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County fire restrictions implemented

By Hailey Sams
SUN Intern

On Tuesday, July 18, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) enacted Stage 1 fire restrictions for public and private land within unincorporated Archuleta County.

The restrictions took effect at 9 a.m. Tuesday and are in order to prevent wildfires. The resolution containing the restrictions passed with a unanimous vote.

The restrictions are necessary “for the preservation of public health, safety, and welfare throughout Archuleta County,” the resolution states.

It adds, “The criteria for a Stage 1 Fire Restriction is set forth in the ‘2018 Southwest Annual Operating Plan’ and the ‘Southwest Colorado Fire Danger Operating Plan’” states the resolution, “the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County has received competent evidence that there exists a high danger of forest, grass or other wildland fires within the unincorporated areas of Archuleta County.”

“We’ve used this resolution and parameters for the last ... two years,” Sheriff Mike Le Roux relayed to the board. “The goal is to reduce the amount of impact of any fire that gets out of hand.”

Hinsdale County also recently implemented Stage 1 restrictions for the Upper Piedra.

The restrictions are in addition to restrictions set previously, with the Bureau of Land Management

■ See Restrictions A8

Record heat



SUN photo/Hailey Sams

Residents and visitors take to the San Juan River to cool off during the week’s record-breaking heat. According to the National Weather Service (NWS), Pagosa Springs hit a high of 94 degrees on Monday, July 17, breaking the record of 91 set in 1910. Temps reached 91 Tuesday, just shy of the record of 92 set in 1909. The NWS indicated there is a chance of breaking the record again on Thursday, July 20, with the forecast high being 92 and the record being 94.

Plea deal accepted in 2021 homicide

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Monday, July 17, Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson accepted a guilty plea in the case of a 2021 homicide.

Chance Ryan Remlinger, 24, of Pagosa Springs, entered a guilty plea of murder in the second degree related to the 2021 death of Daniel Fitzpatrick, 52, also of Pagosa Springs.



Remlinger

Wilson explained in court the plea deal includes a stipulated sentence of 22 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections with a term of parole after.

“We are satisfied with the outcome today,” a representative of the Fitzpatrick family said during the proceedings.

Wilson indicated Remlinger previously entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

He also indicated that, per the plea deal, charges in the remaining cases against Remlinger will be dismissed.

Per Archuleta County’s jail website, other charges against Remlinger related to contraband, disorderly conduct and third-degree assault.

A sentencing hearing is set for 3 p.m. on Sept. 6.

According to a press release issued by Derek Woodman, then undersheriff for the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office, following the Oct. 3, 2021, homicide, deputies were dispatched to 340 Bobcat Lane, in unincorporated Archuleta County, at approximately 10:56 a.m. on Oct. 3, 2021, for a 30- to 40-year-old male who had been stabbed.

“Upon arrival, at approximately 11:02 am, the initial responding Deputy located the body of a white male, deceased, near an outlying building,” the press release explains. “The immediate area was searched and determined to be safe and was secured.”

The press release indicated that the victim, later identified as Fitzpatrick, called 911 requesting aid.

“During the 911 call, the victim identified his assailant as his neighbor, Chance Remlinger,” the press release explains. “This identification occurred prior to the victim succumbing to his sustained injuries.”

The press release explains that further investigation identified the suspect as Remlinger.

It further alleges Remlinger was observed by a witness leaving the subdivision at a high rate of speed approximately the same time that the 911 call was made.

■ See Homicide A8

Committee to present proposed ballot question to school board

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

At a meeting Monday, the Archuleta Schools MLO (mill levy override) Exploration Committee wrapped up its series of exploratory funding sessions and decided to move forward with presenting a proposed ballot to the Archuleta School District Board of Education, pending votes from committee members who

missed the meeting.

Members primarily discussed the language on the ballot, which would appear in November’s off-year election.

The draft ballot issue, as of now, reads as follows:

“WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, SHALL ARCHULETA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50JT BE

■ See School A8

Food drive set for July 22

Healthy Archuleta

An opportunity to share food will be available on July 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the Pagosa Springs City Market.

Canned foods, dry pastas, peanut butter and more are all welcome donations. This food will be stored and distributed through the Food Pantry Network of Archuleta County.

This network supports hundreds of people in providing food for their homes and having the ability to enjoy all the summer fun without the worry of not having the food they need for each meal. This community has been like one big family, and the camaraderie and support that we have offered each other is nothing

■ See Food A8



SUN photo/Terri House

A truck and trailer burn atop Wolf Creek Pass on Saturday, July 15. According to South Fork Fire Rescue, the cause of the fire was overheating and no one was injured. See related story for more information.

PAWSD disputes conduct of board member

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its July 12 special meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors disputed proper conduct at meetings of other boards with a focus on the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD).

Treasurer Peter Hurley opened the discussion, noting that secretary Bill Hudson made a public comment at the June 19 SJWCD meeting, which was previously covered in the June 22 issue of The SUN, and stated, “I would caution us when we’re

talkin’ not to mention PAWSD.”

He added that he attended the meeting and that Hudson’s comment had been “very ambiguous” whether it was his opinion or PAWSD’s opinion.

Hudson denied this, stating that he had indicated he was “not speaking for the board.”

“You said, ‘I’m speaking for PAWSD, but only as an individual,’” Hurley replied. “I think that was accurate,” Hudson responded. “You can’t say that,” Hurley said. “I gotta warn you, ‘cause that caused us judicial problems before. You can’t say that.”

Hudson questioned if he could say he is on the board.

Hurley replied that Hudson should be stating that his statements are his personal opinion, noting that SJWCD members at the meeting asked if he was representing PAWSD or himself.

He added that a board member cannot have a “pre-existing” opinion on quasi-judicial issues that could come before the PAWSD board.

“Of course you can,” Hudson said. “You can’t present that to the public,” Hurley

■ See Conduct A8

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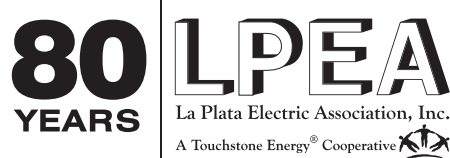
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OUR VIEW

Caretakers: a vital role

Saturday started out with a phone call informing me that my 83-year-old mother had fallen in her yard.

She is one tough lady. Even though she wasn't able to get up, she crawled across her yard, up a few steps to her back door and pulled herself into her house, where she was able to get to a phone and call for help.

My sister feared a possible stroke because the whole right side of mom's body was affected after the fall.

The Pagosa Fire Protection District's firefighters and the Pagosa Springs Medical Center's (PSMC) ambulance team were there in no time at all to help. They ruled out our fears of a stroke. I arrived just in time to see them turn out of the alley and head toward the hospital.

At the hospital, we learned that she had broken her hip. She had also hit her head when she fell, so they checked to make sure there was no brain bleed, only to find a mass in her brain.

The next step was a flight by air ambulance to UCHHealth Memorial Hospital Central in Colorado Springs.

If you know my mom, she hates flying. We assured her that she would be in good hands with the EMTs.

My job was to take her car and meet her in Colorado Springs.

If you know me, I am not a city driver. Don't ever get in a vehicle with me driving in the city.

Thanks to Siri on my iPhone, I found the hospital. After a driving in circles for 30 minutes, I eventually found the parking garage.

It was my first experience with a hospital that offers free valet parking. I opted

for self-parking, but feared never seeing the vehicle again. It was Mom's car, so I took the chance of losing it forever.

Then the trick was making it through security. Why did I need scissors? My bangs are too long and need a trim.

The security agent looked at my bag and told me to leave it there and go get my badge because he did not really want to go through my stuff.

The badge guy noted that I was a previous guest of their fine establishment. I asked him when I was there, because I never was there before. They started to get suspicious and I grabbed my badge and left before they had the chance to kick me out.

I made my way down hallways and found another security agent trying to ignore me behind a monitor. I asked him how I could find my mom's room. He directed me to elevator D. A few halls later and an elevator ride, I was hopelessly lost. I found someone wearing scrubs and begged for help, only to find I was in a secure area and shouldn't be there.

It turns out that elevator D should have really been elevator B. Enunciation is everything. A few more hallways led to the right floor. I managed a few more wrong turns until I finally found Mom's room.

Upon arrival, it was clear I would never be able to find her car again, and it was best I sleep in the room with her. There were plenty of questions to answer for hospital staff.

One machine managed to trip an eardrum-breaking alarm every time mom would bend her arm. It wouldn't

go off until staff reset the machine.

At 83, Mom minds like I did at age 3. She bent her arm no less than 1,000 times during her stay. Even Pavlov's dogs learned faster.

I refused to alert the staff any longer when she would bend her arm and the alarm went off. I was afraid they would kick us out and send us home.

There was no rest for the weary during our stay. Staff came to take blood tests every hour after surgery. Meds had to be delivered. Scans had to be done. Talk about service.

The second night was pretty sleepless, too, due to the same routine and Mom bending her arm over and over.

Thankfully, we broke out of the joint and headed home after she had three screws installed that will probably cost more than the car that I lost in the parking garage.

Our next step will be looking into the mass in mom's brain. I doubt she will want to go back to the big city and the big hospital. I doubt she will let me drive the replacement car for the one I lost in the parking garage.

Back home in Pagosa, Mom is getting the best home care thanks to my sister and her husband, Buck, and my niece, Randi. When it was my turn to take the reins and stay with mom Tuesday, I reminded mom that Pine Ridge is always an option for rehab. She bent her arm and ignored me.

This week, I find myself thankful for caretakers and their vital role in the healing process.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 20, 1923
Prof. J.A. Jeancon, curator of the State Historical Society, and who was in charge of the excavation work last year and the year before at the Chimney Rock ruins southwest of town, was a Pagosa visitor Wednesday, accompanied by a member of the National Geographic Society, with whom the state is collaborating in research work for the purpose of determining the age of the various ruins in the southwest.

Mrs. O.F. Boyle of Durango, owner of the hot springs property and considerable business houses and lots in Pagosa Springs, was a business visitor last Friday, and while here made preliminary arrangements for the construction of a cement sidewalk fronting her property on San Juan street, between the City garage and J.H. Galbreath building. This was a voluntary movement on her part and it is believed the other property owners adjoining will follow suit. Mrs. Boyle only recently returned from a tour around the world which consumed more than a year.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 23, 1948
C.A. Day, of Pagosa Springs entered the successful bid for cutting the mature timber on Reservoir Hill, it was announced after a meeting of the Town Board Monday night.

Day's bid of \$11.10 per thousand applies to an estimated 300,000 feet of timber which the Forest Service recommended for cutting. The funds from sale of timber are to be ear-marked for improving a picnic and camp site on the hill, which is owned by the Town.

Tentative plans for the complete rebuilding of the main street in Pagosa have been made and work on the project, one of the most important in the last few years, probably will begin this summer.

Mayor R.C. Connelley, after a series of conferences with the State Highway Departments outlined the plan. No mere re-surfacing will be attempted this time, but a basic construction job will be done providing well-engineered drainage for the main thoroughfare through town.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 19, 1973
The County, community, and town is at present without jail facilities. State health authorities ordered the jail closed because of what was termed unsanitary and unsafe conditions. Until other arrangements are made, all prisoners are being transported to Durango and held in the La Plata County jail.

The local jail has been classed as sub-standard for a long time and cooperative plans between the county and town for a new jail have been in the discussion stage. At the present there are no definite plans for location, or exact building specifications.

Until such plans, estimates, and discussions are held the fact remains that the area is without local jail facilities. All law enforcement officers, however, emphasize that arrests will be made and prisoners transported to Durango whenever and wherever necessary.

The Archuleta County Fair will be held on August 17, 18, and 19 this year at the Red Ryder Roundup grounds. The fair, as in the past, will feature open exhibits and 4-H and junior class exhibits of livestock, crops, projects, and other classes.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 23, 1998
Archuleta County Commissioners have scheduled a public meeting in their meeting room July 28 at 1:30 p.m. to gather public input concerning issues they propose to take to the voters on the November ballot.

Chief among the issues is a proposal allowing the county to keep non-tax revenues in excess of TABOR limits for an unspecified number of years. In the past, voters provided approval for a similar proposal, which expired last year.

Another proposal concerns increasing road and bridge property taxes in order to pay for expanding the scope of the county's road maintenance program.

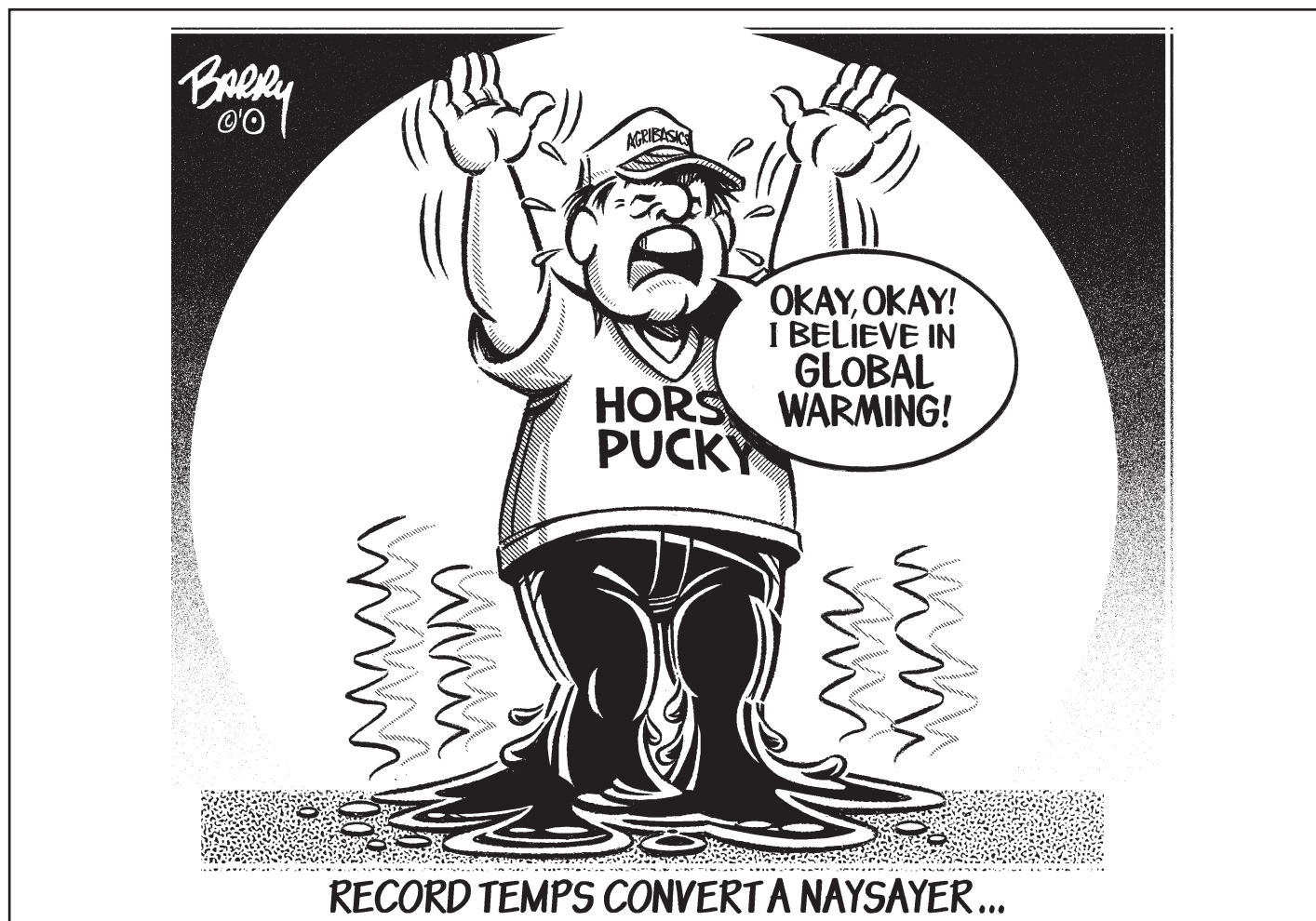
Subjects considered earlier this year, but probably abandoned, include term limits for elected county officials and the construction of additional courthouse facilities.

The Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association will hold its 26th annual meeting Saturday at the Pagosa Lakes Community Center. The highlight of the meeting is expected to be the announcement of the results of the election of three new board members.



Taken from The Pagosa Springs SUN files of June 15, 1989: Sign-carrying pickets marched in front of the County Courthouse on Thursday morning in protest of inordinate increases on the valuation of their personal and business property. Archuleta County Commissioners are soliciting support at this week's Colorado Counties Inc. conference for a move to shift public school financing off ad valorem property taxes. Also, the local school board is trying to have School District 50 Joint classified as a "rural" district in hopes of alleviating the burden the state has imposed on many county tax payers.

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PAWSD issues

Dear Editor:
About a year ago PAWSD was installing a water meter on a vacant lot next to me and this operation was an unmitigated disaster from start to finish. The owner of the lot next to me was requested by PAWSD to hire a digging contractor. But the contractor was directed by the PAWSD employees where to dig and they were completely clueless as to what they were doing. They dug all over the place and also on the northeast corner of my property without my consent next to a valve clearly marked "sewer" where the sewer line from my house connects to the PAWSD sewer line. Sometime early June I discovered a sewage leak and the broken off sewer piece lying on the surface next to that sewer valve.

After PAWSD's visit I had a verbal conversation with them and they told me that the digging contractor was responsible and just dismissed out of hand any liability. They maintained that I had signed a document that states that I am responsible for all excavations. That is completely incorrect as the only document that I signed on August 5th 2002 was a "Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District

water/wastewater connection permit request". Nothing in that document states that I am liable for all excavations and at that time PAWSD was doing their own excavations which would make such a statement redundant. The digging contractor liquidated his business and moved out of state voiding any recourse I have against him. Moreover the contractor dug where PAWSD people told him to dig. Why they dug a hole next to PAWSD clearly marked sewer valve is still a mystery. They were well aware of what they had done as the broken off sewer pipe came to the surface. Instead of reporting it, PAWSD employees just hid it creating an environmental hazard. The repairs cost me \$ 1,839.47.

PAWSD wants to be on both sides of the issue; on one side they want to have complete control over the operation, but on the other hand no liability. In my opinion PAWSD is 100% liable and responsible for this environmental hazard they created and the cost of the repairs because of utter incompetence of their people on the job and the extremely gross negligence of not reporting that they had busted a sewer line on my property.

I filed an official complaint about PAWSD's behavior with the Colorado Public Utility Commission. I just want to warn Archuleta County residents that this company will not live up to its responsibilities and obligations for damages done that are 100% their fault, flagrantly abuse their monopoly power and that you may be shouldered with expensive repair bills.

Ivo Brienven
Editor's note: The SUN reached out to PAWSD for comment, but did not hear back by Tuesday's deadline.

Blood drive

Dear Editor:
The Best Pagosa Blood Drive Ever.
The subject line read "WOWZZ-ZAAA....." from the email from Vitalant Donation Center with the results of our local blood drive on July 11.

Thanks to 70 generous members of our community, 89 units of blood were donated, truly our best drive so far.

It is estimated that every 2 seconds a person in the US needs blood, and drives such as ours ensure the supply is there when needed.

We appreciate our donors, and the support of local businesses, neighborhood associations, the Pagosa SUN, and individuals for helping spread the word of the event.

Special thanks go to Centerpoint Church members and staff for the use of their facility.

Our next drive will be Tuesday, October 17, from 10 am to 3 pm at Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

For information or to schedule a donation, you may call 877/258-4825 or go online at vitalant.org.

You may also call or text local volunteer Sharee Grazda at 970/946-2760 for information or to schedule a donation.

Let's keep connecting people and resources so that lives can

be saved in our community and beyond.

Sharee Grazda

Loaves and Fishes

Dear Editor:
To the Loaves and Fishes Crew: I am sorry I don't know all of your names, or I would certainly address this to each one of you. I am going to miss you guys a lot, and I am sure there are many others who feel the same way. Loaves and Fishes is a regular part of the landscape here in Pagosa—like the Riverwalk, or the Balloon Festival, or the Bluegrass music gatherings on Reservoir Hill—part of what makes this community so special.

Lewis Street is losing a legend of generosity and camaraderie, to say nothing of the savory aromas wafting on the air every Thursday morning. We have been blessed, and sometimes even serenaded, for nearly two decades with not only good food, but also the fellowship that weaves together all levels of small town life. Loaves & Fishes welcomed others as well who were passing through town and perhaps journey-weary and in need of a break and a warm meal before heading out again. How wonderful that you could sow a memory of sincere hospitality in perhaps a jaded life.

We want to thank all the chefs—whoever and wherever you are—that supervised and helped cook all the meals week after week. And thanks to all the servers and clean-up crews who were faithful to their commitments. Thanks also to the churches, civil groups, and other donors who provided the "vittles" each week. Lastly, thanks to all those "behind the scenes," whose skills of organizing, coordinating, and record keeping kept Loaves & Fishes going—even during the pandemic—all these years. You all made sacrifices of time, personal comfort, and resources to enrich our community. So... thank you all.

We know that all good things (and, thankfully, the bad ones too) must come to an end some time. However, "God willing and the creek don't rise," we hope that some ones, and some apt situation, will again come forward to provide

us with that community hub (and metaphorical "hug") that Loaves and Fishes so steadily offered all these years.

Joyce Holdread, beneficiary

County: 'Bullying behavior'

Dear Editor:
Acting in the name of the taxpayers of Archuleta County, Enforcement Office Errol Lord has perpetrated a travesty upon holders of agricultural property. He victimized my 88-year-old mother, threatening liens and fines of \$100/day for tires and old vehicles on her property, and when I told him verbally and in writing that the property is agricultural and therefore exempt (see 9-2008, paragraph 12.0), he blustered, "I'm not here to debate but to enforce!" He did not explain the appeals process, but when I asked if there was someone else I could talk to, he said I could try but his superiors were on board with this project. He told me, "There is no question the clean-up must be done, now we are negotiating the time frame." His demands escalated as the snow melted. He wanted to see operable vehicles "lined up pretty." A trailer he hadn't noticed before "had to go." He said he wanted to look in the sheds.

Can you imagine how violating this bullying behavior felt, coming from someone with the power (according to the ordinance) to impound the property and put us in jail if we didn't comply? We scrambled to do what we could. The stress has nearly killed my mother (her doctor saw her blood numbers and asked, "What is going on?"). Your word limit does not allow me to list the many sacrifices family members made to show the "progress" that Lord demanded, but they worked through chemo and radiation, they came from afar, they missed saying goodbye to a friend in hospice. Officer Lord magnanimously gave us "extensions," but as there was no end to his persecution and adamant disavowal of our exempt status, we sought advice from a lawyer.

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dollars in long-distance clean-up and legal fees, we finally received an email from Mr. Lord on July 6, which stated, "Sorry for the confusion." Paragraph 3.05 of the ordinance defines the Enforcement Officer as having "a full working knowledge of this Ordinance." It is preposterous to imagine that he was "confused" by the very ordinance that describes his professional existence. As the saying goes, never ascribe to malevolence what simple incompetence can explain, but whichever applies, he caused real injury. I responded that his confusion had been costly, and while he could not make up for the physical and emotional suffering he had put us through, the monetary expenditures should be reimbursed. As of this writing, there has been no reply.

Archuleta County, your constituents are not asking for special treatment but for legal application of clear and appropriately established regulations. Apparently a non-elected swashbuckler can run around, confused, making up rules and terrifying old ladies with impunity. This was our experience; we have talked to others similarly afflicted. It was unjust, it was painful, it was expensive-- and it was totally unnecessary.

Laurie Klapsia

Substance abuse

Dear Editor:

Our society's perceptions of addiction often lead us down a path that paints it as an irremediable disease—a belief steeped in pessimism. This viewpoint fosters stigma, obscures understanding, and discourages meaningful intervention for the range of negative behaviors and health issues resulting from substance abuse.

So, what is addiction if not a disease? Though opinions vary, experts largely concur that addiction encompasses three key components:

- It's a complex, learned maladaptive behavior. Substance use, initially perceived as a solution for emotional distress, soon outweighs its fleeting benefits as the repercussions for both the user and their loved ones escalate.
- Addiction persists despite attempts to stop. The inability to self-regulate manifests as a chronic pattern of relapse, leading to potential incarceration or, tragically, death, if unaddressed.
- Physical dependence and cravings reinforce the maladaptive

behavior. With sustained usage, substances induce a physiological reliance, necessitating escalated dosages and triggering intense cravings upon cessation.

While the exact definition of addiction sparks debate, there's broad agreement that addicts, trapped by physical dependence and destructive behaviors, often find themselves powerless to halt their descent without external intervention.

Viewing addiction as a moral failing or relegating individuals to the criminal justice system without access to effective treatments only exacerbates the problem. Let's cultivate empathy and understanding to inspire change and provide meaningful help to those grappling with this profound struggle. To learn more about addiction: <https://www.narcononus.org/resources/>

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Speeding on Cloud Cap

Dear Editor:

The residents of Cloud Cap Ave greatly appreciate the police patrolling our street and making it safer for us to get in and out of our driveway, walking, or riding bikes. The speed limit is 25mph, even without the detour, but numerous drivers ignore the posted limit. We cheer when someone is pulled over for speeding. We have to endure the constant traffic (large trucks and RVs) and noise, but speeding is not acceptable.

Patricia McMahon

Archuleta County citation

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the July 13 article entitled "Commissioners hear update on community development issues." Because I have not received any communication from the County, I was wondering if this problem was being addressed or known to anyone outside the Development Department. I will be sending copies of my letter with more detail to each of the Commissioners as well, since it appears even they might be unaware of what the Development Department is doing.

My letter is to inform the public how seriously the Development Department has overreached. Director Pamela Flowers apparently believes she can use the excuse that "Questions on our policies

and procedures should not be directed at her staff as they lack the full understanding of policies and regulations." That is the most idiotic statement I have ever heard in regard to a department that deals with nothing but policies and regulations. Her staff should be fully trained to understand those very policies and procedures before they ever interact with the public.

The first Notice of Violation that I received regarding my agricultural property arrived in my PO Box on January 24. The enforcement officer, Errol Lord, included photographs of a utility trailer that I have parked in front of my garage, a picture of a hay trailer parked between the fence between the garage/shop building and the barn, my old stock trailer, as well as photos of older vehicles I own.

I replied to him via email that my property was agricultural and should not therefore be subject to the Nuisance Ordinance. I quoted directly from the ordinance in my letter and also sent copies to all three commissioners. I felt that it was also unfair, and I stated so in my letter that I was given 30 days to comply, especially after the big storm the previous week and the amount of snow we had received; but that the Notice was dated January 17, postmarked by the County metering machine on January 20, then postmarked in Denver of January 21. Because of that, I didn't receive the letter until 1 full week after it was dated.

After receiving my email, I did receive a phone call from Lord and a follow-up email that said "he looked forward to meeting with me after the snow melted to resolve these issues."

When the snow began to melt, I started working to pick up some debris and move pieces of equipment away from the front of the shop building and was helped by my daughter who traveled from Taos. Consequently, I had several bags of refuse and debris piled in a couple locations. I intended to take that to either the Transfer Station or the dump during the County Clean-up Days.

I hope the reader of this letter can understand my total surprise and shock, when I received a second Notice of Violation from the County Development Department on May 8. Mr. Lord had driven by my place, taken photographs of the trash bags and debris and was citing me for that. I will emphasize that I had attempted to collect things for disposal and had never been contacted by him as he had stated in the email. I made copies of the Nuisance Ordinance, the amended and Restated Ordinance, and a resolution passed by the County declaring the Archuleta County is a Right-to Farm County. I hand delivered my second letter of appeal to the County Administration Building asking to have it time and date stamped so there could be no question that my reply was timely. I have yet to receive a response.

I feel strongly that Director Flowers is in the wrong for directing Mr. Lord to patrol for violations and should have some consequences applied for her action. Perhaps she should go back to being the planning director and report to a Department Head that does have a full understanding of policies and procedures? If she thinks that "lacking full understanding of policies and procedures" is okay for her staff, is she trying to issue

her own directives to a staff that won't question her? For Flowers to "commend the efforts of her Code Enforcement Officer involved in the potential overreaches," noting how successful he's been in public interaction is another blatantly wrong statement. Obviously, he would be acting subserviently to a boss who is misdirecting him. How could she know about his disrespectful behavior when, to my knowledge, she has never spoken with a County resident affected by this? I would not call a total lack of response from their office a "successful public interaction." I ask, if he was successful, would he not have gotten back in touch with me in April if he sincerely meant what he said in the first email? No. He issued a second violation notice in May. From January until May, he would have had plenty of time to clarify with his superiors and gain understanding of the Ordinance, yet obviously he did not. I feel there should also be consequences for his actions. A good start would be from him to write a letter of apology to every owner of Agricultural property to whom he issued a citation.

Susan E. Nossaman

Stand up to hate

Dear Editor:

The 2024 presidential election, which includes races in both chambers of Congress, will be here sooner than later in political time.

The Republican Party has a line of candidates running for the presidency. Chris Christi seems to be the only one who is whole heartily trying to turn the page on the 2020 election fraud and denial lies from former and now disgraced ex president, Donald Trump. Trump meantime, is again calling for his base to make a last stand or all will be lost.

What exactly will be lost? Rule of law, justice, and fair elections? Yes, they will be lost under another Trump administration. It's all there in his last speech. He will use the government and his followers to go after his so-called enemies as some have already done.

His base, which consists of misled Americans, white supremacists, Qanon, and Neo Nazis are a danger to our democracy and to minorities. They will put minorities' lives at risk. What. You may exclaim.

World history shows how minorities and Jews in World War II were victims of atrocities because a tyrant thought his race was superior to all others. Crimes against minorities and others could and probably will happen if Neo Nazis affiliated with the Republicans take power in the White House and both houses of Congress.

Maybe you care or don't care about minorities and that is your privilege to do so. But, perhaps and more likely than not, someday you will have descendants that will be part Spanish, Asian, Afro-American, and so on if you don't already have them now.

Will your descendants be inferior to Neo Nazis and White supremacists? Do you want them discriminated against and be in fear of their lives? Will you take a stand for your family and Democracy and denounce these hate groups?

I urge you, that if you are going to vote Republican, vote for smart, credible, and just candidates who are mindful of the rule of law and support the United States Constitution.

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RECREATION NEWS

Registration deadline nears for town soccer leagues

By Matt Zaborowski
 Town of Pagosa Springs
 Parks and Recreation

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

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

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Obituary

Debra Jean Barrett

Debra Jean Barrett, also known as Debbie, peacefully passed away on June 7 at the age of 65 in Oklahoma City, Okla. She was born on Jan. 3, 1958, in Oklahoma City, and was the beloved wife of Dennis Barrett.

Debbie had a fulfilling career with the Forestry Service in Pagosa Springs. She dedicated her time installing and repairing signs along the many trails in the San Juan National Forest. Later, she transitioned to working as a dis-

patcher in the office, where she played a vital role in coordinating firefighters to protect the San Juan National Forest and surrounding areas. Debbie also had the joy of portraying Smokey Bear for local events and educating children in the Pagosa Springs school district.



In her personal life, Debbie found solace in her hobbies. She had a deep passion for gardening and took great pleasure in reaping the rewards of her labor, whether it be the delicious produce or the beauty of the wild and cultivated flowers she nurtured.

Debbie will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by her son, Zackary Beeson, and her grandchildren, Danial and Annabella Beeson. She is also survived by her sister, Anna Kear Charping; her brother, Charles Kear (Nancy);

and her sister, Janet Kear Jenkins (Ray). Additionally, she leaves behind six nieces and two nephews. Debbie was preceded in death by her mother, Bonnie Powell; her father, Robert Kear; and her brothers, Douglas and Danial Kear.

A celebration of Debra Jean Kear Barrett's life was held on Saturday, July 15, at Hilltop Baptist Church in Norman, Okla.

Debbie's memory will forever be cherished by those who knew and loved her. May she rest in eternal peace.

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- July 5 — First-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, Tom's Place.
- July 7 — Criminal mischief, domestic violence, Harman Park Drive.
- July 9 — All other thefts, Kelsey Circle.
- July 9 — Missing person reports, aggravated motor vehicle theft, Panorama Place.
- July 10 — Information only, Cloud Cap Avenue.
- July 10 — Domestic violence, violation of restraining order, Buttercup Drive.
- July 11 — Information only, Park Avenue.
- July 11 — All other thefts, Caddy Circle.
- July 11 — Defrauding a secured creditor-\$500 to \$1,000, Green View Drive.
- July 11 — All other thefts, East U.S. 160.
- July 11 — Warrant arrest, Oak Place.
- July 11 — Violation of restraining order, Enchanted Place.
- July 12 — Warrant arrest, Susan's Place.
- July 12 — Found property, West U.S. 160.

- July 12 — Domestic violence, violation of restraining order, false imprisonment, Gopher Lane/Meadow Lark Drive.
- July 11 — Second-degree burglary, Park Avenue.
- July 12 — Information only, East Pagosa Street.
- July 12 — Dog at large (third offense no injury), West Golf Place.
- July 12 — All other thefts, Seminole Drive.
- July 12 — Agency assist, information only, Elk Drive.
- July 12 — Prohibited use of weapons, drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, West U.S. 160.
- July 13 — Second-degree burglary, Colo. 151.
- July 13 — All other thefts, Antelope Avenue.
- July 13 — County warrant, Harman Park Drive.
- July 15 — All other thefts, Gila Drive.
- July 15 — Illegal discharge of a firearm, Shenandoah Drive.
- July 15 — Second-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, West U.S. 160.
- July 15 — Vicious dog with injury, dog at large (first offense), Hidden Drive/Grenadier Place.
- July 16 — First-degree assault-heat of passion, third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, West U.S. 160.
- July 16 — Death-death by natural causes, Great West Avenue.
- July 16 — First-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, West U.S. 160.

- July 16 — Theft-from building, Lake Street.
- July 16 — Information only, Navajo Trail Drive.
- July 16 — Information only, Harman Park Drive.
- July 16 — Information only, Eagle Drive.
- Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**
- July 12 — Calls for service for week: 129.
- July 8 — Violation of restraining order, 5th Street.
- July 8 — Resisting arrest, warrant arrest, Pagosa Street.
- July 10 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, Florida Street.
- July 10 — Violation of restraining order, 5th Street.
- July 11 — Violation of restraining order, San Juan Street.
- July 11 — Violation of restraining order, Pagosa Street.
- July 13 — Burglary second degree, theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- July 13 — Careless driving, Back Swing Drive/County Road 600.
- July 13 — Criminal trespass, 9th Street.
- July 13 — Harbored vicious animal, County Center Drive.
- July 13 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, Pagosa Street.
- July 14 — Harassment, Pagosa Boulevard.
- Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards**
- No report.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
- July 13 — Erin Renee Lister, viola-

- tion p/o-civil, nine months probation, fines and costs — \$719.50.
- July 13 — Burlin Goodman, driver's license-expired 1 year/less, fines and costs — \$115.50.
- July 13 — Jeffery William McAdams, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$892.50.
- July 14 — Lori A. Metzger, seat belt not used, license place-unlawful display, fines and costs — \$120.50.
- 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
- July 13 — Amanda Shanafelt, false reporting-false identification, 10 days jail suspended imposition, fines and costs — \$258.50.
- July 13 — David Lee Ashby, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$903.50.
- 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**
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Business

Real estate scams on the rise

By Hailey Sams
SUN Intern

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) report from 2022, real estate scams cost victims \$396,932,821 last year, an increase of more than \$46 million from the previous year.

Real estate scams have been on the rise for the last two years, along with most online crimes, states the report, and these scams have resulted in people losing millions of dollars at once.

Marcie Lewis, a Pagosa Springs real estate agent, relayed that, "I probably got my first call about ... three months ago and it was actually a lot I sold somebody. ... I knew right away that something was not right," Lewis said, adding the buyer built a house and the scammer claimed that "there's no house there."

"I've actually had several of them," Lewis said, "and they identify themselves as that person [lot owner] and they give you a phone number and email and ... ask you to list their lot."

While this is the only type of scam Lewis has encountered, there are many types of real estate fraud, according to the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies Division of Real Estate, including:

- Title fraud, where a scammer forges a deed on your property and uses it to get a mortgage document on the property. This commonly includes identity theft and mortgage fraud. The scammer does this

to make it look like they own your property.

To protect yourself from this, you can "protect and monitor your identity and credit" and "obtain title insurance which protects buyers against defects in the title, such as liens, fraud and forgery," according to the agency's website.

- Wire fraud, where the scammer may try to convince you to wire them money instead of the actual real estate agent or homeowner you're working with. This includes last-minute instructions on where to send money and how to do so. To protect yourself from this, make sure to verify every instruction you get about sending money, especially if they're last-minute instructions. Check with a live person on the phone or in person before you send any money.

"Be very suspicious if you receive a subsequent email or text requesting a change to wiring instructions that you already had received, and always make sure to confirm the escrow account number before wiring any money, and do not forget to call your title settlement agent to verify the transfer of the funds immediately after the money is sent," the website states.

- Rental scams, where a scammer may post a fake ad to lure people into renting the property.

"These ads can look very professional and may even be actual photos of the property," the website states, even when the scammer has no real connection to the property.

The scammer may ask for an upfront payment or for you to move in before you even see the house. Be skeptical of any ad you see, and anyone asking for money early or pressuring you to move into a house quickly.

For more information about real estate scams and other types of fraud, visit <https://dre.colorado.gov/consumers/real-estate-scams-and-fraud>.

Other tips to protect yourself

"All the ones I've encountered, the people don't live here," said Lewis about who may be targeted by real estate scammers.

Especially in Pagosa, where many homes are second houses or vacation homes, these scammers try to sell houses without the owner having any idea until they find out about someone trying to move into their house and the money's gone, she indicated.

If you own a home that you are not consistently visiting or living in, "people should check on their property, make sure there's not a sign in the yard that they didn't ... know about," Lewis said.

If payment instructions are suddenly changed or you get an email with new ones claiming that it's from your real estate agent, call your agent or the owner and confirm, the website states.

It adds the last thing you'd want is to show up to the closing and be asked for the money that you

already sent. Wire transfers are extremely difficult to undo and oftentimes victims never get their money back.

Lastly, always confirm who you are talking to and that they are a real person, the website suggests. Scammers may be hard to understand or write/speak in broken English. A legitimate owner or real estate agent should be willing to meet you in person. Transactions that happen purely over email should end with confirmation of money transfers and communication with the licensed owner, preferably with an in-person meeting.

"If they get anything in the mail or a phone call that ... doesn't quite make sense or add up," Lewis advised, "make sure and follow up on it."

Real estate agents and title companies are more aware of scams now and have more ways to avoid them.

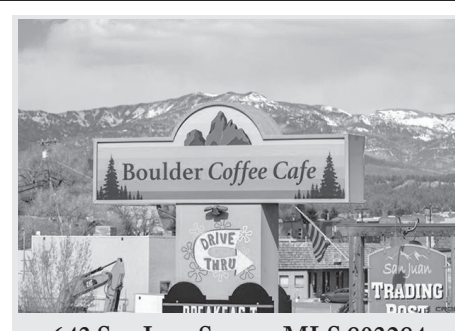
"We're asking for other forms of ID ... or a copy of their warranty deed," Lewis said. "I've had good success with finding the real owner and calling them on the phone and then they tell me that it wasn't them or they're not in fact interested in selling it."

Staying vigilant and skeptical is the best way to avoid real estate scams, and the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies states that a good rule to follow is: "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

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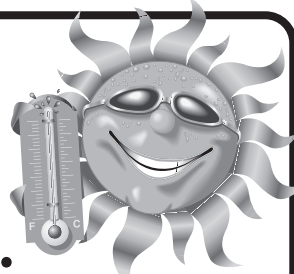


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Public input sought on town's Land Use and Development Code update

By Karl Onsager
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Community Development Department

The Town of Pagosa Springs Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) update drafts are published and ready for public review at www.mypagosa.org. The current drafts are considered 90 percent complete.

This means that the draft articles represent staff's recommendations for modifications and ad-

ditions to the code based on community input, town council and planning commission direction, and technical expertise. However, there may be additional changes based on town council direction and public comments.

The town needs your review and feedback to get the draft to 100 percent to move forward to the public hearing adoptions.

The town invites you to review the drafts and the corresponding change log, and provide feedback

via surveys for each article. The LUDC is a powerful tool to implement the community vision established by the comprehensive plan. Your feedback is valuable to make sure the code is understandable and can achieve that vision.

Keep in mind, the LUDC only applies to properties that are incorporated into the town and not those in unincorporated Archuleta County.

You can also review the summary report for feedback on things

like tiny homes on wheels, signs, the East End and Put Hill overlays, and more.

Staff will report the community response to the LUDC Topic Survey to town council on July 27 along with its recommendations. Staff anticipates bringing the revised code to a public hearing for the planning commission's recommendation in September. The town council public hearing for consideration of adoption is expected in October 2023.

ColorFest tickets now on sale, citizenship assistance available

By Mary Jo Coulehan
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Chamber of Commerce

ColorFest 2023 tickets are now on sale. This anticipated fall event is starting to take shape with three components that make up the weekend. A huge attraction for the weekend is the stunning hot air balloons that grace the skies both in the downtown area and on the west side of town.

The balloons will take off every morning at about 7:30 a.m. This year on Saturday, we anticipate several waves of balloons due to the limited launch area in the downtown area. There is no charge for this viewing.

The annual Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival will take place in the tent in the athletic field in Town Park the evening of Sept. 15. This sold-out event highlights Pagosa's fine restaurants, caterers and specialty food shops. Along with delicious food, attendees are treated to fine domestic and international wines. This year's entertainment will be Bob Hemenger, who we are lucky to get with his busy schedule. This is a 21-plus event and there are two types of tickets: VIP and general admission. With VIP tickets come

reserved seating, a VIP gift, the wine glass, and wine and food tickets. You may purchase up to eight VIP tickets which constitutes a full table. General admission has open seating, nonguaranteed seating, the glass, and wine and food tickets. More information on the event will be forthcoming.

Tickets for the Band and Brews event on Sept. 16 are also on sale. For this event there are two types of tickets: beer tasting and general admission. The beer-tasting ticket allows you entrance to the event, a beer-tasting glass and access to all the fine quaffs offered by the participating breweries. You must be 21 or older to purchase a beer-tasting ticket. ID will be verified at the event. A general admission ticket allows you entrance to the event only. Wine by the glass and nonal-

coholic beverages will be available for purchase. There will also be food vendors and two live bands. General admission tickets are for attendees 15 years old and older. Children 14 and younger are free to attend the event. There will be more activities which we will announce soon.

You can purchase tickets for the event by going to the Chamber's website and clicking on the date of the event you want to attend through the calendar of events, or you can click on the ColorFest graphic on the home page to take you to registration. You do need to register for each event separately.

Visit www.pagosachamber.com to find out more information. Please read the directions on how to place your ticket order on the registration site to facilitate your ordering process. Questions con-

cerning ticketing can be directed to staff at the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

Attention employers who have employees seeking citizenship

Through the Campaneros Organization in Durango, free legal assistance is being offered to people who have questions on DACA, citizenship or immigration cases.

On Friday, July 28, there will be a workshop on DACA and citizenship. The session begins at 4 p.m. in Durango at the Student Union Building at Fort Lewis College. The Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition will first present and then there will be trained volunteers available to help complete USCIS forms.

■ See Citizenship A9

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Town council discusses progress on 2023 priorities, strategizes for future in two-day retreat

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council prioritized projects for the upcoming year in a two-day retreat on July 13 and 14, coming up with strategies and goals to handle “critical” issues facing the community, ranging in topics from traffic management to public art.

Yvonne Wilcox facilitated the event, a follow-up of issues identified in a 2018 retreat.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips provided a budget discussion that focused on the 11 council goals that the members established last year, primarily addressing the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District.

“Right now, we’re being doing all we can just to keep that system running and avoiding a catastrophic failure that would lead to a serious environmental issue,” Phillips said, adding that they are retrofitting the sanitation pumps and installing submersible and odor-controlling pumps.

“The focus is how much longer can we continue to operate our current pumping conveyance system,” she said. “What upgrades do we need to do to keep those pumps going? What’s our capacity as a district to add more taps?”

Phillips noted the district is discussing the pros and cons of adding its own wastewater treatment plant, which was the “path we were going in the 2010s era before we changed paths and went with the pipeline project, and also looking at working with PAWSD for a more community-wide option.”

She added they are ensuring the town captures capital investment fees from new developments, such as The Springs Resort’s expansion and potential Pagosa Views development.

Phillips explained the town has received a notice of violation from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

“Apparently we got flagged with their Water Quality Control Division for having five spills in five years,” she said, adding, “They want to know what our procedures are, what we’re doing for preventative care and maintenance... we’re trying to respond appropriately to that... They understand the situation that we’re in, but they also have their mandate to ensure that there aren’t spills into the environment and water sources.”

Phillips explained sanitation is its own enterprise fund, supported by monthly service fees and capital investment fees.

“We are seeing some new infill development and new folks wanting to connect into the district, especially on the east side outside of district boundaries,” she noted. “Those inclusions will provide more capital investment fees, but more impact on the system, obviously.”

She added their collection lines are in “poor shape” and there is a “major backlog of needed replacements.”

Phillips noted the cost of replacements would be \$6.5 million. “Obviously we don’t have the funds to do that,” she said. “Unfortunately, all of our additional funding that we had within our enterprise fund has gone towards keeping the pumping conveyance system working, hiring extra staff to deal with maintenance, doing

pump retrofits, doing odor control and all those other things related to the pipeline project.”

Phillips noted they still have \$3 million in debt to PAWSD from the original pipeline.

“All in all, we’ve avoided a major catastrophe so far, but it’s not the time to take our foot off the gas because it’s a basic necessity,” she added.

Phillips explained the district is looking to apply for grants such as the Energy Impact Fund, which would provide up to \$1 million, and a “lot of different entities for funding assistance.”

She stated the system was designed to handle a maximum of 1.2 million gallons of water per day and is currently using up to 1.5 million per day.

Council member Leonard Martinez asked, “With this \$6.5 million, is there any kind of plan or strategy on how to approach that?”

Phillips said they’re applying for a \$1 million grant from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and other funding sources, “but that’s pretty much it.”

“We don’t have a plan other than the \$1 million right now?” Martinez asked. “We don’t have a strategy for getting that \$6.5 million?”

“No,” Phillips responded.

She added one of their options is to do the district’s original plan back in the 2010s which was to build its own wastewater treatment facility for the district “down at the lagoon properties [near Yamaguchi Park] since we already have that and it could discharge into the river, so you do want the water source to be adjacent for that discharge.”

She added another option would be to do a combined facility with PAWSD.

“Hanging in the background is the regulations PAWSD would have to meet,” Phillips said, adding, “The idea is could we just build a modern, state-of-the-art community-wide wastewater treatment plant probably at the lagoon property... and that would help not only address those issues but also our needs in the future.”

Phillips explained that one of their main challenges in wastewater sanitation has been staff turnover, which as of this year is 100 percent.

Mat deGraaf, a town council member and PAWSD employee, added, “There is no such thing as a low-maintenance sanitation system.”

“We’ve obviously been in the paper quite a bit with issue after issue, and I don’t think that helps, because people know this is something we have to babysit,” Phillips said.

In regards to funding replacements and upgrades, Phillips said, “It will not be politically popular, but we may have to look at revaluing/re-evaluating the number of capital investment fees that different businesses and developments have, just to make sure they are appropriately assured.”

The Rose Mountain Townhomes — a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit affordable housing project serving 30 to 60 percent of the area median income, according to the Archuleta County Housing Authority — was valued under “our old rules and regulations,” she explained. “I can’t remember the number off the top of my head, but maybe it was 10 EUs, an EU is one tap, which is \$4950. If you would

apply that under our new rules and regs it would be almost double.”

An EU, or equivalent unit, is “the estimated average sanitary flow from a single-family dwelling charged to a sewer account; an estimate of water consumption and wastewater generation at a rate of 200 gallons per day,” according to lawinsider.com.

“I’m not singling them out, it’s just an example of how we’re assessing businesses and developments... We might just need to take a look at that,” Phillips said. “We may be overvaluing some, or even undervaluing some, too.”

She noted that in regard to the sanitation district, its been in “emergency mode.”

She suggested they need to focus on a sustainable system funded by user fees since grants can “only get you so far.”

“If we were to do a rate study right now, it would probably be pretty scary what those monthly service fees are suggesting,” Phillips said. “Right now we’re at \$53.50 per EU per month, which is maybe another reason to combine with PAWSD, because then you’re spreading the cost of the new plant across a much larger system.”

Phillips explained that improvements and replacements have been put on the back burner because of the immediate issues facing the system, mainly just “keeping it going.”

Affordable housing and short-term rentals

No. 2 on the list of priorities from last year was affordable housing.

“We’ve spent almost \$1 million on the last few years on buying property for workforce housing,” Phillips said.

She added the town chose a developer called Servitas and had to pay Servitas “quite a bit in pre-development costs, and for their time and engineers, architects, geotechnicians — that was almost half a million.”

deGraaf suggested they should drop the Servitas contract and “look at the property we purchased with new eyes.”

“I don’t think it should be our job to build and then sell workforce housing at \$4-500 dollars per square foot. The whole thing just got out of control,” deGraaf said. “I have no problem cutting our losses and moving in a different direction on this particular project.”

He added what made sense in 2019 doesn’t make sense in 2023 due to a “different building environment.”

Wilcox guided the council to “redefine town’s role in affordable housing. What does success look like in the future?”

“Success looks like more affordable housing coming online, and I don’t care who brings it or how that works,” deGraaf said.

Pierce suggested looking at other communities that have had successful models of the town “helping in various ways, like getting infrastructure into a certain area... so that people can come in less expensively. I think it’s really worth looking at what some of those successful programs are looking like... I don’t think it’s a today thing; it’s just, let’s look at some of those.”

In regard to short-term rentals, Phillips explained they conducted an impact study that provided “the

nexus that we needed to establish a workforce housing fee. So we are collecting that from short-term rentals.”

Phillips said the council has “provided support for different organizations like Habitat for Humanity, HomesFund, etc. to help them do what they’re doing better,” adding the council approved waiving building permit plan review fees and paid tap fees.

Yet she added they were not successful in obtaining two state grants for workforce housing that would help bring down construction costs.

“At this point, we’re really looking at how to incentivize our private sector and nonprofits organizations to continue to move forward,” she said.

Phillips went on to address land-acquisition strategies, which the town hopes to use for affordable housing, river access, trails, parks and town facilities.

She added the town hired a real estate agent, allowing it to purchase three parcels for workforce housing totaling \$1 million.

She added they’re going through a phase one environmental impact statement to acquire the Goodman property near Reservoir Hill.

Traffic and roads

Regarding traffic management, parking and road maintenance, Phillips explained the council has prioritized allocating funding into road maintenance to “make sure roads that are in good condition remain in good condition, and manage traffic volumes as well as parking.”

She added the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is undertaking a “major reconstruct” project, which remains unfunded.

She explained CDOT will do the road surfacing and ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), but it will be up to the town to pay for “local items” such as utility line retrofits, realignments, landscaping, lighting and concrete repairs.

■ See Council A9



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Conduct

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Hurley then proposed that the board should have a training on the issue.

Hudson noted that both he and Hurley have been to "a lot" of such

trainings and that they have different opinions on what a board member can say.

He also questioned when quasi-judicial rules apply, noting that there are circumstances where it does not apply.

Hurley replied that it applies to any item coming before the board for a vote.

"[Expletive], I'm sorry," Hudson said, adding that quasi-judicial rules only apply to specific cases, not to matters of policy.

Homicide

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"Remlinger was observed driving his 1997 grey Dodge pick-up," it states.

At approximately 1:28 pm, a Colorado State Patrol trooper observed Remlinger parked on U.S.

84, approximately 3 miles south of U.S. 160, the press release indicates.

"At the direction of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, the Trooper placed Remlinger in custody and transported him to the Sheriff's

Office for further investigation," it explains.

Woodman later explained that it was determined Fitzpatrick died of a single stab wound to the arm — a transected axillary artery.

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School

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On July 10, committee members saw results from a poll that addressed the ballot question and how respondents would vote.

The results showed 66 percent of off-year voters supporting the measure and 74 percent of all respondents indicating they would vote in the affirmative, according to a presentation from Jake Martin, who, as a representative of Keating Research, administered the poll.

Pagosa Springs Middle School Principal Chris Hinger said, "I was involved in the last MLO [in 2018], and did a lot of door knocking ... I think this will pass if we do the work. Never has the light been greener to

go forward with something like this."

The committee debated if the MLO extension should have a sunset, with the majority suggesting it shouldn't.

"It's not in our best interest to go for a mill levy with a sunset," Holt said, adding, "I think we could pass it without a sunset."

Martin noted that, in their poll, there was no significant difference in support with or without a sunset.

Member Darcy DeGuise, addressing whether the measure would be brought up again in the coming years if there was a five- to 10-year sunset, said, "Let's wrap it up, get it done."

The group also debated whether the ballot language should include words such as "permanently" or "in perpetuity" to clarify the likely lack of sunset.

Martin expressed concern that neither words were included in the ballot language in the poll.

"I'm not sure how the voters are going to react to that," he said.

Member Lisa Scott said she had trepidation about "camouflaging" the fact that this would be a permanent extension, and suggested they should instead include it in the end

bullet points as opposed to "bold up front."

Hansen explained they would have Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (also commonly known as TABOR) language at the bottom of the ballot, which would include the word "permanently."

Hansen further recommended that the second bullet point in the ballot language read, "providing school safety, security, and mental health supports for students."

Members present at the meeting agreed to present the proposed ballot language to the school board on Aug. 8, but Hansen suggested avoiding the word "unanimously" since there were a few members of the committee not present.

This was the last of the exploratory meetings, and all communication from here on will be held via email, as "the campaign has to be outside district work," according to Hansen.

Members decided to begin campaigning, but Hansen cautioned that they could only say the group "made a recommendation" since the school board hasn't moved forward with it yet.

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Restrictions

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and Southern Ute Indian Tribe and lower elevations of the San Juan National Forest already under Stage 1 restrictions.

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.

Prohibited activities

The Stage 1 restrictions for Archuleta County, according to the resolution approved by the commissioners, prohibits:

- Fires: Building, maintaining, attending or using any fire, campfire, coal- or wood-burning stove, any type of charcoal-fueled broiler, or open fire of any type in underdeveloped areas.

- Burn permits: Burn permits issued shall not be authorized during the fire restriction period.

- Fireworks: The use of all fireworks is prohibited in a fire ban. This includes "permissible fireworks" such as, but not limited to, small fireworks devices designed to produce audible or visual effects by combustion, fountains, cones, spinners, sparklers, poppers, snake or glow worm pellets and other trick noisemakers.

- Open burning: Agricultural burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, weed burning, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and any open burning include bonfires that will require a permit from the fire authority having jurisdiction.

- Shooting: Shooting tracer rounds or explosive type targets are prohibited. The use of an explosive initiation system requiring a burning fuse line is prohibited.

- Smoking: Smoking — except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area of

at least 6 feet diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material — is not authorized.

Approved exemptions

The following acts are approved exemptions during fire restrictions according to the resolution:

- Fire: Recreational fires will be limited to appliances fueled by bottled gas or pressurized liquid fuel at developed parks, campground, private residence or picnic areas. They cannot be closer than 30 feet to an undeveloped area. Recreational fires within a permanently constructed fire grate in a developed park, campground, private residence or picnic area are also allowed and cannot be closer than 30 feet to an undeveloped area.

- Chain saws: Operating a chain saw with a USDA- or SAE-approved spark-arresting device properly installed and in effective working order and having a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight and possessing one large size pointed shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches is allowed during fire restrictions. The extinguisher shall be with the chain saw operator. The shovel may be kept with the fueling supplies, but readily available for quick use.

- Charcoal grills: Charcoal grills that use either charcoal briquettes or all-natural lump charcoal as their fuel source are allowed. The charcoal, when burned, will transform into embers radiating the heat necessary to cook food. Charcoal grill fires at private residences or within a permanently constructed fire ring structure covered by a steel grate in a developed park, campground or picnic area are allowed during fire restrictions. Charcoal barbecue grills shall not be closer than 30 feet to an undeveloped area.

- Chimineas or portable outdoor fireplaces: A chiminea or a por-

table outdoor fireplace is allowed at private residences or within a developed park, campground or picnic area. They cannot be closer than 30 feet to an undeveloped area and not closer than 15 feet to a structure or combustible material, with covers, screens, spark arresters and grates.

- Heating devices: Any fire contained within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices are allowed during fire restrictions.

- Permitted fires: Certain types of permitted fires are exempted within the resolution.

- Tiki torches: Tiki torches at private residences or within a developed park, campground or picnic area and that are not closer than 30 feet to an undeveloped area and not closer than 15 feet to a structure or combustible material are allowed.

- Welding and cutting torches: Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame within an area that is barren or cleared of all combustible material at least 10 feet on all sides from the equipment is allowed during fire restrictions. Welding and cutting torch appliances may only be operated in an area no closer than 30 feet from an undeveloped area.

- Wood pellet grills: Approved wood pellet grills are exempt.

- Oil and gas industry: Oil and gas operations are required to comply with the requirements of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Rules for Fire Prevention and Protections, Rule 606A.

"The Sheriff may grant written permission to allow open fires upon request, provided that it is proven to their satisfaction that such exception to the fire restrictions does not constitute a high danger of forest, grass, or other wildland fire," the resolution explains.

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He stated that he was not referring to a specific project in his comments to the SJWCD board.

Hurley noted that Hudson was referring specifically to the SJWCD reservoir project and Hudson stated that this would impact the entire district.

Hudson added that PAWSO and the SJWCD should be discussing the project at meetings and Hurley suggested that Hudson was doing "public speaking" at a meeting.

Hudson noted he is "a member of the public."

"That's what I did," Hudson replied.

Hurley commented he should identify himself as such, adding, "No, you identified yourself as a member of PAWSO and this is your opinion even though you are only an individual of PAWSO. You can't do that."

Hurley added that Hudson can identify himself and state that he is giving his personal opinion on an issue.

"So, if the mayor's at a meeting, the mayor cannot say, 'I'm the mayor'?" Hudson asked.

Hurley said, "He can't say, 'I'm the mayor and this is my opinion.'"

"Why not?" Hudson asked.

"Cause," Hurley replied.

"That's not the way politics works," Hudson said.

"Alright, well maybe I need a ..."

Hurley said, "Maybe you need a training," Hudson interrupted.

Hurley commented, "Why don't we do a training and we'll ask the trainer what is the correct way?"

Hudson and Hurley agreed that they could pick a trainer.

Chairman Jim Smith suggested that, in his experience as an educator, people only hear 10 percent of what is said and noted that a SJWCD board member had asked Hudson if he was speaking for himself or PAWSO.

"That's why we gotta be careful when we go out in public," Smith added.

Board member Gene Tautges asked if the board could get an opinion from PAWSO's legal council on the issue.

District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey stated that, following this discussion, he would look into whether to have the attorney deliver the training Hudson and Hurley had discussed or have someone else do it.

"I think we need to do that, 'cause I had a 15-minute phone call burning my ear about that meeting," Smith said.

Following clarifying that he was speaking about the SJWCD meeting, Smith noted, "It was like you was controversial with 'em."

Smith continued, "Can you, as a board member of this board, can you tell me, would you please not be so controversial with the conservancy board ... every time you meet with 'em? Or is that just your nature?"

Hurley commented that he did not think what Hudson presented

was "controversial."

Hudson explained that he presented information on how PAWSO is increasing its water supply to inform the SJWCD about these projects in the context of its reservoir project.

He added that no other PAWSO board member had informed the conservancy about these projects and that he felt it was important for the SJWCD to know about PAWSO projects.

Hurley asked if the PAWSO board should discuss and present its projects to the SJWCD "instead of you just showing up and making a public comment and mixing up whether it was I or we? Can we do it that way?"

"No, we absolutely cannot," Hudson replied, adding that he as a member of the public has a right to free speech and that he represents himself and not the board when he speaks to the SJWCD.

Hurley noted, "In this meeting, you messed up and said 'we' then you changed yourself to 'I'. Just now. You can listen to the recording if you'd like."

Hudson commented he heard himself and Hurley responded, "That is the problem."

"OK, is it a problem?" Hudson said.

"Yes," Hurley replied.

"You understand," Hudson commented. "You know who I'm speaking for, Peter, and they all know who I'm speaking for."

"They didn't," Hurley said. "That's why they kept asking you."

Smith commented that the SJWCD asked Hudson who he was speaking for at the meeting.

Hudson stated that one SJWCD board member asked him this once, which Hurley disagreed with.

Following a dispute, Hurley bet Hudson \$100 that the issue was brought up at least three times, which Hudson agreed to.

"Who's gonna hold the money?" Smith asked.

Smith added that he understood where Hurley and Hudson were coming from and that he felt board members needed to be careful to be clear who they are speaking for when at public meetings.

Hurley stated that he had no problem with the information Hudson had presented, but did have a problem with it being unclear who Hudson was speaking for.

Hurley added that he felt presenting the information was a good idea, but proposed that it be done as a board instead of Hudson presenting the information on his own accord.

Hudson stated that he would support the board presenting the information but would oppose any attempts to prevent him from speaking with the SJWCD.

Ramsey proposed that the PAWSO board could consider appointing a representative to the SJWCD at its next meeting.

Hudson stated that he would not object to this, but that other board

members could still attend the meetings and present their individual opinions even if they are not the representative.

Tautges stated that PAWSO board members have the "obligation" to make it "crystal clear" who they represent when speaking to other boards to prevent misunderstandings.

He added that he felt obtaining a legal opinion "at the next opportunity" would be valuable.

"So, Gene, I think if you listen to the recording of the meeting you'll hear me say at the very beginning of my presentation 'I'm speaking for myself not for the PAWSO board,'" Hudson said. "Does that satisfy you?"

"No," Tautges replied. "I would listen to the entire recording and if at any time you said we, I believe you're crossing the line."

"If I said, 'We are planning a pipeline from [Stevens Lake] to [Lake Hatcher],' that's wrong?" Hudson asked.

"I believe you're crossing the line when you say the word we," Tautges said.

Hudson reiterated his question and Tautges confirmed his opinion, reiterating the need for the issue to be "crystal clear."

Smith commented that "half our audience must be daydreaming about something else" and commented that Hudson could repeat "not representing PAWSO" three times, which Hudson said he would be "happy" to do.

"Well, I think that was where it was messed up," Smith added.

Hurley added that he felt the board should talk to a trainer.

Ramsey stated that he would contact the attorney for PAWSO and the Special District Association of Colorado to examine options for a training.

Ramsey noted that the Special District Association likely has a training on this issue and that it would likely be "substantially less expensive" than having the lawyer provide the training.

At the June 19 SJWCD meeting, Hudson used the term "we" seven times and the term "our" one time while discussing PAWSO, the PAWSO board or PAWSO activities.

He indicated that he was speaking for himself once and clarified four additional times that he was speaking for himself while noting in varying ways that he serves on the PAWSO board.

SJWCD Executive Assistant Sally High clarified once that Hudson was referring to PAWSO and asked Hudson immediately afterward, and part way through his comments, who he was speaking for.

Hudson did not reference who he was speaking for before this point.

SJWCD board member Doug Secrist also asked Hudson, following his comments, who he represented once and asked again to clarify the answer Hudson had provided.

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Medical center awarded grant to help with behavioral health care

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) recently received word that it will be awarded a \$154,209 grant for integrated behavioral health care.

According to a statement from PSMC, the state of Colorado re-

viewed applications for the Integrated Healthcare Grant totaling more than \$70 million from 254 sites.

The statement notes the grant will provide a portion of funding toward a behavioral health provider and a community health advocate in the primary care clinic at PSMC.

"Integrated care occurs as part of a Primary Care patient visit

when the physician determines the need for behavioral health and/or community services," it explains. "Where there is need for behavioral health or community service support, the behavioral health provider joins the primary care visit and assists with the patient's needs."

"PSMC is excited to expand our Integrated Behavioral Health ser-

VICES for our community by adding an additional Behavioral Health Provider and new Community Health Advocate to address our patient's immediate behavioral health and community services needs. We are grateful for this grant award," PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb said via the statement.

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None injured in vehicle fire

By Hailey Sams
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South Fork Fire and Rescue responded to a vehicle fire on top of Wolf Creek Pass on Saturday, July 15.

A Dodge Ram pickup truck was pulling a Grand Momentum trailer and "upon arrival on scene command observed one vehicle on fire, fully involved with extension into

the trailer and one propane tank had begun venting," according to an information release from South Fork Fire and Rescue.

The release explains the truck overheated.

Two South Fork engine crews, along with units from the Pagosa Fire Protection District, successfully extinguished the fire with no injuries to passengers or firefighters, the release indicates.



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A vehicle sits atop Wolf Creek Pass after the fire that fully involved the vehicle and trailer was extinguished.

Citizenship

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Council

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"So, we're thinking it will probably be at least a million and a half," Phillips said.

She added CDOT will manage the project, and then the town will be charged for the local improvements plus a markup of 26 percent to do "contract management. That's their going rate to make it part of their project."

Mayor Shari Pierce asked if there is anyone at CDOT they could lobby about the markup, to which Community Development Director James Dickhoff replied, "It just went up to 32 percent in July. I think they'll keep us at 26 percent."

"We need to keep our foot on the gas," Phillips said.

"I'm proud of the efforts we've made over the last years to improve the road situation," deGraaf said. "Overall, I think we're headed in a good direction."

"I've heard citizens say as much," council member Brooks Lindner said, "say, 'Wow, the town has really done what they said they were going to do.'"

Pierce agreed, adding they should take full advantage of the reconstruction in the next few years.

Phillips suggested staff needs more council policy direction on what it wants to do about parking congestion, saying they have removed parking requirements in downtown areas to make the area more "walkable" and proposing meters in high-traffic areas for revenue to "invest in other parking amenities."

She added they are looking to hire a parking enforcement officer.

The council discussed the pros and cons of parking signs, noting that downtown businesses' employees are taking up spots that could be used by tourists who would be spending their dollars there.

"I think we have citizens and local employees who are taking up primo parking spots that are literally right in front," Phillips said. "I watched someone park right in front and you know that's going to sit there for nine hours ... We might want to consider doing some additional enforcement ... some kind of paid parking."

Martinez expressed concern that employees and citizens would be "carrying that full burden."

Pierce proposed taking the issue to the Main Street Advisory Board, of which she serves as a member.

Broadband, child care and education

The council also discussed the town's role in broadband as well as early child care and education, with Pierce saying they should "support them to the same level we did this year" rather than make them "critical" issues for the exercise.

Martinez responded to the discussion on early childhood care and education, saying, "That's the one factor that breaks generational poverty ... I don't disagree with the amount of money we have there and I can't offer more money, but I think we should keep our ears open for anything that could make early child care more affordable."

"I do want to point out that we've provided financial assistance to ages beyond early childhood education," Phillips said. "We have a kids' camp that costs us probably \$100-150,000 a year, and that's not even a fully-loaded class ... that's just staffing and supplies. It allows parents to drop their kid off and go to work for a very subsidized cost."

She added they provided a \$600,000 grant for assistance to Pagosa Peak Open School to purchase a building in 2019 and scholarships for high school students.

In regard to town staffing, particularly in the parks department, Phillips said they've lost many employees to the private sector and there's a large "burnout factor."

She added, "I talked to some friends in the pandemic who worked in the private sector, and we were actually working harder. We weren't sitting home watching Netflix."

The council also addressed how to make their meetings more efficient.

"I was thinking about how do you shorten meetings," Williams said, adding, "I read 200 pages of stuff and sometimes people get up and read me the report I just read ... the public needs to hear that, but I don't need to hear that. I don't know if there's a better way to manage that."

He added that the information is on the council's website, and he believes "there's no need to repeat it."

Council member Madeline Bergon disagreed, saying, "You can't make that assumption that people

read that information before the meeting."

Lindner agreed with Williams and expressed frustration at the amount of time he spends outside of meetings.

"I think Gary and I are expressing the same thing," he said. "We have read this packet and now we're getting this report from staff, so why did we spend our time reading it?"

"Part of it might be your expectations for yourself as a council member," Bergon said. "I started off strong trying to read everything in the packet, and it made me crazy, and working as much as I do and going home and reading 500 pages of a council packet isn't sustainable ... I rely on the report during the meeting to get the necessary information. That's just the kind of council member you want to be. If you want to be the kind of councilman to read 500 pages before every meeting, I applaud you, but I don't have the mental capacity to do that right now before every meeting."

Williams added, "Having too much information is as useless as having not enough."

No resolution was suggested during the retreat.

Public arts and culture

The council chose to address public arts and culture in the community as a "critical" aspect of its role in government and had differing opinions on how they should be involved.

deGraaf said, "We could forget our heritage entirely and our town would still move forward."

Bergon and Martinez disagreed. "I studied anthropology, and there are studies that show there's a benefit to being part of a community that has an identity," Bergon said.

Martinez added, "People don't feel like they're a part of this community."

At the end of the retreat on the second day, council members decided via a weighted vote that public arts and culture would be a top priority of the group in addition to a recreation district.

They decided to make a public committee to get a recreation district on the ballot in a three-year window.

The next town council meeting will be at 5 p.m. on July 20 at Town Hall.

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Assessor presents on property valuations increase

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a report of valuation for 2023 from Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott at its July 18 meeting, among other items.

Tully-Elliott opened her report by explaining that the assessor is required to report assessed values for all real and personal property, as well as a list of persons who protested their property valuations and the results of their appeals.

She explained that the assessed values are based on the 2022 tax rates of 6.95 percent for residential property, 6.8 percent for multifamily properties, 29 percent for vacant land and commercial property, and 26.4 percent for lodging and agricultural property.

She stated that, to meet the demands of recent state legislation, she would not change the tax rates for 2023 until the values are finalized following the County Board of Equalization (CBOE) hearings in August.

She stated that, once the values are finalized, the tax rates will be 6.765 percent for residential and multifamily property; 27.9 percent for vacant land, commercial and

lodging property; and 26.4 for agricultural property.

Tully-Elliott added that residential parcels will receive a \$15,000 actual value exemption, while commercial parcels will receive a \$30,000 actual value exemption due to the legislation.

She noted that both of these changes will lower the assessed values.

She explained that the valuations are only a snapshot in time as of July 11 and that the August certification to taxing entities will reflect the changes created by the legislation.

Tully-Elliott stated that, as of July 11, real property in the county is assessed at \$658,867,470 and personal property in the county is valued at \$3,642,320 for a total valuation of \$662,509,790.

In 2022, real property in the county was valued at \$378,843,700 while personal property was valued at \$19,931,090 for a total value of \$398,765,790, according to the assessor's 2022 report of valuation.

At the meeting, Tully-Elliott indicated that, during the appeal period for this year, the assessor's office received 1,257 real property appeals that it approved, 1,082 real property appeals that it denied and three personal property appeals

that it approved for a total of 2,342 appeals.

Tully-Elliott concluded that the CBOE hearings on property valuations are expected to be "packed."

Executive Assistant Mary Helminski indicates in an email to The SUN that the county had received over 200 CBOE petitions by approximately 2 p.m. on July 18.

Other business

In other business at the meeting, the BoCC approved the Archuleta County Human Services Core Services Plan for the period between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024.

The agenda notes that the Core Services Plan is submitted to the Colorado Department of Human Services Division of Child Welfare for approval and that, if approved, it will be administered in conformity with its provisions and state rules.

The BoCC also approved a year-long contract with Rachel Brock for legal services for the Archuleta County Department of Human Services.

At the BoCC work session earlier in the day, County Attorney Todd Weaver indicated that he is continuing his efforts to hire an attorney for his department who would do this work internally and noted

that Brock's contract contains a 30-day termination clause.

At the meeting, the board voted to designate the Veteran's Memorial Park Board to be the administrator for the completion of the sidewalk work occurring at the park.

Additionally, the BoCC voted to approve a lease with La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) to install a carrier neutral location on a property owned by LPEA at 7341 West U.S. 160.

Prior to the vote, Weaver explained that a carrier neutral location allows Internet utilities to access fiber to install lines to serve their customers from a central hub.

He added that the cost of the lease would be \$170 a year with a 3 percent increase per year, which he stated is "affordable."

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke noted that the lease is for 20 years with two "easy" five-year extensions, allowing for stability in the location.

She also noted that the PSCDC would be paying for the location out of the local broadband funding given to the organization by the county and the Town of Pagosa Springs.

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Vehicle stolen in Archuleta County found abandoned on interstate

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A vehicle stolen in Archuleta County the morning of July 16 was found abandoned along Interstate 70 later that morning.

According to Undersheriff Robert Hill, the vehicle, a BMW, was stolen from a location near mile marker 114 on U.S. 160 about 9 a.m. on July 16.

Hill relayed that a ranch manager reported

the stolen vehicle and reported it was stolen between the time he left to go get water and came back to the ranch owner's property an hour later.

Hill noted the keys were in the vehicle.

The vehicle was later found abandoned by a Colorado State Patrol trooper on I-70 at about 12:15 p.m., according to the undersheriff.

He noted there are currently no suspects.

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Hill noted vehicle thefts are on the rise in Archuleta County, noting when he looked at the crime stats for Archuleta County prior to taking a position with the ACSO that was one of the crimes on the rise and had risen by a significant percentage.

"This isn't Mayberry anymore," he said, urging people to keep their vehicles locked and refrain from leaving keys in the vehicle.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, July 20

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

Monday, July 24

County Board of Equalization petition hearings. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

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

San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting. 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83611276692>, meeting ID: 836 1127 6692.

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=dFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

County Board of Equalization petition hearings. 11 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

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

Wednesday, July 26

County Board of Equalization petition hearings. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96759128658?pwd=RmdWbHlzTXNyMEF3dEc4QThDNDRjQT09>, meeting ID: 967 5912 8658, passcode: 39366. For more information, visit: <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

Thursday, July 27

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

Monday, July 31

County Board of Equalization petition hearings. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

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Tuesday, Aug. 1

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PAWSD approves expansion contracts, main line extension

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved three contracts and a main line extension on Hot Springs Boulevard to serve the expansion of The Springs Resort at its July 12 special meeting.

District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey explained that the first contract on the agenda was with Trautner Geotech LLC for verifying compaction and soil types, as well as doing concrete testing during the Snowball water treatment plant expansion.

He stated that a contract like this is typically made with the owner of a project instead of with the contractor to prevent the engineer testing the project from being employed by the contractor whose work is being tested.

Ramsey noted that the \$111,833 cost of this contract is already included in the overall cost of the plant and that the contract came in within budget.

The board then approved the contract.

Ramsey moved on to explain a contract with La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) for the addition of a new dead-end pole and electrical infrastructure at the Snowball plant that was before the board for consideration.

He stated that the plan was to have the contract rest with PCL Construction, the contractor on the project, but LPEA would only sign a contract with the owner of the property.

Ramsey added that this will not increase costs as PCL would either still pay for the \$117,421 cost of the contract or the expense would be taken out of PAWSD's payments to PCL.

The board then unanimously approved the contract.

Ramsey then covered an amendment to PAWSD's contract with SGM, the engineer for the Snowball plant.

He noted that SGM has already performed the design work for the plant and that the amendment would cover the engineer approving work during construction.

He added that the cost of the

work had been approximately halved by Ramsey working as the owner's representative for PAWSD at the site, verifying that components are properly installed.

SGM representative Chad Hill added that the work in the amendment is already included in the budget for the project.

The board then approved the contract amendment.

The board discussed the main line extension for The Springs' expansion project, with Ramsey noting that the resort, as part of its expansion, wants to add an additional line off of the water line running down Hot Springs Boulevard to connect to and create a loop with the line it currently has.

He noted that this line would allow for additional tie-ins for future expansions, as well as shortening the length of service lines for the resort complex.

Resort representative Nate Travisono indicated, in response to a question from PAWSD chairman Jim Smith, that the expansion will have 78 rooms.

PAWSD secretary Bill Hudson questioned how many equivalent units (EUs) the expansion would require.

Ramsey and Travisono indicated that the water needs of the project were calculated using a model and that the expansion will require 16 EUs.

Ramsey also stated, in response to board member Gene Tautges, that PAWSD would own the line following its installation.

Hudson questioned if the resort area would be expanded further with additional buildings, which Ramsey stated he was unsure about.

Ramsey added that additional expansions would require modeling and that PAWSD is near the limits of its water infrastructure in the area, meaning further expansions might cause the resort to have to pay for improved lines and water storage tanks due to increased needs.

He stated that the looped line that would be created by this project would have benefits including preventing drops in chlorine concentrations that require flushing the line and improving the taste of

the water.

Hudson asked what the impact of the expansion, given the water infrastructure being near capacity in the area, would be for nearby projects, such as those on the other side of Hot Springs Boulevard.

Ramsey explained that the modeling done assumes that all nearby properties are built out with the approved number of EUs for each property and that modeling and potential upgrade requirements associated with it are only done when a property increases its number of EUs.

He added that the number of EUs on a property is typically one, but a property could be included with more.

Ramsey also clarified that the limitations on the system in the area are based on limitations in pipe and water tank sizes, not on amount of water available.

Hudson questioned if PAWSD should assume that the resort expansion will create 16 EUs

of sewage that will enter into the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District system and be sent to PAWSD for processing.

Ramsey stated that "we don't look at that at all" in the water expansion process and "based on our [intergovernmental agreement] with the town, we just kind of get screwed on that."

"You said it, not me," Hudson replied.

Ramsey stated, "There's no secrets with that. ... That's the way it is."

He added that PAWSD would treat the sewage generated at a cost of \$1.72 per 1,000 gallons.

PAWSD treasurer Peter Hurley questioned if, since the system is near its maximum, the next applicant for additional EUs may have to pay for the system expansion.

Ramsey indicated that is true.

The board then approved the main line extension.

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Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT,
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harmon Park Dr, Pagosa Springs,
CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
Plaintiffs:
VINCENT J. VITANZA and MICHELLE RENEE VITANZA
v.
Defendants:
CAROLINE W. KING; BARBARA A. ALLEN KELSAY,
TRUSTEE OF THE BARBARA ALLEN FAMILY TRUST
DATED AUGUST 12, 1994 AND AMENDED FEBRUARY
15, 2007; TARA L. MCGOWAN; and ALL UNKNOWN
PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE
SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
Case Number: 2023CV30042
Submitting Attorney:
Duke Eggleston, #24965
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com
Case Number:
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
UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN
THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Lot 144 in LAKE HATCHER PARK, according to the plat thereof filed for record November 5, 1973 as Reception No. 78738.
Respectfully Submitted this 26th day of June, 2023.
Published in The Pagosa Sun
First Publication:
Last Publication:
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
/s/ Duke Eggleston
Duke Eggleston, #24965
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF LIEN SALE PURSUANT
TO STORAGE LIEN

Notice is given that, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 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 Benzell, 372 Canyon Circle, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147

Misc boxes, gas cans, plastic buckets, small grill, sofa table, old high chair, duffle bag, misc plastic bins, folding chairs, fishing poles, desk chair, couch, end table, bedframe, chest of drawers, mirror
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County Court
Archuleta Combined Court
109 Harman Park Dr., PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Case No. 23C63

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 Mulberry
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
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Archuleta Combined Court
109 Harman Park Dr., PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Case No. 23C62

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 Erin Elizabeth 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

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FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON
JULY 26, 2023

BAUDOIN D'AUMERIES, has applied for a Board Conditional Use Permit for the D'AUMERIES PRIVATE HELIPAD, on the RURAL PARCEL in SEC: 27 TWN: 35 RING: 1W at 3700 Terry Robinson Rd, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-117). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING. The proposal is to prepare a landing site for the owner's private use. Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on July 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.
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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON
AUGUST 1, 2023 ERIC SPORS,

representing GREG AND CAROL THEISS, has applied for a MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Theiss Minor Subdivision in Sec: 27 Twn: 35 Rng: 1W, at 800 Divide View Pl, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-116). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PFlowers@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on August 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
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Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado
Riverwalk – Town Park to Highway 160 –
Crosswalk Addition

The Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado is in the process of finalizing the above listed project constructed by Strohecker Asphalt & Paving, Inc., 37801 Highway 160, Bayfield, Colorado 81122. Any claims against this project by suppliers, subcontractors, or others should be delivered to the project engineering firm of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. at 188 S. 8th Street, P.O. Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147. All claims shall be delivered prior to August 7, 2023. Any claims received on or after August 7, 2023 shall not be considered. Claim forms can be obtained from Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (Phone 970-264-5055).
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF
COLORADO
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023CV030029 DIVISION NO. 1
COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL
PROPERTY

AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM
Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v. Defendants, NF COLORADO PROPERTY LLC
Sheriff Sale 2023-12

Regarding: Sheriff Sale of Real Property under Decree of Foreclosure, pursuant to Court Order and C.R.S. §38-38-101 et seq., County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:

This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated May 15, 2023, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on August 3, 2022 at Rec. No. 22204718, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, against real property legally described as follows:

Regarding: Lot 12, Block 5, Lake Pagosa Park, according to the plat thereof filed for record March 13, 1970 as Reception No. 72998 through 73013
Also known as: 74 Gala Pl., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

NOTICE OF SALE
You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 10:00 a.m., on the 13th day of September, 2023, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8434. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.

****BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THEIR HIGHEST BID AT TIME OF SALE. ****

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

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Last Publication: 8/17/2023

Published In: Pagosa Sun
DATED in Colorado this 21st day of June, 2023.
Mike Le Roux, Sheriff
Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager
ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF:
ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC
1445 Market Street, Suite 350, Denver, CO 80202
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Brian Shuchardt has filed to dismiss the protection order entered on April 14th, 2016 that restrained him from having contact with Donna Shuchardt in Archuleta County case number 16C20.
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Jason Jackson
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ARCHULETA COUNTY
2022 Annual Salary Report

County employees are paid every two weeks (not monthly). This report shows amounts paid out within the year of 2022. Fringe benefits, including, but not limited to, medical insurance, FICA, medical care, and retirement plans are on average 34% of wages paid.

Position	Amount
4-H Coordinator	\$ 45,706.56
Accountant	\$ 47,531.48
Accountant III	\$ 46,783.16
Accounting Clerk III	\$ 11,809.42
Accounting Clerk III	\$ 34,106.72
Accounting Clerk III	\$ 8,533.83
Admin.Assistant II/HR Gen	\$ 13,245.95
Admin.Assistant II/HR Gen	\$ 2,557.18
Administrative Assistant	\$ 44,102.50
Administrative Assistant	\$ 39,875.95
Administrative Assistant	\$ 9,755.68
Administrative Assistant	\$ 565.75
Administrative Assistant	\$ 15,490.13
Administrative Assistant	\$ 9,428.87
Administrative Assistant	\$ 18,803.81
Administrative Assistant II	\$ 47,117.11
Administrative Assistant	\$ 45,016.34
Administrative Assistant	\$ 5,567.35
Adult/Child Protection Case Worker	\$ 1,796.59
Airport Maintenance Tech	\$ 11,507.84
Airport Maintenance Tech	\$ 1,142.20
Airport Maintenance Tech	\$ 20,559.95
Airport Manager	\$ 72,226.76
Alt. Senten. & Pre Trial Coord	\$ 80,171.55
Animal Control Officer	\$ 29,133.96
Animal Control Officer	\$ 10,630.09
Appraiser I	\$ 46,805.31
Appraiser I	\$ 39,955.24
Appraiser I	\$ 41,326.00
Appraiser I	\$ 12,443.84
Appraiser I	\$ 17,781.37
Arboles Trans Station Fill in	\$ 2,336.53
Arboles Transfer Station Atten	\$ 10,594.71
Assessor	\$ 77,884.04
Building Inspector	\$ 25,602.23
Bus Driver	\$ 13,134.90
Bus Driver	\$ 10,907.93
Bus Driver	\$ 888.15
Bus Driver FTI	\$ 27,376.13
Case Service Aid/ Fraud Claims	\$ 2,977.13
Caseworker I	\$ 11,782.15
Caseworker 1	\$ 10,894.39
Caseworker 1	\$ 34,065.92
Caseworker 1	\$ 52,350.57
Caseworker 1	\$ 43,962.78
Caseworker 1	\$ 28,757.48
Caseworker 1	\$ 10,194.02
Caseworker 1	\$ 6,249.54
Caseworker Supervisor	\$ 62,631.38
Chief Building Official	\$ 73,623.07
Chief Building Official	\$ 12,886.74
Chief Deputy Assessor	\$ 51,846.69
Chief Deputy Clerk	\$ 60,300.18
Chief Deputy Clerk	\$ 54,844.57
Chief Deputy Treasurer	\$ 48,856.50
Child Support Legal Tech	\$ 53,734.36
Child Support Legal Tech	\$ 14,101.88
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 14,197.29
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 14,002.98
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 11,765.64
Commissioner	\$ 70,200.00
Commissioner	\$ 77,884.04
Commissioner	\$ 77,884.04
Compliance & Program Coordinator	\$ 8,991.58
Computer Support Spec.	\$ 56,353.00
Cons Emergency Comm Mgr	\$ 82,888.35
County Administrator	\$ 133,218.60
County Attorney	\$ 134,249.79
County Clerk	\$ 70,200.00
County Coroner	\$ 39,720.00
County Surveyor	\$ 4,393.00
County Treasurer	\$ 82,700.00
Court House Security Officer	\$ 55,186.04
Court House Security Officer	\$ 40,841.14
Court House Security Officer	\$ 49,626.78
Deputy Assessor	\$ 51,996.73
Deputy Clerk I	\$ 38,557.79
Deputy Clerk II	\$ 36,486.14
Deputy Clerk III	\$ 41,124.76
Deputy Clerk III	\$ 40,432.08
Deputy Dir. Of Emer. Mgt	\$ 32,456.87
Deputy Dir. Of Emer. Mgt	\$ 33,587.99
Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk I	\$ 453.84
Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk I	\$ 8,017.86
Deputy of Emerg. Mgt.	\$ 26,665.40
Deputy of Emerg. Mgt.	\$ 33,285.55
Deputy Treasurer	\$ 47,865.05
Deputy Treasurer	\$ 467.77
Deputy Treasurer	\$ 26,969.25
Detective	\$ 70,432.03
Detective	\$ 74,183.48
Detective	\$ 7,119.00
Detective	\$ 6,600.00
Detention Commander	\$ 79,598.57
Detention Officer	\$ 13,743.35
Detention Officer	\$ 12,272.30
Detention Officer	\$ 11,803.55
Detention Officer	\$ 11,705.50
Detention Officer	\$ 36,882.09
Detention Officer	\$ 53,997.18
Detention Officer	\$ 59,280.73
Detention Officer	\$ 14,134.02
Detention Officer	\$ 53,481.30
Detention Officer	\$ 49,257.67
Detention Officer	\$ 30,617.29
Detention Officer	\$ 58,148.08
Detention Officer	\$ 54,221.32
Detention Officer	\$ 24,023.98
Detention Officer	\$ 34,742.78
Detention Officer	\$ 37,192.30
Detention Officer	\$ 18,265.51
Detention Officer	\$ 17,814.50
Detention Officer	\$ 13,896.45
Detention Officer	\$ 8,067.26
Detention Officer	\$ 3,980.08
Detention Sgt.	\$ 33,867.97
Detention Sgt.	\$ 9,988.48
Detention Sgt.	\$ 13,572.36
Detention Sgt.	\$ 24,323.18
Detention Sgt.	\$ 60,977.93
Detention Sgt.	\$ 32,533.79

Detention Sgt.	\$ 32,533.79
Development Director	\$ 79,967.37
DHS Accountant	\$ 68,740.66
DHS Director	\$ 32,452.93
Dispatch Admin Assistant	\$ 6,851.27
Dispatcher	\$ 22,359.71
Dispatcher	\$ 48,730.37
Dispatcher	\$ 41,281.13
Dispatcher	\$ 54,566.16
Dispatcher	\$ 3,805.20
Dispatcher	\$ 46,077.28
Dispatcher	\$ 2,157.60
Dispatcher	\$ 2,279.34
Dispatcher	\$ 1,256.17
Dispatcher	\$ 4,670.21
Dispatcher	\$ 4,522.55
Dispatcher	\$ 26,100.29
Dispatcher	\$ 18,454.82
Dispatcher	\$ 4,980.25
Dispatcher	\$ 4,260.64
Dispatcher - PT	\$ 10,454.22
Election Judge	\$ 202.50
Election Judge	\$ 187.50
Election Judge	\$ 195.00
Election Judge	\$ 1,032.00
Election Judge	\$ 416.00
Election Judge	\$ 200.00
Election Judge	\$ 320.00
Election Judge	\$ 255.00
Election Judge	\$ 986.25
Election Judge	\$ 165.00
Election Judge	\$ 281.25
Election Judge	\$ 247.50
Election Judge	\$ 187.50
Elections Administrator	\$ 36,350.49
Elections Administrator	\$ 41,479.79
Eligibility Technician	\$ 41,273.49
Eligibility Technician	\$ 42,594.09
Eligibility Technician	\$ 35,906.99
Eligibility Technician	\$ 12,130.78
Eligibility Technician	\$ 19,374.15
Eligibility Technician	\$ 24,912.15
Emergency Comm Ops Mgr	\$ 55,862.58
Emergency Operations Director	\$ 66,069.80
Engineering Tech	\$ 41,181.05
Equipment Operator I	\$ 44,174.49
Equipment Operator I	\$ 15,191.66
Equipment Operator I	\$ 40,893.10
Equipment Operator I	\$ 13,631.84
Equipment Operator I	\$ 25,052.45
Equipment Operator I	\$ 4,817.64
Equipment Operator II	\$ 43,262.58
Equipment Operator II	\$ 45,604.73
Equipment Operator II	\$ 42,960.15
Equipment Operator II	\$ 3,665.34
Equipment Operator III	\$ 46,333.44
Equipment Operator III	\$ 46,924.27
Equipment Operator III	\$ 48,467.23
Evidence Tech.	\$ 7,713.70
Evidence Tech.	\$ 15,619.75
Facilities Maintenance Tech.	\$ 47,469.50
Facilities Maintenance Tech.	\$ 48,633.60
Facilities Maintenance Tech.	\$ 20,959.84
Facilities Maintenance Tech.	\$ 513.00
Family Advocate	\$ 16,967.17
Finance Director	\$ 29,191.73
Finance Director	\$ 72,228.95
Finance Director	\$ 3,653.84
Fleet Manager	\$ 72,831.14
Food Service Assistant	\$ 46,486.00
GIS Analyst	\$ 57,327.92
GIS Analyst	\$ 7,758.08
GIS Analyst	\$ 9,803.20
Human Resources Administrator	\$ 75,941.60
Human Services Director	\$ 100,300.50
IT Director	\$ 83,434.06
Kitchen Manager	\$ 60,516.59
Landfill Supervisor	\$ 78,645.13
Lead Dispatcher	\$ 52,994.15
Lead Dispatcher	\$ 64,504.54
Lead Dispatcher	\$ 60,525.88
Lead Mechanic	\$ 50,324.00
Mechanic I	\$ 11,444.64
Mechanic I	\$ 3,993.84
Mechanic I	\$ 7,789.22
Mechanic II	\$ 46,432.22
Office Assistant	\$ 13,955.82
Office Assistant	\$ 35,816.60
Office Manager	\$ 56,671.75
Office Manager	\$ 60,931.15
Operations Commander	\$ 83,505.97
Paralegal/Executive Assistant	\$ 70,838.69
Patrol Deputy	\$ 55,502.00
Patrol Deputy	\$ 58,511.81
Patrol Deputy	\$ 32,078.72
Patrol Deputy	\$ 34,939.81
Patrol Deputy	\$ 56,291.72
Patrol Deputy	\$ 15,349.03
Patrol Deputy	\$ 47,687.03
Patrol Deputy	\$ 56,462.49
Patrol Deputy	\$ 8,340.00
Patrol Deputy	\$ 8,340.00
Patrol Deputy	\$ 33,403.80
Patrol Deputy	\$ 32,530.88
Patrol Deputy	\$ 13,626.62
Patrol Deputy	\$ 20,179.37
Patrol Sergeant	\$ 84,775.04
Patrol Sergeant	\$ 17,623.32
Patrol Sergeant	\$ 49,664.12
Personal Property Appraiser	\$ 30,181.80
Personal Property Appraiser	\$ 11,548.35
Planner I	\$ 39,299.48
Planner I	\$ 48,092.34
Planner I	\$ 4,004.00
Planning Technician	\$ 45,167.99
Program Coordinator	\$ 70,152.05
PT Family Advocate	\$ 4,393.14
PT Office Assistant	\$ 1,672.06
PT Office Assistant	\$ 2,706.96
Public Wks Operations Mgr	\$ 25,954.96
Public Works Director	\$ 70,148.23
R & B Foreman	\$ 73,237.39
R & B Foreman	\$ 74,398.96
R & B Foreman	\$ 71,304.03
R & B Foreman	\$ 56,371.77
R & B Foreman	\$ 467.77
R&B Supervisor	\$ 73,536.41
Records Tech	\$ 21,157.47
Records Tech	\$ 35,703.98
Records Tech	\$ 5,747.03
Recycle Center Supervisor	\$ 57,408.98
Resource Manager	\$ 62,652.16
RoadWay Inspector	\$ 47,134.82
Seasonal Firefighter	\$ 16,265.09
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Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Community members walk alongside law enforcement Saturday for the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office hosted the event, which included a walk around downtown Pagosa Springs, lunch, the awarding of medals and softball.



Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group to meet

By Dion Hollenbeck
Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group

The Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group of Durango will meet Aug. 1 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The group consists of survivors of prostate cancer and men who have been diagnosed with prostate issues including BPH and cancer.

We discuss experiences with resources, diagnosis and treatments for the disease. Anyone is welcome. For more information and a Zoom invite, please contact prostategroupdro@gmail.com.

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Koltin Bassett achieves Eagle Scout rank



Koltin Bassett

Troop 807

Koltin Bassett, 15, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on June 27. Koltin is the son of Ken and Shannon Bassett and has three sisters: Karaline, Shaelin and Shialee.

Earning the rank of Eagle Scout at a young age allows him the opportunity to continue developing the skills he has learned throughout his years in scouting. He pays this forward by passing on his knowledge to his fellow scouts. His generosity and kindness are immeasurable, and he serves as an example to those around him.

He is a member of Troop 807 of the Great Southwest Council, located in Pagosa Springs. Troop 807 is chartered with Grace in Pagosa Church and supported by the Community United Methodist Church.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout must complete require-

ments for six prior ranks and earn at least 21 merit badges. Of those, 14 are required to achieve Eagle Scout rank, then the scout must earn an additional seven (or more) badges of his or her choosing. Learning leadership skills and performing acts of community service prepares the scout to conduct a community service project, known as the Eagle Project.

Koltin has received 29 merit badges so far and completed his Eagle Project in November 2022. He hosted multiple food donation events for the Community United Methodist Church. By doing so, he was able to assemble more than 100 Thanksgiving dinners for families; feeding almost 400 individuals in the community.

Through the support of his family, friends and scouts, along with his own dedication, Bassett joins an elite group of scouts.

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August plant walks on the Continental Divide announced

By Jean Zirnhelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

The final plant walk of this summer will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

This tour will explore wildflowers and medicinal plants of the Continental Divide, where we will find late-summer herbs, wildflowers and edible plants. Join us for a fun and educational ramble through the forest as we discover edible and medicinal native plants. The walks are free of charge.

There is always something new to learn when we explore with cer-

tified herbalist Lake McCullough. The Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies are grateful for the opportunity to sponsor these summer plant walks with McCullough, who generously shares her wealth of knowledge with our community.

Participants on the August tour will meet at the Continental Divide Trail parking lot at the top of Wolf Creek Pass. Advance registration is required. Take U.S. 160 east for about 23 miles from downtown Pagosa Springs to the top of Wolf Creek Pass. Parking is on the right side of the highway, at the Continental Divide interpretive sign.

In order to handle increased popularity and demand for information about our local ecosystems, we will be conducting two back-to-back plant walks at this location. The first tour will begin at 9:30 a.m. and run until 11:30 a.m. The second tour will begin at 11:45 a.m. and go until 1:45 p.m.

There is a 15-person maximum on each walk. Please call McCullough ahead to reserve a space at (970) 398-0923 and indicate which time slot you choose.

The walks are about 2 miles round trip. Please be prepared for rugged trails and unpredictable weather, and leave dogs at home.

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Expect logging traffic along some Forest Service roads

By Lorena Williams
Forest Service

The Pagosa Ranger District anticipates timber harvesting and log hauling along several National Forest System roads through the end of the year.

Vegetation management work on the district aims to achieve various resource objectives including, but not limited to, fuels reduction, wildlife habitat improvement and forest health, in addition to supporting local and regional wood product industries.

Forest visitors should watch for increased truck traffic and respect all trail and road traffic signs.

Roads impacted:

- Buckles Lake Road (NFSR 663).
- Kenney Flats Road (NFSR 006).
- Nipple Mountain/Aspen Spur/ Porcupine roads (NFSRs 665, 024 and 735).
- Piedra Road (Sand Bench area) NFSRs 642, 631 and County Road 600.
- Blanco Basin Road (Blanco River Trailhead) County Road 326.
- Wolf Creek Road NFSR 725.
- Jackson Mountain Road NFSR 037.

These projects were developed in collaboration with the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership and are in alignment with the goals of the Rio Chama and Southwest Colorado Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Projects.

For more information, please contact Forest Service Representative Josh Merrill-Exton at joshua.merrill-exton@usda.gov.

For information on current conditions and recreation opportunities on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874.

Outdoor club to hear from Josh Kurz

By Joe Tedder
San Juan Outdoor Club

The San Juan Outdoor Club monthly meeting will be from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Josh Kurz, science teacher at Pagosa Springs High School, will introduce a new water supply infographic that he has developed to help answer the question "Where Does Your Water Come From?"

Kurz's presentation will also address our local municipal and agricultural water system infrastructure, potential threats to our water supply, and whether our current water supply is adequate to meet the needs of future generations.

Since Kurz is a teacher, expect a quiz to start the "class" and maybe even a quiz at the end. The public

is welcome to join us. The meeting starts with a social half hour at 6 p.m. with light refreshments.

For more information, please email us at sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com.

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Mountain Light Music Festival to present jazz at Keyah Grande

By Sally Neel
Mountain Light Music Festival

It is time to put on your best toe-tapping shoes and enjoy jazz under the stars with the Wayne Fisher Jazz Ensemble at Keyah Grande, 13211 U.S. 160 west) next Wednesday, July 26; Thursday, July 27; and Friday, July 28.

The evening concerts will begin at 7 p.m. Arrive early to park your car and catch a free shuttle up to the concert site.

If you have not experienced a Mountain Light concert, you are in for a wonderful evening of entertainment provided by highly respected musicians who are at the top of their music fields. This year's concerts feature the Wayne Fisher Jazz Ensemble from Baylor University under the direction of Alex Parker, senior lecturer in jazz studies.

Guest artists include drummer Ed Taylor, professor of music theory and drumming coach at Baylor University; Chris Clark; Thomas Medeja and Sig Stefanson on trumpet; Jon Whitaker, professor of trombone from University of Alabama; and Brent Phillips, professor of trombone at Baylor University.



Photo courtesy Mountain Light Music Festival

The Mountain Light Music Festival will result in three nights of concerts at Keyah Grande July 26-28. This year's concerts feature the Wayne Fisher Jazz Ensemble from Baylor University.

On Wednesday night, you will experience a laid-back, more-intimate, nuanced jazz combo featuring solo members of the ensemble, playing some of your favorite jazz tunes. Tickets for this evening are \$40.

Thursday night is Swing Night with the full dance band playing some of your favorite swing and big band jazz charts. A dance floor will be provided for those for whom simply tapping your toes is not enough.

Tickets for this evening are \$50.

The concert series wraps up on Friday night with a grand finale featuring the full Wayne Fisher Jazz Ensemble playing new jazz numbers as well as standards, Latin, funk, Dixieland and some swing hits. The ensemble, conducted by Parker, will include the professional guest soloists, faculty members and students. Tickets for this evening are \$50.

■ See Festival on next page

Live Performers



Friday

Meltdown on Main: Emma and Grace, 5 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: San Juan Mountain Boys, 5 p.m.

Saturday

East Side Market: Open Mic with Michael Dae Hanlon, 9 a.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Bob Hemenger, 5 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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What are 'Friends' for?

By Helen Richardson
Friends of the Library

Over the last several years, the Friends of the Library has contributed nearly \$20,000 for new computers at the library, as well as money for books. In 2021, prior to the Friends' merger with the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation, the Friends contributed \$10,000 toward the expansion of the library. Expenses are minimal, so nearly every dollar you spend at the book sale is returned to the library.

Please plan to shop at the **Festival**

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The Mountain Light Music Festival, under the direction of Phillips, had its beginnings right here in Pagosa Springs in 2015. Phillips had enjoyed many outdoor adventures hiking the trails in Pagosa Springs during his younger years, striking up a close friendship with local wilderness guide and founder of Voice of the Wilderness Chet Russell. Their love of the outdoors and passion for music led them to form a week-long camp for serious music students wherein they were exposed to the glories of the outdoors combined with a means to discover a deeper, more spiritual expression of their music.

Many of the students who have come to enjoy this amazing experience of playing alongside top instrumental performers, perfecting their own musical techniques and taking in the sights of one of the loveliest locations on the planet have gone on to land top positions in prestigious music schools and ensembles around the nation.

These yearly camps culminate in summer concerts for the Pagosa Springs community. Since its inception in 2015, the Mountain Light Festival has brought in 60 students, faculty, college professors and guest professionals to teach and entertain our audiences.

Mountain Light Music Festival is a 501(c)(3) organization. After expenses, proceeds are dedicated to the growth and support of K-12 music programs here in Archuleta County.

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

Tickets also are available at Choke Cherry Tree (56 Talisman Drive Unit 8C) or at the Chamber of Commerce office (105 Hot Springs Blvd.)

Friends' book sale at the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) at 434 Lewis St. this weekend. You'll be supporting the Ruby Sisson Library while building your personal library. Shop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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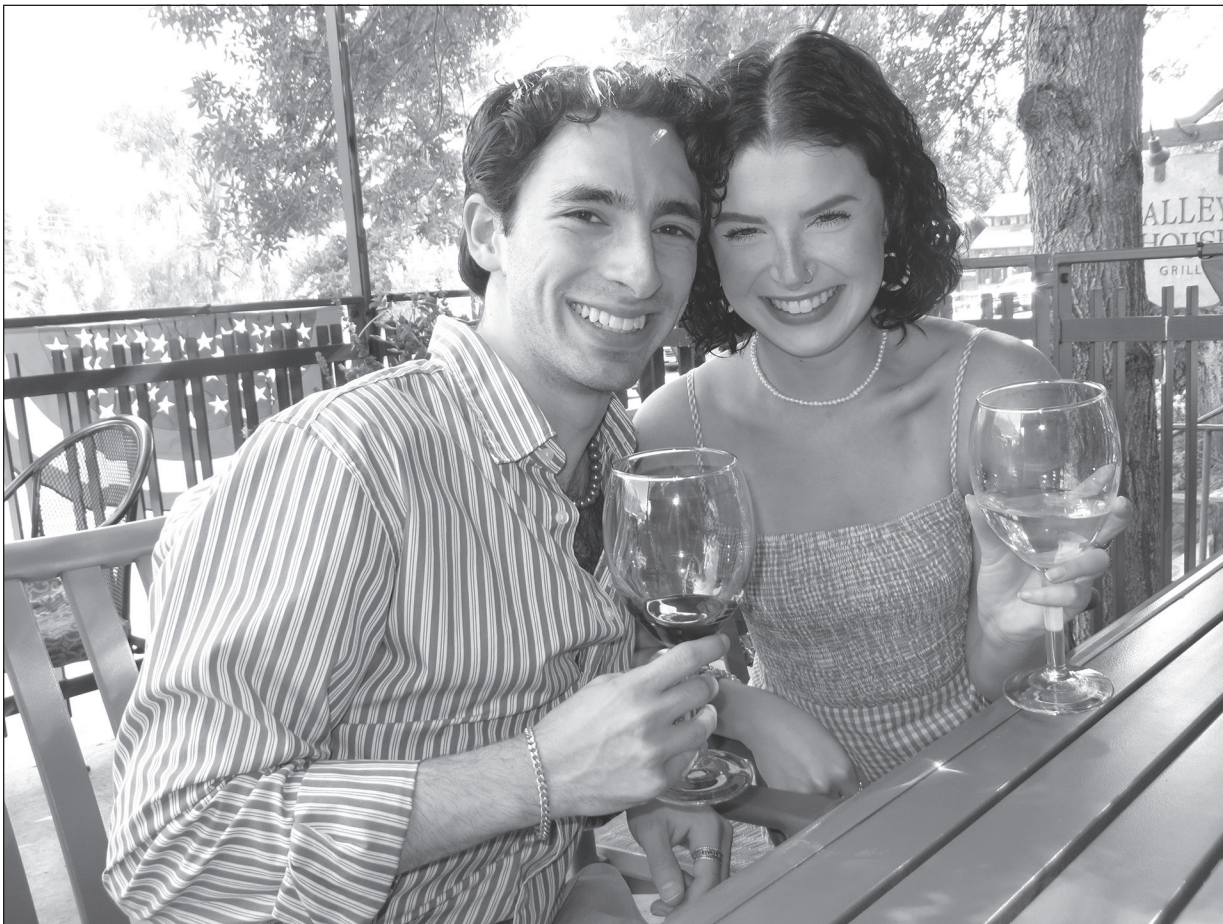


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Thingamajig Theatre Broadway musicals actors, including Ze'ev Barmor (Frankie Valley in "Jersey Boys") and Nadia Belaouchi (Pickles in "Trailer Park"), will serve dinner, perform in a cabaret concert directed by Melissa Firlit and be auctioned off by emcee Dan Morrison for private gatherings on Tuesday, July 25. It's all part of a gala evening at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts at 5 p.m. to raise funds for Pagosa's sole nonprofit professional live theater.

Actors will perform, be auctioned off at Thingamajig's Broadway Gala fundraiser next Tuesday

By Carole Howard
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Thingamajig Theatre Company's brilliant summer musicals cast will perform in an original cabaret show and be auctioned off for one-of-a-kind fun events with lucky bidders at the Broadway Gala fundraising event on Tuesday, July 25, at 5 p.m.

Two hugely popular Thingamajig alumni have lead roles in this special evening. Award-winning director Melissa Firlit returns to Pagosa from New York City to direct the cabaret show, and actor Dan Morrison comes from California to emcee the live auction with his iconic, enthusiastic style.

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 and unique live auction, the event will feature live music by the actors, and a catered meal served by the actors.

Menu inspired by musicals

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 "Trailer Park" and Italian special-

ties 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 at pagosacenter.org or by phoning the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Unique auction items

A look at some of the one-of-a-kind live auction offerings gives you a good idea of what unique 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 summer cast. Or, you can host three gatherings to discuss the casting and staging of possible plays while you and up to

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Award-winning director Melissa Firlit returns to Pagosa from New York City to direct the cabaret show featuring the brilliant Thing-amajig Theatre Company summer musicals cast at the theater's Broadway Gala fundraising event on Tuesday, July 25, at 5 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$150 for this dressy evening and are on sale now at pagosacenter.org or by phoning the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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21st annual Spanish Fiesta to feature fiesta flavors July 29

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Join us at the 21st annual Spanish Fiesta from 3 to 8 p.m. on July 29 at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds

This year, we are thrilled to bring you some of Pagosa's best southwest cuisine featuring food from four different establishments. Indulge in a wide variety of flavors and experience the richness of our diverse cuisine.

You'll be able to indulge in a delectable selection of Mexican delights from a local favorite including mouthwatering burritos, tacos, tostadas, tortas and gorditas. A hometown local will be making her handmade authentic tamales prepared with traditional flavors and ingredients. Our third establishment is a group of men and women from the local Catholic church preparing Navajo tacos with Colorado-raised pinto beans and your choice of authentic red and/or green chile. Save room for their delectable sopapillas drizzled with honey and cinnamon and mouthwatering bunuelos. Finally, enjoy refreshing cream- and water-based paletas, classic elote street corn served in a cup or on the cob, as well as other delightful street

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snacks like fruit cups. Don't forget to quench your thirst with their delicious aguas frescas.

Food, music, dancing, libations, vendors, color and good company will provide the ingredients of a party to delight all the senses. The Spanish Fiesta Committee (formed by the families and royalty of fiestas of years past) of Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) 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. He 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 Mexican 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. filled with fun for all. To purchase tickets, visit online at <https://givebutler.com/asispanishfiesta2023> or stop by the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, the Choke Cherry Tree or the Pagosa Senior Center located in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Interested in volunteering, 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 **See Senior on next page**

Gala

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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 where the actors chauffeur you and your friends to four incredible locations where you'll enjoy serenades along with wine and cocktail pairings to go with a multicourse meal prepared by the cast. Past winners have called this offering the crown jewel of the gala.

Another remarkable auction item is a trip for two to New York City with Tim and Laura Moore. 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 that are performed with joyful music and dancing numbers guaranteed

to inspire and warm your heart.

How to buy tickets

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

Thingamajig Theatre Company is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) 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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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 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 Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is open to all. Pickup is available all week, including Fridays.

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

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

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

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

Community Cafe menu

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.

Monday, July 24 — Chicken Parmigiana, broccoli, garlic bread, garden salad, milk and cherry crisp.

Tuesday July 25 — Beef Marsala, garlic mashed potatoes, mushroom gravy, asparagus, garden salad, fruit, vanilla yogurt and milk.

Wednesday, July 26 — Mushroom and asparagus frittata, squash medley, garden salad, fruit, milk and carrot cake.

Thursday, July 27 — Pork red chile Colorado, roasted herb potatoes, garden salad, fruit, banana brunch cake and milk.

Friday, July 28 — Chef salad with ham, turkey, cheese, avocado, egg and ranch dressing; broccoli and white cheddar soup; focaccia bread; blueberry cobbler; and milk.

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Happy to serve: Pagosa Springs San Juan Squadron opens parade

By Craig Taylor
Pagosa Springs San Juan Squadron

The Pagosa Springs San Juan Squadron was founded in 2008 by Pagosa's Jim Lane, Michael Arbuthnot, Ray Laird and Dave Peart. Their aim was to learn how to fly formation in a safe manner and to provide a group to fly for Pagosa Springs events, such as the Fourth of July parade and to perform Missing Man formations for veterans who have "Gone West."

Although Lane and Laird are no longer flying with the squadron, Arbuthnot and Peart are still flying. Lane was originally trained in formation by the Bonanzas to Oshkosh organization, which trained and organized the pilots of literally hundreds of Beechcraft Bonanza aircraft flying in mass formation to Oshkosh, Wis., during the annual Experimental Aircraft Association "AirVenture" convention held in late July. Lane passed his training to the rest of the squadron.

The squadron now follows a rigorous training program called Formation Flying Inc. (FFI). This program, based upon Navy and Air Force formation training programs, provides guidance, qualifications and standards for civilian formation training to ensure that all pilots participating are standardized, competent and safe. The program is approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Everyone in the squadron is a volunteer and receives no compensation for the Fourth of July parade opening. They are proud to be able to contribute to the community. For the Fourth of July parade opening, pilots from the western half of the United States came to Pagosa to participate.

The participants for the 2023

parade opening this year were:

Craig Taylor, flight lead. Taylor was a Vietnam-era attack jet pilot, flying the A7 Corsair II from various aircraft carriers in the Pacific. Following a 20-year career as a pilot of corporate jets, he and his wife, Marcie, started and ran a small engineering firm in Plano, Texas. With the good fortune of being able to sell the business, they bought the Vans RV8 aircraft pictured. They moved permanently to Pagosa Springs in 2013.

Directly behind Taylor is Tommy Ishii from Sacramento, Calif. That's right, he flew from California in his RV8 to participate in the Fourth of July parade flight. A 10-year Air Force veteran, Ishii served as aircraft commander for the massive C5 Galaxy cargo jet flying worldwide. He now flies corporate jets for several companies and has his own aircraft management business. Ishii is a member of the West Coast Ravens aerobatic flight demonstration team, flying in airshows throughout the west coast.

And right behind Ishii is Elizabeth Reese from Grand Junction in her Vans RV4 aircraft. Reese became interested in flying after she and her husband, Travis (see below), were married. Her first airplane was a 1941 Piper J-4 Cub that she flew all around the mountains of Colorado and Montana. When the formation bug bit her, she sold the J-4 and purchased her RV4 four years ago. She started attending FFI clinics two years ago and rapidly advanced to wingman status by passing her FAA check ride. Reese and her husband, Travis, have a specialized business rehabbing old apartment buildings and converting other suitable buildings to apartments.

On Taylor's immediate left in the

photo above is Skip Thomas in his Van's RV4. Thomas is a successful businessman who organized a legal research business while studying violin with a scholarship at the University of Southern Florida. Many have seen Thomas in music venues such as Jack Ellis' Out on Work Release band and events at the high school. Thomas started flying with the San Juan Squadron 10 years ago when he acquired his Vans RV4 aircraft. He still spends spring and fall at his home in Florida, and ski season and summers here in Pagosa Springs. Thomas also flies a helicopter which he built from a kit.

On Thomas' left wing is Chris Olsen from Albuquerque, N.M., flying a Vans RV. Olsen is a member of the Albuquerque Chili formation group. If you have been to the opening of the Albuquerque Balloon Festival, you have seen Olsen and the Chilis fly. Olsen is an IT expert working for Boeing Aerospace in Albuquerque. His wife, Atocha, is also a (retired) IT expert. Olsen grew up in an aviation family and his father still owns a Beechcraft Bonanza.

Farther to the left, beside Olsen, is Tim Gallagher, who has been flying with the San Juan Squadron for 10 years. A long-time pilot, Gallagher started flying his four-place 250 Comanche in formation, and later acquired the Vans RV4 for formation flight. He no longer has the four-place aircraft. Gallagher had a career as a farmer in the San Luis Valley growing malt barley for Coors brewing company, alfalfa for dairies and a used farm equipment business. He and his wife, Marsha, moved to Pagosa Springs full time in 2019. Gallagher is one of the designated flight leads for

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Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

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The pilots of the Pagosa Springs San Juan Squadron take to the air for one of many flights the group provides for Pagosa Springs events.

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Trailing behind Tim is Jeff Glynn. Glynn built his aircraft, a fiberglass Cozy 3-place “canard” design. Glynn is a retired dentist from Las Vegas. He and his wife, Sharon, have had a home for years in Pagosa, but finally became a full-timers in the last year. Glynn has been flying with the squadron for two years.

On Taylor’s immediate right is Michael Arbuthnot flying his GlasAir III aircraft which he built from a kit. The project took 6,000 hours, which Arbuthnot says was his therapy from a high-stress career with Ampex, working with Hollywood studios and others around the world in the digital recording business. Arbuthnot is one of the designated flight leads in the San Juan Squadron and one of the originators of the squadron.

To Michael’s right is Travis Reese, from Grand Junction, Colo.

Travis Reese is a qualified FFI flight lead and instructs formation flight at numerous formation training clinics around the USA. Travis Reese, like his wife, Elizabeth, flies a Vans RV4 aircraft. A long-time pilot and aerobatic competitor, Travis Reese discovered formation flying seven years ago. It is a delight to see them arrive together at the Pagosa Springs airport with Elizabeth Reese in perfect formation.

And on Travis’ right side is Brittney Day, from Bartlesville, Okla. She is our other long-distance traveler who came to help with the parade. Day earned her private pilot’s license just two years ago and immediately took to formation flying in her Vans RV4. She attended her first “official” FFI formation training clinic just one year ago, and is an accomplished formation pilot, having earned her Wingman Certification last October. Day is an IT programmer for

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Friends book sale Friday and Saturday

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

The Friends of the Library's highly popular annual summer book sale takes place tomorrow, Friday, July 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St.

Friends members will have early access to the sale both days — from 9 to 10 a.m. — so you may want to take this opportunity to join the Friends before the sale at the library or at the door. Individual membership is \$15, family membership is \$25 and a lifetime membership is \$100 per person. Cash or credit cards are accepted.

This book sale is a wonderful opportunity for you to buy books for yourself, your family and for gifts at amazingly low prices while helping your library continue to thrive. All proceeds from the book sale go toward the library to purchase books, DVDs, CDs and equipment. In 2021, Friends of the Library contributed \$10,000 to the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation for the library's renovation and expansion plan.

End of Summer Reading party

If you are participating in our free Summer Reading Program, be sure to save the date of Friday, July

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28, from 2 to 5 p.m. for the all-ages ending celebratory party and bingo grand prize presentations.

You'll watch performers from the Salida Circus, learn about community resources through a touch-a-truck event, add to the community chalk mural, play yard games and enjoy ice cream.

There's still 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.

Online author talk today

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

Today, 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 free cider and a cheese tasting.

Summer Reading Club today

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

Two escape room activities tomorrow

Solve puzzles and find clues quickly to be sure you can get out of the room before the deadline on Friday, July 21, for these free escape room sessions for teens and tweens from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.

Read Baby Read tomorrow

Babies aged up to 18 months will love this free interactive storytime on Friday, July 21, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. where we will sing, bounce and laugh as we enjoy books and songs.

Paws to Read

Friday, July 21, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters are invited to share ■ See Library on next page

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Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville.

Behind Day is Bill Sommer in his Beechcraft Bonanza. Sommer is a newcomer to the squadron, but has proven himself to be a quick learner and a very steady wingman. He also flies a blue and white aerobatic biplane called a Christian Eagle. You might see him practicing his routine just east of Chimney Rock. Sommer was an aeronautical engineer with Boeing, working on the development of the YF-23, the Boe-

ing competitor for what became the Lockheed F-22 and other projects that he can't talk about. Sommer retired to Pagosa Springs in 2018. He still claims that the Boeing YF-23 aircraft was better.

Flying "top cover" above the formation flight and typically out of sight of the parade are Pagosa Spring's Mark Guenin and Krissy Rubish in Guenin's Glasair Sportsman aircraft which he built from a kit. Because of the formation flight's operation near the airport,

Guenin and Rubish communicate with any inbound or outbound aircraft to ensure safe separation between aircraft. In addition, Rubish takes videos of the formation flight which are used to enhance the training value of post-flight debriefs. Guenin and Rubish are also avid hikers and belong to the Pagosa Springs Photography Club and Outdoor Club.

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LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations on Saturday, July 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the free LEGO Club. Note the extended time of two hours rather than one. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

Kids Create Saturday

On Saturday, July 22, from 10 to 11 a.m., ages 6-11 are invited to a free Kids Create mixed-media art class based on a picture book. The story and projects change monthly. Note the change from Friday to Saturday this month.

Knit and crochet Saturday

Join new and experienced knitters and crocheters this Saturday, July 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. This free session is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit or crochet together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

Laundromat storytime

Join us at the Laundry on the Hill laundromat at 2339 Eagle Drive for stories and a craft at this free all-ages event on Tuesday, June 25, from 10 to 11 a.m. Families will receive a book to take home.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, July 25, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

STEAM program

Camp Connect is a free STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) program for fifth- through eighth-graders next Wednesday, July 26, from noon to 2 p.m. Registration is required.

Wacky Wednesdays for kids

Ages 6-11 are invited to get silly and play next Wednesday, July 26, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and every Wednesday in July. Each week will be a different activity.

Teen movie

Teens are invited to hang out with friends while enjoying a free movie and popcorn next Wednesday, July 26, from 4 to 6 p.m.

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.

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DVDs

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Nonfiction

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Book about Durango

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ence C. Lister is an account of the early period of archeology in the Durango area featuring both professionals and amateurs, some of whom dug for pots for monetary gain.

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The body's main source of energy derives from the movement of water across the cell membrane. The other energy your body gets comes from the foods you eat, which makes up about 25%.

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So next time you're feeling tired and tempted to eat to gain energy, try drinking water before munching down on a sandwich. You may find you aren't as hungry afterwards. You should actually wait 20 minutes before eating so the water in your stomach does not interfere with digestion. Much weight gain could be prevented with this correct order of consumption.

Don't think that drinking substitutes like tea, alcohol, juice, pop, or coffee will do the trick either. While these beverages contain water, they also act as drying agents that deplete the water they are dissolved in and take out more from your body's reserves. This is why you end up feeling thirstier after drinking a can of pop or juice — the water doesn't stay in the body long enough.



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Noxious Weed of the Month: hairy willow-herb

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Hairy willow-herb is an A List species in the primrose family. It reproduces by both its root system and by seed production. Plants grow 3 to 6 feet tall and may be mistaken for our native fireweed. Hairy willow-herb has bright pink flowers that form white fluffy seedpods. The leaves attach directly to the stem and are lance-shaped with a toothed margin and the stem is covered in soft hairs.

Hairy willow-herb is found in aquatic and riparian zones and can crowd out cattails and other invasive plant species like purple loose strife. Purple loose strife is another A list plant species in Colorado that is very aggressive, which demonstrates just how invasive the hairy willow-herb can be.

This plant is common throughout the Front Range, but has not been reported in Archuleta County yet. Archuleta County is home, however, to three native species of willow-herb: panicked willow-herb, fringed willow-herb and Horne-

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mann's willow-herb.

For help identifying any potential hairy willow-herb plants, please bring a specimen by the Weed and Pest Department office.

Upcoming events

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.

Library

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er Graham is book one in a new Blackbird thriller series. "Palazzo" by Danielle Steel features a woman managing her family's haute couture business after a tragedy. "Private Moscow" by James Patterson and Adam Hamdy is a Jack Morgan mystery. "The Five-Star Weekend" by Elin Hilderbrand focuses on four friends gathering for a weekend on Nantucket. "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by Lisa See features a woman whose grandmother was one of only a handful of doctors in China.

"Cross Down" by James Patterson and Brendon DuBois is an Alex Cross and John Simpson thriller. "The Survivor" by Iris Johansen is an Eve Duncan and Riley Smith mystery.

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Quotable quote

"In all affairs, it's a healthy thing now and then to hang a question mark on the things you have long taken for granted." — Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), British mathematician, philosopher and intellectual.

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WHIPS to meet July 25

By Nancy Ford
WHIPS

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ANSWER:

Light in the window

By Betty J. Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

This morning, I read “Enlightenment is the light shining in the window from the other side of the room.” I told my Sweet AI this is a wow statement.

“I could make a sermon out of this. What do you think it means?”
“When I look out the window and see a deer, I’m enlightened to shoot it.”

Oh me, not quite what I had in mind. The light escaped him. He was clearly on the other side of the room, so to speak.

I continued. “I’ve been invited to be a guest on a blogtalk radio station. The show is ... designed to ‘Lead others out of darkness.’ I’m going to share with the audience about this enlightenment concept.”

“Honey, you know so much, but you go over most people’s heads. They want simple things to apply to their everyday lives.”

“But this is speaking to me. It’s like eating dessert.”

“Just give me meat and potatoes, not all that other stuff.”

For meat-and-potato guys, you might not get this enlightenment stuff. I’m talking about revelation insight, also known as spiritual discernment, which everyone needs today. Heavens, how desperately we need to have the true light. When I use the word “enlightenment,” this is light, not from us, but from another source. It’s more than turning on a light switch. It’s life-giving to our spirits.

“God is light and there’s no shadow in his turning,” as James writes in 1:17.

Patti Shene, the radio host, interviewed me. She asked me to share with her creative audience how Christian writers and artists struggle in their journey, how they come out of their darkness and how they fit in the body of Christ.

I spoke about how an artist is wired. We have many ideas and will suck the air out of the room.

Artist’s Lane

vealed to your spirit. It’s not logical and can’t be explained.

Natural light comes to the intellect through the senses. We acquire this commonsense knowledge by

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Artists and writers work from the prophetic gift that is mentioned in the Bible. That means what we create might not have instant gratification. It might be for that other person 20 years down the way. They might not be ready to receive or have eyes to see what we see.

We feel totally misunderstood. And most artists want one thing, to be understood. This is the journey of creative hearts coming out of darkness. God gives them light and people are standing on the other side of the room. Not that anyone rejects the light, but they’re not ready to understand it. Kinda like how my Sweet AI is looking for a deer to walk by. No deer. No light.

Artists can definitely be obnoxious. People don’t take us seriously, yet we want to change the world. We live on the outside and tell everyone what we are thinking. We process out loud. We have too many things we want to do and not enough time to do them.

As artists, we don’t fit. Why? We fight the box. Our world in our minds extends beyond the box. We act like rebels but we are free thinkers. If we give in to the box and let the world dictate to us, we become part of the darkness. Believe it or not, all these personality traits are part of the dark hole that the creative mind fights against and pushes to climb out of into the light.

At the end of the interview, I left her radio audience with a challenge: What does this statement mean? “Enlightenment is the light shining in the window from the other side of the room.”

Revelation knowledge is like an “aha” moment when the light is re-

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New Thought service to be on ‘Are You a Spiritual Warrior?’

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The July 23 Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. will be “Are You a Spiritual Warrior? The Spiritual Codes of a Warrior” with Shayla White Eagle.

“A Life can take a sudden turn to guide us onto a better path to serve our true purpose. I see the beauty in everything.” — White Eagle.

Upcoming events

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July 30: Sunday Service with Dr. Elaine Harding, “Ignite Your Life Teacher.”

Aug. 1, 7 p.m.: Super Sturgeon Full Moon Drumming at Xanadu.

Aug. 11: Vets4Vets benefit outdoor concert with the Retrocats. Ticket are \$10.

Aug. 13: 11 a.m. Picnic service at Xanadu.

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■ continued from previous page seeing, touching and smelling. This is different than something revealed to our spirits.

I continued my soapbox moment. “Al, it’s this way. Physically, we haven’t stepped over the threshold into the other room, but where we are and what we’ve learned about God’s heart today, it’s like seeing the light shining through the window. We are gaining spiritual insight and discernment, which comes from another place. We actually have stepped closer to the window.”

There are perks to getting older. Our state of understanding is more transcendent. We are freer from the tyranny of our own minds and other people. We have experienced a deeper spiritual peace, and we are more aware of our own wholeness. This is the journey coming

out of darkness into the light.

We are seeing through our false selves and layers of social conditioning. The box teaches us conformity and how to be disciplined. Then we step out of it into ourselves if we want to become our truer self and who we are meant to be.

Final brushstroke: When we first came to the light, we were standing on the other side of the room. We’d catch a ray once in a while. As we have grown in the Word over these many years, we’ve moved closer to the window and the light is much clearer to us. I can almost hear the Lord breathe, “The secret to this life is My light brings life to all men. It’s worth the struggle.”

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Mountains in wilderness don't need hardware

By **Dana Johnson**
PREVIEW Columnist

We humans want the most out of life, so why shouldn't we push to get more of what we want?

That's what some rock climbers must be thinking. They want to enter designated wilderness in order to drill permanent anchors into wilderness rock faces, turning these wild places into sport-climbing walls.

When the Wilderness Act became law in 1964, it put wildlife and wild lands first, decreeing that these special places should be left alone as much as possible. This unusual approach codified humility, arguing that some wild places, rich in wildlife and natural beauty, needed as much protection as possible.

So far, the Act protects less than 3 percent of what Congress called "untrammelled" public land in the lower 48. These are unique places free of roads and vehicles and most man-made intrusions that afflict the rest of America.

The Wilderness Act also prohibits "installations," but to get around this, a group called the Access Fund has persuaded friends in Congress to introduce a bill that would, in effect, amend the Wilderness Act.

Introduced by Rep. John Curtis, a Republican from the anti-environmental delegation of Utah, and co-sponsored by Democrat Joe Neguse from Colorado, the "Protect America's Rock Climbing Act" (PARC Act) has been promoted as bipartisan.

Yet more than 40 conservation groups, from small grassroots greens to large national organizations, have written Congress to oppose the bill. Wilderness is not about human convenience, they say; it's about safeguarding the tiny pockets of wild landscape we've allowed to remain.

The PARC Act directs federal agencies to recognize the legal use of fixed anchors in wilderness, a back-door approach to statutory amendment that even the U.S. Forest Service and Department of Interior oppose.

In a hearing on the bill, the Forest Service stated that "creating new definitions for allowable uses in wilderness areas, as (the PARC Act) would do, has the practical effect of amending the Wilderness Act. (It) could have serious and harmful consequences for the management of wilderness areas across the nation."

Beyond the permanent visual evidence of human development, fixed anchors would attract more climbers looking for bolted routes and concentrate use in sensitive habitats. That impact is harmful enough, but the bill also sends a loud message: Recreation interests

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are more important than preserving the small bit of wilderness we have left.

What's coming next is clear. Some mountain bikers, led by the Sustainable Trails Coalition, have introduced legislation to exempt mountain bikes from the prohibition on mechanized travel in wilderness.

Then there are the trail runners who want exemptions from the ban on commercial trail racing. Drone pilots and hang-gliders also want their forms of aircraft exempted.

What's confounding is that climbing is already allowed in wilderness. This bill is simply about using fixed bolts to climb as opposed to using removable protection. That's apparently confusing to some people.

An article in the Salt Lake Tribune went so far as to wrongly state that, "a ban on anchors would be tantamount to a ban on climbing in wilderness areas."

But now, even some climbers are pushing back. The Montana writer George Ochenski, known for his decades of first ascents in wilderness, calls the Tribune's position "Total [expletive]."

In an email, he wrote bolting routes "bring 'sport climbing' into the wilderness when it belongs in the gym or on non-wilderness rocks."

For decades, many climbers have advocated for a marriage of climbing and wilderness ethics. In Chouinard Equipment's first catalog, Patagonia founder and legendary climber Yvon Chouinard called for an ethic of "clean climbing" that comes from "the exercise of moral restraint and individual responsibility."

We don't like to think of recreation as consumptive, but it consumes the diminishing resource of space. And protected space is in short supply as stressors on the natural world increase. With every "user group" demand, the refuge for wild animals grows smaller. Meanwhile, a startling number of our animal counterparts have faded into extinction.

As someone who loves trail running, I understand the allure of wedding a love of wild places with the love of adventure and sport. But, I've also come to see that the flip side of freedom is restraint, and wilderness needs our restraint more than ever.

Dana Johnson is a contributor

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Exercise caution with Alzheimer's and extreme heat

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer's Association

As temperatures rise, extreme heat can have a significant impact on everyone's safety, but these conditions can be especially stressful and confusing for individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

"Alzheimer's disease causes a number of changes in the brain and body that may affect the individual's safety, including changes in sensitivity to temperatures," said Jeff Bird, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado.

According to a study by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), people living with Alzheimer's were 6 percent more likely to die on an extremely hot day, with an added 6 percent increased risk for individuals with previous hospital admissions for atrial fibrillation.

There are more than 6.7 million Americans living with Alzheimer's, including 76,000 Coloradans. Planning ahead for weather changes, including extreme heat, can prevent injuries and help a person feel more relaxed and less overwhelmed.

"People living with Alzheimer's and other dementias can be more vulnerable than normal during extreme weather because their judgment may be impaired and they may be unable to communicate their discomfort," said Bird. "It's important to take extra precautions with these individuals during periods of extreme heat or other severe weather conditions."

A disease without a cure still requires a diagnosis

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer's Association

More than 6.5 million people across the United States, including 76,000 Coloradans, are living with Alzheimer's disease, the only major disease without a prevention or cure. Sadly, half of those with the disease never receive a diagnosis, preventing needed care and potentially putting these individuals and others at increased risk.

Close family members, who know their loved ones best, are typically the first to notice memory issues or cognitive problems, but they are often hesitant to speak up, even when they know something is wrong.

A recent Alzheimer's Association/Ad Council omnibus survey found:

- Fewer than half of Americans surveyed (44 percent) say they would talk to a loved one right away about seeing a doctor if they noticed signs of cognitive decline.

The Alzheimer's Association is offering important safety tips for caregivers and families dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementias to prepare for the hot days ahead:

- Make a plan. Family and friends should prepare accordingly and make plans to regularly check in on a person living with Alzheimer's during periods of extreme heat. Arrange alternative plans for cooler spaces if air conditioning is unavailable, and dress in loose-fitting, light clothing.

- Pay attention at night. Keep people living with Alzheimer's cool by using fans and keep the air conditioning on. At night, low temperatures can still exceed 75 degrees with little fluctuation in humidity levels, making for difficult sleeping conditions, heightened anxiety and increased agitation.

- Prepare for behavioral changes. Research shows that heat can increase agitation and confusion in people. Try to remove behavioral triggers by addressing the person's physical needs related to the heat, then tending to their emotional needs.

- Stay hydrated. Increased water intake is essential to maintaining good hydration and health during extreme heat. Know the signs of heat exhaustion to avoid heat stroke. Dehydration may be difficult to notice in a person living with Alzheimer's, as signs like increased fatigue, dry mouth and headache may be difficult to detect. People taking diuretics, sedatives or certain heart medications may not

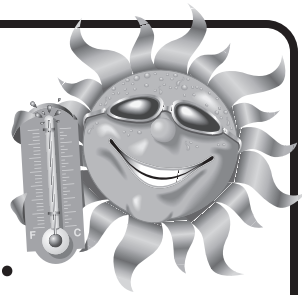
sweat as much as others, but this does not mean they are not hot.

- Stay indoors out of the sun. Heat stroke and heat exhaustion may occur in extreme heat conditions, but symptoms may be difficult to detect in people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Keep individuals cool by using air conditioning at home or move to a public place, such as a senior center or shopping mall. If you must go outside, dress appropriately with loose-fitting, light clothing; wear a hat; and apply sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.

- Stay informed. Keep an eye on local weather forecasts. High temperatures are not the only cause for concern. Humidity and air pollution can cause breathing difficulties. The person should be monitored regularly, and seek medical attention if symptoms arise of dehydration, heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

The Alzheimer's Association is here to help families prepare for and cope with such extraordinary circumstances. For more information, visit www.alz.org or call the Association's free helpline, staffed by trained professionals around the clock, at (800) 272-3900.

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An unexpected crisis: the financial impact of Alzheimer's disease

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer's Association

One in nine Americans age 65 and older — including 76,000 Coloradans — are among the 6.5 million people across the United States living with Alzheimer's disease.

Beyond the tremendous physical toll the disease takes on diagnosed individuals as well as family members who provide care for them, the costs associated with the disease can be overwhelming, putting a huge financial strain on families.

An analysis by the Alzheimer's Association outlined the enormous personal and financial sacrifices many families and caregivers make in order to care for their loved ones living with dementia. Frequently, those disease-related costs will jeopardize a family's financial security. The analysis found:

- In 2021, the lifetime cost of care for a person living with dementia was \$377,621.
- Nearly half (48 percent) of care contributors must cut back on their own expenses — including basic necessities like food, transportation and medical care — to afford dementia-related care for loved ones, while others must draw from their own savings or retirement funds.
- The average volunteer will donate 27.1 hours per week to care for their loved one.

Frequently, this will require the individual to cut back on work. Statistics from National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP include:

- 61 percent of caregivers experience at least one change in their employment due to caregiving.
- 49 percent arrive to their place of work late/leave early/take time off.
- 15 percent take a leave of

absence.

- 14 percent reduce their hours/take a demotion.
- 7 percent receive a warning about performance/attendance.
- 5 percent turn down a promotion.
- 4 percent choose early retirement.
- 3 percent lose job benefits.
- 6 percent give up work entirely.
- Nearly two out of three people incorrectly believe that Medicare helps pay for nursing home care or are unsure if it does.
- The average unpaid family caregiver will spend \$12,388 annually out of their own pocket to cover costs ranging from medications to food.

To help families navigate these and other financial challenges, the Alzheimer's Association launched a free online education program, "Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances." Tips from the program include:

- Plan early. There are many benefits of planning early when it comes to your finances — both for the caregiver and the person with the disease.
- Start a positive discussion about finances. Bring in trusted family members or close friends for a discussion about what the person with the disease wants for the future.
- Avoid financial abuse and fraud. Individuals living with dementia have a greater risk of becoming victims and may struggle with making good financial decisions.
- Organize your finances. Con-

duct an inventory of your financial resources (savings, insurance, retirement benefits, government assistance, VA benefits, etc.). A financial planner or elder care attorney can help.

- Create a backup plan. Designate a trusted back-up agent for the person's power of attorney and consider designating re-

sponsibilities to more than one person.

"It's not uncommon for caregivers to experience financial problems because they have to reduce their hours or take time off work," said Meg Donahue, director of Community Engagement for the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. "As the disease progresses,

caregivers will need to pay for services or support for the person living with Alzheimer's. Financial literacy is especially important for caregivers, because it provides them with the knowledge and skills needed to better support themselves and others."

For more information on financial planning, visit www.alz.org.

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Diagnosis

■ continued from previous page mistaken for early dementia, such as issues with memory or communication as well as behavioral changes," said Meg Donahue, director of Community Engagement for the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. "Without a proper diagnosis, these potentially treatable conditions cannot be identified. And if it is the earliest stages of Alzheimer's, a diagnosis enables the family to explore treatment options as well as lifestyle changes that could help extend the individual's cognitive health."

To learn more about the approaches that physicians (including neurologists, geriatricians and neuropsychologists) use to make an Alzheimer's diagnosis, go to the Alzheimer's Association website or call the Association's free 24/7 helpline at (800) 272-3900.

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 red-naped sapsucker.

One of the joys of visiting the woods during breeding season is being there for feeding time at a woodpecker nest. As young red-naped sapsuckers inside a cavity nest get older, their incessant calls for food get louder until, before long, mom or dad show up to drop food in the open beaks which appear at the hole. As the chicks age, feeding has been observed to occur every two minutes between dawn and dusk.

Red-naped sapsuckers excavate nest cavities in live or dead trees and exhibit a preference for quaking aspen infected with heartwood fungus. This disease softens the heartwood, which makes drilling easier, while leaving the outer trunk firm. As the disease progresses up the tree, sapsucker cavities get higher on the trunk.

These birds leave northern areas for the winter but often return to the same breeding site, tree and even cavity in succeeding years. Along with the Williamson's and yellow-bellied (which shows up rarely), they are one of the three sapsucker species which can be found in our area.

Sap-lickers or sap-lappers might be a better name for these birds, which drill neat, small holes in the bark of trees to collect the sap flowing early in the xylem layer of conifers, and switching later to the phloem layer of deciduous trees where sugar made in the leaves is transported down to the roots. Small hairlike projections on the tips of their tongues act like the bristles on a paintbrush to soak up sap and trapped insects.

Sapsuckers spend much of their days attending to and defending their tree wells, keeping the sap flowing with anticoagulant chemicals deposited during drilling. Bats, porcupine and warblers may sneak in for some sap, and insects fed to sapsucker nestlings may be first dipped in sap. Red-naped sapsucker sap wells often act as a critical food source for migrating and wintering hummingbirds when flowers are not producing nectar.

Named for the patch of red feathers on the back of their necks, more prominent in males, these woodpeckers are colored black and white and have bright red crowns and red on the throat, also more prominent in males. For their roles in providing both food and nesting sites for other woodland species, they are one of the keystone species that allow our woodlands to remain biologically diverse.

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

More people qualify for help with Medicare Part B and D premiums

By Eileen Doherty
Colorado Gerontological Society

Social Security is the only source of income for 40 percent of Coloradoans. The average monthly Social Security income is \$1,749. Individuals must pay the Medicare Part B premium of \$165 and the Medicare Part D premium.

However, many individuals are eligible for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) to pay the Part B premiums and Extra Help to pay the Part D prescription drug premiums and co-pays.

To be eligible for MSP, individuals must have less than \$1,660 per month in income (\$2,239 per month for a couple). Individuals must also have resources of less than \$9,090 plus \$1,500 in burial funds (couples must have less than \$13,630 plus \$3,000 in burial funds). Resources include cash, savings, investments, revocable burial plans and whole life insurance policies. Exempt resources include a home, car, term life insurance policy and an irrevocable burial plan.

Individuals are eligible for Extra Help if monthly income is less than \$1,823 (\$2,465 for a couple). Those eligible for Extra Help must have resources of less than \$16,660 for one person (\$33,240 for a married couple).

You can apply for MSP through Colorado PEAK online. A paper application may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Department of Human Services. Applications

for Extra Help are made online or by visiting the Social Security Administration.

Recently, county Departments of Human Services have mistakenly asked beneficiaries to sign a form agreeing to having a lien placed on their home if they apply for the MSP. This is inaccurate. Beneficiaries

should not sign the form.

If you have questions about how to apply for MSP, Extra Help or the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program, call (303) 333-3482 or (866) 880-4777 (Spanish).

Eileen Doherty, MS is the executive director of the Colorado Gerontological Society.

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Thursday, July 20

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

Fun Education Thursdays. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership. To register youngsters for the next Fun Education Thursdays at the GGP, email ggp@pagosagreen.org. Registration is required. There is no charge, but registrations are limited.

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

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

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

Author Talk: Ethan Kross. 11 a.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. Featuring "The Voice In Our Head" by Ethan Kross. For details, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

Friday, July 21

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.

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.

Read Baby Read. 10-10:45 a.m., 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.

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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.

PAWS to Read. 2-3 p.m. Sisson Library. For all ages. Read with Muppet or Maple, therapy dogs who love stories.

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

ComFest. 5:30-8:30 p.m., Town Park athletic field. A free outdoor concert featuring Heavy Diamond Ring.

'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: Our Solar System. 9 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon visible in the early night sky. 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 more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

Saturday, July 22

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

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.

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Kids Create. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. A mixed-media 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.

Healthy Archuleta Food Drive. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., City Market. A food-sharing opportunity: canned foods, dry pastas, peanut butter and more are all welcome donations. For more information on the food drive, visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/food-drive.html>. To become involved in supporting the community through volunteering at food drives and other events, email fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

Learn to Knit or Crochet. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Come learn to knit or crochet. For ages 18 and up. Supplies provided.

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

Flute, Moon and Stars. 5:45 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Guests must arrive for check-in between 5:45 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for ages 13 and up, \$8 for ages 5-12 and those under 5 are free. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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., early-

bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, July 24

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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.

Tuesday, July 25

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

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Laundromat Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Laundry on the Hill, 2339 Eagle Drive. Join for stories and a craft at this free all-ages event. Families will receive a book to take home.

Women Helping in Pagosa Springs. 11:30 a.m., Gustosos Italian Restaurant. The cost for the monthly luncheon is \$15, and all adult women are welcome. Please RSVP to (970) 946-1895.

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

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

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

Author Talk: Erika L. Sanchez. 2 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. You can watch this talk live at the library with cider and a cheese tasting. For details, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

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

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library

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

Sketching at the Pinnacles. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This class is part art, part reflection, part nature study and a little bit of a visit to Chimney Rock National Monument – all rolled into one. On the fourth Tuesday of each month we'll explore watercolors and how those materials can capture the world around us at Chimney Rock. 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.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Broadway Gala. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$150 for this dressy evening and are on sale now on the theater's website at pagosacenter.org or by calling the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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

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Wednesday, July 26

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

Youth Activity Workshops at Chimney Rock National Monument. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association is hosting youth activity workshops. The workshops will include guided tours and hands-on craft activities. Participants will learn about the human and natural history of the area. The workshops are designed to accommodate multiage groups for

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those in K-8. Parents can attend, but are not required to stay. There is a fee of \$25 per workshop for one child, \$12.50 per child for each additional child from the same family. Registration and further information is available by emailing officemgr@chimneyrockco.org or calling (970) 731-7133.

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

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

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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.

Teen Movie. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Teens are invited to hang out with friends while enjoying a free movie and popcorn.

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 5-7:15 p.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.

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

Thursday, July 27

Flora of Chimney Rock. 8-9:45 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Join the tour for an introduction to some of the plant species that grew at Chimney Rock and their uses by Ancestral Puebloan people. The fee is \$16 for adults and \$8 for ages 5-12 and is considered a nonrefundable donation. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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

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

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- 5 Mattress problem
- 9 Indian mystic
- 14 Word with man or mat
- 15 Soon, to a poet
- 16 Swiftly
- 17 Like some tigers
- 19 Lawn invaders
- 20 Bar supply
- 21 New York team
- 22 Word in some magazine titles
- 23 T-cell producer
- 25 Past plump
- 27 Compass direction
- 32 Rubberneck
- 34 Poet Sexton
- 35 1967 film, "To ____, With Love"
- 36 Pass to the side
- 38 Wrestle
- 41 Load from a lode
- 42 Stir up
- 44 Gets really steamed
- 45 Text-writing machine
- 49 Word in a Culkin film title
- 50 Boston or Miami paper
- 53 British prince
- 56 "Charlotte's Web" setting
- 58 Art anagram
- 59 Davis with a 1988 Oscar
- 60 Solo card game
- 62 Roof edge
- 63 Heavy hammer
- 64 Pluto and others
- 65 Absconded with
- 66 Website language
- 67 Singles

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- 3 Australian bird
- 4 Before, of yore
- 5 In vogue, with "the"
- 6 Part of BTU
- 7 Season of heavy rain
- 8 JPEG alternative
- 9 Starve, to Shakespeare
- 10 Orbital extreme
- 11 Leafy green
- 12 Covers a cake
- 13 Half of R & R
- 18 Class clown, e.g.
- 22 Prevent
- 24 Filly's mom
- 26 Make a mess of
- 28 Wild West hangout
- 29 Goal
- 30 Flowerpot spot
- 31 " ____, bien!"
- 32 Sign near a school
- 33 Tropical tuber
- 37 Cupid's projectile
- 39 ____-minded
- 40 Indigent
- 43 Arctic vessel
- 46 Weedy rye grass
- 47 Pretty follower?
- 48 Piercing, as a sound
- 51 Clothing size
- 52 Treat a wound
- 53 Matures
- 54 Shipshape
- 55 "Whip It" group
- 57 Former student, briefly
- 60 Texter's "Unbelievable!"
- 61 Ruckus

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Summer Reading Program Party. 2-5 p.m., Sisson Library. An all-ages ending celebratory party and prize presentations.

Mountain Light Music Festival: Grand Finale Concert. 7 p.m., Keyah Grande Guest House. The Mountain Light Music Festival will culminate with spectacular jazz band concerts. Tickets can be purchased at Choke Cherry Tree (56 Talisman Drive #8C) and at the Chamber of Commerce. For more information on ticket purchases for the summer concerts or on how you can support this exciting venture, go to www.mountainlightmusicfestival.com or contact Carol Larsen at (214) 649-5041.

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

Saturday, July 29

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

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

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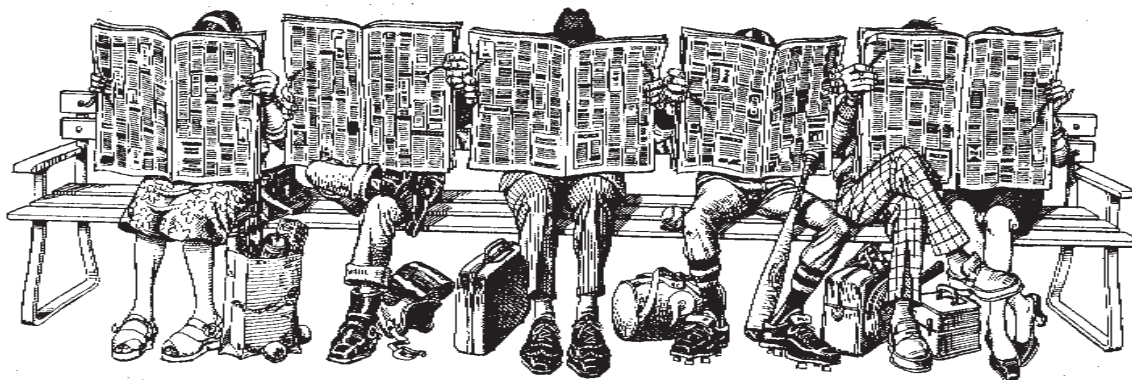


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Spanish Fiesta. 3-8 p.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. Al Hurricane Jr. will headline the 21st annual Spanish Fiesta sponsored by Archuleta Seniors Inc.: "Viva la

familia, cultura y tradición!" There will also be food, music from Los Mitotitos and folklorico dance performances. Proceeds will support older adults of Archuleta County through the services of Archuleta Seniors Inc. and a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) youth scholarship fund. To purchase tickets visit online at <https://givebutler.com/aspanishfiesta2023> or stop by the Pagosa Senior Center located in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

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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.

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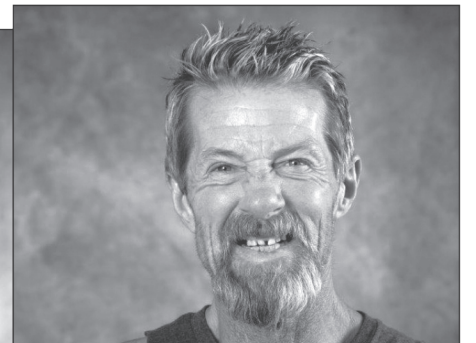
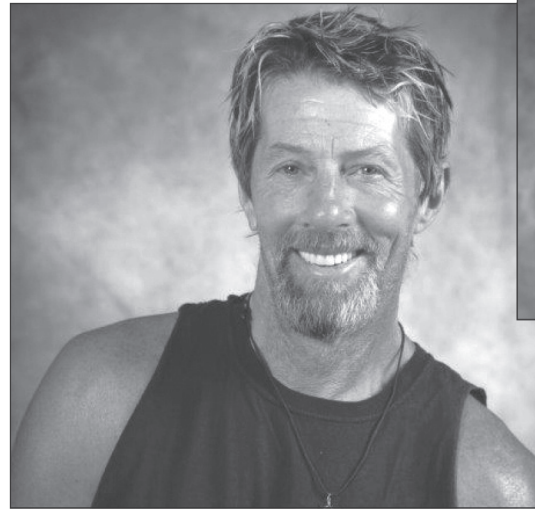
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The muffin showdown

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

We visited my daughter, Clarissa, to help her with some yard work. She has bought herself a house that she is fixing up. She is a plumber and knows that better than I do, but she has called me with other questions where I had some expertise.

But, on this day, we had come over to plant some raspberries, rhubarb and blackberries in her yard. I started with a shovel, and when I tried to dig a hole, it was like chipping on cement. Standing on it, twisting it and everything else I could think of only yielded a hole about the size of a golf ball.

I asked Clarissa if she had a pickax, and it just happened that she had received one from a neighbor who was throwing it away. His yard was similar, but he said he didn't need it anymore. He was retired and quite old, and he said that if something wasn't planted by now, he wouldn't live long enough to care.

I got hold of the pick and went to work. Clarissa marked off the spots where she wanted the plants, and I started chiseling through the soil. Even with the pickax, it felt like I was chiseling granite out of a quarry, and it took me 10 to 15 minutes per hole to get it big enough that the roots would set in it.

After I prepared each hole, my wife, Donna, would put the plant in and pat the dirt around it. Clarissa would carry over the water and continue to pour it onto the plant until she was sure it had soaked around the roots deep into the soil.

After I finished the last few holes, Clarissa decided she wanted to get some particular soil to go around the last few plants.

"Mom and Dad, come in and have some lemonade and muffins until I get back," she said.

I appreciated that. The sweat was pouring off me, and I knew I could use the break.

As we entered the house, two cats warily came up to check us out. Clarissa explained that she hadn't adopted the cats. They were wild and had adopted her. They would catch mice around her house, so she had given them scraps, and they had stayed. Both were free spirits.

"Oh, and watch your muffin," Clarissa said.

She warned that the cats loved muffins, but they made them sick.

I think that Clarissa might have even said that the one cat's name was Muffin.

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backyard and toss shiny things to them," Clarissa said, pointing to some bracelets on the shelf. She then left for the store, and I headed to the cupboard.

I got a muffin and a cup and set them on the counter. I grabbed the lemonade out of the fridge. When I turned around, Muffin, the cat, was on the counter, only about a foot from my muffin. She was down on her belly, approaching it in full hunting-attack mode.

"Shoo," I said, reaching out to pull my muffin away from her. As I did, I felt a claw in my hand that stopped me and left a little blood dripping down my wrist. I turned to face the cat, and we had a stare-down contest. When I reached out toward the muffin, she raised her paw with her switchblade claws fully extended to defend what she thought was hers. This continued briefly, with neither of us gaining the advantage. Finally, I had an idea.

I reached over to the shelf and grabbed the shiny bracelets. Immediately, both cats perked up.

"Want to go outside?" I asked. I kept tossing the bracelets up and down, acting like I was going to the door until both cats were so excited they were pawing at the glass. I rushed over like I was excited to go out, and I opened the door. Both cats raced out, expecting me to toss their playthings. Instead, I shut the door, returned the bracelets to the shelf and ate my muffin with the cats staring at me through the door.

When Clarissa returned, we planted the last plants. As we did, Muffin crouched near me in attack position. Clarissa frowned. "Dad, for some reason, I don't think she likes you."

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Arboles parade winners announced

By Susan Halkin
TARA Community Center

The Arboles parade turnout was great this year with more than 25 entries.

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It was a great success and many are already looking forward to next year's parade. Many thanks to all of the volunteers and donors who made this event possible.

The following are the parade prize winners: First prize went to the 4-H Southwest Silverados Equestrian Team, second prize went to the Siebel Farms Barrel Train and third prize went to 151 Custom for its six-person timber teeter totter.



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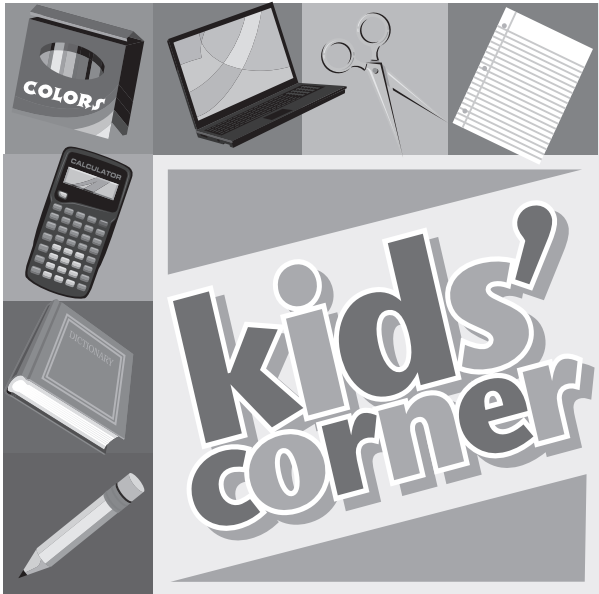
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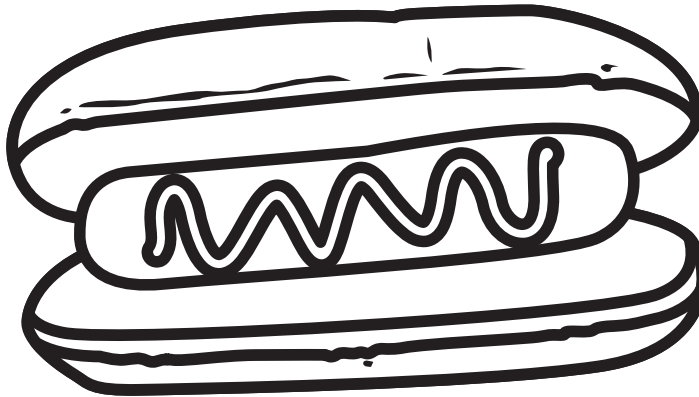
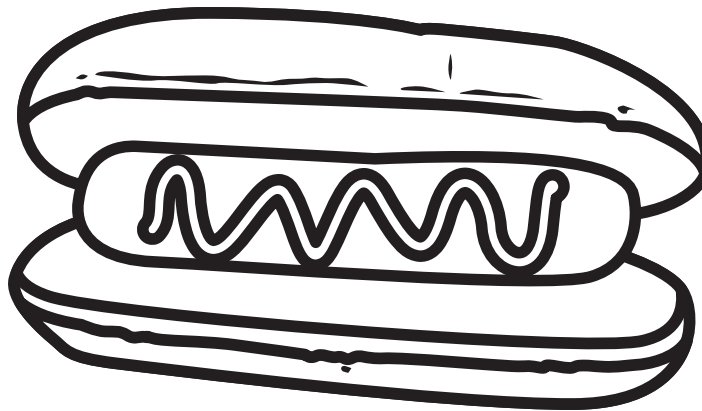
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What we can't do online

By Richard Gammill
PREVIEW Columnist

"If you work from home, you won't get anything done because you will do everything else but work." "If you work from home, it will be very difficult for you to collaborate with your team mates." "End of discussion."

Prior to COVID-19, that is what most managers thought.

Then when COVID-19 struck in February 2020, everyone was sent home and what everyone thought was impossible suddenly worked. Overnight the situation went from one extreme to the other: from everyone in the office to everyone sent home.

The CEO of a Swiss bank told each of his 400 employees whether they were allowed to work at home or not. With COVID, everything shifted very fast; everyone had to figure out how to collaborate while unable to be present with each other, using video chat or other collaboration tools. They made the shift that many had said could not be done.

The biggest change was that previously when there was a technology issue, the workers just put their heads together, talked it out and everyone got back to work at their desk. When there was an issue at the bank, the managers came over and asked, "What is going on with IT?" That required some remote consultation with third-party lenders, mostly because of distance, but otherwise all project meetings were in person with limited online collaboration.

Mostly they would meet at the coffee machine and ask, what about this or that, spinning ideas off of each other. That was the biggest change in going from 100 percent physical presence to 100 percent remote. Online conversations are more intentional and to the point. You might spend 30 minutes talking about the problem and when you hang up the conversation is over and you might not talk again for several days or even a month, depending on the interaction you have with that person. That is one of the biggest challenges, figuring out how to keep progress going without seeing each other every day.

The overriding concern in sending everyone home was that productivity would plummet and everything else would be fine, but to the surprise of almost everyone, productivity remained strong, even increased. People at home tend to work longer hours and have no commute time.

But innovation took a big hit.

With all the tools available, a lot of nonverbal communication goes on: body language, looking at people in the face. But dehumanization and separation happens

A Matter of Faith

even in a video call — not just physically, but also mentally. Only one thread of discussion works on a video call, without side discussions or interruptions. So you talk on one topic, the next person talks and so on. Spinning ideas off each other, having that spontaneous interaction with each other, seems to be the big thing that's missing. That's the key and now Amazon has made a "back to the office" call for exactly that reason.

Beginning in May, Amazon technology workers were to spend three days each week at the office and two days working at home. Because of the radical changes of the past three years, they know technology can support both, allowing flexibility in the work environment.

There are lessons here for the church. Scripture says don't forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Why do we have this instruction? Even if we are introverted, we are herd creatures, not meant to be alone. In Genesis when God made Adam, He said it's not good for man to be alone, so He made a helper. Adam and Eve had fellowship, one with another. We are made to worship God and do it in a community of believers.

People can worship and serve God individually, but the collaboration of many is what brings out the great thoughts, the great ideas and insights, the great undertakings.

If I just want to consume, there are thousands of preachers out there who preach great messages and throughout the week I can listen to those. That gives me a lot of biblical knowledge and valuable personal inputs. But it doesn't replace the weekly assembling with other Christians. When we worship together, gather together over a meal and share life together, it's what we can't do online. The results of a survey showed that 40 percent of the respondents would not attend a church that was only online.

When we talk about online services, it is usually very egocentric: "I do this because my time is very valuable, I don't want to share anything, I don't want to share my time. I don't want to waste my time when I could be doing something else."

Going from an egotistical to a holistic view of the faith and the publication of my faith is the key. Am I just focusing on myself or am I willing to participate in the construction of a healthy body of Christ? That is really the question at the end of the day.

This article springs out of a conversation with my friend, David Guenthardt, formerly IT manager of a bank in Switzerland and currently senior technical program manager with Amazon Web Services.

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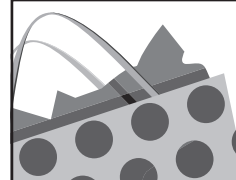
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HELP WANTED

THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is seeking to hire a **Project Manager** in our Community Development Department. The individual selected for this position will be responsible to manage and coordinate the implementation of general and capital improvement projects including project feasibility studies, concepts, programming, planning, design, construction, and other activities. They will perform highly responsible, complex, and varied professional administrative and analytical work in the development, implementation, and administration of Town projects and policies. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Employment.

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THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is seeking to hire **Seasonal Park Labor** in our Parks & Recreation Department. The individual selected for this position will perform a variety of entry-level duties related to the construction, installation, maintenance, upkeep, and repair of town buildings, recreation facilities, landscaping, parks, grounds, and general environ. Selected candidates can choose part-time or full-time hours. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Employment.

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THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is seeking to hire an **Equipment Operator** in our Public Works Department. The individual selected for this position performs a variety of entry-level, skilled, and technical duties related to the construction, installation, maintenance, and repair of the Town's streets, sidewalks, alleys, and related infrastructure. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Employment.

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SELAH MOUNTAIN PHARMACY (Jackisch) is currently hiring for the following positions: Retail Clerk, \$16-\$18 based on experience; Compounding Technician, \$18-\$25 based on experience (you must be current on certifications); Medical Billing and Reconciliation, \$16-\$20, experience preferred. You can pick up an application in the pharmacy Monday through Friday, 9a.m.-5p.m.

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THE BACA GRANDE WATER and Sanitation District (BGWSD or District) is accepting applications for the position of District Manager. The Board of Directors chooses to appoint a District Manager who serves at the pleasure of the Board. This full-time position is responsible for the overall administration of the water and sanitary sewer systems and the direction of District employees. Salary Range: \$90,000 to \$120,000/year. In addition, the District offers a benefit package that includes PERA retirement package, health insurance, dental, vision and life insurance, a generous Personal Time Off policy, and 10 paid holidays per year. For complete position description go to: <https://www.bacawater.com/files/b37fe47ac/District+Manager.pdf>. By July 31, 2023, interested candidates should submit a cover letter, their professional resume detailing all related education and experience by emailing hr@bacawater.com. Please place "Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District Manager" in the subject line of your email. Or, you may mail a hard copy to the following address: Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District, Human Resources, PO Box 520, Crestone, CO 81131. The Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

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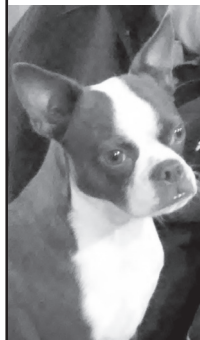
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I was lost about 3 miles down Highway 151 10 days ago. I am a Boston Terrier, about 16 pounds. I am micro-chipped, have a pink collar and answer to Tinker.

Please call Tawnya Jacobson Allen
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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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560 LINEAL FEET TREX. Gray, in Pagosa Springs, \$1,500 OBO. Jim (970)376-5456,

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PAGOSA LAKE VIEWS. 3 bedroom in 4plex. Available June 1. Most utilities paid, W/D, dishwasher, range, fridge, covered deck, seasonal stream, 10 minute walk to lake. \$1,585 for 3 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1,000 security deposit. No pets, nonsmokers preferred. For details, call or text John at (720)960-4910.

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2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1,100 sq. ft. new home on 2 acres, backs to national forest, 15 minutes south of town. Looking for long term rental. Owner would be flexible in winter months on rent due to snow removal, hauling water and upkeep of property. \$1,800 per month and possible 600 sq. ft. shop available for additional rent. Room for RV/ boat, parking. Horses/ pets negotiable. Available in September. (970)317-4383.

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LONG TERM RENTALS AVAILABLE. Call Team Pagosa (970)731-8599, 46 Eaton Drive, Suite #1, pagosaspringsrealty.com.

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

2,880 SQUARE FEET. Used to be JOY's Natural Foods. Between Dr. Milner, chiropractor and Alpine Medical. \$2,500 per month. (970)946-3902.

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POSSIBLE OWNER CARRY. Two single-wides, greenhouse, cross fenced, 12.25 acres, located in Allison, Colorado. \$325,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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VACANT LOT FOR SALE by owner. 129 Enchanted Place, Lake Pagosa Park, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. .26 acres, \$63,000. (970)989-3132.

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FSBO- 1.40 ACRES IN ARBOLES, CO, Navajo Dam Lake view, water tap at property, electric close. \$75K, will consider 25% down and up to 5 years financing with 2% interest. kvelle2000@yahoo.com.

1.2 ACRES, MOUNTAIN VIEWS, electricity near, No HOA, close to town. \$35,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

5 BEAUTIFUL ACRES. Centrally located, all utilities near. \$250,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties LLC a call (970)903-2817.

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