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Progress made on local wildfires

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A pair of wildfires continue to burn in Archuleta County, with the Coal Mine Fire sitting at 95 percent containment as of Wednesday, July 5, while the Chris Mountain Fire was at 0 percent containment at the same time.

As of Wednesday, the Coal Mine Fire had burned 286 acres, with the Chris Mountain Fire at 492 acres.

Both fires were determined to have been started by lightning.

Coal Mine Fire

The estimated containment date of the Coal Mine Fire, burning 18 miles south of Pagosa Springs, was Wednesday, July 5.

The fire was reported on June 28.

The morning of July 5, fire personnel reported: “The fire held up well through the Red Flag warnings from the previous day, allowing containment to rise to 95%. A few remaining smokes within the interior of the fire continued to be sought after throughout the day. Crews are now focused on building water bars along the secured fire line to prevent erosion and facilitate rehabilitation of the landscape. Demobilization and/or reassignment of resources

■ See Fires A14

Hickenlooper visits Pagosa Springs, hears about local issues

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-CO) visited Pagosa Springs the afternoon of June 28 to participate in a pair of roundtable discussions focusing on health care, workforce, community needs and education.

The discussions were two of several Hickenlooper held in Southwest Colorado last week.

“Unless you’re there and you hear the story face-to-face, when you tell that story to other senators, you won’t be as convincing,” Hickenlooper said of his days in the area.

Hickenlooper used the tour of Pagosa Springs High School’s (PSHS’s) career and technical education (CTE) programming with Build Pagosa as an example, saying, “A lot of these things, like this program here, this is really remarkable. I mean, I spend a lot of time hearing a lot of apprenticeship-type programs around the country — this is special, it really is.”

He added that it’s hard to paint a picture without seeing it yourself.

“Now I’ll be 10 times more effective,” he said.

Hickenlooper’s visit began at Pagosa Springs Medical Center, where he toured the facilities before meeting with PSMC staff and Archuleta County Commissioner Warren Brown, among others.

There the focus was on rural health care and the potential impacts of draft bills and approved programs on Archuleta County.

■ See Hickenlooper A8



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This year’s Fourth of July festivities included a number of local favorites and traditions, from the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo to the Fourth of July Parade, fireworks, Freedom Float, arts and crafts festival, live music and more.

Board of Equalization petitions due July 15

Assessor gives update and outlines terminology

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Notices of Determination for protests of the property tax valuations indicated by the Archuleta County Assessor’s Office were mailed by the assessor on June 30, with the deadline to file a petition to the County Board of Equalization (CBOE) further requesting valuation alterations being July 15.

According to Archuleta County Executive Assistant/Paralegal Mary Helmski in a communication with The SUN, information on how to submit a petition to the CBOE is on the notices of determination mailed back to those who protested their valuations to the assessor.

■ See Petitions A8

Council discusses workforce housing projects

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At a June 29 work session, the Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed the status of its various workforce housing projects, which the council initiated to meet a major priority of adding housing supply in the community.

The discussion revealed that the town’s workforce housing goal has met a mixed bag of results. At the work session, the council learned that the state denied the town’s application for a \$9.5 million Division of Housing (DOH) Transformational Housing Grant.

Agenda documentation states that the town had hoped to apply this grant to help bring down the costs of its largest workforce housing development, known as the Enclave project.

■ See Housing A8

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OUR VIEW

Red flag warnings: It's fire season

"Red Flag Warnings are in effect for much of eastern Utah and western Colorado ...," warned the National Weather Service on the Fourth of July. "Gusty winds, low humidity, and cured fuels mean that conditions are favorable for easy ignition and rapid spread of fires. ..."

Red flag warnings. Fire weather watches.

This combination puts many locals on edge. It's a combination that brings back memories of Missionary Ridge, Little Sand and the West Fork Complex fires.

Southwest Colorado has and will continue to experience red flag warnings. According to Accuweather, a red flag warning goes into effect when critical fire weather conditions are either occurring or will shortly. The combination of strong winds, low relative humidity and warm temperatures can contribute to extreme fire behavior.

On Wednesday, the relative humidity for our region was listed as low as 6 percent.

On June 9, 2002, the temperature was 86 degrees and humidity was 12 percent when a spark of unknown origin fell on the lower Missionary Ridge Road north of Durango. Thirty-nine days later, 46 homes and cabins were destroyed and nearly 73,000 acres were scorched by the fire.

Ten years later, on May 13, 2012, a lightning strike ignited a fire in the Piedra area northwest of Pagosa Springs.

As reported in The SUN: "At first, U.S. Forest Service personnel let the blaze continue burning for the benefit of the natural resources, with the area previously identified as one in which fire would be allowed to play its natural role."

"Several days of low relative humidity and high winds later, the fire — known as the Little Sand Fire — became an uncontained wildfire that had grown to several thousand acres and was being fought by hundreds of firefighters.

"As the summer progressed, so did the fire, with roads, trails and campgrounds closed and evacuations called for some properties in the upper Piedra area.

"By July 3, the fire had grown to 24,450 acres."

The following year, on June 5, 2013, the West Fork Fire was sparked by lightning west of the Continental Divide near Born's Lake northeast of Pagosa

Springs, in an area difficult to access.

Eight days later, on June 13, the Windy Pass Fire began from a lightning strike 12 miles northeast of Pagosa Springs, near the Windy Pass Trail.

Three days later, the two fires were managed as the West Fork Complex.

On June 20, evacuations were announced and U.S. 160 over Wolf Creek Pass was closed.

The next day, on June 21, the town of South Fork was put under mandatory evacuation. Colo. 149 between South Fork and Creede was closed.

A third fire, the Papoose Fire, grew to more than 11,000 acres and was added to the management of the West Fork Complex on June 22.

Two days later, on June 24, members of the Colorado National Guard were called in to help.

On June 28, most residents of South Fork were allowed to return home.

On June 29, U.S. 160 over Wolf Creek Pass and Colo. 149 reopened as desperately needed rain fell over the area and containment of the fire grew to 2 percent.

The last incident update for the West Fork Complex was July 19, 2013, with 66 percent containment and a total of 109,615 acres burned. Smoke continued to be visible in the region for days.

It's hard to believe that last incident report was nearly 10 years ago. There have been fires since then, such as last year's Plumtaw Fire that burned approximately 720 acres.

The Coal Mine and Chris Mountain fires bring back the memories of those smoke-filled skies and days and days of viewing billowing plumes of smoke north of downtown.

We owe a great debt to our firefighters, first responders, law enforcement, dispatch staff and everyone who has played a part in managing, containing and fighting the multiple fires that erupted as a result of recent lightning strikes. We know the multiple fires and your jobs are physically demanding, dangerous, extreme and stressful. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

We listened with concern as multiple fire and smoke calls were paged out on the scanner last week.

We don't know how the team at dispatch could keep all of the calls and agencies responding to the fires organized, but, somehow, they did.

The Pagosa Fire Protection District, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, U.S.

Forest Service, Archuleta County Road and Bridge personnel and Southern Ute agencies responded to the calls.

Hearing the voices of our responders on the scanner through this past week, we knew they were beat, but, much like the Energizer Bunny, they just kept on going and going and going to fire calls.

We are honored to have such competent and courageous men and women working to protect us. We are sure we haven't named everyone, but we thank everyone for their response.

We thank everyone involved for your commitment to the safety of one another, your commitment to public service, your stewardship of the land and for working with our community.

Fire bans are currently not in effect, and a public information announcement from Pagosa Fire Protection District on Monday states: "Current indices for fire behavior, weather and predictions all indicate that fire restrictions are not necessary. The [lightning] storm responsible for the current wildland fires does indicate that there are fuels ready to ignite, but these fuels are carryovers from previous years as the current grass crop is still green and not conducive to large fire growth. The area near the display has been properly mitigated to reduce available fuel loading. The incident management teams responsible for managing the wildland fires have enough resources to handle their response zone adequately."

Incivweb notes: "It is important to be ready for fire season. Before a wildfire occurs in your area, create defensible space near your house. Remove flammable vegetation and other combustible material near your home. This includes cleaning gutters, roofs, and removing material under decks. There are many other things you can do if you are landscaping your yard or remodeling your home that may add to the safety of your home and the likelihood firefighters will be able to defend it. For more information and tips about landscaping go to www.firewise.org."

"Develop an evacuation plan for your family and assemble an emergency supply kit. Include supplies for pets, important documents and medications. Know where you will go in case of a wildfire and have a back-up plan."

Please remember, it only takes one spark.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 6, 1923

A petition has been circulated among the business and professional men of the city requesting the postoffice department to move the Pagosa Springs office from its present quarters to the south half of the new Montroy building, about 99% signing the petition. The papers and estimates have been forwarded to Washington and it is thought that some definite reply will be received soon. Two thirds of the room is sufficient for the postoffice, and the remainder will probably be rented to the Sparks Merc. Co. as a ware room. In case the change takes place, the Williamson pool hall will occupy the north half of the building instead of the south half as originally planned.

The public is warned that the upper Piedra bridge, which is in Hinsdale county, is in dangerous condition. Extreme care must be exercised to make the crossing. The new bridge, being built by that county and the forest service, is not yet completed.

The painting of the Yellowjacket school house was completed last Friday.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 9, 1948

Pagosa's water department took most of the Town Board's attention in a lengthy session Tuesday night.

Rigid restrictions on hours for irrigating were adopted by the board and Walter Youngblood, water commissioner, issued an order for the hours. Irrigation will be permitted only between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. and between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., effective immediately.

At the same time, the board considered water bill delinquencies and ordered turn-offs where bills are not paid. More than a half dozen were listed as far overdue.

And during the session, which lasted until midnight, the board took steps to start rehabilitating the bridge from downtown Pagosa across the San Juan.

Detailed plans for the rebuilding were prepared and submitted by J.T. Chambers, newly appointed board member. He had conferred with the county commissioners and received assurance that the county will supply \$1,600 of the total cost. Chambers was authorized to start the work as soon as bids on the material can be received. He and Elmo Lowell will supervise the work.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 5, 1973

County Commissioners this week started direct action on remodeling, enlarging, or modernizing the jail. Exact program to be undertaken will depend upon an architect's report and study of the situation. The board has approved engaging an architect and it is expected that some very definite progress will be made on the planning within the next few weeks.

Fire danger in this area is rising and officials warn that care must be taken with fire in the woods, and that all campfires must be carefully and completely extinguished. A new method for rating fire danger is being established and the present classification is considered as high. There has been no rain for several days, the soil and vegetation is drying rapidly, and temperatures have been high. There were no freezes this past week and daytime highs have consistently been in the 80s.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 9, 1998

Archuleta County Commissioners, while meeting in Arboles Tuesday evening, approved spending \$20,000 to purchase three lots in Piedra Park to be used by TARA in Arboles. The commissioners also answered a number of questions concerning roads and noise abatement in the area. Between 15 and 20 Arboles residents attended the meeting.

TARA is the acronym for Tiffany, Allison, Rosa and Arboles, communities that have united to develop a community center featuring a park, library and other facilities as needed. The full name for TARA is TARA Historical Society.

The county agreed to purchase three lots wanted by TARA, combine the three lots into one parcel through the county planning department, then transfer title of the property to TARA. TARA can then use the property as leverage for obtaining grants to begin development of the property and construction of buildings. Money for the purchase was taken from lottery funds allotted the county.

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'A better life'

Dear Editor:
 Look if you lived along the southern US/Mexico border you'd be really angry, upset and want some semblance of security. Well walls really don't work, neither do more border guards, what does work is more judges making short work of who is eligible for sanctuary and who just wants a better life.
 Which brings up an interesting 'fact' the vast majority of Europeans who immigrated to America.. just wanted a better life. So what distinguishes your ancestors (who almost all started at the bottom doing the work/Americans' no longer wanted) from today's migrants... answer...color.
 So what to do about the onslaught of migrants? First off you s/ know it's only going to get far worse as Climate Change is going to drive about 2 billion people around the world seeking the ability to live, forget a better life. "The minimum and maximum annual average temperatures that humans can

survive in) was between 13 degrees Celsius, to 25 degrees Celsius average annual temperatures."
 Hotter than the upper range, 25 degrees Celsius, we experience extreme droughts, regular crop collapses, heat waves hot enough to kill, and even stronger storms, cyclones, and hurricanes. This means that in roughly a decade of years, nearly 2 billion people will be living in climates that are fringe habitable for humans. If you lived there...what would you do?
 Trump's promise of MAGA isn't possible without major climate changes in our society...kind of a chicken or egg thing. By the end of this century, places like Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Northern Australia will reach annual average temperatures of over 29 degrees Celsius... and w/ one diminishing exception, they're all people of color.
 What-to-do...what-to-do, the nation can't live off the 'grid' so start small what's your carbon print..do you even recycle, what's your cities, what's your employer's, what is your states, what's America's. Buying a new car, make it a hybrid or EV there's charging stations nationally now. And as important, regardless of political party, what candidate is driving for positively addressing Climate Change...vote for that candidate. Some of the lives you save might be your families.
 Dave Blake

'Supreme Court decisions'

Dear Editor:

Supreme Court decisions impact every facet of American life. Unfortunately, those decisions don't reflect the will of the people.
 Mitch McConnell's right-wing majority Court gutted voting rights, opened the floodgates to unlimited corporate money in our elections, struck down gun safety laws, overturned student debt relief for millions of Americans, and limited the government's ability to protect our air and water. Since they overturned Roe v. Wade, abortion has been effectively banned (with extremely limited exceptions) in fourteen states. Nearly 1 in 3 Americans have lost access to abortion care.
 This can't go on. We need to move away from these types of extremely partisan rulings and restore the legitimacy of the Court by passing the Judiciary Act to expand and rebalance the bench.
 Congress has changed the size of the Supreme Court seven times already in our nation's history—and they must do it again to ensure that the justices protect our freedoms, not advance their own radical political agendas. It's time for Congress to pass the Judiciary Act.
 Bjorn Hillerud

Violating religious freedom

Dear Editor:

The Colorado Civil Rights Commission (CCRC) has once again been rebuked by the U.S. Supreme Court for violating the religious freedom of one of our citizens. This time the Court ruled in favor of a Christian website designer who refused to create graphics for gay

weddings. This Christian woman was forced to spend her valuable time and energy defending her right to practice religious freedom. This same CCRC similarly attacked Christian Baker Jack Phillips who refused to bake a wedding cake for a gay marriage. In that case the Court also chastised them for their actions. One would think CCRC would be interested in protecting its citizens' freedoms. Instead, they are wasting precious taxpayer funds and resources on attacking those very freedoms.
 Perhaps their liberal thinking goes along the lines of the dissenting opinion of the Supreme Court Justices in the web designer case. That dissent claims that LBGQ people are denied public access to services such as hiring someone to design a website. This, of course, is not true. The web site designer and the baker will both do business with the LBGQ community, but not to create a message that violates their religious beliefs. Members of the LBGQ community are able to buy cakes from the baker, have a business website designed by the woman above, etc. Also, one would think that these dissenting Justices would have at least taken the time to look at the many bakeries, web designers, etc. that will produce any message that a customer wants.
 In closing, let's hope the CCRC stops attacking the religious freedoms of its citizens and instead honor the First Amendment which guarantees all Americans free exercise of their religious speech.
 Charles Newton
 Highlands Ranch, Colo.

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Tara Mandala to host open house


Tara Mandala

The Tara Mandala Retreat Center is hosting a free family day and open house on Saturday, July 8.
 Enjoy the natural beauty of the mountains and meadows, experience the peace and tranquility, the expansive views, and come together as a family in a transformative and supportive environment. All are welcome.
 Our retreat center is located on 700 acres just outside of Pagosa Springs, hosting on-site retreats for beginner and advanced meditation practices.
 We look forward to welcoming you on July 8. To learn more and register, visit www.taramandala.org.

Community news.
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Community blood drive set
 By Sharee Grazda
 Special to The SUN
 The next community blood drive will be held on Tuesday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive.
 Blood can only be given to a surgical patient, a new mother or newborn, or a victim of a catastrophic injury by a generous person donating ahead of time.
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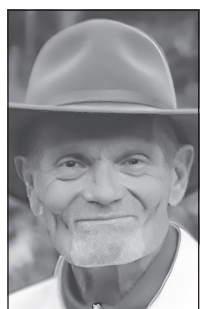
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Obituaries

John Francis Byrnes

John Francis Byrnes, 73, of Pagosa Springs, passed away in his home on June 24, 2023.

John was born on Aug. 25, 1949, to Joseph and Muriel Byrnes in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He spent his first few years living in Mexico traveling with his father's work eradicating foot and mouth disease. During his life, John lived 20 years in Alaska, 32 years in Washington and 13 years in Colorado.



After John graduated from West High School in Anchorage, Alaska, in 1967, he went on to study medicine at Mesa Jr. College for two years. He later completed the apprenticeship program at the Alaska Apprentice Carpenter School in Anchorage achieving the highest level in carpentry as master carpenter.

After completing the Carpenters Apprenticeship Program, he was a proud union member in both Carpenters Local Union 1281 (Anchorage) and Central Puget Sound Carpenters Local Union 30 (Seattle) for 30 years. In 1975 John worked on the Alaska Pipeline. John and Andra also owned their own construction company, Byrnes Construction, for eight years.

On Friday, July 13, 1969, John met Andra in Grand Junction, Colo. John and Andra went on to have two children, Johnna and Joe.

John was predeceased by his infant brother Daniel Byrnes and parents, Joseph and Muriel Byrnes. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Andra; his sister, Joanne (Charles); his children Johnna and Joseph (Sierra); and his much beloved granddaughter, Ember.

John loved adventure. He was

passionate about skiing (at more than 30 ski resorts) and fishing on the Russian River in Alaska. He also greatly enjoyed camping, hiking, listening to music, visiting national parks and amusement rides. John was also an adamant supporter of the right to vote.

Services will be held at Tennyson Event Center (197 Navajo Trail Drive), Pagosa Springs, on July 22 at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, if you would like to donate to the John Byrnes' memorial fund, you can do so via mail at 58 Monument Ave., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or contact Johnna Thompson at (425) 577-0768.

Beverly Joan Flaming

Beverly Joan Flaming (74), of Pagosa Springs, passed away on May 9, 2023. Bev was born in Gossel, Kan. on Feb. 22, 1949, to Evelyn and Clifford Delk, of Hillsboro, Kan.



She is survived by her husband, Allen Flaming, and two daughters Cristin (Shon) Flanagan and Candy Flaming, as well as two grandchildren (Seamus and Harper Flanagan), two sisters (Margaret Tice and Pam Abbott) and one brother (Jim Delk).

Bev was predeceased by both her parents, Evelyn and Clifford Delk, her sister Kathy Schmidt, and young nephew, Sean Abbott.

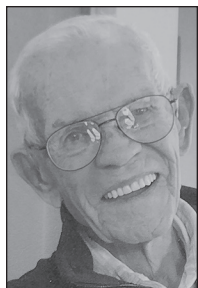
Bev was a school bus driver, known as Ms. B, for the Archuleta County District for more than 20 years. She was often called the "best bus driver ever" and will be deeply missed by students and staff.

A celebration of life will be held in Pagosa Springs at Town Park on Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. Event details can be found on Facebook at <https://fb.me/e/6uhwfp8lt>.

Robert W. 'Bob' Jones

Aug. 20, 1931 - June 27, 2023

Robert W. "Bob" Jones died June 27, 2023, at Pagosa Springs Medical Center, with Margaret at his side. He was born Aug. 20, 1931, to Harry and Helen Jones in Deer Lodge, Mont. He and his wife of 66 years, Margaret, have three children: Rob (deceased) (Margaret), Kathleen Baca (Alex), and Michael (Vicki). They have 12 grandchildren: Rob's children Mary Margaret, Clare, Felicity, Giovanni, Rosalia and Elijah; Kathleen's children Andrew, Katie, Matthew and Rachel; Michael's children Joshua and Anika; and 13 great-grandchildren. His brothers Don and Jack preceded him in death, and he is survived by his brother Lee (Norma).



Bob served as a Marine and then, after college and marrying Margaret, worked many years as a soil/range conservationist in Bridger and Columbus, Mont.; and Santa Rosa and Dulce, N.M. He managed the golf course in Santa Rosa in the 1970s and published Hey Lord and weekly newspaper columns. After building their home in Pagosa Springs, in 1992, he worked part-time at the Pagosa golf course for 11 years and later published "God, Grace, and Golf."

Bob was active in the Catholic church in every town they lived, and he had a robust prayer life. His cinnamon rolls were a treat for those who came to visit, and his humor left family and friends grinning. He and Margaret were a team: moving, running the golf course, dancing at family celebrations, traveling to visit family, making a pilgrimage to Mexico City, cutting wood, praying, attending daily Mass and making their home

welcoming to all.

Bob and Margaret are thankful for the love and support of the Pagosa community and the Montana (Bridger, Columbus) and New Mexico (Santa Rosa, Dulce) communities.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Aspire (pregnancy support center) in Pagosa Springs.

Rosary and eulogy will be Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m. at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S Pagosa Blvd.

Eulogy and Mass of Christian Burial, followed by inurnment, will be Friday, July 28, beginning at 10:30 a.m. A meal will be provided immediately following the services, all at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church.

David Keith Stroud

It is with a broken heart that I, Emily Barker, announce the death of David Keith Stroud.

David died suddenly on Friday, June 30, 2023, at the age of 68.

David was born in Dearborn, Mich., and moved to the southwest as a nurse. He moved to Pagosa Springs about seven years ago to be with me in The Lost Valley of the San Juans. He loved the outdoors and hiking. We had many great adventures together. David will be missed by all who knew him. David was so proud of his two sons, Jesse and Brian, who live with their families in Ohio and Alabama. David requested that he be cremated and did not wish a memorial service. His older brother, Jerry, lives in Alabama with his wife, Becky. His younger brother, John, lives in Arizona. And, his sister, Tricia, lives in Ohio.



Hike on up to Heaven, David.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, July 6

Main Street Advisory Board work session. 4 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center Senior Center dining room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Monday, July 10

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

Tuesday, July 11

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, com-

missioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=dIFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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

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

Wednesday, July 12

Archuleta County Fair Board meeting. 6 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84.

Thursday, July 13

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

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Monday, July 17

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

Joint Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and Tribal Council work session. 10 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Tuesday, July 18

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=dIFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting

ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=dIFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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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Community Development Corporation discusses housing project, senator's visit

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) met June 27 to address a workforce housing project budget and a recent visit from Sen. John Hickenlooper.

Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke presented the budget for a workforce housing development project that will function in two phases.

The first phase will build three lots in the Chris Mountain II subdivision this year, and the second will entail four lots to be built April of 2024 and ready the following fall, according to a slide in her presentation. The homes will all be single-family, ranging from two- to three-bedroom units, all of which have two bathrooms.

Lashbrooke explained they're looking to presell these homes — the PSCDC won't have a real estate agent or promotional costs — which factors into the reduction in price.

She added that the PSCDC thinks it can leverage the septic, permit fees, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) fees.

She noted that the prices of homes listed on the spreadsheet she presented do not include the potential for a Department of Housing grant, which would give \$55,000 per household.

Lashbrooke also explained the homes are in the running for an electrical extension grant. Also not included in the price of the homes is a \$40,000 management fee that she believes the PSCDC can get a grant for.

"This is an absolute worst-case scenario," Lashbrooke said of the prices.

For example, a graph in Lashbrooke's presentation list the prices of homes with and without PSCDC funding. A three-bedroom, two-bath, two-car garage unit would cost \$510,000, with \$127,500 of the reduction in cost due to the work of the PSCDC. The market value of this home comes in at \$637,500.

A unit with two-bedrooms, two-

bath and a one-car garage is valued at \$412,500 under current market value, but would cost the owner \$373,000, with \$39,500 of that reduction due to the work of the PSCDC.

Lashbrooke added that the PSCDC is working with Habitat for Humanity to finance the project and local lenders to offset the cost.

She noted that the title company would likely handle the logistics of the real estate such as the transfer of the deed and closings.

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She described the resistance to be especially coming from board-driven organizations that would have to put these homes as a liability on their balance sheet rather than an asset.

"However, the follow-up is that the school district is willing to get this information out to every employee in the district and be able to help market this program and help push out information to help presell these houses," Lashbrooke said.

She added, "Houses in the market are tracking to be in the market for 85 days in the 3-4 to 3-5 range. So that tells me this is still in high

demand."

The board agreed there would be no difficulty in selling these houses, given the data from Lashbrooke that notes houses in this price range are on the market for an average of 85 days.

Board vice president Jim Garrett expressed concern that the PSCDC cannot responsibly take on the liability of \$3.8 million worth of risk "no matter how confident we are that they're gonna sell."

He said, "We've had experience in this community that the PSCDC overextended itself and collapsed, and that had consequences for the community that lasted for a decade. It took a long time for the CDC to overcome that legacy and regain visibility and ability to contribute to this community. ... We gotta find a way to do this, but the risk is just too much for the CDC to accept itself."

Sherry Waner responded to his concerns and noted that Lashbrooke has accounted for this liability by dividing the project into two phases.

"The first phase we would not be financing over \$1.5 million ... that's significantly less, which reduces our risk and our exposure, which would be more palatable to be financiers that are looking or proposing to fund this project," Waner said. "Which, by the way, you have two financial institutions locally that are willing to share the risk and finance this in spite of the fact that there are no personal guarantees ... because we see the value in the community investment here."

"These will be presold units. So in my opinion, as board president as well as a local lender in the market, is that our risk is very limited here, especially if these units are presold and prequalified. The only risk you have is during construction, and cost overruns, hence the requirement for a minimum of a 10 percent contingency."

PSCDC member and town council member Brooks Lindner agreed with Waner, saying, "I think a counterpoint is that the CDC is the perfect organization to take that risk ... Here we have an execu-

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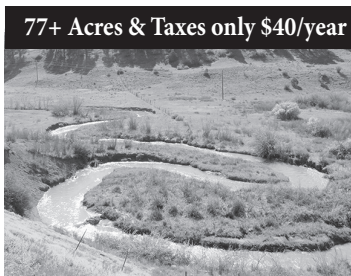
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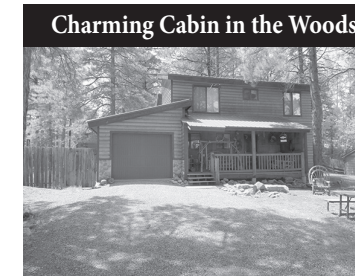
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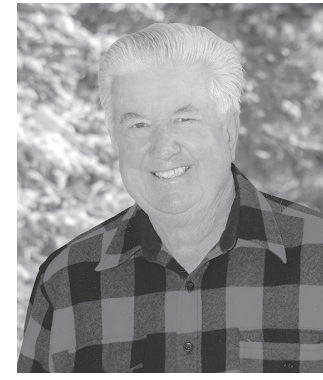
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The Pagosa Springs Medical Center Foundation's Gala took place at the Alley House Grille on Monday, June 19. Themed "All Dolled Up," the restaurant was lavishly decorated in peacock feathers, peacock colors and candlelight. Guests dined and danced to the tunes of Bob Hemenger. Proceeds from the successful gala will benefit the renovation of the Medical Wellness Building which will house additional medical services for the community.

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Club 20 summer policy meetings set for July 13 and 14

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

Club 20, "the Voice of the Western Slope," will be hosting its first week of summer policy meetings here in Pagosa Springs on July 13 and 14.

Summer policy meetings consist of each of the 10 subcommittees reporting out on important issues and any policies that need to be revised before bringing those policies before the whole board in the fall. At this first week of meetings, the

following important Western Slope issues will be discussed: telecommunications, health care and education/workforce development on July 13. On July 14, transportation and tourism will be highlighted.

These meetings are free and open to the public. They will be held at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds. At the start of each day, representatives from our federal offices will be in attendance to give updates on what our senators and congressional representatives are working on. If any of these topics are of interest to you or a group

you sit on, this is a wonderful time to learn and network with other Western Slope leaders and community members as we see how we can make an impact in Denver on topics that are so important to our Western Slope way of life.

There will also be a networking reception at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site on Thursday, July 13, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. To register for the meeting, you can visit www.club20.org.

The second round of meetings will be held in Walden, Colo., July 27 and 28.

Issues that will be discussed at this round will be water, public lands and natural resource, agriculture, and energy. Both Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs, along with several other organizations in Archuleta County, belong to Club 20. The Chamber is a member of the organization and Mary Jo Coulehan along with Todd Weaver with the county and JR Ford are the county's representatives. If you or your organization would like to find out more about Club 20, contact Coulehan at the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

Housing

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five director who's gone out and done this work, so it's kind of like it's up to us; do we have the will? Do we have the initiative that we're going to take this risk and make this work for our community? I am in favor of the reward side of this and I would vote to go for this."

Garrett responded, "What I would suggest is that if we can get an agreement in principle that the risk can be divided among eight community organizations, those organizations having a cash flow and the ability to accept a risk ... I think Emily's right, these houses are gonna sell, they're gonna be available for less than market value. There's an attractive idea here. It's a good idea and it's not sensible for the CDC to put its neck on the line because it has no resources and it does a lot more than just this for the community."

Waner noted she had sent out an email that outlined a variety of reasons why Garrett's idea is "unrealistic."

"I think it's our responsibility to act in a way that's responsible for our organization but also impactful," she added.

Some members expressed concern that the vote as being rushed.

However, board director Janelle Syverson responded, "There is a risk, however, is there any community development without risk, and if we don't do this will anybody else? And what will happen to the community if we don't if we are truly developing our community?"

Board treasurer Chelle Keplinger asked if they could utilize a bond through a construction company that "would help us out with this?"

Waner explained that the contractor would be in charge of the warranty, and she was uncertain if they'd be able to find contractors that are "bondable."

"We can certainly make that a requirement," Waner said. "You're going to push the cost of construction up when you do that, but it does help with the risk component, so I like that thought."

Waner called for a motion to fund just the first phase of the project, for a maximum loan amount of \$1.5 million.

The board approved the motion with Garrett responding with a "nay" vote.

"Reluctantly, I agree with all the points that this is a highly desirable project, from the perspective of the community, but I think we're rushed on it ... beyond that this clashes with our judiciary responsibility," Garrett said.

Lashbrooke also addressed the June 28 visit of Hickenlooper to Pagosa Springs.

Lashbrooke said, "The CDC hosted Senator Hickenlooper for a town hall discussion. Our business community came together and provided a united front. We all spoke of issues that face our county, and he was extremely impressed with the unity in our community. It was a big win."

Lashbrooke explained that Hickenlooper came to Pagosa Springs because Build Pagosa in partnership with the PSCDC recently applied for a congressionally directed spending grant for \$1 million.

Hickenlooper toured the career and technical education (CTE) building at Pagosa Springs High School, discussed workforce shortages and housing, toured Pagosa Springs Medical Center and discussed the airport, Lashbrooke explained.

"It was an impactful meeting we were lucky enough to host," she added. "It was a favorable outcome that we had yesterday."

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Sheriff's office pay increases, equipment topics at work session

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 27 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard proposals from Sheriff Mike Le Roux for increasing salaries for Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) staff and for purchasing equipment needed to implement Oracle Record Management System (RMS) equipment in ACSO vehicles.

Le Roux began his presentation on the possible increases by outlining the previous discussion on the potential pay increases, noting that he previously requested to use funds earned from the U.S. Marshals Service to increase hourly rates for staff by approximately \$1.55.

He stated that the ACSO has performed a comparison between it and other local law enforcement agencies, including the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD), the La Plata County Sheriff's Office (LPCSO) and the Bayfield Marshal's Office, with the ACSO having the lowest pay of all the offices.

He also noted that LPCSO had also increased its pay rates significantly since the last time the issue was discussed.

Le Roux added that there had also been a request for a benefit comparison and that he had compared benefits from the LPCSO, PSPD and ACSO.

After explaining the details of the various benefit packages, Le Roux stated that "holistically, the benefits are somewhat comparable."

He noted that he did not see the ACSO as being ahead in terms of benefits compared to other agencies and that the ACSO is behind in terms of hourly rates.

In response to a question from Commissioner Ronnie Maez, Le Roux explained that the ACSO has \$164,250 in "somewhat guaranteed" funds from the U.S. Marshals that he is proposing to divide between paid staff for a pay increase of between \$1.55 and \$1.58 per hour.

Maez asked if any of this funding is earmarked for other purposes, with County Manager Derek Woodman stating it is not.

Maez commented that he would see Le Roux's request as being more appropriate for next year's budget

instead for this year since it was not budgeted and the county has done a large number of unbudgeted expenditures.

Le Roux stated that his request for additional staff last year was denied and that he felt this was not an "unreasonable" request.

He added that recruitment and retention are major issues for the office and that the ACSO is currently down five staff.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that the vacancy savings from these positions could be applied to fund the pay increases if necessary.

Maez highlighted that the increase in pay could cause the positions to become filled and create further financial needs.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that the proposed pay increase would be unlikely to attract additional applicants, which Le Roux agreed with.

Medina asked how impactful the increase would be to Le Roux's staff.

He responded that it would be highly impactful for his staff and would help retain them and allow them to live more sustainably in the community given the high rental and other costs.

Brown commented that he appreciated Maez's comment about the timing of the request and noted that he had asked for the comparison between benefits for the different agencies.

He continued, stating that Le Roux had fulfilled this request and that, with this information presented, he would support Le Roux's proposal for pay raises.

Brown added that the ACSO staff are "sorely underpaid" and noted that retaining staff is less expensive than recruiting and training new staff.

Maez commented that La Plata County is larger than Archuleta County and that its staff are paid more, adding that he would have liked to see data from a county with a similar size of Archuleta.

He stated that he felt that the county should stick to the budget and potentially give a larger increase in next year's budget.

Medina asked if Le Roux expects to request additional positions next year.

He stated that, while there would be some changes to staffing requested, he did not expect to request a significant number of additional positions since he cannot fill the positions he currently has.

Medina clarified that her question was about increasing pay for staff, not requesting additional positions, noting that she feels the proposed increase is not significant.

Le Roux responded that he feels the revenue from the U.S. Marshals is some of the most appropriate money for increasing staff salaries, although it could be supplemented by other funds.

Maez commented that he would prefer to discuss the pay raises as part of the 2024 budget and that he would likely support a larger increase in pay beyond what Le Roux presented at that time.

Medina commented that she "liked the idea" of the increase Le Roux had proposed and that she would support an increase next year as well.

Woodman noted that, in the first six months of the year, the ACSO accumulated approximately \$120,000 in vacancy savings, which he commented is a low estimate.

Maez concluded by highlighting that he did support the ACSO staff, but that he was sticking to the principle of adhering to the budget.

Discussion then moved on to the implementation of the RMS and computer-aided dispatch (CAD) equipment being provided through a contract with Oracle.

He stated that the CAD system would be provided to the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center and that the contract would be for 10 years, with the first five years being provided free to the county.

Le Roux added that the price of the Oracle equipment once it becomes available to the general public would likely be "exponentially different" from the contract costs the county would have.

He explained that Oracle would provide the infrastructure for ACSO staff to do their work from their vehicles as well as providing new body cameras and other equipment.

He stated that the office would have some costs associated with acquiring and installing vehicle

mounted routers and antennas necessary for the Oracle RMS equipment to connect to the Internet.

Le Roux indicated that, across the 27 vehicles in the ACSO fleet, the cost for this equipment and installation would be \$36,432.

He added that there would be an ongoing \$11,431 annual cost for the yearly data package for the equipment.

He indicated that the \$36,432 would need to be expended this year and would be an unanticipated expenditure, although it was discussed in the previous budget cycle.

Medina asked what the value of the Oracle equipment contribution would be.

Le Roux and Woodman estimated that the value of the package would be approximately \$1 million.

Maez asked if there is a shared benefit since other agencies, such as the Pagosa Fire Protection District and Pagosa Springs Medical Center Emergency Medical Services are purchasing equipment together.

Undersheriff Robert Hill and Le Roux highlighted that there is a bulk discount for the equipment due to the collaboration.

Maez highlighted that he felt that, although this expenditure was also not budgeted, it would improve safety and emergency response for Archuleta County residents.

He added that he felt this is a different situation compared to the previous request and that the BoCC was well-informed on this request because it had been discussed last year.

He continued that he is "OK with this, personally" but emphasized the importance of sticking to the budget.

Le Roux then thanked the BoCC for hearing the proposals.

Brown commented that he felt that it would be valuable to upgrade the equipment for ACSO and would lighten the amount of work for dispatch.

Le Roux concluded by highlighting that this equipment would improve the efficiency of ACSO staff and enable them to spend more time patrolling.

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Housing

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This project is planned on town-owned property near Walmart, where the town proposes to build 58 rental apartments and 12 ownership

townhomes. Specifically, the DOH grant would have been applied to the 58 rental units of the project, according to agenda documentation. Through a request for proposal

(RFP) process, the town selected Texas-based developer Servitas to execute the development.

At the work session, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained

that Servitas was “the most qualified developer” that the town encountered through the RFP process.

She said that “going through the various pro formas with Servitas, looking at the construction costs, which have increased in the last couple of years since we were initially looking at this, we realized pretty quickly that we needed to go after some outside funding in order to not saddle the town with future ongoing subsidies and also to keep the rents at a point where they’re within that 60 to 120 percent” area median income (AMI) range.

Community Development Director James Dickhoff explained that the opportunity for such large grant funding through the DOH has now closed since the program “has started to phase out.”

He added there might be some opportunities for smaller infrastructure grants, but “it won’t be anywhere near that \$9.5 million.” He noted it could be maybe \$2.5 million.

He cautioned that it could be difficult to get these smaller grants as well, because they are “gonna be really competitive,” as many other communities that are “in the same boat” as Pagosa Springs have also put in applications for the funding.

Since it will be difficult to keep the costs of construction and rental prices down on the project’s rental units without the \$9.5 million DOH grant, with the goal being to keep the rental prices between 60 percent and 120 percent of AMI, as Phillips earlier stated, Dickhoff suggested that “it may be more realistic to consider moving forward with the ownership townhome units ... because those generally pencil” easier for developers.

Council member Madeline Bergon asked if Servitas would “potentially be willing to kind of parcel out the project ... and just move forward on the townhome” portion of the project.

Dickhoff replied, “I don’t know if they’d be willing to move forward with just that and, to be honest, I don’t know if we need a partner of that magnitude” for only the townhome portion of the project.

Phillips noted that it would be something “that in a future meeting we could investigate” where the council could also get legal advice from town attorney Bob Cole.

She said that the town’s relationship with Servitas “and what we end up doing moving forward, is something we need to investigate and see what that looks like legally and contractually,” because Servitas entered into an agreement with the town “with the assumption that we were going to move forward on the schedule that we originally” agreed on.

Mayor Shari Pierce said that she would like to see more data on what kind of housing inventory the community actually needs and what AMI group experiences housing shortages the most, wondering if there is some kind of formal study for the town to analyze.

“That might let us know if we need to focus on some higher AMIs, because it seems like we have a lot of [inventory on] the lower end and if we are gonna do that, it might make our other project a little more workable,” she said.

Dickhoff replied that a market study was done about a year and half ago, but that the town should

consider doing an annual study, because developers and bankers — “everyone you talk to” — wants to see what the need is in the housing market.

Pierce pointed to other town workforce housing projects, such as the Pagosa Apartments with 98 rental units and the Rose Mountain Apartments with 34 rental units, saying, “Those all seem to be on the lower end, so that might be taking care of that section.”

She suggested that without paying someone to do a comprehensive study, “can’t we just kinda look at the numbers and make a decision” based on the housing inventory?

Phillips suggested that town staff could compile some numbers and bring them back before the council at a future meeting.

Council member Brooks Lindner updated the council on some projects being executed by the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC), which is a board he also sits on.

He reported that phase one of this project intends to build three homes with phase two constructing five homes at a later date.

Lindner explained that these homes would be aimed at those in the 80 percent to 120 percent AMI range and would be for homeownership.

He added that PSCDC Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke “has everyone on board,” which includes partners like the county (who donated land), lenders, developers, as well as the medical center, the school district and Habitat For Humanity.

Bergon expressed that the town could take the PSCDC’s model and “continue with units to purchase” to avoid the town becoming a “landlord.”

She suggested that the town “can take our properties and say, ‘Hey, developer, we just want you to build, you know, 12 units and we could throw X-amount of money at you to help assist with this and you get to sell them.’”

She added that the town could still negotiate deed restrictions to keep these properties reserved for workforce housing.

“Ultimately, what we need is an increase in inventory ... and we can do that without becoming landlords,” saying that the ownership model is most ideal.

This turned the discussion toward what kinds of “carrots” the town could offer to help make workforce housing projects “pencil” for developers.

The council discussed the various types of incentives that the town could offer developers, including the provision of land, utilities and density bonuses, which allow a developer to build more units than typically allowed under the town’s Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) in exchange for the developer building more units aimed at workforce housing.

Phillips reminded the council that the biggest gap in the current market is in the so-called “missing middle,” which she defined as between 60 percent to 150 percent AMI.

She noted that there’s “just not a whole lot of options” for potential homeowners who fall in this range of income in the Pagosa area.

“That’s where we are trying to hit, with that missing middle,” she said.

Later in the meeting, the discussion turned to the town’s

density bonus policy, which was adopted in 2021.

“To achieve more affordable housing units within the community, the Town Council may, at its discretion and upon recommendation from the Town Planning Commission, consider an increase (bonus) to the number of housing units (density) permitted on a lot by the underlying zoning district or overlay district,” states agenda documentation.

Dickhoff stated that the town sometimes uses this policy to negotiate deed restrictions on certain properties to reserve the property as workforce housing for a number of years.

Most recently, the town has secured deed restrictions of seven years, but Dickhoff said that he’d like to see the number of years increase to 10 years and, in some cases, perpetually.

He asked the council to consider including “anything in here that gives us more than a 10-, 15-, or 20-year deed restriction.”

Bergon mentioned that deed restrictions don’t necessarily have to be “income-based.”

Usually a deed restriction on a property restricts it to provide housing for certain income levels, but she explained that Telluride has a deed-restriction policy that only requires that the unit houses a local employee of a local brick-and-mortar business, rather than based on their AMI level.

She said that “part of the hold off of a developer of taking advantage of the density bonus is that they then have to track the income of their folks who are renting their units.”

Phillips chimed in, saying what developers are “balking at is how much they’re able to charge [for rent] and then their lender doesn’t like that either because it’s basically an encumbrance on the property.”

Council member Gary Williams said, “I think your point is well taken, that is that there are other resort towns that have taken different approaches and we should figure out what other people are doing and what works best.”

He suggested this could incentivize business owners to get involved with housing issues since it would help house their own employees.

“You gotta work to get this deal. That might be attractive,” he said.

Lindner noted he’d like to see more information on Telluride’s policy, such as if it’s working, if there have been unintended consequences, what the burden is on staff and more.

Pierce suggested that she’d also like to explore this idea, but also worried that, if adopted here, it would provide housing “for someone making a lot more” money, “when we could be providing housing for someone that’s working that 30 hours in town and not making quite as much and taking away that housing from someone who needs it.”

Overall, Phillips noted that the town’s initiatives toward adding workforce housing supply have been successful in bringing more housing inventory to the market.

Bergon added that it’s not only adding more units to the market, but also adding more variety of the types of units that serve a diversity of income levels throughout the market.

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Hickenlooper

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In opening the roundtable discussion, Archuleta County Commissioner Warren Brown thanked Hickenlooper for coming, saying, “Sometimes in Archuleta County we feel like we’re nonexistent.”

He explained that Archuleta County is considered a distressed community by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, with 51 percent of students qualifying for the federal free and reduced lunch program in schools prior to Colorado’s passage of a bill that will provide free meals to students.

He added Archuleta County has a poverty rate of 9.4 percent.

He also noted the large area where services based out of Archuleta County provide services to before delving into air medical transport service and Archuleta County’s airport.

He noted there is a need to improve the infrastructure at the airport, where the county is using outdated equipment and can’t afford to upgrade it.

He suggested any assistance in accessing funding from the federal infrastructure bill would be good to help with the current runway or an additional runway, which could then help the county pursue a new designation for the airport.

“We are a community on the cusp of greatness,” Brown said. “We really are.”

Hickenlooper noted the number of staff members who accompanied him on the Southwest Colorado trip, stating that in Congress a lot is what you can say you’ve seen, adding, “It’s all about the relationships” and the stories you tell.

PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb was the next to speak, telling Hickenlooper PSMC covers 1,800 square miles with its EMS services and takes care of anyone and everyone regardless of their ability to pay.

She added PSMC also takes care of a number of Jicarilla Apache Nation members and is the largest employer in the region.

She explained the medical center runs a tight margin and had a negative bottom line last year, but indicated the center and its EMS continue to operate at a high level, with PSMC receiving calls from other hospitals about the great job its EMS staff does in the field before patients are transported.

She also explained that Medicare started a rural emergency hospital designation which would allow PSMC more money, but it would have to give up its inpatient beds.

“We want to keep patients here. Patients want to stay here,” she said.

Webb also discussed the Save Rural Hospitals Act that is currently in draft form, financial pressures facing health care centers and that the health care payment model is broken.

“Where you live shouldn’t affect if you live,” she said.

Hickenlooper discussed the bipartisan Rural Health Innovation Act, stating that while it will be a different type of budget year and there is going to be pressure to reduce the national debt, he thinks rural health care will come out “all



Photo courtesy Senator John Hickenlooper’s office

Students from the career and technical education programs with Build Pagosa and Pagosa Springs High School present a handmade memento to the senator during his June 28 visit to Pagosa Springs.

right.”

Hickenlooper also discussed helping to start a rural health care center in 1973, stating health care should be a right, not a privilege.

PSMC Chief Finance Officer Chelle Keplinger thanked Hickenlooper for the federal pandemic-relief funding PSMC received, stating PSMC wouldn’t exist as it does without the funding.

She also noted that 70 percent of PSMC’s business is Medicare and Medicaid, which pay less than the cost of providing services, leaving the rest on other insurance carriers.

Keplinger and Webb also talked about an ongoing project that will allow PSMC to generate its own oxygen — a need they explained was identified prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and seen during the pandemic.

Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD), which oversees PSMC) board member Martin Rose also noted EMS is only paid if a patient is transported, while Webb noted the district’s mill levy generates about two weeks of operating costs for PSMC.

Discussion then circled back to the airport, with EMS Director Jason Webb discussing the challenges presented by heavy snow that can close the airport for several days and make moving patients out of the area to other hospitals more difficult.

He also noted that his staff is running two ambulances and EMS is experiencing staffing issues.

USJHSD board chair Kate Alfred, who previously served as the county’s airport manager, noted that the county has two used snowblowers, meaning if one breaks they are “in trouble.”

She noted the first step is reliable equipment.

Brown explained the county just purchased another “new-to-us” snowblower for just under \$500,000, with that purchase not originally budgeted, adding the county “can’t afford to continue to fail operationally” at this level.

Hickenlooper noted he also keeps hearing about the cost of housing and discussed Gov. Jared Polis’ plans to have advocates to help rural communities, saying, “I’ve never heard of such a thing.”

PSMC Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese, who was moderating the roundtable,

thanked Hickenlooper for listening to PSMC’s story, with Hickenlooper stating, “Our health care system is a mess,” with six of the 15 largest companies being pharmaceutical or medical.

Following his time at PSMC, Hickenlooper toured the CTE facilities at PSHS and visited with students, former students and families of students to learn more about the program and projects being worked on by students.

The second roundtable and a town-hall-style forum, hosted by Build Pagosa and the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, included small business owners; CTE students, families and teachers; Archuleta and Hinsdale county commissioners; Pagosa Springs Town Council members and Town Manager Andrea Phillips; school board members and school staff; other local dignitaries; and more.

The event focused on a variety of topics, including workforce development, workforce and small business needs, rural investment, housing, the cost of construction, infrastructure funding, the importance of state funding received by local organizations, the airport and more.

The roundtable opened with a chosen number of people presenting their successes, such as the local grant-funded internship program and other state funding, as well as needs of the community.

During the event, Build Pagosa Executive Director Kris Salisbury noted the organization was notified by Sen. Michael Bennet’s office that \$1 million in congressional directed spending for Build Pagosa is in the draft bill passing through Congress, which she relayed means there’s about a 90 percent chance of Build Pagosa being successful in receiving the grant.

Hickenlooper commented on the community’s integration in solving its problems and again mentioned the Polis administration’s rural advocates.

In response to comments about the cost of living, generational poverty and filling in the missing middle, Hickenlooper also spoke of the need to increase wages instead of simply working to lower the cost of housing.

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Petitions

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She indicates that petitions can be mailed to P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or dropped off at the county administration building at 398 Lewis St.

She notes that all petitions must be postmarked July 15 or be hand-delivered by that date and “strongly” recommends that petitions sent by mail be sent priority mail to ensure timely arrival since all CBOE hearings must be completed by early August.

She noted that any petitions received after early August will not be heard, no matter the postmark date.

Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott also noted in a communication with The SUN that only those who protested their valuation to the assessor can file a petition with the CBOE.

At the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners’ (BoCC) work session on June 27, Tully-Elliott gave an update on the appeals to BoCC and outlined key terminology and assessment processes for the board.

Tully-Elliott began her presentation by commending her staff, noting that the assessor’s office

had received about 2,340 appeals and received additional assistance from the treasurer’s office in folding notices and other tasks to review all appeals before the deadline.

She then noted that she wanted to come before the BoCC to review the terminology that would be used during the CBOE hearings with the commissioners.

She explained that a subject property is the property whose valuation is being discussed at the hearing, while comparable properties are properties with similar attributes that were sold during the assessment time frame.

Tully-Elliott pointed out that many property owners use their neighbor’s valuation as a point of comparison but that neighboring properties are not comparable properties unless they are sold during the assessment time frame.

She indicated that the appraisal date is chosen by the state and explained that this is the date for which the assessor is determining the market value of each property in the county.

She highlighted the difference between the appraisal date and the assessment date, which is the

most recent Jan. 1 and is used to set the physical condition of the subject property for the following assessment year.

Tully-Elliott provided the example that, if a house was under construction on Jan. 1, 2022, it would be valued as under construction on the appraisal date of June 30, 2022, even if it is completed by that date.

She explained that the data collection or study period on which valuations are based is the two years in Archuleta County to capture all seasons and noted that this is common practice in Colorado.

In response to a question from Commissioner Warren Brown, Tully-Elliott highlighted that the definitions and dates are standard across Colorado and that the assessor’s office is audited yearly by the state.

She stated that the actual value is the estimated market value of a property on the appraisal date of June 30, 2022.

She elaborated that this is the value the assessor believes that the property could have sold for on the appraisal date and that market

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changes after that date have no impact on the valuation.

She explained that the actual value multiplied by assessment rate, which varies depending on property type, gives the assessed value and this value multiplied by the mill levy equals an owner's property tax payment.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez noted that mill levies pay for services that the voters have approved, such as libraries, schools and local governments.

Tully-Elliott explained that the protest period is between May 1 and June 8 and that Notices of Determination notify property owners of any adjustments that have been made following their protest and are mailed on June 30.

She stated that Colorado uses a market approach to determining value, which involves using sales data to determine the value of similar properties after adjustments for dissimilarities are applied.

She stated that arm's-length transactions, involving a willing buyer and seller and available on the open market, are used in determining values.

She noted that transactions connected to divorces, most foreclosures and auctions are not arm's-length transactions.

Tully-Elliott stated that a valid sale is a sale that meets the definitions of market value and arm's-length transactions.

She explained that the adjusted sales price is the price of the sale, incorporating only the real property components of the sale and excluding personal property.

She then explained the time-adjusted sales price, which she noted is one of the least understood and most disliked elements of the assessment process.

Tully-Elliott stated that the assessor's office has to determine what the trend in the values of property sales over time is to adjust the value of sales over the time period to the appraisal date.

She noted that the time-trend analysis starts with analyzing sales in each neighborhood and that the market increased over the study period.

She stated that the time-adjusted sales price is the adjusted sales price with a factor applied to it to model the increasing value of sales over time.

She indicated that, in most areas, there was an increase of 2 percent to 6 percent a month in sale values and that these values would likely be discussed extensively in the CBOE hearings.

Tully-Elliott explained that the county is divided into economic areas, neighborhoods and subdivisions, with economic areas being geographic areas with parcels that have similar physical, social, economic or governmental inputs that affect value.

She explained that, within each economic area are neighborhoods, within each neighborhood are subdivisions, and within each

subdivision are land codes or building codes.

She noted that this process helps stratify and categorize properties.

She indicated that the land codes are sets of characteristics and attributes that identify land and that the application of value begins at this level.

She stated that, within a specific subdivision, all properties in a land code will be given a value based on the median sale price to start, which will be adjusted by other factors.

She stated that building codes are used primarily to place value on multifamily residences, such as condominiums.

Tully-Elliott explained that architectural styles are a set of characteristics that make a building identifiable and that the median sale for a specific style sets the starting price per square foot for buildings in that style.

She then explained the meaning of effective area, which she indicated is the heated area plus additions like second stories, patios and garages, although these are all taxed at different rates than the main heated area.

She noted that the effective area can change between appraisals depending on the calculations for what portion of an addition's area is counted toward the effective area.

Tully-Elliott explained that market depreciation models the decrease in the market value of a structure based on its age and noted that the depreciation factor for older homes in this assessment is lower due to the high demand for homes no matter their age or condition.

She stated that the quality of a home is based on its construction, shape and amenities when it was first built and that a quality grid is used to score the quality of homes.

She also indicated that quality includes both broad categories, such as good or average quality, and indicators of where the home falls within that quality category.

Tully-Elliott indicated that the condition of the home reflects its physical state and that the impact of a home's condition on its value is driven by the market.

She noted that size and shape modifiers account for the economy of scale on a home, with bigger homes having less value per square foot, and are also set by market factors.

Tully-Elliott explained, in response to a question from County Attorney Todd Weaver, that an improvement is the structure that is being valued.

She then covered the meaning of ratio, which she noted is the assessor's value divided by the sale price.

She explained that a ratio of less than one means the sale price is less than the assessor's value, while ratio above one means the sale price is more than the assessor's value.

She indicated that, for the median sale, the ratio must be between 0.95 and 1.05 to pass the state audit.

Tully-Elliott noted that the coefficient of dispersion measures how uniform the assessment

values are, and that the coefficients for vacant land, residences and multifamily housing must be kept below certain values to pass the state audit, meaning that sale values must remain similar to each other and that the reasons for variations in value in a land code, such as views or terrain, must be accounted for.

She stated that the median is the value in the middle of the data set and then gave an example of how the modifiers are applied to valuing a residence, in this case a log home.

She indicated that all residences with a log home architectural style are valued at \$320 per square foot, based on market data, and that this value multiplied by the effective area gives the starting value for the home.

She explained that, next, factors for condition, quality, size and shape, neighborhood, and construction status are applied.

She indicated that the age of the example structure modified the value down by 3.25 percent, while its quality increased the value by 8 percent and the neighborhood the property is located in reduced the value by 5 percent.

She added that the larger heated area of the structure modified the value down 9 percent.

She concluded the example by indicating that all these modifiers are applied to the initial value to create the final value.

Tully-Elliott also noted that all the modifiers change with each reappraisal and are re-examined each time.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked, "So, just basically, the area, so the median interim for a home depends on the area and/or the type it's constructed by? And it sets that value in that subdivision?"

Tully-Elliott responded by explaining the process, indicating that it begins with inspecting and verifying sales, which is followed by running a time-trend analysis to determine time-adjusted sales price.

Next, she stated, the assessor sets the land values using vacant land sales, which must be done first so it can be determined how much of the improved value is the land value.

She stated that the assessor then determines the adjusted and time-adjusted sales prices and arranges them from low to high to determine the median value, which then sets the value for that land code.

Tully-Elliott stated that she next sets the price per square foot for architectural styles, which is based on market data and set countywide.

She indicated that, after the price per square foot is set, she examines depreciation, size and shape, quality, condition and other factors to set those modifiers.

Next, she explained, she goes back and checks if the median price per square foot is still at a ratio of one.

Once the modifiers are finalized and the ratio is checked, she explained that she then determines how neighborhoods diverge from the median sales price, factoring in that homes in certain neighborhoods sell for less than in others.

This calculation creates the

neighborhood adjustment that is applied to home values, she indicated.

Commissioner Veronica Medina noted that she could see the reasons why valuations by real estate agents may differ so much from those of the assessor since real estate agents do not typically consider the unheated portion of a building when calculating value.

She added that real estate agents typically start valuation at a neighborhood level instead of beginning with examining similar architectural types across the county.

She then asked Tully-Elliott if appellants to the CBOE have to present the same information they provided in their initial protest or if they can provide new information.

"Let's say at the assessor level they just said, 'The assessor is out of her mind, this value is crazy and these taxes tripled,' and it gets denied," Tully-Elliott responded.

"Because there's no factual information provided," Medina interjected.

"So then, at the next level, they decide, 'OK, I should probably provide comps that I feel like are more comparable,'" Tully-Elliott continued. "So then they provide comps at the CBOE level. I will get that, ... [Helminksi] will get that and we'll look at it again before it gets to you guys and if we believe then at that time that they submitted information that would change the value we'll stipulate before it gets to CBOE. Or if I feel like I can still support the value that I have, we'll... bring the case to the CBOE."

Maez said, "And most of the time, a lot of their values and facts that they bring in are not really actual other than I think what I've seen in the past is views changing a bit and you know, if they bring in like, for instance, one brought in there was oil wells in their view but their view was still pretty but we still reduced it a bit because of the oil wells that were in their view."

Tully-Elliott commented that it is the CBOE's decision if it wants to make such reductions.

The discussion concluded with Maez and Medina thanking Tully-Elliott for taking the time to present to them.

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Planning commission addresses Majestic Way sketch plan

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Planning Commission met June 17 to address a sketch plan for a proposed development deemed Majestic Way, which may ultimately result in the addition of several traffic circles and new traffic light on U.S. 160.

Karl Onsager, senior planner for the town, presented the sketch plan, located between Rob Snow Road and Harman Park Drive on the south side of U.S. 160 as part of the Put Hill annex.

The current zoning is a mixed-use and the property is listed as being owned by Jim Willingham. The development would parcel out four lots with roadway connections to U.S. 160, according to agenda documentation.

The applicant, Wesley Properties LLC of Durango, "proposes a mixed-use development to be completed over several phases that will include four or more lots. The entirety of the development site is zoned Mixed Use Corridor (MU-C) in accordance with LUUDC Chpt. 21, Art. 3.3.3," according to the agenda brief of the meeting.

The master plan lists the development moving in two phases, the first of which would be "utilizing approximately 11-acres to be slated to be the location of the new Archuleta County Administration offices with an approximately 25,000sq.ft. building. The proposed structure complies with the requirements set forth LUUDC [Land Use Development Code] Table 5.1.2 ...," according to the agenda brief.

Wes Hill, representing Wesley Properties, said, "We do see this project as a phased project, and as far as a county admin building goes, that's just something we're working toward with the county. We'll see how it goes; there's nothing confirmed on that at all."

Planning manager Cindy Schultz added, "The county is still weighing their options and this came up and it might be a better option for them. Nothing has been finalized ... but that's the proposal going forward; it may or may not come to fruition."

Regarding phase two of the project, the brief states, "Phase 2 of the project would utilize the remaining acreage for development. Future development of these sites may include uses such as a retail/convenience stores, offices, and tourism-related businesses that would complement the location along the HWY 160 thoroughfare. Although not specified at this time, any future use would conform to those set forth in the MU-C zoning district."

"The second phase of the project would actually be the CDOT portion and the connection to 160," Hill said, referring to the Colorado Department of Transportation.

He added, "The other clarification is that Mr. Willingham's parcel, which is the front edge of the parcel, is part of this sketch plan proposal as well ... originally we did show the road going more to the south ... the suggestion of Karl and you guys and spoken about changing that. What I will say what that does is, frontage property is very desirable in Pagosa for retailers, and so one clarifica-

tion: If it does come across that 1.8 acres [that belongs to Willingham], we would propose it come right across the front of it."

The agenda brief states, "Majestic Way will be designed with a future dedicated right-of-way alignment to the north that will parallel the subject parcel's western boundary and intersect at HWY 160 to be constructed in Phase 2 of the development. This intersection will likely require improvements to the state highway in coordination with the Colorado Department of Transportation that may include a new traffic light and turn lanes, depending on the uses proposed."

The applicant has requested a traffic report of the area, and "at this time, staff is comfortable recommending approval of the sketch application with reserved dedications pending results of the traffic reports," according to the agenda brief.

"I know we're talking phased, but I want to make sure that, I could see things changing pretty dramatically as you get further along. I don't personally see any problems with the subdivision component at this time, but I think there's still a lot of big questions of how do you connect to the highway and/or Rob Snow, and the utilities, which may drive a completely different look than what we're seeing tonight," planning commissioner Chris Pitcher said.

Planning commissioner Julie Gurule expressed concern that current residents of Rob Snow Rd will have to go all the way Harman Park Drive or Majestic Way to make a left turn onto U.S. 160 if the roads proceed the way they are drawn in the sketch plan.

"Some of those are conversations we're going to continue to have not only with this application, but more directly with the county and CDOT," Onsager said, adding, "Right now we have plans that aren't fully designed out."

"To tell you the truth, with this sketch plan, there's still a lot to work out with where exactly that road is going to go," Hill said, adding, "I will say this: I know there's some different thoughts about what happens with Rob Snow, and I guess that's not really up to us to figure out. If the road does not go to the north it makes that 1.8 acres [between the mini storage and US-160] undevelopable because there's no access to it."

"As for Rob Snow Road, the plan depicts adequate right-of-way to accommodate a future connection," the agenda states.

Regarding road access and traffic developments, the agenda indicates, "The ACP [Access Control Plan] calls for a signalized intersection at Highway 160 and Majestic Way. The secondary road network with Harman Park Drive will be connected and continue to the east and connect to Rob Snow Road. Ultimately, improvements are generally tied to and triggered by the nexus's established by development applications and the specific traffic impacts."

It adds, "The improvement of the Highway 160 intersection to a fully signalized intersection is dependent on the results of the

traffic report associated with the development. It is possible the traffic impact of the contemplated development of Lot 3 would be sufficient to trigger the improvements. However, further development of the other lots may become the trigger point. The applicant has initiated a traffic report to analyze the impacts of the specific development of Lot 3 along with the potential build-out of the other lots."

"All the real estate along 160 is really prime," Schultz said. "It's really rural and really residential, and it's nature. So putting the roadway through there would actually be a benefit...putting the roadway through there potentially with the ability to zone that as a commercial property is kind of a big deal..."

Planning commissioner Kristen McCollam expressed trepidation about building on land without exactly knowing what was going to be built there.

"Generally speaking, there's a manual we use relative to the general proposed use that's in conformance with the zoning," Hill responded.

When public comment was opened, resident Pamela Hargrove joined the meeting.

She explained she is a partner in the ownership of the property just to the south of the proposed development, on Wheeler Place.

"There was some conversation about private drives anticipated for access to lot 3 and 4," she said, "and I was wondering what is meant by private drives?"

Onsager responded, "Private drives aren't demonstrated on the plat because they'd be shown as easements either on preliminary plat with more detail or on specific development plans after the subdivision. So, this subdivision creates the plot lines, whereas those private drives can traverse over plot lines, which is different from the other public street that we were talking about. ... It would likely go on the north side of lot 3 and lot 4. We're not at that level of detail."

Hargrove had a second question: "What anticipated clients for these developments are we talking about? ... Does that include multifamily housing, apartments, condominiums, etc?"

Onsager answered that while they have been in communication with the county for a potential administration building, the staff is also looking at uses for the other lots that would be in alignment with the MU-C zone.

"Generally at this stage of specificity ... would those lots meet those commercial size of development? And the answer is yes," Onsager responded, adding, "Staff is comfortable the size of the lots could accommodate the development that that area is zoned for."

He confirmed that there's an "opportunity for some workforce or mixed-use residential components within that mixed-use corridor zone."

Addressing concerns the development would be encroaching on wetlands, Hill said, "We're working with [environmental engineer] Sean Moore, who's working on the CDOT project down there as well. That original report that he did

was back in March, and he kinda warned us then, like, 'Look, there's a lot of water there right now, so that's kinda TBD.' We're still working through that ... he doesn't think it's as extensive as it is, but we're going to follow his guidance whatever that is."

The brief states, "The wetlands depicted on the sketch plan potentially pose the greatest development constraints on Lot 1. The applicant has indicated they are initiating soil tests to confirm the development potential of Lot 1. The applicant has also indicated that the wetlands depicted on the plans are preliminary in nature and may not be designated for formal environmental protection. The applicant is performing additional analysis to determine the formal wetlands classification prior to submitting the preliminary plat application."

Hill added, "The other thing I would like to clarify is that right now it's four lots, but it's user-based, so I cannot guarantee it will stay exactly four lots. If we have a client who's looking to subdivide maybe lot 2 into two separate parcels, I think that we would come back to that at our next major site plan review."

The board made a motion to approve the sketch, provided eight stipulations: "All applicable will-serve letters demonstrating adequate utilities to serve the potential development on the site; Applicant shall provide the preliminary or final traffic report; Applicant shall provide final wetlands analysis; Applicant shall provide soils analysis and building envelope analysis for Lot 1; Applicant shall depict trail dedications to connect with existing dedicated trails in conformance with the Town-To-Lakes Trail Master Plan; Applicant shall provide a clear narrative demonstrating the assumption of maintenance responsibilities for roads, utilities, open-space, and other applicable provisions for criteria (f) and (g); Applicant shall demonstrate progress toward addressing debris, junk, and clutter on the Property; Applicant shall provide all documents referenced by reception number in the title reports along with a title refresh letter with an effective date not more than 30 days from the preliminary plat application," the agenda brief lists.

The sketch plan was unanimously approved by the commission.

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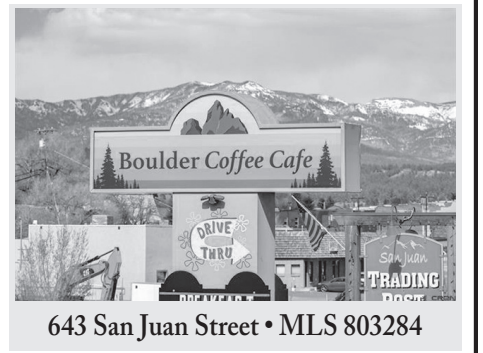
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Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs celebrates the start of a new year



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Cindi Galabota takes the podium in her role as the new president of Pagosa Springs Rotary Club.

By Shellie Peterson
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The end of June signifies the end of one Rotary year and the beginning of another.

Last week, the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club members gathered to thank Warren Brown for his year of service as club president and to welcome Cindi Galabota to the position for the upcoming year.

Stacy Clark was selected as the Rotarian of the Year. She was recognized for her boundless enthusiasm and dedication to service and to the club.

The officers of the board of directors of Pagosa Springs Rotary fill vital roles in managing how effective and important the club is to the community. Mike Vanover serves on the board, along with Kenneth Beesly and Bill Salmansohn. Sam Pittmon and Jim Garrett will continue to serve as secretaries. Melanie Garrett will also continue to serve. Pat Tackett will take the position on the board and the office of treasurer. Robert Foster will serve as president-elect.

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U.S. 160 McCabe Creek culvert replacement complete

Colorado Department of Transportation

The Colorado Department of Transportation announces the completion of the McCabe Creek culvert replacement project on U.S. 160 in Pagosa Springs.

This project replaced outdated metal culverts with new precast concrete box culverts. The new culverts are more durable in diverse environmental conditions, such as excessive amounts of rainfall or spring runoff from the mountains and drainage basin north of Pagosa Springs. The new culverts also provide increased resistance to corrosion and debris-induced damage, improved hydraulic efficiency and an extended lifespan.

In addition to the culvert replacement, the project encompassed the implementation of riprap lined drainage improvements. These shoreline protection and structure stability enhancements have created a new upstream and downstream channel, enabling more efficient drainage under the roadway and minimizing the risk of flooding. The improved drainage system contributes to the overall safety and functionality of the roadway.

More safety improvements include updated guardrails and bridge rails to safeguard against vehicles veering off the roadway and promoting safer travel for motorists. Utilities that were replaced include a new waterline, gas lines,



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

The Colorado Department of Transportation has completed the McCabe Creek culvert replacement project on U.S. 160 in Pagosa Springs. Improvements include new drainage structures, enhanced sidewalk safety features, updated guardrails and more.

geothermal pipes and underground electric lines.

Additionally, sidewalk enhancements and lighting were incorpo-

rated into the project, promoting ADA-compliant pedestrian accessibility and safety. The improved sidewalks provide a more con-

venient and secure pathway for pedestrians, fostering a pedestrian-friendly environment in Pagosa Springs.

Archuleta County Fair planned for Aug. 3-6

By Sharon Jennings
Special to The SUN

All are welcome to the Archuleta County Fair and encouraged to drop in and experience a county fair right here. Come country casual and have a good time perusing the creative entries in the Exhibit Hall, enjoying fare from a variety of food truck options, checking out the livestock and shows in the Hughes Pavilion, dancing to the live bands, and simply sharing time with family and friends.

The fair is a community event open to all and is for the benefit of the entire community and visitors.

Admission to the Fairgrounds is free again this year, with gates opening at 9 a.m. daily Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 3-6, and closing around midnight Friday and Saturday. Certain events and activities will have a charge to participate in, though many activities are also free. The fairgrounds are off Mill Creek Road and U.S. 84.

The Archuleta County Fair is a longtime tradition, dating back to a 1951 meeting of local ranchers and the county Extension agent where the group decided to initiate a county fair. Ray Macht was elected chairman and the first fair was in September 1951 geared toward providing a showplace for locally owned, registered cattle and 4-H animals. The fair was deemed a competition and celebration of community while also offering a

time to relax and share.

The "Timeless Tradition" of the Archuleta County Fair continues for its 72nd year fulfilling the mission to unite the community and preserve our history while embracing growth. We support that by building memories, encouraging community involvement, creating learning opportunities, providing entertainment, and developing healthy competition for all Archuleta County 4-H/Future Farmers of America and for Open Class competitors of the fair.

In addition to 4-H competitions, the fair has grown through the years to include rodeos, live music and dancing, games, exhibits and demonstrations. Our Friday night rodeo is a collaboration with the Pagosa Springs Medical Center and the Tough Enough to Wear Pink organization.

Our 4-H members show their animals including rabbits, goats, steers, chickens, pigs and lambs

during fair week, with the 4-H Dog Show happening July 22 in the CSU building and the 4-H Horseshow on July 29 in the arena, finishing with the Gymkhana on July 30.

A highlight of the fair is the 4-H Chuckwagon Dinner and Junior Livestock Auction Saturday evening. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased from 4-H.

Exhibits created by 4-H and county residents will include the work of crafters, quilters, painters, woodworkers, seamstresses, photographers, home beer and wine brewers, and more. Baked goods, canned foods, fresh flowers and vegetables can also be entered and displayed. All are encouraged to finish projects and enter them for judging prior to the opening of the fair.

The numerous divisions, complete rules and entry deadlines for exhibitors are listed on the fair website, archuletacountyfair.com under "Exhibits / Rules." The

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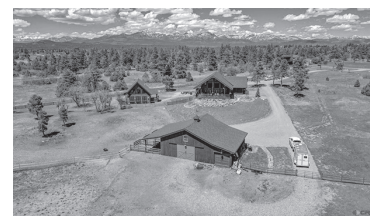
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Education



Photo courtesy Wings Early Childhood Education Center

Director Becca Gartman helped students identify some of the flora and fauna of the Opal Lake area.



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Families and students of Wings make the steep trek up the first part of the Opal Lake trail.

Wings education center students hike to Opal Lake

By Sherry Milligan

Wings Early Childhood Education Center

Living out their mission, the students, staff and parents of Wings Early Childhood Education Center took to the outdoors recently for a family day hike to Opal Lake.

Wings centers its educational philosophy around nature, so having this family day allowed it to put its ideas into action.

The hike to Opal Lake was a tough one for the students, who conquered the steep first part of the trail.

"I was so proud of our kids and actually a

little surprised. All but one child hiked the entire way up and down, and Opal Lake has quite an incline. We all had such a blast with our families," said Becca Gartman, director of the Wings school.

About one-third of the families and most of the staff took part in the day-long hike.

Pagosa Peak Open School approves 2023-2024 budget

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors met virtually on June 30 to approve the 2023-2024 budget.

The board also authorized the use of the beginning fund balance in the Student Activities Fund.

The board approved its proposed 2023-2024 budget, which has \$265,193.93 in its general fund with \$1,560,282.40 estimated revenues, leaving \$1,825,476.33 available for spending.

According to the budget docu-

ments, salaries will account for \$770,829.72 of this; benefits account for \$320,857.17; purchased services, \$419,503.07; supplies and materials, \$42,200.00; and other costs \$3,444.83, leaving \$3,447.62 in surplus.

The budget includes \$46,808.47 set aside in accordance with the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, while \$221,833.07 is in unassigned reserves. This leaves a projected ending fund balance of \$268,641.55 in the school's general fund.

There is \$17,069.49 beginning fund balance in the Student Activities Fund, with estimated revenues

of \$25,000, leaving a projected ending fund balance of \$42,069.49.

Budgeted expenditures for the fund add up to \$25,000, leaving \$17,069.49 assigned. The projected ending fund balance is \$285,711.04.

The resolution authorizing the use of beginning fund balances states the board has "determined the beginning fund balances in the General Fund are sufficient to allow for the one-time expenditures and the action will not lead to an ongoing deficit."

It also notes the beginning fund balances will be use for the "Student Activities Fund: \$20,000.00 By using

funds unspent in 2022-23 for one-time Student Activities expenses."

The board also unanimously approved removing Julie Simmons and Ursula Hudson as authorized financial signers, adding board treasurer Pamela Meade and board president Lawrence Rugar as authorized signers while retaining current approved signer Angela Reali-Crossland, the school's director.

The strategic planning policy as presented by board member Jesse White was likewise unanimously approved.

This policy addresses a "strategic planning process by which it translates its mission and values into actionable and measurable goals, strategies, initiatives, and programs. The plan will provide direction for both long and short-term decision-making by the Board of Directors and Senior Leadership to fulfill the mission of the organization and make choices among competing demands for capital investment, philanthropy, facilities, and human resources."

The board unanimously approved the new strategic planning policy.

The next board meeting will be at 5 p.m. on July 19 and can be attended either virtually or in person at the school building.

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RECREATION NEWS

Registration open for town soccer leagues

By Matt Zaborowski
Town of Pagosa Springs
Parks and Recreation

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

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

Recreation soccer (5-12 years)

Registration is now open for soccer ages 5-12 years. The registration fee is \$45 for the first child and \$25 for the second child. The deadline to register will be Aug. 11.

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

Adult coed soccer (6v6)

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

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

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

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SUN photos/Monica Nigon

Build Pagosa receives \$50,000 Opportunity Now Colorado grant

Gov. Jared Polis' office

Gov. Jared Polis and the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) announced the first 46 recipients of the Opportunity Now Colorado grant program to support the creation and expansion of innovative workforce and talent development initiatives across the state. These grants are intended to help connect more Coloradans with in-demand, high-skill, high-wage occupations.

Build Pagosa Inc. is a recipient of a grant supporting planning, community and employer research, and partnership development in the research or initial development phase of a program

of around \$50,000. (Amounts are rounded.)

"Across the state, employers are looking to hire the top talent that Colorado is known for. The Opportunity Now Colorado grant recipients announced today will help Coloradans develop the skills and experience our growing industry partners need and unlock access to good paying jobs," said Polis.

The grant recipients announced are working to create and/or grow long-term partnerships between educational institutions, industry leaders and employers to develop the current and future workforce across Colorado. Emphasis was placed on programs that create intentional pathways between one

phase of education or employment to another and foster opportunities for regional "learners and earners" to be more economically mobile.

"Innovative partnerships between educational institutions and employers have proven that modern apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs create solid career pathways. These Opportunity Now Colorado grant recipients will foster more of these opportunities at the regional level and contribute to a strong economy that works for everyone," said OEDIT Executive Director Eve Lieberman.

Three grant tracks support projects and initiatives at various stages of the development process, including seed, planning and scale.

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Fires

Continued from front continues today.”

The fire’s InciWeb page notes, “Wildlife is already beginning to return to the area, prompting crews to be extra cautious in the thick fuels surrounding the fire.”

Wednesday’s update on the fire also notes that, as of 6 a.m., the pre-evacuation order issued for the area was lifted.

Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux further reported Wednesday that the fire will move from the current Type 3 incident management team to a Type 4 management team on Friday morning.

“Firefighters have received a welcome reception and generous support from the community throughout these fires in the area (Coal Mine/Chris Mountain),” the Wednesday morning update states, adding on July 4 the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts provided musical entertainment and volunteers from the community served firefighters a meal donated by Alley House Grille.

The update indicates that, as of Wednesday morning, 116 people were assigned to the fire from three jurisdictions: “4 Crews (Type 2), 1 Helicopter, 1 Type 3 Incident Management Team (Powell, Team 1).”

Chris Mountain Fire

The Chris Mountain Fire, burning on San Juan National Forest land approximately 12 miles west of Pagosa Springs, was reported at 3 p.m. on June 28.

As of Wednesday morning, fire officials reported the fire had not crossed onto private property.

Fire officials reported Wednesday morning the relative humidity was expected to be in the single digits in the fire area with a Red Flag Warning issued for that day, but that firefighters “took advantage of favorable weather conditions to execute a strategic firing operation on Tuesday morning.”

The update states, “This operation secured the fireline north of Snow Angel Ranch by reducing the unburned fuel between the fire and the ranch. The forecasted winds did not develop over the fire area yesterday and fire growth was minimal. Fire crews continued to improve handline on the west side of the fire. Minimal fire behavior has been observed on this portion of the fire. Helicopters cooled hot spots in the ‘bowl’ feature and along the rim of the bowl on the north end of the fire. Indirect fireline on the east side of the fire is nearing completion. Existing forest roads, handline and dozer lines are being used to create this perimeter. Contingency strategies are being developed in the event the fire

crosses Devil Creek drainage. Firefighters remained overnight on the fire patrolling and addressing hot spots.”

It further notes firefighters are improving and securing the fire perimeter, and “Fire crews are prepared for predicted red flag conditions and increased fire behavior. Additional resources have been assigned to respond to any new fire starts in the area. The structure protection group is identifying mitigation needs in areas around the fire.”

Archuleta County issued mandatory evacuations for Forest Road 628 on June 28.

“No structures have been lost, but some near the heel of the fire were considered threatened, prompting evacuations,” the fire’s InciWeb page states.

The San Juan National Forest issued a closure order on June 29 that will remain in effect until rescinded.

Closure order information is located at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-publication/cosjfh-chris-mountain-fire/chris-mountain-fire-closure>.

There is also a temporary flight restriction in place.

“There is a Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) FDC 3/9743 in place for air space over the Chris Mountain Fire to reduce impacts to fire aviation operations,” the incident’s InciWeb page states. “TFR was issued on June 29, 2023 and remains in effect until rescinded or until July 29, 2023. Fire aviation response is halted or delayed if an unauthorized aircraft enters the TFR, including drones/UAS. All aircraft and drone pilots should review TFR at https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_3_9743.html. If you fly, we can’t!”

Management of the Chris Mountain Fire was transitioned to the Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team Three on June 30, with 529 personnel on the fire as of July 5.

On Wednesday morning, Archuleta County Manager Derek Woodman noted that Cloman Park is closed due to fire response.

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Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
 Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr/PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
Plaintiff:
 ANDREW GUINN
 v.
Defendants:
 DANIEL L. VALDEZ and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
 Submitting Attorney:
 Duke Eggleston, #24965
 Eggleston Kosnik LLC
 160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
 Durango, CO 81301
 Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
 E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com
Case Number: 2023CV30039

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF ANDREW GUINN
TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:
ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
 This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
 Lot 26 in Hudson’s Rio Blanco Subdivision No. 5 according to the Plat thereof filed for Record September 1, 1964 as Reception No. 65907.
 Respectfully Submitted this 31st day of May, 2023.
 Published in The Pagosa Sun
 First Publication: June 8, 2023
 Last Publication: July 6, 2023
 Eggleston Kosnik LLC
 /s/ Duke Eggleston
 Duke Eggleston, #24965
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County Court
 Archuleta County, Colorado
 109 Harman Park Dr.
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Case No. 23C59

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Public notice is given on June 16, 2023 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Court.
 The Petition requests that the name of Kevon James Belk be changed to Kevon Alex Herrera.
 /s/ Justin Fay
 Judge
 Published June 22, 29 and July 6, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate Jeffrey Wayne Sherrill, Deceased
 Case No. 2023 PR 30019

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before October 29, 2023, or the claims may be forever barred.
 Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Published June 29, July 6 and 13, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
 Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
Plaintiffs:
 VINCENT J. VITANZA and MICHELLE RENEE VITANZA
 v.
Defendants:
 CAROLINE W. KING; BARBARA A. ALLEN KELSAY, TRUSTEE OF THE BARBARA ALLEN FAMILY TRUST DATED AUGUST 12, 1994 AND AMENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2007; TARA L. MCGOWAN; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
Case Number: 2023CV30042
 Submitting Attorney:
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFFS VINCENT J. VITANZA and MICHELLE RENEE VITANZA
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

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 This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
 Lot 144 in LAKE HATCHER PARK, according to the plat thereof filed for record November 5, 1973 as Reception No. 78738.
 Respectfully Submitted this 26th day of June, 2023.
 Published in The Pagosa Sun
 First Publication:
 Last Publication:
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
 /s/ Duke Eggleston
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 If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
 This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARINGS ON AUGUST 1, 2023
 ERIC SPOFFORD, representing GREG AND CAROL THEISS, has applied for a MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Theiss Minor Subdivision in Sec: 27 Twn: 35 Rng: 1W, at 800 Divide View Pl, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-116). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR).
 Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PFlovers@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on August 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
 Published July 6 and 20, 2023, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON July 26, 2023
 BAUDOUIN D’AUMERIES, has applied for a Board Conditional Use Permit for the D’AUMERIES PRIVATE HELIPAD, on the RURAL PARCEL in SEC: 27 TWN: 35 RING: 1W at 3700 Terry Robinson Rd, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-117). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING.
 The proposal is to prepare a landing site for the owner’s private use.
 Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on July 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.
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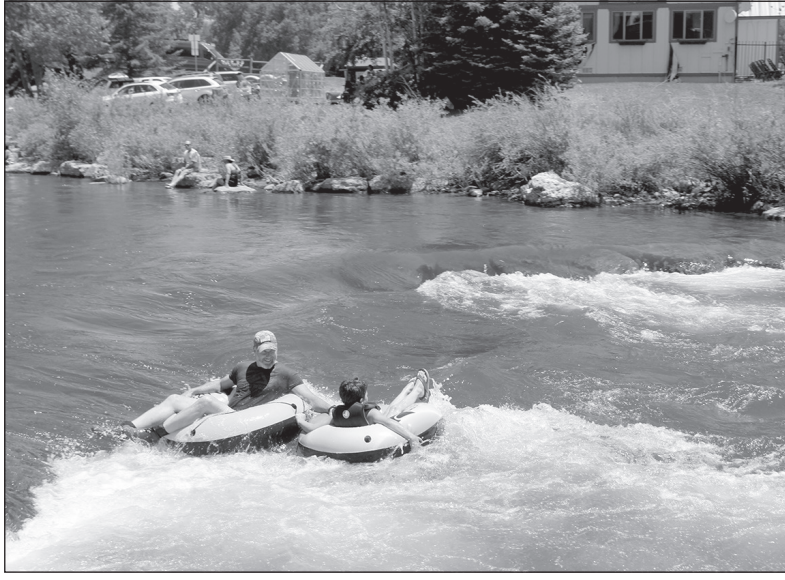
NOTICE OF CONTRACTOR’S SETTLEMENT
County of Archuleta
State of Colorado
 Notice is hereby given that on or after the 21st day of July, 2023, final settlement will be made by Archuleta County, for and on account of the contract of said:
Maxwell Asphalt, Inc.
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 for the furnishing and installation of Improvements to the Archuleta County Airport - Stevens Field, Schedule I - Runway 1/19, Taxiway A, Main Apron, North GA Apron, Crack Repair, Seal Coat and Striping and Schedule II - Taxiway B Crack Repair, Seal Coat and Striping (Non-Federal), AIP Project No. 3-08-0066-026-2022 and any person, co-partnership, association or corporation who has an unpaid lien against said Maxwell Asphalt, Inc. for or on account of the furnishing of labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provision, provender or other supplies used or consumed by such Contractor or any of the subcontractors in or about the performance of said work, may at any time up to and including said time of final settlement on said 21th day July, 2023, file a verified statement in the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim with Archuleta County.
 Failure on the part of the claimant to file such final statement will relieve said Owner from all and any liability for such claim.
 Archuleta County
 State of Colorado
 First Publication: June 22, 2023
 Second Publication: July 6, 2023
 Published June 22 and July 6, 2023, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Public Hearing will cover the Application for CDBG Funds for a Regional Business Loan Fund
 The five Counties of Southwest Colorado: Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan, through an intergovernmental agreement with La Plata County acting as Lead County, plan to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs, C/O the Office of Economic Development and International Trade. These specific CDBG funds are intended to provide economic and job opportunities in the form of business loans, principally for low- and moderate-income persons and no permanent involuntary displacement of neighborhood persons or businesses will occur through this program. Should it later become necessary to consider such displacement, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement. If no feasible alternative exists, reasonable benefits will be provided to displaced persons to mitigate adverse effects and hardships. Any low- and moderate-income housing which is demolished or converted will be replaced.
 In addition, Region 9 will request citizens to review and comment on the performance of the current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contract #8 which began on August 13, 2019, and expires on July 31, 2023. A public hearing will be held no earlier than 10:00 am on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at the **La Plata County Administrative Building, 1101 East 2nd Avenue, Durango, CO** through a La Plata County Commissioner Meeting in the Board Room or virtually on Zoom (Webinar ID: 819 094 582) to obtain citizen views and respond to questions related to:
 1. The proposed CDBG Application for the Region 9 Business Loan Fund of \$870,000; \$750,000 for direct business assistance and \$120,000 in administration plus \$366,574 match provided by Region 9. The Application is intended to be sponsored by La Plata County, acting as Lead County for the five counties of Southwest Colorado through an Intergovernmental Agreement. It is proposed that the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado will administer the CDBG project through a Memorandum of Agreement with La Plata County.
 2. Comments on performance of existing contract.
 Written comments must be received by 9:00 am on Monday, July 24, 2023, at the offices of Region 9 Economic Development District, 135 Burnett Drive, Unit 1, Durango, CO 81301; Attention: Laura Lewis Marchino. For email comments, please contact Laura Lewis Marchino at laura@region9edd.org. Information and records regarding the project described above are available upon advance notice at Region 9 Economic Development District Office.
 Information and records regarding the La Plata County’s proposed and past use of CDBG funds are available upon advance notice at the La Plata County Administrative Building during regular office hours. If special accommodation is needed, please notify Sarah Jacobson at 970-382-6210 or Sarah.Jacobson@co.laplaata.co.us so appropriate aids can be made available.
 Published July 6, 2023, in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

ARCHULETA COUNTY
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
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CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 82,338.36
WORLD FUEL SERVICES, INC	\$ 67,513.76
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	\$ 38,640.13
FLYERS ENERGY LLC	\$ 31,905.77
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VAL’S VIP CLEANING LLC	\$	19,912.51
HEALTHY ARCHULETA	\$	17,601.75
TURN KEY HEALTH CLINICS	\$	16,132.66
COLORADO COUNTIES CASUALTY	\$	15,000.00
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VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	\$	11,013.62
CABE’S COLLISION AND CUSTOMS	\$	10,663.97
SHAMROCK FOODS COMPANY	\$	10,458.97
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	\$	10,403.80
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF ARCHULETA	\$	9,677.26
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$	8,733.58
ARCHULETA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY	\$	8,589.69
MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.	\$	8,383.57
ARCHULETA SCHOLARSHIPS IN ESCROW	\$	8,100.00
OPEN GOV. INC	\$	7,725.94
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	\$	6,550.91
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The San Juan River was a popular place on the Fourth of July, with folks taking to the river to cool off, play and don patriotic gear to take part in the annual Freedom Float. SUN photos/Josh Pike

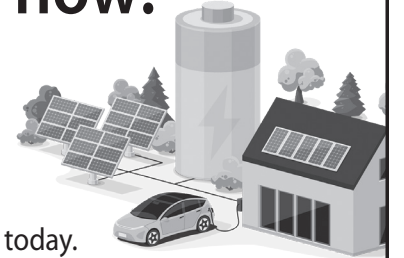
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A mountain lion as seen in a downtown Pagosa Springs yard prior to its relocation to the national forest by Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials. The mountain lion is suspected of grabbing a dog at Yamaguchi Park before being found under a porch.

Mountain lion relocated from downtown Pagosa

By Hailey Sams
 SUN Intern

Colorado Parks and Wildlife personnel (CPW) successfully relocated the mountain lion that was suspected to have grabbed a dog at Yamaguchi park early last week.

The lion was found under the porch of Jason Dockter's house in downtown Pagosa Springs.

Dockter relayed he was on vacation discussing the mountain lion at Yamaguchi and, not even an hour later, got a notification that there was an animal in his yard.

Dockter reported that the lion had a half-eaten skunk with it and was thought to have been there since the night before.

Dockter called his neighbors and the police department and he watched the lion go under his front porch.

The CPW Southwest Region notes on Twitter that when CPW personnel arrived the lion was

tranquilized and given a health assessment. It was issued two ear tags and loaded into a trap with a reversal drug for the tranquilizer.

CPW then drove it out deep into the national forest, where it was released and ran off.

"We sincerely hope we never encounter this lion again and it lives a good life far from people," the organization's Twitter states.

"Glad that we were able to get the cat relocated and help neighbors and children," Dockter said, "getting this close to parade time and Fourth of July ... a lot of people are in town... it could have been pretty devastating".

Dockter noted he has encountered mountain lions before, but this was his first one while living downtown.

If you encounter a mountain lion, CPW lists a few tips on how to get away safely:

- Do not approach the mountain lion, especially if it's feeding or with

kittens.

- Stay calm, stop or back away slowly, and do everything you can to appear larger.
- Mountain lions will often back off if you show you are not prey and could pose a danger to them.
- Do not run away from a lion, as it may see that as a chase and run after you.
- If you have small children, pick them up so they do not panic and run away.
- If a lion does attack you, fight back. Throw stones, sticks, tools, or anything you can without crouching or running. People have survived attacks simply by staying standing and fighting back.
- Mountain lions are wild animals and will behave as such, but mostly they will try to avoid encounters.

For more information on mountain lions, visit <https://cpw.state.co.us/>.

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Body of Mineral County man found following suicide

By Randi Pierce
 Staff Writer

The body of a Mineral County man was found alongside Fourmile Road late last week after the man committed suicide.

Archuleta County Coroner Brad Hunt identified the man as 68-year-old David Keith Stroud and reported the man had terminal cancer issues.

"The gentleman committed suicide," Hunt said.

Archuleta County Undersheriff Robert Hill explained a call came in on June 30 and a detective in plain clothing responded to the area of the call and made contact with a man walking along the road, but the man reported not knowing anything about the call.

Four minutes later, he relayed, another deputy went and pulled

up as someone else reported seeing a body.

"He basically reported his own suicide," Hill said.

Hunt reported the man walked to the area, which was south of his residence, putting him in Archuleta County at the time of his death.

Hill noted a suicide note was found by the man's family after the death notification was made.

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High temps, wind in the forecast, river levels drop

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

High temperatures and windy days are forecast for the remainder of the week as river levels continue to fall and drying continues.

The National Weather Service (NWS) forecast for Pagosa Springs indicates that on Thursday, July 6, sunny skies with a high of 87 and light winds rising to 20-25 mph in the morning are forecast. There will also be a fire weather watch from noon to 10 p.m.

Thursday night is predicted to bring mostly clear skies with a low of 46 and 15-20 mph winds gusting as high as 30 mph before midnight.

For Friday, July 7, the forecasted high is 86 degrees with sunny skies and 5-10 mph winds rising to 15-25 mph winds with gusts as high as 40 mph over the day. The forecasted low is 46 degrees with mostly clear skies overnight and breezy conditions.

For Saturday, July 8, sunny skies are expected with a high of 86 degrees and breezy conditions. The forecasted low is 46 degrees Saturday night with mostly clear skies and breezy conditions.

For Sunday, July 9, the forecasted high is 89 degrees with sunny skies. The forecasted low is 48 degrees with mostly clear skies.

River levels

Flow levels in the San Juan River continued to drop this week, though they remain above median.

The San Juan River in Pagosa Springs was running at 513 cubic feet per second (cfs) at 9 a.m. on July 5, down from a nighttime peak of 565 cfs at 3:15 a.m., according to data from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

The median flows for July 5, based on 87 years of data, are 301 cfs, according to the USGS.

These flows are down from June 28 when, according to USGS, the river was flowing at 863 cfs at 9 a.m., down from a nighttime peak of 986 cfs at 1:15 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), which provides a view on current and future drought conditions, indicates that Archuleta County is not currently experiencing drought.

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 normal conditions with some areas seeing abnormally wet conditions and a small area seeing abnormally dry conditions.

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

The NIDIS explains that the MIDI functions through incorporating several key drought indices for moisture and precipitation into an objective, computer-generated map and uses a methodology developed by the NOAA NWS's Climate Prediction Center.

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

Water report

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, but Stevens Lake is down about a foot.

He added that there has not yet been a call on water in the Four-mile Creek drainage and that water is continuing to flow into Lake Hatcher.

He notes that he believes PAWSD water production is continuing to rise.

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'Jersey Boys'

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Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

July 6, 2023

Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2023 summer repertory season a diverse theatrical journey

By **Tim Moore**
Thingamajig Theatre Company

In a time when live theater is reclaiming its place in the hearts of audiences, Thingamajig Theatre Company is igniting the stage with its electric 2023 summer repertory season.

With a lineup encompassing three distinct productions, including "The Great American Trailer Park Musical," "Jersey Boys," and "Godspell 2012," theater enthusiasts can immerse themselves in a varied tapestry of storytelling nearly every night at 7 p.m., with matinees on Sundays at 3 p.m.

"The Great American Trailer Park Musical" transports audiences to a world that might seem unfamiliar yet undeniably relatable. It delves into the lives of inhabitants in a quirky trailer park, exploring their dreams, desires and idiosyncrasies with equal parts humor and poignancy. Through its engaging characters and comedic charm, this production promises an entertaining exploration of the human condition.

"Jersey Boys," a theatrical sensation known worldwide, takes us on a captivating journey through the rise and triumph of The Four Seasons. Charting the evolution of this legendary rock band, the show immerses us in their captivating music and tells the stories behind the

iconic songs that have shaped generations. With a blend of nostalgia and raw energy, "Jersey Boys" celebrates the indomitable spirit of these rock 'n' roll pioneers.

For those seeking a spiritual and introspective experience, "Godspell 2012" delivers a modern retelling of the Gospel of Matthew. Through its powerful music and allegorical narrative, the show embraces themes of love, compassion and community. Its exploration of faith and self-discovery offers a thought-provoking journey that resonates across diverse audiences.

One of the defining aspects of Thingamajig Theatre Company's summer repertory season is the breadth and diversity of the productions on offer. From the uproarious humor of "The Great American Trailer Park Musical" to the timeless allure of "Jersey Boys" and the introspective spirituality of "Godspell 2012," there truly is something for everyone.

Wherever your taste may lie, make sure to mark your calendars and immerse yourself in this sensational summer repertory season. The stage awaits, ready to transport you to worlds both familiar and extraordinary, in a celebration of the timeless power of live theater.

All shows are now playing at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Tickets and show information are available at pagosacenter.org or by calling (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Friends' annual book sale slated for July 21 and 22

By **Helen Richardson**
Friends of the Library

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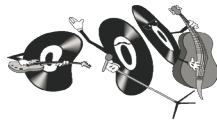
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July 12 Pagosa Springs Photography Club topic: 'Learning to See Creatively'

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.

The 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 Virginia areas.

In his presentation, Holden will discuss his approach for finding different viewpoints in common scenes and how he creates interesting 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 members; others who wish to attend

may request the link by email to abutler@mac.com. Pagosa Springs Photography Club meetings are open to the public.

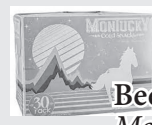
The Pagosa Springs Photography Club promotes educational, social and fun interactions between all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational pro-

grams and outings to help photographers hone their skills. We welcome photographers of all skill levels.

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This summer's Thingamajig Theatre Company Broadway musicals actors including (left to right) Kristi Concreary, Rosa Julia Campbell, Allie Tamburello, Trevor Brown and Samantha "Sam" Luck will serve dinner, perform in a cabaret-style concert and be auctioned off for private gatherings during the Broadway Gala fundraiser on July 25. Only about half of the costs of Thingamajig productions are covered by ticket sales, so this annual event is crucial to the ongoing health of the organization. Gala tickets are \$150 for this dressy evening and are on sale now at pagosacenter.org or by phoning the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Save the date for Broadway Gala fundraiser for Thingamajig Theatre Company

By Carole Howard
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Mark your calendars for an exciting Broadway Gala fundrais-

ing event at 5 p.m. on July 25 that will include dinner and an original cabaret show featuring the talents of the Thingamajig Theatre Company's brilliant summer musicals

cast. It's part of an elegant evening at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts to raise funds for Pagosa's only
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Gala

■ **continued from previous page** nonprofit professional live theater. The event will feature a live auction for unique interactions with the actors, live music by the actors, and a meal catered and donated by a theater sponsor served by the actors. There will be a cash bar with tips going to the actors.

Only about half of the costs of Thingamajig productions are covered by ticket sales. The remainder of the theater's funding comes from private donors, business sponsors, grants and proceeds from this annual Broadway Gala fundraiser — the most important event of the year to keep the theater up and running.

Tickets are \$150 for this dressy evening and are on sale now on the theater's website at pagosacenter.org or by phoning the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Unique auction items

A look at some of the one-of-a-kind live auction offerings gives you a good idea of what unique fun will be available to you if you are among the many lucky winners.

Always a favorite are singing telegrams with a minimum of three actors singing three songs as a special surprise for someone you love. Another unusual treat is a photo shoot for up to four people where the actors will do your hair and makeup while feeding you champagne and chocolate and choosing perfect costumes — imagine a perfect Christmas card when they join you in the picture.

Other options: Consider bidding on a campfire sing-along with the summer cast. Or, you can host three gatherings to discuss the casting and staging of possible plays while you and up to six friends enjoy a delicious meal prepared by chef extraordinaire Tim Moore.

Take a look at two more exceptional auction items: One is a progressive dinner for 10 people when the actors chauffeur you and your friends to four incredible locations where you'll enjoy serenades along with wine and cocktail pairings to go with a multicourse meal prepared by the cast. Past winners have called this offering the crown jewel of the gala.

Another remarkable auction item is a trip for two to New York City with Tim and Laura Moore to join them for two days of audition-

ing potential actors to perform in next year's summer musicals. This three day/four night trip also includes visiting with past Thingamajig performers, enjoying two high-end dinners out in the Big Apple and attending two shows on Broadway. Airfare is not included.

"We know from previous galas that our guests have been surprised and delighted by the evening's festivities — and especially the clever and creative auction opportunities," said Laura Moore, executive director and co-founder of Thingamajig Theatre with her husband, Tim. "We are deeply grateful for everyone's support because the musicals that folks are seeing on stage this summer — and our many other productions throughout the year — would not be possible without the funding raised at the gala."

Broadway summer musicals

This summer's talented actors, singers, dancers, directors and designers are presenting a blockbuster summer season aptly titled Broadway in the Mountains. Three musicals are on stage in rotation until Aug. 27:

"The Great American Trailer Park Musical" is a heartwarming musical comedy that explores the complicated relationships between a group of misfits living at a trailer park in Florida.

"Jersey Boys" became an international music 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.

"Godspell" is structured as a series of parables principally based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, interspersed with multiple impressive music styles.

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

How to buy tickets

Tickets for the gala and summer musicals are available on the theater's website at pagosacenter.org or by phoning the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469). "Trailer Park" and "Jersey Boys" are recommended for more mature audiences. Evening performances are at 7 p.m. and matinees are at 3 p.m.

Thingamajig Theatre Company

is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theatre in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Its talented cast and crew come from across the U.S. to produce musicals, comedies and dramas year-round.

Their mission is to provide high-quality theatre experiences at a low cost to our community, thereby making art accessible as well as providing a major economic driver for our tourist industry. They also provide youth, many of whom are recipients of scholarships, with low-cost, hands-on educational opportunities to see and participate in professional productions of important plays.

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Tickets for the sixth annual Dancing with the Pagosa Stars on Aug. 19 will go on sale at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 13. The fundraiser benefits Seeds of Learning.

Tickets for Dancing with the Pagosa Stars to go on sale July 13

By Danyelle Leentjes
Seeds of Learning

Tickets for the most anticipated event in Pagosa Springs this summer are going on sale next Thursday, July 13, at 9 a.m.

You don't want to miss the sixth annual Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, where six Pagosa Springs celebrities and their coaches dance their hearts out to win the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. The winners will join the ranks of a highly admired group of Pagosans.

We are thrilled to announce that The Tim Sullivan Band will be playing live during attendee open dancing again this year. You can witness this spectacular event for yourself on Aug. 19 at the Ross Aragon Community Center, where the doors open at 5:45 p.m.

We expect to sell out quickly as in previous years. So, get an early start to purchase your ticket online July 13 at 9 a.m. at register.dwtps.org. No tickets will be available at Seeds of Learning.

All tickets must be paid for at time of purchase and reservations require purchaser address, email,

attendees' names as well as the star being honored with the purchase. Please visit the Seeds of Learning website at dwtps.org for additional ticket purchase instructions and for more information on our stars.

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Sunday Night Unplugged to return to St. Patrick's Sunday

By Heidi Tanner

Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

The Sunday Night Unplugged service is a special service open to all in the community.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church's rector, the Rev. Wren Blessing, is pleased to reintroduce this service, designed toward creating a space for meditation and prayer accompanied by music, thought-provoking readings, and the ambiance of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

The one-hour service will be held this Sunday, July 9, at 5 p.m. Our special musical guest for this first Sunday Night Unplugged since the COVID-19 pandemic is native American flautist Charles Martinez.

Martinez is no stranger to Sunday Night Unplugged, having played for this service many times in the past, and St. Patrick's is thrilled he will be joining us as we begin offering this service once again.

Attendees can look forward to his beautiful flute tones and native stylings, with melodies that will provide the perfect accompaniment to periods of meditation and special readings.

Please join us this Sunday at 5 p.m. as Sunday Night Unplugged



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

Charles Martinez will be the special musical guest for Sunday Night Unplugged at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church July 9. The service is slated to begin at 5 p.m.

returns to St. Patrick's with Blessing officiating.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. All are welcome to be with us for this special service of music, prayer and meditation.

Archuleta County Fair partners with medical center for Tough Enough — Tough Enough Rodeo

By Tonya Steadmon

Archuleta County Fair Board

The Archuleta County Fair Board is honored to announce our partnership with Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) for our first Tough Enough to Wear Pink Rodeo, known as The Tough Enough — Tough Enough Rodeo.

Our goal is to bring awareness about all types of cancer and the Cancer Center we have here in Pagosa Springs.

A portion of the proceeds of this rodeo and the vendors at this rodeo will go to our local cancer center here at PSMC.

We are encouraging everyone to come out and support this event and our PSMC cancer center. We all know someone or have been affected by cancer in our lives and community and this is just a small portion of our respect and gratitude to you.

The Tough Enough — Tough Enough Rodeo will be held at 7 p.m. on Aug. 4 at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$10 for adult entry, \$5 for child entry for ages 6-12, and entry for those 5 and under will be free. Please see our website, Facebook and flyers for additional information.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Dancing

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Spiritual Experiences Group to discuss techniques to expand spiritual awareness

By **Laurah Brock Young**

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

You can expand your consciousness. How, you might ask? One of the ways to grow in awareness is

through soul travel. What is soul travel?

Soul travel is a shift in awareness, a change of consciousness, moving closer to God.

Although, in truth, your soul doesn't actually "go" anywhere.

Soul travel describes the experience of accepting greater states of being.

Broadening your viewpoint from even higher vantage points brings upliftment, problem-solving skills and endless opportunity for spiritual adventure. People who've experienced soul travel often say it happened to them spontaneously. They'd like to return to that blissful state.

A close cousin to dreaming, soul travel is a natural ability. It is a spiritual practice that enables you to explore the vast inner worlds of your own being whenever and wherever you like. Anyone can have soul travel experiences.

Join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs at 1 p.m. on July 9 for a lively discussion on "Easy Techniques to Expand Your Awareness: Soul Travel for Divine Love, Wisdom, and Freedom." We will meet at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave.

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

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

To read more about soul travel, visit <https://www.eckankar.org/experience/soul-travel/>.



Photo courtesy Helen Richardson

Linda Morrison was selected to receive a free book from the Friends of the Library, a new monthly benefit this year for members. Morrison is a lifetime member and a longtime lover of fiction that takes you away to a different time, a different period or how people cope with different situations. Morrison chose one of her favorites, Kristin Hannah's "The Four Winds," even though she has read it. Morrison enjoys being in a book club because it encourages her to try new authors. She also likes audiobooks when walking or traveling.

After 30 years as co-owner of Pagosa Insurance, Morrison is enjoying retirement. Instead of seeking warmth and sunshine in the winter, she goes to Iowa to play with her grandson. Morrison has lived in Pagosa since 1983 and remembers when the current library was built. She brought her daughter to the library for storytime and other programs. Now she does the same for her grandson.

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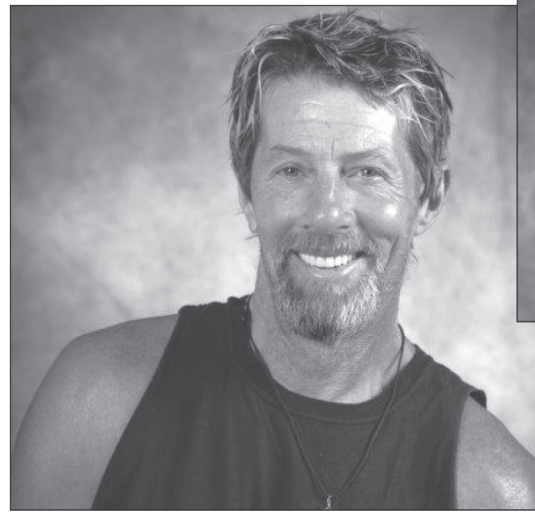
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Family drama and Al's dog, Whiskey

Summer brings my family members home to Pagosa. Two weeks with 15 in all. They come from California, Nevada, Arizona and Washington state. We love this time and start planning sleeping arrangements, menus and entertainment for their time here months in advance.

It's amazing how well we all get along. Members bring warmth and love for each other. I'm blown away how much they value their siblings and cousins. They see change in Al and me.

My Sweet Al and I are no longer the hub of the family. The next generation has stepped in and taken charge, making plans and keeping the balls in the air. We now let them take care of us.

They bring their skills. Our son-in-law from California is a handy-

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



man. He tightens loose doorknobs, sweeps cobwebs hanging from our 30-foot ceiling, replaces lightbulbs and dusts the tract lighting. Whether it's flipping mattresses, putting up awnings, repairing anything lagging, sagging or needing fixing, he does it with a joyful heart.

My daughter, with a servant's heart, is my marketing manager. She spends hours cleaning up files on my computer and keeping me on track. She hems Al's pant legs and anything else that needs sew-

ing. It's always a working holiday for them. She works on our writers' group website, so she is on the schedule to speak at our meetings.

Our family's three houses in Pagosa are turned into sleeping accommodations for our out-of-town guests. We meet each night for family dinners, and share the work and preparation for meals. We sit in front of the fire pit and eat s'mores

■ See Lane on next page

New Thought Center to meet July 9

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The July 9 Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. will be "We are 5th Dimensional Beings of Light" with Shayla White Eagle McClure.

"On the energetic level, it often happens that the intensity and power of your aspirations are smaller than those of the doubts, resistance, and fears that plague you." — Bianca Gaia, "Welcome to the Fifth Dimension: The Quintessence of Being, the Ascended Masters' Ultimate Secret."

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.

Thursdays, 6 p.m.: "Sacred Medicine Ways-Basic Healing Techniques" with White Eagle. Learn about crystal layouts, energy clearings, blessings, healthy remedies and spiritual healing.

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

Aug. 5 — Vets4Vets benefit outdoor concert. Tickets are \$10.

Aug. 15: 21st Paneurythmy Dancers will be performing and teaching Paneurythmy Movement as a blessing for our planet.

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.

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All was wonderful until I asked my Sweet Al to give up his dog, Whiskey, while the family was here. Several weeks before, I served notice on Al and his dog. "You two, go ahead, kick and scream, but Whiskey can't stay on this property."

"What will I do without Whiskey?"

"You can go visit her. I'm not being mean. Whiskey can't help it, but she's a hunting dog. We will have a small baby in the house. You know and I know how your dog is."

"She'll be fine. I'll take care of her. You shouldn't talk that way about a man's dog." Al pouted and put his hands over Whiskey's ears. "She doesn't think you like her."

"Heavens. I like her just fine." I brought my concern to two other family members. "Whiskey has to be taken off our property. We've got to keep our great-grandson safe. I'm planting my heels in the ground and I refuse to move on this one."

Al and his dog both planted their feet and refused to talk about it.

Our son called different pet boarders, puppy hotels, anyone who would house a dog for two weeks. All were filled. Then the drama began. We were told, "We've got an opening on Wednesday."

The problem was the family with the child would come in on Monday.

We told our daughter we must use her home and keep Whiskey there. Our daughter didn't want to miss the fun with the family; she wanted to stay on the Lower Blanco with the partiers. So, our son agreed to stay at her house at night and go to work from there.

Dejected, Al said he couldn't bear for his dog to be lonely. He'd have to go visit her every day. I said, "Fine. She's just a dog. When you go visit your dog, do not bring her

home. Have I made myself clear?" The owner of the pet shop called again. They had room for Whiskey. "Bring her blanket and dog pad so she'll be comfortable."

She was transported to their business. All was good until we received a call two days later. Whiskey, who has separation anxiety, whining, tore up a metal cage and got out. We needed to pick her up and pay the damages.

Our family's three houses in Pagosa are turned into sleeping accommodations for our out-of-town guests. We meet each night for family dinners, and share the work and preparation for meals.

With check in hand, we picked up Whiskey and moved her back to our daughter's house. Our son traveled back across town to stay there. Whiskey is now home by Al's side. All is safe and sound. No mishaps. All is back to how it was.

When each family left to go home, a great sadness came over me. It was like when our children were young and growing up, we experienced all the fun and work of a family. Now four generations and the first meeting with our great-grandson from California and our grandson's new wife from Nevada, we took photos so we could hold onto these precious memories. I'm sure we'll remember this family reunion as the one when Whiskey and Al were separated.

Final brushstroke: Our lives are

short. We want to embrace every minute we have to enjoy our family. I am learning to take care of the moments. The years will take care of themselves.

Send your comment to bettys-lade.author@gmail.com

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Health benefits and safe handling of salad greens

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnists

Lettuce, spinach, and other salad greens are an important part of a healthful diet because they can be year-round sources of vitamin A, vitamin C and other nutrients.

Red and dark green leafy vegetables are generally higher in antioxidants, Vitamin B6 and other nutrients than lighter-colored greens.

It is important to store leafy greens at refrigerator temperatures and rinse well under running water before using.

To reduce the risk of foodborne illness, observe “Use by” dates printed on bagged leafy vegetables and salad mixes and use within two days after opening.

There are many flavorful and nutritious leafy greens available to consumers, especially if you choose to grow them from seed.

Benefits of leafy salad greens

Leafy, green vegetables are nutrient-rich because leaves contain the light-catching, energy-converting machinery of plants. Salad greens contain vitamin A, vitamin C, beta-carotene, calcium, folate, fiber and phytonutrients. Leafy vegetables are a good choice for a healthful diet because they do not contain cholesterol and are naturally low in calories and sodium.

Many of the health benefits that leafy greens provide come from phytonutrients, unique compounds that provide protection for plants. These compounds are becoming recognized as part of a nutritious diet that promotes long-term health. Phytonutrients can act as antioxidants, which help to prevent chronic diseases like cancer and heart disease.

Did you know, that although kale is commonly eaten in salads and wraps like different lettuces, it is actually a cruciferous vegetable, such as broccoli and cauliflower?

Lettuce, the most commonly

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consumed leafy vegetable, provides about seven calories per one-cup serving. When it comes to satisfying your appetite, it helps to eat foods high in volume but low in calories like lettuce. Lettuce is not typically a standalone vegetable. It is usually served with an array of other vegetables and fruits in a salad, and lettuce is often used to add a crunch to sandwiches, hold a variety of fillings as a wrap, or provide color as a garnish.

Lettuce and other leafy greens are generally cool-season crops with short growing periods. This means gardeners can get several crops of salad greens in the time it takes other vegetables to reach final maturity. Because leafy greens can grow in a variety of locations, they are often available at local farmers markets.

Home gardeners can enjoy lettuce and other types of leafy vegetables planted in traditional rows, containers or even as accents in flower gardens.

Types of lettuce

Many types of lettuce are available in the grocery store and may be purchased by the head or as pre-packaged salad greens. Different types have slightly different flavors. Some have a mild flavor and crisp texture; others have a slightly bitter or tangy flavor that adds a nice bite to mixed salads.

Salad greens are popular worldwide, so many of the different types have become known by a variety of names.

Tips for healthier salads

For added color and variety, try a different type of salad green to

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mix with your usual choice. Baby greens (such as baby spinach) tend to be more tender, nutritious and milder in flavor than mature greens. Use less dressing to enjoy the flavor of the salad greens.

Tips for safe handling and storage of salad greens.

When shopping, pack fresh salad greens in plastic bags so they are kept separate from other groceries, especially raw meats and poultry.

Refrigerate salad greens at 35 to 40 degrees F within two hours of purchasing. Store in a plastic bag or lettuce keeper.

Always wash hands before preparing salads, and make sure you are working with a clean cutting board.

Wash lettuce just before using by running cold water over leaves. Leaves can be difficult to clean, so separating the leaves and immersing them in a bowl of cold water for a few minutes helps loosen sand and dirt. A bowl is a much better choice than a sink, which can harbor bacteria and be difficult to clean.

Presoaking lettuce for 5 minutes in dilute vinegar-water (1/2 cup distilled white vinegar per 2 cups water), followed by a clean water rinse, has been shown to reduce bacterial contamination but may affect texture and taste. A vinegar rinse will not eliminate all microorganisms, but may lower the level of possible contamination. After washing, blot dry with paper towels or use a salad spinner to remove

excess moisture.

Because lettuce and other salad greens are very perishable, they should be used within one week after purchase.

Bagged salads can be convenient, but added processing steps like cutting and mixing can increase the likelihood of contamination with microorganisms. To reduce the risk of foodborne illness with bagged salads, keep them refrigerated at 35 to 40 degrees F, observe "Use By" dates marked on the package and rinse well before eating, removing any damaged or spoiled leaves.

See the following Extension fact sheets for additional information on produce safety:

- 9.369, "Preventing E. coli From Garden to Plate."
- 9.378, "Growing Container Salad Greens"
- 9.380, "Guide to Washing Fresh Produce."
- 9.381, "Safe Food Facts for Community Gardens."

Upcoming events

July 15: Viticulture workshop hosted at Fox Fire Farms. Please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/growing-grapes-in-the-san-juan-basin-tickets-660552810237> to register.

Aug. 3-6: Archuleta County Fair. Go to www.ArchuletaCountyFair.com for more information. Volunteers are wanted.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other

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



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Check out July's free Mather programs

By **Rose Chavez**
PREVIEW Columnist

Mather has a noteworthy schedule of virtual programs planned for July, with new music offerings that include a discussion series on music appreciation and — for those who enjoy singing with others— Thursday afternoon virtual community singing, with a different theme every week.

These are just a few of the free online programs offered in July. Choose topics that best support your unique wellness journey, and sign up to try something new. Here are some ideas:

- Connect with your body and breath in “Mindful Chair Yoga.”
- Sign up for an early morning or evening guided meditation class.
- Brush up on your tech skills in one of our digital literacy classes.
- Sharpen your cognitive skills in “Boost Your Brain & Memory,” a new series starting July 11.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/mather-41382754623> to browse programs on aromatherapy, creative art-making, multiple areas of mindfulness and more. All are free, but advance registration is needed.

Questions? Contact Mather at (888) 600-2560 or contact@mather.com.

Spanish Fiesta set for July 29

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 Spanish 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.

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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://give-butter.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.

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

Senior Conversations

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

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

Share lunch Monday through Thursday

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

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$10, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10 charge for guests under the age of 60.

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

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

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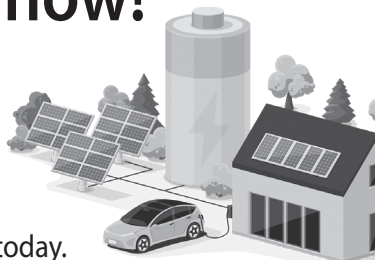
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Friday, July 7 — Greek pizza with mushrooms, tomatoes, garlic, Kalamata olives, feta cheese, wilted spinach and onions; baklava; garden salad; fruit; and milk.

Monday, July 10 — Beef tacos on flour tortillas, refried beans with cheese, garden salad with avocado, salsa, sour cream, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, July 11 — Chicken and broccoli crepes, cauliflower medley, garden salad, fruit, milk and blueberry cake.

Wednesday, July 12 — Barbecue country ribs, sweet corn, garden salad, fruit, milk and peach cobbler.

Thursday, July 13 — Butternut squash ravioli and brown butter herb sauce, wilted spinach and red onion, garden salad, fruit, banana bread and milk.

Friday, July 14 — Seafood chowder with oyster crackers, glazed carrots, garden salad, fruit and milk.

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Mahjong

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Bird of the Week



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

Ethereal, haunting, flute-like are all descriptions of the song of this small bird which inhabits our summer forests. Airflow in each of the two halves of the syrinx, the vocal organ of these birds, can be controlled independently. This allows the bird to produce two different sounds simultaneously, in effect harmonizing with itself.

Although the song carries a long distance, as its name suggests, the hermit thrush often leads a quiet, solitary life in the shaded understory of the dense forests and thickets where it lives. Unusually large eyes for its size are an adaptation to the low-light conditions of this habitat.

You might stumble upon a hermit thrush quietly hopping across the ground in a clearing in the woods, where it forages for a variety of insects, spiders and earthworms. It rummages through the ground litter for food, using its bill to flip over leaves or a foot to shake insects from the grass. Later in the season berries and fruits are added to the diet.

When startled the hermit thrush will characteristically perch close to the ground, flicking its wings while quickly raising and slowly lowering its reddish tail. It is smaller than a robin and has a brown back and pale, spotted underparts. A thin ring outlines its eyes.

The less common Swainson's thrush, also found here in summer, has a similar appearance but lacks the red tail color and has a more distinct eye ring.

In summer, hermit thrush can be found in northern and mountain conifer and mixed forests. In winter, they retreat to southern states and Mexico. Now is the perfect time to choose a quiet spot in the woods and capture the magic of the song of the hermit thrush that seems to come from everywhere as it bounces through the trees.

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

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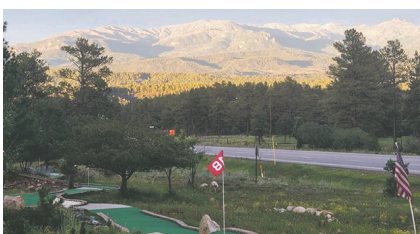


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Celebrate National Strawberry Sundae Day at free all-ages event tomorrow

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We hope you'll join us tomorrow, Friday, July 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. for a free fun all-ages celebration of National Strawberry Sundae Day. We'll be making ice cream, exploring strawberry DNA, engineering bowls and so much more.

Preregistration is required because space is limited. Phone or stop by the library to sign up. This special event is part of our summer S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and math) program.

Library early closure

Your library will close early on Monday, July 10, for a staff meeting at 5 p.m. This is a new staff meeting schedule — on the second Monday of the month rather than the previous fourth Monday.

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

Online author talks

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

Saturday, July 15, at noon will showcase "Daredevil & She-Hulk" by graphic novelist Charles Soule.

On Thursday, July 20, at 11 a.m., you can interact with psychology professor Ethan Kross, author of "Chatter: The Voice in Our Head, Why It Matters and How to Harness It."

Tuesday, July 25, at 2 p.m. will feature "Crying in the Bathroom: A Memoir" by Emmy award-winning actress Erika L. Sanchez. Note that

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you can watch this talk live at the library with cider and a cheese tasting.

Summer Reading Club today

Our free weekly Summer Reading Club for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade takes place Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with crafts, guest speakers, stories and more. We'll explore topics such as kindness, service, teamwork, connection, friendship and community. No registration is required.

Rhythm and rhymes tomorrow

Youngsters aged 1-5 are invited to a free music-based storytime with lots of movement and singing tomorrow, Friday, June 7, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Board games tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, June 7, is our free Board Game Central from 4 to 6 p.m. If you love board games we invite you to bring your favorite game or explore the library's collection.

Beginning chess Saturday

Learn how to play chess with

quick lessons and game time to practice your skills on Saturday, July 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All ages and abilities are welcome.

LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to bring your imaginations on Saturday, July 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the free LEGO Club. Note the extended time of two hours rather than one. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

Adult knitting Saturday

Join new and experienced knitters this Saturday, July 8, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

Junior Page Turners Tuesday

Junior Page Turners, a book club for third- through fifth-graders, will meet Tuesday, July 11, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. It is geared for children reading at or above grade level. Pick up the July book, "Elephant in the Garden," at your library.

Ruby's Book Club

Ruby's Book Club meets from 2-3 p.m. next Tuesday, July 11, to discuss "999: The Extraordinary Young Women of the First Official Jewish Transport to Auschwitz" by Heather Dune Macadam. Copies are available at your library.

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This free book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, July 11, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

STEAM program

Camp Connect is a free STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) program for fifth- through eighth-graders next Wednesday, July 12, from noon to 2 p.m. Registration is required.

Wacky Wednesdays

Ages 6-11 are invited to get silly and play next Wednesday, July 12, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and every Wednesday in July, when each week will be a different activity.

Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. join us for a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

Writers support group

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

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

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provides assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources. No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions, but it is important that you bring your device's charger with you.

PALS/GED adult education

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

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Local authors

"Artful Twill Weaving With Loops" and "Design & Texture: Endless Possibilities" both are how-to books by local author Linda Lutomski. "Gathering of Words" is a fantasy about a haunted cave by local author Teeka Murphy, who says her desire "is to write so that others may feel."

Nonfiction

"Fire Weather: A True Story from a Hotter World" by John Vaillant is a look into the causes and results to humankind of huge wildfires. "The In-Between" by Hadley Vlahos is a memoir by a nurse who shares stories of joy, wisdom and redemption

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Cranberries aren't just for the holidays and not all traditional holiday fare is unhealthy. Cranberry relish is made of one of the most antioxidant-rich fruits on earth, and research studies show cranberries have many health building and disease-reducing properties.

Cranberries contain a long list of antioxidants-in fact, more than 150 different phytochemicals. Some of the most powerful are vitamin-C, catechins, resveratrol, quercetin, and anthocyanins. It's well known that cranberry juice helps to ward off urinary tract infections, but the list of amazing health benefits bestowed by the whole cranberry doesn't end there. Cranberries prevent the bacteria that cause stomach ulcers from adhering to the stomach's lining, thus helping to prevent a stomach ulcer from forming. Its mighty combination of flavonoids help to both fight and prevent cancer, as well as reduce inflammation.

Eating cranberries will help to raise the HDL (or healthy) cholesterol while lowering the LDL (or lousy) cholesterol in your arteries and thereby enhance circulatory system function. Cranberries also fight the bacteria that cause plaque, resulting in less tooth decay and gum disease. Plus, cranberries are low in calories and high in fiber. So their list of health benefits goes on and on. (Note: jellied cranberries consist mostly of sugar and do not have the health-promoting properties of the whole cranberry).



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Revelation 21: 1

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"For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me, says the Lord...And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord." Isaiah 66: 22, 23

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Restoring the land can feel a lot like fun

By Rick Knight
PREVIEW Columnist

Driving back to Colorado State University with a van full of students after a day of working to heal some beat-up land north of Fort Collins, I wondered: Could ecological restoration be a new form of outdoor recreation?

We'd spent the day building a sawbuck fence around a spring. From the spring, gravity would carry the water through a pipe to a stock tank in the middle of the pasture.

On this land protected by a conservation easement, cows would no longer drink, pee and poop while trampling the spring's vegetation. The spring could recover while the cattle drank clean water elsewhere.

My students spent the day outdoors in the company of their classmates doing challenging physical work. At the moment, though, the young people were trying not to fall asleep as we neared town.

Yet all day I'd seen the light in their eyes, and I could tell they felt pride in learning and exercising skills they hadn't had before. They also clearly liked the idea of giving something back to land that would never be developed.

This kind of volunteer work — The Nature Conservancy got us involved — addresses many problems today that we've come to call crises: species extinction, climate change, soil loss, and the decline of both water quantity and quality.

Fortunately, many nonprofit groups, along with some owners of private lands that are protected by conservation easements, offer people an opportunity to improve damaged lands.

In my home watershed of northern Colorado, we often work with the nonprofit Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, a statewide grassroots group established in 1999. To date, it has completed

Opinion: Writers on the Range

At the end of the 20th century, scientists from around the world got together to measure our planet's health. Shockingly, they reported that three out of every four acres of the Earth's surface were in a degraded state.

more than 1,000 projects on public lands assisted by more than 40,000 volunteers, who have contributed over \$10 million in time and expertise.

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers includes people from both cities and rural areas who agree with what Wendell Berry wrote: "The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all, our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it and to foster its renewal is our only hope."

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The urgent global need to restore our damaged lands and waters has also caused the United Nations to name this the Decade

of Ecosystem Restoration (<https://www.decadeonrestoration.org/>). It's clear that we have yet to locate the sweet spot of a sustainable relationship with our world.

For humans to have a future on Earth, we need to reverse the erosion of soils, pollution of air and water, and weakening of the natural ecosystems that support us. Ecological restoration can attack those problems while also playing a critical role in the drawdown of atmospheric carbon dioxide, sending it back into the plants and soils where it belongs.

Although restoration and recreation have much in common, there is a major difference between the two. While outdoor recreation fulfills oneself, ecological restoration gives back to the land. Not that benefiting oneself is bad; one of the reasons we recreate is for the regenerative powers of spending time in nature.

But adding restoration into the domain of outdoor recreation could go a long way to enhance our time outdoors. I've found that when a group acts to restore the health of soil, land, plants and animals, the people involved always feel better about themselves.

As author Robin Wall Kimmerer put it in "Braiding Sweetgrass," "... as we care for the land, it can once again care for us."

By restoring damaged lands and waters, we still find joy in the outdoors, but we also give back to the home planet that sustains us.

Let's seek out that work, turning it into something we do outdoors together, restoring lands and water while at the same re-creating ourselves.

Rick Knight is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writer-sontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is professor emeritus of wildlife conservation at Colorado State University. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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■ continued from previous page from her patients' final moments. "Prepared" by special operations expert Mike Glover is a manual for surviving worst-case scenarios like fires, home invasions, accidents and storms.

"1964 Eyes of the Storm" is a collection of personal photos taken by Paul McCartney during the early 1960s, when the Beatles became an international music sensation. "Unlock Your Menopause Type" by midlife health and wellness expert Dr. Heather Hirsch offers exercises, dietary adjustments and other strategies based on scientific findings. "Pageboy" by Elliot Page is a

memoir by this Oscar-nominated Juno star who is a trans person. "Owl Knows" by Jennifer Ackerman details the new science about this enigmatic bird with 260 different species.

Important alert about donations

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Quotable quote

"I had a big birthday, and it was a biggie. Ninety! The body might change but the heart remains constant." — Chita Rivera, Broadway legend and Tony award-winning actress who starred in multiple major Broadway musicals including "West Side Story," "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Chicago."

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Preview Calendar

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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 other.

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.

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.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

Loaves 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 is free and open to all ages.

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

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 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

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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.

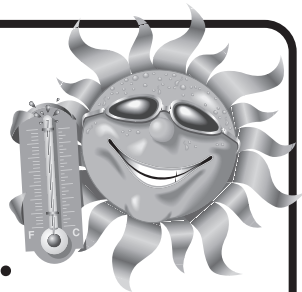
The Great American Trailer Park Musical. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Friday, July 7

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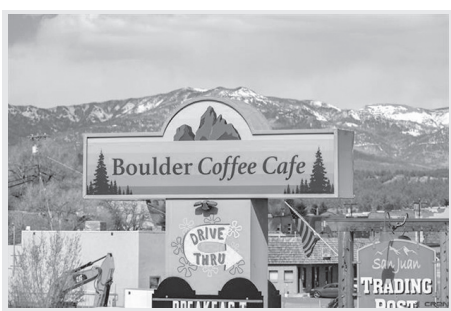
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Rhythm and Rhymes. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. A music-based storytime with lots of movement and singing.

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

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

Summer S.T.E.M. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Celebrate National Strawberry Sundae Day with science and engineering. Make ice cream, explore strawberry DNA and much more. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

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

Beginner's Chess Club. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to play chess with quick lessons and game time or practice your skills. All ages and abilities are welcome.

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

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

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

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ACROSS

- 1 Misplaced
- 5 Night fliers
- 9 Drink like a dog
- 14 Grimm beginning
- 15 Cover for leftovers
- 16 Atmospheric layer
- 17 Tough guy
- 18 Uninhibited sort
- 20 Concern
- 22 Apportion, with "out"
- 23 Roo's refuge
- 24 Exploitative type
- 26 Slow to learn
- 28 Paintball sound
- 30 Thwart
- 32 Photo session
- 36 Wide's partner
- 37 70s singing family
- 39 Golfer's goal
- 40 Water vapor
- 42 In other places
- 44 Inspector Fix creator
- 46 US History, e.g.
- 47 Croissant spot
- 50 Bakery lure
- 51 Privy to
- 52 Certified, as a college
- 57 Reader's notes
- 59 Leading lady
- 60 Gussy up
- 61 Mouth off
- 62 Finished
- 63 Blunt, as reality
- 64 Toddler's perch
- 65 Budget item

DOWN

- 1 Insurance claim
- 2 "I'm ___ you!"
- 3 Rodin's "The Thinker", e.g.
- 4 Boring
- 5 Badge wearers

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- 6 Mary of comics
- 7 In ___ of...
- 8 Iditarod racer
- 9 Chop (off)
- 10 Surveyor's measurement
- 11 Skin openings
- 12 Band together
- 13 One of the Monkees
- 19 Notary's tool
- 21 One who's always right?
- 25 Linden tree
- 26 "Tip" or "rip" finish
- 27 Little troublemaker
- 28 Shoulder wrap
- 29 Calligrapher's supply
- 31 Revival word
- 33 Secret agent
- 34 Kayaker's pair
- 35 Hammock holder

- 38 Lessen
- 41 Score settler
- 43 Cigar keeper
- 45 Dwayne's "Red Notice" co-star
- 47 Speed deterrents
- 48 Not together

- 49 Divided land
- 50 Greet the dawn
- 53 Wine holder
- 54 Family group
- 55 Balanced
- 56 Blowgun ammo
- 58 Squid's spray

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- CELEBRATE
- DESSERT
- FLAG
- FOURTH
- FRANKFURTER
- GATHERING
- GRILLING
- GUESTS
- HOLIDAY
- ICE CREAM
- INDEPENDENCE
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- UNITED
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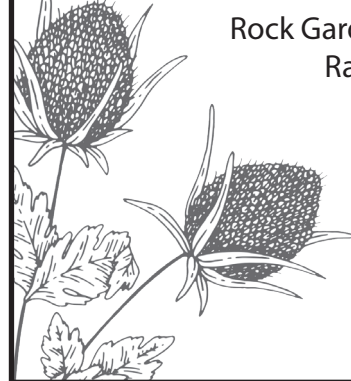
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Sunday, July 9

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'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).

Sunday Night Unplugged. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. An evening service with music, readings and prayer featuring Charles Martinez playing his Native American flute. All are welcome to attend.

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

Monday, July 10

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 Pueblos 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.

Line Dancing. 9:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m. Advance group at 10:15 a.m. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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

Tuesday, July 11

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.

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Read with a Ranger. 9:30-10:30 a.m.,

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Junior Page Turners. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. A book club for those in 3rd-5th grade geared for children reading at or above grade level. Pick up the July book, "Elephant in the Garden," at your library.

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

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

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m. Sisson Library. Discussion of "999: The Extraordinary Young Women of the First Official Jewish Transport to Auschwitz" by Heather Dune Macadam. Copies are available at your library. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

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 students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

Sketching at the Pinnacles. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. 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. On the second Tuesday of each month we'll explore chalk pastels and how they can interpret the things we examine in nature. Materials will

be provided to each participant. The fee is \$20 per person (age 8 and up) including all materials and is considered a nonrefundable donation. 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.

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Wednesday, July 12

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

Youth Activity Workshops at Chimney Rock National Monument. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Chimney Rock

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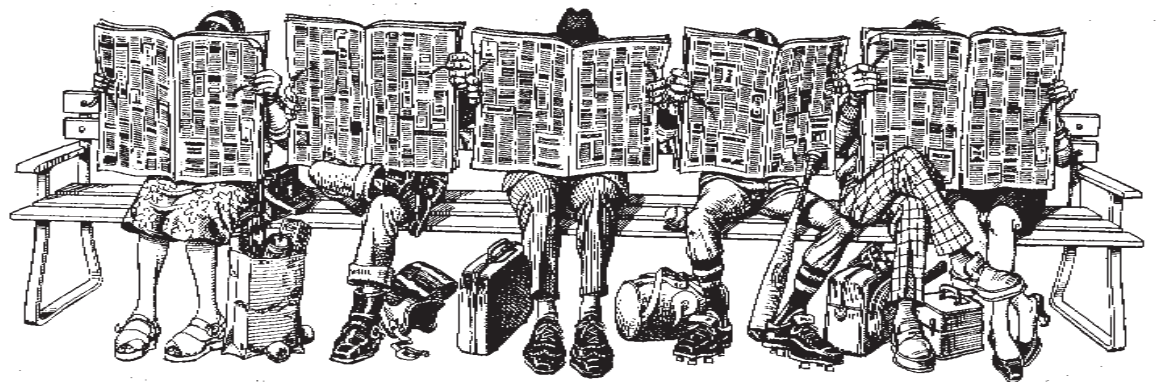


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Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an educational hour of reading, singing and free play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Camp Connect. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. A STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) program for those in 5th-8th grade. Registration is required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

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Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Greg Holden will speak on "Learning to See Creatively." This will be a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom, with Holden presenting remotely. The Zoom link will be emailed to members; others who wish to attend may request the link by email to abutler@mac.com. Pagosa Springs Photography Club meetings are open to the public.

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Flora of Chimney Rock. 8-9:45 a.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.

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.

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.

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19th Hole Concerts Presents Bo DePena. 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 Veterans Memorial Park.

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JULY 7 AND 8, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 8a.m. -2p.m. Whispering Pines II, 135 Eaton Dr., #1026. Please do not park on the grass. Tools and tool box, Christmas items, household goods, art work.

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