolors were created and donated to the club by Carson Vicenti, who also volunteers his time and labor to help maintain the course. The watercolors Vicenti created for each of the 18 holes at Cloman Park were scanned and then graphic design work was done by Oubre to prepare the signs for printing.

> Funding for the Cloman Park concrete tee and signage project comes from local government entities, selling tee box sponsorships, and donations received at Four Corners Flyers fundraisers such as the disc golf tournament held earlier in the year and the Reggae in the Park festival that took place on June 24 and generated over \$3,000.

"The cost for concrete, lumber, and supplies for 18 tee boxes is about \$6,000," Oubre shared, which doesn't include the labor being performed by the many club volunteers who continue to work on

According to its mission statement, the goal of the Four Corners Flyers nonprofit is to "not only make much needed improvements at the disc golf parks, but also make improvements and expand our local parks in general.'

Members work together to make the disc golf courses and parks clean, safe and fun environments that players and their families can enjoy. More volunteers are always appreciated, especially for the work to complete the Cloman Park tee

For more information about Four Corners Flyers disc golf, email the club at FourCornersFlyers@ gmail.com or find it on Facebook.



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### Soccer registration open

By Matt Zaborowski Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation

Registration is now open for pee-wee 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.

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# Outdoors



### July events planned at Chimney Rock National Monument

By Nadia Werby

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

There is so much to learn and experience at Chimney Rock National Monument.

You'll walk in the footsteps of the fascinating and enigmatic ancestral Puebloans of the Chaco Canyon, following primitive pathways that haven't changed for 1,000 years. Archaeological structures and artifacts, abundant wildlife, and its setting in the breathtaking San Juan National Forest make Chimney Rock a must-see.

### **Full Moon Program and Early Tour**

The Full Moon Program will take place on July 3 this month against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock

Beginning about an hour before moonrise, an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site (ancestral Puebloan culture, archaeoastronomy theories, area geology, etc.) is followed by the music of Charles Martinez's Native American flute as the full moon rises. You'll be torn between looking west to see the spectacular sunset and focusing on the eastern mountain range to see the first sliver of moon.

The program lasts approximately three hours including check-in, driving to the mesa top (2.5 miles up a winding dirt road with 20-mph speed limit, allow 15 minutes each way) and hiking to the Great House Pueblo.

Please keep in mind that the lecture before the moon rises is approximately 30 minutes in length, and the hike back down the high mesa occurs after dark.

This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. Guests must enter through the Colo. 151 entry gate between 7:15 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 plus a booking fee and are considered a nonrefundable, non-

transferable donation. Guests are also offered the opportunity to take a tour on the Mesa Village Trail before the Full Moon Program begins with the Early Tour Full Moon Package. The cost for this program is \$25 plus a booking fee. Guests must arrive between 6:30-6:45 p.m. for the early tour.

### Flora of Chimney Rock

A thousand years ago the people who lived at Chimney Rock depended on the plants around them for food, fuel, tools, housing, clothing, medicine and art. The breadth and depth of their knowledge is almost unimaginable today. Join us on for an introduction to some of the plant species that grow at Chimney Rock and their uses by ancestral Puebloan people.

The Flora of Chimney Rock will take this month on July 13 and 27 from 8 to 9:45 a.m. and on July 3, 17 and 31 from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m.

The tour includes the Great House Pueblo Trail (steep, rough trail with exposure to heights and drop-offs).

Guests must enter through the Colo. 151 entry gate during the check-in period; the gate will be locked at the end of that time. The fee is \$16 for adults and \$8 for ages 5-12, and is considered a nonrefundable donation.

### Sketching at the Pinnacles

The Sketching at the Pinnacles class takes place on Tuesdays on July 11, 18 and 25. This class is part art, part reflection, part nature study and a little bit of a visit to Chimney Rock National Monument — all rolled into one.

Together we will find a just perfect spot and get oriented to the site. Our goal will be to become centered at the site and then focus on our art materials.

On the second Tuesday of each month we'll explore chalk pastels and how they can interpret the things we examine in nature. Our teacher will be Lise Neer, local professional pastel artist. On the fourth Tuesday of each month we'll explore watercolors and how those materials can capture the world around us at Chimney Rock. Our teacher will be Kathie Disner, local professional watercolorist.

Afterward, there will be a sharing with each other of what we have learned. No art talent is required. just a desire to be open to suggestions and willing to try a hand at self-expression. Materials will be provided to each participant. Participants must check in at 5 p.m. The fee is \$20 per person (ages 8 and up) including all materials and is considered a nonrefundable

### **Guided Great House Tour**

The Guided Great House Tour takes place on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 of a mile up the Great Pueblo Trail and makes several stops along the way to enjoy the ancient Puebloan structures built over 1,000 years ago. Hear the archaeological details that connect this civilization to the Chaco culture located 90 miles southwest of this spot.

At the end of the trail visitors will enjoy the 360-degree view from atop the mountain ridge and have the closest view of the two pinnacles: Chimney Rock and Companion Rock.

The tour is available by reservation for up to 10 people and walkins are allowed if room allows. This program is recommended for ages 5 and up. Attendees must arrive at the plaza kiosk by 10 a.m; the tour begins at 10:30. Tickets are \$12 (ages 13 and up) and \$5 (ages 5-12) plus a booking fee and are nonrefundable. Walk-ins do not pay a booking fee, but the tour may be canceled for insufficient attendees. The USFS Daily Use Fee must be paid (or applicable federal pass used) since this program occurs during regular daily open hours.

### **Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour**

The Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour takes place on Monday and Friday mornings from 8 to 10:15 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7:15.

This engaging two-hours will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. You will walk both the Mesa Village and Great House Pueblo Trails, learning about the structures along each trail, including their significance and uses. You will be treated to the stunning views of the surrounding countryside.

Guests must arrive 15 minutes before the program starts. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free, and are considered a nonrefundable, nontransferable donation.

### **Geology Tours**

Geology Tours place on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 8 to 10:30 and on Thursday evenings from 5 to 7:30. This program includes a 2.5-hour guided tour that explores local geology and its

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experience

relationship to the daily lives of the ancestral Puebloans who lived at Chimney Rock. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and learn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area.

Guests must arrive for check-in 15 minutes before the program begins. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children (ages 5-12).

### The Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies

The Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies will take place on July 14. This program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky in order to enjoy the night sky in a truly dark environment and see deep-sky objects such as binary stars, globular star clusters, open clusters, various nebulae and other

Guests must arrive for check-in between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. and the program begins at 9 p.m.

### The Night Sky: **Our Solar System**

The Night Sky: Our Solar System program will take place on July 21. This program is timed for when the moon is wonderfully visible in the early night sky. That makes it so we can enjoy the moon and several planets along with some deep-sky objects that are beyond our galaxy that we can see with the telescopes.

Guests must check-in between 7:30-7:45 p.m. and the program starts at 9 p.m.

There are three parts to the Night Sky Programs program. They start with a live brief history of Chimney Rock, followed by a video presentation about the ancient people and explaining why astronomy was such an important part of their lives. The third part of the program is a recorded presentation that gives understanding of deep-sky objects such as binary stars, globular star clusters, open cluster, various nebulae and other galaxies. The program includes basic astronomy that will prepare you for what we will be seeing through our telescopes.

Tickets are \$16 for ages 13 and

up, \$8 for ages 5-12, under 5 free, and are considered a nonrefundable, nontransferable donation.

### Flute, Moon and Stars

The Flute, Moon and Stars program will take place on July 22 in the amphitheater area with an amazing view of the pinnacles

The program will begin with a relaxing walk up the 1/4-mile nature trail above the amphitheater and, upon returning to the amphitheater, the program resumes with an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site. As the moonlight increases and evening falls, you will be treated to the haunting melodies of a Native American flute played by our own

Gaze in wonder as the moon rises as it did more than 1,000 years ago when the ancestral Puebloans called Chimney Rock home.

Guests must enter through the Colo. 151 entry gate between 5:45 and 6 p.m.. The program ends at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16 (age 13 and up) and \$8 (ages 5-12) plus a booking fee, and are nonrefund-

### More information

For tickets for any of these spe-

Chimney Rock uses a fee system. All vehicles and motorcycles will be subject to a activity pass fee of \$20. The activity pass fee provides five days of access to Chimney Rock National Monument. To purchase your required activity pass you can:

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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

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* 

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Request for Proposals: Dairy

The Archuleta School District #50 JT is accepting proposals for a single company to provide district-wide dairy/milk products for the school year 2023-24 that meet the Federal and State nutritional requirements Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 pm, Friday August 4th, 2023, at the Archuleta School District #50

JT Administration Building, P.O. Box 1498, 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 with a copy also being e-mailed by that date and time to tstevens@ pagosa.k12.co.us.
Copies of the complete RFP can be found on the

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# Navajo reservoir levels rise, usage up

Staff Writer

According to a statement from Navajo State Park Complex Park Manager Nolan Tappenden, both water levels and park attendance at Navajo Lake have risen this year.

According to the Lake Navajo Water Database, on June 27 the lake was 25.03 feet below full pool at an elevation of 6,085 feet above sea level.

The database states that Lake Navajo is up 32.19 feet from one year ago and is down 3.83 feet from high water for the year.

The database indicates that the lake was approximately 76 percent full at 1,696,000 acre-feet (AF).

Total inflows are 957,810 AF for water year 2023, the database states, and are 134.59 percent of the June 26 average of 711,664 AF.

Total water releases for the 2023 water year are 413,570 AF, the database indicates, which is approximately 127.5 percent of the 324,358 AF released last year.

The database states, "During [water year] 2023, water storage has risen by 420,896 AF and total inflows have exceeded total outflows by 544,240 AF.

It adds that inflows for water year 2023 are 269.19 percent of water

In his statement, Tappenden comments, "The park is experiencing a rise in attendance in large part from higher water levels compared to the last few years."

In an interview, Tappenden noted that boating activity has increased and that the higher reservoir levels have also enabled increased shore

fishing in areas like the West Piedra. He adds in the statement that the

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By Jean Zirnhelt

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park expects even higher attendance this weekend, along with a full camp-

Tappenden explains that, over Father's Day weekend, from June 16 to June 19, staff completed 649 boat inspections at the aquatic nuisance species station, with over 300 occurring on June 18.

He also reminds park users to wear their personal flotation devices and notes that all children under 13 are required to wear them while boating, including while using paddleboards.

In the interview, Tappenden emphasized the importance of life jackets and cited recent U.S. Coast Guard statistics which indicate that 83 percent of drowning victims in recreational boating accidents where the cause of death was known were not wearing a life jacket.

He also highlighted that paddleboards are considered a boat in Colorado, which he noted is often a point of confusion for boaters, and that life jackets are required while using them.

He concluded the interview by indicating that he is expecting high boating usage at the park this season and highlighting that activity at Navajo Lake centers around boating.

### San Juan River flow

Flow levels in the San Juan River continued to drop over the last week, although they remain above median and drought conditions are not forecast for the near future.

The San Juan River in Pagosa Springs was running at 863 cubic feet per second (cfs) at 9 a.m. June 28, down from a nighttime peak of 986 cfs at 1:30 a.m., according to data from the U.S. Geological Survey

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The median flows for June 28, based on 87 years of data, are 527 cfs, according to the USGS.

These flows are down from June 21 when, according to USGS, the river was flowing at 1,180 cfs at 9 a.m., down from a nighttime peak of 1,380 cfs at 1 a.m.

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 normal and abnormally wet conditions.

The NIDIS defines abnormally wet conditions as conditions wetter than 70 to 80 percent of past conditions after 1979.

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

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NOAA National Weather Service's (NWS's) Climate Prediction Center.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) District Engineer/ Manager Justin Ramsey stated that most PAWSD reservoirs, including Lake Pagosa, Lake Forest, Lake Hatcher and Village Lake are full, though

He added that there has not yet been a call on water in the Fourmile Creek drainage and that water is continuing to flow into Lake Hatcher, although he expects a call in the "next

He added that PAWSD water production is down compared to last year, although it is rising with the rising temperatures.

Ramsey explained that last May PAWSD produced approximately 60 million gallons of water, while this May the district produced about 54

He noted that this decrease was likely because this May was very wet

### Weather forecast

week in Pagosa Country.

For Thursday, June 29, sunny skies with a high of 85 and light winds rising to 15-20 mph in the morning with gusts as high as 30 mph are forecast.

Thursday night is predicted to bring partly cloudy skies with a low of 43 and 15-20 mph winds before midnight calming to 5-10 mph after

A red flag warning will be in effect from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday,

For Friday, June 30, the forecasted high is 83 degrees with sunny skies and 5-10 mph winds rising to 10-15 mph winds in the afternoon. The forecasted low is 42 degrees with

For Saturday, July 1, sunny skies are expected with a high of 86 degrees. The forecasted low is 45 degrees Saturday night with mostly

For Sunday, July 2, the forecasted high is 87 degrees with sunny skies. The forecasted low is 45 degrees with

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

### Water report

Stevens Lake is down about 6 inches.

week or two.'

million gallons.

compared to last May.

The NWS forecast for Pagosa Springs indicates clear conditions and wind for the remainder of the

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June 29.

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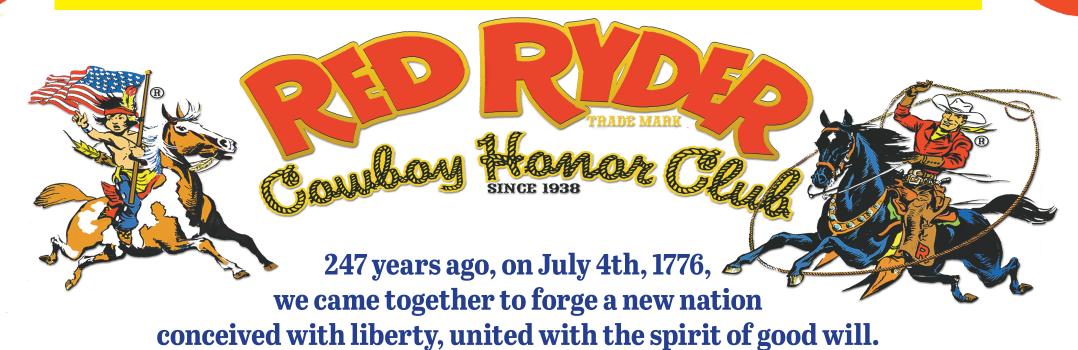
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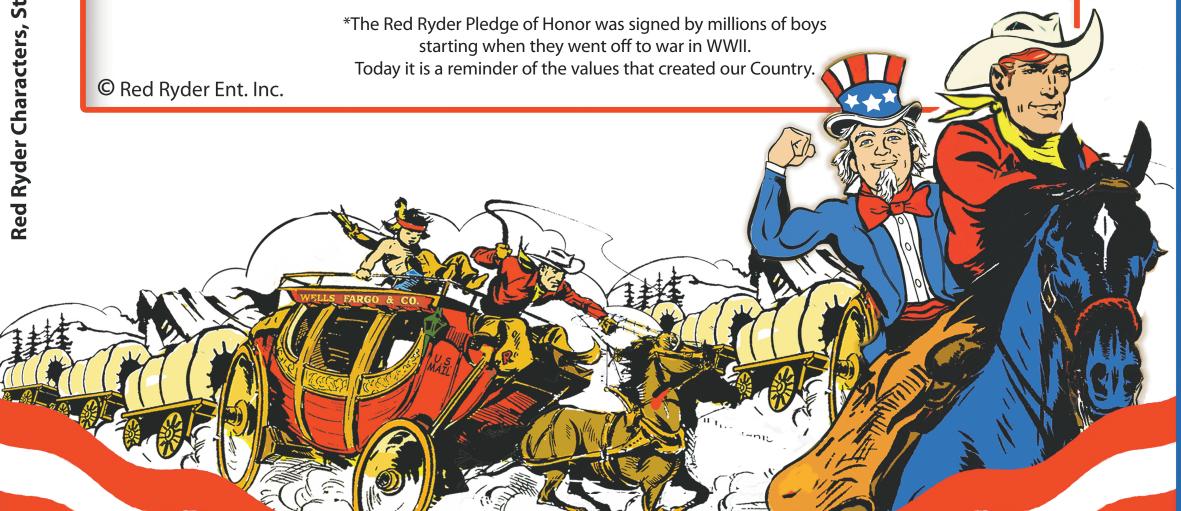
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# Fourth of July Parade

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The parade starts at 10 a.m. and you will know it has started when you hear the sounds of the San Juan Squadron as it kicks off the parade with its annual flyover.

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After the parade, make sure to check out the other events going on in town: Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo, Park to Park Artisan and Food Market, Freedom Float, and don't forget about the fireworks display starting at sundown.

Additional event information can be found on the Visit Pagosa Springs website at https://visitpagosasprings.com/july4th.

### Parking prohibitions for parade

Due to public safety concerns and to reduce any conflict with pedestrian and vehicular traffic, all onstreet parking is strictly prohibited along the designated parade route

This order is in effect from 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 at 12:30 p.m. on July 4. This is required for the designated detour.

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### 19th Hole Concert Series to feature Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release

By Robson Reyes

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

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USJSAR is a nonprofit volunteer organization that trains and organizes volunteers in search, rescue and other emergency services as described herein.

USJSAR volunteers respond only when activated by the Archuleta County sheriff or his designee and operate where directed by the sheriff or his designee.

USJSAR members volunteer to provide these services so that others may live.

This week, Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release will bring a variety of musical genres including blues, country, folk and rock to the 19th

Your \$10 cover charge supports five local nonprofits that are part of the 19th Hole Concerts. Local nonprofits participating this vear are Veterans Memorial Park, Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society, Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Aspen House and Aspen Services, and USJSAR. At the end of



PagosaSUN.com (970) 264-2100 \$35 annual in county \$45 annual out of county the series, all proceeds are pooled and equally distributed to the featured organizations.

All concerts are at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

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.

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- Work Release USJSAR.
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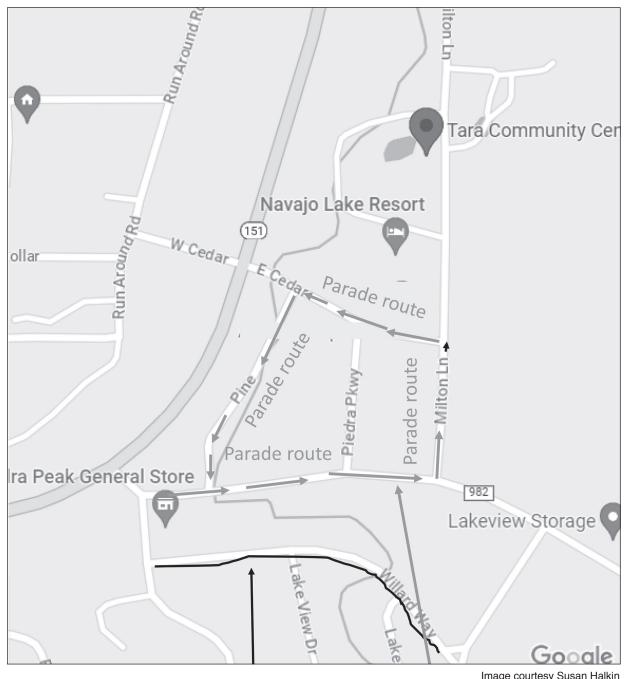


Image courtesy Susan Halkin

The Arboles Independence Day Parade, set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 1, will follow the above route.

### Arboles Independence Day Parade set for July 1

By Susan Halkin Special to The PREVIEW

Arboles will be holding its Independence Day Parade on Saturday, July 1, at 10 a.m.

The parade will begin at the Piedra Peak Store and end at the TARA Community Center at 333 Milton Lane.

All local businesses and families are encouraged to attend or participate in the parade. We are hoping for a good turnout this year with a lot of excitement stirring in the community.

Registrations for the parade will be accepted through June 30. There are cash prizes for first, second and third place in the parade.

Activities at TARA following

the parade include a bake sale, a barbecue and other fun activities.

Due to the parade, the TARA Thrift Store, Food Pantry, Library and Museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 1.

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### July 12 Pagosa Springs Photography Club topic: 'Learning to See Creatively'

By Gregg Heid

Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The July meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Our speaker this month will be Greg Holden. Holden's topic will be "Learning to See Creatively."

Holden is a photographer from Longmont, Colo., who uses his photography to share with others how he sees the world. He enjoys creative photos of little scenes often overlooked by others rather than postcard landscapes. He often explores abandoned places and captures the details of the layers of paint and rust on a discarded automobile.

Holden enjoys teaching others and sharing his passion for photography and speaks around his home in the greater Denver area, but also continues to speak and judge virtually at clubs throughout his former home in the Maryland and Virgina areas.

In his presentation, Holden will discuss his approach for finding different viewpoints in common scenes and how he creates inter-



Photo courtesy Greg Holder

Soda bubbles as captured by Greg Holden. Holden, from Longmont, Colo., will be the featured speaker at the July 12 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club.

esting abstract images by isolating a part of a scene. Whether it is iPhone photos taken in his kitchen or DSLR images from local parks, Holden's photos will demonstrate that you do not have to travel to exotic locations or spend hours using software manipulation to make creative images.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

with socializing, and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. After Holden's presentation, club members may share and discuss up to five of their images with the group.

This will be a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom, with Holden presenting remotely. The Zoom link will be emailed to mem-

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Curtains Up Pagosa will present four performances of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" between June 29 and July 2. Tickets are available now.

### **Photography**

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The Pagosa Springs Photography

Club promotes educational, social and fun interactions between all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help photographers hone their skills. We welcome photogra-

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### **Curtains Up Pagosa's 'Chitty Chitty** Bang Bang' set to fly this weekend

Curtains Up Pagosa

The roots of community theater can be traced to the "Little Theater" movement that started in the 1910s as a reaction to the monopoly that the syndicated theater system had on theater at that time. For some, it was about making professional theater art more accessible, but for many it was about enabling those who had not previously had access to theater arts to make their own art.

Community theater today is usually done as a social and artistic activity. It brings together local youth and others for a common goal: to put on a great production while teaching everyone about working with one another and bettering themselves as individuals.

Here in Pagosa Country, we have Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP), our very own community theater.

The mission statement for CUP is: "To nurture, educate, inspire, and strengthen Pagosa's artists through the power of the performing arts, and to entertain our community by providing a superior theatrical experience."

This weekend, CUP will entertain our community with four performances of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," a heartwarming musical based on the book by Ian Fleming of James Bond fame, and the 1968 musical film.

More than 100 people from the Pagosa community — youth and adults — will act, sing, dance, work the stage, create and work the special effects and lighting, and

The two lead characters, Truly Scrumptious and Caractacus Potts, played by Kaitlen Smith and Gus Palma, have been involved with community theater for years.

Smith has been in "West Side Story," "High School Musical," "Les Misérables," "Sister Act," "Children of Eden," "Tarzan," "The Nutcracker" and "Cinderella."

Palma, who is a Fort Lewis College graduate with a degree in theater, has been in "Tarzan," "Aladdin," "Legally Blonde" and "Shrek the Musical," to name a few, as well as assistant director for "Beauty and the Beast," coaching acting and doing character work.

Playing a part stays with an actor beyond the performances.

"Potts has taught me a lot about being an entrepreneur ... that you have to believe in yourself to get where you want to be in life," Palma said.

"Life is full of unexpected twists and turns," Smith observed.

What do these two actors want you to come away with after seeing Chitty this weekend?

"I want people to come away with the feeling that family is everything, dreams can come true, and teamwork can make a dream work if we all pitch in and try,' Palma said.

They also suggested they hope the public sees how hard they have worked on this show and how fun it is to drive a car on stage.

Chitty is 14 feet long, 6 feet wide, and flies. Look for her in the Fourth of July Parade.

Performances for "Chitty Chitty

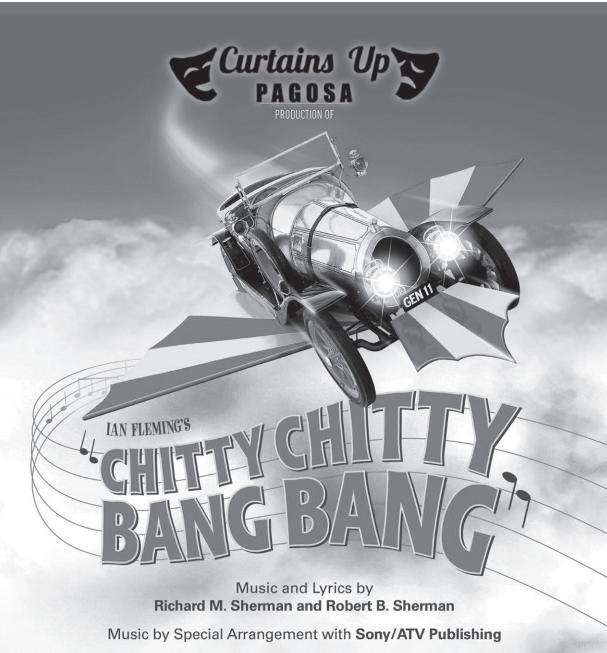
### Bang Bang" will be at the Pagosa Springs High School on Thursday, June 29, at 7 p.m.; Friday, June 30, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 1, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, July 2, 2 p.m. Tickets are available online at https://our. show/chitty23.

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### Mountain Light Music Festival promises a jazzy experience

By Sally Neel

Mountain Light Music Festival

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On July 26 at 7 p.m., concert goers will be treated to The Baylor Jazz Trio, featuring members of the Wayne Fisher Jazz Ensemble with powerhouse drummer Ed Taylor.

On July 27 at 7 p.m., put on your dancing shoes and plan to swing to your favorite big band music with the Wayne Fisher Jazz Ensemble.

On July 28 at 7 p.m., the grand

finale brings more great jazz tunes presented by the Baylor Jazz En-

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, scholarship and mentoring opportunities to specially selected high school and college-age stu-

Tickets for the jazz concerts are \$50 per concert and can be purchased at Choke Cherry Tree (56 Talisman Drive, No. 8C) and at the Chamber of Commerce office

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### A timeless tale reimagined: 'Godspell' set to open June 30 at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

**Bv Cater Merritt** 

Thingamajig Theatre Company

In a testament to the timelessness and versatility of Stephen Schwartz's masterpiece, Thingamajig Theatre Company is presenting a captivating rendition of "Godspell 2012" at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

With a skillful blend of urban rock-based melodies, outstanding performances, and a perfect balance between humor and depth, this production breathes new life into the classic tale of the gospel of Matthew.

Under the careful guidance of director and choreographer Andrew Barratt Lewis, "Godspell 2012" shines as a remarkable theatrical spectacle. The cast's energy and commitment to their roles are evident from the moment the lights dim.

Trevor Brown, in the role of Jesus, delivers an honest performance, exuding charisma and spiritual presence that resonates with the audience. Opposite him, Nazmokeem Harvey, portraying Judas (Jon the Baptist), captivates with a mesmerizing mix of conflicted emotions and profound vulnerability.

From the opening notes to the final curtain call, the entire cast of "Godspell 2012" delivers a feast for the senses. Harmonious group numbers and poignant solos fill the air, each performed with unwavering passion and remarkable vocal prowess.

The production's standout moments, such as the moving rendi-

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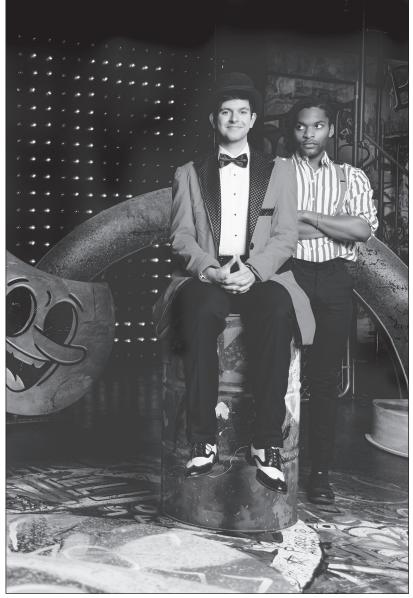


Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

Trevor Brown (Jesus) and Nazmokeem Harvey (Judas) star in Thingamajig Theatre Company's production of "Godspell 2012," opening June 30 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.



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### Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo set for July 2-4

By Diana Talbot

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

A traditional American rodeo is a must-see event. Join the fun as cowboys and cowgirls from various states compete for prizes and prize money the sanctioned rodeo series known as the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo.

The rodeos are Sunday and Monday, July 2 and 3, at 6 p.m., and Tuesday, July 4, at 2 p.m. at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds.

This year marks the 73rd anniversary of the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo, and the event is filled with a variety of exhibition events to make an entertaining affair. Each rodeo begins with a presentation of flags waving from westerners on horseback and the national

anthem

Rodeo clowns are both entertainers and bullfighters. Their primary job is to protect the cowboy and prevent a tragedy with dangerous livestock. Between activities, the clown will work the crowd.

The antics of the clown cannot be predicted but often include singing, dancing, joking and pantomimes within the act. Other rodeo events are interspersed with a variety of other activities like the mutton bustin' contest and the Daisy BB gun raffle.

Mutton bustin' is a crowd-pleasing event. Cowpokes 6 years and younger will test their strength and stamina by riding a sheep as long as they can hold on. This contest is held daily with 10 new contestants each leaving the arena with a spe-

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### 'Godspell'

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tion of "Day by Day" and the exuberant "Prepare Ye," demonstrate the cast's remarkable talent and dedication to their craft, and Music Director Boni McIntyre's work.

One of the most commendable aspects of this production is its ability to navigate seamlessly between moments of levity and profound emotion. With grace, respect and ease, the cast masters both the humorous and the weightier elements of the story, ensuring that each scene strikes a perfect balance. Under the guidance of Lewis, the actors infuse their performances with sincerity, allowing the audience to connect deeply with the characters and their journey.

"Godspell 2012" is an experience that transcends age barriers, making it an ideal outing for

families seeking a meaningful and entertaining theatrical experience. Its universal themes of love, acceptance and redemption resonate with audiences of all generations, sparking introspection and a renewed sense of faith.

Don't miss the opening weekend of "Godspell 2012," taking place on June 30 and July 1 at 7 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

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# Elkins to perform final play in personal trilogy Sunday

By Carole Howard

Thingamajig Theatre Company

Dennis Elkins is returning to the Thingamajig Theatre Company stage for a one-man performance of "blood(line)" (pronounced bloodline), the concluding play of the actor/director/playwright's autobiographical trilogy, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts this Sunday, July 2, at 7 p.m.

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.

This final version of "blood(line)" incorporates input to Elkins' script from Friends of the Theatre and season ticket holders who participated in a mini-Thingamajig Playwrights Festival two-day collaborative process in November 2021.

At that time Elkins said his play was in draft form and he wanted suggestions and guidance from theater lovers in Pagosa, whom he has come to admire from directing and performing in so many Thingamajig productions. He read his play from

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### Rodeo

■ continued from previous page cial prize and the overall winner, the boy or girl recording the longest ride, receiving an authentic Red Ryder Rodeo belt buckle.

Tickets are available online and at the gate prior to the event. The cost is \$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.

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throughout the event.

The rodeo has a long history in Pagosa Springs and was named after Red Ryder, who was the feature cowboy character in the popular long-running western comic strip created by Stephen Slesinger and artist Fred Harman.

Red, and his horse Thunder, was a tough cowboy who lived on Painted Valley Ranch in the Blanco Basin in the San Juan Mountains. He and his sidekick, Little Beaver with his horse Papoose, dealt with the bad guys of the day. The comic strip was wildly popular and ran from 1938-1964 in 750 newspapers.

The Western Heritage Event Center, the organization that produces the rodeo, invites everyone to share in preserving the history and tradition of the American West. More rodeo information is available by calling (970) 749-3492 or visiting www.PagosaRodeo.com.



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### Elkins

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the stage and solicited feedback from the audience on where the show needed rewriting to improve the flow of the story and to clarify the purpose of a scene or character.

Thingamajig audiences are some of the most intelligent and discerning in the theater world," Elkins said. "They're also not afraid to express their opinions and ask good questions. Their input was invaluable to making 'blood(line)' a better play."

### Three one-man shows

The three plays in this autobiographical series are written, produced and performed as one-man shows by Elkins, who is a master storyteller.

The first, "box.," originally was performed in Pagosa to standing ovations and rave reviews at Thingamajig's Playwrights Festival in 2018. It focuses on the psychological trials in our lives associated with packing and unpacking boxes—literally and figuratively. We follow Elkins through major events in his adult life including his mother's death, his son's overdose, coming out of the closet and leaving academia at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

The second installment is "bag-(pronounced bag dash), which debuted at Thingamajig in July 2021. It is based on Elkins' trip to India in the winter of 2017 as he approached his 60th birthday. In this poignant comedy of travel and identity, Elkins crisscrosses India via buses, tuk-tuks and taxis in hopes of uncovering the mysteries of life and middle age.

Now "blood(line)" rounds out the trilogy. This play expands our knowledge of the Elkins' family on his mother's side that we initially met in the trilogy's first show, "box.," and explores their influence—good and bad — on his life. We also meet others who have impacted his experiences over the years including friends, academics, mentors and lovers

After being showcased in Pagosa, "blood(line)" will head to Scotland, where Elkins will perform all three shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August.

### Songs added to 'blood(line)'

In addition to responding to Thingamajig patrons' advice regarding the script, Elkins has added six songs to the show in partnership with Brandon Scott Grayson, a composer, lyricist, music director and arranger originally from Las Vegas.

Highlights of Grayson's career include more than a dozen productions with the Utah Shakespeare Festival as well as music directing multiple world and U.S. musicals and writing music for other shows.

Elkins wrote the lyrics for the "blood(line)" songs and Grayson

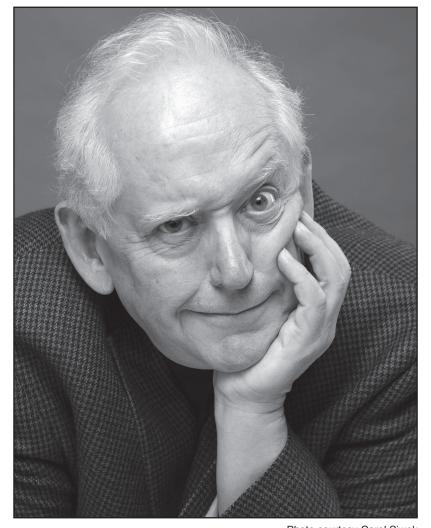


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### **Elkins**

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"One of the most powerful times I've experienced as an artist is when Brandon and I are in the same room — he at the piano and I with my script — and the magic is happening faster than either of us can write the ideas down," Elkins said.

The audience will meet Grayson at this Pagosa performance, where he will be on stage playing keyboard.

### Impressive history at Thingamajig

Elkins, the former head of the Fort Lewis College theater department and a veteran performer on stages around the world, is well-known to Thingamajig audiences. Over the years, he has impressed both locals and out-of-town visitors with his brilliant acting, keen directing and remarkable versatility.

He starred in significant dramas including "Red," "A Picasso," "A Few Good Men" and "Proof"; played major roles in musicals like "Cabaret," "Hairspray" and "Sister Act"; earned laughs in comedies like "Lend Me a Tenor" and "Tuna Christmas"; and directed hits like "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "A Christmas Carol" and "Little Women, the Musical."

This summer he returned to the Thingamajig stage from his home in New York City not only for "blood(line)" but also to direct "Jersey Boys," which opened June 16 to standing ovations. The musical became an international phenomenon as it dramatized the story of the formation, success, eventual breakup and great music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, the iconic '60s rock 'n' roll group.

### This summer's musicals

In addition to "Jersey Boys," Thingamajig is producing two more musicals in this summer's Broadway in the Mountains season.

"The Great American Trailer Park Musical," which opened June 2, is a heartwarming musical comedy about complicated relationships between a group of misfits living at a trailer park in Florida. It is directed by Ann Evans Watson in her first

appearance at Thingamajig. She is associate professor of musical theater at the University of Michigan, an Equity actor, vocal instructor and coach.

Four musicians make up the live band for "Trailer Park." They are Dale Scrivener on keyboard, Will Spears on guitar, Joan Knab on drums and James Kiker on bass.

"Godspell," which opens tomorrow, Friday, June 30, is structured as a series of parables based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, interspersed with multiple music styles. It is directed by Andrew Barratt Lewis, associate professor of musical theater at Weber State University in Utah. He is a Thingamajig favorite for previously directing "Bright Star" and past Christmas shows "Grand Night for Singing" and "Miracle on 34th Street."

The three musicals are running in rotation until late August. Boni Mc-Intyre is music director, JD Madsen is scenic designer, Mackenzie Lowe is lighting designer, Elly Hunt and Lexi Saeger are costume designers, and Jill Fives is the scenic artist for the shows

As well, "Newsies Jr.," playing July 15 and 16, will be the theater's Whatchamawhozits children's summer camp show.

This year's fundraising Broadway Gala will take place the evening of July 25.

### Tickets available now

Tickets for the Elkins show are 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.

Season tickets for all three summer musicals are available on the theater's website at pagosacenter.org or by phoning the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Individual tickets for the musicals also are available on the website — \$42 for adults for all three shows and \$25 for kids 12 and under for "Godspell." "Trailer Park" and "Jersey Boys" are recommended for mature audiences. Evening performances are at 7 p.m. and matinees are at 3 p.m.

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# Spanish Fiesta set for July 29, float to appear in parade

By Rose Chavez **PREVIEW Columnist** 

During the parade this Fourth of July, be on the lookout for the Spanish Fiesta-sponsored float by local talent Los Mitotitos and friends and family members of the Spanish Fiesta committee.

### **Senior** News

We will have a beautiful float decorated with handmade paper flowers and banners reminding the community about the upcoming July 29 Spanish Fiesta.

Remember you are invited to the 21st annual 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 for 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 begin at 3 p.m., so come earlier to get your seat and enjoy 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 Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Choke Cherry Tree or the Pagosa Senior Center, located in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

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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.

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

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# We're still in the game

A story circulated in 1960 became a one-liner between my Sweet Al and me. The score is 21-21 with three seconds left in the game. The home team has the ball. The roaring crowd is on their feet. They yell, "Throw the ball to Leroy."

Leroy, beat up, knocked down and on his last leg, yelled back, "Leroy don't want the ball."

Over the years, in our glory days, Al and I were beat up, knocked down and on our last legs. The ball was thrown to us and Al would say, "Leroy don't want the ball anymore." And I'd say, "But, Leroy has to carry the ball if he wants to or not." We'd laugh.

Now in our later days, there are only three seconds left in the game. We're limping on one good leg, can't hear, can't see and can't remember. Whether we want the ball or not, we're still in the game.

Al and I talked about some of the hard hits that came our way. I asked Al, "Do you remember when I won Salesman of the Year?" There was a lot of fanfare; I was at the top of my game. I carried the ball and far surpassed all the other salesmen. I worked for a company that sold investment art.

The company had a big conference in New Orleans where I received a 3-foot trophy for being top salesman. I had sold \$500,000 of art each year for three years. The bosses, known as "The Brothers," asked me to give a pep talk to 400 salesmen from 40 galleries throughout the country. They wanted me to tell the other salesmen how I sold so much investment art.

I called my speech, "It was Mario's race." I talked about Danny Sullivan, a rookie driver, and how he fought for the win no matter whose race it belonged to.

Sullivan was not a favorite to win. It was supposed to be Mario's race. It was reported, "On lap 120 of the 1985 Indianapolis 500, Danny Sullivan forced his car inside of Mario Andretti as they entered Turn 1 in a bid to take the lead.

"Coming out of the corner, Sullivan lost control and the car Artist's Lane

**Betty Slade** 



went into a vicious spin, disappearing into a cloud of smoke. Yet the former Pebble Beach resident was fortunate that afternoon. The car did not slam into the wall and Sullivan managed to get it pointed in the right direction. He would eventually make the pass and take the checkered flag — the famous 'spin and win.'"

When asked, Sullivan said, "I'm proud of winning the champion-ship, the 500, all the people in racing — Chip Ganassi, the Andrettis, Penske. You look back and, in the scheme of things, I got to do what I wanted to do. Or what I stumbled into doing."

While I was speaking that Saturday morning in 1986 in New Orleans, the sheriff's office in Albuquerque was hauling out the Salvador Dali prints from the gallery. A blinking red light greeted me when I returned to the hotel room.

The sales clerk at the gallery in Albuquerque left a message. "Call me. I don't know what to do. The sheriff came in and took all the Dalis and the walls are bare. We have nothing to sell. Should we open the gallery tomorrow? What are they looking for?"

I called back, "I don't know, but I'll find out." I hung up the phone and called The Brothers. They played dumb and asked, "What do you think they are looking for?"

"I don't know, but the gallery is empty."

When I returned to Albuquerque, on the front page of the newspaper stated, "Shelby Galleries under investigation for selling fraudulent art." The phone rang off the hook from buyers who had invested thousands of dollars. They had trusted us.

My successful, thriving business

came to a screeching halt in a matter of seconds. It was all over.

But real life began. As an independent salesperson, because I had sold so much art, I became the target and was advised to hire an attorney.

My attorney said, "The grand jury will indict a ham sandwich. You have no friends but me. The Brothers want to hang this on you. The sheriff wants you as an inside informant. Your clients are all mad at you. They are going to use you to save their necks."

The Brothers insisted I misrepresented the investment art. They didn't know anything about the art being fake even though they furnished it.

With immunity as a star witness, I appeared before the grand jury. For the next year, the process

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### 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.

Guided Great House Tour. 10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Meet at 10 a.m., tour at 10:30 a.m. See ancient Puebloan structures built more than 1,000 years ago and hear the archaeological details that connect this civilization to the Chaco culture located 90 miles southwest of this spot. The tour is available by reservation for up to 10 people and walk-ins are allowed if room allows. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Tickets

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of saving my own neck began. The

Brothers, after two weeks of trial,

were found guilty and were cited

as felons. I did not go to jail, I did

not pass go, but I played the game,

carried the ball over the goal line

Final brushstroke: When Leroy

says he doesn't want the ball, he

knows how it feels to be hit. Mario,

upstaged by a rookie, wasn't ready

Lane 🗕

and won

are \$12 (ages 13 and up) and \$5 (ages 5-12) plus a booking fee. The USFS daily use fee must be paid (or applicable federal pass used) since this program occurs during the monument's regular daily open hours. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco. org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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 bratwurst, chips 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.

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 ac-

to give up his place to a younger

driver. Not too many years later,

Mario stepped out of his car and

made room for his replacement.

For Al and I, there are young hope-

fuls waiting to step in. We still have

a race to finish. If the ball is thrown,

Send your comment to bettys-

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cessing 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

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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.

Geology Tour. 5-7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and earn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area. Guests must arrive for check-in 15 minutes before the program begins. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information or tickets, visit www. chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This two-hour talk will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. Guests must arrive 15 minutes before the program starts. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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
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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

Geology Tour. 8-10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and earn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area. Guests must arrive for check-in 15 minutes before the program begins. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco. org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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. Registrations for the parade will be accepted through June 30. For parade registration or for more information, call Pat Everett at (970) 883-7711 or Penny Holmes at (970) 883-5394.

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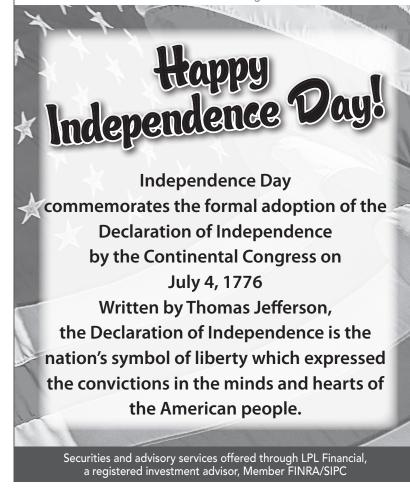
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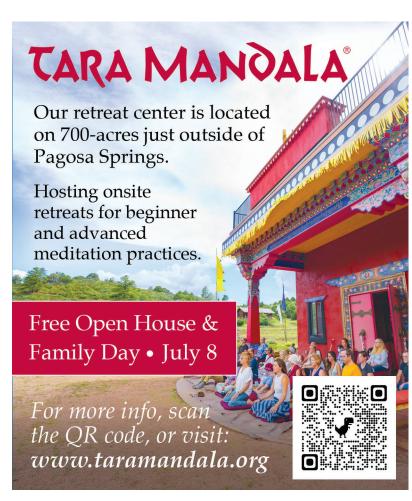
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'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.' 2 p.m., Special backstage tour. Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Tickets are available online at https://our.show/chitty23

'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.

### Sunday, July 2

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

'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.pagosa-

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### **Bird of the Week**



Photo courtesy Ben Bailey

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the violet-green swallow.

This is a bird seen fluttering high in the sky in the company of swifts or zipping across open water and fields at speeds approaching those of the peregrine falcon. It catches and eats insects midair, relying completely on the availability of aerial insects for food.

Unlike the closely related tree swallow, which can eat some berries when insects are not available, the violet-green must retreat south when freezing weather drives insects from the skies. Most spend the winter in Mexico or Central America. In the breeding season, the violet-green is a swallow of the West, found in the western third of the United States and into western Canada and Alaska.

Often nesting in small groups, these cavity nesters are found in open woodlands with deciduous and evergreen trees as long as there are standing dead ones. Like many secondary cavity nesting species, they primarily depend on woodpeckers to excavate holes where they can build their nests. People join woodpeckers in providing nest sites with man-made nest boxes.

Violet and green would be a more appropriate name for these birds whose metallic green backs and purple rumps can appear iridescent in sunlight. In flight, look for a bright white belly, and a white back patch formed by patches on the flanks that almost meet on the rump. Their short tails appear square or only slightly notched.

It is easier to observe the facial pattern formed by white from the throat which extends behind and above the eyes when the birds are perched. It is possible to distinguish sexes in a view that shows the mottled face pattern of the female or clean white of the male.

Violet-green swallows were one of the victims when an alarming sudden die-off of migratory birds occurred primarily in New Mexico in September of 2020. Hundreds of thousands of birds perished in a short period of time. Causal factors are thought to include a sudden cold snap, exacerbated by extended drought and wildfire smoke that left the birds in poor physical condition.

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



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John Adams, 2nd U.S. President, Commenting on the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

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'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.

'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.

### Monday, July 3

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This two-hour talk will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. Guests must arrive 15 minutes before the program starts. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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.

Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Inviting musicians of all levels and abilities to jam and sing with others. Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for details.

Flora of Chimney Rock. 4:30-6:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Join the tour for an introduction to some of the plant species that grew at Chimney Rock and their uses by Ancestral Puebloan people. The fee is \$16 for adults and \$8 for ages 5-12 and is considered a nonrefundable donation. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco. org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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)

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Full Moon Program. 7 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. The program begins about an hour before moonrise. This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. Tickets are \$20 plus a booking fee and are considered a nonrefundable, non-transferable donation. Guests are also offered the opportunity to take a tour on the Mesa Village Trail before the Full Moon Program begins with the Early Tour Full Moon Package. The cost for this program is \$25 plus a booking fee. For more information or tickets, visit www. chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

### Tuesday, July 4

Geology Tour. 8-10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and earn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area. Guests must arrive for check-in 15 minutes before the program begins. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco. org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

**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 what freedom means to you. To enter a float in the parade, please visit the Town of Pagosa Springs' website. The deadline for applications is noon on June 27. No late entries will be accepted.

Guided Great House Tour. 10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Meet at 10 a.m., tour at 10:30 a.m. See ancient Puebloan structures built more than 1,000 years ago and hear the archaeological details that connect this civilization to the Chaco culture located 90 miles southwest of this spot. The tour is available by reservation for up to 10 people and walk-ins are allowed if room allows. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Tickets are \$12 (ages 13 and up) and \$5 (ages 5-12) plus a booking fee. The USFS daily use fee must be paid (or applicable federal pass used) since this program occurs during the monument's regular daily open hours. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimnevrockco. org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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### Wednesday, July 5

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

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.pago-sapickleball.org.

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

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

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

Game Design Workshop. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a board game designer? Come learn from our guest speaker, a professional game designer. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Noon, Thursday, June 29

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

### Thursday, July 6

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

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.

and hear the archaeological details that connect this civilization to the Chaco culture located 90 miles southwest of this spot. The tour is available by reservation for up to 10 people and walk-ins are allowed if room allows. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Tickets are \$12 (ages 13 and up) and \$5 (ages 5-12) plus a booking fee. The USFS daily use fee must be paid (or applicable federal pass used) since this program occurs during the monument's regular daily open hours. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco. org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

oaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or until food runs out, Community United Methodist Church. Serving green chile and cheese chicken stew. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat, and other staples are available for those in need. This will be the last meal available until further notice. 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.

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

# Guided Great House Tour. 10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Meet at 10 a.m., tour at 10:30 a.m. See ancient Puebloan structures built more than 1,000 years ago is free and open to all ages. CREEDE REPERTORY THEATRE MAGICAL FUN FOR ALL AGES! Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella JUNE 30 - AUG 25

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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.

Geology Tour. 5-7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument, Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and earn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area. Guests must arrive for check-in 15 minutes before the program begins. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco. org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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.

Music in the Mountains, 7 p.m., Town Park. Music in the Mountains will present a mobile stage concert. For more information, visit www. musicinthemountains.com.

'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).

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

Rhythm and Rhymes. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. A music-based storytime with lots of movement and singing.

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

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Board Game Central. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn to play a new board game or bring your own to share with others. Families are welcome

'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).

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## **ACROSS**

- 1 Poker variety
- **5** Google product
- **10** Bullets, briefly
- **14** Traffic director
- 15 Earsplitting
- **16** Engine sound
- 17 Couple's pronoun
- 18 Tuxedo accessory
- 20 Enter illegally
- 22 Door hardware
- 23 Renter's paper
- 24 Donut shop option
- 26 Hard to come by
- 28 Carpenter's tool
- 29 Starbucks offering
- 30 Burn, as a wound
- 34 Kind of tax
- 35 Some are endangered
- 37 Do some yard work
- 38 Like Mr. Skelton
- 40 Package string
- 42 Rose oil
- 43 Thyroid problem
- **44** Living creature
- 47 Food from the sky
- **48** Consequently
- 49 Texas nickname
- 52 Kind of ape
- 55 South American capital
- **56** Colt's mother
- 57 Bead material
- 58 Neck-and-neck
- 59 Secret plan
- **60** Early anesthetic
- 61 Midterm, e.g.

### **DOWN**

- 1 Connery, for
- 2 Concert series
- 3 Not connected
- 4 Piece of cake, e.g.

- 5 Put in a container
- 6 Jerry of cartoons
- 7 Directs a weapon 8 Suffix with
- "skeptic" 9 Caustic
- substance
- 10 Strike mediator
- 11 Shasta or McKinley
- 12 Itchy pooch ailment
- 13 Court call
- 19 Campbell's Cowboy"
- 21 Leader of the
- 24 Likely to change
- 25 Word with "birth" or "interest"
- 26 Disparaging remark
- **27** Docket entry
- 28 1970's AMC car

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- 30 Fragrant wood 31 Hardly original
- 32 Part of DMZ
- 33 Fancy pitcher **36** Canape spread
- 39 Small axe
- 41 "Sense and Sensibility" star
- 43 Male goose 44 Titleholder,
- briefly

45 Of the kidneys

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by Margie E. Burke

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46 Opening words

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- 47 Wavy silk pattern
- 49 Highlands lake
- 50 Iowa college town
- **51** Blather wildly
- 53 Start for step or stop
- **54** Butter portion

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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# Free community playdate, kids art class and family film tomorrow

### **By Carole Howard**

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We hope you will bring your kids to a free community playdate tomorrow, Friday, June 30, from 10 to 11 a.m. as we take this opportunity to meet new friends while we play in the community garden.

Then, from 2 to 3 p.m., ages 6-11 are invited to a free Kids Create mixed-media art class based on a picture book. The story and projects change monthly.

And the activities on this fun day conclude with a free PG family film and free popcorn from 3 to 5 p.m.

### **Library closure**

Your library will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for Independence Day.

# 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 and prizes for all ages, 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 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 li-

## Library News

brary 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 free weekly Summer Reading Club for kindergartners through fifth-graders 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.

### Music fun

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays, July 3 and 17, for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. Anyone under age 18 is welcome with a signed parental permission, available at your library. For program information, contact Susan at (970) 946-3396 (not the library).

### Game design workshop

Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a board game designer? Join us next Wednesday, July 5, from 4 to 5 p.m. when a professional board designer will be at your library for a free session to share tips.

### **Wacky Wednesdays**

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to get silly and play next Wednesday, July

5, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and every Wednesday in July, when each week will be a different activity.

## Change in ESL class times

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and there is a change in the way the time is divided. Effective immediately, 4 to 5 p.m. is reserved for beginners, 5 to 6 p.m. for intermediate and 6 to 7 p.m. for advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

### **Tech Time**

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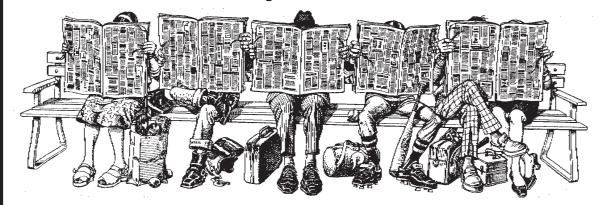


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### **Downloadable books**

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staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

### Local author

"Stories of the Blanco Basin Road" by Pagosa resident and civil engineer James R. White Jr. traces the origins of the road and tells of the many interesting people who were brought to the Blanco Basin on it. His book includes maps as well as archival photos of the Blanco Basin Road from the U.S. Forest Service.

In his preface, the author writes, "People, in the final analysis, are what this book is all about" - and among those he features is your library's namesake, Ruby Sisson, a school teacher, community leader and Blanco Basin rancher.

"The Quiet Girl" features a young girl sent to live with foster parents in rural Ireland and was an

Academy Award nominee for best international feature film. "Creed" is a three-film collection of boxing dramas. "The Handmaid's Tale" is season five. "Tulsa King" is season one. "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" is an animated film.

### Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"The Way of the Bear" by Anne Hillerman is part of the Leaphorn, Chee and Manuelito Navajo police series. "Lucky Dogs" by Helen Schulman follows two women who meet and become friends when they are hassled at an ice cream kiosk. "Bad Summer People" by Emma Rosenblum showcases infidelity, backstabbing and intrigue on exclusive Fire Island. "A Good Family" by Matt Goldman focuses on the friendship of a strange-acting husband and his college friend. "The Maze" by Nelson DeMille is part of

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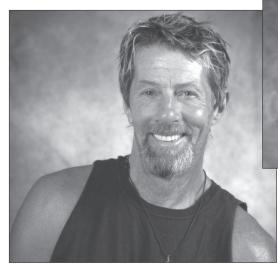
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# Unitarian Universalist service to focus on General Assembly

### **By Pauline Benetti**

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

This year's General Assembly of Unitarian Universalists (UUs) from around the U.S. took place in Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 22-25 where UUs attended to both spiritual and organizational business. This Sunday we will stream the General Assembly Sunday service or, at least, a part of it here at our Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF).

The entire 1.5-hour service replete with wonderful music and chorus and several inspirational speakers spoke to a common message — the collective trauma we

bear from our experiences of the pandemic; the divisiveness of social, political and racial unrest; the increasingly dark shadow of climate change; war and genocide; and the need to find rest, support and resilience in our UU communities — to remain open and willing to continue the struggle for our values: interdependence, equity, transformation, pluralism, generosity and justice. Join us for a sorely needed spiritual boost.

In response to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tracking of COVID-19 hospitalization as low in Archuleta County, the PUUF Steering Committee states that masking will be optional at

this time in our building; however, social distancing is encouraged and to that end the maximum capacity of the Fellowship has been reduced to 25, a very good reason for arriving a few minutes early.

Our Fellowship offers each individual support in our unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing Pagosa Peak. Join us. For more information about the Fellowship, please see www.pagosauu.org.

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### **Books on CD**

"Tom Clancy Flash Point" by Don Bentley is a Jack Ryan Jr. adventure. "The Singing Trees" by Boo Walker follows an artist who moves to New England to find her voice. "A Little Ray of Sunshine" by Kristan Higgins begins when an adopted teen decides to meet his birth mother.

## How-to and self-help nonfiction

"The Power of Saying No" by Professor Vanessa Patrick is a guide to protecting your time and focusing on your priorities. "The Search" by Bruce Feiler uses information from a diverse group of Americans to allow you to do a meaningful audit of your work life in a post-career world. "Allergic" by medical anthropologist Theresa MacPhail

explores the power of allergies in a rapidly changing world.

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We are very grateful to Patti Howard and Don Logan for their generous donation in memory of Bob Howard.

## Important alert about donations

Please note that the Friends of the Library have announced their annual summer book sale will take place July 21-22. 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.

### **Quotable quote**

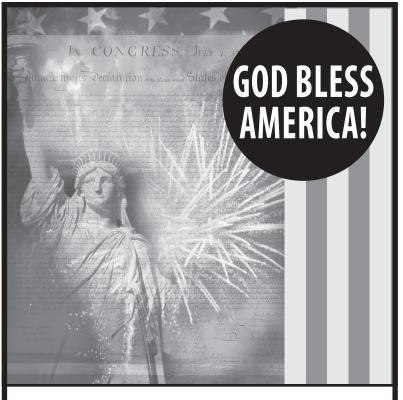
"I've had sports scientists write to me and say, 'I'm sorry to tell you,

this is humanly impossible.' And I write back and say to them, 'You have no idea then. You're just doing your little studies on what the heart can do and what the lungs can do. But I'm talking to you about what the spirit can do, and that's not measurable.'" — Diana Nyad, legendary long-distance swimmer, author, journalist and motivational speaker. She first gained national attention by swimming around the island of Manhattan. At age 64, she became the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without the aid of a shark cage.

### Website

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By Shayla McClure

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The July 2 Sunday service at 11 a.m. will be "Celebrating Global Spiritual Freedom" and will a picnic and potluck at Xanadu with Shayla White Eagle McClure and the SpiritHeart Band.

Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share.

Text (970) 510-0309 for directions.

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### **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.

July 2: Sunday service picnic at Xanadu.

July 13, 6 p.m.: "Sacred Medicine Ways-Basic Healing Techniques" with White Eagle.

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

July 18 — Chimney Rock excur-

July 29 — Vets 4 Vets benefit outdoor concert with the Retrocats. 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.

### Library

The Aspin Inspiration Memorial Library is a collection of spiritual books. We welcome you to sign out/view our books, by appointment.

### **About us**

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

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# Sunday Night Unplugged to return to St. Patrick' Church July 9

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is pleased to announce the return of Sunday Night Unplugged at 5 p.m. on July 9.

Sunday Night Unplugged was the brainchild of Doug and Sally Neel, formerly the rector and music director at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

The last in-person Sunday Night Unplugged was March of 2020 and then the COVID-19 pandemic struck, shutting the service down. Later in 2020, the Neels retired. The Rev. Wren Blessing, the current rector of St. Patrick's, is now bringing back this beloved service.

The Sunday Night Unplugged service is open to all community members. This service provides music, thoughtful readings, and space for quiet meditation and prayer in a setting of beauty and reverence.

Our musical guest for the July 9 evening service will be Charles Martinez, whose talent playing the native flute is well-known in Pagosa Springs.

Martinez, a native Pagosan, will lend the evening's service a special musical touch with his flute melodies which depict our natural surroundings and the history of



The return of Sunday Night Unplugged to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on July 9 will feature Charles Martinez.

our area.

Come and let the beautiful tones of Martinez' handmade flutes and Native American stylings touch you, creating a beautiful space for spiritual meditation.

The service will begin at 5 p.m.

and will last approximately an hour. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Please join us for this special service celebrating the return of Sunday Night Unplugged. All are welcome.

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# Growing your own food

By Glenda Wentworth, Denyse Schrenker and Robin Young PREVIEW Columnists

A good way to focus on eating healthy is by growing your own food at home. However, gardening can be overwhelming, so start small.

If you have limited space at home for a garden bed, try using large containers placed on your porch, patio or other outdoor space.

### Benefits of growing food

Children are typically fascinated by the growing process. Gardening increases awareness and appreciation of where food comes from and the factors involved in making plants flourish.

Growing food can give children a sense of accomplishment and pride, helping build their selfesteem.

Additionally, research shows that when children help to grow their own food, they are more likely to eat what they have grown.

Finally, when children are exposed to different foods through the growing process, they are more likely to try different kinds of produce that you purchase as well.

### **Choosing containers**

Look around to see what you already have, preferably 8-12 inches deep. Barrels, buckets, clay pots, 5-gallon buckets and large pots all work; get creative. The containers need holes in the bottom to allow the water to drain out. This helps keep the roots from drowning and rotting. If the container doesn't have holes, can you drill a few holes in the bottom? You can use a hammer and nail to make holes in a plastic bucket.

Avoid using treated wood or containers that held toxic substances. Think about fitting the size of the container to the plant you will be growing. Use seed packets as a reference to match the container to the depth of soil needed.

Place containers where they will receive the most sunlight. Vegetables and herbs generally need at

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least eight hours of sunlight a day.

### Planting and growing

Soil quality is important. For the best results, use potting mix (not garden soil). Re-used potting mix can harbor insects and diseases, so it is best to use new potting mix.

Easy foods to grow from seeds include herbs, salad greens such as spinach or lettuce and small tomato varieties. Salad greens are great options if your containers only get around six to eight hours of sunlight.

### Caring for your garden

Remember that plants need attention to grow successfully. Plants in containers may need more water as the soil tends to dry out quickly. Keep soil consistently moist and avoid getting plant leaves wet when watering. Pinch off any dead leaves. Lightly fertilize with a vegetable fertilizer once a month.

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duce with water, taste the produce that has grown. Even if it doesn't leave you anything for supper, children are excited to taste produce from the garden right away. The best thing about gardening is that it exposes children to a variety of

vegetables. — Glenda Wentworth

# and Denyse Schrenker. Upcoming events

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

Archuleta County Fair is the first full weekend in August, Aug. 3-6. Go to www.Archuletacountyfair. com for more information. Volunteers wanted.

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**HELP WANTED- EVERYDAY STORE.** Apply 300 E. Pagosa St.

PagosaSUN.com

### **HELP WANTED**

**DESIGN A SIGN HAS EMPLOYMENT OP-**PORTUNITIES. Hours are 9a.m.-5p.m. M-F. Yes, come apply! Located at 57 Majestic Dr., at top of Put Hill, across from Sherwin Williams.

**EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - SKID STEER** and mechanized mulcher multiple years of experience. Email resume to frontdesk@ pagosalandcompany.com, (970)264-5000.

JONES MECHANICAL. EXPERIENCE PREFERRED but will train right person. Excellent opportunity to learn the HVAC trade. (970)731-3046.

3R RANCH HIRING ONE full- or part-time position. Ranch and landscape maintenance. Must have own reliable transportation and valid driver's license. 40 hours a week available. \$18 per hour. (970)264-5160.

NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON is hiring a full-time cashier nights and weekends. Competitive wages. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**DEDICATED CLEANERS, UP TO \$17/** hour. Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

HANDY-PERSON TYPE WANTED to serve as facilities manager for small Pagosa condominium community. Duties to include weekly inspections with a report to the board, small maintenance projects, coordinating/supervising outside landscape and snow removal contractors, working with the condo board to identify and prioritize larger maintenance projects including obtaining and recommending bidders and supervising projects to completion. Generous hourly compensation for a mostly part-time position. Perfect for a retired person with basic skills. Contact: HVCposition@gmail.com or (713)805-0075.

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

MAINTENANCE TECH NEEDED. We are currently searching for a qualified and reliable maintenance tech As the maintenance tech. you will be responsible for repairs and upkeep of our company's properties. If you have proven experience in maintenance, then we encourage you to apply today. High school diploma or equivalent qualification. A minimum of 2 years' experience in maintenance. Good understanding of the technical features of plumbing, carpentry, and electrical systems. Strong knowledge facilities machines and equipment. Excellent organizational and abilities. Exceptional communication and interpersonal skills. Sunetha Property Management, (970731-4344. Resume to admin@ sunetha.com.

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### HIRING HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

Full time, pay based on experience

Please email accounting@hartbuilders.com or phone (970) 264-0110

**ROOF LABORER NEEDED** with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

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

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

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Hiring Bussers and Food Runners. Great pay and compensation. Nights only. Please email Contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

BARTENDERS AND SERVERS NEEDED at The Buck Stops Here Market and Eatery. Competitive pay. Full- and part-time positions available. Please apply within at 19 Navajo Trail Dr. Pagosa Springs, CO.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/PAYABLE SPECIALIST and bookkeeper. Looking for someone to help keep our back office running smoothly and books in order for a local design -build company in Pagosa. Accounting software knowledge is a must. Email mary@rootdesigncompany.com for further job description.

**EXPERIENCED EQUIPMENT OPERATOR** needed and a CDL is a plus. We offer paid holidays, vacation time and retirement plan. Please call Tim Brown Construction LLC at (970)731-7071.

I AM LOOKING FOR WORK. I cut lawns, do yard work, pine needle clean-up. Also, if some one needs a laborer for fence work. I am very reliable and a very hard working man. Very capable with much experience. I charge \$20.00 per hour. Please call me at (970)946-8598 or (970)946-9749. Ask for Gabriel. Thank you.

**3R RANCH- WORKING** in the beautiful south San Juans. Hiring one summer position, ranch and landscape maintenance. No experience, we will train. (970)264-5160. Please leave a message.

FRONT DESK SUPERVISOR- COMPET-ITIVE WAGE. We are looking for the right person to step into a supervisor position at our front desk. If you have a friendly outgoing attitude, strong leadership skills, strong computer skills, and can hit the ground running, we'd love to talk to you! Experience in the hospitality industry is a plus. This is a full-time position and will include some day, night, weekend, and holiday shifts. Email your resume to: sales@pshotsprings.com, Attention Front Desk Supervisor. You can also download an application at: http://www.pshotsprings.com/ contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities or pick one up at Healing Waters Resort & Spa office at 140 Hot Springs Blvd.

WILL TRAIN THE RIGHT PERSON! Class B CDL licensed reliable drivers needed, with Hazmat endorsement. Seasonal and year-round employment available. We offer competitive wages. Call (970)264-5823 or swing by 1040 Hwy. 160 East and get an application.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

MOUNTAIN MAMA MASSAGE is looking for a caring massage therapist ready to share your healing gifts! Fun, relaxed work environment where you are honored and appreciated. TOP PAY: \$50/ hour plus tips. Email racheldevloo@gmail.com.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Looking for a Dishwasher 4 nights a week. \$16 per hour to start. See Chef Anthony Wednesday- Sunday, 1n m -4n m

**LABORER LANDSCAPING.** General help for assistance in landscaping around homes. For details, call Charlie at (970)264-0913.

1ST SOUTHWEST BANK, a locally owned CDFI community bank, is seeking a PER-SONAL BANKER & TELLER. FSWB offers competitive compensation, generous benefits, & career development. Join FSWB's award-winning team dedicated to supporting rural Colorado's agricultural, nonprofit and small businesses. For details and to apply, visit fswb.bank/about/careers. EOE.

### **HELP WANTED**



### Do you love shoes?

Foot Prints is hiring a part-time Sales Associate for Thursdays & Fridays, 11am - 5pm.

Opportunity to cover other shifts as needed.

Come pick up an application at 458 Pagosa Street. We can't wait to meet you! (970) 264-3668 FootPrintsPagosa.com

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

**GROWING SPACES IS HIRING Installation** and Maintenance Crew Supervisor to install growing domes in the field. Will need experience using a variety of power tools, especially power drills, circular saws, hammer drills. Must be willing and able to travel for up to one week at a time and work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions. Must be willing to work on ladders and scaffolding, and obey safety procedures. Must have excellent, professional communication skills with the ability to communicate directly with customers. Ability to work independently as well as on team assignments. Seasonal position from April through November, perfect for Wolf Creek employees! \$21++ DOE. EOE. Go to www. growingspaces.com/employment to print an application, or send resume to employment@ growingspaces.com.

HYGIENIST \$55/ HOUR: Could you make \$80,000+ a year? Ask about \$10,000 full-time first year bonus. Part time also available. The team at Pagosa Smiles is blessed to have family oriented hours with weekends and holidays off, great pay, 401K & bonuses in a beautiful facility. Colorado dental hygiene license required E-mail resume to PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com.

CARPENTER(S) - TWO CARPENTRY POSITIONS. Background with finish carpentry, light framing, drywall and painting. Email resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com, (970)264-5000.

BEST JOBS IN PAGOSA! Pagosa Springs Golf Club is accepting applications for staff positions: Retail Pro Shop \$14-\$16.50/ hour, Square Top Bar-B-Que Restaurant/ Bar servers \$10.63/ hour + tips, Kitchen team members \$17-\$19/ hour DOE, Groundskeeping \$14-\$16/ hour, and Housekeeping \$16/ hour. We are seeking fun and outgoing, reliable, and responsible applicants with excellent customer service skills for our 2023 team. Full- and Part-time positions available. Training available for all positions. Apply in person at 1 Pines Club Place.

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Drop off resume Mon-Sat 11-6 at 454 Pagosa Street (the historic Hersch building) 970-264-4260

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... learn various multimedia platforms? ... multitask and meet deadlines? ... provide customer service?

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Position offers salary (\$14/hour) plus commission. Work hours will be split between office and being in the field. Applicant must have reliable transportation.

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Base rate + bonuses + tips Most Drivers average over \$21/hr.

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### **CONTRACTOR SALES**

Ponderosa Lumber is seeking a customer service oriented individual to assist contractors with purchasing building materials. Knowledge of building materials is necessary.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing excellent customer service
- Completing required paperwork
- Providing product information
- Data Entry

Please apply in person at

### Ponderosa Lumber

2435 Eagle Drive or call (970) 731-4111

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BWD CONSTRUCTION HIRING excavators and Construction Specialists. Good pay, full benefits and growth opportunities. Looking for people willing to learn and grow in skill. Durango and Pagosa. Apply at bwdconstruction.com/apply or call (970)731-9700 ask for Rory.

**REGION 9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** District of Southwest Colorado is seeking a full-time Office Manager to support our growing organization and join our regional team. We are a Colorado nonprofit organization that promotes and coordinates economic development efforts. Region 9 FDD serves the 5 Southwest Counties, and the cities and towns within those regions, as well as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Region 9 is an equal opportunity lender and employer. A qualified candidate will possess excellent customer service, attention to detail, organizational and time management skills, as well as experience in reception, filing, meeting minutes, and correspondence. This is an on-site position requiring 32 hours per week minimum with flexible work hours. Salary between \$23 and \$25 an hour and includes health and retirement benefits. For a complete job description, contact Heather Peterson at hpeterson@region9edd.org or see our website at Region9edd.org. Resume, references, and cover letter must be submitted to by 5p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023.

SAN JUAN DENTAL is seeking a patient relations manager for our growing practice in downtown Pagosa. Responsibilities include scheduling, collection, patient interaction, and inter office interaction. Candidate must be friendly, outgoing, team oriented, and computer and phone literate. Financial experience is a plus. Join a team with a wonderful staff and supportive management. Fantastic upside potential for financial growth. This is a professional position, so demeanor is important. Two of our core values are communication and care. These play significant into this position. Job Type: Full time, Salary: \$20.00+. Apply in person or email Drericmsmithdds@aol.com.

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Come join a growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please email your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

ATV / UTV RENTAL COMPANY NEEDS SEASONAL HELP-BEST JOB / SCHEDULE IN PAGOSA. Pagosa Adventure Rentals is searching for seasonal (May-October) full and or part-time team members. Great schedule with 7 days on and 7 days off. More hours available during peak season. Monday through Friday schedules also available if desired. Duties to include taking reservations, a few phone calls, trail information, operation of ATVs and UTVs, pressure washing, hooking up/ moving trailers and minor mechanical fixes. Experience in any of these areas is a plus, but ability to learn is mandatory. Willing to train. Being polite, positive attitude, respectful, and on time a must. All positions starting at \$18-\$20/ hour DOE. Send inquiries to Mike@ PagosaAdventureRentals.com, call (970)398-0088 or stop in at 103 Goldmine drive and ask for Mike.

### **HELP WANTED**

HIRING EXPERIENCED EQUIPMENT OP-ERATOR. Flexible work schedule. Pay DOE. Call (970)946-3966.

GROWING SPACES is hiring enthusiastic and motivated sales individuals with a passion for organic gardening, healthy living and helping customers succeed in growing their dream gardens. We are looking for sales professionals who can promote the Growing Dome and guide customers through their journey towards year-round gardening. Experience with CRM and/or Quickbooks preferred. Full-time position includes paid health benefits, 401(k) match and paid time off. \$20+ DOE. EOE. Go to www.growingspaces.com/employment to print an application, or send resume to employment@growingspaces.com.

CITY HALL CAFE LOOKING for Line Cooks and Dishwashers. Starting pay based on experience. Please call John (970)398-0355 or apply in person, 2151 Eagle Dr.

LANDSCAPE LABORERS WANTED. Must have own transportation. Call for an application. Good pay for good help. (970)946-2277.

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME Front Desk Positions – Healing Waters Resort & Spa. Our front desk is open 8a.m. to 10p.m. daily - shifts may include day, evening & weekend hours. We are looking for self-motivated staff members with strong customer service and computer skills who work well with a team. Comfort with computers a plus. Download application at www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or stop by 140 Hot Springs Blvd. Employees and immediate family soak for FREE! Apply today!

### **YARD SALES**

MAN CAVE SALE: June 30- July 2, 8a.m. to 12 noon firm. 200 Shooting Star Drive. CASH ONLY! Guns, ammo, bows, arrows, hunting equipment. Bring CASH and a truck.

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LAST CHANCE for furniture at giveaway prices plus a Singer sewing machine, figurines, crystal, pottery and new freebies including a clothes dryer! Indoor sale Saturday 8a.m. at 117 Brook Drive in Vista.

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

YARD SALE Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. 5360 East Highway 160, San Juan River Bend RV Park

**178 CAREFREE PLACE** — Sat., July 1 and Sun., July 2. 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

### **LOST & FOUND**

**KAYAK PADDLES:** Two Werner brand "bent-shaft" kayak paddles lost on afternoon, Thursday, 6/15, in Pagosa area; a black "Stikine," 200 cm, with red and black tape on shaft, and a black "Sherpa" with orange blades. Please call Steve at (970)398-1054.

### **PERSONALS**

FREE. CONFIDENTIAL. HELP. 24-hour domestic violence and sexual assault helpline. (970) 264-9075.

### **PETS**

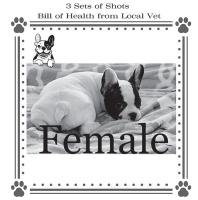
# French Bulldog Puppies For Sale! For Sale!

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ADOPT FROM THE Humane Society. Stop by or call (970)731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer. www.humanesociety.biz

AKC REGISTERED ROTTWEILER PUP-PIES available 6/29 for their forever homes. (970)507-1154.

### **LIVESTOCK**

RED RYDER ROUNDUP RODEO. July 2nd and 3rd at 6 p.m. and July 4th at 2 p. m. General admission tickets online or at the gate prior to the event box seats. Call (970)749-3492. www.pagosa rodeo.com.

HORSE BOARDING AVAILABLE, up to 2 horses. Running stream through 10 acre fenced pasture. \$100 per month. (970)883-2600.

**BUSINESS NEED PUBLICITY?** Display your banner at the Red Ryder Rodeo over 4th of July weekend. July 2, 3, and 4. Over 750 people through the main admission gate daily. \$80 for all three days. Contact Bob at (970)585-4007.

### FOR SALE

DRY, SEASONED PINE/ ASPEN mix for sale, \$275 delivered, \$150/ cord in rounds if you pick up, \$200 rounds delivered. (970)585-4578

MERCHANT/ ARTIST OUTDOOR BOOTH. Flourish Trimeline Canopy 10'x10'. Great condition. \$1,400 Call for more information (713)927-1958.

**FREE** — Kenmore electric stove, very good condition. You must pick up. (970)946-3105.

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**SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS.** We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. (970)731-PAWN (7296).

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**DRY FIREWOOD- PINE.** Pick up \$240 a cord. Delivery available. Call for prices. Bayfield. Gabe (970)403-2784.

Wrightnaturalbakery.com. BEST EGGS AVAILABLE! Reduced sugar, same sweetness. Organic, unprocessed, Paleo, unrefined, gluten free ingredients. (970)883-2600, wrightnaturalbakery@gmail.com. Products available at Choke Cherry Tree.

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**TITAN 5' FINISH MOWER.** \$1,500 OBO. Call (970)946-5684.

HORIZON T95 TREADMILL, works great, \$400 OBO. GE room air conditioner, 8,000 BTUs, 3-speed fan, \$150 OBO. Dyna Glo 3 burner gas grill with propane tank, \$80 OBO. Call (970)946-5021.

**NEW 20' CONTAINERS FOR SALE** or rent. We deliver to homes or businesses. Pagosa Springs Storage (970)731-0007.

**LIMITED TIME.** Fresh, pasture-raised eggs \$5 at Choke Cherry Tree. Wright Natural Bakery. (970)883-2600. wrightnaturalbakery.com.

**ALUMINUM STORM DOOR,** 36x79-81, white with full glass and screen. Dog barriers both sides, with hardware, \$180. (970)264-1151.

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**AVON 9-1/2 FT. RAFT,** with aluminum custom frame, fold down chairs, oars, motor frame. Reduced to \$2,500. (720)353-6253.

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27' Airstream 2007 RV Classic LTD Excellent condition. \$42,700. (850) 585-5718

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### **AUTOS**

**1997 TJ JEEP.** 9" diffs front and rear, 488 gears with Atlus twin stick transfer case; ARB lockers with onboard air; 97K miles; soft and hard doors, 37" near new tires. Asking \$8,000. (970)264-0020.

**2004 TOYOTA SEQUOIA.** 269,500K, limited, reduced price \$7K, second owner, all scheduled maintenance records. (720)353-6253.

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**NEW 3 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH,** with garage townhome. Gigabit speed Internet capability in HOA. No snow removal, maintenance, or lawn care needed. Views of Pagosa Peak and Pinon Lake. Heat and air conditioning. \$2,950/ month. rburnett@bwdconstruction. com (970)903-2381.

**2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH DUPLEX** apartment on golf course. Lots of storage and garage. \$1,500 plus utilities and deposit. (970)946-4181.

**4 BEDROOM EXECUTIVE HOME.** Four miles north on Snowball Road (CR200). One mile to trout streams and National Forest, possible irrigated pasture. \$3,200 per month. (970) 946-6274. Leave message.

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### **COMMERCIAL RENTALS**

COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE for lease. 258.67 sq. ft. Office has two walls of glass, one overlooking the parking lot and the other overlooking Choke Cherry. Monthly rent is \$375, including all utilities except telephone and Internet. Sunetha Property Management (970)731-4344. Talisman Plaza, located at 56 Talisman Dr., Pagosa Springs.

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