Commissioners discuss development issues

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Fire restrictions implemented

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Fire restrictions are in place for parts of Archuleta County, with additional agencies moving into fire restrictions in the coming days.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Southern Ute Indian Tribe entered into Stage 1 fire restrictions Monday, with the lower elevations of the San Juan National Forest following at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 13.

Archuleta County is anticipated to move into Stage 1 restrictions at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19.

Stage 1 restrictions may vary by jurisdiction, and recreationists should check restrictions for specific areas prior to visiting the area.

All restrictions are in effect until rescinded by each agency.

BLM

All public lands administered by the BLM Tres Rios Field Office within the boundaries of Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, and Montezuma

counties, as well as the northwest portion of Montrose County and western half of San Miguel County, including Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, moved into Stage 1 fire restrictions at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, July 10.

"The restrictions align with local orders and guidelines to protect the public's safety during high fire danger," a press release announcing the restrictions states.

"Increasingly dry conditions and high fire danger require the Tres Rios Field Office to implement Stage 1 fire restrictions," said Tres Rios Field Manager Derek Padilla. "We ask the public to please abide by these restrictions and remember that fireworks are always prohibited on public lands."

Under the BLM's Stage 1 fire restrictions, the following acts are prohibited:

· Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire except within agency-provided

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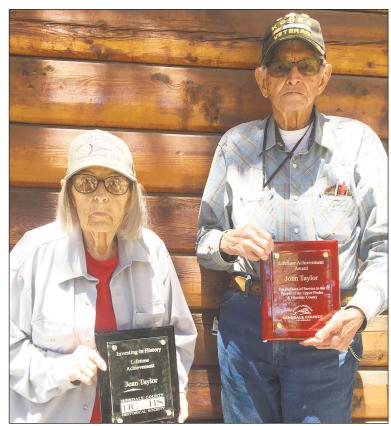


Photo courtesy Kristie Borchers

At the annual Upper Piedra meeting, the Hinsdale County Board of **County Commissioners presented Lifetime Achievement Awards** to Jean Taylor and John Taylor. Bob Case (not pictured) was also honored at the meeting.

Lifetime achievements

Upper Piedra residents honored

By Kristie Borchers Hinsdale County

At the annual Upper Piedra meeting in June, the Hinsdale County Board of County Commissioners presented Lifetime Achievement Awards to Bob Case, Jean Taylor and John Taylor.

The following info was shared pertaining to the award recipients and their accomplishments.

Case served in the Navy during WorldWarII; graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in forestry; served in the U.S. Forest Service in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota; retired as forest supervisor of the San Juan National Forest Service before moving on to his dream job: rancher; served as Hinsdale County commissioner; focused on issues of conservation, including the Piedra River Work Group.

Jean Taylor participated in Rainbow Girls, Campfire Study and Beta Sigma Pi; she was the first female member of the Colorado Mounted Rangers; served in Territorial Daughters of the San Juans; in the 1960s, served on the Methodist Church building committee; served on Snowball Ditch Company; served as Archuleta County Fair superintendent (until 2022); served for 35 years on the San Juan Historical Society; member of American Legion Auxiliary and served as president of the

See Achievements A8

Progress made on area fires

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer



Commissioners reject independent referees for **Board of Equalization**

By Josh Pike Staff Write

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) rejected a proposal to appoint independent referees to the County Board of Equalization (CBOE) to conduct hearings on valuation petitions. At the same meeting, the BoCC also appointed representatives to the Southwest Transportation Planning Region (TPR) and voted to move forward with dedicating funding received from sales of county-held properties with tax liens to improving roads in the Trails subdivision and nearby areas.

idea of appointing independent referees and that the BoCC, under state statute, would have the At its July 5 meeting, the authority to appoint such referees, who would conduct hearings and provide recommendations to the BoCC serving as the CBOE. He added that staff had no recommendation on the item and there are pros and cons to both appointing or not appointing representatives. Commissioner Warren Brown noted that he had the CBOE referee position description provided to him by La Plata County and stated that it described their duties similarly to what Weaver had said. Brown commented that he was trying to create a "nonpartisan third party" to hear the information presented to the CBOE and that he had been asked by several constituents to appoint referees to the CBOE.

Containment on a pair of lightning-caused wildfires fires burning within Archuleta County grew over the last week, with the Coal Mine Fire 100 percent contained as of July 7 and the Chris Mountain Fire 92 percent contained as of July 11.

Coal Mine Fire

The Coal Mine Fire, burning 18 miles south of Pagosa Springs, reached 100 percent containment on July 7 at 292 acres.

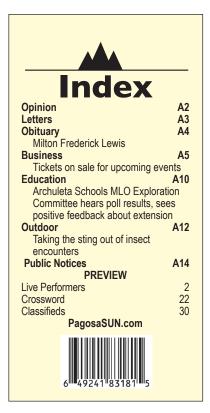
The fire was reported on June 28. The final update on the fire, released July 7, notes the acreage increased from 286 due to more accurate mapping.

It also notes the fire transitioned to a Type 4 team, and "Remaining resources will continue to patrol, monitor, and mop-up the fire."

Chris Mountain Fire

The Chris Mountain Fire, burning on San Juan National Forest land approximately 12 miles west

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Photos courtesy Sally High

Pagosa youngsters learn about native pollinators and reasons for the bee houses on the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site. Children are refurbishing the artwork on the homes to leaf cutter and mason bees. Young learners also identify birds and insects along the Riverwalk. Email ggp@ pagosagreen.org to register kids to participate on Thursdays, July 20 and Aug. 17.

Youth take advantage of free summer activities at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site

By Sally High

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) will host two more Fun Thursdays for Youth this summer. The dates are July 20 and Aug.17.

The educational and artistic activities for

youngsters are led by the GGP's experienced educational partners from Pagosa Community Initiative, Weminuche Audubon, Pagosa Wetland Partners and Audubon Rockies. Youngsters learn about the flora and fauna of our Riverwalk. They

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CBOE referees

The discussion of appointing referees for the CBOE hearings opened with County Attorney Todd Weaver explaining that the commissioners had discussed the

See Referees A8

Year-to-date sales tax revenues fall 4.7 percent through April

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

Sales tax revenues for Archuleta County in March and April fell substantially compared to March 2022 and April 2022, according to reports released by Archuleta County Finance Director Chad Eaton.

Sales tax revenues previously fell by 1.1 percent in January and by 3 percent in February.

March sales tax

The report notes that in March the town and the county jointly received \$1,340,310 in sales tax revenue for the month of March, with \$675,697 going to the town and \$664,613 going to the county.

March sales tax revenues are 6 percent, or \$85,483, lower than March 2022.

According to the report, the categories that are up in comparison to March 2022 include:

• Information at 5 percent, or \$1,347.

• Finance and Insurance at 144 percent, or \$1,023.

• Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 137 percent, or \$12,754.

• Accommodation and Food Services at 7 percent, or \$16,964.

• Other Services (except public administration) at 3 percent, or \$701.

Categories that were down for March in the month-to-month comparison include:

• Construction at 7 percent, or \$2,575.

• Manufacturing at 27 percent, or \$16,715.

• Retail Trade at 11 percent, or

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OUR VIEW

Stay cool and keep your cool

desired.

For some of us, anything over 70 degrees is just miserable. We have truly been suffering this past week.

We have to remind ourselves that we are lucky to not be in Death Valley where temperatures are anticipated to reach the 130-degree mark this week.

Locally, temperatures climbed over the 90-degree mark on Monday and Tuesday in some parts of the county. While those are not uncommon temperatures in Pagosa Country during summertime, we still think that it is really hot.

The heat reminds us that we should check on any vulnerable neighbors to make sure they are doing OK in this heat.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency suggests the following precautions to protect yourself from the heat:

• Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water. Keep your pets hydrated, too. Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink.

• Eat light. Heavy meals can be harder to digest in the heat.

• Take frequent rest breaks in shade or air conditioning.

• Look before you lock your vehicles. Never leave a baby, senior or pet locked in a car, even for a few minutes. Did you know when it is only 80 degrees, your car's interior can reach 118 degrees in

July's temperatures leave a lot to be just 20 minutes? Leaving anyone in a Transportation's plan for a one-lane parked car on warm days is dangerous. Infants and children are especially in danger of getting a heat stroke or dving. • Wear lightweight, light-colored,

loose clothing. • Bring pets indoors or provide

shade and plenty of water.

• Avoid strenuous activities. High heat and outdoor activities do not always mix well. Try to limit your outdoor activity to when it is coolest: morning and evening hours. Take frequent breaks in shady areas so your body has a chance to recover.

 Check on your family and friends. Older adults, children and people with chronic medical conditions are at high risk from heat-related injury and death.

This heat can wear on us and make us irritable. Mix that irritation with the road construction projects and detours we are dealing with on a daily basis in Archuleta County, along with the increased summer traffic and drivers not leaving intersections open when stoplights change, and you have the ingredients for aggressive driving and road rage.

Oh, and did we mention the new striping that we have to contend with on the west side of town and on Put Hill? Talk about a mess and confusion.

In the end, we are supposed to have better roads to look forward to. We believe that Colorado Department of

LOOKING BACK

Put Hill is a huge mistake.

Only time will tell. The good news is the road on the hill is smooth and you do not have to dodge potholes — for now.

Along with the summer heat, we have experienced dry conditions and wildfires.

We were relieved to see area agencies enter into fire restrictions this week, with more to follow.

On a more positive side, those fighting the flames on the Chris Mountain and Coal Mine fires did an incredible job in bringing this summer's fires to containment and keeping our community safe.

Our citizens should be commended for their outpouring of gratitude to those who put their lives on the line to protect us. Firefighters were treated to wonderful meals, beverages, entertainment and other acts of appreciation these past few weeks. Pagosans know how to show their gratitude.

Let's all do our part to prevent future fires.

Some say that the heat we are experiencing is minuscule compared to what other parts of the country are dealing with. That is true. Nevertheless, it is hot.

Keep cool.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

July 13, 1923

Benito Gallegos and son Manuel on Saturday evening came suddenly upon a brown she-bear and her two cubs near their ranch at Tapicitos, N.M. The mother scampered into the brush and the two men succeeded in roping the two cubs, which they brought to this city Wednesday. They are about two months old and have been purchased by Marshal Fred Arnold and Homer McKinley as pets.

Cedric, Kenneth and Walter Hill Jr. last week purchased a small capacity sawmill from Frank Swift of near Bayfield. They are now moving the outfit to the Hill homestead southwest of town, where it will be set up at once and sawing commenced on the timber thereon.

While unloading ties at the depot Monday, Ben Baldwin stumbled and fell, receiving a large cut in his forehead and bruising his face considerably. Several stitches had to be taken, but he was able to be up and around the following day.

Born this morning at the H.A. Bryant ranch to Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Crowley, a son.

75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

July 16, 1948

Ground was broken this week for the new Catholic Church on their Lewis street location.

Planned for many months, the actual construction will be directed by Axel Nelson, Pagosa contractor.

The site is on the east side of the street, across from the S.D.A. Church and adjoining the Los Banos Hotel property.

Glen Edmonds, World War II veteran, and former of the Ovid newspaper, has purchased the Pagosa Springs Sun from Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sheridan.

The transfer of ownership will take place August 1.

Edmonds served six years with the U.S. Navy and received his honorable discharge about three years ago. He is an experienced newspaper publisher, having been in the business 18 years. Edmonds has worked on a number of Colorado papers, including the papers at Meeker, Julesburg and Grand Junction and for the Rocky Mountain News.

50 years ago Taken from SUN files of July 12, 1973



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Taken from The Pagosa Springs SUN files of May 25, 1989: Workmen have already begun construction of the foundation for the new Archuleta County jail facility. The new jail should be in operation by March of next year.

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Retail sales in Archuleta County showed a 57 percent increase in the first quarter of 1973 over the first quarter of 1972, according to a report issued this month. The report is issued by the Business Research Division of the University of Colorado and is compiled from sales tax reports.

Biggest percentage increase was in services classification, with motels, hotels, and lodgings up 36.4 percent.

While the percentage increase was the largest, the actual amount was \$85,000, up from \$62,000 in the same period of 1972. Manufacturing had the biggest dollar volume increase, almost \$600,000. This is attributed to the fact that in the first quarter of 1972 San Juan Lumber Co. was not operating very much.

The large percentage increase in the motel, hotel, and lodging sales has been attributed to the opening of the Pagosa Lodge, and the increased ski business.

25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

July 16, 1998

Plans for expanding Stevens Field to accommodate small and medium-sized corporate aircraft will be explained at a public meeting Monday at 5:30 in the commissioners meeting room in the county courthouse.

The Archuleta County Airport Authority contemplates completing the \$8 million upgrade between 1998 and 2003. The FAA is expected to supply 90 percent of the funding. Archuleta County and state sources will supply the remainder.

Monday's meeting satisfies a federal requirement mandated as part of the environmental impact assessment requirements. In addition to outlining the project's scope and intent, environmental impact implications and remediation will be reviewed.

Ingredients of the upgrade include removing the present runway with this 16,000-pound weight limit, and replacing it with a runway capable of supporting 60,000 pounds. In addition, a taxiway paralleling the runway will be constructed. Currently aircraft use the runway as a taxiway, in addition to using it to take off and land.

Letters

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

Supreme Court ruling

Dear Editor:

In repose to the letter about the Christian woman being forced to design wedding websites for gay couples...

No gay couple sought the services of this website designer. The discussion was simply a potential request, and the Supreme Court decided that she doesn't have to serve gay couples.

It is highly unlikely that a member of the LGBTQ community would want to "force" any company to perform any service for them, especially on a special day like their wedding.

This was a made-up controversy, intended to chip away at the equality of LGBTQ folks, and in this case it was successful. We should not be too thrilled about a particular group being singled out for discrimination. Remember the words of Lutheran pastor Martin Niemöller:

First they came for the socialists,



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and I did not speak out-because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak outbecause I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews,

and I did not speak out-because I was not a lew. Then they came for me-and

there was no one left to speak for me.

> Cathlynn Groh Santa Fe, N.M.

Parade Dear Editor:

The Town of Pagosa Springs would like to thank all the volunteers and employees who helped make this year's 4th of July Parade a great success. A special thanks to the Rotary Club, San Juan Rangers, San Juan Squadron, KWUF Radio, and the many Town staff members who helped make the parade pos-

We would also like to thank the Pagosa Sun for publishing all the parade information and Brooks Lindner and Jessie Formwalt for announcing each of the parade participants.

The theme of this year's parade was 'Freedom' and there were 56 entries and thousands of spectators along the mile-long route. Jann Pitcher was nominated by the Rotary Club to be the Grand Marshall in recognition of her work in the community.

This year, prizes were awarded to floats in 3 different categories. The Springs Spa and Resort won the Best Overall float of the parade. Vets 4 Vets won the award for the Best Themed float representing freedom. The Pagosa Springs Line Dancers emerged as the People's Choice Award winner.

Lastly, the local community members and visitors helped make this a fun, safe, family-friendly event and we hope you join us again in 2024.

Kate Porter

'Keep our democracy safe' Dear Editor:

It was an impressive parade this past July 4th in Pagosa Springs. The parade route filled with grandparents to newborns, from tall to short, slim to plumb, from locals to foreigners (like New Mexicans and Texans) stood aside each other just as once people from France, Spain, The Netherlands, and colonists of all kinds stood side by side against a tyrant's powerful army to claim their independence from tyranny.

American Democracy is working. The people of Archuleta County sent a message. They want decency and honesty in our politics so that our country, no matter what our differences are, will always be united to keep our democracy safe for our kids and their kids. Santos Luis O'Cañas

'DeSantis's war'

Dear Editor:

Ron DeSantis's war on "wokeness" is one of the dumbest things out there right now. It has led him down a dark path toward trying to be the meanest and biggest bully around. It baffles me that he thinks this is a strategy that will be attractive to voters but then I remember that it's really about the misuse of words as triggers designed to short circuit our brains in the absence of critical thinking. Take the word "woke"; according to Merriam-Webster, this "chiefly US slang" is defined as: "aware of and actively attentive to important facts and issues (especially issues of racial and social justice)". This word, which is meant to describe the mindset of an engaged citizen, has been turned into a pejorative.

This reminds me of when the term "flip-flopper" was used to describe an implied weakness in John Kerry when he ran against George Bush. John Kerry enlisted in the Navy, served on a river boat in Viet Nam and his experiences there led him to reevaluate his stand on that war. He changed his mind about an issue after gaining more expansive knowledge about that issue and was labeled a flip-flopper. Changing his mind and becoming active in the anti-war movement at that time was actually an act of moral courage on his part, as it often is when someone has to publicly admit that they were wrong. But his opponents managed to turn it into a term that implied a weak character.

Another example of distorted word use is the phrase "tax and spend" in reference to Democrats. Most people don't like paying taxes but tend to expect and appreciate the benefits they support: social services, infrastructure maintenance and expansion, national defense, public schools, medical research, emergency management,

etc. When holding power, the GOP tends to cut taxes, especially for the wealthy and corporations, and continues to spend, sometimes in massively huge ways, as with the un-budgeted Iraq War. Once no longer in charge, they complain bitterly about the deficit that they helped create by cutting taxes while spending largely and use the ballooning deficit as a reason to cut spending on services that ordinary people depend upon. Linking taxes to spending is actually sound economic policy. In order to obscure this obvious fact, we are told about "trickle down economics". An unusually honest description of tax cuts for the wealthy to encourage them to invest in enterprises that theoretically will result in more jobs and in a trickle of money down the economic ladder to the less well off. A trickle for the masses while the wealthy get tax breaks.

Then there is: "guns don't kill people, people do". The reality is that people with guns kill people. We know this because we see it in the news every day. Apparently, though, we cannot admit to ourselves that most people probably should not own a gun, especially a high capacity weapon. How convenient to have a slogan that can stifle any doubts.

Lee Stopher

Money and politics

Dear Editor:

Running for office should be a "calling" to serve our country, not to reward campaign contributions. Have you noticed those overflowing waste baskets at your post office? Yep, those are your campaign contributions that folks don't bother to take home and read. What a shame.

I recall the good ole days when candidates found affordable ways to speak to the public. When my grandfather was running for reelection as District Attorney, he set up a wooden platform on the lawn of the City Auditorium and with mike in hand, he spoke to passersby who became interested and gathered around to hear more. My brother and me were grade school age and we circulated through



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Sadly, our country is now underattack by wannabe tyrants who are losing supporters. And, that was demonstrated when our float sponsored by The Archuleta Democrats received cheers and words of support from spectators.

There might have been a couple of dissenters against our stance for freedom to love, freedom to be, and freedom to vote, but these lonely naysayers' voices were silenced by the majority.



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Town council awards Archuleta Seniors Inc. another six months of rent relief

By Derek Kutzer Staff Writer

At its June 6 special meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council heard an update from nonprofit organization Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI). The update was part of a previous agreement between the town and ASI that the organization come back before the council to give it an update on ASI's current activities and financial situation.

In November 2022, the council heard a presentation from ASI and ultimately approved a "waiver of rental payments" for ASI's use of kitchen and office space at the Ross Aragon Community Center, "as well as an expanded use of the commercial kitchen for ASI to conduct catering outside of their regular hours," states agenda documentation on the matter.

The year-long lease agreement was entered into on Dec. 6, 2022, waiving any rental payments for six months of the lease and allowing ASI to occupy 3,249 square feet in the community center for the purpose of running a senior center, according to the lease agreement.

The lease states, "Beginning in July of 2023, a monthly payment in the amount of \$2,4518.76 per month shall be due by the 15th day of each month during the term of this Lease Agreement for the remaining six months of the year."

Birth



Garrett and Megan Campbell proudly announce the birth of their

at the June 6 meeting, came before rent relief again, if ASI would come the council to ask for another six months of waived rental fees.

Chavez said, "Basically, what we are doing is helping older adults in our community by providing home-cooked meals, some supplemental nutrition through groceries and meal kits, at-home wellness checks and monitoring devices, educational workshops," and "congregate social activities."

She said that ASI serves residents 55 years "or better" so that they can remain in their homes and "have regular nutrition and retain their physical and emotional well-being.'

ASI currently operates "about four days a week," since reopening about one year ago for congregate dining, but she also said that the organization delivers meals through a Meals on Wheels program five days a week and "grab-and-go" meals Monday through Friday and frozen meals on the weekends.

She said that ASI served about 25,000 meals in 2022 and that its catering contract with the Head Start program also serves meals to youths.

Had the town been collecting the \$2,618 monthly rent from the organization over the last six months, the town would have collected about \$15,700, meaning the town lost this potential revenue; rental costs also go toward custodial services, building maintenance and all utilities except phone and Internet, Town Manager Andrea Phillips said.

Chavez mentioned that 90 percent of ASI's projected expenditures for the year have been met through fundraising efforts, but that the town's extension of the rental waiver would allow ASI to continue to expand its programs in the midst of higher food costs with inflation.

She said that the rent relief has been "a huge benefit and it has allowed me the bandwidth to really get in the grind and apply for all these funds.'

She added, "What I am here to ask you this evening is to extend that rent relief," which would "allow me to have some bandwidth to expand our programming."

She mentioned three new programs that ASI would like to launch in the near future.

"With the support of the rental relief we are hoping to also do some of those classes bilingually by this

Rose Chavez, representing ASI wondered if the town awarded the asking for relief again soon.

"Are we gonna see you again in six months?" he asked.

He then questioned Chavez on what ASI's plans are to "become more self-sufficient." She replied, "Hopefully we have

demonstrated to you that we have been trying to diversify our funds by a whole list of private and public that we've gone to."

She said that "we wouldn't necessarily be coming back to you every six months. We're just using this rent relief over the next six months to expand our additional programming, and then that will allow us to be open 100 percent."

Council member Leonard Martinez suggested that he thought that it looked like the organization was on a path to self-sufficiency and encouraged Chavez to "stay on your path" and that "it appears that you are on target."

There was a suggestion amongst the council that ASI should list the more than \$15,000 in rent relief that the town donated to the organization as part of its funding in its financial statements. For example, in Chavez's presentation, the section about secured funds from local sources only lists the Town of Pagosa Springs contributing \$3,300.

Mayor Shari Pierce said that the town should be "recognized for the donation we have given, but part of that donation, I feel, is that we've been giving you a reduced rate on your lease fees. I don't know when we last raised those rates, but I feel like it's already highly subsidized."

Phillips added that the rate of the lease fee has not changed "since at least 2015.'

She explained that the lease includes the usage of a 3,200 square feet of commercial kitchen space, which "we just upgraded all the equipment in there," and an office space in the northwest wing of the community center, with custodial

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Milton Frederick Lewis

Milton Frederick Lewis, a reof 83 in Sun

maintenance and utilities all included.

She said that the \$2,618 rental fee is "a pretty good rate."

Council member Madeline Bergon said that she would love to support the continued rental relief, but that she would also like to see continued steps to selfsufficiency.

Martinez added that ASI's work with Head Start and Seeds of Learning Early Childcare programs are noteworthy because the organization is "working intergenerationally" to support what he called "communities in need," saying that "if there's anybody that deserves to be subsidized, this is the kind of effort" the council should support.

Pierce wondered where the council would pull funds from if it decided to extend the rent waiver.

"Is that gonna come out of this year's budget?" she asked. Council member Gary Williams

suggested that it would come out of the reserves fund. "Do we have any idea how much

we've spent out of reserves yet this year?" Pierce asked. "I'm just concerned that we've

spent a lot of money so far this year," she said.

Martinez explained that he thought, from what he could recall, that the reserves "were capable of absorbing" the rent relief for ASI.

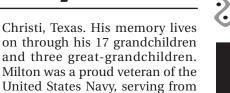
deGraaf noted the positive impact this would have on community members "far outweighed the small dent that the reserves would take from this," with council member Brooks Lindner agreeing.

A motion was then made to grant \$15,713 in rent relief to ASI, coming from the town reserve funds in the form of payment relief or a grant. The motion would also require ASI to come back before council in six months time for another update.

The motion was carried unanimously.

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spring," she added.

When Chavez completed her presentation, the discussion turned to questions and comments from the council.

Council member Mat deGraaf



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the gathering crowd, handing out little pieces of paper with a hand-written note: "Vote for my Grandpa". Then I recall President Truman's re-election campaign. He wanted to be close to the people as he spoke to them and he launched his "Whistle Stop Campaign". He purchased train tickets on various train routes around the country. When the train pulled into a station, he would walk out the back door of the caboose, stand on the little porch and address the crowd

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Milton is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 44 years. Pamela Lewis; and his children: Debbie Amberson, of Bozeman, Mont.; Laina Heathman, of Cedar Hill, Texas; Jamey Milton Lewis, of Litchfield Park, Ariz; Jeffrey Don Lewis, of Oklahoma City, Okla.: Sherry Kane, of Springhill, Tenn.; Michael Walkup, of Bethany, Okla.; and Tommy Walkup, of Warr Acres, Okla. He is also survived by his sisters, Lynette Hyde, of Oklahoma City, and Lynda Willis, of Corpus

found joy in his passions. For 21 years, he and his beloved wife Pamela resided in Colorado, where they relished their time playing golf, painting and operating the Wagon Wheel Gallery in downtown Pagosa Springs, where his wife skillfully framed and proudly displayed his artwork. In addition to his artistic endeavors, Milton took great pleasure in demonstrating and sharing his vast knowledge and skills with others. He found immense joy in mentoring and teaching aspiring artists, imparting his expertise to students eager to learn the art of painting.

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Tickets on sale for upcoming events

By Mary Jo Coulehan Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce is selling tickets for various upcoming events at our offices. This opportunity is available to all Chamber members. Many organizations now sell tickets online; however, printed tickets are still an option for those who prefer a ticket in hand and don't want to deal with online sales, and the Chamber is a convenient location as you visit the post office or run errands.

Here are the tickets we have available:

The annual Mountain Light Music Festival is back this year with three days of concerts to be held at beautiful Keyah Grande. Concerts will be held Wednesday, July 26, to Friday, July 28, at 7 p.m. Wednesday consists of a jazz/trio combo, Thursday will be swing band night, and Friday will be a jazz ensemble/big band theme. Tickets are payable by cash or check with the cost being \$40 for the Wednesday jazz trio and \$50 for the Thursday and Friday performances.

We have tickets for the upcoming Spanish Fiesta to be held July 29 at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds. This event has not been held for quite a few years and it is returning with a bang. Well-known regional musician Al Hurricane Jr. will be performing in the evening. There are activities occurring all day long beginning at 3 p.m. including food, dancing, music and artisan vendors. There are a variety of ticket prices: general admission ages 19-64 — \$30, seniors 65 and older — \$20, students 16-18 — \$15, and children 15 and younger and seniors 85 and older are free. If you would prefer to purchase your tickets online with a credit card, visit www.givebutter.com/asispanishfiesta2023. Tickets at the Chamber are payable by cash and check only.

You can purchase tickets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If purchasing tickets in the mornings before 10 a.m., please utilize the Chamber door facing Hot Springs Boulevard as the main Visitor Center doors are closed until 10 a.m.

ColorFest tickets coming soon

Speaking of tickets, the annual ColorFest weekend will be held Sept. 15-17. There are two events over that weekend that require tickets. Tickets will only be available online through our website, www.pagosachamber.com. Tickets will be available after July 17.

You can purchase tickets for the Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival on Sept.15 and for the Bands and Brews event on Sept. 16. The Wine and Food Festival will have VIP tickets for \$70 and general admission tickets for \$55. Beer tasting tickets are \$35 and \$10 for general admission.

More information will be forthcoming; however, great music, delicious food from Pagosa's restaurants, specialty shops and caterers will be on hand for Sept. 15 with music provided by Bob Hemenger, and Sept. 16 has more food vendors, delicious quaffs from New Mexico and Colorado as well as hard ciders on tap. There will also be great musical groups to keep the party rolling and an evening balloon glow to round out the day.

County approves economic impact study proposal, building contractor, donation

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

At its July 5 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved the Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) moving forward with an economic impact study, as well as selecting a contractor for building the transit center and approving a donation to the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation's expansion campaign.

The proposal for the Steven's Field Airport economic impact study was presented by AAC chairman Bill Sommer, who began by noting that the AAC and the airport manager feel that an economic impact study would benefit airport stakeholders by quantifying the benefits of the airport.

He explained that a working group of the AAC had researched how to conduct the economic impact study and that the study would involve three main areas of action, including collecting survey information from airport stakeholders and users, gathering direct information by interviewing business owners and operators involved with the airport, and capturing indirect and direct impacts of the money from the airport through an economic model.

He noted there are several programs that can be used for this modeling and that they utilize government data collected on the county and region.

He explained that the study would involve collecting surveys of spending for multiple groups of airport users and interviewing companies and groups involved with the airport, which he noted would improve the data quality above simple survey responses.

He explained that, in terms of data analysis and modeling, he had been working with the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation and the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado.

He stated that work with Region 9 was "starting to bear fruit" and that the district uses a program called Lightcast to analyze economic data.

He noted that the program uses similar data sources to those utilized by IMPLAN, which was previously the AAC's recommended model.

Sommer stated that Region 9 would be willing to provide the AAC with the data at no cost and that the AAC is now recommending using Lightcast due to its lower cost.

He highlighted that the study would also capture the noneconomic impacts of the airport on the community, such as its role in fighting wildfires, and noted that the AAC is recommending the study last from July 10, 2023, to July See Approvals A6

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Club 20 to host Summer Policy Committee meetings in Pagosa Springs

By Brittany Dixon Club 20

Community leaders from across Western Colorado will gather on July 13 and 14 in Pagosa Springs at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84, to participate in Club 20's Summer Policy Committee Meetings.

During these meetings, Club 20 members and guests will discuss many of the critical issues impacting our region.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to have discussions centered around some of the biggest issues impacting our region and have knowledgeable committee chairs and members to help guide our advocacy efforts throughout the state, said Club 20 Executive Director Brit-

elevating the voice of western Colorado through the work of our policy committees."

Club 20's Policy Committee meetings are free and open to the public with a small lunch fee of \$10. We request all participants to register for planning purposes at www.club20.org. Interested participants can also join via Zoom by registering for virtual participation.

Thursday, July 13

Welcome remarks: 8-8:15 a.m. Federal updates: 8:15-8:45 a.m. Telecommunications: 8:45-10:15 a.m. Health care: 10:15-11:45 a.m. Lunch break: 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Education and workforce: 12:30-2 p.m.

tany Dixon. "Club 20 is celebrating 70 years of Networking reception: 4-5:30 p.m., the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, 80 S. 5th St.

Friday July 14

Federal updates: 8:15-8:45 a.m. Transportation: 8:45-10:15 a.m. Tourism and outdoor recreation: 10:15-11:45 a.m. Lunch: 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Some of the topics to be discussed during this two-day event include agritourism, strategic transportation safety plan, truck safety efforts on Wolf Creek Pass, behavioral health on the Western Slope, rural hospital payor denials, update on education from the former director of the Colorado Department of Education and more.

For more information or to register, please visit www.club20.org.

Town council green lights contracts with digital marketing companies, OKs new position in Tourism Department

By Derek Kutzer Staff Writer

Tourism Director Jennifer Green came before the Pagosa Springs Town Council at its June 6 meeting asking to waive the competitive bid process for contracting with outside vendors and to authorize Town Manager Andrea Phillips to enter into a professional services contract with two digital marketing firms for fall and winter advertising campaigns.

"The Town's Purchasing Policy requires that the Town Council approve waivers of the competitive bidding process and approval for 'sole source' procurement with vendors," states agenda documentation on the matter.

Green explained that the purpose of this agenda topic at the meeting was "a very tricky solesource request" for the town to contract with two companies - Orange 142 and Madden Media — for upcoming advertising campaigns geared toward attracting tourism to the town.

Agenda documentation states that Orange 142 is "a newer option for consideration" and offers "highly targeted ad delivery, allowing us to find potential travelers that are more environmentally conscious, which allows us to find the type of visitors we would like to see, as Leave no Trace adherence is critical to protecting our natural resources."

It also states that Orange 142 is ideal for "shoulder-season campaigns" and that the company specializes in the targeted delivery of video content, which "has domi-

she would be monitoring the results of its ad campaigns.

Green described that the difference of working with these thirdparty platforms, instead of hiring a full-time ad agency, is that "we provide the ads to them and we dictate exactly the audience we want."

Later in the meeting, the council also approved a new staff position within the Tourism **Department.** This position will serve as an administrative assistant to Green, what she called her "right hand," saying that she could use "some help" with her "overall efforts with tourism."

She said that most ad agencies are not "necessarily focused on tourism" and that to cultivate an audience they mostly utilize data collected through airline and hotel travel that is not necessarily applicable to Pagosa's unique tourism characteristics.

council already approved for mar-

be in the mix" in the future, but that "that mix may change based on the result" of the campaign.

Council member Gary Williams asked if hotel bookings had increased since the town added a booking feature to its Visit Pagosa website.

Green answered that it's hard to tell with all the new ways to book lodging.

She emphasized that the website's feature is not only intended "to drive bookings," but to show "visitors to the website that we have different types of hotels."

She also mentioned that the website connects visitors to the town's newsletter and the travel planners mailed out to potential visitors.

When a motion was made to accept working with Orange 142 and Madden Media for late winter and spring advertising campaigns, for the combined amount of \$100,000, waiving the competitive bid process due to the sole-source nature of the providers and to authorize town staff to enter into a professional services contract with the vendors, it was seconded and then passed unanimously by the council.

Later in the meeting, the council also approved a new staff position within the Tourism Department. This position will serve as an administrative assistant to Green, what she called her "right hand," saying that she could use "some help" with her "overall efforts with tourism."

It will be a full-time position, and by the time the position is filled, the new hire would serve out the The town has \$100,000 that the remainder of the year, maybe five months, which would require that said, "I'm really glad you are finally getting some help."

A motion was made to authorize the Tourism Department to create a new position, with the funding for the position to come from savings and unspent line items and reserves from the 2023 tourism fund, if necessary.

The motion was carried unanimously by the council. derek@pagosasun.com

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nated travel advertising in recent years."

Madden Media, which the town previously worked with from 2010 to 2012, specializes in social media content and is now offering "new ways to reach different audiences on social channels," agenda documentation states.

Green explained at the meeting that she wasn't sure if Madden "will

The BoCC then discussed the

potential cost of the study, with

Sommer noting that the costs of

the economic model would likely

be zero due to using Lightcast data

but that, if there are changes, they

could be addressed through the

structure the motion to approve

the study, the BoCC approved the

proposal to move forward with the

economic impact study while leav-

ing the decision of which economic

analysis tool to use for a later date,

which Sommer indicated is accept-

able since this tool would not be

needed until next spring.

Following a discussion of how to

airport manager's budget.

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keting in its 2023 budget. Council member Matt DeGuise

asked Green if the budgeted money would be divided evenly between the two companies, or if it would be spent at the Tourism Department's discretion should the council approve the sole-source request.

to put all our eggs in one basket, so I do usually split it evenly," but

Green said that she doesn't "like

the salary be found within the 2023 budget, Green explained.

Green added that the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board believes that its budget could absorb the costs of paying the new staff position through 2023, but that a new line item would need to be created in the 2024 budget to pay the salary of the new position.

Council member Mat deGraaf

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Bus facility contractor At the same meeting, the BoCC also selected a contractor for con-

structing the county transit facility following a presentation by Transportation Coordinator Kevin Bruce. Bruce explained that the Trans-

portation Department received four bids on the project and a committee of six county staff and outside consultants reviewed the bids.

He stated that a bid by FCI Constructors scored the highest in a review process incorporating number of projects completed, number of public projects completed, quality of performance, skills of key team members and company location, among other factors.

Commissioner Warren Brown



noted that he had previous positive experiences with FCI Constructors.

The BoCC then unanimously voted to award the project to FCI Constructors.

Library foundation donation

The BoCC also voted unanimously to donate \$20,000 to the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation's expansion campaign at the meeting.

Prior to the vote, County Manager Derek Woodman noted that the foundation requested a donation of \$100,000 over five years and that this would be the second payment for that request. josh@pagosasun.com

Public hearing held on proposed commissioner district changes

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held a hearing on redistricting the commissioner districts at its July 5 meeting.

The hearing opened with Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta stating that the BoCC was presented with a proposal for redistricting at its June 23 work session.

She noted that the statute requires the difference between the most and least populated commissioner district to be no more than 5 percent and that the 2020 census placed the districts out of that

margin, necessitating redistricting. She explained that the proposal would add the "Lake Pagosa area" to District 3, currently represented by Medina, and that the adjustment would give each district approximately 4,400 residents.

The BoCC then heard public comment from Bill Hudson, who raised concerns about the districts not keeping communities with similar interests, such as Aspen Springs, Pagosa Lakes or downtown Pagosa Springs, in the same districts as required by statute.

He proposed that the map be reworked to keep these communities with common interests in the same districts and suggested that these divisions were created by

mistakes 10 years ago.

Archuleta explained that the proposed change to rebalance the districts was the "only option" due to where commissioner Warren Brown lives.

Maez also noted that the BoCC had received two written comments from Candace Jones on the redistricting process.

Brown commented that he appreciated the clerk's consideration of the location of his home in the redistricting process.

Maez asked Archuleta what would happen if he was redistricted out of his district.

Archuleta responded that she believed he would be able to finish his term but would then have to run

in the other district, which Weaver indicated is correct.

Medina noted that the clerk did not have to take into consideration where Brown lives since he could finish his term even if he now lived outside of his district.

Weaver explained that a complete redistricting would involve additional requirements, but that following a census all that is required is that the districts be balanced as to population.

Medina noted that what Hudson proposed would require a complete redrawing of all districts and would trigger additional requirements.

The BoCC is anticipated to vote on the redistricting at its Aug. 15 meeting.



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Area residents recycling fraction of recyclable waste

By Hailey Sams SUN Intern

"Over 75% of waste is recyclable. but we only recycle about 30% of it," states a brochure from Archuleta County.

There are multiple ways to recycle locally, including for free through the county or through private operations such as Elite Recycling and Disposal and At Your Disposal.

According to an email from Archuleta County Solid Waste Facilities Operator Jim Brinkmann, "If every Archuleta County Resident took advantage of the 'Free' recycling offered by the County, on average, their amount of weekly landfill bound trash could be cut at least by a third to a half."

He adds that recycling is one of the best options in reducing the amount of household trash that goes into the landfill.

Most common concern

Brinkmann writes that the most common concern about recycling is, "Are we truly recycling, or just taking to landfill?"

He states that, "the only recyclables that get thrown away are the ones that we have no outlet to sell or bales that get contaminated (i.e. water damaged, sun damaged)."

Recycling through Archuleta

County is free and easily accessible for most everyone. The steps of the process allow thrown out materials to be reused instead of wasted. Brinkmann relayed that as you collect your recycling, and it gets picked up, it's then bundled and shipped to the highest broker. Then it is sorted and made into a base for new materials.

According to https://www.archuletacounty.org/263/Recycling, Archuleta County has rules and requirements for sorting your recycling;

• #1 and #2 plastics only, such as soda and water bottles, and soap, milk and detergent containers.

• Bound material must be removed of all staples and bindings.

• Damage and contamination to a load of recycling could result in it getting thrown away instead.

Archuleta County sells its recycling to the highest-paying brokers and then it goes to mills across the United States, according to Brinkmann.

"We ask our customers to sort their recyclables into the categories that our brokers are able to sell, from the bales we make," Brinkmann wrote. "Single stream operations put the burden of 'sorting' onto either very expensive sorting machines or manual laborers."

Recycling can be dropped off at the Pagosa Transfer Station located

at 2140 County Road 500 (Trujillo Road).

Other options

There are also multiple private companies that accept and haul recycling.

It can be picked up by At Your Disposal, which, according to https://www.atyourdisp.com/services, accepts a variety of materials, including;

• Flattened corrugated cardboard.

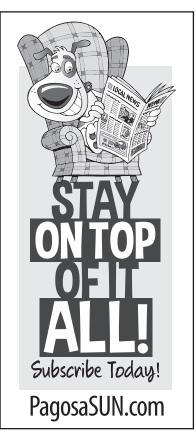
- Aluminum cans.
- Paper.
- Metals.
- Plastics #1- #2.

Another option for recycling in Pagosa Springs is Elite Recycling and Disposal, which takes its recycling to the Phoenix Recycling Center near Durango.

This allows more material to be recycled and doesn't have as many restrictions as Archuleta County's transfer stations have. Elite recycles all plastics #1-#7 as well as most of what Archuleta recycles, except for electronics, although it still isn't possible to recycle glass with them, states https://elite-recycling.com/ recycle-guidelines.

However, due to a fire at the Phoenix Recycling Center, Elite Recycling and Disposal has had to temporarily suspend its recycling services, according to emails sent

to customers. The fire happened June 29, and the damages are being evaluated. Elite does not know at this point when the service will be reopened and will reach out to





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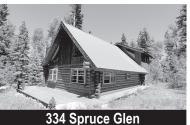
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Referees

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Commissioner Ronnie Maez requested that Brown read the position description for independent referees from La Plata County, particularly the qualifications section, which he had not previously explained.

Brown explained that the position description required referees to be a registered, licensed

Fires

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of Pagosa Springs, was reported at 3 p.m. on June 28.

The fire was reported at 511 acres on July 11.

The fire improved from zero percent containment as of July 5 to 92 percent as of July 11, with the management of the fire transitioning back to the San Juan National Forest at 6 a.m. on July 11.

The final update from the Type 3 Rocky Mountain Complex Incident Management Team Three, sent on July 10, notes that the San Juan National Forest's June 29 closure order remains in effect "as firefighting resources continue to mop up, patrol and complete suppression repair activities. The forest

fire grates at developed recreation

sites. Devices using gas, jellied pe-

troleum or pressurized liquid fuel

closed vehicle or building, a de-

veloped recreation site, or while

stopped in an area at least 3 feet in

diameter that is barren or cleared

an approved spark arrester proper-

ly installed and working, a chemi-

cal fire extinguisher of not less than

8 ounces capacity by weight, and

one round-point shovel with an

overall length of at least 36 inches.

Operating a chain saw without

of all flammable materials.

• Smoking, except in an en-

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are permitted.

Restrictions

or certified real estate appraiser, a licensed real estate broker or an attorney with experience in real estate matters.

Maez commented that he opposed appointing referees, stating that he felt hearing CBOE petitions is the commissioners' job and that he felt that appointing referees would create additional bureaucracy.

"In my own opinion, it seems like, in the public eye, we're passing the buck to somebody else to do the dirty work and then they make the recommendations to us for us to just have one meeting and then we just make a decision on what they recommend," Maez added.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that she had also had constituents who had requested

roads can become congested with crews will once again work to seek heavy equipment, chippers and engines. The public is urged to be cautious outdoors. The potential for new wildfires to start with active fire growth will increase as the veg-

etation continues to dry out with

of firefighters on the southern end

of the fire has resulted in minimal

heat remaining in the uncontained

fireline north of Snow Angel Ranch.

Crews will stay in the area to patrol

is being utilized to assist the crews

in their mop up efforts. Very few

hotspots were found by the UAV.

(Unmanned aerial vehicle). Today,

"A drone with infrared technology

ensuring this area is safe.

It further notes, "The hard work

warmer day time temperatures."

out and contain interior hotspots. Suppression repair will continue, utilizing chipping and excavation equipment. This operation will concentrate on the FS road 681."

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

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.

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the appointment of independent referees.

She added she had been considering the issue and felt the qualifications would have to be expanded from those used by La Plata County.

"I will say that, with the few conversations that I've had, I would be concerned about how the public might be unnecessarily targeted by some people that we might appoint to take advantage of real estate,' Medina added. "So, I'm not in favor of us moving forward with this."

Brown commented that he appreciated Maez's and Medina's comments and noted there is a "strong distrust of government" in the county.

He highlighted that having independent referees would provide transparency and independent consideration beyond the government itself.

He expressed agreement with Maez that it is the BoCC's job to make decisions as the CBOE, but pointed out that having independent referees would provide additional expertise.

Brown concluded by stating that he would like to move forward on the issue and have a vote.

Maez then requested a motion. Brown moved to direct staff to hire two to three independent referees to conduct hearings and submit recommendations to the CBOE

The motion then died for lack of a second, closing the topic.

TPR appointments

The discussion of the Southwest TPR appointments opened with County Manager Derek Woodman explaining that the BoCC needed to appoint a representative to the Southwest TPR and a commissioner to act as an alternate.

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create original artwork to restore the pollinator houses on the GGP site and learn about native pollinators with our expert Audubon naturalist. Kids tour the GGP's greenhouses and install beneficial ladybugs. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is required at ggp@pagosagreen. org. There is no charge, and the GGP provides lunch and snacks for participating kids.



Maez requested a commissioner to volunteer to serve on the Southwest TPR, and Medina volunteered to serve as an alternate.

The BoCC then unanimously approved appointing Transportation Director Kevin Bruce as the county representative to the TPR and Medina as alternate.

Dedication of funds to road improvements

Weaver began the discussion of dedicating funds from auctioning properties with county-held tax liens by noting that the county attorney's office has been working on obtaining clear title on more than 35 parcels with liens.

He explained that the county would begin auctioning off these properties in phases, beginning on July 13, and that the proceeds, depending on whether all of the properties receive acceptable bids, could be between \$500,000 to more than \$1 million.

Weaver stated that Maez had proposed the idea of using the proceeds from these sales to improve the roads near where the parcels are sold, primarily in the Trails subdivision.

He noted that many of the roads in the area are incomplete due to the developer going bankrupt and not finishing them.

He explained that the BoCC could give direction to have the money deposited in the Road and Bridge Fund to support road improvements in the area and that. once the auctions are complete and the total revenue is known, the BoCC could approve a supplemental budget to appropriate the funds to Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if the area where these improvements would take place is the same area which developer Tim Brown had spoken to the BoCC about previously concerning his desires for county road

The GGP's Education Dome opens to the public on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings, and volunteers are planning more open hours. With volunteer power, the GGP will build raised beds along the Riverwalk at the Community Garden Dome and the Innovation Dome. The new raised beds will demonstrate how home growers can use affordable materials to grow

improvements and unwillingness to pay for road improvements.

Weaver indicated that the areas are different.

Brown then asked if the BoCC would have the ability to select which roads would be improved instead of being obligated to improve all roads in the area.

Weaver indicated that this would be true as the proposed direction contains flexibility so that the BoCC can later decide which roads are to be improved.

"I want to make sure that we are not setting a precedence that, in the event we have other builders that build on other locations and that are required to provide upgrades to a road to bring it to county standards that they will still be compelled to do so, as is every builder that comes in, or even for that matter we've had private homeowners that have been required, and I want to make sure that we're not contradicting ourself or setting a bad precedence,' Brown stated.

Weaver indicated that he did not believe this would happen as the BoCC could decide which roads would be improved at several iunctures

"The way I kinda look at it is ... we get Highway User Tax Fund money and that's on the miles of the roads I think that reside in Archuleta County," Maez said. "And some of these roads we're taking money and we're not improving all the roads in here. This was an idea that I thought would be a good way to get these caught up to where we're actually doing right. And I think it's a good path to do."

The BoCC then moved to dedicate some or all of the funds from the auction of county-owned parcels to the Road and Bridge Department for improving certain roads near the location of the sold parcels.

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• Using a welder, either arc or gas, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter with a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity.

• Using exploding targets.

"Violation of federal fire restrictions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months or both. In addition, those found responsible for starting wildfires will also face restitution costs of suppressing the fire," it states.

ing (970) 563-4571.

Anyone violating the provisions of this fire ban may be subject to prosecution outlined in the Southern Ute Indian Criminal Code.

San Juan National Forest

The San Juan National Forest implemented Stage I fire restrictions in lower elevations of the forest beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, July 13.

"Fire restrictions will only be implemented in lower elevations to account for variable conditions across the forest," the Wednesday press release states. "Low elevation areas (referred to as Zone I in the Forest Order) are more susceptible to wildfire risk due to rapid vegetation curing and dry surface fuels, while higher elevation areas (Zone II) are still green and maintaining higher fuel moistures.'

All San Juan National Forest Wilderness Areas are excluded from Stage I fire restrictions.

"Although Southwest Colorado experienced a wet winter and spring, pulling us out of our yearslong drought and decreasing spring wildfire risk, vegetation is now drying out due to hot, dry weather, leading to wildfire conditions in the

is barren or cleared of all flammable materials within 10 feet of the device." • Smoking is prohibited, except

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• Using an explosive. This includes but is not limited to fuses, blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, tracers and in-

He added that the transportation director has traditionally been the county representative. Activities

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• Miscellaneous at 9 percent, or

The report notes that sales tax

revenues for January through April

in the year-to-date comparison are

4.7 percent, or \$247,428, lower than

categories that are up in the yearly

According to the report, the

Information at 0.2 percent, or

• Finance and Insurance at 40

· Professional, Scientific and

• Other Services (except public

• Miscellaneous at 3 percent, or

The categories down in the year-

• Construction at 16 percent, or

Manufacturing at 19 percent,

Retail Trade at 7 percent, or

• Real Estate and Rental and

Accommodation and Food

Leasing at 22 percent, or \$23,980.

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to-date comparison include:

Technical Services at 177 percent,

administration) at 5 percent, or

January through April 2022.

comparison include:

percent, or \$1,284.

or \$51,987.

\$3.829.

\$22,936.

\$20,355.

or \$36,957

\$196.571

\$3,269.

\$233

More information about fire prevention is available online at https:// www.blm.gov/programs/publicsafety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/ get-involved/fire-prevention.

Current fire prevention notices for the BLM Southwest District are posted online at https://www.blm. gov/programs/public-safety-andfire/fire-and-aviation/regionalinformation/colorado/southwestdistrict.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

The signed order implementing Stage 1 restrictions on all trust lands through the Southern Ute Indian Reservation states, "This action is necessary due to high fire danger, resulting from the prolonged hot and dry conditions we are experiencing."

The press release announcing the restrictions also cites the occurrence of recent wildland fires.

"Everyone on reservation lands is asked to be very cautious and use common sense with fire this time of year," it states.

The restrictions prohibit open burning, agricultural burning, campfires outside officially designated or developed campsites, and fireworks for the general public.

Commercial and industrial restrictions can be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire Office at 575 County Road 517 or by call-

lower country that dictate the need for Stage I Fire Restrictions," the press release states. "This summer's wildfire season is rated as average,' across the San Juan NF, which still means there is large wildfire potential. The forests of Southwest Colorado are fire-adapted ecosystems, so even on average years wildfires historically occurred. As we saw this summer on the Chris Mountain Fire on the Pagosa Ranger District, fires can grow hundreds of acres in a day even when vegetation is relatively wet."

The Stage 1 restrictions on the San Juan National Forest prohibit the following:

• Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire (including fires fueled by charcoal or briquettes) except if it is in:

"a) A permanent metal or concrete fire pit or grate that the U.S. Forest Service has installed and maintained at its developed recreation sites (campgrounds and picnic areas);

"b) A device solely fueled by liquid or gas that can be turned on and off used in an area barren or cleared of all flammable materials within three feet of the device; or

"c) A fully enclosed metal stove with a chimney at least five feet in length and a mesh screen spark arrestor with a screen opening of a ¹/₄ inch or less used in an area that

cendiary ammunition.

A Wednesday press release notes the minimum fine for violating campfire restrictions in Stage I in Colorado is \$530.

The press release also notes fire restrictions do not prevent wildfires.

"It is every forest visitor's and camper's responsibility to follow best practices, properly maintain and extinguish campfires to prevent wildfires," it reads. "Violations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations and/or by imprisonment for not more than six months. Fire prevention and law enforcement will be patrolling, and anyone who violates Stage 1 restrictions will be ticketed."

More about fire restrictions, fuels management and other firerelated issues can be found at https://tinyurl.com/3km7cspd.

Archuleta County

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners is slated to consider moving the unincorporated areas of Archuleta County into Stage 1 restrictions at the board's regular meeting on July 18.

Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux explained those restrictions will likely go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 19.

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• Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 17 percent or \$5,402. • Miscellaneous at 4 percent, or \$8,697.

The report notes that on the yearto-date comparison, sales tax revenues for January through March of 2023 are 3.5 percent, or \$137,483 lower than January through March 2022.

According to the report, the categories that are up in the yearly comparison include:

• Information at 0.5 percent, or \$420.

• Finance and Insurance at 69 percent, or \$1,477.

• Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 139 percent, or \$32.113.

• Other Services (except public administration) at 3 percent, or \$1,971.

• Miscellaneous at 5 percent, or \$26,206.

The categories down in the yearto-date comparison include:

 Construction at 19 percent, or \$19,135. • Manufacturing at 20 percent, or

\$29,605. • Retail Trade at 6 percent, or \$121,627.

• Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 27 percent, or \$24,686.

Achievements

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Cowbells; member from the first year of 4-H in Archuleta County including 4-H leader; Archuleta County fair lady; served as secretary of Snowmobile Club; secretary of Upper San Juan Weed District; Archuleta County school bus driver (for 20 years); Grange member (executive board); named 1964 National Young Couple of Year; Archuleta County citizen of the year; responsible for preservation and protection of Debs School House; and owner of Centennial Farm.

John Taylor served in the 82nd

 Accommodation and Food Services at 23 percent, or \$48,997. Services at 0.6 percent, or \$4,565.

seasonal vegetables and ornamental

April sales tax

The report notes that in April the town and the county jointly received \$1,155,340 in sales tax revenue for the month of April, with \$577,173 going to the town and \$578,167 going to the county. April sales tax revenues are 8.7 percent, or \$109,945, lower than

April 2022. According to the report, the categories that are up in

comparison to April 2022 include: • Real Estate and Rental and

Leasing at 5 percent, or \$806. • Professional, Scientific and

Technical Services at 326 percent, or \$19,854.

• Other Services (except public administration) at 11 percent, or \$1,857.

Categories that were down for April in the month-to-month comparison include:

• Construction at 5 percent, or \$1,219.

• Manufacturing at 17 percent, or \$7,352

• Retail Trade at 11 percent, or \$74,944.

• Information at 0.8 percent, or \$187.

• Finance and Insurance at 19 percent, or \$193.

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on San Juan Historical Society;

American Legion; Archuleta

County Cattlemen (president);

Upper San Juan Weed District

(president); state officer of Grange;

the other half of the 1964 National

Couple of the Year; teacher at

Services at 6 percent, or \$22,936.

Pagosa Springs High School (20 years); served 17 years (maybe more) on the Southwest Water Board; 1993-2016 San Juan Water Conservation District; served four years on the Colorado Water Conservation Board; Hinsdale County commissioner; Archuleta County Fair Western Heritage Award recipient; Hinsdale County volunteer award (2013); instrumental in preserving and protecting Debs School House; and owner of a Centennial Farm.

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Commissioners hear update on community development issues

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an update from Development Director Pamela Flowers on code enforcement and the Planning Department and on her progress in developing the Water Quality Department at its July 11 work session.

This discussion referenced back to two topics that have been recent items of interest with the commissioners

At previous work sessions, Commissioner Ronnie Maez raised concerns about overreach on the part of code enforcement officers by patrolling for code violations or reporting violations they see while driving to reported violations instead of only responding to submitted complaints.

Commissioner Veronica Medina had also raised concerns about Flowers' capacity to oversee the new water quality division given challenges in other departments she oversees and her workload.

Medina proposed transferring the water quality program back to the Public Health Department.

Flowers opened her update by noting the discussions on where to place the Water Quality Department and the concerns about code enforcement, stating that she wanted to be available to discuss the issues and to present information.

She began by commending the efforts of her code enforcement officer involved in the potential overreaches, noting that he has been highly successful in interacting with the public and the points of concern involving patrolling for code violations were instructions from her.

She explained that the process of code enforcement has been altered in response to recent concerns and that staff worked on identifying which cases are or are not tied to complaints to prepare for potential compliance with a drafted policy change for code enforcement.

Medina stated that the policy has not been approved yet by the BoCC.

Flowers noted that the officer has also taken steps to rectify enforcement cases inaccurately submitted about agricultural properties and that he continues to develop his skills overall.

Medina commented that she approves of staff being "proactive instead of reactive" and that she is pleased that code enforcement made necessary changes to its enforcement process.

"I think that accomplished what we wanted to accomplish," Medina said, adding that she did not feel that the code enforcement language needed to be changed and that she did not like the draft changes.

Flowers reiterated her officer's effectiveness in interacting with the public, and encouraged the commissioners to reach out to her and learn about what is happening when concerns are raised.

Medina commented that the commissioners should be careful to follow the "right channel" by talking with the county manager and having him communicate with department heads.

Maez stated that he would contact Flowers if a question arose and County Manager Derek Woodman was not present to answer it and that her answers typically resolved the concerns he had.

Flowers also noted that questions on policies and procedures should not be directed at her staff as they lack the full understanding of the policies and regulations.

She stated that the code enforcement division is using its software to file cloud letters with the county clerk's office indicating that the property contains unpermitted structures for the information of current owners and potential buyers.

Flowers indicated that she had received a price break on the short-term rental (STR) permitting software due to portions of the software not functioning as advertised.

She added that she had found software to initially use for on-site wastewater treatment systems permitting for the Water Quality Department, which she noted is more flexible, inexpensive and more user-friendly than the software currently used for building

and planning.

She noted that she may switch the STR permitting process to this software if it continues to be effective.

Flowers stated that she hired a water quality manager for the Water Quality Department and that she and the new manager would conduct interviews soon to hire the other two staff for the department.

She added that these staff would attend training and shadow San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) staff working on water quality to develop their understanding of the process.

She also noted other progress in the Water Quality Department, including that she gathered additional information on the process for adopting septic permitting regulations.

Flowers highlighted that SJBPH staff have been "open" and helpful in the process of preparing for the opening of the department.

"I think we're on track," Flowers said, noting that the hiring of a planning manager for the planning department would assist her by reducing the amount of planning work she has to perform personally.

Medina highlighted Flowers' heavy workload with the issues with code enforcement and problems with STR permitting.

Flowers asked what issues with STR permitting had been reported to Medina.

Medina indicated that she had heard constituent concerns about a backlog in STR applications.

She added that, upon speaking to Woodman about the issue, he indicated there was not a backlog.

Flowers commented that the STR permits are at an "appropriate number" and that issues with the permitting system were delaying the receipt of complete applications by making it more difficult to communicate with applicants to fix incorrect or incomplete applications.

She added that the vendor for the software promised that improved communications capabilities and an "enhanced portal" would be implemented by August, which she hopes will improve processing.

Flowers noted that she did not

consider this a backlog due to the applications being incomplete and that processing of complete applications was occurring in a timely manner.

Medina commented that a promised map of STR permits and operators in the county had not been implemented.

Flowers explained that this is also an issue with the software and that she was unsure if the software is capable of this, as the software vendor had previously said it would be.

She added that she has begun publishing a list of STRs in the county again while the feasibility of the map implementation is assessed.

Medina stated that it would be helpful if this information was shared to the BoCC or Woodman by Flowers so the BoCC could remain updated, which Flowers agreed to do.

Following a brief discussion of unpermitted STRs and new methods for enforcing regulations on them, Medina returned to the topic of the Water Quality Department, pointing out the STR permitting and other issues.

"So when I get all of this information, I'm like, 'Uh, I feel like she's drowning. I don't want to give her another thing to put her and her team in jeopardy of getting ... too much.' ..., I feel like so much has been happening with this new land code and we've got you doin' so many things, that was my concern and that's why I didn't want water quality under you, because of those things," Medina said.

Flowers commented that this was "fair" and highlighted that the hiring of the planning manager would be "huge" in increasing her ability to deal with other issues and that some of the issues that had been raised were things her staff had done without her knowledge.

Medina highlighted that she has new staff and added that Flowers instructed her staff to take an overly aggressive approach to code enforcement, although she noted that Flowers had been able to correct these issues.

Flowers stated, "I don't feel like I'm drowning, but I can see why See Development A11



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Education

Archuleta Schools MLO Exploration Committee hears poll results, sees positive feedback about extension

By Monica Nigon Staff Writer

The Archuleta Schools MLO (mill levy override) Exploration Committee held a future funding exploratory planning session Monday, July 10, where it received results from a poll that addressed a ballot question that would extend the district's MLO, showcasing data that indicates most voters would approve an extension in November's off-year election.

Jake Martin — representing Keating Research, which conducted the poll-presented the findings during the Zoom meeting.

He explained the poll was a hybrid methodology, utilizing live interviewers over the phone and an online text-to-web system among 300 randomly selected registered voters in the school district.

The ballot question used for the poll reads, "WITHOUT INCREAS-ING TAXES, SHALL ARCHULETA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. **50JT BE AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND** THE \$1.7 MILLION ANNUAL TAX APPROVED BY VOTERS IN 2018 SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE IN 2025, TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE GEN-ERAL FUND AND USED FOR EDU-CATIONAL PURPOSES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: RECRUIT-ING AND RETAINING HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND STAFF, AND; PROVIDING SECURITY AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS?'

The poll asked, "Would you vote yes or no on this ballot question?"

Martin's presentation indicated

ticipate in off-year elections and 74 percent of all voters said they would vote yes for an extension of the MLO.

Martin's presentation indicated that respondents saying they would vote yes for passing the MLO was consistent across Republicans, Democrats and unaffiliated voters.

He explained the poll also shows that parents of current parents of students in the school district predominately indicated they would vote "yes," with 78 percent of parents responding in the affirmative.

Seventy-six percent of those with Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees (BAs or BSs) said they would vote yes, while 72 percent of those without BAs or BSs would vote yes, according to Martin's presentation.

His presentation also showed that the cost of living for qualified teachers and staff is an important consideration for voters, with 38 percent of poll respondents mentioning teacher pay, hiring and school funding as the most important issue or challenge facing schools in the area. Ninety-two percent of respondents said the issue of retaining and recruiting highly qualified staff is "very important.'

Second in line as the most important issue to voters is career and technical education (CTE) programs in the district, with 81 percent of respondents saying the issue is "very important" and those in the over-50 age bracket especially noting the issue as "extremely important."

"There's a universal view that coordinating the campaign to pass

Students study two local indicator species

Pagosa Peak Open School

We are the middle school from Pagosa Peak Open School. This spring project, we partnered with Keith Bruno from Audubon Rockies. Our focus this project was to monitor two local but different indicator species and determine how these species reflect environmental health in our local forests and streams.

So, what is an indicator species? An indicator species is a inexpensive to monitor.

On June 15, we went to Williams Creek to study the American dipper. Bruno had heard about a dipper nest nearby the dam of Williams Creek. So, we parked nearby and hiked down below the dam to the stream to investigate.

The dipper is an important indicator species, so we wanted to see where these dippers were living and how many there were. When we got near the creek, we saw many animals along the way

that 66 percent of voters who par- these are very important to invest funding," Martin said.

He added that high property taxes are a key concern across those polled, with 48 percent of respondents saying taxes are too high.

"With several thousand people challenging property value assessments, it's important to remind people that this is an extension, not a new tax," Martin noted.

Martin outlined the key findings of the poll:

• Three-quarters of respondents support this ballot question, including two-thirds of off-year voters. Clear and informative ballot language provides important context.

 Voters recognize the high cost of living as a barrier to recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers and staff.

• There is a great urgency from voters to invest in strengthening CTE, safety, mental health and academic resources.

• Three out of four voters continue to support this ballot question after addressing the pros and cons of the mill levy extension.

Martin discussed the language used in the ballot question and noted that stressing that this is an extension and not a new policy is important for passing the extension, as well as including the words "approved by voters in 2018."

The poll asked if a 10-year sunset is important for voters, with results showing that it's "not a big factor if it expired after 10 years," Martin said. Consultant Lynea Hansen, who is

but this nest was 6 inches above

the top of the water and inside of

a pipe. It was made of grass, mud

can dippers indicates that the

river is healthy and there is plenty

of food for the dippers and other

animals that live in and around

the river as well. I'm glad we got

observed were the American pika,

which are most common in the

The other indicator species we

Being able to see these Ameri-

and moss.

to study them.

the MLO extension, said, "You're sitting at 66 percent of off-year voters [saving yes]. You're basically sitting with as many people that will support you as you're ever going to get. This is a lot higher than I thought it would come out for you guys," she added. 'These numbers are really good."

Committee member Brooks Lindner said, "As a person who's been part of polls like these before, these are the best numbers I've ever seen."

There was some discussion amongst members about how to include CTE in the ballot language, as well as whether or not they should mention Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) in the ballot question. The school is in the district and would be incorporated into the MLO extension, according to members.

"I'm ecstatic about what we just saw," ASD Superintendent Rick Holt said, "It makes me believe we might not need another year to ramp up having a mill renewed ... It didn't seem like mentioning PPOS would be critical. We would share with them in the same way we have in the past."

PPOS School Director Angela Reali-Crossland added, "As far as including PPOS in the language or not, I've seen some of these mill levies be swayed in a positive direction by the charter school ... I think it's a great opportunity to educate the community that we are an Archuleta school."

Lindner addressed including CTE in the ballot language.

"CTE needs to be a big part of the campaign," he said. "The community has wanted this for so many years ... I think it will resonate with the bluecollar nature of our community."

School board member Butch Mackey added, "I too am pleasantly surprised ... I agree that the CTE is an important issue to the community. I have some concerns about putting too many items into the ballot language. I think we have to be careful with that as well."

Members decided to move forward with a communication and public relations push led by ASD Communications Director Jane Parker.

The group's next meeting will be held via Zoom at noon on July 17.

EXCAVATION WORK THAT MAKES THE GRADE



type of organism that reflects its natural environment. If it is surviving well that means that the environment is doing well, but when the environment is failing, the indicator species will leave the area until adequate resources are readily available again. In some cases, a species may never return to a given habitat.

What makes a good indicator species? You want a species that is easy enough to observe and common to find. You will want one that is reliant on other species and its surrounding environment. Indicator species are preferably including marmots, some ducks, a bunch of red-winged blackbirds and even a peregrine falcon. When we got to the dipper area, the class split up into two groups on both sides of the dam. One group had a better vantage point on the dipper nest.

We saw and heard two dippers, one adult and one nestling. We only saw the adult dipper twice, since we probably had too many people around. Once, it brought food to the nest, and it jumped out to catch more food. The nest was in a cool spot, too. Normal dipper nests are near the water,

mountains and specifically rocky areas. Being sensitive to summer heat and relying on winter snowpack for insulation, pikas can indicate climate change. When we looked for pika on June 19, we went under Raven's Nest at the ski lift. We heard them and some of us had seen them by a manmade structure. The data that we observed included measuring the largest rock, the 10th largest rock and the deepest depth of the talus. We also looked at the air temperature. Because pika are present, it shows that the climate is just right for them.



Safe2Tell reports decrease 79 percent in June

Attorney General Phil Weiser's office

Safe2Tell received 547 reports in June, a 79 percent decrease when compared to May, according to the monthly report released recently. The decrease in reports is typical during summer break.

Suicide threats (87), drugs (37) and child abuse (33) were among the top categories of reports. June was the sixth month in a row this 2022-2023 school year to surpass reporting volume comparatively for the same time period last school year (2021-2022). June also saw suicide threats return to the top category.

To date for the 2022-2023 school year, Safe2Tell has received 21,992 reports

"While we typically see a decrease in reports during months when schools are not in session, we also recognize that those months can be a challenging time for youth mental health and the continued

e2Tell is a message to Coloradans that much work remains to be done," said Attorney General Phil Weiser. "Our school communities extend beyond the school year and it's important our students know they have support yearround, even during breaks. We will continue to be available through Safe2Tell should an urgent safety need arise.'

In this school year, false reports are 2.8 percent of all reports submitted to Safe2Tell. False reports are those that contain untrue information and are submitted with the intent to harm, injure or bully another person.

In June, anonymous reports to Safe2Tell from students and other individuals successfully helped protect students' safety. For example:

• A person reported concern about their friend who went days without answering their phone. They worried about their friend's health

suicide threats reported to Saf- and safety at home. Local teams conducted a welfare check, spoke with the student and involved Department of Human Services.

• A person reported that a student shared their plans to take their life. School teams contacted the students' parents, who took the student to the hospital.

Safe2Tell is a successful violence intervention and prevention program for students to anonymously report threats to their own, and others', safety. Safe2Tell is not an emergency response unit nor mental health counseling service provider; it is an information pathway for distributing anonymous reports to local law enforcement and school officials pursuant to state law.

To make a report, individuals can call (877) 542-7233 from anywhere, at any time. Reports also can be made at Safe2Tell.org or through the Safe2Tell mobile app, which is available on the Apple App Store or Google Play.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, July 13

Pagosa Springs Town Council Strategic Retreat. Noon, Ecolux Hotel, 323 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: https://pagosasprings. civicweb.net/portal/.

Friday, July 14

Pagosa Springs Town Council Strategic Retreat. Noon, Ecolux Hotel, 323 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: https://pagosasprings. civicweb.net/portal/.

Monday, July 17

- **Archuleta County Public Health Department Transitional Advi**sory Committee meeting. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter.
- 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=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHF sa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 09048375, 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=dlFFV 0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxt Zz09, 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/. 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/8982 1999924?pwd=ZzlKSlJYL1BKbmR zRUpZcUkxUkx5Zz09.

Wednesday, July 19

- **Upper San Juan Library District** Board meeting. 4 p.m. via Zoom. Join us at https://us02web.zoom. us/j/83398449146.
- Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting. 5 p.m., 3133 Cornerstone Drive. Join Zoom meeting: https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/9656099136?p wd=Z3Job2R1eXl0SE8rRzNpL0F ucGpKZz09, meeting ID: 965 609 9136, passcode: 00001.
- Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation meeting. 5-6:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., or join Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/835 52743149?pwd=Z0RXejNJQXo0T

Celebrations

Margaret Wempe

Margaret Wempe, of Pagosa Springs, graduated from Northwest Technical College in Bemidji, Minn. on May 5 at a ceremony at Bemidji's Sanford Center.

Wempe earned an associate of science degree in nursing — generic track and was one of 218 graduates from the NTC class of 2023.

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Thursday, July 20

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

Monday, July 24

- Archuleta County Public Health **Department Transitional Advi**sory Committee meeting. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter.
- Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.

Development

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you felt that way, and so I'll do a better job of making sure that Derek knows what's happening and how we're adjusting ... when we need to.'

She added that the BoCC could also ask Woodman about her status and the problems in the departments and that she would work to communicate better with him.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented, "Thanks for your clarification. Pam. It sounds like you're well on your way to getting everything settled and in line."

Maez concluded the discussion by thanking Flowers for her work.

Airport update

At the work session, the BoCC also heard an update about Stevens Field Airport from Airport Manager Chris Torres.

Torres opened his update by indicating that the request for bids had been put out for the runway identifier lights project and that staff are waiting to get them back and pick a contractor for the job.

He noted that the airport is wrapping up the fire contract related to the recent wildfires and

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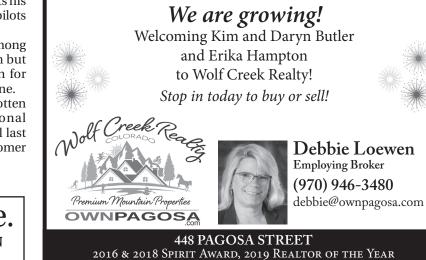
Tuesday, July 25

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/91609048375 ?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHF sa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 09048375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter. agosa 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/.



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navigation. Torres noted that fuel sales are down this year, but that he was unsure of the reasons and he expected fuel sales to be up in July

due to high activity and the fire operations. Maez noted that fuel is expensive and that he currently limits his trips and that he expected the pilots might also be doing so.

that he had put new signs for the

with the Planning Department to

complete readdressing the hangars

to improve emergency services

He indicated that he is working

fixed base operator in place.

Torres stated that activity among local pilots has remained high but fewer planes have traveled in for reasons he could not determine.

He also noted that he has gotten no applications for additional hangars for four months until last week, when he met with a customer who was interested in one.

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EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Taking the sting out of insect encounters

By Robin Young SUN Columnist

Summer and outdoor activities often involve observations and interactions with insects.

While most insects are harmless, we do have some species that can sting. Here are the most common stinging insects you'll find in your backyard.

Western yellow jackets

Western yellow jackets are responsible for 90 percent-plus of all stings in Colorado. When someone says, "I was stung by a bee," they were likely stung a yellow jacket.

The western yellow jacket is much more likely to sting because they are scavengers. Their role in the ecosystem is to be part of the "clean-up crew" by feeding on carrion (dead animals). They also happen to be attracted to human foods, and tend to fly around picnics, barbecues, trash cans, etc.

They tend to be more aggressive in the late summer/fall when temperatures cool down and food is harder to find.

Wasps

European paper wasps are an invasive species that have dramatically altered our garden ecosystems.

They primarily feed on caterpillars. European paper wasps are social and generally not aggressive, unless you disturb their nest. Stings from the European paper wasp usually happen when humans are unaware a nest is present in a shed or other dark location. They tend to build nests close to human activity on buildings and other structures, which can increase the chance of nest disturbance.

Wasp sprays can be an effective control option for European paper wasps. Follow directions explicitly for effectiveness and human safety.



Yellow jacket.

Apply sprays at night when most of the insects have returned to the nest.

Bees

flowers and work in the hive, but they can sting if they need to protect their colony. They can sting only once. Honeybees have a barb at the end at the end of their stinger that stays in your skin. The barb is attached to the internal organs of the bee, so when the bee tries to fly away, the organs are ripped out of the bee's body, killing the bee.

If you come across a bee swarm, call the statewide bee swarm hotline at (844) SPY-BEES [(844) 779-2337]. Beekeepers will collect the swarm. Bees swarm when they outgrow their hive. They are docile when they swarm and won't sting unless provoked.

Bumble bees can sting more than once, but will only sting if their colony is disturbed. Bumble bees are not aggressive and prefer to be left alone foraging on flowers.

Insect control options

Hang yellow tube traps that use the pheromone heptyl butyrate in March or April to attract queens emerging from hibernation. These traps will only attract yellow jackets and not beneficial insects like bees.

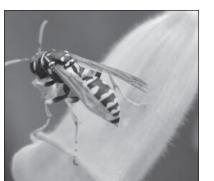


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Honeybees prefer to forage on

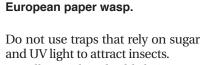


Photo courtesy Lisa Mason

Yellow jackets build their nests underground. Nests can be hard to find unless they build it close to human activity. If a nest is too close for comfort, consider hiring a professional pest control company. Yellow jackets will protect their nest if they feel threatened, creating a potentially dangerous situation. The nests are well-protected underground, so wasp sprays are not effective. Insecticidal dusts may have limited effectiveness.

Insect sting prevention

• Leave stinging insects alone. Don't provoke them.

• If a stinging insect is flying around you, stay calm and walk away. Do not swat at the insect.

If you are stung by an insect

• Calmly leave the area and go indoors if possible.

 Make sure to tell someone and monitor for an allergic reaction.

• If the honeybee stinger is lodged in your skin, use your fingernail, gauze or a credit card to scrape

the stinger out of your skin. Do not squeeze the stinger. • Wash the sting area with soap

Learn about Colorado native bees at July Audubon meeting

By Jean Zirnhelt Weminuche Audubon Society

By Lorena Williams

Chris Mountain Fire.

Forest Service

The decline of pollinator species worldwide is of great concern to people who study them and to pollinator types: bees. This quest learn about Colorado native bees lot. Let us know and we can open people aware of their importance

amongWeminuche Audubon board members led us to want to learn documenting native bees for the what we can do as individuals to support one of these important

A recent discussion of this topic native bees. When she is not tending her bee hives, she is often found Colorado Native Bee Watch.

In Doane's presentation, we will directed us to local bee lover Jen Do- and their importance for a healthy the main door for handicap entry.

for this presentation at our meeting on Wednesday, July 19, at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. Enter through the side door close to the parking





Photo courtesy Lisa Mason

and water.

Honeybee.

• Apply an ice pack to the sting area to reduce swelling.

· If you have a known allergic reaction, consider asking your doctor about carrying an epinephrine pen. Consider wearing a medical identification bracelet stating your allergy. For more information, contact

the local CSU Extension office.

To learn more about bees visiting your gardens, visit NativeBeeWatch. org.

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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The San Juan National Forest's

Pagosa Ranger District will con-

duct a hazardous fuels reduction

project in the Turkey Springs and

Devil Creek areas beginning ap-

proximately July 13. This project

is dependent on the status of the

shred shrubs and small-diameter

trees on approximately 1,200 acres

of national forest land to reduce

ladder fuels and increase the spac-

Large masticators will cut and

ane with a request to speak on this subject at our July chapter meeting.

Doane is a certified interpretive guide and the early literacy librarian at the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. Her love for bees extends to both honey bees and Colorado

and nutrients. This will reduce the

risk of a wildfire transitioning from

the surface to the crowns of trees

Some trails will require short-

• Catamount No. 13 from Turkey

• Turkey Springs Trail — both

and reduce risk to firefighters and

term closures during operations.

Springs Trail to Newt Jack Trail.

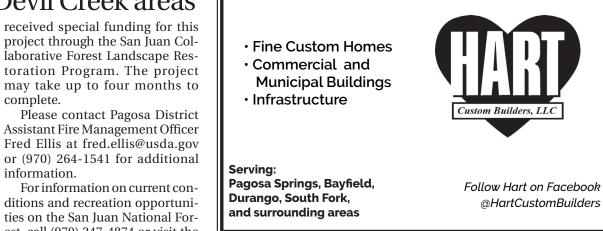
the public.

Trails affected:

ecosystem. We'll discuss various species, supporting healthy populations and building native bee houses. This introductory presentation will spark an interest in bees and provide resources for future research. The public is invited to join us Arrive at 6 p.m. for snacks and socializing before the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. For those unable to join us in person, a link to a Zoom option will be posted prior to the meeting on our website, www. weminucheaudubon.org.

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toration Program. The project may take up to four months to Brockover Road to the fence line. complete. Please contact Pagosa District Circle T ATV trail from Turkey Assistant Fire Management Officer Springs Road to the fence line. Signs will be posted at trailheads Fred Ellis at fred.ellis@usda.gov and on kiosks cautioning recreor (970) 264-1541 for additional

ationists to avoid approaching information. For information on current conequipment, which is capable of throwing material 300 feet or more. ditions and recreation opportuni-Trails will be reopened as soon as ties on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874 or visit the The San Juan National Forest forest website.

Fuels reduction work to begin in Turkey Springs and Devil Creek areas ing between the crowns of trees. motorized and nonmotorized. This project is designed to reduce • Trail No. 642 from the parking area on Piedra Road to Newt Jack understory fuels, improve wildlife habitat and promote forest health Road No. 923. by reducing competition for water • Gopher Trail No. 303 from

• Nov. 27-29

• Dec. 25-26

• Aug. 26-29

• Sept. 22-24

• Oct. 20-21

• Nov. 16-18

• Dec. 13-15

• July 3-4

2024

Temporary closures will impact recreation areas beginning July 15 **Chimney Rock National Monument major** lunar standstill closures announced

By Sabrina Kohrt Forest Service

Chimney Rock National Monument will be closed to public access during major lunar standstill occurrences to provide for employee, partner and public safety.

The major lunar standstill (MLS) is an astronomical event that occurs every 18.6 years. It is visible from Chimney Rock National Monument, where the moon aligns between the two sandstone spires: Chimney Rock and Companion Rock. The rising time is visible for a few days throughout the year over the course of three years.

In the past, visitors could view the major lunar standstill from a twostory fire lookout tower. The tower was removed in 2010 and as a result there is no longer a modern structure or location where the moon rising can be viewed safely. Hazards associated with hiking the strenuous

upper mesa trail in the dark, significant 1,000-foot cliffs on both sides of the trail, and the lack of adequate safety lighting and cliff barriers have been determined to be beyond the agency's ability to mitigate.

In light of these hazards and the intense public interest in viewing the major lunar standstill, the forest supervisor has determined a closure order is necessary to protect public safety, as well as the safety of agency and academic partners who will be permitted in limited numbers to access the viewing area for the purpose of scientific research and videography.

The Forest Service and partners are discussing opportunities to share the event via other platforms such as live streaming, still photography and/or video recording in 2024-2025. No public access will be allowed in the monument after hours of operation during periods and nights surrounding the rising events. Closure of the monument during these periods will be enforced.

Roads included in the area closure:

• NFS Road (NFSR) 617 Chimney Rock Road. • NFSR 617.A Chimney Picnic

Parking Road. Trails included in the area clo-

sure:

• NFS Trail 632 Great House Trail.

Major lunar standstill occurrences and closure

From 4:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. on the dates listed below.

2023

- July 15-16 • Aug. 11-12 • Sept. 6-9
- Oct. 3-5
- Oct. 31-Nov. 1-2
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For more information, please contact Brandy Richardson, Chimney Rock project manager, at (970) 765-7304. For information related to the major lunar standstill, visit the MLS website: https://www. fs.usda.gov/detail/sanjuan/spec ialplaces/?cid=FSEPRD1096477.

Continental Divide Trail Coalition launches stakeholder survey

CDTC seeks feedback from stakeholders and communities along the Continental **Divide National Scenic Trail**

Continental Divide Trail Coalition

The Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC) is conducting a widespread survey of communities and stakeholders connected to the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT).

The CDTC Community Feedback Survey period is open through the end of July and individuals, tribal representatives, organizations and businesses in the CDT landscape are encouraged to participate.

Contributions from the survey will help guide the next phase of community-centric conservation efforts and the organization's mission to complete, promote and protect the CDT. Input from the last strategic visioning process helped to identify action items like trail completion, organizational

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regionalization and equity in the CDT experience as top priorities, of which CDTC has made significant progress in its first decade.

"As CDTC enters our second decade of stewardship of the Continental Divide Trail, the voices and ideas of community members, partners, recreationists and other members of our trail community are more important than ever to help guide the future of our work," said L Fisher, acting executive director for CDTC. "We hope that through this survey, we are able to continue to build our understanding of the priorities, challenges and opportunities along the trail so that future generations continue to enjoy all the benefits of a protected CDT and an accessible Continental Divide landscape."

Stewardship of the 3,100-mile-

long CDT is a collaborative effort land managers, farmers and others with federal agencies working on working lands. Hearing input from everyone, from teachers to alongside tribes, trail organizations ranchers, from youth to business like CDTC, Gateway Communities, owners, from equestrians to bikvolunteers and others to steward the trail. CDTC actively works with ers, and everyone in between will partners and volunteers across the help to ensure that the future of the five states that encompass the CDT: Continental Divide Trail continues Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, to support the way of life in the Idaho and New Mexico. Rocky Mountain West."

"As a grassroots organization, listening to the voices of the communities where we live and work is fundamental," added Fisher. "The CDT acts as a trail to explore, a boost to rural economies, a classroom for youth and an office for

survey. **Card of Thanks**

Aspen House

Thanks to our wonderful community for supporting the Aspen House/ Aspen Services carnival this past Saturday in Town Park. It was wonderful to see so many families come out and play games and enjoy carnival goodies. We would like to thank Rotary for the use of the dunk tank. Hope to see you next year.

Aspen House Board of Directors

CDTC plans to release the re-

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back Survey publicly in the fall.

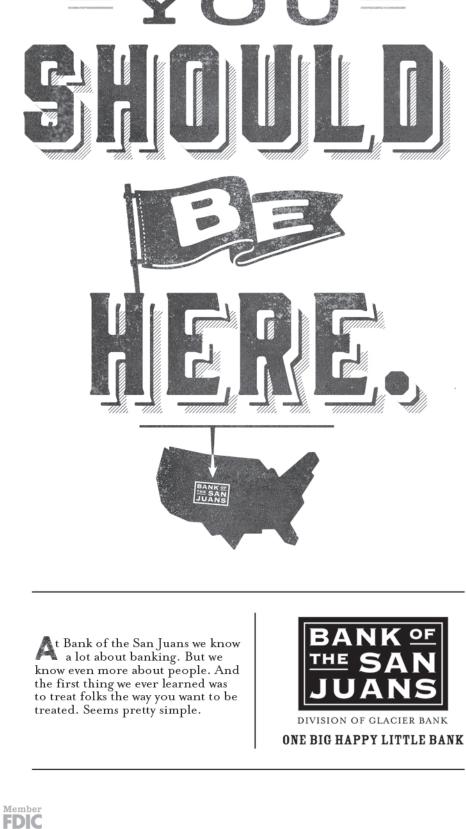
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County approves unbudgeted expenditures

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

At its July 5 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved three unbudgeted expenditures, including increases in hourly wages for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) staff, equipment for implementing a new recordmanagement system (RMS) for the ACSO and a new water truck for the landfill.

Sheriff Mike Le Roux presented on the pay increases for ACSO staff, explaining that he had previously proposed to use funding from the U.S. Marshals Service to fund a \$1.72 increase in wages for hourly paid staff in the ACSO.

He indicated that the funding from the Marshals comes to \$164,250 a year and comes into the jail budget.

He noted that the request was made due to the ACSO being understaffed and being "significantly" behind neighboring agencies from the perspective of hourly rates.

Le Roux commented that the increase would be a "retention strategy" to keep current staff and that the department has 9.3 full-time equivalents of vacancy savings from January to July for a total of approximately \$259,000 in savings

He noted that he was requesting the increase in salaries be covered with vacancy savings, so as to not draw upon the U.S. Marshals contract funds.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that he still was concerned about the increase not being budgeted and that he would prefer to consider a larger budget increase for next year's budget.

Maez also noted that he would want to reduce any increase in ACSO staff pay in the 2024 budget by the amount the salaries were increased now.

He also noted that the U.S. Marshals funding is also used to assist in paying off the detention center.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he appreciated the information on ACSO benefits compared to neighboring agencies that Le Roux had provided at a previous work session and noted that the ACSO is "not competing" with nearby agencies due to comparatively low pay.

He added that he felt the vacancy savings would allow for the pay increase and that he would support an additional increase in the 2024 budget.

He concluded by stating that he would be in favor of the increase, the \$1.72 increase is a "good start." She encouraged Le Roux to ex-

amine his budget for next year to see if a larger increase could be supported and thanked Le Roux for his efforts to increase wages for ACSO staff.

The BoCC then unanimously approved the increase.

Following the vote, Le Roux expressed his thanks and appreciation for the increase.

RMS implementation

Le Roux also presented on the costs for equipment to implement the RMS system provided by Oracle as part of its work with local emergency services agencies and its contract to provide a computeraided dispatch (CAD) system to the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center.

Le Roux indicated that he believed the system would be "cutting-edge technology" and explained that the agencies are part of a small group of early adopters of the Oracle CAD and RMS systems.

He stated that, following implementation, the agencies would enter into a 10-year contract with Oracle, the first five years of which would be free.

He noted that Oracle would provide equipment for ACSO staff to operate from computers in their vehicles, reducing the load on dispatch and improving efficiency.

He stated that Oracle would also be providing new vehicle and body cameras in addition to the RMS system and equipment.

Le Roux explained that the ACSO and other agencies would be required to provide the vehiclemounted routers that will receive cellular data and allow the RMS system in the vehicle to access the Internet.

He commented that this equipment is "the way of the future" and that the technology has existed for some time but the county has not been able to purchase it before now.

He explained that the purchase and installation of the routers would cost the ACSO \$36,432 and would include routers, antennas and installation for all ACSO vehicles.

The office is working closely with the Pagosa Fire Protection District and Pagosa Springs Medical Center Emergency Medical Services to purchase the equipment, Le Roux explained, and is expecting savings due to the number of vehicles being fitted at once.

Maez commented that he sees this purchase as important due to providing more protection for

ship between emergency services agencies is saving county residents significant amounts of money through the contract with Oracle.

Brown asked Le Roux how much money is being saved by Oracle providing equipment and the fiveyear free period in the contract.

Le Roux indicated that the contract agreement would cost \$350,000 over 10 years for what he and County Manager Derek Woodman believed was a package that would cost at least \$1 million from another vendor.

Brown commented that it would be a "pretty easy decision" and expressed his support for the expenditure.

The BoCC then approved the expenditure of \$36,432 for the equipment and installation.

Water truck purchase

Fleet Manager Michael Torres explained that he was seeking approval for the purchase of a used water truck to be used at the landfill along with the hydrospray trailer to help cover trash.

He indicated that, to offset the \$82,195 cost of the truck, he was proposing auctioning off a dump truck and backhoe that are currently at the landfill but rarely used, which he estimated would bring in between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Woodman added that the request for the water truck isn't specifically budgeted for, but that it could be offset by auctioning equipment and by selling off \$20,000 in recyclable material currently sitting at the landfill.

He noted there is currently, approximately \$2.5 million in the landfill budget which could also support the purchase.

Woodman also referenced that, at the June 27 BoCC work session where the purchase had been discussed, it was proposed that the county hold over a water truck slated for sale in 2023.

He stated that this would result in a loss of approximately \$50,000 in expected revenues from the sale.

Woodman concluded that the water truck purchase would likely cost about \$40,000, which would come out of the landfill budget.

Maez commented that the recvcling funds usually go back into the solid waste budget to help fund it for the next year.

He commented that he opposed the purchase and is concerned about unbudgeted expenditures in the county budget and that he would like to see a presentation from the Finance Department on where the county's finances are at mid-vear.

budget is important, she felt the benefits of utilizing the appropriate equipment at the landfill has been recently demonstrated and that she supported the purchase because Torres and Public Works Director Kevin Pogue have a "proven record" of success with appropriate equipment.

However, she cautioned that departments in the future should work to stay within their budgets.

Maez highlighted that Torres has been highly effective in prolonging the lifespans of county equipment and that he was proposing budgeting the water truck for next year with Torres keeping the present equipment running until then.

"I know the need's there, but the principle's there too," Maez added.

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Brown commented that he had been "on the fence" about the purchase and had been leaning toward delaying it until 2024, but that, upon further consideration, he felt that equipment being sold to offset costs would be less valuable in 2024 and the county would spend additional money repairing the current equipment, losing the county money overall.

Brown stated that he believed the county is seeing a large number of unbudgeted expenditure requests because "we're so far behind and we're seeing opportunities to make advancements where we can."

Brown concluded by stating that he felt the county would be "money ahead" by moving forward with the purchase.

Maez asked Torres if he knew what the maintenance costs are on the current water truck at the landfill.

Torres stated that the truck was acquired from the military and does not meet the needs of the landfill.

He added that the truck has other issues, including being difficult to drive and being difficult to find parts for.

Maez proposed that the county could budget for a new water truck next year.

Medina asked Torres how much a new water truck would cost and when the county could acquire one.

Torres stated that a new truck would cost \$200,000 next year.

Maez commented that the new truck would come with a warranty and that the county knew very little about the used truck Torres was proposing to purchase.

Torres responded that that was true, but that the truck has several advantages, including having manual transmission

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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

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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO Pagosa Spring PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is given on July 7, 2023 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta County Court. The Petition requests that the name of Gabriel Rose

Lampley St. Ives be changed to Gabrielle Rose Lampley St. Ives. /s/ Cheryl Mulber

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk Published July 13, 20 and 27, 2023 in *The Pagosa* Springs SUN. County Court

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noting, "every bit helps."

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that she was in favor

Archuleta County citizens and ACSO officers.

He stated that he supports the of the increase and that she felt proposal and feels that the partner-

The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Calls for service for three weeks: 960

June 19 - Found property, Eagle Drive.

June 19 - Warrant arrest, Turkey Lane

June 19 — Found property, Fairfield Drive.

June 20 - Fraud by check-other method, Terry Robinson Road.

June 20 - Theft-from building, Weasel Drive.

June 20 - Assault and battery to a patrolman, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, obstructing peace officer/ police animal/fireman, third-degree assault-simple assault, harassmentstrikes/shoves/kicks, resisting arrest, driving under restraint alcohol/drugrelated offense, Great West Avenue.

June 21 - Domestic violence, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges,

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resisting arrest, obstructing peace office/police animal/fireman, obstructing peace office/police animal/fireman, criminal mischief, Canyon Circle.

June 21 - Agency assist, U.S. 160/ Colo. 151.

June 22 - Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, U.S. 160/ Great West Avenue.

June 22 - Information only, East Golf Place

June 22 - Abandonment of motor vehicle, Canyon Circle.

June 23 - Information only, Wildwood Drive.

June 23 - Agency assist, Forest Service land.

June 23 - Aggravated motor vehicle theft, Beverly Court.

June 23 - Drove vehicle when license suspended, speeding mph over limit not listed, Pinon Hills Drive.

June 24 - Dog at large (first offense), vicious dog without injury (first offense), Chipper Court.

June 24 - Information only, Harman Park Drive

June 25 — Information only, Park Avenue.

June 25 - Animals running at

■ See Blotter A15

Woodman stated that the county would not need a budget amendment.

"But we're stealing out of other areas to pay this off and ..., to me, that's not good procedure," Maez said. "And that's not what we've always done, either, and I know we hear what we've always done in the past isn't always how we should do things either, but, when it comes to the taxpayer money, I think we need to be a lot more diligent."

He then asked Torres if the need for the truck is "emergent."

Torres stated that, in his view, purchasing the truck is the best way to fulfill the needs at the landfill and highlighted that the recent successes at the landfill, such as it passing its inspection, were partially due to having the appropriate tools and equipment.

easier to work on.

"What I'm looking at is sometimes we could be stepping over a dollar to save a dime on this instance 'cause we don't know anything about this truck and we could get it and the engine could conk out and then we're out a truck," Maez said. "I'm just stating some actual facts. Or, if we get it, it could last forever."

Torres raised the issue that the cutoff dates for buying a water truck for the next year are in August or September, meaning the county could likely not get a water truck until 2025 due the timing of the county budget.

Brown then moved to approve the purchase of the water truck, which Medina seconded.

The motion then passed by a split decision with Medina and Brown voting for the purchase and Maez voting against it.

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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: Duke Eggleston, #24965 Eggleston Kosnik LLC 60 E. 12th St., Ste 7 Durango, CO 81301 Phone Number: (970) 403-1580 E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com

Case Numbe 2023CV30042 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION PLAINTIFFS VINCENT J. VITANZA and MICHELLE RENEE VITANZA

TO THE BELOW NAMED 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 UKNOWN 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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE PURSUANT TO STORAGE LIEN

Notice is given that, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statues Sections 38-21-5-101, et. Seq. (2015), a public Sale will be held on July 31st, 2023 at 10:00 am at 357 Park Ave. Pagosa Springs, Colorado. A list of the Unit where property is stored, address of storage, name of occupant, last known address and brief description or the contents follows. If no market value or if no bids are received the goods will be otherwise disposed of. Best Value Storage, #18 - 357 Park Ave. Pagosa Springs, Colorado - Sara Benzel, 372 Canyon Circle Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147

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The Petition requests that the name of Line Hogan be changed to Erin Elizabeth Evergreen. /s/ Nancy McBroom

Deputy Clerk Published July 13, 20 and 27, 2023 in *The Pagosa* Springs SUN. PUBLIC NOTICE ARCHULETA COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Archuleta County Board of Equalization (CBOE) will sit to review the assessment of all taxable property located in Archuleta County, as prepared by the Archuleta County Assessor, and to hear appeals from determinations of the Assessor on July 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 31, and August 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9, 2023 (as needed). Hearings will be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado Published July 13 and 20, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs*

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Archuleta County is seeking proposals for Comprehensive Inmate Medical Services at the County Detention Center. Proposals will be received by the Archuleta County Finance Department at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, until 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2023. The Request for Proposals can be found at www.archuletacounty.org/Bids.aspx Published July 13, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HEARING ON August 1, 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 RNG: 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, CC 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@ archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners on August 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs Public comment will be taken at the me Published July 13 and 27, 2023, in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON July 18, 2023

DAVID AND BARBARA PETTUS have applied for a MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Pettus Minor Subdivision in Sec: 14 Twn: 34 Rng: 2.5W, at 1375 County Rd 326, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-071). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR).

Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PFlowers@ archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on July 18, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council for the Town of Pagosa Springs will be holding a public hearing for the application of a new Hotel and Restaurant liquor license from Sage Prime Inc located at 970 San Juan Street in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The public hearing will be held or Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and/or remote by Zoom meeting. All people wishing to comment should be present at that meeting or have written comments in the office of the Town Clerk no late than 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2023.

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order, San Juan Street.

County Road 600/U.S. 160.

order, Aspen Village Drive.

June 15 — Careless driving, Aspen

June 15 - Violation of restraining

June 16 - Following too closely,

June 17 — Shoplifting, Hot Springs

June 17 - Violation of restraining

June 18 - Owner/custodian al-

June 19 — Assault second degree,

June 22 - Assault third degree,

June 23 - Criminal mischief, 8th

June 23 - Warrant arrest, US. 160.

June 24 — Warrant arrest, Village

June 24 - Drove vehicle without

driver's license, operated vehicle with-

out insurance, expired license plates.

failed to display lights, Eagle Drive/

harassment, domestic violence,

June 25 — Assault second degree,

June 26 - Burglary second degree,

June 28 - Motor vehicle theft,

June 28 - Failed to give informa-

June 28 - Warrant arrest, Hot

June 29 — Abandonment of motor

June 29 — Careless driving caused

June 30 - Careless driving, sus-

June 30 - Harassment, Country

July 3 — Failed to notify police of

July 4 - Failed to give information

July 4 - Careless driving, Great

July 4 — Animal running at large,

July 5 — Harassment, menacing,

July 6 — Shoplifting, Country Center

July 6 - Criminal mischief, Eagle

July 6 - Disorderly conduct, Coun-

July 6 - Prohibited use of weapon,

July 6 - Criminal mischief, Eagle

July 6 — Remained in park between

July 7 - Criminal trespass, 9th

July 7 — Careless driving, failed to

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court:

Archuleta County Court: Judge

June 28 - Reed M. Clanahan,

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speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs

notify police of accident, Country

Judge Anthony D. Edwards

reckless endangerment, Trujillo Road.

dust and dawn, 8th Street.

and/or aid after damaging another

vehicle, Pagosa Alley/4th Street.

Goldmine Drive/Great West Ave.

bodily injury, Pagosa Street/Hot

vehicle, 8th Street/Piedra Street.

pended driver's license, U.S. 160.

tion and/or aid after damaging an-

other vehicle, Hot Springs Boulevard/

criminal mischief, theft, San Juan

domestic violence, harassment, Vil-

lowed animal to run at large, Pinon

domestic violence, Eagle Drive.

June 25 - Second-degree burglary, theft-from building, first-degree criminal trespass-other intent, Deer Trail

June 25 - Domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Woodsman Drive.

June 26 - Agency assist, East Pagosa Street.

June 26 — Information only, mental health-protective custody, Carol's Curves.

June 26 - Obstructs court proceeding/refuses to complete order, Harman Park Drive.

June 26 — Information only, East U.S. 160.

June 27 - Warrant arrest, East McCabe Street/Alpha Drive.

June 27 - Criminal mischief, all other thefts, second-degree burglary, second-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, County Road 200.

June 27 - Harassment-follows in public place, Lake Forest Circle.

June 27 - Agency assist, USFS 649/County Road 500.

June 28 - Obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, disorderly conduct-petty, Park Avenue/Holly Tree Circle

June 28 — Missing children, Hills Circle.

June 29 - Structure fire/agency assist, Parelli Institute Drive.

June 29 - Dog at large (first offense), vicious dog without injury (first offense), Big Sky Place.

June 29 - Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Hills Circle.

June 29 - Warrant arrest. Oak

Drive/U.S. 160. June 29 - Admin call, Country Center Drive.

June 29 — Warrant arrest, Country Center Drive.

June 29 — Warrant arrest, Country Center Drive.

June 30 — Information only, County Road 400.

June 30 - Defrauding a secured creditor-over \$15,000, Metro Drive.

June 30 - Information only, Gila Drive.

June 30 - Information only, Meadows Drive/Marmot Court.

July 1 - Information only, South Pagosa Boulevard.

July 2 — Violation of restraining order, violation of restraining order, USFS 923/USFS 629.

July 2 – Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, USFS 923/USFS 629. July 2 - Violation of restraining

order, Lake Forest Circle.

July 2 — Violation of restraining order, Great West Avenue.

July 2 – Information only, Trails Boulevard.

July 3 – Trespass warning, Falcon Place.

July 4 — Information only, child abuse, River Run Drive/OakRidge Drive

June 28 - Victor M. Cruz Cruz, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.

June 28 - Allison Clemens Damm, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs - \$161.50.

June 28 - Timothy J. Edington, speeding 10-19 over limit, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs \$279.50.

June 28 - Taylor L. Hinkhouse, seat belt not used, fines and costs -\$133.50

June 28 — Todd Garrett James Mees, license plates-expired, fines and costs - \$155.50.

June 28 — Lisa Sue Norris, driving under restraint, license plates-expired, fines and costs - \$271.50.

June 28 - Mark Robison, license plates-expired, stop lamps defective, driver's license-not in possession, fines and costs - \$199.50.

June 28 - Gabriel B. Talamante, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs - \$161.50.

June 28 - Steven Wayne Crow, driving ability impaired-with prior conviction, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 10 days electronic surveillance, two years probation, fines and costs - \$1,920.50.

June 28 - Mark D. Ehrlich, improper mountain driving, fines and costs - \$149.50.

June 28 - Jennifer S. Basa, license plates-expired, fines and costs \$120.50

June 28 - Devon Thomas Martinez-Rockwell, speeding 5-9 over limit, driving under restraint, fines and costs \$255.50

June 29 - Antonio Gutierrez, disorderly conduct-fighting in public, 12 months probation, fines and costs - \$734

June 29 - Reannan Rea Braden, improper mountain driving, fines and costs - \$174.50.

June 29 - Thomas Marcelino Candelaria, driving under the influence, 365 days jail, 48 hours community service, two years probation, 60 days jail, fines and costs - \$1,940.50.

June 29 - Antonio R. Gutierrez, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, one year probation, fines and costs - \$666.50.

June 30 - Kevin Lee Deal, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs - \$125. July 3 - Christon E. Lissberger, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs - \$126.50.

July 5 - Aldahir F. Rivera Ramos, driver's license-driving without, tail lamp violation, fines and costs -\$94.50.

July 5 - Aviana A. Barrientos, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs - \$233.50.

July 5 - Charlize Darrwyn, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs - \$233.50.

July 5 — Tara M. Evans, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs -

July 5 - Carol A. Soctz, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs -\$233.50.

July 5 – Nicholas Arlin Cummings. passed when prohibited, speeding 25+ over, fines and costs - \$340.

July 5 — James Wade Key, license plates-expired, fail obey traffic control device, fines and costs - \$278.50.

July 5 - Eleanora Mae Yazzie, weaving from traffic lane, fines and costs - \$135.

July 5 - Christopher T. Walden, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs - \$210.50.

July 5 - Susan Karyl Davenport, driving while ability impaired, 25 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, 12 months unsupervised probation deferred sentence, fines and costs - \$574.50

Julv 10 - Carlos Valenzuela, driver's license-expired 1 year/less, fines and costs - \$90.50. July 10 - Susan S. Emmons

speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs - \$127.50

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

June 28 - Noel Zimmer, driving ability impaired-with prior conviction, two years probation, 10 days electronic surveillance, 48 hours community service, 265 days jail suspended imposition, fines and costs - \$2,024.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

June 26 - Robert Steven Rader, sex assault/child/position trust-pattern of abuse, habitual criminal sentence enhancer, habitual criminal sentence enhancer, habitual criminal sentence enhancer, 48 years to life Department of Corrections, 20 years to life parole, fines and costs - \$9,944.11.

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July 4 – Drove vehicle without insurance, failed to display valid registration, County Road 500.

July 4 - Information only, theftshoplifting, Bastille Drive.

July 4 – Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Colo. 151.

July 4 — Information only, U.S. 84. July 4 — Criminal mischief, Cloman Boulevard.

July 4 — Aggravated motor vehicle

theft, East Golf Place. July 5 — Failure to comply, Harman

Park Drive.

July 5 - Second-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, West U.S. 160.

July 5 - All other thefts, U.S. 84. July 5 – Agency assist, West U.S. 160/Colo. 151.

July 6 - Third-degree assaultsimple assault, false imprisonment, domestic violence, criminal mischief, Tom's Place.

July 6 — Trespass warning, Vista Boulevard.

July 6 - Third-degree assaultsimple assault, harassment-strikes/ shoves/kicks, domestic violence, Beech Court.

July 7 — Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, violation of restraining order, warrant arrest, Navajo Trail Drive.

July 7 — Warrant arrest, Port Avenue.

July 7 -Information only, Solomon Drive.

July 9 - Warrant arrest, East Pagosa Street.

July 9 – Second-degree arson misdemeanor, information only, Prospect Boulevard.

July 9 — First-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-theft no force, North Pagosa Boulevard.

July 9 — Information only, Fireside Street

July 9 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle when license suspended, Great West Avenue.

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Calls for service for four weeks: 552.

June 13 - Warrant arrest, abandonment of motor vehicle, 10th Street/ Piedra Street.

June 14 - Shoplifting, theft, San

July 7 — Reckless driving, County \$279.50 Road 600.

July 5 - Martha E. Gonzalez de July 7 – Warrant arrest, Pagosa Hazelwood, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs - \$198.50. July 7 - Harassment, San Juan

July 5 - Tyler M. Goss-Fackender, fail obey traffic control device, driving under restraint, fines and costs -\$253.50

July 5 — Stacey M. Osby, driving under restraint, fines and costs -\$177.50.

July 5 - Marco V. Politi, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs - \$161.50.

July 5 - Shc-rilyn R. Russell, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs - \$233.50.

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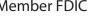
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SUN photo/Hailey Sams Rafters take on Davy's Wave downtown Tuesday afternoon, July 11. This past week has been a prime time for both rafting and tubing down the river.

CPW seeks public input on importation of crayfish into Colorado through July 30

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is asking the public for input on the importation of crayfish into the state. The public comment period is open through July 30.

Recently, CPW has become aware of a significant market for live crayfish that are primarily imported into Colorado from outside of the state.

CPW believes that the major species being imported is the red swamp crayfish, a species that is currently not allowed to be imported or possessed in Colorado.

Regulations prohibiting the import, transport and possession of most live crayfish into Colorado have been in place for decades in an effort to protect Colorado's natural aquatic ecosystems and native species. Rusty crayfish in particular have been a top invasive concern for CPW since their detection in the state in 2009.

In response to this emerging



regulations, and seeking input from process and share their feedback the public on importing red swamp crayfish into Colorado.

Public input process

at EngageCPW.org through July 30.

Crayfish regulations are tentatively scheduled to be discussed at the July 17 Fish Health Board

Card of Thanks

Town

I would like to thank the Town of Pagosa Springs for sponsoring the 4th of July Parade. The registration process and lining up of participants, floats and walkers was outstanding, as was the spacing out of floats with music so as not to conflict with each other. I want to personally thank the Pagosa Springs Line Dancers; people don't realize how difficult it is for us to dance on a moving float. A special thank you to Walt Agius for his outstanding driving, Kenny Womack for handling the music and Larry Smith for loaning us his truck and flatbed.

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market for red swamp crayfish, CPW is reviewing current crayfish

Members of the public can learn meeting and the Aug. 24-25 Parks more about the regulation review and Wildlife Commission meeting.

Pika Patrol: Mobile app monitors the iconic American pika

Colorado Pika Project

With the winter snowpack gone, hikers are once again pouring into Colorado's high peaks, and this year, some of them will come back with important data on the American pika.

This is the first summer in which hikers are using Pika Patrol, an innovative new mobile app, to track observations and monitor populations of climate-sensitive American pika.

This first-of-its-kind app for the at-risk species will be used by the roughly 650 volunteers affiliated with the Colorado Pika Project, but it also opens the door for hikers, residents and visitors to easily record pika observations with their smartphones. Through Pika Patrol, the project expects to expand the area where it is studying this charismatic mountain dweller.

The Colorado Pika Project is an initiative led by Rocky Mountain Wild and the Denver Zoo that engages volunteers to study the impacts of climate change on the American pika in Colorado.

Pikas, close relatives of rabbits, are small mammals that live at high altitudes in Colorado and across the West. Despite thriving in some of the harshest environments in the state, pikas in some areas may be vulnerable to climate change as temperatures rise and snowpack melts earlier across the intermountain west.

"Each summer, thousands of hikers see pikas dashing around rocky slopes above the tree line," said Megan Mueller, conservation biologist at Rocky Mountain Wild. "With Pika Patrol, there is now a simple way for them to record these pika sightings and share their observations with scientists."

"Pika Patrol will really empower hikers to help scientists understand how pikas are coping with climate change in our state," said Dr. Johanna Varner, a biology professor and American pika expert at Colorado Mesa University. "The app makes photos and sound recordings with their observations, which are really powerful data."

The app was designed to be easy to use. All you need to participate is a mobile device.

"Colorado Pika Project community scientists have been studying pikas at our long-term monitoring site for over a decade, but they had

it really easy for people to submit to be trained in a pretty rigorous scientific protocol. Now, all you need to use Pika Patrol is a smartphone," said AlexWells, community conservation coordinator at the Denver Zoo. "Even if you've never seen a pika before, the app will teach you to identify them by sight, calls, haypiles and scat."

Pika Patrol is available for free in the Google Play and Apple App stores.



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Town Park athletic field • July 21 • 5:30-8:30 p.m.



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Heavy Diamond Ring to play ComFest July 21

Staff report

The Town of Pagosa Springs' 2023 ComFest series will continue from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, July 21, in the athletic field at Town Park.

The town's free outdoor concert series takes place June through August, with the beer and wine sales benefiting a different local nonprofit organization each month. Food trucks will be available for meal purchases.

Friday's event will feature Heavy Diamond Ring,

giving event-goers the opportunity to jam to American folk rock.

The evening's proceeds will benefit Healthy Archuleta.

After Friday, the next event is set for Aug. 18, when Kirk James Blues will play and proceeds will benefit Pagosa Youth Football.

On Aug. 31, Dreem Machine and Ragwater will play, with proceeds benefiting Aspen House.

For more information, contact the Ross Aragon Community Center at (970) 264-4152.

Whatchamawhozits to present 'Newsies Jr.' July 15 and 16

By Laura Moore

Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

The Pagosa Springs Center of the Arts presents "Newsies Jr." — the story of Jack Kelly and his band of rebellious newsboys who stand up against publishing giant Joseph Pulitzer with the help of his clever female comrade, Katherine Plumber, in an epic and heartfelt conflict of David versus Goliath.

"Newsies Jr." will be presented

by the Whatchamawhozit summer kid's theater camp, an annual camp where participating kids have the opportunity to explore the world of theater, make friends, discover creative passions and, of course, perform in front of a full audience of family members and patrons.

The camp is taught by the talented professional cast members of our summer repertory season, which includes the "Great American Trailer Park Musical," "Jersey Boys" and "Godspell."

The kids have worked so hard this summer and are incredibly excited to showcase their work and talent. Each cast of actors will be performing twice (cast A on July 15 and cast B on July 16) at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online at https:// www.pagosacenter.org/ or over the phone at (970) 731-7469. Come support our talented kiddos.

Live Performers

Meltdown on Main: Unexpected Em, 5 p.m. The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Max Miller, 5 p.m.

Saturday

Friday

East Side Market: Open Mic with Michael Dae Hanlon, 9 a.m.

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.

Monday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Allora Leonard, 5 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Alley House Grille lounge: Bob Hemenger, 5:30 p.m. The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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Live outdoor music: 19th Hole Concert Series to feature Bo DePeña

By Robson Reyes

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

Join us as we celebrate Veterans Memorial Park at the 19th Hole Concert at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club on Thursday, July 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Veterans Park of Pagosa Springs' mission is "to develop and maintain a Memorial Park in honor of all past, present and future veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America; to be a place for veterans, their families and the public to remember, reflect and contemplate the sacrifices of these individuals; and to serve as an educational venue."

Please join us Thursday, July 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to enjoy our last concert this year promoting Veteran's Memorial Park. Bo De-Peña will close out the series with modern Texas-style country music with a little rock 'n roll swagger.

Your \$10 cover charge supports five local nonprofits that are part of the 19th Hole Concerts. Lo-

Calling all backyard growers: Food Distribution Center looking for freshly grown produce

Healthy Archuleta

Do you often find yourself figuring out what to do with all the fresh lettuce or squash your garden just produced? Do you wish someone could take some of this harvest off your hands to prevent any of it from going to waste?

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The Food Distribution Center helps provide food to all seven of the local food pantries in Archuleta County, and they are looking for people like you to help those in need with your freshly grown local produce.

Prices on the shelves of grocery stores continue to rise along with the overall cost of living, and some people are getting left behind in being able to provide healthy food for their families and themselves. Sharing your available, fresh food is one of the easiest ways to create a community of happy and healthy individuals.

The food pantry network provides food to hundreds of people in our community on a weekly basis and more are expected to take advantage of their resources as this year continues.

Your fresh produce contributions are a phenomenal way to **See Growers on next page** cal nonprofits participating this year are Veterans Memorial Park, the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society, Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Aspen House and Aspen Services, and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue. At the end of the series, all proceeds are pooled and equally distributed to the featured organizations.

All concerts are at the Pagosa

Springs Golf Club.

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

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Friends of the Library preparing for upcoming annual book sale

By Helen Richardson Friends of the Library

As we make the final preparations for the Friends of the Library book sale, July 21 and 22, the Friends volunteers are extremely grateful for the Pagosa Springs High School football team.

These brawny youngsters easily tote the hundreds of boxes of books that are stored away throughout the year in anticipation of the big event. They earn community service points and the Friends don't have to heft heavy boxes.

Please join us at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. for the sale.

You'll find a wide selection of fiction and nonfiction titles and children's books. Hardcover books are mostly \$3, paperbacks are \$1 to \$2. The sale is open to the public from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, July 21, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 22.

If you are a member of the Friends of the Library, you are invited to shop early either day, from 9 to 10 a.m. If you would like to become a Friend of the Library, individual membership is \$15, family is \$25, and a lifetime mem-



Photo courtesy Friends of the Library

Members of the Pagosa Springs High School football team help to load and transfer boxes of books for a Friends of the Library's annual sale. This year's sale is set for July 21 and 22.

bership is \$100 per person. You can pay at the library or at the door at

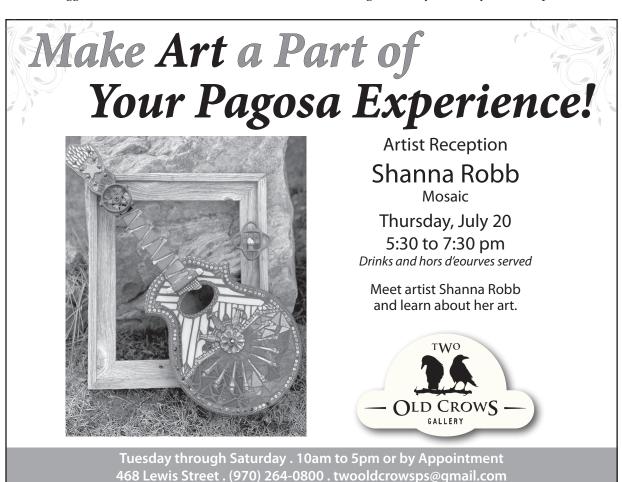
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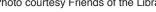
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Tickets available for jazz under the stars at Keyah Grande

By Sally Neel Mountain Light Music Festival

The Mountain Light Music Festival is excited to present a fabulous series of jazz concerts at Keyah Grande Wednesday, July 26, through Friday, July 28.

Each of the three concerts be-

gins at 7 p.m. Tickets (\$50) can be purchased at Choke Cherry Tree (56 Talisman Drive, No. 8C) and at the Chamber of Commerce office downtown.

The performances will feature The Wayne Fisher Jazz Ensemble from Baylor University under the direction of Alex Parker, director and senior lecturer in Jazz Studies at Baylor University. Other name artists include drummer Ed Taylor, professor of music theory and drumming coach at Baylor; Chris Clark, Thomas Madeja and Sig Stefanson on trumpet; Jon Whitaker, professor of trombone from University of Alabama; and Brent Phillips, professor of trombone at Baylor University.

Each concert will have its own unique flavor. Wednesday night's concert will be in the style of a jazz club combo. On Thursday night, wear your dancing shoes and plan to "cut a rug" as you enjoy a fabulous dance band swing concert. The jazz concerts will culminate on Friday night with the full ensemble with staff and Baylor students on board with five saxophones, four trumpets, five trombones, keyboard, two bass players and drums.

If you have not had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful setting at Keyah Grande, you are in for a real treat. Located at 13211 West U.S. 160, the guest house is set away from the noise of the highway, offering the perfect intimate and elegant venue to enjoy great music with friends.

"These musicians are the best of the best," said Carol Larsen, executive director of Mountain Light Music. "I think our audiences will be absolutely thrilled to experience jazz music at its very finest."

For more information on ticket purchases for the summer concerts or on how you can support the future of Mountain Light Music Festivals in Pagosa Springs, go to www.mountainlightmusicfestival. com or you may contact Carol Larsen at (214) 649-5041.

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altitude and low humidity at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts exclusively for Friends of Thingamajig Theatre members on July 9. She taught the audience breathing, warm-up and voice training exercises until they graduated to singing "Who Loves You" from "Jersey Boys." McIntyre is the music director for all three musicals in the professional theater's summer season — "Trailer Park," "Jersey Boys" and "Godspell." She has a wealth of experience with Thingamajig shows, having been music

director for multiple productions including "Jekyll and Hyde," "West Side Story," "Ring of Fire," "Legally Blonde" and "Mamma Mia!" A Colorado native and resident of Denver, she has been such a constant presence at Thingamajig over the last nine years — both as a performer and music director — that she purchased a condo in Pagosa. She has a master's degree in vocal performance from the University of Northern Colorado and also performs and directs at other theatrical venues.

Thingamajig Theatre Company season continues

By Laura Moore Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

'The Great American Trailer Park Musical" is a two-act musical, written by David Nehls and Betsy Kelso. It entertains audiences by oversharing the relationship nuainces between the tenants at the Armadillo Acres Trailer Park in Starke, Fla., particularly between, "the stripper on the run," the trailer park long time agoraphobic resident, Jeannie, and Jeannie's tollbooth-collector husband, Norbert, A laugh-out-loud comedy with incredible music and a live band, "The Great American Trailer Park Musical" is a night out worth planning.

"Jersey Boys," the story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, is getting rave reviews and sold-out shows. It is presented in a documentary-style format that dramatizes the formation, success and eventual break-up of the 1960s rock 'n' roll group The Four Seasons. Don't miss out on this blockbuster performance.

"Godspell" tells the story of the gospel according to St. Matthew and deals with the last days of Jesus, including dramatized versions of several well-known parables. And yet it is something more — a religious experience, a demonstration of joy and a celebration



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

Three fabulous Thingamajig Theatre Company shows are running in rep at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts this summer.

of the family of man. The cast are conceived as clowns, improvising scenery and costumes, and using many well-known theatrical devices, pantomime vaudeville and varied musical styles to interpret one of humanity's greatest events. This is a unique and unmissable production.

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The Healthy Archuleta Youth Community Learning and Leadership Circle worked with youngsters attending the K.I.D.S. Day Camp to learn about composting.

Youth on the move: Healthy Archuleta group works with kids to promote a healthier community

Healthy Archuleta Youth CLLC

Composting is the last resort before food scraps and waste go to the landfill. Ideally, food that is nearing expiration is eaten, donated, preserved or fed to animals. Our partnership with the K.I.D.S. Day Camp is just one part of the many different initiatives that the Healthy Archuleta Youth Community Learning and Leadership Circle (CLLC) is doing to educate children on the food system.

This summer, we are in charge of educating the youth in our community and other people about the responsibilities that we have when it comes to contributing to our food system. We are doing this by putting together different activities to educate not only the youth, but our community as well.

On June 28, three of our team members set activities at Yamaguchi Park for the K.I.D.S. Day Camp. We started the day with an ice-breaker game where everyone introduced themselves and said their favorite type of fruit. Next, we transitioned into the Capture the Compost game, which is analogous to Capture the Flag. The game lasted about 30 minutes and the kids and the counselors seemed to have a great time chasing each other and getting some physical activity in pursuit of compost and landfill items.

After the game, we gathered the kids around the bleachers to introduce what was in the garbage and compost that acted as the flags in the game. For the garbage bag, youth CLLC asked if the items inside could go somewhere other than landfill. We asked the campers to identify some of the compostable food items, and asked them what could be done with the food before going to the compost.

For the second section of our activities, the kids were split by age into two groups 5-7 (Explorers) and 8-12 (Adventurers). The younger group colored an activity sheet with pictures of food scraps and containers, some which could be composted (in a backyard compost) and some would have to go to the landfill. The older campers worked in groups to create a makeshift compost system using milk jugs, soil, paper shreds, fruit peels, water and worms.

To wrap up the day, the Youth CLLC asked campers about what they had learned about the composting process and the parts incorporated. One camp counselor remarked that he "thought the kids really enjoyed the compost day" and "all ages were engaged and had lots See Healthy on next page



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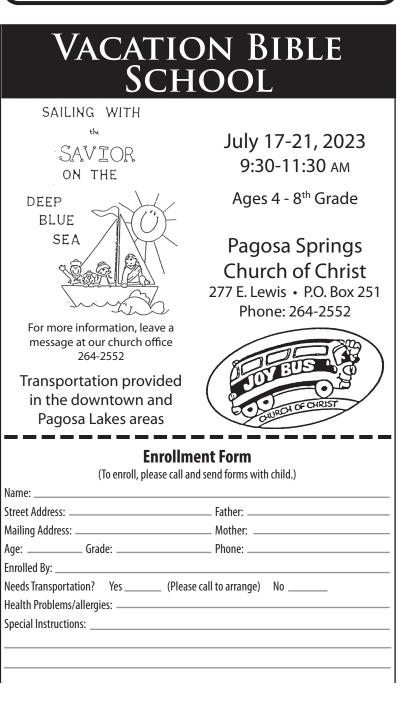
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New Thought topic: 'Terms of The **Original Soul Contract of Duality'**

By Shayla McClure New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The July 16 Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. will be "Terms of The Original Soul Contract of Dualitysetting yourself free from its oppres-

sive grip" with Sophia White Feather. 'The end of the journey is the beginning. The power that was shall be no more, and the power that is shall be reclaimed once more." — White Feather.

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 Shayla White Eagle. Learn about crystal layouts, energy clearings, blessings, healthy remedies and spiritual healing. Text or call (970) 309-6067 for more information.

July 15: Fourth annual tree global meditation,11:11 a.m. at Xanadu at the sacred water medicine wheel, or all are invited to join in at the time of your choosing at home in private per treelovers.org. Visit https://youtu.be/tGBIAV3c_5c to watch and listen to the meditation narrated by Yis Vang. The YouTube link will go live on July 14.

Aug. 12: Vets4Vets benefit outdoor concert with the Retrocats live band. Tickets are \$10.

Healthy

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While the K.I.D.S. Day Camp activities were devoted to education about composting, we also discussed with the campers what they should do with the food before it goes into the compost. Healthy Archuleta's mission is to promote equitable, healthy and sustainable food practices in our community as they relate to the food system as a whole.

The Youth CLLC will continue to work in advancing awareness and engagement of the youth of Archuleta County by focusing on food production, food waste prevention and resource recovery, healthy food access, and eating nutritious foods.

Another event we have in store for this summer is the upcoming Kids in the Mountain Garden program on July 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the

Vista Lake Community Garden. At the Kids in The Mountain Garden program, we will be teaching kids and their families about garden maintenance through the activities of weeding, seeding and watering. We also plan on doing some harvesting and learning about the elements of a successful garden (air, light, water and soil). This is one of the many ways that we are teaching our younger peers about our local food system.

On a final note, we would like to extend an invitation to fellow youth in our community to join us at the Youth CLLC gatherings, which are every other Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Come join us for some food, learning and community building.

For more information, please contact us at fsfearchuleta@gmail. com.

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

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

About us

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This summer's Thingamajig Theatre Company Broadway musicals actors, including Trevor Brown and Samantha "Sam" Luck, will serve dinner, perform in a cabaret-style concert directed by Melissa Firlit and be auctioned off by emcee Dan Morrison for private gatherings on Tuesday, July 25, at 5 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. It's a gala evening to raise funds for Pagosa's sole nonprofit professional live theater.



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Morrison, Firlit return for key roles in Thingamajig's Broadway Gala fundraiser

By Carole Howard Thingamajig Theatre Company

Hugely popular Thingamajig Theatre Company actor Dan Morrison returns to Pagosa from California to emcee the live auction at the Broadway Gala fundraising event on Tuesday, July 25, at 5 p.m.

Morrison will be joined by another greatly admired favorite, as Melissa Firlit comes from NewYork City to direct an original cabaret show featuring the talents of the Thingamajig Theatre Company's brilliant summer musicals cast.

The key roles of Firlit and Morrison are part of an elegant evening at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts to raise funds for Pagosa's only nonprofit professional live theater.

In addition to the cabaret concert, 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.

The dishes served at the gala dinner will be inspired by two of the summer's Broadway musicals — southern favorites like chicken fingers and mac and cheese for "The Great American Trailer Park Musical" and Italian specialties like roast beef sandwiches and lasagna in honor of "Jersey Boys." 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, pagosacenter. org, or by phoning the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Unique auction items

A look at some of the one-of-akind live auction offerings gives you a good idea of what unique experiences 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



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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 iewel of the gala.

Another remarkable auction item is a trip for two to New York City with Tim and Laura Moore where you'll join them for two days of auditioning 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 numbers.

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

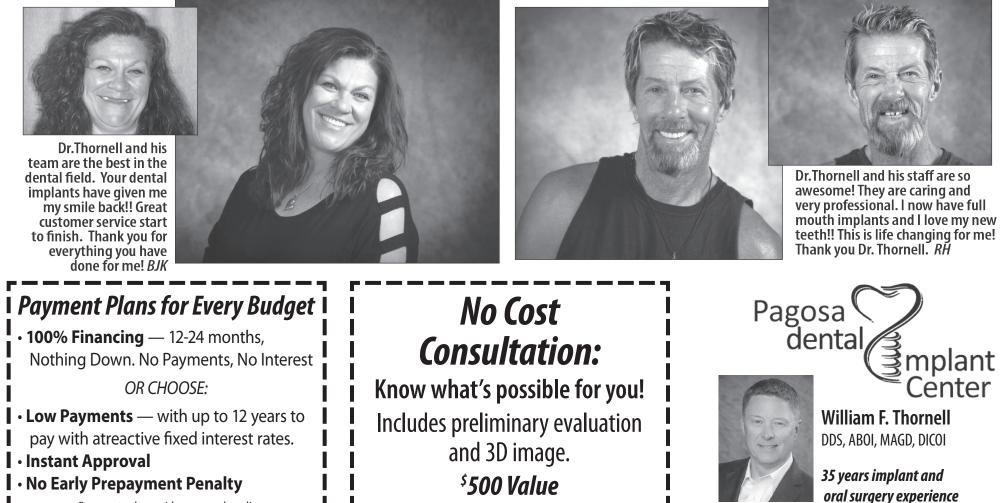
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Tickets for the gala and summer musicals are available at pagosacenter.org or by phoning the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

"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) theater 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. The theater was co-founded in

2010 by Tim and Laura Moore, both award-winning actors and directors in their own right.

Their mission is to provide high-quality theater 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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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

The song of the chipping sparrow is a commonly heard refrain in our summer forests. Don't expect a pleasant melody from this bird. His song is a rapid, mechanical sounding trill composed of one note repeated rapidly on the same pitch. He often chooses to sing his presence and announce his territory from the top of a small tree.

Although it favors lots of shrubs and undergrowth, this adaptable sparrow is equally at home in wooded forests and city parks, wherever trees meet grassy openings. To maintain their high metabolic rates and temperatures, birds spend much of the day looking for food. These sparrows mainly eat the seeds of grasses and herbs, but, like most other songbirds, they rely on the added protein of insects to fuel their developing young.

Birds like the chipping sparrow that forage in the open on the ground are constantly on the alert for predators. Sometimes they delay feeding until evening to stay lighter and more agile during the day, when they are most vulnerable.

Adult chipping sparrows that we see here during breeding season are identified by a bright, rusty crown, black line through the eye and unstreaked gray colored belly. In summer, they are common across North America, moving to southern extremes of the United States, Baja California and Mexico for the winter.

After the breeding season, chipping sparrows can be found foraging for seed under bird feeders. The American Bird Conservancy has several tips for leading a bird-friendly life, including keeping cats indoors, treating windows to prevent bird strikes, purchasing coffee certified as bird-friendly, avoiding pesticide use, landscaping with native plants, providing water, and supporting legislation and organizations that prioritize birds and their habitats.

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We've come a long way

By Betty J. Slade PREVIEW Columnist

Our Monday morning writing group planned a fun day to get to know each other. Everyone brought a picture of themselves, a memory of their younger days and told something about themselves.

Somehow, it escaped us that we actually had full, productive lives before we began the occupation of writing. As each one shared their photos and stories, we saw another side of what made them who they have become. There are stories still buried deep within them. We need another fun day.

Over the nine years we've been together, we've all changed. We started full of spunk, gusto and a lot of fight. Seven of us have entered into the big 80. We've slowed down, but the ideas and the push to write are stronger than ever. Now we want to record our last words in memoirs, novels and letters to our children.

Sixteen writers sat in a circle that morning. One of the writers brought a picture of herself that could've come out of an ad from a 1960 magazine. In white heels and hose, calf-length full skirt and apron, she stood in her 1960s kitchen holding a sheet of cookies.

The women identified with that time, even the younger ones. We'd come home from church and go right to the kitchen. A roast and potatoes cooking in the slow cooker, we'd bring out our good china and feed our hungry families and, many times, guests from church. The lines have blurred over time; women are working out in the marketplace and go to a nice restaurant for Sunday dinner.

But we lived in a time when women stayed home, took care of their houses and raised their babies. The husband's job was to bring home the bacon.

We laughed at how it used to be and how far we have come. I've thrown away those Sunday school dresses, pantyhose and high heels. Do women even own or wear an apron? And cookies — who bakes cookies today? I've got my Sweet Al on a two-meal plan a day, breakfast, a late lunch and a protein



Who in the world still fits in their high school clothes? Apparently, she does.

drink. I'm a writer who wants to write. I don't want to cook or clean.

As we went around the circle, the next photo brought out at our fun day was from an 87-year-old who writes children's stories and novels.

She said, "Oh I wished I would have brought my picture in my cheerleading uniform from high school."

Mind you, at 87, she is tall and lanky, still full of life. I looked at her and said, "Do you still fit in your cheerleading uniform from high school?"

"Yes, I do. I could've worn it and done a cheer for everyone."

Who in the world still fits in their high school clothes? Apparently, she does.

"You must wear it to one of our special events. And definitely be part of our entertainment."

Another writer explained about the picture she brought of her granddad in khaki pants. She said, "I'm in love with khaki pants. I have fond memories of staying with my grandparents. I was so close with my granddad that when I saw a man wearing khaki pants, I fell in love with him on the spot. He reminded me of my granddad and I married him." One of the writers told of her love for horses. When she was 5 years old, she was sitting on a motorized horse in front of a dime store. Her life went in that direction. Today, she owns a store in town and has acquired many stories from her customers. Now she writes her customers' stories.

My Sweet Al carried my picture for 65 years in his billfold. When I asked him to let me take it to the group, he couldn't find it. He had replaced it with his dog's picture, Whiskey. Well, my story went out the window. It was a great picture and would've made a good story.

A wedding picture from 30 years ago brought up a story of a double wedding. Two local couples wed and everything went wrong for the one couple who didn't make it. The writer's marriage is still as sweet as the day she and her husband met.

The men had their stories, too. I'll save them for another article. That morning, we laughed at ourselves and each other. Memories flowed. There are still plenty of stories in us to write.

Final brushstroke: How can anyone dismiss older people? They carry a world of stories in the core of their existence. If we want to see how life is lived, we must go below the wrinkled skin, flabby arms, limps and canes, and 30 extra pounds to catch a glimpse of the worth of people who have lived and have come a long way, baby.

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How to suspend holds when you're busy with summer activities

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

If your life is unusually busy at this time of year with travels, visitors and so many fun summer activities, you may want to take advantage of the library's program that allows you to freeze - or suspend — your holds at any time.

The best part is you do not lose your place in line. When your hold is thawed, or released, you go right back in to the same place in your hold line; you do not go to the end of the line.

To freeze your holds online, first log into your account. On the left side of the page, click on "Titles on Hold." A list of all items you have on hold will appear. If they are not currently in transit, you can freeze the hold until you are ready to receive your hold again. To freeze your hold, click on the button that says "Freeze Hold." The freeze will begin immediately.

Don't hesitate to ask anyone on staff to help if you need assistance.

Summer Reading **Program events**

If you are participating in our free Summer Reading Program, be sure to save the date of July 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. for the all-ages ending celebratory party and prize presentations.

There's still lots of time to enjoy the program's many special activities. 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's highly popular annual summer book sale will take place next Friday, July 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 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.

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

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" in essays by Emmy award-winning actress Erika L. Sanchez. Note that you can watch this talk live at the library with cider and a cheese tasting.

Summer Reading **Club todav**

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

Wings of Fire party tomorrow

If you are a Wings of Fire fan, you'll want to join us tomorrow, Friday, July 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a free celebration with trivia, art projects, food and more.

Friday Flix

Enjoy a free PG-rated movie and free popcorn tomorrow, Friday, July 14, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Tween/teen taskmaster tomorrow

Tweens and teens are invited to test your problem-solving skills with a variety of challenges at a free event tomorrow, Friday, July 14, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Mini Monets tomorrow

Friday, July 14, from 10 to 11 a.m., ages 1-5 are invited to use art – and sometimes to get messy – to build early literacy skills at this free activity.

Legal clinic tomorrow

This month's legal clinic on civil issues is by appointment tomorrow, Friday, July 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. Come to the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer attorney.

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

Pokemon Club on Saturday

If you love Pokemon, this club

is for you. Bring your cards to a fun free event for ages 6-11 on Saturday, July 16, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. where you can play games with others who feel the same way. No See Library on next page



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Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, July 17, for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people.

Anyone under age 18 is welcome with a signed parental permission, available at your library. For program information contact Susan at (970) 946-3396 (not the library).

Adult DIY

At the free adult DIY next Tuesday, July 18, from 1 to 3 p.m., you will choose from different cabinstyle bird houses and then paint it. All materials provided.

Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, July 18, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. No minimum skill level is needed.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, July 18, 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.

Therapy dog visit

Next Wednesday, July 19, from 11 to 11:45 a.m., you are invited to come to the library for a free visit with a certified therapy dog. Visits are limited to 10-15 minutes - just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi." This is an all-ages activity.

STEAM program

Camp Connect is a free STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) program for fifth- through eighth-graders next Wednesday, July 19, from noon to 2 p.m. Registration is required.

Wacky Wednesdays

Ages 6-11 are invited to get silly and play next Wednesday, July 19, 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 Thurs-

days, 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.

Please bring your device's charger to 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.

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Chimney Rock book

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"Identity" by Nora Roberts begins with a murder of a young woman by a con artist. "Near Miss" by Stuart Woods and Brett Battles is a Stone Barrington adventure. "The Celebrants" by Steven Rowley focuses on a reunion of five college friends with one hiding a major secret. "Bad Summer People" by Emma Rosenblum showcases infidelity, backstabbing and intrigue on exclusive Fire Island. "Central Park West" by James Comey is a mystery by the former FBI director. "Clive Cussler Fire Strike" by Mike Maden is an Oregon Files adventure. "A Heart Full of Headstones" by Ian Rankin is an Inspector Rebus

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"A Right Worthy Woman" by Ruth P. Watson is based on the true story of the first Black woman to establish and preside over a U.S. bank. "Reproduction" by Louisa Hall explores motherhood, female friendship and artistic ambition. "Hotel Laguna" by Nicola Harrison follows the life of a Rosie the Riveter woman after the war.

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Unitarian Universalists to hear 'An Experiential Exploration of the Sufi Path'

By Joan Ward

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

On Sunday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m., please join the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and the Revs. Janess and David Sheets, at the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall or on Zoom to hear a presentation about the Sufi path.

The quest of the Sufis is to realize the ultimate truth and unity underlying and pervading all existence, and to fulfill the divine purpose by expressing that realization in their lives as love and service to all beings and things. This is reflected in the Sufi saying, "Make God a reality and God will make you the truth."

A keynote of the Sufi path is to awaken the heart to discover the divine presence there and in the heart of all beings.

The Sufi approach is based on experiencing rather than on concepts and beliefs, as expressed by the 13th century Sufi Master Jelalu-

ddin Rumi: "Enough of phrases and metaphors, give me burning, burning!'

The methods that the Sufis use in their quest are many and varied and may include meditation, chanting, sacred movement, music, prayer, universal worship, spiritual retreat, teachings, stories and poetry. In their presentation, Janess and David Sheets will focus on guiding participants to a taste of the Sufi experience, using some of these methods.

The Sheets are ordained ministers of the Sufi Universal Worship, spiritual retreat guides and senior teachers in the Inayati Order. They studied with renowned Sufi master Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan for more than 30 years and have served (and continue to serve) in many local, national and international roles in the Inavati Order. Now retired from careers in Texas child protective services and in consulting, they live in Pagosa Springs, where they teach Sufi classes online, guide

spiritual retreats, and enjoy traveling and hiking in the mountains.

Join the Zoom meeting at https://us02web.zoom. us/j/8991941305; meeting ID: 899 194 1305; or dial (346) 248-7799.

Masks are optional at this time. Social distancing will be encouraged and, to that end, the maximum capacity of the fellowship has been reduced to 25, a very good

reason for arriving a few minutes early.

Our fellowship offers each individual support in their unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community. Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the mountains.

Services are on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m. Meditation is on the second and fourth Sundays at 9 a.m. Qigong is on Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. (except July 25).

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Countywide Women's Bible Study still going strong

By Stan Counsell **PREVIEW** Columnist

Calling all ladies, young and young at heart: Did you know that there is a longstanding evangelical/ born-again Bible study waiting for you? And, the attendees come from all the Christian churches around town. The Countywide Women's Bible Study has prospered, by the Lord's hand, for nearly 50 years right here in God's country, Pagosa Springs.

The word "eureka" became synonymous with the California Gold Rush that lasted from 1848 to 1855. Eureka is a Greek word meaning "I have found it!" It was an expression of triumph of an important discovery. Gold was pretty much the currency of the world dating back thousands of years.

With the discovery of gold, unnumbered thousands of Americans rushed westward, enduring vast and dangerous hardships for the potential glory of wealth that gold could provide. It is documented that two brothers, in a space of a year, mined over \$1,500,000 in gold.

But, the gold rush had its dark side, too. Many seeking wealth died in harsh environments: weather, location, thirst, murder, disease and slow/painful starvation. Overall, most women were shamefully, and deliberately, excluded from possible wealth. And, the Indigenous Californians grievously suffered from this greed, too. They also became the victims of disease, eviction from their lands, starvation and even horrifying mass genocide. In the rush to gain

something of profound importance, many men, the few women and Indigenous peoples became shameful collateral damage.

But, the call of "eureka" from these Bible study ladies, has no dark side. There isn't any exclusion of anyone or harsh conditions to endure. The ladies discover gold with each study (Psalm 12:6; 19:7-10). They are currently "mining" the Gospel of John and discovering a wealth of precious truths just below the surface of their biblical pages. This popular gathering is not at all a lecture-driven study but a place with rich laughter, feedback and insightful questions by all.

The teacher-facilitator, going on some 10-years now, is 'Bert (Roberta) Counsell. She holds an active ordination as an evangelical women's minister having served in churches in California and Colorado. She and her husband have made Pagosa Springs their home for 17 years.

Counsell is also a former chaplain with the American Red Cross, U.S. Border Patrol and the first Christian operated AIDS hospice in San Diego, Calif. She is also a worship composer and women's counselor.

She has been married 38 years to her soulmate, a retired evangelical pastor, chaplain and counselor. Her passion is the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through teaching deep but easy-to-understand biblical topics and doctrines with an extensive knowledge of theology, biblical languages and cultures.

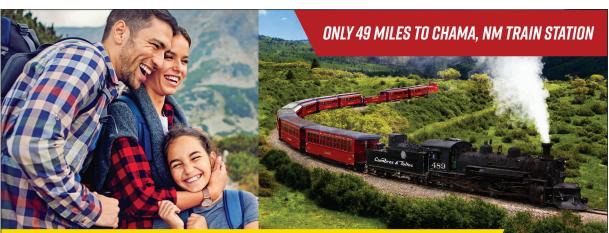
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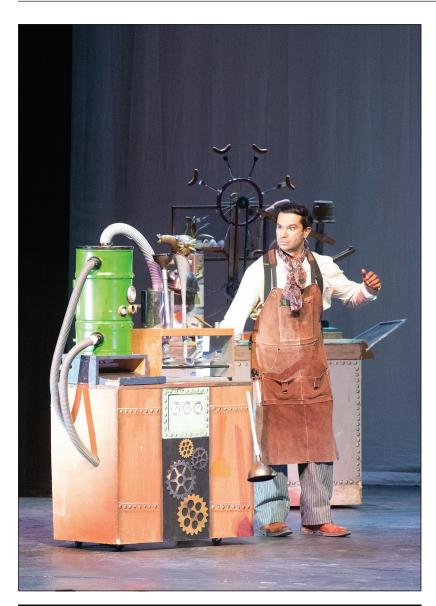
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Senior Center announces upcoming ageism webinars

By Rose Chavez PREVIEW Columnist

Two webinars from Changing the Narrative of Colorado — Ending Ageism Together (https:// changingthenarrativeco.org/) are occurring July 18 and 19.

Changing the Narrative is a campaign of NextFifty Initiative to end ageism, using evidence-based strategies, strategic communications and innovative public-facing campaigns.

The first webinar, to watch on your own, is July 18: "Reframing Aging: Changing the Stories We Tell About Aging," at 10 a.m.: "Are you a leader who cares about communicating in a more effective and age-inclusive way? We're offering training on reframing aging — the why and how to reframe communication with and about older adults. This training is designed to help you lead in telling a different story and to use your influence and position to change the narrative about aging. We know that ageism not only hurts our constituents, but also impedes our ability to do work effectively. You'll leave with some concrete tips and examples, and strategies for reframing aging."

You can register for it at https:// actionnetwork.org/events/reframing-aging-changing-theSenior News

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The second webinar will be hosted by Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) in the dining room of the Pagosa Senior Center at 10 a.m. on July 19. It is "Coffee Chat: Share Your Stories About Ageism in Healthcare."

From the website: "We know that stories bring issues to life and we want to hear from you. Have you ever experienced ageism in healthcare? Real life examples leave lasting impressions and impact our health and wellbeing. Changing the Narrative's work is rooted in grassroots activism to end ageism and your experiences inform our work. We want to know what you have seen and heard."

Examples include attributing symptoms solely based on your age: "You can expect to have that pain at your age." Another is treating you as if you are invisible: "My provider ignored me and only spoke to my care partner."

Join us at the Coffee Chat to

share stories and ideas. If you would like lunch, which starts at 11 a.m., call or text (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m.

ASI awarded \$50,000 from the Daniels Fund

ASI was awarded \$50,000 from the Daniels Fund this past week in support of general operations, which includes our full scope of services. ASI annually provides support for more than 900 individuals 55 years and better with the goal that they live healthy, vibrant and independent lives. Services are driven by the deeplyheld value that older adults have an important role in our community, and additionally assist families and caregivers to remain strong and connected.

The organization and its programming work directly to improve the well-being of seniors and the community in areas widely considered to be social determinants of health (SDOH) — nutrition security, social connections, physical/built environment and housing — and access (transportation) to services.

Those benefiting include older adults who live at or below the federal poverty level, those representing racial/ethnic minority

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Study has an open door for all believers and seekers. It meets every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of Grace in Pagosa. The address is 1044 Park Ave., across from the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Recreation Center. Come join these precious ladies; there's gold to be discovered just for you.

The study is always without

charge and comfortable/casual attire is the norm. Just bring your desire to know more of God's Word, your personality and favorite Bible.

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populations (particularly Latinx and Indigenous Native Americans), socially and/or geographically isolated individuals, veterans, those with physical disabilities, and those requiring accommodation and/or physical space modifications to continue living safely and independently in their homes.

While in-person dining was curtailed for some time during the COVID pandemic, ASI's provision of critical services did not lapse, and retailored operations resulted in expansion of food distribution systems including meal carryout, now the most popular method for local seniors to access meals.

Concurrently, Executive Director Rose Chavez, who has deep ties to the local Hispanic/Indigenous community, joined the team of nine staff a year ago along with 40-plus dedicated volunteers, and an influx of new talent at the board of directors level has been a recent and exciting development.

ASI is grateful for this and other recent funding opportunities (shout out to the Pagosa Springs Town Council for the recent rent relief grant) and looks forward to expanding programming this fall and next spring in the area of tai chi, diabetes self-management and Matter of Balance classes through additional support from the San Juan Area Agency on Aging.

There is a desire to offer some of these classes bilingually, and we look forward to partnering with local Spanish speakers to broaden our offerings to the community.

Ticketing and schedule of activities for July 29 Spanish Fiesta

You are invited to the 21st annual Spanish Fiesta, sponsored by 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., but come earlier to get your seat and enjoy authentic Hispanic cuisine of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico plus a variety of other food trucks, artisan vendors, music from local band Los Mitotitos, and folklorico dance performances from local artists.

While there will be no royalty during this first event, we look forward to engaging the community and youth to support the fiestas in this capacity once again. Proceeds from this event will support older adults of Archuleta County through the services of ASI and a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) youth scholarship fund.

Admission is for an afternoon and evening from 3 to 8 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit https://givebutter.com/asispanishfiesta2023 or stop by the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Choke Cherry Tree or the Pagosa Senior Center, located in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

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

Farmers Market vouchers

Farmers Market vouchers for seniors are available.

If you love to shop at the Farmers Market, are 60 or older, or if you are 200 percent of poverty, please call Debbie at (970) 403-2164 at the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to put your name on the list for \$50 in vouchers to redeem for local foods.

Then, visit the Pagosa Farmers Market any Saturday during the growing season (June through September) to pick up your \$50 voucher to support the local food artisans and growers in southwest Colorado and northern New Mexico.

The Pagosa Farmers Market is located on the third row of the East Side Market and is open only on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through September.

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 Pagosa 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 handprepare 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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DEEP BREATHING

Inhaling deeply brings a chemical called nitric oxide from the back of your nose and your sinuses into your lungs. This short-lived gas dilates the air passages in your lungs and does the same to the blood vessels surrounding them so you get more oxygen into your body. Nitric oxide also doubles as a neurotransmitter to help your brain function, aiding your ability to learn.

Other benefits of deep breathing include increased resistance to infection, lowering blood pressure, and alleviating some allergic reactions. Deep breathing is also the first step in any calming sequence for individuals experiencing anything from daily stress to panic attacks, as such results in a calmer, more focused mind.



Breathing deeply of fresh air (especially the mountain air we are Blessed with in Pagosa Springs) will allow you to take in more oxygen, thereby improving your body functions at the cellular level. Take deep belly breaths, using your diaphragm and not your chest to open up your lungs as you inhale. Hold the breath for at least five seconds. Exhale slowly, pressing your belly button toward your spine to empty all the air from your lungs. Weimar Institute recommends that you: Exercise regularly in the open air; Practice deep breathing; Avoid smog, tobacco smoke and fumes; Air out bedding and clothing; Sleep with good ventilation, even in the wintertime; and take vacations near oceans, forests, lakes or rivers.

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed** into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." Genesis 2:7

...He gives to all life, breath, and all things." Acts 17:25

"Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives **breath** to the people on it." Isaiah 42:5

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Community Cafe menu

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.

Monday, July 17 — Herb and garlic pork tenderloin, roasted potatoes, cherry crisp, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday July 18 — Vegetable lasagna with white sauce, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, July 19 — Cajun shrimp with cheesy grits, zucchini and squash saute, garden salad, fruit, blueberry streusel muffins and milk.

Thursday, July 20 — New Mexican blue corn chicken enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, garden salad, fruit, biscochos and milk.

Friday, July 21 — Chef salad with ham, turkey, cheese, avocado, egg and ranch dressing; broccoli and white cheddar soup; focaccia bread; blueberry cobbler; and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

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

Meals on Wheels

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Text reservations

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

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Thursdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center. This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Requesting donations

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

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

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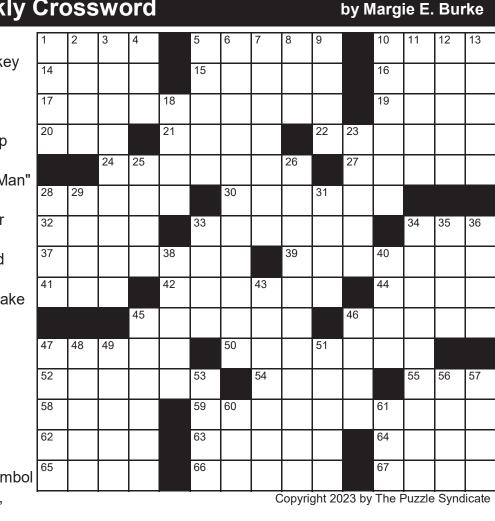


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Thursday, July 13

- 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.
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- 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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Friday, July 14

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- Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.
- Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Social round-robin. Loaner paddles are available.
- Mini Monets. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. This program uses art, sometimes messy, to build early literacy skills.
- 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.
- Wings of Fire Party. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,Sisson Library. Are you a Wings of Fire fan? Come celebrate with us with trivia, art projects, food and more.
- Tween/Teen Taskmaster. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Test your problemsolving skills with a variety of challenges.

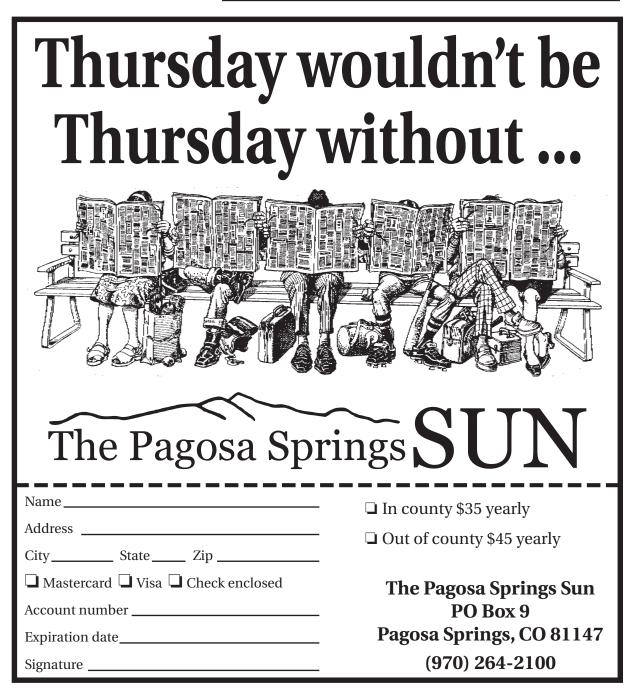
- Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. By appointment only. Come to the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer attorney. To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic" with your first name and phone number to ruby@pagosalibrary.org, or phone (970) 264-2209 or stop by the library.
- Friday Flix. 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Enjoy a PG-rated movie and free popcorn.
- 'Jersey Boys.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).
- The Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies.
 9 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky in order to enjoy the night sky in a truly dark environment and see deep-sky objects. Guests must arrive for check-in between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for ages 13 and up, \$8 for ages 5-12 and those under 5 are free. For
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Saturday, July 15

- 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.
- Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Centerpoint Drive. Use the rear entrance. The annual guild challenge quilt reveal. See how members incorporated Sunbonnet Sue and Courthouse Square blocks into a finished quilt.
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- Author Talk: Charles Soule. Noon, virtual. Showcasing "Daredevil & She-Hulk" by graphic novelist Charles Soule. Listen live or recorded. For details, go to https://libraryc. org/pagosalibrary/upcoming.
- Pokémon Club. 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Ages 6-11. Bring your cards to battle against others who love Pokémon too. No experience required.
- **Newsies Jr.**' 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Presented by the Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre Summer Camp. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at www.pagosacenter.org, by calling (970) 731-SHOW (7469) or, if available, at the door.
- 'Newsies Jr.' 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs

Center for the Arts. Presented by the Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre Summer Camp. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at www.pagosacenter.org, by calling (970) 731-SHOW (7469) or, if available, at the door.

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

Sunday, July 16

- Pickleball. 8:30-11:30 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Social round-robin. Loaner paddles are available.
- **'Newsies Jr.'** 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Presented by the Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre Summer Camp. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at www.pagosacenter.org, by calling (970) 731-SHOW (7469) or, if available, at the door.
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For more information about our expanded program, employment opportunities, and enrollment details, visit our website at www.tchs4c.org or call 970-828-5906.



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- 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.
- Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Inviting musicians of all levels and abilities to jam and sing with others. Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for details.
- Kids in the Mountain Garden. 4-6 p.m., Vista Lake Community Garden. Kids and their families will learn about garden maintenance through the activities of weeding, seeding and watering. We also plan on doing some harvesting and learning about the elements of a successful garden (air, light, water

and soil). For more information, please contact us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

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

Tuesday, July 18

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- **Read with a Ranger.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Kids aged 4 and up are invited to a free Read with a U.S. Forest Service ranger storytime and to make a nature craft.
- Adult DIY. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Choose from different cabin-style bird houses and then paint it. All materials provided.
- Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.
- **Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Pre-registration 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
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- Spanish Conversation. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish in a free group setting. No minimum skill level is needed.
- 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. 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.
- 'Jersey Boys.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see

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Wednesday, July 19

- Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.
- **Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an educational hour of reading, singing and free play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- Pickleball. 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Community Center. Free beginner lessons. Reserve at www.pagosapickleball.org.
- Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available
- Therapy Dog Visit. 11-11:45 a.m., Sisson Library. You are invited to come to the library for a free visit with a certified therapy dog. Visits are limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi." This is an all-ages activity.
- 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.

- Senior Conversations. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.
- Wacky Wednesdays. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Let's get silly and play. Each week will be a different activity. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
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Thursday, July 20

Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are
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- Fun Education Thursdays. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership. To register youngsters for the next Fun Education Thursdays at GGP, email ggp@pagosagreen.org. Registration is required. There is no charge, but registrations are limited.
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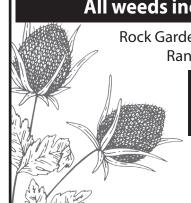
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- **Read Baby Read.** 10-10:45 am., Sisson Library. 0-18 months babies will love this interactive storytime where we will sing, bounce, and laugh as we enjoy age-appropriate books and songs.
- Friends of the Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Proceeds benefit the Ruby Sisson Library. Friends members can access the sale at 9 a.m.
- Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.
- Tween/Teen Escape Room. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Solve puzzles and find clues, but hurry because you don't have long to get out of the room.

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Saturday, July 22

- Pickleball. 8:30-11:30 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Social round-robin. Loaner paddles are available.
- 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.
- 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.
- Kids Create. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. A mixedmedia art class based on a picture book. Story and projects change monthly.
- Friends of the Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Proceeds benefit the Ruby Sisson Library. Friends members can access the sale at 9 a.m.
- LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your own or use our LEGOs to build.
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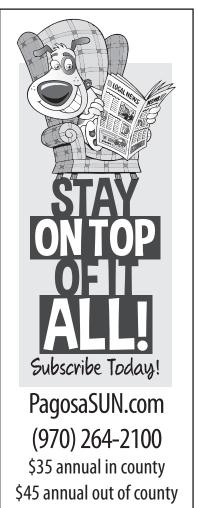
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Sunday, July 23

- Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.
- 'Godspell.' 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469)
- Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., earlybird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, July 24

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This two-hour talk will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. Guests must arrive 15 minutes before the program



- starts. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.
- Pickleball. 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

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.

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COMMERCIAL CLEANING CONTRACTOR needed for Archuleta County Fair. August 2-7. Please email archuletacountyfair@ gmail.com for requirements or call Tonya at (970)759-8086.

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This is a part-time (up to 30 hours per week) position.

Are you the right person? Are you willing to learn various multimedia platforms? ... multitask and meet deadlines? ... provide customer service?

Do you have organizational skills?

... accurate spelling and grammar skills? ... computer experience? ... creativity?

Position offers salary (\$14/hour) plus commission. Work hours will be split between office and being in the field. Applicant must have reliable transportation.

Submit your resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com or drop off at 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls.





CONTRACTOR SALES

Ponderosa Lumber is seeking a customer service oriented individual to assist contractors with purchasing building materials. Knowledge of building materials is necessary.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing excellent customer service
- Completing required paperwork
- Providing product information
- Data Entry

Please apply in person at

Ponderosa Lumber 2435 Eagle Drive or call (970) 731-4111

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<u>Classifieds</u> Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

264-2100

Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

HELP WANTED

MOUNTAIN MAMA MASSAGE is looking for a caring massage therapist ready to share your healing gifts! Fun, relaxed work environment where you are honored and appreciated. TOP PAY: \$50/ hour plus tips. Email racheldevloo@gmail.com.

READY TO EFFECT CHANGE for the benefit of our local workforce? Build Pagosa seeks an innovative, exuberant self-starter for our new Project Manager position. Your skills: financial acumen, excellent written and verbal communication, project development, grant tracking and reporting, staff development, and experience with non-profit development. Your style: see a job and do it, and in all obstacles are opportunities. This position is FT and we offer competitive pay. Send your resume highlighting innovative ventures, fundraising experience and project management skills! Are you ready to raise a project? officemanager@buildpagosa.org, (970)398-5815.

3R RANCH- WORKING in the beautiful south San Juans. Hiring one summer position, ranch and landscape maintenance. No experience, we will train. (970)264-5160. Please leave a message

WILL TRAIN THE RIGHT PERSON! Class B CDL licensed reliable drivers needed, with Hazmat endorsement. Seasonal and yearround employment available. We offer competitive wages. Call (970)264-5823 or swing by 1040 Hwy. 160 East and get an application.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - SKID STEER and mechanized mulcher, multiple years of experience. Email resume to frontdesk@ pagosalandcompany.com, (970)264-5000.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. \$20 per hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com.

MOUNTAIN SPIRITS IS SEEKING customer service associates. Must be available nights and weekends. We offer \$16 p/h to start, accrued vacation/ personal time, performance-based bonuses twice a year, and employee discounts. Please apply in person.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Looking for a Dishwasher 4 nights a week. \$16 per hour to start. See Chef Anthony Wednesday- Sunday, 1p.m.-4p.m.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/PAYABLE SPECIALIST and bookkeeper. Looking for someone to help keep our back office running smoothly and books in order for a local design -build company in Pagosa. Accounting software knowledge is a must. Email mary@rootdesigncompany.com for further job description.

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

PAGOSA PEAK OPEN SCHOOL has an opening for a part-time interventionist. Please see our website at pagosapeakopenschool. org or contact Angela at areali@ppos.co.

EXECUTIVE CLEANER POSITIONS. Pay based on experience. Call (970)946-1742.

HELP WANTED

NOW HIRING EQUIPMENT OPERATORS Busy excavation business looking to hire two equipment operators. CDL a plus, but not required. Pay based on experience - willing to train the right people. If you have a strong work ethic and are ready to get started, call Michael, Next Gen Excavation, at (970)946-7303.

HIRING EXPERIENCED EQUIPMENT OP-ERATOR. Flexible work schedule. Pay DOE. Call (970)946-3966.

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

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE seeks support staff. Food runners, host and bussers. Nights and weekends. Join our team. Great job for the summer and during the school year. Come by and see Chris, Tuesday- Friday, 3p.m.

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME Front Desk Positions - Healing Waters Resort & Spa. Our front desk is open 8a.m. to 10p.m. daily - shifts may include day, evening & weekend hours. We are looking for self-motivated staff members with strong customer service and computer skills who work well with a team. Comfort with computers a plus. Download application at www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or stop by 140 Hot Springs Blvd. Employees and immediate family soak for FREE! Apply today!

YARD SALES

LARGE CAMPING WATER HOLDERS, camping gear, household items, clothes. stools, display case, comforters, blankets, throws. Lovely stones and slabs. planting items, jewelry, and much more! 8a.m.-1p.m. Friday Saturday, Sunday, 149 Fireside Street SATURDAY, JULY 15, 8A.M.-12P.M. Snowblower, his and her bikes, carpet, household items, etc. 64 Juniper Ct. Off N. Pagosa and Capitan.

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

MOVING SALE SUNDAY JULY 16th, 9am-2pm. 1038 Catchpole Drive, 84 area. Tools for mechanical and construction. Welder. Generators. Scaffolding and ladders. 2 axle utility trailer. Just too much to mention. Cash only please.

MOVING SALE, ALMOST EVERYTHING Must Go. July 14th and 15th, Friday 3-6p.m., Saturday 9.m.-5p.m. at 7 Gallop Ct., Pagosa Sprinas

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MOVING SALE. SATURDAY, JULY 15, 8a.m., 90 Caballero Drive. Furniture, tools, housewares, outdoor gear.

BIG CLEANUP SALE. Tires and wheels, trailers, water tanks, vehicles and more. We don't sell pigs. Saturday and Sunday, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd. 245 River Run Drive.

INDOOR MOVING SALE. July 14-15, 8a.m.-1p.m. 140 Seminole Dr., Unit 1. (Behind Terry's Ace.) Queen sleeper sectional, household items, antiques, ATVs, power tools, TVs, framed prints, lamps, Carhartt jackets, pants and shirts. Men's clothing, women's clothing, plus much more. If interested in any item before sale starts, please contact Steve at (505)352-4241.

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French Bulldog **Puppies**

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HORSE BOARDING AVAILABLE, up to 2 horses. Stall and running stream through 10 acre fenced pasture. \$100 per month. (970)883-2600, (970)812-8026. wrightnaturalbakery@gmail.com.

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BRUNSWICK GAME/ POKER TABLE with 4 black leather chairs. In great condition. Text for photos to (602)793-7878. \$400 for the full set. FIREWOOD FOR SALE. \$450 for two cords. Call (970)317-3120.

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1982 IDEAL CAMPER. Colorado title. Sleeps 2 adults and 2 4 children. Has 140 watt solar with inverter to power your laptop, jet pack, phone and all interior lights and fan. Three burner propane stove, tires are in good condition. Interior and exterior lights work, new ceiling fan. Had bumper extended on back for spare tire, extended front bumper for two batteries and two propane tanks for cooking and heating. Great Olympic Wave heater. Has 40 fresh gallon water tank. Shore power plug in. Lots of storage. Curtains, newer cushions and covers. Roof has been sealed in 2012. Weight-? 14' long x 7'1/2" wide. 7.5K as Is. Serious inquiries only. No holds, payments or trades. (970)903-5516 call for photos.

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