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‘You just don’t give up’

Jason Werby working to regain mobility

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

Jason Werby, who suffered a spinal cord injury from a mountain bike accident 13 months ago and was initially pronounced paralyzed from the neck down, explained he likes to take walks and bike rides around his neighborhood.

He now calls himself a “mobile quadriplegic.” Werby watches his feet as he walks, as he says he doesn’t have sensation but believes his muscles are strong enough for his eyes to guide them.

While he is still at significant risk of falling, Werby said, “I’ve been a fall risk my whole life. BMX, skateboarding, mountain biking, snowboarding, surfing, all that, and I would fall all the time, and usually only break a minor bone, not my neck and back.”

On June 24 of last year, his wife’s birthday, Werby was mountain biking with his family at Purgatory Mountain, meandering down a run that he considered “easy.”

“It was three little jumps in a row. I took the second one and landed on my front wheel, and then my front wheel went off the third one and just hammered me,” he said.

His wife, Nadia, added that it was “a bunny run,” but the jumps were poorly spaced.

Minutes later, he found himself in a helicopter,

■ See Werby A8



Jason Werby, initially thought to be paralyzed from the neck down from a mountain biking accident, rides his custom bike around his neighborhood.

Photo courtesy Nadia Werby

DA withdraws from homicide case, contempt case opened

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A number of changes recently occurred in the case of the people of the state of Colorado versus Christopher Maez, which centers on the 2019 death of an Archuleta County woman.

Those changes include the withdrawal of the Sixth Judicial District Attorney’s Office from the case, the appointment of a special prosecutor and the opening of a separate case related to contempt allegations against the district attorney.

In a July 25 order, Sixth Judicial Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson ordered that a new case be created regard-

ing allegations of contempt of court against District Attorney Christian Champagne.

As of Wednesday, July 26, that new case, Christopher Maez versus Christian Champagne, is set for a status conference at 9 a.m. on Aug. 4 in Durango.

The order follows a series of motions and orders in the 2019 case against Maez.

In addition to contempt, those motions and orders touch upon alleged “outrageous governmental conduct” and requests to appoint a special prosecutor in the case.

On July 14, in response to a mo-

■ See Homicide A8

Medical center receives \$1 million grant for Medical Wellness Building

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Monday, July 24, Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb announced the center received a \$1 million grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to renovate a property purchased last year into the PSMC Medical Wellness Building.

Webb announced the news during the monthly meeting of the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees

PSMC.

The board approved fundraising for the renovation of the building in March, and in late June PSMC staff presented the grant application to the DOLA review committee in Denver.

The property, located at 75 South Pagosa Blvd., formerly housed Dr. Jim Pruitt’s practice.

A Facilities Committee report for the Tuesday meeting indicated PSMC anticipated hearing a re-

■ See Grant A8

Independent Ethics Commission finds complaints about commissioner travel reimbursements non-frivolous

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Colorado Independent Ethics Commission (IEC) found that two ethics complaints submitted by local attorney Matthew Roane concerning two Archuleta County commissioners are “non-frivolous,” according to a July 21 notice received by Roane and obtained by The SUN.

According to the documentation

included with Roane’s complaints, both dated Nov. 1, 2022, they originated with a Oct. 27, 2022, article in The SUN which disclosed that the county had recently begun paying Archuleta County Commissioner Warren Brown and then-commissioner Alvin Schaaf mileage for traveling to and from their homes for work.

■ See Ethics A8

Lodging taxes reported down 30 percent in month of May

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board was informed of “bad news” at its July 18 meeting, learning that lodging taxes had gone down 30 percent in the month of May, equating to \$20,000, according to Director Jennifer Green.

“This May was a little cooler, wetter,” Green said in her director’s

report, adding, “From my perspective, it feels as busy as any summer as felt; it could just be people aren’t spending money on lodging.”

She added that the third quarter is usually the biggest quarter of the year, yet, “We likely won’t hit projected revenue for 2023. The county’s revenue may help balance that out, but we won’t know until we get more

■ See Lodging A8

Casas at Two Doves project, Springs expansion underway



SUN photos/Monica Nigon

Hot Springs Boulevard will be busy the next two years with the construction of the Casas at Two Doves (top) and the expansion of The Springs Resort (bottom).

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

A pair of lodging construction projects are underway along Hot Springs Boulevard.

Town of Pagosa Springs Community Development Director James Dickhoff said six units out of 14 at the Casas at Two Doves site are likely to be finished this coming winter or early spring, while The Springs Resort will take up to two years.

The Casas at Two Doves development, a phased project, will ultimately include “a 14-unit lodge/cabin facility on the 1.04-acre parcel of land located at 320 Hot Springs Blvd. This proposal includes incorporating the existing church structure among the lodging cabins,” according to the final major design review.

The Springs, at 323 Hot Springs Blvd.,

■ See Projects A8



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OUR VIEW

Celebrating tradition and culture

The next two weeks will bring a couple of important community events that are steeped in tradition, culture and community to Pagosa Country.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. has worked to bring back the Spanish Fiesta celebration to honor the culture and diversity of Archuleta County.

A call went out for a meeting in May for "community members interested in helping revive and honor the heritage of Pagosa Country with an emphasis on Hispanic and Indigenous" to help "revive a custom that used to celebrate our local heritage and promote scholarship in our local youth. This includes many of Archuleta County's founding families."

It was noted that "funds raised during this event will be used to support the intergenerational mission of Archuleta Seniors Inc. and a future scholarship fund for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and youth of color) youth of Archuleta County."

The sampling of the results of the group effort can be seen this evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at the San Juan Scenic Overlook for a pre-fiesta celebration. You can enjoy Mexican snacks and tango dance lessons at 439 San Juan St.

Then Saturday, July 29, the Spanish Fiesta will open at 2 p.m. at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds on U.S. 84.

You won't want to miss New Mexican artist Al Hurrucane Jr. and his band, authentic Hispanic cuisine, music from local band Los Mitotitos, and folklorico dance performances from local artists.

Tickets are available online at <https://givebutter.com/ASISPANISHFIESTA2023>, or stop by the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Choke

Cherry Tree or the Pagosa Senior Center located in the Ross Aragon Community Center. See this week's PREVIEW section for more information.

Another community tradition is the Archuleta County Fair, which kicks off on Thursday, Aug. 3, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 6.

Dedicated fair board members, volunteers and CSU Extension staff put in countless hours to pull off one of the largest community events of the year.

The fair gives us all a chance to celebrate ourselves, our community and the many unique things that make Archuleta County great.

Highlights in this year's lineup include the Kids' Rodeo; Bares, Broncs, 'n Bulls Tough Enough to Wear Pink event; plenty of live entertainment; Wild Man Phil and his animals; a pie-eating contest; cornhole tournament; professional BMX stunt performances; and much more.

Saturday's 4-H Chuckwagon Dinner is a treasured community gathering followed by the livestock auction and fair dance featuring The Tylor Brandon Band.

The real heart and soul of the fair is the junior livestock show, where youth active in 4-H showcase their months of work caring for and feeding animals. For many young exhibitors, the money they make from the livestock auction helps pay for their college education.

This great slice of Archuleta County life and heritage doesn't come off successfully without the support of livestock buyers. Auction organizers and 4-H youth are hoping for a repeat of last

year's auction success.

No other event focuses more on local people and their accomplishments than our county fair. Youngsters and adults have worked long and hard to prepare exhibits, ranging from livestock to arts and crafts, and the fair showcases the results. It's fun to see the fruits of their labors.

If you are a newcomer to the area, a visit to the county fair is the single best way to learn about what has made this community strong and what makes it tick today.

If you've lived here longer, a visit to the county fair is an opportunity to renew friendships after a busy summer.

There might be no other event during the year in the county that has as much tradition attached to it as our county fair.

The mission of the Archuleta County Fair is to "unite our community by preserving our history through building memories, encouraging cooperation, creating learning opportunities, providing entertainment, as well as developing healthy competition for exhibitors of Archuleta County enrolled in 4-H and open class competitors from any geographical area of the world."

If you've never been to the county fair, you're in for some pleasant surprises. Start a great summer tradition by taking the whole family to the fairgrounds and taking in a day or more of fun and entertainment.

Even though it marks us as shamelessly old-fashioned, we're big fans of the Spanish Fiesta and the Archuleta County Fair.

Terri Lynn Oldham House



LOOKING BACK

Taken from The Pagosa Springs SUN files of June 25, 1998: Virginia Chavez of Pagosa Springs dances with Nicholas Garibey of Durango during a main attraction of the Spanish Fiesta entertainment at Town Park Saturday. The annual parade, booths, Fiesta Dance and Folklorico performances were well received by locals and vacationers alike.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 27, 1923

Mrs. Vivian Flaugh, postmistress, on Monday received official authority for the removal of the Pagosa Springs postoffice from the present location to the south half of the new Montroy brick building, adjoining the Sparks Merc. Co. store. Only two-thirds of the room will be utilized for the postoffice, the other third to be occupied by the Sparks store as a ware room. The change will be made Sunday and the office opened for business in its new quarters Monday morning. Upon the removal of the postoffice, the vacated building will be occupied by the Little Manhattan Cafe, while Mr. and Mrs. Flaugh will occupy the H.A. Rogers dwelling two doors north of the Sun office.

Sol Thayer resigned as night policeman of Durango Tuesday and came over yesterday to renew acquaintanceships in the old home town and visit with his brothers in the upper Piedra section.

Trujillo celebrated Santiago day in great style Wednesday and yesterday, with a large attendance from the surrounding territory.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 30, 1948

Members of the Pagosa Rod & Gun Club attended one of the outstanding events on the summer calendar Sunday when a fish fry was conducted on Reservoir Hill.

More than 300 fish were served and other refreshments made the afternoon a real treat. This was the first of a number of events planned for members of the club. Guests from Durango and other surrounding towns attended the party.

L.J. Goodman and his son, Davy Lou left Alamosa Sunday for St. Louis. They will return this week-end. Mrs. Goodman drove her husband and son to Alamosa and returned to Pagosa Sunday evening.

Work on reconstruction of the San Juan street river bridge is expected to start this week. J.T. Chambers, town board member, reported. C.A. Day was the successful bidder for the lumber to be used and the Pagosa Hardware bid was accepted for the other materials. The bridge will be kept open until all the preliminary work is finished, permitting traffic use until the last possible moment, Chambers said.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 26, 1973

A late spring, or early fall, freeze hit town Monday morning when the mercury dropped to 31 degrees. No great damage was done but some gardens did get frost burned, some flowers were damaged and flatlanders were looking for heavy jackets. Last frost was 32 degrees on June 21. Last hard frost was on June 20, when it was 28 degrees. That made it just 25 days between frosts this year. Fortunately the frost was not severe or general enough to cause widespread damage and the weather has warmed since that time. Temperature readings are made at the U.S. Weather Observation Station on Mesa Heights and readings at other areas may vary slightly. However, town residents were the ones most affected by the chilly night.

Now that the area has dried out it is evident that damage to roads, was much heavier than had been anticipated. The damage was confined mainly to roads built in recent years and was the result of heavy rains last fall, a heavy snowfall winter, and late rains this spring.

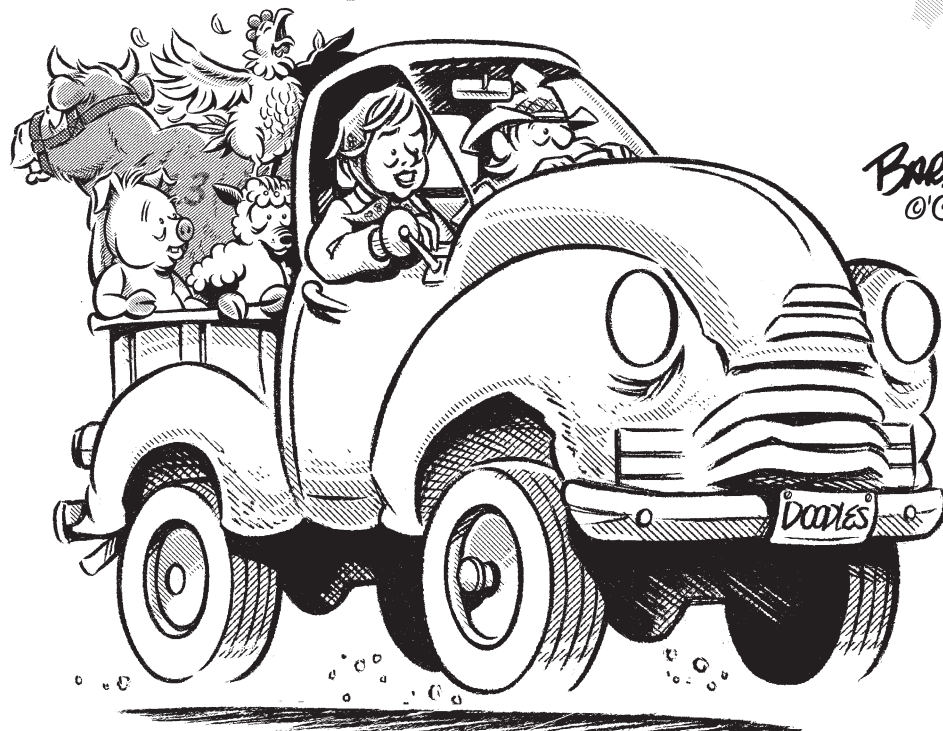
25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 30, 1998

Members of the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association voted overwhelmingly to elect the "status quo must go" ticket of Roy Boutwell, Buck Bucklin and Joe Donovan to the association's board of directors. Acting on the apparent mandate, the board made major personnel changes almost immediately.

Immediately following the announcement of the results, the membership voted to ratify the new board. The board then broke with tradition by making its re-organization meeting open to the public. The directors voted 4-2 to make Director Nan Rowe the association's new president and board chairman, with Costa and Director John Nelson — who had been nominated for the position by Costa — dissenting. Donovan was the unanimous choice for vice-president, as was Boutwell for secretary and Bucklin for treasurer.

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Climate change solutions

Dear Editor:
If you are interested in accelerating climate change solutions, you may be interested in the newly proposed PROVE IT Act. It will act as a precursor, paving the way for important and effective future legislation planned called a carbon border tariff or CBAM.

The proposed PROVE IT Act will study and measure greenhouse gas emissions of certain goods produced in the U.S. and other nations. The bill would require the Department of Energy (DOE) to study the greenhouse gas emissions intensity of certain products. Such information is a necessary first step to implementing a carbon border tariff or CBAM.

This is important because trade is one of the best tools we have to encourage other nations to reduce their emissions. A carbon border tariff would impose a fee on the extra carbon content of imported carbon-intensive goods, providing a strong incentive for foreign countries to reduce the carbon intensity of their industries. Such a tariff would also protect U.S. industries from higher-polluting foreign competition.

The European Union will begin

implementing CBAM this year. It is important that America not be left behind as other countries move in this direction.

The PROVE IT act is an important bipartisan step to protect American industry and drive down global carbon pollution. I applaud Sen John Hickenlooper's signing as a cosponsor and encourage our other two members of Congress—Sen Michael Bennett and Rep Lauren Boebert to cosponsor the PROVE IT Act as well. Please join me in asking them.

Susan Atkinson

Property protests

Dear Editor:

Reading Josh's article on Assessor presents... (July 20 edition), there may be a reason why more property protests have not made it to the county's Board of Equalization. I postmarked my certified mail protest letter on July 14, 2023 at the US Post Office with an expected delivery to the Board of Equalization on Monday, July 17, 2023. I tracked my package through the USPS website and saw that it departed Colorado Springs USPS distribution center on July 16th for delivery to the Pagosa Springs USPS destination by July 17th. When I did not get my proof of delivery back by Thursday, July 20, I checked and found the tracking status had not changed. I contacted USPS and while it appears to have arrived in Pagosa Springs USPS on July 17th, it did not show as delivered to the Board. I also learned from USPS and received confirmation that an investigation into this matter was initiated on Friday, July 21. Fortunately, I have verifiable proof that my protest letters were sent in a timely manner. Perhaps my letters fell off the USPS delivery truck and floating in the river along with many more protest

letters to the Board of Equalization as I can't imagine that only 200 protests out of the 2342+ had been received by July 18. I am aware of many of my neighbors who elected to pursue their protest through the county board of equalization. As a courtesy heads-up, I emailed a copy of my protest letters to County Commissioner Ronnie Maetz on Friday and informed him that there appears to be an issue with mail delivery to the board as a result of my personal experience. On Monday, July 24, I attended the Board of Equalization meeting to inquire about receipt of my protest letters. Thankfully, I learned from Executive Assistant, Mary Helminski, that my certified protest letters to the board were picked up at the post office on Saturday, July 23, one day after I received confirmation from the USPS that an investigation was underway. I am not sure how many more protest letters sat at the USPS for a week or more but in this case, I'm glad I had proof of my mailing and that the Board has received them.

RC Byers

'In the words of Harry Truman'

Dear Editor:

Yes, I really am that old. I really can remember watching speeches by Harry Truman on TV. And even as a child, I was regularly impressed by his always-colorful ways of getting his points across. One thing I can remember him saying is that any farmer or working person who votes Republican ought to have their head examined. It was true then, and it is still true now—it has always been Democrats who have worked to make life easier for rural and working Americans. Long before he became president, Lyndon Johnson worked hard to bring electricity to rural areas through his rural electrification programs. Before that, Franklin Roosevelt acted to ensure that America's seniors would not fall into poverty after retirement through the enactment of Social Security. And it was Lyndon Johnson who, once again, made life better for rural and working Americans through Medicare and Medicaid, which brought health care security to senior citizens and the poor. Un-

fortunately, many Americans still fell through the cracks between Medicaid and private insurance. Their incomes were too high for Medicaid, but not enough to get private insurance unless they had employers who provided it. Then Barack Obama brought about the Affordable Care Act (ACA), ensuring that every American has the chance to get health insurance. And between them, Medicare, Medicaid, the ACA, and federal grant programs, have provided the funding that make rural hospitals sustainable, such as our Pagosa Springs Medical Center. One thing that rural electrification, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and the ACA all have in common is that they were the result of efforts by Democrats. And all of them have disproportionately benefitted working and rural Americans. And the vast majority of Republicans opposed all of them. I am also old enough to remember Republicans calling Lyndon Johnson a "socialist" for bringing about Medicare.

What was true in the past is still true today. President Biden's infrastructure law will bring broadband internet (finally) and better roads to places like Pagosa Springs. A few enlightened Republicans supported this bill, but the vast majority did not. Among those who did not is our own representative in Congress, Lauren Boebert. President Biden also brought about the Inflation Reduction Act, which finally commits substantial resources to fighting the climate change that is bringing us worse heat waves every year, and here in Pagosa Country, a growing threat of wildfires. All of the Republicans voted against that, and many still maintain that climate change is a hoax. I seriously wonder if some of them ever go outside. So, not much has changed since Harry Truman with regard to who is looking out for working Americans and rural areas. It is always Democrats who work to help make our lives better, and always Republicans who stand in the way. Like Boebert voting against bringing broadband to Pagosa Country. In the words of Harry Truman, I think anyone around here that votes for Boebert ought to have their head examined.

John Farley

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The SUN generally does not edit letters, but reserves the right to do so.

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Medical center

I am writing to express my heartfelt thanks for the generosity of BWD Construction owned and operated by Ryan Searle and Rory Burnett. Twice in one week they donated the use and labor of their crane and operator to assist in replacing compressors on Pagosa Springs Medical Center's rooftop. BWD's act of kindness contributed to the speed and affordability of completing our project. All of us at PSMC are grateful for their care for our medical center and our community.

Rhonda P. Webb, MD, CEO
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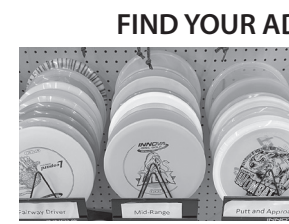
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Obituary

Robert John Henley

Col. (retired) Robert John Henley passed from this life to the next with God on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at the age of 93.



Robert, known as Bob, was preceded in death by his loving wife of 62 years, Dahrl (Miller) Henley. He is lovingly remembered by his children, Karen (Greg) Lessman, Anne (Ed) Parker and John (Esther) Henley. He was the proud "Grandpa" to his grandchildren, Gregory, Nicole, Zachary (Tish), Ryan (Sandra), Courtney, Emily and Ian. He was also "G-pa" to his great-grandchildren, Audreana, Dalton, Greyson, Calliope, Weston, Alexios and Zeno. Bob was

a faithful son to William and Anne Henley, of San Angelo, Texas, and the younger brother of William R. Henley. He was very fond of his niece and her husband, Georgia (Henley) and Mike Grubb.

In his many years of service as a Marine Corp officer, Bob was most proud of his leadership positions that allowed him to make a difference in the lives of those he served. His example of loyalty, honesty and compassion was always mentioned when people spoke about him. One story he would often share with family and friends was of the time he was commanding officer of the Marine Corp base Camp Fuji at the base of Mount Fuji, Japan. While serving there, he created lasting relationships with the community members, most significantly by starting an orphanage for the children in need.

His greatest gift, though, was in his steadfast and humble life of faith and service. No task was too big or small for him to undertake. Bob was a volunteer for many years

at Chimney Rock Archaeological Site, the forestry service, and until the very last month of his active life, he was a tireless leader volunteer at the Pope John Paul II Catholic community.

The very last conversation he had with his daughters, his grandson and Fr. Samuel was a reflection of what makes a life well-lived. Using scripture and his own life's experiences, he shared his belief that being a faithful follower of Christ means to be of service to others. That is the example and legacy he leaves behind for his family, friends, and all who had the blessing to know him.

Please join Bob's family in celebrating his life with a memorial Mass on Saturday, Aug. 5, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Mass will begin at 10 a.m., with interment and reception immediately following.

The family has requested that any remembrances in honor of Bob's generous heart be made in

the form of a contribution to your favorite charity.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to his loving friends of the Pope John Paul II faith community and to the wonderful nurses and doctors at Pagosa Springs Medical Center for their compassionate and dignified care in the last days of his life.

Service

Bruce Dryburgh

A celebration of life for Bruce Dryburgh will be held Sunday, July 30, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at the Tennyson Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. All are welcome.



Fire district announces fire chief finalists

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Following public interviews on July 13 and July 14, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) announced David Wolf and Robert Bertram are the finalists for the fire chief position vacated by the upcoming retirement of Randy Larson.

At the July 11 PFPD Board of Directors meeting, Business Manager Tomi Bliss explained that the department received 20 applicants and offered interviews to seven candidates partially chosen based on feedback from district fire officers.

She stated that, since that offer, one candidate had dropped out due to accepting another position.

Board member and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Commander Ryan Foster explained that the interview committee would be composed of five representatives from area stakeholders, including one representing Pagosa Springs Medical Center Emergency Medical Services, one representing the

U.S. Forest Service (USFS), one representing the PFPD volunteers, one representing the EOC and one representing the PFPD board.

Larson commented that he believes the district has "very strong" candidates to consider.

Wolf's cover letter and resume highlight his work for the last seven years as fire chief for the Estes Valley Fire Protection District, including experience handling a valley-wide evacuation of 35,000 people due to wildfire in 2020 and extensive cooperation with regional stakeholders, including the USFS, local governments and nongovernmental groups.

His letter also notes the similarities between Estes Valley and Pagosa Springs in terms of the large number of tourists and extensive coordination with neighboring agencies, and suggests that his work in Estes Valley would benefit him at the PFPD.

Wolf's letter also highlights his dedication to volunteer firefighters and his involvement with a range of state and nationwide fire organizations, including the Colorado State Fire Chiefs, the Colorado Fire

Commission and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

His resume indicates that Wolf holds a Ph.D. in geology from Cornell University and has worked professionally as a geologist in addition to his experience in a range of fire departments and organizations across the country.

Bertram's cover letter and resume highlight his extensive experience in leading fire departments composed of volunteers and paid staff through periods of growth and his skills at obtaining grants for funding new buildings and equipment for departments he has worked for.

His resume indicates that he currently serves as the fire chief for the Chaffee County Fire Protection District, where his achievements including raising the district's cash reserves from \$50,000 to \$1.8 million over 10 years while updating equipment, rebuilding strained relationships with local agencies and governments created by the previous administration, and implementing a range of training programs, staffing initiatives and funding projects to improve service

to the community. His resume indicates that he has 30 continuous years of experience in the firefighting industry, 22 years in leadership positions and 16 years serving as fire chief for a range of fire districts and departments in Colorado.

His cover letter also highlights his understanding of the needs of firefighting in areas with high numbers of tourists.

According to his resume, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Colorado State University in fire and emergency services administration and his cover letter notes that he serves on the board of the Greater Arkansas Recreation Nature Association.

According to Bliss, the PFPD board will hold a special meeting on Friday, July 28, at 5 p.m. for the hiring committee to submit its recommendations and the board to select a candidate.

She adds that the discussion of candidates and the decision on an offer of employment must be made in a public meeting not an executive session.

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Town council moves to appoint interim town manager

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At its July 20 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved Gregory Schulte as finalist for the interim town manager position, directing the search committee to negotiate and bring an employment agreement to its Aug. 1 meeting for approval.

The search for an interim town manager comes after current Town Manager Andrea Phillips informed the council that she would not be seeking a renewal of her employment contract and that her last day in the position would be Aug. 4.

At its June 22 meeting, the council reached a consensus that Mayor Shari Pierce should contact Schulte to see if he would be interested in the position while the council conducts its search to fill the more permanent town manager position.

Pierce and Mayor Pro-tem Matt DeGuise formed a search committee and the position was posted,

both internally and externally, for recruitment, where the town received a total of seven applications, including Schulte's, according to agenda documentation on the matter.

At the meeting, Administrative Services Manager Kathy Harker said, "It was determined that Mr. Schulte's experience with municipal and county government, as well as his experience with the Town of Pagosa Springs specifically, make him a very good candidate for this role."

Schulte previously served as Pagosa Springs town manager.

In his application letter, Schulte states, "I feel I am uniquely qualified for the interim position having served as the Town Manager of Pagosa Springs for the immediate 3 years prior to Andrea [Phillips] being hired in August 2017."

He brings to the table "over 35 years of relevant experience, both in California and Colorado," stating that he served as "the Archuleta

County Administrator from 2008 to 2012 and again as Interim County Administrator in 2018/2019, during the time they were recruiting for a new Administrator after Bentley Henderson's departure."

He also lists relevant experience he can bring to the position such as his service on the elected Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors and with Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority.

Schulte retired from the town in 2017, his letter states, and since retirement was recruited "to serve as a volunteer Senior Advisor for the Colorado City County Management Association (CCCMA) and the International City County Management Association (ICMA)."

Schulte states that he's only one of seven senior advisors in the state of Colorado to be selected for these senior advisor positions.

"Senior Advisors are selected for their breadth and depth of experience and dedication to the profession of city and county manage-

ment. Only the most respected retired managers are selected as Senior Advisors, as they are trusted to provide advice and guidance to existing managers as well as mentoring the new generation of managers," he states in the letter.

After Harker's brief presentation, council member Madeline Bergon made a motion to approve Schulte as the finalist for the position and to direct the hiring committee to draft an employment agreement to be brought back before the council.

The motion was carried unanimously.

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Business

Sales tax revenues down 4 percent in May

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Sales tax revenues for Archuleta County in May 2023 fell compared to May 2022, according to a report released by Archuleta County Finance Director Chad Eaton.

Sales tax revenues previously fell by 8.7 percent in April compared to the previous year.

The report notes that the town and the county jointly received \$1,371,497 in gross sales tax revenue for the month of May, with \$686,437 going to the town and \$685,060 going to the county.

May gross sales tax revenues are 4 percent, or \$56,993, lower than May 2022.

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

- Construction at 17 percent, or \$5,575.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 260 percent, or \$15,603.
- Other Services (except public administration) at 3 percent, or \$673.
- Categories that were down for May in the month-to-month comparison include:
 - Manufacturing at 7 percent, or \$4,146.
 - Retail Trade at 2 percent, or \$18,714.
 - Information at 7 percent, or \$1,895.
 - Finance and Insurance at 15

percent, or \$165.

- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 31 percent, or \$10,536.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 9 percent, or \$22,142.
- Miscellaneous at 7 percent, or \$16,233.

The report notes that on the year-to-date comparison, sales tax revenues for January through May of 2023 are 4.6 percent, or \$304,421 lower than January through May 2022.

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

- Finance and Insurance at 26 percent, or \$1,119.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 191 percent,

or \$67,590.

- Other Services (except public administration) at 4.7 percent, or \$4,502.

• Miscellaneous at 0.7 percent, or \$6,703.

The categories down in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Construction at 9 percent, or \$14,780.
- Manufacturing at 16 percent, or \$41,103.
- Retail Trade at 6 percent, or \$215,285.
- Information at 1 percent, or \$1,661.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 24 percent, or \$34,516.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 6 percent, or \$75,704.

QuickBooks and tax designation classes coming up

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Chamber member engagement, is pleased to announce some upcoming educational classes that we think will be of great use to our business community.

First on the list is the popular one-on-one QuickBooks consultation sessions to be held on Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Chamber conference room.

These sessions are meant for intermediate users of QuickBooks, not novice or beginner users. If you have some experience with QuickBooks yet are experiencing a particular problem or problems with your setup, inventory, invoices, reporting or the like, this 45-minute free session is for you.

There will be four slots available on an appointment basis. These slots will be open to Chamber members first and a waiting list will be created for all non-Chamber members. Should the slots not be filled, then those on the waiting list will be contacted.

With only four slots available at this time, you won't want to miss this opportunity. The sessions will be conducted with Nelly Burns, who is an accounting business owner, SBDC consultant and QuickBooks pro advisor and trainer.

Since this opportunity is limited and free educational classes such as this are part of your Chamber membership benefits, this class will open up first to our members. If you are interested in scheduling a free session with Burns, go to www.sbdcfortlewis.org/consulting. Scroll down and select "Request an Initial Appointment" or "request Follow on Appointment" if you have worked with the SBDC before and then follow the prompts from there. If you go straight to the SBDC website, www.sbdcfortlewis.org, scroll down to the "no-cost, confidential one-on-one consulting" and follow the steps for new or existing clients. Click on the class and register for any of the open slots.

Burns can help you set up a better invoice or invoicing system, a better report to garner the information you need, a better inventory system or even set up job codes so that you can run and understand your financials better and you can streamline your accounting.

Should we get more than four sign-ups, we are looking to host another QuickBooks one-on-one consulting class on Aug. 24. In addition, later in the year we are looking at two more possible QuickBooks classes. One class will be for novice QuickBooks users and another class identifying some of the pitfalls to avoid when converting from QuickBooks desktop to QuickBooks online. Stay tuned for when these classes will be held.

The other class that will be held in August will be Business Tax Designation and Tips with attorney Alex Buscher and accountant Troy Reeder. You have set up or are setting up your business. What kind of tax designation do you assign to

your business: LLC, C Corp, S Corp, etc.? If you set up your business one way, is it correct? Are you following the guidelines of that designation? Are you protecting your assets (personal and business) if you have an LLC? Are you getting the best tax deductions under your current designation?

Buscher and Reeder will be on hand on Aug. 30 to help set forth some guidelines for you and an-

swer some questions on business tax designation. This is a topic business owners often skim by, think they know the best system — which may be the easiest, but not the best. If you are self-employed, this is an important class to attend. It will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. This class is free and open to the public. There will not be a Zoom link at this time. The location will be determined soon. To register for the class, go

to the Chamber website, www.pagosachamber.com and go to the Events Calendar. Click on the date and the class and register.

These classes aren't until August; however, we are just a few days away from that month starting, and you should reserve time now should you want to take these classes. For more information, please contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.



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2023 Archuleta County Fair Schedule

Thursday, August 3rd - Sunday, August 6th
Fairgrounds on Highway 84 & 160

Events Prior to the Fair

Sat., July 22, 9am	4-H Dog Show	Exhibit Hall	8:30am
Sat., July 29, 9am	4-H Horse Show	Rodeo Arena	9am
Sat., July 29, 1pm	Quilt Judging	Stith Room	9am
Sun., July 30, 10am	Gymkhana	Rodeo Arena	9am

Fair Events — Thur., Aug. 3-Sun., Aug. 6 Every Day of the Fair

9am-6pm	Kids Games Open Play	Kids Game Tent
9am-8pm	Education and Informational Displays	Education Tent
9am-8pm	Vendors / Food and Merchandise	Vendor Row
9am-8pm	4-H and Open Class Entries and Displays	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room
9am-9pm	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
10am-8pm	Various Entertainment and Shows	Activity Tent
11am-Midnight	Rotary Beer Garden	Activity Tent
Evenings	Live Music	Activity Tent

Thursday, August 3rd - Fair Officially Opens

9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Goat Shows: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10am	Alpaca Show	Red Ryder Arena
11am	Poultry Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
Noon-6pm	Picasso and Vino Painting	Activity Tent
6pm	4-H Swine Show and Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
6:30	Cornhole Tournament	Activity Tent
6:30-9:30pm	Live Music — Brooks-i	Activity Tent
8pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close	Extension Building

Friday, August 4th

9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Lamb Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10am-6pm	Picasso and Vino Painting	Activity Tent
11am	4-H Turkey Show & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
11am	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
11am	Shred BMX — Professional BMX Stunt Team	Fairgrounds
1pm	Pie Eating Contest	Activity Tent
1pm	Shred BMX — Professional BMX Stunt Team	Fairgrounds
2pm	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
3pm	Shred BMX — Professional BMX Stunt Team	Fairgrounds
4pm	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
5pm-7pm	Horseshoe Pitch Practice	Horseshoe Pits
6pm	4-H Beef Show and Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
7pm	Bares, Broncs, 'n Bulls	Rodeo Arena
8pm	Tough Enough to Wear Pink? Event	
8pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room close	Extension Building
9pm-Midnight	Live Music / Dance — Float Like a Buffalo	Activity Tent

Saturday, August 5th

4-H Showmanship Clinic Hughes	Pavilion
Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
Horseshoe Pitching	Horseshoe Pit
Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
4-H Master Showman	Hughes Pavilion
Picasso and Vino Painting	Activity Tent
Shred BMX — Professional BMX Stunt Team	Fairgrounds
Open Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
Shred BMX — Professional BMX Stunt Team	Fairgrounds
Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
Homemaker of the Year Award	Exhibit Hall
Shred BMX — Professional BMX Stunt Team	Fairgrounds
Hughes Pavilion Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting	Hughes Pavilion
Live Music — San Juan Mountain Boys	Activity Tent
4-H Chuckwagon Dinner, a benefit for 4-H	Activity Tent
Awards: Honorees, Royalty	Activity Tent
Award: Conservationist of the Year	Activity Tent
Presented by San Juan Conservation District	
4-H Livestock Auction Bidder / Add-on Registration	Hughes Pavilion
4-H Livestock Auction	Hughes Pavilion
Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close	Extension Building
Live Music / Fair Dance — Tylor Brandon Band	Activity Tent

Sunday, August 6th

8:30am	Kids' Rodeo Late Registration	Rodeo Arena
9am	Kids' Rodeo Check-In	Rodeo Arena
9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am-2pm	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	4-H Parent / Master Showman Contest	Hughes Pavilion
10am	Kids' Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
2pm	Livestock Animals Released	Hughes Pavilion
2pm	See 4-H Office for Schedule	
2pm	Animals Loaded on Semi Truck	Hughes Pavilion
2pm	Fair Closes until next year	Fairgrounds
4pm	All private haulers must remove animals	Hughes Pavilion
2-4pm	Release of Open Class Projects / Premiums Paid	Exhibit Hall
2-4pm	Release of 4-H Projects	Stith Room
4pm	Tear down — All 4-H'ers are required to help	Hughes Pavilion

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Main Street Advisory Board discusses reconstruction, hears facade improvement presentation

By **Monica Nigon**
Staff Writer

The Main Street Advisory Board met July 18 to address its recent work session, plan events and hear a presentation from a Colorado Main Street specialist.

Coordinator Patti Copenhaver noted the organization has also been working on its mini-grants, worth up to \$4,000, that would go to main street businesses for facade improvements.

Copenhaver chimed in, "We're not asking these businesses for anything. We're here to help them succeed, create programs and incentives for them. ... We're not asking for much at all other than participation and being supportive of our efforts."

Head of the MARCOMS committee, Haz Said, provided an update from his committee's work session, noting the advisory board has purchased a domain name, pagosamainstreet.org, which will provide more information for businesses and residents about the board's work.

He added his committee came up with a marketing scheme called "Pagosa Moments," where they would "create temporary chalk circles and squares along main street that would address fun, historical facts, create opportunities for art making, dance and photogenic 'Kodak' moments."

Rose Chavez, head of the historic preservation committee, described aspects of the Spanish Fiesta, which will take place on July

29 and will feature dancers from Durango.

"There will be an interjection of culture downtown," she said.

Chavez proposed a second event, "a meal on Lewis Street," which would put a barrier on each end of the street and celebrate locals by hosting a potluck.

"We were thinking of inviting a chile-roasting vendor and the peach vendor from uptown, so we can just play off that local, seasonal inspiration ... we would complement that with local bands to activate downtown on Lewis Street and have a Main Street event," Chavez said.

Chavez proposed a date in August, but Schultz said there are too many events already planned, and proposed they move the event to mid-September.

Board members brought up that there is already a chile fest in mid-August, and that they should be mindful of these events.

Member Rosanna Dufour said, "We should be sensitive to events. So, what you're saying is great, I love all of that, but as far as other things going on and respecting other established events ... being conscious and respectful of established things, because I feel like this community is constantly working against each other."

Ultimately, the board settled on hosting the event on Sept. 18. Dufour said the Main Street Kids initiative to paint and clean up the Main Street-facing wall of the middle school is underway, in the hopes that the board can be the fa-

ciator of the grant process, which would help fund paint and window replacements.

She added they plan to start the process on Aug. 1 and eventually hand it over to the students, "like a mural."

Said noted they should make sure the project "has renewability, not just a one-shot."

Reconstruction project

Town Community Development Director James Dickhoff took the floor to discuss a reconstruction project where the town is working with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

He described them redoing the highway with concrete to "last for years."

"We've been working with them on things we'll be on the hook for," Dickhoff said. "It's an opportunity to put a conduit in, streetlights, a sidewalk step-in that CDOT will not be replacing."

He added CDOT is not obligated to replace the sidewalks in places where they're not adjusting the curb height.

"The 400-block is one of those blocks. We're getting 3 and a half more feet of sidewalk," he said.

He described other projects on the 400 block that, in addition to the extra 3.5 feet from CDOT, the town will demolish and replace another 3 feet of the existing sidewalk.

Dickhoff explained they're looking to transplant the trees on the 400 block, but that is too expensive.

"We're looking at streetlight and tree spacing every 50 feet," he noted.

He added the town is hoping to bring these ideas to the business owners in that block, likely the first week of August.

He noted in an open house he will hold, they will have a landscape architect do some illustrations.

"Really what we're trying to see from business owners and the community in general is tree spacing, light spacing, if they're comfortable with that," Dickhoff said.

He explained they're looking at using the 50-foot property lines as the spacing so trees will not end up right in front of business doors.

Dickhoff added there will be hanging flower pots with built-in irrigation.

"The rest of main street we don't have the luxury of having wide sidewalks," he said. "We still have room for streetlights, but we don't have room for trees, hanging flowers ..."

He added CDOT plans on breaking ground next spring and anticipates two years of construction, but Dickhoff said he anticipates "more like three years."

Main street facade improvement

Larry Lucas, architect for the Colorado Main Street Program, provided a Design 101 presentation to guide the board on facade improvements.

"One of the main things is preserving our historic main street buildings," Lucas said. "It's history that we can touch, that we can relate to ... it's one of the things that makes us special. Every community is unique."

Lucas guided the board to consider authenticity in the facade improvements and adhere to the secretary of interior's standards, set up by the National Park Service, which focuses on rehabilitation "in

order to claim historic preservation tax credits and other incentives."

The Commercial Historic Preservation Tax Credit helps "rehabilitate historic, owner-occupied commercial properties," according to the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade.

The majority of Lucas' presentation focused on the "visual dynamics" of main street building facades.

He described successful storefronts, which "work with and leverage architecture of the larger building, simply and clearly market the name of the business and the type of services offered, allow potential customers visibility into the store, contribute to a distinctive customer and pedestrian experience, and maintain overall district's integrity."

Lucas described successful doors, signage, lighting, rooflines, and awnings and canopies.

His presentation indicated that doors are best when "they're recessed; mostly clear glass when practical; use durable wood or metal frame doors that can be painted for visual interest; DO NOT block doors with merchandise; DO NOT swing doors out to sidewalk."

Lucas' presentation adds that signage should "focus on legibility and character; best located central over entrance of doors; show contrast between background and text colors; restore historic signs; utilize typical locations; painted window signs should be in a secondary location; DO NOT use internally-lit plastic-faced signs; and DO NOT install AC equipment in sign areas."

His presentation showed that lighting should "minimize the number of fixtures possible; consider creative lighting for signage; use focused, recessed, or track lighting for window displays; balance brightness with street lighting; selectively use exterior mounted fixtures to enhance building/details; conceal lighting sources as much as possible; DO NOT use flashing or moving lights; DO NOT use fluorescent lighting; and DO NOT use outline windows, doors, etc."

Regarding rooflines and cornices, Lucas' presentation shows that they should show a "decorative band building on the middle/top; maintain/restore historic cornices or replace with a replica; use color or non-masonry materials; and DO NOT remove or hide cornices."

Lucas' presentation addresses awnings and canopies of storefronts, which should have "canvas or metal canopies; should complement [sic] the overall building; provide pedestrian weather protection; manage heavy sunlight exposure; add color, palette, and visual texture; consider retractable or fixed; and illuminate store storefront/sidewalk from underneath."

Lucas said the middle school building's facade is a "great opportunity for some color," with board members responding they are already working on it.

Since the board is considering providing micro-loans to main street businesses to improve their facades that would top out at \$4,000, board member Cindy Schultz asked how much Lucas estimates these improvements would cost.

"You could do a lot with signage and awning, find a correct color for

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County unemployment rises in June

By **Josh Pike**
Staff Writer

According to a July 21 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate rose from 2.6 percent in May to 3.3 percent in June.

County unemployment rose in January and February after falling for most of 2022 and fell again between March and May.

From May to June, Archuleta County's labor force rose from 7,158 to 7,345.

For the month of June there were 7,106 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is up from May's report of 6,970 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for June is Huerfano County at 5.9 percent, followed by Las Animas County at 5.3 and Fremont County at 4.9.

Crowley County is next at 4.7 percent, with Otero County following at 4.5 percent.

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

The state's labor force increased from 3,244,600 in May to 3,249,100 in June.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged from May to June at 2.8 percent. The number of unemployed individuals grew by 1,500 over the same time period to 91,600. Colorado's unemployment rate has been below 3.0 percent for fourteen consecutive months and remains at pre-pandemic levels. The national unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.6 percent from May to June."

Employers in Colorado added 4,700 nonfarm payroll jobs from May to June, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to 2,909,900.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure

the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector gained 3,300 nonfarm payroll jobs and the government sector gained 1,400 jobs.

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

- Leisure and hospitality at about 1,700.
- Manufacturing at 1,400.
- Professional and business services at about 1,400.

Significant over-the-month declines occurred in trade, transportation and utilities for a loss of 1,000 jobs.

Since June 2022, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 42,400, with the private sector growing by 22,900 and government adding 19,500 jobs, the press release notes.

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

- Leisure and hospitality at about 25,000.
- Professional and business services at about 9,900.
- Educational and health services at about 2,900.

Since June 2022 the largest private-sector job losses include:

- Financial activities at about 9,200.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 6,500.
- Information at about 3,500.
- Construction at about 1,500.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.2 to 33.3 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$34.23 to \$35.27, one dollar and sixty-nine cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$33.58."

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Town council takes first step to change process for liquor and marijuana licenses

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At its July 20 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council took its first steps toward changing the town's municipal code regarding approval of liquor and marijuana licenses.

At a previous May 18 meeting, council members asked town staff if liquor and marijuana license approvals could be streamlined by allowing town staff to approve such applications administratively, rather than through the council's public meeting process, as current municipal code requires.

Town staff explored this question with Town Attorney Bob Cole and put together Ordinance 997, which would change the municipal code to allow administrative decisions on some liquor and marijuana licenses, according to agenda documentation.

Ordinance 997 is structured in a way that would add section 3.1.5 to the municipal code and would amend sections 6.5.1.4(6) and 6.5.1.5(1)(m), according to agenda documentation.

Town Clerk April Hessman, who briefed the council on the ordinance, explained that these changes to the code would allow administrative approval of license applications in certain instances, such as renewals of liquor and

marijuana licenses, liquor permits for special events, permit transfers, premises modifications and house permits.

However, she explained that the changes would not allow administrative approvals of new licenses.

She noted that new marijuana and liquor licenses would still "require a public hearing, which includes posting the location, posting the license in the paper and allowing people the time to make public comment if they need to."

Thus, she explained, new licenses would continue to come before the town council, but, since 2020, "we've only had nine new licenses between liquor and marijuana," come before the council, commenting that just "a couple per year" shouldn't be too burdensome for the council.

Agenda documentation states that the ordinance "names the Town Manager or the Town Manager's designee as the local licensing authority in the above application types and requires these applications be referred to the Police and Community Development Departments."

It adds, "If any concerns are raised with granting the application by these departments or by the Town Manager or designee, the application will be referred to the Town Council for a hearing."

The current process for approving or transferring licenses that are not new is to include them on the consent agenda of a town council meeting, which can be a burden to businesses and individuals who must wait for their application to get on the agenda at a town council meeting, according to documentation on the matter.

Ordinance 997, if passed through first and second readings, would "remove these types of requests from the Town Council agenda and allow for faster processing of the applications, benefiting the businesses with quicker response from the Town and subsequently the State licensing division," agenda documentation states.

Mayor Shari Pierce thanked Hessman and town staff "for your work on this."

Council member Gary Williams then motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 997, "authorizing administrative approval of certain liquor and marijuana licenses."

The motion was seconded and was approved unanimously by the council.

The ordinance will become effective if it is also approved through final passage by the council at the second reading of the ordinance.

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Presentation

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each business," Lucas responded. "It depends on each project."

His presentation then showcased a storefront facade restoration project in Leadville that totaled \$500,000.

Lucas ended his presentation with some advice: "Design changes can make a big impact," he said. "Use this as an opportunity to emphasize collaboration. Celebrate even the smallest improvements and educate others on the importance of preservation. Change is not a bad thing if we're doing it the right way."

Copenhaver noted they are working on a facade improvement grant application, which would fall into the "micro-loan outline, which would be small facade im-

provement grants of approximately \$1,000 that we could just go and offer, but there will also be some initiatives for the CDC [Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation] can fund micro-loans that will go along with it if the business is willing to do a larger project and get some very favorable loans through the CDC."

She added these grants are smaller than they think they will be next year, and the "hope is to take the 400 block and really try to make an impact with 10 micro-loans there so you can really see what happens, and maybe extend it out to the full boundaries to residential and entrepreneurial and things like that ... so this year it will be a bit more limited."

Emily Lashbrooke, executive

director of the CDC, joined virtually and clarified that the CDC offers micro-loans that are available for application anytime and could complement the Main Street grant.

She added the CDC loan is not just limited to downtown.

Copenhaver explained the micro-grants could be used for other things besides facade improvements.

The board's next meeting will be a work session on Aug. 3 at the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center.

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Werby

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completely immobilized and unable to feel his feet. At first, clinicians thought he was completely paralyzed, but after a couple of days in the intensive care unit (ICU), he could wiggle his toes.

At the time of his accident, Werby had no health insurance. In the week and a half that he went without insurance, he had two Flight for Life flights, two spinal cord surgeries and a week in the ICU, making his medical bills close to \$1 million.

He then spent two months in the world-renowned Craig Hospital in Denver doing physical therapy and rehabilitation.

Jason and Nadia started a gofundme.com page, which, as of July 18, 2023, has raised \$38,558 out of a \$60,000 goal from 169 individual donations.

When he first arrived home, he was using a “sip and puff” wheelchair, which he controlled by his

mouth. It was only a matter of time before, with the help of a neighbor assisting him with physical therapy, he learned to walk again.

“After I got off the heavy narcotics they had me on, I started making progress,” he said.

Werby explained that it’s typical for an upper cervical injury to involve the loss of motor function in the hands and arms, but regaining it in the legs isn’t what doctors normally expect.

“Usually you lose the use of everything,” he said. “I think I have the use of my legs because, before my injury, my legs were so strong I still had enough muscle that my legs came back first. It’s just a random chance that the signals were getting through from my legs to my brain.”

He added it was through “sheer determination” that he relearned how to walk.

“I try my hardest because I want my kids to see you never give up no

matter what,” he said. No matter how broken or bad the odds are, you just don’t give up.”

He added, “I have a lot of gratitude to my caregiver and my wife and my kids for helping me get to where I’m at. It takes a lot of determination, but it also takes a lot of help ... Gratitude is the best therapy.”

He also noted he appreciates his neighbors supporting him in his recovery, specifically when he exercises around the neighborhood, even though “It looks like I just got dug up out of a graveyard.”

Werby added the biggest issue in his recovery has been regaining mobility and dexterity in his arms and hands.

“I can’t get my arms high enough to get to my face to feed myself, but I can do little things like touch my phone ... I’ve gotten better, but I think my recovery has plateaued. I’ve reached as far as I’m going to go without additional help.”

He elaborated that his “nemesis” is his muscle tone.

He explained he takes a medication that maintains his muscle tone, but it makes him incredibly drowsy, and he has to take it every six to eight hours.

Werby is looking to revive the GoFundMe page because he wants to be a “lab rat; I want to be a guinea pig.”

“I want to be in clinical trials, but I’d have to pay for my own room and board, and they provide the medical care, the physical therapy, the treatments,” he noted.

Specifically, Werby relayed he hopes to move to Seattle, Wash., for 10 months, and affording rent and airfare to Seattle for that period while also taking care of his family is his concern.

“My biggest priority is making sure my family has what they need,” he said. “I can’t eat all the resources for one clinical trial and have them suffering here.”

Werby explained he’d like to be involved in clinical trials at the University of Washington (UW), working with UW Senior Researcher Dr. Fatma Inanici, who has seen promising results in regaining hand and arm motor function in spinal cord injury patients with “physical therapy combined with a noninvasive method of stimulating nerve

cells in the spinal cord,” according to a press release from the UW.

“She has basically pioneered transcutaneous electrical stimulation,” he said. “All it means is through the skin ... She’s developed something where they just use the little electrical pads they stick to your skin and they use a high enough amperage to penetrate the spine and get in and stimulate the spinal cord.”

He added this wouldn’t involve surgery or any remaining hardware left in the body.

“It’s getting great results,” Werby explained. “They’ll hook you up to the stimulation and you’ll get immediate benefits from the stimulation like more use of your body and it can lower your staticity, and when they stop with the stimulation it’s been shown you keep those benefits.”

He added, “It’s pretty much the best thing that I’ve found, research-wise.”

He also described other “miracle drugs” for spinal cord injuries that are just getting cleared for clinical trials in humans.

“I look at it like, man, I stand more to gain than I have to lose by trying this stuff,” he said. “But being selected and being able to afford to participate are the two barriers.”

He said right now finances are

tight, but “the main thing is to decide to do it, and then figure out how. Because if I have to wait to figure out how ... I just have to commit to making this happen.”

Despite his frustration at the lack of progress in his hands and arms, Werby recently rafted down a Class II section of the San Juan River and acquired a three-wheeled bike from the Kelly Brush Foundation.

The foundation covered the entire expense of the tricycle, which was made specifically for him, and Werby had no idea they were going to do so.

“It’s got some adaptive brakes and self-shifting hub and the hardest part is I use my arms to steer so I can’t turn real tight ... I’ve stuck to the neighborhood so far. I want to make sure I’m really comfortable with my braking before I take on any big hills,” he said with a grin.

Werby described his best-case scenario, which would be to live independently and be able to feed and clothe himself without assistance.

“I can’t tell you how much I want to cook breakfast my way,” he said.

To donate to Jason’s clinical trial and medical expenses, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jason-werby-medical-expenses>.

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Homicide

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tion from Maez’s defense counsel, Wilson issued an order addressing the contempt allegations.

It states, “The defendant has filed a motion for the Court to issue a citation to hold Mr. Champagne in punitive contempt alleging Mr. Champagne violated an order from the Colorado Supreme Court in this case. No citation was provided for the Court to issue. The Court intends to issue the citation however, this case is set for a hearing on the motions for sanctions next Tuesday. One-and-one-half business days is an insufficient amount of time to prepare the citation, have it issued, serve it upon Mr. Champagne and expect Mr. Champagne to be ready for a contempt advisement.”

A hearing in the case took place on July 18, at which Wilson advised Champagne.

At the hearing, the court heard testimony regarding the alleged interception of communications related to the case that the defense alleged violated attorney-client privilege and the defense counsel alleged a pattern of late turnover of discovery by the district attorney.

Following the hearing, Wilson issued an order regarding the schedule and procedures to be followed regarding a defense motion to dismiss the case against Maez due to

“outrageous governmental conduct” and the contempt proceedings.

That order summarizes portions of the July 18 hearing, in part stating, “The Court also informed the parties it intended to hold the contempt proceeding, the defendant’s motion to dismiss due to outrageous governmental conduct, and the motion to appoint a special prosecutor in an expedited manner.”

The order then states that, on July 19, Champagne “filed a motion to withdraw and to recuse his entire office from the case, apparently due to the contempt proceedings. On that same day, the Court summarily denied Mr. Champagne’s motion to reconsider the Court’s order that it intended to proceed with the contempt proceedings. The Court also denied the defendant’s original motion for sanctions that alleged a violation of attorney-client privilege.”

The order then notes that a separate order granted the motion to withdraw to appoint a special prosecutor.

As of July 26, the case against Maez is set for a motions hearing on Aug. 4, with a jury trial set for October.

A gag order was put in place by the Sixth Judicial District Court shortly after the August 2019 arrest of Maez, which limits the dissemination of information related to the

case by those involved, including banning discussing the case with the media.

Maez is facing first-degree homicide charges for his suspected involvement in the Aug. 6, 2019, death of Millie Mestas, who was 47 at the time of her death.

Mestas was found deceased in a home in the Vista subdivision the morning of Aug. 7, 2019, according to an ACSO press release issued at the time.

According to the ACSO’s press release, the complexity of the crime scene required the ACSO to request assistance from the Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI), with CBI agents assisting with interviews, as well as the collection and preservation of evidence located on scene.

Following an autopsy performed on Aug. 8, 2019, Mestas’ cause of death was determined to be from “multiple stab wounds to the neck and back,” the ACSO press release reads, indicating that the nature of the injuries led the ACSO to investigate the death as a homicide.

The same press release explains that Maez was identified as a suspect and was arrested for unrelated outstanding warrants following an interview.

The following day, a warrant related to the homicide was served on Maez.

Ethics

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The article added that Commissioner Ronnie Maez had declined to participate in the program.

Roane’s complaints raise concerns about if mileage incurred traveling to and from work constitutes mileage incurred while engaged in business on behalf of the county, which would make it eligible for reimbursement under Colorado law.

Roane’s complaints suggest that these mileage payments are in violation of Colorado Revised Statutes 30-2-103 due to driving to and from work not being, in Roane’s view, part of conducting official business on behalf of the county.

Roane’s complaints continue to ask the IEC for its opinion on if these potential legal violations would con-

stitute an ethical violation of state statute or the state constitution, particularly Article XXIX, Section 3 of the Colorado Constitution, which prohibits a public official “from accepting or receiving money from any other person without giving such other person lawful consideration in return.”

Roane was not available for comment on the complaints or the IEC’s findings.

In an email to The SUN, County Attorney Todd Weaver comments, “The finding of the [IEC] that Mr. Roane’s complaint was non-frivolous is nothing more than a preliminary matter. The IEC’s finding does not substantiate Mr. Roane’s complaint nor does it make any conclusions on if the complained activities actu-

ally violate any ethical standards. Given that there is Colorado case law that states it is legal for a county commissioner to receive mileage reimbursement for their travel from their residence to their county office, the County is confident that the IEC will ultimately deny Mr. Roane’s complaint.”

County Manager Derek Woodman also stated that no commissioners are currently receiving mileage reimbursements for driving to and from their homes and that the program has not been active for “a few months.”

According to the IEC’s responses to Roane informing him that the complaints were non-frivolous, the parties subject to the complaints must file a response within 30 days.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, July 27

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District special meeting. 1 p.m., administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

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

Friday, July 28

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

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://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Tuesday, Aug. 1

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://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis

St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0JlcGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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

Wednesday, Aug. 2

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://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Thursday, Aug. 3

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://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Main Street Advisory Board work group session. 4 p.m., Community Center senior dining room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Projects

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entails a new “78-room hotel, a spa of approximately 15,000 square feet to contain 12 spa treatment rooms and a 1,700 square-foot restaurant,” according to the final major design review of the project. The expansion will be west of the

existing Ecolux hotel and include a private outdoor music venue.

Dickhoff explained the inspection team is ensuring both projects adhere to the required inspections.

He added they’ve been holding regular meetings with both developers to make sure “they’re work-

ing together and hitting the marks along the way.”

He noted that the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission held public hearings throughout the process and “anything brought up was resolved.”

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Grant

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sponse to its grant application in August.

At the meeting, board member Kathleen Douglas reported that PSMC bid the project out and selected the team of RTA Architects and Nunn Construction for the project, but that no work can occur until the contract with DOLA is signed.

According to an email from Jodi Scarpa, manager of community relations and Foundation Department,

PSMC will design the renovations to the Medical Wellness Building “to contain adaptable clinical space with some moveable walls and a rehabilitation/fitness space for patients. Plans include a meeting space for both patient education and community meetings that could be converted for public use in the case of a community-wide emergency event, such as wildfire or another pandemic.”

“This will enable us to continue

to support our community with expanded services,” Webb wrote in a statement to The SUN.

At the same meeting, Douglas reported to her fellow board members that PSMC received only one bid for the oxygen generation project and it was higher than expected.

She noted PSMC is pursuing more grant funding for that project with a goal of putting it back out for bid and construction in 2024.

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Lodging

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information.”

Green explained the decline in rentals was equal from vacation rentals to hotels and motels.

She added that they estimate vacation rental compliance to be around 80 percent, whereas “10 to 20 years ago, we were looking at more like 20 percent.”

According to the meeting’s agenda, which didn’t include numbers from May, April suffered a 19.89 percent loss as compared to the previous year, equaling a decline of \$10,598. This is a 13.39 percent gain since pre-pandemic numbers, equaling \$5,041.

October fireworks

The board was initially split on how they wanted to handle the Halloween Hootenanny, which last year included fireworks that had been canceled for the standard Fourth of July celebration due to fire risk.

Green explained the cost of another fireworks show would run \$20,000 to \$25,000, adding where they hold the event is determined by whether or not they choose to host fireworks.

Tourism board and town council member Gary Williams said, “I think we should ween Pagosa off of fireworks all together ... we don’t want to start the place on fire.”

Other members expressed concern that no one would show up to the Halloween Hootenanny without a fireworks show.

Green added, “We’ll have meetings with the fire department ... the sheriff’s involved, town staff is involved, experts involved in pyrotechnics are all involved.”

She said the show was “well-received last year” and would bring people in during the shoulder season, which, she said, “is what you guys want.”

“I really do think the fireworks with the band lineup is a great way to bring the out-of-town visitors here,” Green said, saying they will promote the event to the weekend drive-in crowd.

According to Green, if they inform the fireworks contractor far enough ahead of time, they’d be able to cancel or postpone fireworks if there is inclement weather or snow on the ground.

The board eventually unanimously moved to host the fireworks at the Halloween Hootenanny, and it was noted it will be able to fund the event by moving \$17,000 from the infrastructure fund and \$8,000 from the events fund.

Next year, they will have to make up that \$17,000 to fund the Multi-Purpose Pavilion (ice rink) rebuild.

She said later, “I would really like

to find a safer way to have fireworks on the Fourth of July. Durango just spent \$45,000 on a drone show that was a little over 10 minutes long. They’re expensive ... We looked into a laser light show. There are options out there.”

Oktoberfest Pagosa

The board also discussed this year’s Oktoberfest Pagosa, which will take place on Oct. 7.

The board noted it is reviewing grant applications from Pagosa Fun and Rugby’s Rescue House, who will host the event.

According to the grant application, the event is described as follows: “Pagosa Fun! is collaborating with Rugby’s Rescue House (rugbysrescue.com) a local dog rescue that focuses on rescuing dogs from surrounding reservations, to host the 2nd annual Oktoberfest Pagosa in Town Park on Saturday, October 7, 2023.”

The grant application indicates they anticipate 600 attendees, 50 percent of which will be visitors.

The grant to the applicants was unanimously approved.

The board chose to schedule a work session retreat to replace its regular Aug. 15 meeting, which will take place at 3 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

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Fire district receives clean 2022 audit

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Board of Directors discussed the district's clean 2022 audit result and steps to further improve accounting procedures at its July 11 meeting.

The discussion opened with Chris Daves, relationship engagement partner for auditor RubinBrown, thanking Fire Chief Randy Larson and Business Manager Tomi Bliss for their work in helping complete the audit.

Andy Anderson of RubinBrown then presented the audit results, beginning by stating that the auditors believe that the financial statements fairly present the financial activities of the district in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

He noted that this result is the same as what the district has received in the past.

Anderson explained that the district's total assets of \$8,390,019 for financial year 2022 had risen approximately \$300,000 this year and that the liabilities for the district had almost doubled to \$1,468,885 due to increases in the net liabilities in the volunteer pension fund.

He noted that the changes in liability in the pension fund were driven by changes in investments and market conditions.

Overall, Anderson stated, the district has a "strong" net position of \$4,641,092, up approximately \$56,000 from the previous year.

Anderson indicated that the district's expenses rose by approximately \$850,000 to \$3,092,061 due to increased pension expenses and revenues had risen by about \$300,000 to \$3,148,819 due to increases in property values in the district and subsequently increased property tax collections.

He explained that the net position for the pension fund fell by about \$662,000 to \$3,312,976 due to the values of the fund's investments decreasing.

Anderson also noted that the district had a favorable budget revenue variance of \$212,516, while there had been a negative variance

in expenditures of \$115,716 driven by the district paying off a loan for purchasing equipment.

He added that, besides paying off this loan, most other categories had favorable balances.

Larson highlighted that the expenditure overage to pay off the loan on a fire truck had come out of carryover in the general fund.

Anderson also covered the letter the auditors created, looking at the internal financial controls of the district and the material weakness that the auditors had identified.

He explained that during the audit, changes were made to correct account balances and financial reporting in fund balance classification, bank and investment accounts, property tax receipts, accrued payroll and compensated absences, debt service, and other areas.

Anderson noted that Bliss is relatively new to her role and recommended that the district look at the audit adjustments and that Bliss could work with the auditors to cut down on adjustments going forward.

He also recommended that the district keep a listing of capital assets and depreciation, and suggested that the auditors would work with Bliss on creating and reviewing this.

Anderson also noted three "best practice recommendations" for the district, including performing a review of bank reconciliations by the fire chief or board every month, better aligning compensated absence policy and practice, and updating the long-term strategic plan, which has not been updated since 2020.

Anderson concluded by noting his appreciation of working with Larson and Bliss.

Daves added that the auditors would be willing to work with Bliss on these issues over the next few months instead of waiting until next year.

Bliss indicated that she is willing to work with the auditors to improve procedures.

Board member Ronald Beckman questioned if there are tools or software that could be used to

reduce errors in account balances.

Anderson noted that the district uses QuickBooks for its accounting and could potentially invest in additional training for Bliss on using QuickBooks, which he noted he believes would reduce the need for corrections and improve procedures.

He also indicated that he is planning to also review these issues with Bliss and discuss ways to correct them for the 2023 audit.

Daves added that he does not believe that the district needs any additional software but suggested that it could implement a financial statement close checklist to ensure that all steps are completed for each financial statement.

Anderson and Daves, who were attending remotely, then left the meeting and the board further discussed the audit results, with Larson highlighting that the auditors were right about the need to update the strategic plan.

Larson stated that an update had been scheduled this year, but he had delayed it due to his upcoming retirement and his desire for the new fire chief to create the new plan.

He also encouraged the board to consider a long-term strategic plan with objectives 15 or 20 years in the future, which he noted had been attempted before but had not succeeded due to difficulties in establishing long-term objectives.

Beckman asked if it would be useful for the department to have an outside accountant.

Larson outlined that the department had such an arrangement in the past, which he described as a "disaster."

He added that he feels that the department's budget is too small to justify the cost of an accountant, but requested Bliss's opinion on this issue and the feasibility of her managing the finances given her workload.

Larson also noted that the district had not received a poor audit result since his first audit with the district in 2016 and stated that he would prefer to put additional money into training Bliss than into hiring an outside accountant.

Beckman questioned if having the bank reconciliations reviewed by the board would be useful.

Larson stated that he was confused by that auditor recommendation since he reviews the reconciliations every month and there has never been issues with them. He added that board review can be "very cumbersome" and that he was confused by the recommendation.

Beckman commented that board review would indicate a "lack of trust" and highlighted that it is also the auditor's job to detect inaccuracies.

Board member Wayne Hooper complemented Larson, Bliss and other staff on the audit, noting that the issues detected with the audit were minor.

He also commented that the board would be happy to take measures to support Bliss in any way she wants.

Larson noted that the issue with inconsistencies in the enforcement of the leave policy rested with him as he had not enforced the 200-hour limit on paid-time-off (PTO) accrual stated in the policy.

He stated that 200 hours is a sufficient amount of vacation time for staff working 40 hours a week, but is not a sufficient amount of staff working 24- or 48-hour shifts, who can take 100 hours of PTO for taking off two sets of shifts.

He also suggested that the board should look at modifying the policy and that the board should look at doing this at the end of the year to ease implementation.

The board then discussed the potential liabilities created by accumulation of vacation time, the differences between sick time and vacation time, and the legal restrictions on taking away PTO time from staff, which Larson suggested that the department should seek legal counsel to assess.

Following the discussion, Larson complimented the "tremendous" job that Bliss and administrative staff did on the audit.

The board then discussed the process for updating the strategic plan, with Larson explaining that the



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County moves forward with severing ties with payroll software provider following issues

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its July 18 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed continuing issues with the Rippling payroll and human resources (HR) software the county acquired and instructed staff to sever ties with the company.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez opened the discussion by asking Finance Director Chad Eaton and HR Director Mitzi Bowman, "I want to know, is it a ripple or is it a tidal wave?"

Bowman noted that she and Eaton expected there would be issues with the Rippling software from the beginning, but that, when they attempted to begin having staff use the system to enter time, more issues came up.

She noted that these included issues with overtime and comp time, problems with week lengths at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), and a cumbersome and non-user-friendly interface.

Eaton noted that another issue is that Rippling failed to provide the training needed to identify the issues before the system went live, including not providing any on-site training.

Bowman explained that the training provided by Rippling mostly consisted of reading and some amount of videos.

Eaton added that if the county worked through these issues it is possible that the system would reach the level of functionality in terms of HR support that was expected from it, but that currently "there's more problems than we are really able to handle."

Maez noted that every time staff attempt to go live with the system, another problem seems to arise.

Eaton agreed, explaining that the first issue was creating payroll reports to submit to Rippling, which had been done and submitted.

He added that, because of the large number of different types of pay codes and leave formats, staff are concerned that Rippling will not be able to transition smoothly, such as when Rippling rolled remaining sick leave balances into paid-time-off (PTO) balances.

Maez noted that the county is seven months into the implementation and the software has not been used yet.

He stated that he is "no fan of it" but that he was particularly concerned about its impact on staff.

He added that County Treasurer Elsa White raised concerns about Rippling's desire to have access to county bank accounts.

White explained that Rippling requested the creation or access to three separate accounts for unexplained reasons and that Eaton was unable to supply her the payroll reports that the Treasurer's Office would be expected to balance due to difficulties with the Rippling software.

She added that she had not seen any reports on the balancing, direct deposits, taxes or items to be reported to the state and that she was unsure if these reports would be done by Rippling or by the Finance Department, which currently creates these reports.

"If anything goes wrong, it's gonna be ..." White said. "And I don't feel comfortable with giving them that access."

Commissioner Warren Brown questioned if this process and issue would be the same with any payroll system.

White stated that she was unsure.

Brown noted that working with Rippling seemed unfeasible and questioned if the county should return to its current, inefficient payroll and time management system or pursue a different system that might increase efficiency, which he added was the initial goal of using Rippling.

Bowman stated that she and Eaton would be willing to try a different system and highlighted the amount of work that has gone into the Rippling implementation, stating, "This is what I've been working on since I took this position."

White commented that, if the county considers another software, she and the treasurer's office would want to be included in discussions about what the software would provide and how it would function, which she noted had not occurred when Rippling was approved.

Maez asked how Rippling had impacted the Clerk and Recorder's Office and the Assessor's Office.

Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta stated that her staff were too busy to do trainings and that the Rippling implementation process raised concerns among staff about if they would be paid, while Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott

noted that the software had been cumbersome and the implementation stressful for her office as well.

Sheriff Mike Le Roux commented that he was a proponent of "efficient change" and was excited to try Rippling, but that many issues had surfaced with it, including the software being unable to account for the wide range of time and overtime types in the office and staff being clocked out on the Rippling app when they went more than 30 feet from the office.

He noted that ACSO staff are "pretty mobile" and that almost all staff leave the office at some point during the day.

"So, it proved to be a massive headache for us at this time," Le Roux stated, adding that Rippling "does not work" for the ACSO due to its inability to account for the number of variables at the office.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked staff whether, if Rippling was implemented at a less busy time, such as November, and implemented with training, it would be more successful.

Eaton stated that, if Rippling would examine all the needs of the county, the product could work "very smoothly," but that he felt that the training was inadequate.

Bowman added that the county asked frequently for more training and assistance but had not received the resources needed.

Eaton commented that the issues with going live could have been avoided with additional training, but that the product did not "fit us" due to Rippling not understanding the needs of different departments.

Medina reiterated her question about if implementation would be more successful at a different time.

Eaton suggested it could be with more training but raised doubts about if Rippling could provide the needed training.

Le Roux explained that the ACSO and other emergency services agencies have worked with Oracle to implement emergency services software for 18 months at a range of levels and proposed that a similarly in-depth process would be needed for implementing payroll software, with the software provider discussing the need with each department.

He also noted that the ACSO does not have predictably busy or slow periods.

Maez stated that Medina had

done research on Rippling and had found no other counties that use it.

He then proposed that the Finance Department and HR could look into other software companies for the future if they believe that the Incode system provided by Tyler Technologies the county currently uses will continue to work.

Eaton stated that he believes Incode "works for us right now" and that upgrades coming in the future to Incode could substantially improve its functionality.

He added that the benefit of the outsourced payroll providers was supposed to be the HR modules and onboarding tools.

Bowman stated that one of the goals of Rippling seemed to be having employees enter their own time, which she noted is possible in Incode.

White stated that her employees already enter their own time and commented, referring back to Medina's comment, that she did not believe the county ever has a slower time due to every office having different deadlines.

She added that each department should be able to discuss their needs with a potential payroll software provider and that any software would need to be assessed across the county to ensure it functions correctly.

County Manager Derek Woodman commented on Rippling, "I think that we were in fact sold a bill of goods that they cannot adhere to."

He added that one of the larger problems was with the app for signing in or out of work provided by Rippling, which was "extremely cumbersome."

He noted that the app assigns staff to a specific building, although the geofencing used for this functionality is often inaccurate, and that it had no capability to accommodate staff whose jobs involve travel, such as those at the ACSO.

He stated that this element of the system "does not work" and that no workarounds for these lacking functionalities exist.

"It is clearly set up for a Monday through Friday, 8 to 5 employee ... that sits at a desk and doesn't do anything beyond that," Woodman said.

Woodman then raised the issue of comp time, which he noted some county departments use and some do not.

He asked how many departments allow comp time and Bowman replied, "There's a lot of comp time."

Woodman then expressed his opposition to comp time, stating that it is "ridiculous" and a "liability to the county," noting that the cost of comp time can grow over time.

He added that it was "frustrating" that Rippling could not handle the 80-hour periods used for overtime calculation for law enforcement until they were shown the federal law on the issue and found a work-around.

Woodman stated that it might be possible, with training, to create the capabilities that the county tried to develop over the two-week test implementation of Rippling.

However, he noted that two weeks is too short of a time to build these capabilities and that the issues were not known before due to a lack of "positive interaction" with Rippling.

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Audit

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initial strategic plan involved hiring a consultant and bringing in a wide range of stakeholders and that the next revision involved Larson assessing the previous plan for what had been done and removing those items

and attempting to create a long-term plan with the board, though that had been largely unsuccessful.

He commented that the new strategic plan would need to be written from the ground up instead of just being an update to the previ-

ous one.
Larson also noted that most of the goals in the previous strategic plans have been accomplished.
The board then voted to accept the 2022 audit.
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Land use amendments for tiny homes, affordable housing approved

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved changes to the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations (LUR) concerning tiny homes and standards for workforce housing at its July 5 meeting.

Earlier in the day, the BoCC heard a presentation from Development Director Pamela Flowers and Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke on the proposed LUR changes and their connections to Colorado Proposition 123 funding, which dedicates a portion of the

yearly state budget to the development of affordable housing.

Flowers began the presentation by discussing the community plan, noting that the plan lists density bonuses, tax subsidies, programs to streamline multifamily housing approvals and requirements that a portion of new development be dedicated to affordable housing as potential incentives for expanding affordable housing.

She highlighted that the county encourages the construction of affordable housing through its property tax incentive program and waivers of build fees for nonprofits.

Flowers stated that the plan includes action items for developing incentives for affordable

housing, for developing incentives to integrate such housing into market-rate developments, and for recognizing that manufactured and mobile homes are affordable housing and reviewing current regulations on them.

She explained that the current rules allow property owners with less than three acres to have one dwelling unit and property owners with more than three acres to have two, and noted that the plan recommends investigating approaches to allow additional dwelling units that fit neighborhood character.

Flowers stated that Proposition 123 is currently being implemented and that its definition of affordable

housing in a rental model sets rents at 30 percent of 60 percent of the area median income (AMI).

She added that the LUR changes she is currently proposing focus on the rental model with the potential for another round of later changes focusing on affordable housing for ownership.

Flowers stated that applications for Proposition 123 grant funding are made on a per-project basis and can be made by a range of entities, from governments to nonprofits to for-profit construction companies.

However, she noted, this is only possible if the county opts in for the Proposition 123 funding.

She explained that this must be ■ See Housing A12

Ties

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Brown commented that comp time and entering paid time off on weekends are not unique to Archuleta County and are things the software should be capable of doing.

Development Director Pamela Flowers noted that she had an employee who used comp time and that she approved it, but that the approval was not processed correctly, leaving the employee appearing short on his hours for the pay period.

Bowman stated that she asked if Rippling would be capable of allocating hours worked beyond the normal number of hours for an employee in a pay period to overtime or comp time, which Rippling indicated is impossible.

The solution the company provided was to take the hours off during the payroll process and manually add them in as comp time, which she stated is falsification of time, raising a "huge legal issue," and creates additional room for error.

"To me, it's obvious that this isn't the right fit for Archuleta County," Maez said. "And, I know we tried to make things efficient and better. ... Sometimes it doesn't happen, but ... a lot of times it's damned if you do, damned if you don't, damned if you try. ... And ... we can keep trying. ... I wouldn't be opposed

to another software company that maybe finance and everybody else gets a good look at and that has worked with other governances and has a track record. And I think that would be the crucial item that we should probably pursue here in the future. I don't ... know if we need to continue on with Rippling. It's been almost seven months and we've gotten a lot of lip service, but we've never really gotten a lot of action. I don't know where we're at on that. We might be on the hook for having to pay that contract out ..."

Woodman noted that the contract has already been paid, but that the start date had been changed to July 1.

Maez asked if this would raise issues because the contract was voted in for this year but that it would run into next year's budget.

Woodman stated that the contract was paid out of this year's budget, but that there is potential to get out of the contract.

Brown asked if there is a performance clause in the contract, which County Attorney Todd Weaver stated he was unsure about.

Medina commented that the issues seemed to originate from the county not liking how Rippling performs, not from Rippling defaulting on its obligations to the county.

She added that the county appeared to have been sold "a bill of

goods" that could not be delivered on and encouraged the other elected officials to note down the issues with Rippling so they could be raised with another payroll software company in the future.

"This is a learning experience for everybody," she said. "An expensive one, but a learning one."

Eaton recommended that the county complete the current Incode upgrade and assess its capabilities before looking at another software.

Medina stated that she would not be interested in looking at another software company in the near future.

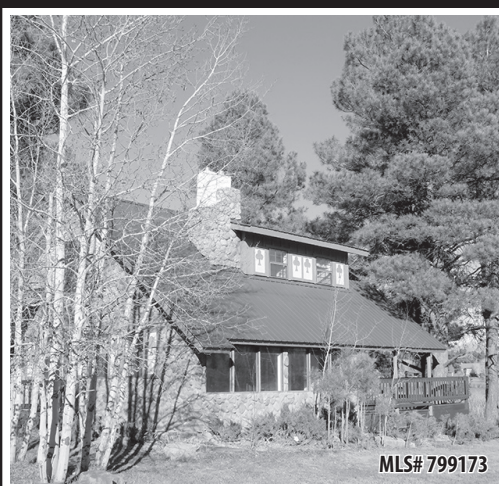
Eaton noted that the Incode upgrade should be finalized in September.

Maez suggested that the county should prepare for this upgrade and sever ties and look at potential cost recovery with Rippling.

Weaver stated that he was not sure if money could be recovered, although Woodman expressed confidence that there are performance issues and that there is a performance clause in the contract.

Maez then directed staff to move forward with severing ties with Rippling, which the other commissioners expressed agreement with. josh@pagosahun.com


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Housing

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done by Nov. 1 and that the county would begin by defining its baseline number of affordable housing units.

The discussed the difficulties with the baseline calculation and indicated that, without adjustments to the state procedures, the best option for the county would be to use numbers from Rio Arriba County in New Mexico, which would set the county as having 303 affordable housing units currently, according to the state tables.

Flowers indicated that she believes this is incorrect, but that this was better than the 611 affordable housing units the county would otherwise have as a baseline.

She stated that, in a “worst case scenario” 303 affordable housing units would be the baseline if continuing work by the county and the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado to adjust the formulas does not succeed.

The county would then have to commit to increasing the number of affordable housing units by 9 percent over three years, Flowers explained, for approximately 10 affordable housing units a year.

She added the number of units constructed would be assessed at the end of the three years, so the county could fall behind early in the period and catch up later, and that the county would be required to meet these goals for organizations within it to continue receiving Proposition 123 grant money.

Flowers noted that these units would have to be constructed in unincorporated Archuleta County as the Town of Pagosa Springs is considered a separate entity by the program.

Flowers then outlined the contents of the new regulations, beginning with the definition of an affordable workforce housing unit.

She explained that the units would have to meet the AMI-based rental price standards and that renters would have to present proof of local employment and household income.

She added that, for properties to classify as affordable workforce housing, they would have to have an indefinite deed restriction committing the housing unit to affordable rental with an option for the BoCC to consider removing the deed restriction after 20 years.

Flowers highlighted that, while these restrictions would prevent the workforce housing unit from being used as a short-term rental (STR), they would not prevent other units on the property from being used in this way.

“What we have to do is find a way to motivate people to be willing to sign a deed restriction that they’re going to cap their rent at a fairly low rate for a period of time and limit the market of people that can apply to be renters,” Flowers said. “If they’re going to be willing to sign that, we have to ... incentivize them to be willing to do that.”

She added that affordable workforce housing units would be allowed as a use by right in all zoning districts except industrial, where such units would require a conditional use permit (CUP), and

in agricultural forestry and mobile home park zoning areas, where such units would be prohibited.

Flowers also noted that all bonus dwelling units allowed by the density bonus program she was also presenting would have to be workforce housing units.

In response to a question from County Manager Derek Woodman, Flowers indicated that the allowed rental rates would grow yearly based on state calculations.

Flowers then discussed the proposed definitions for employer-provided workforce housing in the LUR changes, a concept which she noted she has received developer questions about.

She explained that such housing would not have a rental rate restriction and that, if this housing is not occupied by employees, it could be rented as affordable workforce housing and would have to meet the standards for such housing.

She noted that employer-provided workforce housing units would require an indefinite deed restriction with a potential for removal after 20 years to ensure that the property continues to meet the requirements of the classification.

Flowers noted that STRs would not be allowed in this type of unit.

She stated that these units would require a board CUP in the agricultural/ranching, agricultural/estates, rural residential and industrial zoning districts; a CUP in residential and commercial districts; and would not be allowed in agricultural/forestry and mobile home park zoning districts.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked why employer-provided workforce housing units would have limitations on what rates the vacant units could be rented to non-employees at.

Flowers explained that this restriction was intended to promote additional workforce housing by ensuring vacant units would serve as affordable rentals.

Medina questioned what the incentive would be for employers and Flowers stated that all the incentives she would be discussing later in the presentation would be applicable to such units.

Flowers then discussed the dwelling density bonuses that are included in the LUR changes, which she stated would allow for one additional dwelling unit on parcels between one and 10 acres and for two bonus units on parcels above 10 acres.

She noted that these units can only be used for affordable workforce housing with a deed restriction.

She added that units would be allowed as a use by right in all zoning districts except for industrial, where units would require a CUP and agricultural/forestry and mobile home parks, where such units would not be allowed.

In response to questions from the commissioners, Flowers noted that property owners can currently build guest houses, which do not qualify as additional dwelling units and do not have a full-sized kitchen.

Flowers then moved on to a discussion of the proposed tiny home regulations introduced in the

LUR changes.

She indicated that the state had previously not provided any regulations or licensing for tiny homes, making it impossible to use them as homes on county properties due to the need for state electrical and plumbing permits.

However, she indicated, the state is now implementing regulations and factory certifications similar to mobile homes, allowing for certified homes to be used as permanent housing on properties and obtain the necessary state permits.

Flowers added that the state has indicated that there will be a “painful” process for certifying homes built before the regulations, although she noted that she has no control over this.

She stated that, due to state regulations, the LUR changes include county definitions and rules for such homes.

She explained that a tiny home is on a trailer and has the insignia indicating that it came from a factory meeting Colorado regulations and noted that these homes would follow rules similar to mobile homes.

She stated that a tiny house is a stick-built house below 400 square feet in size and that they are already allowed in the LUR.

Flowers defined a park model trailer as a recreational vehicle that resembles a house but lacks the state insignia and certification.

She stated that park model trailers are currently allowed through temporary use permits in all zoning districts.

Flowers then discussed tiny home villages, noting that she had a developer interested in building a tiny home village near Pagosa Fire Protection District Station 3 on U.S. 84.

She explained that the concept of tiny home villages had been added to the currently existing regulations on mobile home parks with minor deviations.

She also stated that the LUR changes include the concept of a tiny home or mobile home subdivision, which operate similarly to a condominium arrangement where some common areas are jointly owned by all owners but each owner owns their own home space.

Flowers stated that these tiny home villages would allow tiny homes, tiny houses and park model trailers assuming that recreational vehicle (RV) hookups are provided.

Flowers noted that living permanently in a RV is not allowed, although she does not enforce this regulation within RV parks.

Commissioners Ronnie Maez and Warren Brown expressed support for removing this prohibition, which Flowers agreed with and stated could be discussed at a later date.

Flowers then covered a range of new definitions added to the LUR, including AMI, several definitions related to condominiums and other common interest communities such as tiny home subdivisions and a definition for medium-term rentals.

Flowers explained that the county currently has definitions for short-term rentals of less than 30

days and long-term rentals, which is anything above 30 days.

She noted that she feels that medium-term rentals are currently missing from the definitions and are typically more of a recreational or vacation rental than a permanent housing solution.

She explained that medium-term rentals are between 30 and 179 days and would serve to distinguish these rentals from long-term housing solutions and prevent these rentals from qualifying for affordable housing tax incentives.

She added that long-term rentals would now be for 180 days or longer.

Flowers then discussed the proposed incentives to encourage building workforce housing, which she proposed could be treated like grants and limited to the number of units needed to meet Proposition 123 commitments.

The incentives Flowers proposed included waivers on land-use fees and building permits, potential waivers on the county portion of septic fee permits, land-fill fee waivers and the existing property tax exemption program.

She noted that this combination of waivers would save between \$2,500 and \$6,200 per project with a per-year cost to the county of approximately \$45,000 for about 10 projects per year.

Flowers noted that the costs would either come out of the workforce housing fund, which is supported by fees from STR permitting, or out of her revenue, which she felt she could support.

She added that by 2029 the county would need to streamline its land use approval process for affordable workforce housing to meet state expectations.

Lashbrooke then discussed the baseline for Proposition 123, noting that the baseline could be filed before November if it could be agreed upon before then.

She stated that, as part of the PSCDC’s affordable housing development work in Chris Mountain Village II, the organization will hire a housing coordinator who will run the project as well as acting

See Housing A13

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
Published July 13, 20 and 27, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*, County Court

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

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. 72988 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.

First Publication: 7/20/2023
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
Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10 and 17, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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 162920.

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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON August 1, 2023

BAUDOUIN D’AUMERIES, has applied for a Board Conditional Use Permit for the D’AUMERIES PRIVATE HELDUP, JUSTICE THE RURAL PARCEL IN SEC. 27 TWN: 35 RNG: 1W at 3700 Terry Robinson Rd, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-117). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING. The proposal is to prepare a landing site for the owner’s private use. Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1399 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners on August 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting. Published July 13 and 27, 2023, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO. D-202-DM-2023-00234 IN THE MATTER OF THE KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP OF H.M.C., K.L.T., and E.B.T., minor children, AND CONCERNING Norma L. Legarda, Petitioner, and Yessenia Torres, Abel Trujillo and Henry Caballero, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Respondent Abel Trujillo, GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed a Petition for Kinship Guardianship of Esperanza Bella Trujillo, born March of 2021 in Colorado Springs to Yessenia Torres and Abel Trujillo. You are further notified that unless you file a written response to the Petition by no later than thirty days from this publication with the Court Clerk, Second Judicial District Court, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, with a copy to the Petitioner’s attorney, or appear at the hearing, the Court may enter a default judgment in your absence. Petitioner’s attorney: /s/Verenice Peregrino Pompa Verenice Peregrino Pompa Pagosa Legal Services for Children 505 Marquette Ave NW Suite 1350 Albuquerque, NM 87102 505-244-1101 Published July 27, August 3 and 10, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER’S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: NRRLL EAST LLC P O BOX 15534 IRVINE, CA 92623-5534 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Situs Address: 159 DOMICILE CIR Legal: Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 376-377 CMV 2 Sec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W Account Number: R004460 Schedule Number: 569525109006 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00862

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009; That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of NRRLL EAST LLC for said year 2009; That said on the 30th day of June 2023, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer’s Deed will be issued for said property to on the 13th day of December 2023, unless the same has been redeemed; Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer’s Deed. Witness my hand this 11th day of July 2023 /s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published July 27, August 3 and 10, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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Situs Address: 135 DOMICILE CIR Legal: Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 378-379 CMV 2 Sec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W Account Number: R004459 Schedule Number: 569525109006 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00861

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2008;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of NRRLL EAST LLC for said year 2008; That said on the 30th day of June 2023, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer’s Deed will be issued for said property to on the 13th day of December 2023, unless the same has been redeemed; Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer’s Deed. Witness my hand this 11th day of July 2023 /s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published July 27, August 3 and 10, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Situs Address: 1167 TRAILS BLVD Legal: Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 396-397 CMV 2 Sec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W Account Number: R004411 Schedule Number: 569525106009 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01068

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of GEORGE S. FLEISCHMANN and JOVITA FLEISCHMANN for said year 2009; That said on the 30th day of June 2023, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer’s Deed will be issued for said property to on the 13th day of December 2023, unless the same has been redeemed; Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer’s Deed. Witness my hand this 11th day of July 2023 /s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published July 27, August 3 and 10, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 30th day of June 2023, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Situs Address:67 DOMICILE CIR Legal: Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 384-385 CMV 2 Sec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W Account Number: R004456 Schedule Number: 569525109003 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01073

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of RTM HOLDINGS LLC, KALISH CHARLES for said year 2009; That said on the 30th day of June 2023, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer’s Deed will be issued for said property to on the 13th day of December 2023, unless the same has been redeemed; Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer’s Deed. Witness my hand this 11th day of July 2023 /s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published July 27, August 3 and 10, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Situs Address: 115 DOMICILE CIR Legal: Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 380-381 CMV 2 Sec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W Account Number: R004458 Schedule Number: 569525109005 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01074

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009;

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Residents reminded to prevent mosquito contact after West Nile virus identified in La Plata County

San Juan Basin Public Health

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has identified Colorado's first case of West Nile virus of the 2023 season in La Plata County.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) urges residents and visitors to take precautions to protect themselves and their families.

West Nile virus is carried by mosquitoes and can be passed on to humans through bites from an infected mosquito. Those age 60 and older and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk for serious illness.

Four out of five people infected with mosquito-borne viruses do not get sick or only have mild symptoms. For those who have

symptoms, the time between the mosquito bite and the onset of symptoms can be from two to 14 days. In rare cases, the virus can cause a serious brain infection such as meningitis or encephalitis. These infections begin suddenly with high fever and headache and may progress to stiff neck, disorientation, tremors and coma. People with certain medical con-

ditions, such as cancer, diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease and people who have received organ transplants are at greater risk of severe illness. Severe infections can result in permanent brain damage or death.

There is no treatment for the virus other than supportive care, and there is no vaccine to prevent it. If you think you or a family member has West Nile virus, consult a health care provider.

To protect yourself:

- Use insect repellents when you go outdoors. Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone products provide the best protection. For more information about insect repellents, visit <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents>. Always follow label instructions.
- Limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and pants in areas where mosquitoes are active. Spray clothes with insect repellent for extra protection.

To mosquito-proof your home:

- Empty water from tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged gutters, rain barrels, birdbaths, toys and puddles at least once every week.
 - Install or repair screens on windows and doors.
- To learn more about the symptoms, treatments and other information about West Nile virus, visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/183/Communicable-Disease>. Information is available from the CDPHE or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Photo courtesy Justin Treptow

The downtown was alive with underinflated egos and adventurous spirits Saturday during the CRUISE-ATHONG, which included the Average Jo(e) Race for the not-so-hardcore athlete in all of us. This year's not-so-average participants wore creative costumes and celebrated with live music, libations and lots of fun. The event is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Upper San Juan River.

Housing

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as a Proposition 123 expert for the community.

She stated that this employee would help local developers apply for Proposition 123 funding and that she could apply for a grant to cover the costs of the position in its first year, meaning it would involve no financial outlay for the county.

Maez asked if the county would need to anticipate funding this position after the grant funding for the first year of the position ends.

Flowers stated that Proposition 123 funding would likely be available to cover the position for a time, but eventually the governments would have to cover the cost of the position.

Brown asked if he was correct that the planned eight PSCDC homes and nine Habitat for Humanity homes would all count toward meeting the Proposition 123 commitments, meaning that the county would need 13 more homes in the next two years to meet the requirements.

Brown noted that the housing

project by local developer Julian Caler might add additional units to this total.

Flowers indicated that this understanding is accurate and that Caler's units might apply if he is willing to sign a deed restriction on some of his units.

County Attorney Todd Weaver stated that these units might not qualify since their AMI thresholds are above what is required for Proposition 123.

The group then briefly discussed a request by the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) to include a mention that homeowners association rules override what is allowed in the LUR if they are more restrictive.

Flowers and Weaver noted that this rule is already understood in the LUR and that such a statement would have to be added to the beginning of the LUR, not a specific section, since it applies to every element of it.

Lashbrooke also noted that, if the county does not meet its afford-

able housing commitments, the current regulations only disqualify the county from receiving funding for one year afterward.

She also noted that the proposition was approved by voters and that making the Proposition 123 commitment early would be ideal if the county is comfortable with the housing unit commitment.

She added that she and Flowers would continue to work on developing regulations to promote affordable housing available for ownership.

Maez noted that meeting the cost thresholds required to meet Proposition 123 could be difficult, which Flowers agreed with.

The discussion concluded with the commissioners thanking Flowers and Lashbrooke for their presentation and work.

At the BoCC meeting in the afternoon, Flowers reviewed the regulations and read the wording of the proposed changes to the BoCC prior to a vote.

The details of these regulations

were previously discussed at the April 26 and May 24 meetings of the Archuleta County Planning Commission and covered in the June 1 issue of The SUN.

Following her presentation, Flowers responded to a question from Medina by explaining that the introduction of the term medium-term rental is intended to differentiate between long-term rentals that receive incentives and vacation rentals.

She also noted, in response to a question from Brown, that she has no intention of introducing regulations on medium-term rentals.

The BoCC also heard a public comment from Bill Hudson questioning if the regulations should allow higher densities of housing units. Flowers responded by noting that, in many situations, higher densities of units are allowed, but there are additional steps required.

The BoCC then unanimously approved the regulations as presented.

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Artist

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County faces dust mitigation challenges, continues progress on paving projects

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Challenges with dust mitigation and ongoing progress on road surface projects have been topics of discussion at multiple recent work sessions of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

Dust mitigation challenges

BoCC discussion of challenges with dust mitigation, especially with a dust mitigation product called Earthbind being tested as an alternative to magnesium chloride, began with Public Works Director Kevin Pogue delivering an update on the Solid Waste and Buildings and Grounds departments at the BoCC's July 11 work session.

Pogue opened his update by addressing the landfill, telling the commissioners, "As you guys are aware, we just got through with our state inspection. So, we passed everything with that for the first time in quite some time."

He noted that he hired a new administrative person for the landfill office and that work continues on the liner repair of one cell in the landfill and the design and approval of another cell.

He added that, if state approval moves quickly, he hopes to break ground on the cell near the end of August.

He stated that he hoped to contract installing the litter fencing to the company who would excavate the cell, although if the cell project is delayed he would contract the litter fencing installation separately.

Pogue explained that staff are also going to begin moving out and selling accumulated metal for recycling.

Commissioner Veronica Medina noted that, when she drove past the landfill, there was "very little" trash on the road and that County Road (CR) 500 was "fantastic."

Pogue indicated that Road and Bridge crews had bladed a portion of the road below the landfill the previous week.

He also stated that he wanted to investigate adjusting the budget to extend dust mitigation treatments south of the landfill on CR 500 to assist residents of the area and mitigate the impacts of dust.

Pogue indicated that the county is doing work on CR 700 as well.

He noted that the county received complaints about ineffective dust mitigation treatments on CR 400 and other roadways and that he was meeting with the dust mitigation contractor that Thursday.

He explained that the consensus before the meeting is that the dust mitigation product was effective, but not enough of the product was applied.

Pogue noted that there is a process of trial and error with the product since it would react differently on roads that had or had not been treated with magnesium chloride previously and stated that the county applied the product to an array of

roads with different traffic levels, recency of gravel application and use of magnesium chloride.

He added that he informed the contractor that he would not want any additional roads treated with the product until the county got acceptable results.

Pogue then gave an update on work in the Building and Grounds Department, noting that staff had been doing work at the detention center, sheriff's office, the airport and the Extension building, among other projects.

He also stated that he is working with staff to enclose an outside bay at the Weed and Pest building for buildings and grounds staff.

Medina and Commissioner Warren Brown closed the discussion by commending Pogue's work and leadership as well as the team he leads.

County Manager Derek Woodman further updated the BoCC on challenges with dust mitigation at its July 18 work session, noting that the county is "absolutely behind" on dust mitigation due to supply issues and equipment breakdowns with vendors.

He also noted that the supplier of Earthbind had been "suspended" until the company could fix the roads that have already received the product, including portions of CR 400, CR 700 and other interior roads.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez noted that the new application method for magnesium chloride that is being implemented this year has resulted in roads maintaining their condition significantly better than they did under the previous application regime.

Maez and Woodman particularly highlighted that the application on Piedra Road (CR 600) has endured longer than previous applications and the road has remained in better condition.

In a July 19 interview with The SUN, Woodman indicated that Earthbind application was planned for Holiday Acres and on Cloman Boulevard but that the county has held off on this and these roads are now receiving magnesium chloride.

He also explained that the company contracted to apply the Earthbind is having to investigate why the product is not performing to expectations at its own cost since it is a "performance issue."

Woodman stated that Earthbind was also applied to a range of roads in the Chris Mountain Village II and Trails subdivisions, including Sam Houston Avenue, Domicile Circle and Yeoman Drive, as well as roads in surrounding areas.

He stated that the roads where Earthbind was applied were selected to cover a range of different daily traffic counts as well as incorporating roads that had and had not received magnesium chloride applications in the past to assess the effectiveness of the product in a range of circumstances.

He added that the county believes part of the difficulties with Earthbind originate from the fact that it reacts differently to roads that have previ-

ously had magnesium chloride applied to them.

Woodman also stated that the contracts for the application of Earthbind did not come before the BoCC for approval due to being below the \$50,000 spending limit for the county manager.

He added that Earthbind is less expensive than magnesium chloride and that it has a lower environmental impact.

Woodman also commented that the county is currently between two and three weeks behind schedule overall on dust mitigation due to the issues.

In a July 12 interview with The SUN, Maez explained that he had received a citizen complaint about the application of Earthbind in the Chris Mountain Village II area and that, upon visiting the area, he had concerns that the roads chosen for treatment were not the most highly traveled in the area.

He added that Pogue lives on Domicile Circle, one of the less heavily traveled roads treated with Earthbind.

Maez stated that he would have preferred other, more highly traveled roads in the area be treated, although he added that Trails Boulevard was not treated for dust since it will be paved later this summer.

"It's a test product, it was done there," Maez said, "but I think the road of choice was probably not the best choice to choose to do the test product."

Maez added that he had spoken to Woodman concerning the choice of roads in the area and "that issue was addressed."

Paving progress

In the July 19 interview, Woodman stated that the county's paving projects are generally on schedule, with much of the paving and experimental cold asphalt paving in the uptown area expected to begin in August.

He added that many of the resurfacing and maintenance projects for the pavement on county roads are currently in progress.

He explained that work on paving CR 982 is completed and that the contractor, Sunland Asphalt, is doing "large repairs" on Cloud Cap Avenue before moving on to resurfacing work on Talisman Drive, Valley View Drive and the end of North Pagosa Boulevard adjacent to U.S. 160.

At the July 25 BoCC work session, Woodman stated that "good progress" is being made on the culvert replacements on Piedra Road and that the vendor performing crack sealing continues to progress and chip sealing is expected to begin in the next week.

Woodman stated that the resurfacing projects on Talisman Drive, North Pagosa Boulevard and Valley View Drive are expected to begin in the middle of August.

He added that paving products are also being staged near the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse for paving projects on Trails Boulevard and Vista Boulevard.

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Commissioners opt to move forward temporary bridge at Pagosa Junction

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed progress on the Pagosa Junction bridge at its July 25 work session and instructed staff to move forward with a temporary bridge at the location.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that he and Commissioner Ronnie Maez met with Southern Ute Tribal Council Chairman Melvin Baker and Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) legal council Dave Smith on July 11 to discuss the issues with the bridge and the path forward for repairing it.

Weaver stated that the first step on repairing the bridge would be obtaining a crossing permit, which Weaver explained was completed except for a list of county staff and vehicles that might cross tribal land.

He added that the crossing permit is broad, allowing the county to cross tribal land for any road project in SUIT boundaries.

Weaver recommended that the county list all Road and Bridge staff and equipment, and County Manager Derek Woodman suggested that additional cranes and concrete trucks might need to be added to the list since they would be needed for the bridge installation.

Weaver explained that the next step after the crossing permit would be providing a general description of the project and suggesting potential areas for staging equipment.

He indicated that he and the SUIT agreed that providing multiple areas for staging would be ideal to allow the tribe multiple choices for where staging would occur.

The project description would then be presented to all SUIT departments, which could provide comments, Weaver explained, and after this the project would be able to move forward.

He added that a 404 permit would be required for the work in Cat Creek but that this would be issued by SUIT, which would be simpler than it being issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Weaver indicated that, because Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) funds would no longer be involved in the bridge project, a right of way agreement would not be needed, although Weaver noted that the county needs to work on a global right of way agreement with the SUIT for county roads in tribal land after the bridge issues are rectified.

He noted that the tribe already has such an agreement with La Plata County and that this would potentially simplify the process of Archuleta County obtaining an agreement since a template already exists.

Weaver added that the crossing permit would last until the end of the year and could be resubmitted next year.

Woodman noted that the replacement bridge would take five months to arrive from its date of order and that, if ordered soon, it would likely arrive in the winter or spring when installation is not feasible.

He commented that the "ideal" time to install the bridge would be the middle of the summer, which "doesn't do any good for anybody in our current situation."

He stated that he investigated the possibility of a temporary bridge and had located a suitable bridge from a company in Texas.

Woodman explained that this bridge could lay on the existing roadbed and above the current bridge and would only require the removal of the side railings on the current bridge.

He stated that this bridge could be delivered in "about two weeks" and that the county could purchase the bridge for slightly less than \$200,000 with delivery or rent it at a rate of approximately \$8,000 a month.

He noted it would be "advantageous" to own the bridge as a situation might arise elsewhere where the county would need another bridge or the county could sell the bridge to recoup costs.

He stated that this would be a "clear resolve" to the current issue and allow the county to reopen the bridge by the end of August.

In response to questions from Maez, Woodman explained that the temporary bridge would meet CDOT standards and that the

replacement bridge at Pagosa Junction is expected to cost approximately \$600,000.

Maez raised concerns that the project overall might cost \$1 million with the bridges and permitting fees, although Weaver commented he did not expect these fees to be "significant."

Woodman noted that, using round numbers, renting the bridge for 10 months might cost \$100,000.

Maez noted the possibility of supply shortages and delays which would increase the rent costs and suggested that there are other areas of the county where the bridge might be useful.

Commissioner Warren Brown noted that the bridge could be provided to CDOT for use on Colo. 151 if the bridge on that highway goes out again.

Woodman noted that there would likely be a need for a bridge somewhere in the area and that the county could rent the temporary bridge to recoup costs.

He added that this temporary bridge has a "very heavy" load limit.

Maez commented that he prefers to be "overprepared" by having items like the temporary bridge on hand and that he felt the temporary bridge is something the county should move forward with, although he asked Weaver to reach out to the SUIT to ensure it would be acceptable to the tribe.

Weaver stated that he could do so and that he would ask Smith if the county would need more than a crossing permit to install the temporary bridge since it does not go outside the current roadway.

Woodman commented that the bridge would be higher than the current level of the road over the bridge and that the road would have to be "built up" to the level of the bridge.

Brown added that installing the bridge will also require heavy equipment, which Woodman expressed agreement with, and that the county should ask the SUIT about this as well.

Maez, with the agreement of the other commissioners, then gave direction to move forward with the project pending SUIT approval.

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Soccer registration open for ages 5-12

By Matt Zaborowski
Town of Pagosa Springs
Parks and Recreation

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fee is \$45 for the first child and \$25 for the second child. The deadline to register will be Aug. 11.

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

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72nd Archuleta County Fair

Thursday, Aug. 3-Sunday, Aug. 6



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Meet the Archuleta County Fair royalty

By Lyn Varrati
Archuleta County Fair

This year marks the 72nd Archuleta County Fair, “A Timeless Tradition.” The fair will run Aug. 3-6 at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds.

Our fair royalty for 2023 is Queen Janae Sutherland, Honorary Princess Lilly Taylor and Junior Princess Olivia Theys.

Our queen is a 17-year-old native Pagosa Springs resident. She attends Pagosa Springs High School and plans to go on to college to become an elementary school teacher. Outside of school, Sutherland has worked as a dedicated counselor with the youth camp at the town for the last two years. She also volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. She enjoys hunting, fishing, fixing her truck and attending local events.

Our honorary princess is Taylor. She is 12 years old and attends Pagosa Valor Academy. Taylor enjoys volunteering for the Good News Club at Pagosa Springs Elementary School and is entering her fifth year in 4-H. She loves all animals large and small, enjoys her horse and working with the cattle on her family’s ranch. Taylor’s family has been involved with the Archuleta County Fair and 4-H for several generations. The fair board wishes the best to Taylor and her family, and has made her an honorary princess for 2023, as she is currently in Arizona dealing with a health issue. There is a GoFundMe page set up for Taylor, and all donations are appreciated. You can go to GoFundMe – Team Lilly – Supporting the Taylors.

Our junior princess is Theys. She is 10 years old

and attends Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Theys has grown up in Pagosa and has been involved in Girl Scouts for the past six years. She has a passion for making the world a better place and is excited about being a junior princess representative for the Archuleta County Fair.

Fair dedications

The fair board wishes to remember Archuleta County Fair supporters and volunteers who have passed away over the last year, but who had passionately served the fair, the 4-H program and our youth. We acknowledge their commitment to the fair and to our community in general. This year, we are honored to remember these faithful men and women, and we dedicate this year’s fair to their memory: Sarah Martin, Jack Rosenbaum, Etta Fay Day, Fredrick Sorenson Jr. and Beverly Flaming.

Recognizing volunteers

We also recognize three hardworking and well-deserving folks who made an impact over the years in the successful programs of the fair. These volunteers step up and fill essential roles during the fair using their skills and talents to improve their specific areas.

Our fair could not function without the tireless work of motivated, community-oriented men and women.

We are pleased to recognize three volunteers this year: Super Superintendent Kendra Hittle, Livestock/Poultry leader; Super Volunteer Janet Kubelka, Exhibit Hall/Quilt Program coordinator; and Super Volunteer Pat Sadd and all fair volunteers.

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The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Ron and Susan, 5 p.m.

Saturday

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The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Rodger Bennet and Steve Blechschmidt, 5 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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Mountain Light Music Festival continues at Keyah Grande

By Sally Neel
Mountain Light Music Festival

If you missed last night's opening performance of fabulous jazz music under the stars with the Wayne Fisher Jazz Ensemble at Keyah Grande (13211 U.S. 160 West), you still have a chance to catch performances tonight, Thursday, July 27, and Friday, July 28, beginning at 7 p.m.

Arrive early to park your car and catch a free shuttle up to the concert site.

These concerts feature the "best of the best" 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 Medeza and Sig Stefanson on trumpet; Jon Whitaker, professor of trombone from University of Alabama; and Brent Phillips, professor of trombone at Baylor University.

Tonight features Swing Night jazz charts. A dance floor will be provided for those who "gotta dance." Of course, profound toe-tapping is also acceptable. 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 guest soloists, faculty members and students. Tickets for this evening are \$50.

This year, thanks to the hard work of Carol Larsen, executive producer here in Pagosa Springs, Mountain Light Music Festival was granted a 501(c)(3) status, meaning all contributions are tax-deductible. The goal, after paying concert expenses, is to provide financial support to young musicians here in town, which includes (but is not limited to) private lessons, help purchasing musical instruments, money to attend music festivals and camps, scholarships, and extra support for music education programs.

"We hope that our own students will become proficient enough to be selected to attend a Mountain Light Music Festival camp and be able to learn from these amazing musicians that will be brought in from colleges and universities across the country," Larsen said. "We are profoundly grateful to Brent Phillips, professor of trom-

bone at Baylor University, and to Chet Russell, founder of Voice in the Wilderness here in Pagosa, for bringing this amazing opportunity to our neck of the woods. We believe that we can continue to build on this dream and make Pagosa Springs a destination for young musicians to train and de-

velop their musical skills and find the deeper spiritual joys of making music."

For more information on ticket purchases for these fabulous concerts, or on how you can offer your financial support to the future of Mountain Light Music Festival in **See Festival on next page**

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Team members Gretchen Grotz, Jennifer Mitchell, Lynne McCrudden and their mystery model planning their “frugal but fabulous” outfit for September’s Runway for Rise, A Fashion Gala.

Runway for Rise event announced

By Dee McPeek
Rise Above Violence

Ladies, mark your planner, dig out those forgotten dressy outfits and make plans with your gal pals to attend the brand new Runway for Rise, A Fashion Gala on Sept. 30.

This fundraiser for Rise Above Violence will be held at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and promises to be the fall event not to miss.

Teams are diligently assembling outfits made from required items of garage bags, duct tape,

thrift store purchases and natural elements. They will model their “frugal but fabulous” creations down the runway, vying for your votes with your dollars for their creative efforts.

Beginning Aug. 1, you can also vote online for your favorite team of imaginative friends. Just go to the events page at www.riseaboveviolence.org to see the teams and enter your votes. Votes are \$1 each and the team raising the most for Rise will win the beautiful Pagosa Prada Award for 2023.

While you’re voting, be sure to

visit our online Runway Wine Pull. Wine can be purchased for \$50 per ticket and your randomly assigned number could get you a lovely bottle of high-end wine. Sound fun? More details are available on the website.

Tickets to attend this unique evening will go on sale Aug. 21. Reserved Runway seats are \$75 and general admission is \$50. Join us in supporting this organization that passionately makes a stand against domestic violence and sexual assault in Pagosa Springs.

Contact Dee McPeek at (970) 317-3224 with questions.

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Thursday, August 3rd - Sunday, August 6th
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Events Prior to the Fair

Sat., July 22, 9am	4-H Dog Show	Exhibit Hall
Sat., July 29, 9am	4-H Horse Show	Rodeo Arena
Sat., July 29, 1pm	Quilt Judging	Stith Room
Sun., July 30, 10am	Gymkhana	Rodeo Arena

Fair Events — Thur., Aug. 3-Sun., Aug. 6

Every Day of the Fair

9am-6pm	Kids Games Open Play	Kids Game Tent
9am-8pm	Education and Informational Displays	Education Tent
9am-8pm	Vendors / Food and Merchandise	Vendor Row
9am-8pm	4-H and Open Class Entries and Displays	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room
9am-9pm	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
10am-8pm	Various Entertainment and Shows	Activity Tent
11am-Midnight	Rotary Beer Garden	Activity Tent
Evenings	Live Music	Activity Tent

Thursday, August 3rd - Fair Officially Opens

9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Goat Shows: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10am	Alpaca Show	Red Ryder Arena
11am	Poultry Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
Noon-6pm	Picasso and Vino Painting	Activity Tent
6pm	4-H Swine Show and Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
6:30	Cornhole Tournament	Activity Tent
6:30-9:30pm	Live Music — Brooks-i	Activity Tent
8pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close	Extension Building

Friday, August 4th

9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Lamb Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10am-6pm	Picasso and Vino Painting	Activity Tent
11am	4-H Turkey Show & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
11am	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
11am	Shred BMX — Professional BMX Stunt Team	Fairgrounds
1pm	Pie Eating Contest	Activity Tent
1pm	Shred BMX — Professional BMX Stunt Team	Fairgrounds
2pm	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
3pm	Shred BMX — Professional BMX Stunt Team	Fairgrounds
4pm	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
5pm-7pm	Horseshoe Pitch Practice	Horseshoe Pits
6pm	4-H Beef Show and Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
7pm	Bares, Broncs, 'n Bulls	Rodeo Arena
	Tough Enough to Wear Pink? Event	
8pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room close	Extension Building
9pm-Midnight	Live Music / Dance — Float Like a Buffalo	Activity Tent

Saturday, August 5th

8:30am	4-H Showmanship Clinic Hughes Pavilion
9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open
9am	4-H Livestock Viewing
9am	Horseshoe Pitching
10am	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage
10am	4-H Master Showman
10am-4pm	Picasso and Vino Painting
11am	Shred BMX — Professional BMX Stunt Team
12 noon	Open Rodeo
12 noon	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage
1pm	Shred BMX — Professional BMX Stunt Team
2pm	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage
3pm	Homemaker of the Year Award
3pm	Shred BMX — Professional BMX Stunt Team
4pm	Hughes Pavilion Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
4pm-6pm	Live Music — San Juan Mountain Boys
4:30-6:30pm	4-H Chuckwagon Dinner, a benefit for 4-H
5-5:30pm	Awards: Honorees, Royalty
	Award: Conservationist of the Year
	Presented by San Juan Conservation District
5:30pm	4-H Livestock Auction Bidder / Add-on Registration
6:30pm	4-H Livestock Auction
8pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close
9pm-Midnight	Live Music / Fair Dance — Tylor Brandon Band

Sunday, August 6th

8:30am	Kids' Rodeo Late Registration	Rodeo Arena
9am	Kids' Rodeo Check-In	Rodeo Arena
9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am-2pm	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	4-H Parent / Master Showman Contest	Hughes Pavilion
10am	Kids' Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
2pm	Livestock Animals Released	Hughes Pavilion
	See 4-H Office for Schedule	
2pm	Animals Loaded on Semi Truck	Hughes Pavilion
2pm	Fair Closes until next year	Fairgrounds
4pm	All private haulers must remove animals	Hughes Pavilion
2-4pm	Release of Open Class Projects / Premiums Paid	Exhibit Hall
2-4pm	Release of 4-H Projects	Stith Room
4pm	Tear down — All 4-H'ers are required to help	Hughes Pavilion

Subject to change.





Photo courtesy Cindi Galabota

Volunteers, including members of the Pagosa Springs High School football team, pose for a picture while helping to set up for the Friends of the Library's successful summer book sale. To learn more about the Friends of the Library and how you can become a member, call the library at (970) 264-2209.

San Juan Stargazers to hear from former communication officer at Johnson Space Center Mission Control

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

Everyone is invited to hear Tom Hanchett, former communication officer at Johnson Space Center Mission Control, on Thursday, Aug. 3.

The Stargazers will hold their regular monthly educational meeting on Thursday, Aug. 3, at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. Use the parking lot and enter through the door right off the parking area. We usually keep the front doors locked.

There will be a social hour starting at 6 p.m. with coffee/tea and treats. You can bring something to share if you would like. You do not have to attend the social hour to be able to hear Hanchett's talk. Just arrive right at 7 p.m.

From 7 to 8:30 p.m. we will be having a most interesting speaker and club member who was a communication officer at the Johnson Space Center Mission Control in Houston, Texas. He worked on Apollo Missions 1-17, and he has

some very interesting stories to share with us.

We want to extend a special invitation to all students in Archuleta County. We normally encourage parents to accompany their children, but under these special circumstances we are saying that all students are invited. (We don't want to exclude any future astronaut from attending.)

More planned activities

The Stargazers have other activities planned in August.

This year our viewing of the Perseid meteor shower will not take place due to the closing of Chimney Rock by the U.S. Forest Service.

On the third Friday, Aug., 18, we will present a program for the public, titled Stars and Galaxies where we look for deep-sky objects with our telescopes. The fourth Friday, Aug. 25, we present to the public Our Solar System with a focus on the moon and visible planets. Reservations are expected, but you can come and if cancellations happen, which they often do, you can attend and pay for your ticket

at the gift-shop. The gate opens at 7:30 p.m.

Joining the Stargazers

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers you will also receive Reflector Magazine — the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member.

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From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 29, youth leaders from Healthy Archuleta's Youth Community Learning and Leadership Circle will facilitate a composting activity at the Pagosa Farmers Market.

Healthy Archuleta group to lead composting activity July 29

Healthy Archuleta

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 29, youth leaders from Healthy Archuleta's Youth Community Learning and Leadership Circle will be facilitating a composting activity at the Pagosa Farmers Market.

The activity involves using recycled milk jugs, food scraps and, of course, worms to create a small, educational composter.

It will give community members a chance to see how composting happens and create something to

begin composting themselves.

Composting is the second-to-last resort when it comes to waste prevention, but it is still a great way to repurpose food scraps that would have otherwise been wasted.

Families are invited to come by the Pagosa Farmers Market on July 29 and learn more about composting and the work that Healthy Archuleta does to further our community in the areas of health equity, nutrition security and community cohesion.

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To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25 per family. You can join the club at any of our events or now you can join using PayPal on our website,

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Archuleta County Fair planned for Aug. 3-6

By Sharon Jennings
Archuleta County Fair Board

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

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

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

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

a competition and celebration of community while also offering a time to relax and share.

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

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

Our 4-H members show their animals including rabbits, goats, steers, chickens, pigs and lambs during fair week, with the 4-H Dog Show happening July 22 in the CSU building and the 4-H Horseshow on July 29 in the arena, finishing with the Gymkhana on July 30.

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

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

The numerous divisions, complete rules and entry deadlines for exhibitors are listed on the fair website, archuletacountyfair.com under “Exhibits / Rules.” The Exhibit Hall, open daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, will be filled with their entries.

All entries should be pre-registered online before Aug. 1 using <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19195>.

A grand opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting for the Hughes Pavilion will take place Saturday at 4 p.m. just before the Chuckwagon Dinner. Speakers will give a short history and share the future of the fairgrounds/rodeo grounds. The fair’s daily schedule and activities are subject to change, so check the website often for updated schedules, events and other fair information.

Email archuletacountyfair@gmail.com should you have questions, or leave a message at (970) 264-8424.

Volunteers needed for Archuleta County Fair

By Tonya Steadmon
Archuleta County Fair

We are excited to hold the 72nd Archuleta County Fair.

The fair board is working to grow this historical event every year. However, we cannot do this without support from our community. We are in need of volunteers to work a shift or two. We have many options available to assist us during this event, as well

as before and after.

Come join us and meet other community members, have fun and attend the dances, rodeos, 4-H livestock auction and other entertainment. Volunteers will receive one ticket of their choice to attend either a dance or rodeo per shift taken.

We look forward to another great year. Come join us for this historical event. Please call Alexa Martinez at (970) 903-2369 or sign up at <https://www.signup-genius.com/go/9040449ABAF2EA6FB6-fair>.

Run and bike for a cause: 16th Annual Pagosa Duathlon set for Aug. 12

A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc.

A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc. (doing business as Aspen House and Aspen Services) is pleased to announce that it is putting on the 16th annual Pagosa Duathlon on Aug. 12.

Located in Turkey Springs at Turkey Springs/Brockover Road, we have a race for everyone in the family.

The first race of the day is the Dusty Kids Gravel Growler on a dirt/gravel road. Bring out the kiddos for a fun time. This race is a 1-mile run and a 2-mile bike.

There are two adult races for the day on single track and ATV trails

throughout the Turkey Springs trail system. The Dirty Sprinters will begin with a 3-mile trail run followed by an 8-mile bike. The surrounding flora of the San Juan National Forest provides the perfect backdrop for fun outdoor activities.

For a more challenging course, the Dirty Du begins with a 6-mile run followed by a 15-mile bike. This longer race has more opportunities for scenery, including groves of aspen trees on the Aspen Run Trail. There will be rocky ups and downs, winding trails, and plenty of ponderosa pines to provide shady spots.

The adult races have three divisions: Individual Men, Individual

Women and Two-Member relay team (one runner and one biker).

Early registration ends Aug. 1, so register early and save money. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/PagosaDirtyDu>. Pre-race packets will be available Aug. 11 at Pagosa Mountain Sports in uptown from 3 to 6 p.m. Races are professionally timed and there will be plenty of post-race refreshments.

The race lineup is as follows:

- Dusty Kids Gravel Growler: 7:30 a.m., \$10.
- Dirty Sprint: 8:15 a.m., \$45 early registration, \$55 after Aug. 1.
- Dirty Du: 8:15 a.m., \$55 early

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21st annual Spanish Fiesta set for Saturday, July 29

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Join us at the 21st Annual Spanish Fiesta.

This year we are getting things kicked off a bit early with some pre-Fiesta celebrations and free dancing lessons in downtown Pagosa Springs Thursday evening, July 27, at 6 p.m. at the San Juan Scenic Overlook located adjacent to Tequila's (439 San Juan St.) along the Riverwalk. Free and open to the public, everyone is welcome to join in on the pre-Fiesta activities.

The Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) Spanish Fiesta Committee is partnering with the Pagosa Main Street board to bring a free pop-up tango dance lesson to the heart of downtown Pagosa on the eve of the fiesta. Get a small preview of what the fiesta will be on Thursday night, and don't forget to purchase your tickets while you're at it.

We will have a food truck with Mexican snacks (aguas frescas, elote, ice cream, paletas, fruit cups and more) available for purchase between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Then, bring yourself and/or your partner and get a few dancing tips from seasoned tango instructors Tina Valles and Dan Sorensen at 6 p.m.

While much of the music Saturday at the fiesta will be more in the vein of New Mexican style, the tango dancing lessons are intended to pique your interest for all things Latin, including dancing, food and vibrant colors. Come experience and see the beautiful embrace and connection of the Argentine tango and you will similarly experience this Saturday when you dance to the canciones of Los Mitotitos and Al Hurricane Jr. and Band.

Come and bring the whole family; there is something for everyone.

Food, music, dancing, libations, vendors, color and good company 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 ASI has worked hard to make this first year back memorable.

The headliner for the day's activities at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds this Saturday, July 29,

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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 and artisan vendors.

There will be music from local band Los Mitotitos and folkloric 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.

This year we are thrilled to bring you some of Pagosa's best southwest cuisine 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 snacks like fruit cups. Don't forget to quench your thirst with their delicious aguas frescas.

The beer, wine, margarita and michelada garden will be open all day.

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 <https://givebutter.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.

Spanish Fiesta schedule of activities

Thursday, July 27

5 to 7 p.m.: There will be a pre-Fiesta celebration with Mexican

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Duathlon

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There is a \$10 student discount for all adult races. Student ID is required.

The Pagosa Duathlon is one of three summer fundraisers and all

proceeds benefit A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to constructing a home and providing services for adults with developmental disabilities in Pagosa Springs.

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snacks and free tango dance lessons at the San Juan Scenic Overlook, 439 San Juan St. Fiesta tickets will also be available for purchase.

Saturday, July 29

Location: Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84.

2 p.m.: Welcome, Fiesta grounds open, vendors open and food/drinks available for purchase.

3 p.m.: Folklorico dance performance.

4 p.m.: Los Mitotitos.

5:30 p.m.: Al Hurricane Jr. and Band first set.

7:15 p.m.: Folklorico dance performance.

8 p.m.: Al Hurricane Jr. and Band second set.

9:45 p.m.: End-of-evening thank yous and housekeeping.

Farmers Market vouchers

Farmers Market vouchers for seniors are available.

If you love to shop at the Farmers Market, are 60 or older, or if you are 200 percent of poverty, please call Debbie at (970) 403-2164 at the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to put your name on the list for \$50 in vouchers to redeem for local foods.

Then, visit the Pagosa Farmers Market any Saturday during the growing season (June through September) to pick up your \$50 voucher to support the local food artisans and growers in southwest Colorado and northern New Mexico.

The Pagosa Farmers Market is located on the third row of the East Side Market and is open only on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through September.

Senior conversations

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

He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

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

Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

It meets each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together.

Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming

meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com.

Share lunch Monday through Thursday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays downtown at the 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 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.

Monday, July 31 — Australian meat pie, broccoli cheesy rice, garden salad, Australian chocolate slice, kiwi fruit salad, milk and Vegemite.

Tuesday, Aug. 1 — Grilled ham steak with pineapple sauce, sweet potatoes, garden salad, milk, banana pudding and milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 2 — Fish tacos with cabbage and Baja sauce, cilantro rice, garden salad, milk, flan and fruit.

Thursday, Aug. 3 — BBQ chicken, creamed corn, southern biscuit, garden salad, milk, peach cobbler and fruit.

Friday, Aug. 4 — Minestrone soup with focaccia bread, garden salad, milk, vanilla pudding and fruit.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10 also. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

Mobile food pantry service discontinued

The Mobile Food Pantry Service has been discontinued due to funding shortages. Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with their paratransit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-N-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

COVID-19 test kits available

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

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

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

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you

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New Thought service to be on ‘An Elemental Life of Grace, Ease and Simplicity’

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The July 30 Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. will be “An Elemental Life of Grace, Ease and Simplicity” with Dr. Elaine Harding.

Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join SpiritHeart band. Please text Bruce at (970) 507-0739 for band information.

July 27: Sacred Medicine Ways — Basic Healing Techniques with Shayla White Eagle. Learn about crystals and how they can tune up the body’s energy this week. Text or call (970) 309-6067 for more information. Learn about crystal layouts, energy clearings, blessings, healthy remedies and spiritual healing.

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

Aug. 13: 11 a.m. Picnic service at Xanadu with August birthday celebration after.

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

Library

The Aspin Inspiration Memorial Library is a collection of spiritual books. We welcome you to sign out/view our books, by appointment.

About us

The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance our members’ life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an all-inclusive community. Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through awareness of a higher power. We are the “Good Vibe Tribe” that practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second

floor of the Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309.

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St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church to celebrate feasts on Aug. 20

By Peggy Duggan
St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church
Carmelitas

The St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church in Arboles will celebrate the feasts of St. Peter and St. Rosa with a Mass at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday,

Aug. 20, followed by a potluck dinner in the church hall. Please bring a dish to share if you are able.

The church is located at 18851 Colo. 151 in Arboles.

All are welcome.

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‘Find out if God really likes you’

By Hank Slikker
PREVIEW Columnist

Not long ago, I stopped into a secondhand store. As usual, I went to the book section, where I found an oversize hardback full of pictures of prize-winning advertisements. As I scanned the images, my attention landed on an advertisement for a skydiving company. It read, “Find out if God really likes you.” The invitation appears as a vertically descending sentence, setting each word atop the next within a blue-sky background.

Hmm, jump out of an airplane to find out what God really thinks of me?

I wondered what the brand manager had in mind when he/she produced the ad. Why introduce religion into the picture? Perhaps it relates to the universal invocation whenever anyone gets into any airplane: “Hope God likes me.” You never thought of skydiving as a door to the future courtroom. Why bring it up to the customer?

Maybe the ad suggests God as someone like a carnival barker. You know, find out what God thinks about me through an adrenaline of mystical thrills. This could be the point — kind of like playing Russian roulette for the sensation you get when you win.

Of skydiving, one jumper says, “What’s more adventurous and thrilling than putting your life on the line? If you die, you die. If you have a safe, successful jump, you don’t.”

Really?
A couple of jumpers have experienced sensations that seem “heavenly.” One says, “Your mind, body and soul are in a place very few people in the world will ever experience, and nothing else in the world can offer the same feeling of pure euphoria.” And, “There’s an electricity in the air that cannot be described in words. The sky is our home, and it’s where our souls feed on the good stuff.”

What if He won’t tell me?
Fleetwood Mac’s imaginary man in their song “Oh Well” suggests we might be better off not knowing. God tells him, “... don’t ask me what I think of you, I might not give the answer that you want me to.”

But I’m probably misreading the ad.
Instead of finding if God is keen on me when I jump, it’s a relative thing. He just likes some people more than others. Parsing the claim, “find out if God really likes you” when you dive could mean perhaps God likes parachutists more than others?

A Matter of Faith

One jumper says jumping offers an escape from a troublesome daily grind. “Life is challenging and filled with worries and regrets. When skydiving none of those things matter ... Divorce, health issues, financial problems, childcare, job stress ... It all goes away for at least five minutes.”

But, again, do I have to skydive to find out that earthly troubles don’t match up to godly experiences?

What if there’s a mishap?
Unfortunately, misfortunes occur. Because it does, skydiving groups generally will have you sign a waiver before you go up, which says something like, “You are jumping out of an airplane, and anything could happen.” In such a case, as someone has said, “the odds are always stacked in gravity’s favor.”

A friend of a friend of mine once jumped and landed on and through a barn roof.

Sometimes, however, people who survive mishaps talk to God before hearing from Him. One jumper recalls such an incident. She said, “I tried opening the emergency chute, but it did not open ... I said, ‘God save me, please.’” He did. She said, “God’s angels guided me into the tree. He was there under the tree with His hands open to catch me.”

Please don’t think I’m against skydiving. I’m not. But you don’t have to head for the airport to find out what God really thinks of you. You can find out at your local Sunday school, where the children will tell you. They’ll all get together and sing to you how much God really likes you and, in fact, really loves you.

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ANSWER:

Today is full of nonsense

By Betty J. Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

My goodness. Our world needs hope. Hope comes from our faith in the Lord. We need hope to anchor our souls when changing winds blow nonsense through our lives, to keep us sound when the world is talking stupid.

Hebrews 11:3 (TPT) reads, “By the power of God’s words ... He spoke and the invisible realm gave birth to all that is seen.”

God created days filled with opportunities, with hope and with purpose. He created us to walk through these days with intention even if they seem full of nonsense.

Our job is to have faith in the One who brings the invisible realm into reality. Without faith we are short-sighted and will listen to the loudest voices. Sometimes those voices come from within.

As I wrote two more chapters in my second book, my words brought reality to the page. I saw the scene, I visualized the shack, I tasted the coffee and smelled the fresh-cut flowers on the table. I felt the nettling splinters under my character’s feet as they ran from danger.

As the author of this book, I am invested, involved and interested in my characters. By faith I am writing about an ordinary country family in Pagosa who has strong godly values and work ethics. My characters want to do the right thing. I am bringing words on the page into reality, hopefully to give my readers an anchor of hope in what is right and also entertain.

If today is full of nonsense, what will tomorrow bring? Tomorrow we’ll need more faith than we do today. God has set the scene. He made the coffee beans. He knows what the coffee tastes like. He’s created the flowers for us to smell the fragrance. He’s asks us to enjoy their beauty. He knows how it feels to walk on splintered floors. He has created us for a purpose as characters in his story for this day and time.

I stood before my writers’ group and asked what words they would write to give living hope and encouragement to their readers. After all, we are people of words. We are writers. We play with words and phrases. We spend hours turning a sentence to make its meaning come alive. Faith enables us to write words and see into the realm of the invisible.

As I skimmed chapter 11 of Hebrews, faith was the substance that energized ordinary men to do incredible things. They were each created for a purpose during their time on this earth.

Faith translated Enoch from this life and took him up to heaven. Faith opened Noah’s heart to re-

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ceive revelation and build an ark to save mankind. Faith motivated Abraham to obey and he became a nation. Faith inspired Joseph and opened his eyes. He saved his people from famine. Faith enabled Moses to choose God’s will to deliver his people. They were ordinary people doing great things, all because of faith.

Faith is a radical word that has the power to move, motivate and inspire men. All very lofty, but how do we make our words alive to hungry readers who are going through the same pain and hardships we all face today?

We have plowed through the last few years, challenged at every turn. We have been tested beyond our abilities, and yet the Lord has given us the faith we need to move forward with purpose and seize the opportunity of this day. Our children will need faith for their todays and tomorrows.

Final brushstroke: My prayer: “Now, my God, the inspiration and fountain of hope, fill you to overflowing with uncontainable joy and perfect peace as you trust in him. And may the power of the Holy Spirit continually surround your life with his super-abundance until you radiate with hope.” — Romans 15:13 (TPT).

Readers’ comment

I received an e-mail from a new-found friend. She has deep roots in our community’s history. Many of you might know her. If not, I’d like to introduce Judy McDonald.

“Ms. Slade,

“I am a long-time reader of your column but a first-time responder to your email. What prompted me to write was a conversation with your neighbor ... We discussed your recent column where you commented on your neighbor’s hard work. We then began quoting the article to each other.

“My dad, Bert Barrett, developed Lost Valley. All our family worked on the property at one time. My deceased husband, Archie McDonald, laid sewer lines, my son, Chris, ran a bulldozer, all while on vacation. Your recent article about family gatherings brought back those memories.

“I come to Pagosa in the fall for a month, staying mostly at Hatcher Lake but I take the paper year-round. ... I’m 85 and just finished a huge project my city asked me to lead.

“Sometimes I ask myself, ‘Why? When so many of my friends are

in so much pain and age-related issues, why am I still able to be so active?’ The answer always seems to come back, ‘Because I still have things for you to do.’

“I guess God just keeps us doing

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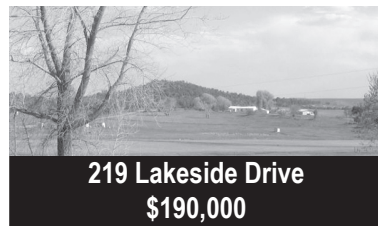
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Preview Calendar

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

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 a.m.-noon, South Yamaguchi Park. Loaner paddles are available.

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

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

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

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. 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.)

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

Mountain Light Music Festival: Wayne Fisher Jazz Ensemble. 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.

'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 28

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 a.m.-noon, South Ya-

maguchi 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.

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'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

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.

Healthy Archuleta Composting Activity. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Pagosa Farmers Market. Youth from Healthy Archuleta's Youth Community Learning and Leadership Circle will facilitate a composting activity. The activity involves using recycled milk jugs, food scraps, and of course, worms to create a small, educational composter.

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what we are supposed to do. My mantra is 'strength for today and hope for the tomorrows to come.'

"I'm always disappointed when your article is not included in the paper. I worry you might be ill (or quit). It's always a relief to find it the next week. Happy writing! Judy McDonald"

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5-12). For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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

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Bird of the Week



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

With over 400 species of birds, most of which live in South America, the family of birds known as tyrant flycatchers is the largest. The majority of birds in this group feed primarily by sallying out from a perch to capture insects in the air. Lacking the sophisticated vocal capabilities of other songbirds, they sing a simple song.

The tyrant flycatcher family is further divided into more than 100 groups. The cordilleran flycatcher belongs to one of these, the group of look-alike birds that make up the Empidonax genus. Confusing, difficult and impossible are all words associated with attempting to differentiate these small olive-colored birds with pale bellies, wingbars and eyerings. The eyering of the cordilleran flycatcher is shaped like a teardrop.

The name cordilleran comes from the Spanish word for mountain range and refers to the stretch made by the Rocky Mountains and Sierra Madre where these birds breed. Little is known of the winter ecology of these flycatchers that spend most of the year in Mexico, where they are difficult to distinguish from other flycatchers in appearance.

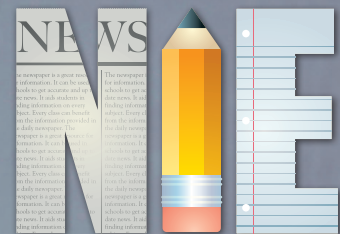
In summer, cordillerans breed in high-elevation coniferous and mixed forests, often along creeks, streams and rivers, where they build a nest on a ledge, in a crevice in a rock stream bank, on a stump, in the root ball of a fallen tree or sometimes in the fork of a tree. They will also nest near humans on a rafter, a window ledge or an outside light fixture.

Empidonax flycatchers, empids for short, are best identified by the habitat they occupy and differences in voice. The simple, two-part whistle of the cordilleran flycatcher can be heard throughout the day and is easy to learn. Phone apps like Merlin, which match bird song with species, have become popular tools for identifying birds and invaluable in distinguishing those tricky flycatcher species that are so similar in appearance.

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7-8:30 p.m.

San Juan Outdoor Club Monthly Meeting. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Club House, 230 Port Ave. Josh Kurz will introduce a new water supply infographic that he has developed to help answer the question of where your water comes from. The meeting starts with a social half hour at 6 p.m. with light refreshments. For more information, email sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Tough Enough – Tough Enough Rodeo. 7 p.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, under 5 free. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the cancer center at Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

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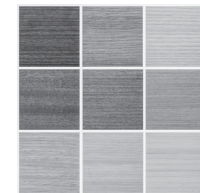
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In the making of sugar, sugar cane is boiled until it is pitch black, a charred sticky mass. Then with a host of chemical processes, dyes, and bleaches, this mass is turned into lily white sugar. Statistics seem to indicate that the increase of malignant tumors is in relation to the increased intake of sugar and other processed carbohydrates. Glucose is an excellent factor in the growth of malignancy. From 100 cc of blood, cancer borrows 70 mg of glucose, whereas only 2 to 16 mg is necessary for normal tissues. This indicates that cancerous tissues require lots of glucose to favor the growth of cancerous tumors.

Our taste buds are trainable. Try to find more enjoyment in a crisp apple, a ripe banana, or perhaps even some garden fresh vegetables. Eating a liberal supply of complex carbohydrates and fiber-rich fruits, whole grains, and vegetables will go a long way to provide benefits beyond improving blood sugars. (Note: Artificial sweeteners seem to increase the desire for the real sweeteners.)

"Daniel talked it over with the steward who was appointed by the superintendent to look after Daniel ... and suggested a ten-day diet of only vegetables and water, then at the end of this trial period, the steward could see how they looked in comparison with the other fellows who ate the king's rich food ..."

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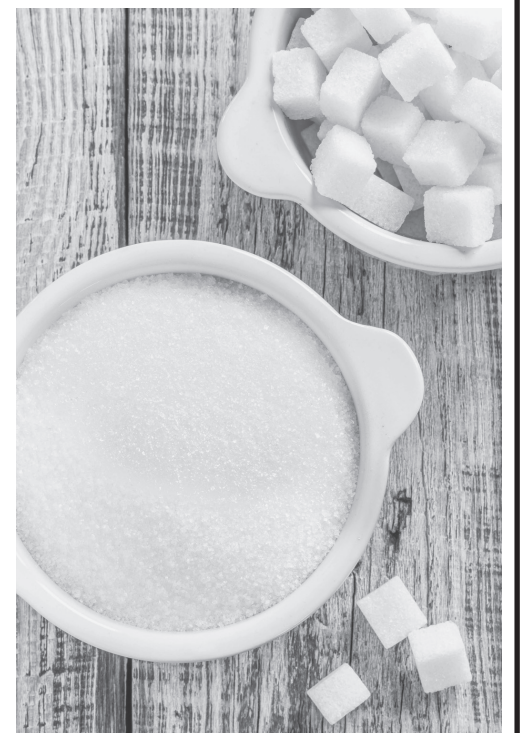
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Summer Reading Party, Action Drawing and Kickoff to Kindergarten planned

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

If you are participating in our free Summer Reading Program, be sure to join us tomorrow, Friday, July 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. This is a perfect ending to a wonderful summer of reading and fun.

Action Drawing for teens, tweens

This month we have a free art program for teens and tweens called Action Drawing every Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. led by Dean Dempster.

You'll take turns posing for each other in playful exercises and learn to capture the essence of your friends quickly and freely. You'll also learn the basics of sketching figures, portraits, hands and feet. Registration is required.

Kickoff to Kindergarten

A free four-week school readi-



ness program for ages 4.5 to 6 to prepare youngsters for the first year of school happens on Thursdays, Aug. 3, 10, 17 and 24, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Activities will include circle time, group activities, playtime and storytime while exploring reading, writing and math. Parents can participate for limited time periods each week. Preregistration required in person or by phone at (970) 264-2209. Attendance at all four sessions is recommended.

Activities calendars

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 talks

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

ask questions. You can listen live or access the recorded talk.

On Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. we will interact with Robert Jones Jr., author of the epic love story "The Prophets."

Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. will feature "The Mortal Instruments" young adult fantasy series by Cassandra Clare.

Aug. 30 at noon will showcase higher education journalist Jeff Selingo, author of "A Year of College Admissions," which explores who gets into college and why.

Summer Reading Club today

Our last free weekly Summer Reading Club for those in kindergarten through fifth grade takes place today, Thursday, July 27, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with crafts, guest speakers, stories and more. No registration is required.

Book club for third-through fifth-graders

Junior Page Turners, a free book club for third- through fifth-graders, happens tomorrow, Tuesday, Aug. 1, from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m.

It is geared for children reading at or above grade level. Pick up the

August book, "When You Trap a Tiger," at your library.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, Aug. 1, 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, Aug. 2, from noon to 2 p.m. Registration is required.

Wacky Wednesdays

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

Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., ■ See Library on next page

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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. 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.)

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.

'Godspell.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacen-

ter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Friday, Aug. 11

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock. 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, and are considered a non-refundable, non-transferable donation.

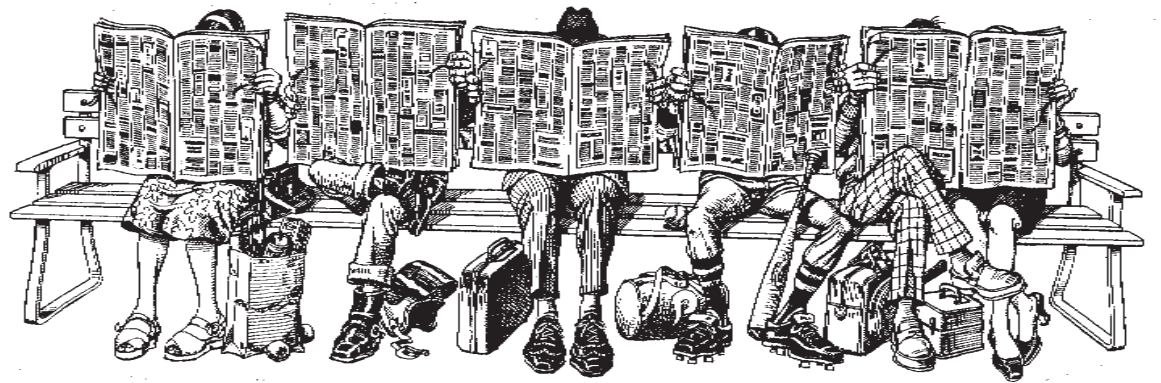
Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Yamaguchi Park. Loaner paddles are available.

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.

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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 at this free gathering.

Change in ESL class times

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

Note there will be no class Aug. 1.

Tech Time

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

Note there will be no Tech Time the first week of August.

PALS/GED adult education

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Note there will be no PALS/GED Aug. 1.

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Local authors and local topics

"Stand Fast" by Lynn Moffett is book seven in the local author's Incursion series as Rose and Seth come face-to-face with 1 Corinthians 16:13, which reads, "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong." "Refugee" by American Book Award-winning local author Pamela Uschuk is a collection of poems about political refugees as well as refugees from racism, domestic violence, environmental destruction and disease. "God-Consciousness and the Beginning and Spread of Christianity" by Fred Rose is a revised edition of this local author's book.

We have added two new books to our Hershey Collection: "Images

on Stone" by Donald E. Weaver Jr. covers prehistoric rock art of the Colorado Plateau. "Ancient Ruins of the Southwest" by David Grant Noble is a revised and expanded third edition of the archaeological guide.

"Where They Bury You" by Steven W. Kohlhagen is a historical fiction book. It explores the murder of a U.S. Army major near what is now the Hubbell Trading Post in Arizona and the loss of a million dollars in cash and belongings in his saddlebags during Kit Carson's roundup of the Navajo in 1863.

Nonfiction

"Old Lady on the Trail" by Mary E. Davison is a memoir of a 76-year-old hiker from Washington state who completed the iconic Appalachian, Pacific Coast and Continental Divide trails. "A Train Near Magdenburg" by history teacher Matthew A. Rozell details the liberation by American soldiers of a death train in Nazi Germany.

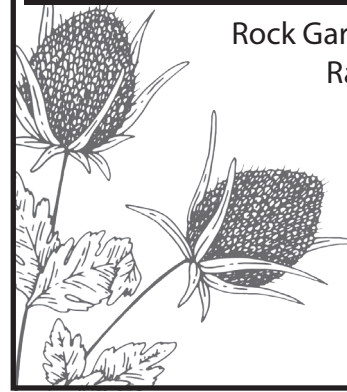
Novels

"The Last of the Seven" by Steven Hartov tells of a little-known team of European Jews who joined the British Army to return home and exact revenge on Hitler. "In The Lives of Puppets" by T.J. Klune is a fantasy adventure about a family of robots. "Murder Your Employer" by Robert Holmes is set in a luxurious conservatory dedicated to the fine art of murder. "Honey & Spice" by Bolu Babalola features a popular African-Caribbean radio show host who falls into an unexpected rela-

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Dosage makes the poison: Read herbicide labels

By **Ethan Proud**
PREVIEW Columnist

“Dosage makes the poison” is an old adage that holds true today. A little bit of something might be good for you, but a lot of it can cause problems.

The same goes for herbicides. When used properly, they can have zero to minimal nontarget damage and support native biodiversity. When used incorrectly, they can cause a myriad of issues. For example, some herbicides are safe around trees, while others are not and can kill your brand new planted maple tree or, worse, a mature tree.

So, how do you know how to use the herbicide you just purchased? The label is the material affixed to the container and contains all of the legal uses and restrictions for the product. Not following the label directions is a violation of federal law. The label will instruct how much herbicide to use on which plants and how to safely treat around water, sensitive plantings and more. The label will also cover what protective equipment you need to wear while making the application.

Reading the label is the second or third step in making any herbicide application. The first step is to determine if you need to use an herbicide in the first place. Some considerations for whether to use an herbicide or not include:

- What is the target species?
- How much of the target species is present?
- Can it be removed manually?
- Is manual removal time effective and economically efficient?

From there, the second step is herbicide selection and then reading the label or perhaps reading the label and then making a decision depending on your knowledge of the products available.

Once you have made your herbicide selection, you need to determine if the timing is correct or if

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you need to wait. Some herbicides have pre-emergent properties and can be used in the spring prior to germination or in the fall prior to the ground freezing. Some herbicides will offer species specific information such as: effective on seedlings at X rate, increase rate to X for mature plants or treat during full bloom to senescence.

The next step is to determine your output method. Here we are assuming that you are using whatever equipment you have on hand, whether it is a handheld sprayer, backpack sprayer or an ATV-mounted sprayer. Your output method is either spot treatment or broadcast. Treating one property you might use both methods. Broadcast spraying is great for either large populations of weeds or in areas where the chance of nontarget damage is little or non-existent. Spot spraying is preferred for sites adjacent to sensitive areas or areas with susceptible desired vegetation. Spot spraying is also a more kind option for your wallet as it decreases the amount of herbicide you need to use, though it may be more time-consuming.

All in all, the label provides the most accurate information on how to use an herbicide product. If you have questions on how to interpret the label, please reach out to the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Department. You do not have to have purchased the herbicide from us to request help.

Upcoming events

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

don't see as many obstacles or hindrances, You see potential, you see possibilities.” — Michael Bernard Beckwith, minister, author, and founder and director of the Agape International Spiritual Center in Beverly Hills.

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tionship. “Ink Blood Sister Scribe” by Emma Torzs features a family guarding a collection of books on magic.

DVDs

“Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret” is the movie adaption of Judy Blume's beloved book. “Wild Scandinavia” is a BBC documentary.

Quotable quote

“Begin to notice what you have in your life that you are grateful for, and when you look at life through the lens of gratitude you

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Read quickly
- 5 Unlikely to bite
- 9 Type of squash
- 14 Actress Faris
- 15 Mosque leader
- 16 French composer Erik
- 17 Fishing gear
- 18 Slush pile item
- 20 Bridge support
- 22 Coin flips
- 23 Match, as clothes
- 25 Buzzing
- 27 Yemeni city
- 28 Soon, to a bard
- 32 Library patron
- 34 Calming drug
- 36 Martini ingredient
- 37 Small bite
- 39 Faulty firecracker

- 40 Just out
- 41 Quick look
- 44 Certain horses
- 46 Abound
- 47 Time anagram
- 49 Oscar winner Duke
- 50 Agreeable remark
- 53 Kitchen gadget
- 56 Things kept under wraps?
- 59 Grammatical case
- 61 New York island
- 62 Sci-fi staple
- 63 Seed covering
- 64 Part of ICU
- 65 White House nickname
- 66 Disavow
- 67 Lower limbs

DOWN

- 1 Mystery writer Paretsky
- 2 Door feature
- 3 Conductor property

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- 4 Bone near the ear
- 5 Kitchen gadget
- 6 Peet or Plummer
- 7 "Praying" insects
- 8 Big bird
- 9 High-class tie
- 10 Baby shower gift
- 11 Redding of song
- 12 Mature
- 13 Butterfly catchers
- 19 Seinfeld specialty
- 21 Oscar winner for "West Side Story"
- 24 Have to have
- 25 Jargon
- 26 River by the Louvre
- 29 Beer bottle number, in a song
- 30 Out in the open
- 31 Full of the latest
- 33 Mediterranean hot spot
- 35 Copes with change
- 38 Anti-fur org.
- 42 Drained
- 43 Take a breath
- 45 Warning word
- 48 Lee of "The Dirty Dozen"
- 51 1974 title role for Dustin Hoffman
- 52 Hockey legend Cam
- 53 Pesky insect
- 54 Part, in pictures
- 55 Encircled by
- 57 Calc. prerequisite
- 58 Places for props
- 60 Little bit

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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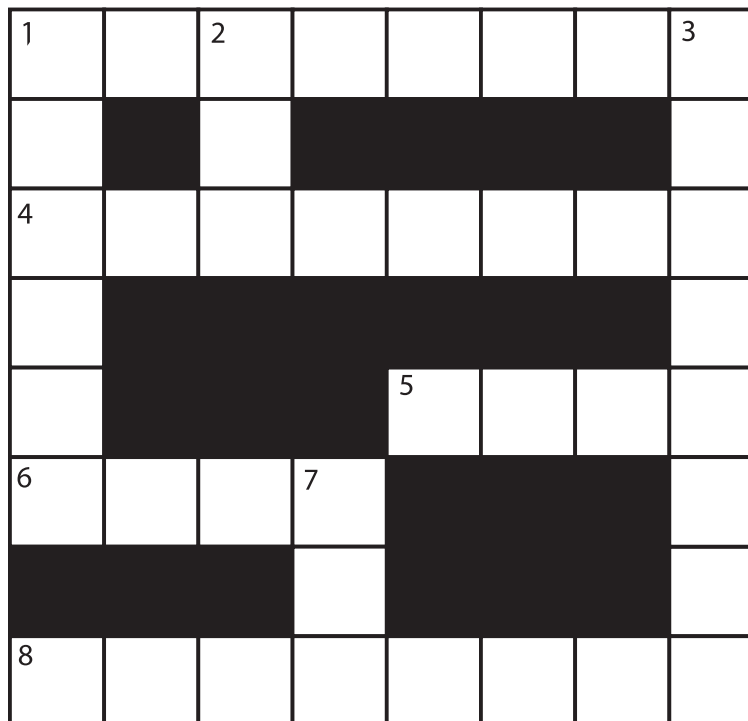
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Happens irregularly
4. More than one
5. Type of fruit
6. Things in a straight line
8. Moving through water

DOWN

1. Hot season
2. Liquid used for fuel or lubricant
3. Shouting for joy
7. Total from adding two numbers

Answers:
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 Down: 1. Summer 2. Oil 3. Cheering 7. Sum 8. Swimming

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Alaska needs to value its live bears

By Wendy Keefover
PREVIEW Columnist

Grizzly bears in Alaska, called brown bears, that live around the town of Bethel, population 6,325, should have a good life as they don't interact with many people. But, their future is in peril.

Alaska's bears have powerful governmental enemies, starting with the state of Alaska. This spring, state wildlife agents in helicopters gunned down 94 brown bears, including cubs. Agents also killed five black bears and five wolves.

Why were these animals destroyed? It was an attempt to eliminate carnivores in a misguided effort to grow a small caribou herd for hunters. By Alaska's own admission, the aerial gunning went too far. An early assessment by a state biologist said fewer than 25 brown bears would be killed.

For now, in the lower 48 states grizzly bears are protected, though some Western governors and members of Congress support trophy-hunting seasons targeting bears.

In Alaska that's already legal, although a 2019 study co-authored by conservation biologist William Ripple, and others, found that in addition to state-sponsored shooting and trapping of brown bears, trophy hunters have doubled their kill numbers for bears over the past 30 years.

That is not sustainable. Alaska's population of some 32,000 iconic brown bears now face the same fate as their lower 48 cousins, which once numbered 50,000 but are reduced to 2,000 animals.

Alaska's predator-control projects cater to a small number of hunters who want to bring home trophy animals, or who wrongly believe that fewer carnivores like bears and wolves will create more prey animals.

Alaska's wildlife culls have been roundly criticized by many biologists as unnecessary. Numerous studies indicate that predator-prey relationships are always complicated by multiple factors. In this case, the caribou herd was plagued by brucellosis, a disease of ungulates, as well as inadequate food and poachers.

What is undeniable, say multiple biologists from North America — writing as part of a 2018 letter to the U.S. Department of the Interior — is that officials need to protect Alaska's bears and wolves from too much trophy hunting.

Shockingly, Alaska's bear-killing activities are funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, using Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act dollars, which is an excise tax on guns, ammunition and archery equipment. The Service also funds other controversial predator-control programs such as

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A grizzly bear stands on a beach in Alaska.

in Colorado and New Mexico.

What's puzzling is why hunting would come first when Alaska decides the fate of its brown bears. Why is bear-related tourism — a growth industry — ignored?

Americans love to watch bears. Because of their popularity, brown-bear viewing opportunities in Alaska's Katmai National Park had to be limited by lottery. What's more, more than 10 million viewers tune into bear cams annually to virtually watch Katmai bears fish for salmon.

Tapping into this fervor, the National Park Service began an annual Fat Bear Week contest at the park, based on grizzlies gorging themselves to get ready for hibernation. In 2021, more than 800,000 voted for Otis, an aged, toothless fellow who lost out the next year to 747, a colossus nicknamed "Bear Force One" by the Park Service.

Thousands of tourists travel to Alaska every year just to catch a glimpse of Alaska's brown bears in the wild, a pilgrimage that pours dollars into the state. A 2011 survey valued wildlife-watching tourism in Alaska at more than a billion dollars and this number has almost certainly grown as appreciation for wildlife has expanded in the United States. A 2018 American Wildlife

Values national survey showed that more Americans than ever before appreciate their wildlife alive.

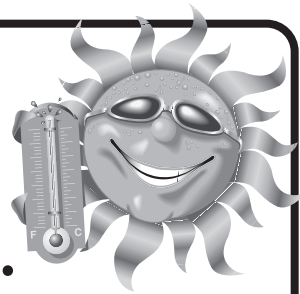
The question almost asks itself: What sense does it make for Alaska to kill bears? The answer is none. Federal funding for state wildlife agencies to kill carnivores makes no sense.

The Fish and Wildlife Service needs to adopt the widely supported 2021 formal petition, led by the Global Indigenous Council and co-signed by 28 organizations and scholars, which asks the agency to set up a public comment process before Pittman-Robertson funds can go to states for killing projects.

Wildlife management ought to represent all the people who care about wildlife, and sound science should be the guide when it comes to deciding what animal gets to live or die.

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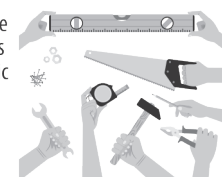


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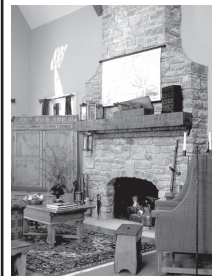
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BAZ THE HANDYMAN PAGOSA Springs is your one stop shop for wide range of home maintenance and repair solutions. Just call Baz (480)433-1776.

DRIVEWAY AND ROAD BORES. (719)850-2384.

SKID STEER EXCAVATOR, DUMP trailer for hire. Driveways, foundations, gravel, septic systems, etc. Call Josh Soniat (970)903-5892.

TREE REMOVAL. Licensed and insured up to \$2 million. Free estimates. No obligations. Call OR text (970)903 8068.

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**HIRING
HEAVY EQUIPMENT
OPERATOR**

Full time, pay based on experience

Please email
accounting@hartbuilders.com
or phone (970) 264-0110

CONTRACTOR SALES

Ponderosa Lumber is seeking a customer service oriented individual to assist contractors with purchasing building materials. Knowledge of building materials is necessary.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing excellent customer service
- Completing required paperwork
- Providing product information
- Data Entry

Please apply in person at
Ponderosa Lumber
2435 Eagle Drive or call (970) 731-4111

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REPRESENTATIVE**

This is a part-time (up to 30 hours per week) position.

Are you the right person? Are you willing to ...

- ... learn various multimedia platforms?
- ... multitask and meet deadlines?
- ... provide customer service?

Do you have ...

- ... organizational skills?
- ... accurate spelling and grammar skills?
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- ... creativity?

Position offers salary (\$14/hour) plus commission. Work hours will be split between office and being in the field. Applicant must have reliable transportation.

Submit your resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com or drop off at 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls.



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457 Lewis Street



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- Weekends and holidays required.
- We are looking for reliable, motivated additions to our team to work in our fast-paced environment!
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- Applications available on www.terrysace.com

Terry's ACE
525 Navajo Trail Dr.

SATURDAY LABOR- 4 hours/ week. Mow, dig, haul, paint, weed, trim, miscellaneous labor. \$30/ hour. Call (505)980-3782.

PAPA MURPHY'S PIZZA Pagosa Springs is seeking a motivated individual with excellent customer services skills to be our next Store Manager. Pay range \$21-23/ hour including tips and DOE. Email resume to cocarmenrubio@gmail.com.

PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

TIM BROWN CUSTOM HOMES is looking for a few high quality, detail oriented craftsmen to help in the framing, interior finishing and painting of our custom homes. We have been building homes in Pagosa Springs for 23 years. Work year around with us and enjoy top pay, paid holidays, paid vacation and a retirement plan. Please call (970)731-7071 or stop by the office at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B16.

3R RANCH- WORKING in the beautiful south San Juans. Hiring one summer position, ranch and landscape maintenance. No experience, we will train. (970)264-5160. Please leave a message.

SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERT (Facebook, Google, Instagram) wanted to help create and manage advertising and marketing campaign for growing business. Please send resume to pagosad@yahoo.com.

CARPENTER(S) - TWO CARPENTRY POSITIONS. Background with finish carpentry, light framing, drywall and painting. Email resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com, (970)264-5000.

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.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. \$20 per hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com.

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.

PIANIST AT ST. PATRICK'S. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church seeks a pianist and/or organist to accompany vocal and choral arrangements for Sunday morning services and Wednesday afternoon rehearsals. The position may be expanded to include leadership of the music program if the applicant has interest, skills, and experience relevant to a broader position. The accompanist position requires 8 to 10 hours per week (including practice time), with presence required on Sunday mornings, 9a.m. to 11:30a.m. Compensation starts at \$200 per week and is negotiable. Email jenna@stpatrickspagosa.org with a cover letter and resume by August 11.

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Come join a growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please email your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

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.

BARTENDERS AND SERVERS NEEDED at The Buck Stops Here Market and Eatery. Competitive pay. Full- and part-time positions available. Please apply within at 19 Navajo Trail Dr. Pagosa Springs, CO.

MOUNTAIN MAMA MASSAGE is looking for a caring massage therapist ready to share your healing gifts! Fun, relaxed work environment where you are honored and appreciated. TOP PAY: \$50/ hour plus tips. Email racheldevloo@gmail.com.

HOUSEKEEPER. PART TIME, flexible hours, beautiful places to work. (970)731-3005.

COLES MEAT PROCESSING is looking for part and full time help from mid-July to mid-January 2024. Starting at \$16/hr. Please call (970)264-2426 or stop by 495 Hwy. 84 in Pagosa Springs.

3R RANCH HIRING ONE full- or part-time position. Ranch and landscape maintenance. Must have own reliable transportation and valid driver's license. 40 hours a week available. \$18 per hour. (970)264-5160.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE seeks Experienced Bartenders. Nights only Must work weekends and holidays. Inquires to Jim@Alleyhousegrille.com.

MOUNTAIN SPIRITS IS SEEKING customer service associates. Must be available nights and weekends. We offer \$16 p/h to start, accrued vacation/ personal time, performance-based bonuses twice a year, and employee discounts. Please apply in person.

PAGOSA BAKING COMPANY is hiring a part-time dishwasher and a park-time kitchen assistant. Join our fast-paced and fun team. Application available on our website. (970)264-9348.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Hiring Bussers and Food Runners. Great pay and compensation. Nights only. Please email Contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

HYGIENIST \$55/ HOUR: Could you make \$80,000+ a year? Ask about \$10,000 full-time first year bonus. Part time also available. The team at Pagosa Smiles is blessed to have family oriented hours with weekends and holidays off, great pay, 401K & bonuses in a beautiful facility. Colorado dental hygiene license required E-mail resume to PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com.

DEDICATED CLEANERS, UP TO \$17/ hour. Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

GOODMAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE is looking for part- time and full- time sales associates. Sales associates must be friendly and self-motivated. Ask about our benefits and employee discounts. Come pick up an application at 402 Pagosa Street.

LANDSCAPE LABORERS WANTED. Must have own transportation. Call for an application. Good pay for good help. (970)946-2277.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE seeks support staff. Food runners, host and bussers. Nights and weekends. Join our team. Great job for the summer and during the school year. Come by and see Chris, Tuesday- Friday, 3p.m.

AT YOUR DISPOSAL now hiring Class B CDL drivers. Competitive pay, full benefits, 401K, vacation and holiday pay. Stop in at 128 Bastille Dr. to pick up an application or email pagosa.office@eagleriverwaste.com.

EXPERIENCED EQUIPMENT OPERATOR needed and a CDL is a plus. We offer paid holidays, vacation time and retirement plan. Please call Tim Brown Construction LLC at (970)731-7071.

LABORER LANDSCAPING. General help for assistance in landscaping around homes. For details, call Charlie at (970)264-0913.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

DESIGN A SIGN HAS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. Hours are 9a.m.-5p.m. M-F. Yes, come apply! Located at 57 Majestic Dr., at top of Put Hill, across from Sherwin Williams.

WE ARE NOW HIRING TEACHERS! You belong on the Archuleta School District Team! Archuleta School District strives to achieve "Success for Every Student – Every Class - Every Day." Currently accepting applications for the following positions: - **Elementary School Teacher (1st Grade)** Full-time position with a starting salary of \$50,141-\$64,055 for 175 days paid over a 12-month period. - **Middle School Teacher (7th Social Studies)** Full-time position with a starting salary of \$50,141-\$64,055 for 175 days paid over a 12-month period. Benefits for all FULL-TIME positions include (but are not limited to) PERA State Retirement, Life Insurance, optional Health and Dental Insurance and paid Discretionary Days. For more details and to apply for these positions click on "Job Postings" on the following web-site: www.mypagosaschools.com. E.O.E.

\$20/ HOUR PLUS MILEAGE. Full or part time. Work outside caring for hot tubs. Start right away. Must have car and cell phone. Will train. Pay increase after 90 days based on performance. Text Stuart: 818-963-0836.

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HIRING EXPERIENCED EQUIPMENT OPERATOR. Flexible work schedule. Pay DOE. Call (970)946-3966.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - SKID STEER and mechanized mulcher, multiple years of experience. Email resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com, (970)264-5000.

MOUNTAIN HOME SOUND and Security is now taking applications for full-time and part-time security technician, experience a plus but not required. An interest in current technology, desire to work and learn in a fast-paced environment a must. Background check, valid driver's license and neat professional appearance required. Apply in person at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-3, Monday- Friday, 9a.m.-4p.m.

ROOF LABORER NEEDED with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

SPECIAL EVENTS/ COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR. The Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce is seeking a full-time coordinator. Must have customer service, event planning and organizational skills as well as energy, writing, public speaking and computer skills and be able to work in a fast-paced, physical environment. Knowledge of social media and MS Office programs a plus. Hours are primarily M-F, 8a.m.-4p.m. but must be able to work weekends and evenings when administering events. Position offers competitive hourly rate and some benefits. Deadline for resumes is August 4, 2023. Submit resumes to director@pagosachamber.com or drop off at the Chamber at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce is an EEO employer.

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.

YARD SALES

LARGE GARAGE SALE to benefit Pagosa Christian Women's Retreat Scholarship Fund. Friday and Saturday, 8a.m. Furniture, tools, so much more! 700 D Honeybee Place off of Stevens Lake Road (use N. Pagosa, right on Mission, right on Piedra into "Road Closed Area," then left on Stevens Lake Road, stay left, first driveway on left). 1/2 price Saturday morning, pile for \$20 Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Come support a great cause!

TOOL SALE, FRIDAY and Saturday, 8a.m.-2p.m. From Pagosa, west on 160 to mile marker 133, two driveways past, to sign.

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE and FOR SALE AD UPDATES — tinyurl.com/d64deei9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

YARD SALES

ESTATE SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, July 28 and 29, 7:30a.m. sharp. Everything in the house has to go. Furniture, antiques, mid century modern, glassware, yard tools, Sienna mini van, tools, tool boxes, decorative items, tons of kitchen stuff, office stuff, treadmill and tons more. Hwy. 160 west, right on N. Pagosa, right on Lake, right on Windward, house #13. Rain or Shine, AEHPOS.

YARD SALE JULY 28-29, 8a.m.-2p.m. Household items, furniture, Leer truck shell, toolbox and much more. 229 Crestview Drive off of Bienvenido Circle.

MOVING SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, July 28 and 29, 9a.m. sharp. Furniture, household items, kitchen fun, treadmill, office and lots more. Hwy 160 west, right N. Pagosa, left Coronado Circle, #630. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

PERSONALS

FREE. CONFIDENTIAL. HELP. 24-hour domestic violence and sexual assault helpline. (970) 264-9075.

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French Bulldog Puppies For Sale!

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Available Now
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3 Sets of Shots
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Female

2 8 WEEK OLD BOY gorgeous black tabby kittens from Siamese mom. (Litter box trained.) Raised with kids and FREE to good home. Prefer they go together. (970)749-0208.

DOGGY DAY CARE 81147.COM. Open 365 days of the year! Full day and half day doggy day care and overnight boarding. Conveniently located just 1 mile from downtown Pagosa. Call (970)264-9111.

FOR POOCH SAKES GROOMING. Appointments available with Kelly (303)819-2015. Mobile appointments with Barb (970)903-1290.

REHOMING OUR VERY LOVED, registered female mahogany, fawn colored 4 year old Boxer. MUST go to phenomenal home. Milly is an exceptionally well bred and well behaved family dog. Would make great companion animal. (Serious inquiries only.) (970)749-0208.

ADOPT FROM THE Humane Society. Stop by or call (970)731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer. www.humanesociety.biz.

LIVESTOCK

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.

WINTER PRIVATE PASTURE for 8-10 saddle horse geldings. (970)946-7999.

HAY FOR SALE. Barn stored, \$6 per bale. (970)883-2449.

FOR SALE

BROWN LEATHER SOFA/ SLEEPER- free. (970)731-9006. **LG WASHER AND GAS DRYER,** \$300. Stainless Dacor refrigerator/ freezer, \$200. Call Lee (970)946-3856.

LG WASHER AND GAS DRYER, \$300. Stainless Dacor refrigerator/ freezer, \$200. Call Lee (970)946-3856.

BRUNSWICK GAME/ POKER TABLE with 4 black leather chairs. In great condition. Text for photos to (602)793-7878. \$400 for the full set.

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POWERMATE ROTOTILLER, \$350. Forney 95 F.I. flux welder, \$125, with tools. (970)264-0211.

CRARY BEARCAT CHIPPER/ SHREDDER #75524. Towable. Honda 24HP. Electric start. 5" banch capacity. 360 degree discharge chute. Fire mitigation and mulch. All manuals. Excellent condition. \$4,800. (970)264-1457, leave message.

Wrightnaturalbakery.com. BEST EGGS AVAILABLE! Reduced sugar, same sweetness. Organic, unprocessed, Paleo, unrefined, gluten free ingredients. (970)883-2600, wrightnaturalbakery@gmail.com. Products available at Choke Cherry Tree.

SURLY LHT 2016. Color: khaki pants, size medium, fenders, f&r racks, extra tires, frame bag. Pristine condition, \$1,100 (970)264-0373.

NEED FIREWOOD? Pine mix available. \$325 a cord or \$600 for a HUGE dump truck load! Guaranteed to be full cords. Split and delivered. Contact Dan with FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

OUTDOOR VEHICLE STORAGE SPACES available. 16', 20', 25', plus indoor 12'x20'. Winter specials starting at \$60. Pagosa Springs Storage. Gated with security cameras. (970) 749-1500.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE. \$450 for two cords. Call (970)317-3120.

NEW 20' CONTAINERS FOR SALE or rent. We deliver to homes or businesses. Pagosa Springs Storage (970)731-0007.

1998 SUNDOWNER ALUMINUM 2-horse bumper pull horse trailer. New tires, wheels, bearings and brakes. Large tack room, removable panels, ramp load and ATV tie downs. \$9,500. (970)731-4612.

SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS. We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. (970)731-PAWN (7296).

560 LINEAL FEET TREX. Gray, in Pagosa Springs, \$1,500 OBO. Jim (970)376-5456.

FOR SALE

7 FOOT TAN LEATHER Couch and matching Leather Chair. Nice Shape. \$150. (970)730-9367.

DRY FIREWOOD- PINE. Pick up \$240 a cord. Delivery available. Call for prices. Bayfield. Gabe (970)403-2784.

DRY, SEASONED DOUGLAS FIR for sale, \$300 per cord delivered. Ryan Whitlow (970)585-4578.

FISHING BOAT WITH MOTOR AND TRAILER: 14 ft. aluminum boat, 2 padded swivel seats, flat floors, Mercury 15 hp 4 stroke, low hours, lots of extras, excellent condition \$4,000 (970)903-3394

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27' Airstream 2007 RV Classic LTD
Excellent condition. \$39,900.
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1996 FLEETWOOD JAMBOREE motorhome with Ford E350 motor. New tires, new furnace, new battery, full tank of gas. Engine runs good. RV side needs some work. \$5,600 OBO. (970)585-4233, leave message.

4 WHEEL CAMPER. 2017 Granby, 950 lbs. Stove, shower, stairs, solar, furnace. \$16,500. (970)403-4528.

1971 REMODELED AVION (looks like an Airstream) 33', bumper pull trailer. GOR-GEOS. Mahogany interior with full kitchen, bath remodeled. Reworked all water tanks for efficiency. Steal at \$14,500. (970)749-9028.

2016 COACHMEN CATALINA LEGACY Edition travel trailer. 26' long. Nice clean trailer, upgraded AC 15k Btu. Sleeps 6. Silver color. 6052 lbs dry weight, Can pull with 1/2 ton pu. Have owned last 3 years. Senior owned. 18,950.00. (970)731-3971.

AUTOS

2004 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT. 51348 original miles. LOADED. 5 peed, 6 cylinder. Winch. A/C. Cruise. 35" tires. Red custom paint. Convertible. A lot more extras. Fun on and off Road. \$16,500. (970)264-1457, leave message.

SUBARU FORESTER 2014 2.5i Premium AWD. Charcoal grey, 101K miles, well maintained. \$13,000. Call (970)731-6812 and leave a message.

FOR SALE, 1991 CHEVY KODIAK. Single axle dump truck, new tires, belts, turbo cat. \$15,000, trade for 3/4 ton or better pickup. (719)318-5357.

1979 JEEP CJ5. 258 cu. inch straight 6. 4 speed trans. Frame off 6 years ago. Too many new parts to list. Driven less than 500 miles since frame off. I have owned this Jeep for over 30 years. All metal tub repaired. Not a perfect Jeep, but well on its way to one. Yellow color. \$16,000 OBO. (970)731 3971.

AUTOS

GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL! 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

VACATION RENTALS

OWNERS, WE ARE BOOKED UP AND NEED MORE VACATION RENTAL PROPERTIES! Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! Rocky Mountain Realty & Rentals (970)507-1192.

RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH TOWNHOUSE. Available 8/1. 1 year minimum lease. \$2,600 per month. Landscaping, snow removal included. Background and credit check required. No pets. Granite, stove, fridge, microwave oven, dishwasher, W&D. 2-Car garage. Call(970)903-3942 for details.

NEW AND VERY NICE and spacious 1 bedroom downtown apartment on Riverwalk, with garage and deck. \$1,600 per month includes utilities. Available 8/1, (970)398-9136.

FURNISHED STUDIO CONDOMINIUM available to rent September 1, 2023. Address: 89 Valley View Drive, 3190, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. \$1,200 a month plus electricity. First, last and cleaning deposit of \$500. Pets negotiable. Call Ben (970)946-8057.

DOWNTOWN LUXURY HOUSE on river. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, with garage. No pets. \$2,500/ month, 6 month lease. (504)339-4547.

SADDLE MOUNTAIN TOWNHOMES lease available August 15. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 baths. Open floor plan with gas fireplace, oversized 2-car garage. Close to the bike path, uptown City Market and rec center. \$2,850/ month includes: water/sewer, lawn maintenance, snow removal. Call/text (512)626-8499.

LONG TERM RENTALS AVAILABLE. Call Team Pagosa (970)731-8599, 46 Eaton Drive, Suite #1, pagosaspringsrealty.com.

4 BEDROOM EXECUTIVE HOME. Four miles north on Snowball Road (CR200). One mile to trout streams and National Forest, possible irrigated pasture. \$3,200 per month. (970) 946-6274. Leave message.

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GUEST SUITE MONTH to month rental: Fully furnished 2 bedroom, 1 bath, full kitchen, dining, living room, walk out deck, second floor suite, 800 sq. ft. 2 miles from Pagosa. No pets, sleeps 4. Application available, references required. Available August 15. Call (970)759-4821.

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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TINY HOME FOR RENT on Lower Blanco Rd. 1 bed, 1 bath. Great views, peaceful neighborhood. Detached 500 sq foot workshop. 1 acre. Chicken coop. Must haul water. Pets considered. Rent \$1150/month. First, last, plus small deposit required. Email: Sarkis1201@gmail.com.

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH DUPLEX apartment on golf course. Lots of storage and garage. \$1,500 plus utilities and deposit. (970)946-4181.

3 BEDROOM, 2 FULL BATH, 1-car garage, fenced yard. On Lake Hatcher. \$2,200, long term or short. Bruce (970)946-4906.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH fully furnished townhome with lake view 1/2 mile from San Juan National Forest. \$1,800/ month. Includes all appliances, including washer/ dryer, water/ sewer, trash and lawn care. No pets or smoking. Available immediately. Call (805)405-8953 for pics and other details.

BEAUTIFUL HOME FOR RENT: Fully furnished 2,200 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with mountain views on approximately 4 acres is for rent on a monthly basis and long term. This is an amazing home and property that adjoins National Forest with direct access to hiking, mountain biking, ATving while also providing a quiet place to vacation, live or work remotely from. Rent is \$3,000 per month plus propane, all other utilities provided. Deposit and background check required. Call (970)398-0573 now for availability.

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE for lease. 1,155 sq. ft. Monthly rent is \$1,600. CAM Charges \$527.84 monthly and gas is \$43.89/month; total monthly rent is \$2171.73. Sunetha Property Management (970)731-4344. Talisman Plaza, located at 56 Talisman Dr., Pagosa Springs.

2,880 SQUARE FEET. Used to be JOYs Natural Foods. Between Dr. Milner, chiropractor and Alpine Medical. \$2,500 per month. (970)946-3902.

COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE for lease. 150 sq. ft. Monthly rent \$275. Sunetha Property Management (970)731-4344. Talisman Plaza, located at 56 Talisman Dr., Pagosa Springs.

PAGOSA VALLEY PROPERTIES: Offering Lewis St. Office Suites available from 238 SF to 755 SF, and priced from \$400 - \$700/ mo. Excellent for a studio or professional office space. Call (970)889-2022 for more information.

COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE for lease. 258.67 sq. ft. Office has two walls of glass, one overlooking the parking lot and the other overlooking Choke Cherry. Monthly rent is \$375, including all utilities except telephone and Internet. Sunetha Property Management (970)731-4344. Talisman Plaza, located at 56 Talisman Dr., Pagosa Springs.

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