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# Neighbors speak out about helipad

By **Josh Pike**  
Staff Writer

At an over-capacity meeting on July 26, the Archuleta County Planning Commission voted to table a proposed private helipad project and request an environmental impact study on its potential impacts on wildlife in the area.

The proposed helipad is located at 3700 Terry Robinson Road and the application for a board conditional use permit (CUP) for the helipad was submitted by the owner of the property, Baudouin d'Aumeries.

Before the commission was the decision of whether to recommend or not recommend approval of the board CUP to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), who will make the final decision on the permit, and what conditions the commission might recommend as a part of the CUP.

Discussion of the permit began with Development Director Pamela Flowers delivering her report to the commission.

Flowers explained that  
■ See Helipad A8

# Honorary Princess Lilly Taylor battles aplastic anemia

By **Monica Nigon**  
Staff Writer

One of the crowns at the Archuleta County Fair will remain unused this year, as Honorary Princess Lilly Taylor will instead be receiving an experimental bone marrow transplant at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

"She was really looking forward to riding her horse in the parade," Lilly's father, Raymond Taylor — who grew up in Pagosa Springs and is the Archuleta County Veteran Services Officer — explained.

"Then that all didn't work out."

On June 30, 12-year-old Lilly was diagnosed with aplastic anemia — a rare failure of the bone marrow — leaving her body unable to produce new blood cells.

■ See Taylor A9



Taylor



# Recommendations approved for health department programs

By **Josh Pike**  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), acting as the transitional board of health, approved recommendations on initial programs for the Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD) from the County Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee (TAC).

The TAC presented the recommendations at an Aug. 1 joint work session with the BoCC.

At a July 25 joint work session with the TAC, the BoCC heard the recommendations and had the opportunity to ask questions.

TAC chair Sally Kennedy and TAC member and ACPHD Director Ashley Wilson presented the recommendations, beginning by noting that the TAC has been meeting since February and researching programs and requirements for public health.

Wilson noted that this report is the "culmination" of the TAC's work and added that the recommenda-

■ See Programs A8

# Deputy cited after striking pedestrians in crosswalk

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

A deputy with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) collided with a pair of pedestrians in a crosswalk on Friday, July 28, according to Pagosa Springs Police Chief William Rockensock.

Rockensock explained the incident took place at 6:18 p.m. on July 28.

At the time, he reported, the deputy — Cody Mattice, 29 — was making a left-hand turn from Hot Springs Boulevard onto westbound

■ See Crosswalk A9

# Spanish Fiesta

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Saturday's return of the Spanish Fiesta event drew hundreds to the Archuleta County Fairgrounds to enjoy live music, folklorico dancing, food, drinks and time together.



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## OUR VIEW

# Hughes Pavilion grand opening

We were out of town last Saturday and, unfortunately, missed the Spanish Fiesta.

Thankfully, we had numerous photos of the event emailed to The SUN, which shared the spirit, joy and culture of the event. Unfortunately, there wasn't room for all of them in print, but we will put up a bunch at PagosaSUN.com on Friday for your viewing enjoyment.

Congrats to the team at Archuleta Seniors Inc. for bringing back the tradition of the Spanish Fiesta and doing it in such a first-class manner.

We reminded you last week that the Archuleta County Fair is this weekend.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, at 4 p.m. you won't want to miss the celebration for the grand opening of the Hughes Pavilion covered arena. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the pavilion and those people who had a vision for great things in this community and found a path to make those dreams become reality.

Those currently behind the scenes of the Western Heritage Event Center include president Diana Talbot, Twyne Regester, Lynn Johnson, treasurer Penne DeClark, Bob Kavli, vice president Keith Jacobson and secretary Lisa Scott.

"In 1948, a group of local ranchers organized an effort to start a regular named rodeo series for this town," reads its website. "The initial group of volunteers included Glen Edmonds, Fred Harman, Daily Hott, Leon Montroy, Terry Robinson, and Babe Shahan, to name a few. They collaborated with the owner of the rights to the Red Ryder® registered trademark to brand this rodeo with the cartoon character that is so famous in this region. In 1949, the first rodeo was held at the site of the current Community Center. Photographs show how automobiles were placed in a large circular formation to create the boundary of the rodeo arena. Spectators stood behind the cars.

"Later that year, the committee advertised and sold stock in the rodeo organization, named Pagosa Springs Enterprises, and raised \$15,000. With these proceeds, approximately 40 acres of land was purchased for the expressed use of hosting the annual rodeo. That initial site continues as the current facility on the corner of Hwy. 84 and Mill Creek Road. Construction of a rodeo arena with wood boards and woven wire was accomplished just prior to the 1950 Red Ryder® Roundup Rodeo. Over time, the structures that exist on the rodeo grounds today were constructed as additional stock was

sold for the purpose of raising money and creating a supporting membership.

"For over 60 years, this organization has been run by local dedicated volunteers, funded with individual and business donations from the local community, and continues to be an independent, self-sustaining, and successful entity.

"In the mid-1990s, the organization obtained their non-profit status and renamed the organization the Western Heritage Event Center whose mission is to provide an annual three-day Red Ryder® Roundup Rodeo as well as a year round venue for education & training for youth and equestrian events for Archuleta County. The Western Heritage Board is dedicated to preserving the history and traditions of the American West. This is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization."

There are numerous people who have served on the Western Heritage Event Center board in the past who have made great contributions to the organization, including Jess Ketchum, who has been instrumental in the efforts towards the Hughes Pavilion.

One of the most community-minded citizens in the county, J.R. Ford, has been a driving force behind the continued development and a master plan for the fair and the rodeo grounds over the years.

A management committee consisting of five members: two appointed by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, two appointed by Western Heritage Event Center and one appointed by the R.D. Hott Fund was established in 2022 to oversee the Hughes Pavilion.

Having a covered arena enhances our ability to host events focused on our western heritage. It also brings many opportunities for the county fair as well as other community events.

Those of us who have served on the Archuleta County Fair Board in the past can attest that pulling off this multiday event is no small feat.

Starting today, Thursday, through Sunday you can enjoy the fruits of the labors of a hardworking board made up of volunteers.

According to its website, the 2023 Archuleta County Fair Board members include president Tonya Steadmon, vice president Emily Martinez, secretary Sharon Jennings, treasurer Lesley Mattingly, Bobby McMeens, Cindy Snarr, Bridget Mattingly, Lyn Varrati, Jane Davison, Becky Ziminsky and Monte Williams.

Fair liaisons are listed as fair coor-

dinator Alexa Martinez, Alvin Schaaf, Mark Bergon, Faye Troisi, Archuleta County maintenance staff, Lisa Webb and Jenny Heckmann.

We also salute the Colorado State University Extension staff: Extension Agent/Director Robin Young, Administrative Assistant Terry Schaaf and 4-H Coordinator Becky Jacobson. We depend on this hardworking, community-minded team year round.

And last, but not least, we have the Archuleta County commissioners who appoint board members, hire staff and approve budgets that continue to make the county fair possible: Ronnie Maez, Warren Brown and Veronica Medina.

"Following a meeting in 1951 of several local ranchers and the county extension agent, the group decided to initiate a county fair. During the first meeting of the Fair Committee, Ray Macht was elected chairman and the fair was set for September 28 & 29, 1951. The first fair schedule was geared towards providing a show place for locally-owned registered cattle and 4-H animals. The fair was deemed a competition and celebration of community while offering a time to relax and share," reads the fair's website.

"Through the years, the growth of the County Fair reflected increasing interest by the youth of the community involved in 4-H and their dedicated leaders who taught the youngsters with exuberant enjoyment.

"The mission of the Archuleta County Fair is to unite the community and preserve our history while embracing growth. We will support this by building memories, encouraging community involvement, creating learning opportunities, and providing entertainment. We believe in developing and fostering healthy competition for all Archuleta County 4-H, FFA, and Open Class exhibitors of the Archuleta County Fair.

"According to the Pagosa Springs Sun, August 10, 1951, the Fair was for the benefit of the entire community, town's people and ranchers alike. The Archuleta County Fair is a returning theme in the pattern of our County's history, changing a little every year, growing with your County and keeping true to some of the very same values held dear over seventy years in the past."

Be sure to take time this weekend to come out and celebrate the grand opening of the Hughes Pavilion and another year of community tradition at the Archuleta County Fair.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
August 3, 1923

Elsewhere in this issue may be found the call for bids, issued by the Archuleta county board of commissioners, for the construction of State Project No. 738, which is a grading and drainage project approximately three miles long, extending west from Pagosa Springs and commonly known as the "Putnam hill." The proposed road will enter the Matthews ranch, which joins the town on the west and follows the southern slopes at an easy grade, connecting with the present road at the top of Stinking Springs canon.

Some sheepherders left a burning fire on the hill this side of the Hilltop cemetery yesterday morning, and by noon it had spread considerably and burned over an area of brush and tree tops before discovered. Several volunteers assisted in putting the fire under control. It was at first thought from town that the Jas. Carlin mill was in flames.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
August 6, 1948

M.B. (Jerry) Sheridan last week published his last issue of the SUN as it was sold to Glen Edmonds, of Ovid, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan have not announced their plans for the future as yet, other than to take a vacation.

**Statement of Policy** — "Independent in everything — Neutral in nothing" will be the policy of the SUN under the new management. The SUN will endeavor to print all news impartially and without regard to any faction. It will not be a party organ and the Editor has no private axe to grind. In the event that private opinions are expressed that will be in an editorial column and not in the news columns. We feel that it is the responsibility of a newspaper to call the attention of its readers to various events or matters and shall do so.

**Funeral services** for the Late Pfc. Joe E. O'cana will be held Friday morning at 9 a.m. The Funeral Mass will be held at St. Edward's Catholic Church with Father Rigo officiating.

Pfc. O'cana lost his life by enemy action on the island of Luzon in the Philippines on April 14, 1945. He was 19 years old at the time of his death and had been overseas one year at the time he gave his life for his country.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
August 2, 1973

The Pagosa Springs SUN was purchased 25 years ago August 1 by the present publisher. For that reason we will devote a little space this week to the paper, changes in it, and in the community.

As the community has changed, so has the newspaper. The town has grown, has new people, new problems, and new approaches. Some are most welcome, some not so welcome, but they are ours and we must accept them. To date the community has been exceptional in this respect.

Some of the same problems as those 25 years ago are with us. One of the big ones then, as now, was the water system. At that time water consumption was less than 30% of what it is today and the use was being curtailed because of inadequate supply system.

Wolf Creek Pass was not oiled, today it needs widening and four-laning. Dogs were over-running the town, the school was about to grow out of its facilities, work was needed on a landing strip, the highway through town needed repaving, and inflated prices were bothering the nation. That was 25 years ago, not today, but the similarity of today's problems is amazing.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
August 6, 1998

An ordinance passed by the Pagosa Springs Trustees on Aug. 4 will make for changes in maintenance activities at Hilltop Cemetery.

Ordinance 510 gives the town the right to mow weeds on burial plots in the cemetery if holders of burial rights for families of persons buried in the plots do not do the mowing themselves.

This change in town policy comes as a result of negotiations between town officials and a group of concerned citizens. Mayor Ross Aragon, Trustee Darrel Cotton and Town Administrator Jay Harrington met with a group of citizens three weeks ago to discuss cemetery issues.

Harrington said the meeting with the citizens followed "significant upgrades" in recent years in the way in which the town has approached maintenance at the cemetery.

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## Electric lines

Dear Editor:  
I am writing to oppose the overhead lines being placed on Lakeside Drive. A reason we moved to Pagosa Springs is because electrical lines are below the ground, and not visible. We really appreciate that the LPEA, and the community of Pagosa Springs has made this a priority. Lakeside Drive is a street were many residents live, and the presence of overhead lines will definitely negatively impact the quality of life of the residents that live on the street, as well as reduce the value of the properties. Placing overhead electrical lines along streets is an old approach to solving problems, and not best for our beautiful community. I am requesting that this decision is reconsidered to keep Pagosa Springs

as beautiful as it is today.  
Michael Bobbitt

## Dogs and neighbors

Dear Editor:  
Recently, I had an experience that was not only harrowing, but also enlightening about leash laws. First off, let me say, I am a huge supporter of dogs being on leash. I have dedicated my life to working with animals. Multiple vet clinics, a Boxer rescue, groomers (etc.) But, what happened with my dog, Chance, is something that I would not wish on anyone.

While planning a birthday party, Chance (my Emotional Support Dog and a rescue) got out of the house. Normally, he'd stay within sight and calling range. I searched everywhere, then went up the street to ask a neighbor if he'd seen a white Boxer. He replied that he had, then harshly went on to tell me leash law but refused to say where Chance had gone.

Soon, all the guests were searching and multiple neighbors were watching (so grateful to all of you) for Chance. At this point, it'd been about an hour that Chance was gone. Then, I got a text. "Come home". Fearing the worst, I went home and was told I was getting a ticket for Chance being off-leash. Again - I am a believer in keeping dogs and humans safe and often that means leashing them up. But, Chance got out - I didn't mean for it to happen. Still, the law is the law, I'll pay the ticket and make sure he doesn't get out again. However, this wasn't the end of it - I still didn't have my boy back. The neighbor - who I asked if he'd seen a white Boxer at the very beginning - a deputy informed me the neighbor had him locked in his detached garage. For an hour. After I had asked him, frantic, if he'd seen my boy. When it had only been minutes - not an hour.

There are a few things that go through my mind here. One - how could a neighbor treat a fellow neighbor like that? What happened to our communities that it was so easy to lie to me and then lock up my dog? Second - what he did is legal. I understand that not everyone is a "dog person". I understand that my big goofy boy might have scared or surprised him. But, I do not understand how a human being could treat me this way - or my dog. It was 93 degrees out that day. I have to assume that the detached garage isn't equipped with AC. Thankfully, when I was able to recover Chance, he was okay. He just needed some love and water.

Dog owners - if your dog is off leash (or escapes), anyone can lock them up. Why you'd do this instead of helping your fellow human be-

ing is beyond me, but I feel this law needs to be looked at. It could've easily been deadly for Chance. And for what? I sincerely hope this neighbor finds someone to love him as much as Chance loves me. We don't deserve dogs, and Chance sure didn't deserve this.

Justin Engle

## Pot protest

Dear Editor:  
To the Board of Directors of the Pagosa Sun and PLPOA

Our names are Peter and Rebekah Laue. We live at 965 Cloud Cap Avenue on Lake Pagosa. We have lived in our log cabin dream home since 1977. We are sending you this letter because you are allowing or inviting "pot growers" in the county to advertise in your promotional magazines and newspaper.

Please place this letter in the appropriate hands. You can make a difference; you can change the atmosphere in Pagosa one way or another; you can promote trash or treasures. You have been entrusted with a great deal of power to do good or evil. Right now heaven is frowning on the way you are using that power. Google: D-Day for Pagosa and Beyond.

We have seen Pagosa Springs and Archuleta county transformed from a sleepy mountain town with no traffic lights to a bustling tourist town with maybe a dozen. The first one was placed where the bridge crosses the San Juan River to the post office. Pagosa Springs has become a mecca for tourists and land developers since we have moved here.

Many call Pagosa their dream vacation destination, but some do so for the wrong reason. It's because of Pot/marijuana that was legalized as a recreational drug by our County Commissioners. Shame on them, double-shame on them. Since then, the Pot business has become a thriving business in the county. It has attracted many investors who are cashing in on this "cash cow." It's why many pot addicts now call Pagosa "home."

We, Peter and Rebekah Laue moved to Pagosa by the leading of the Holy Spirit. We were prompted to create a refuge here for hurting and lost souls. We have done that

with the help of others, many others. We have hosted guests from far and wide. Drive by our address and note the sign above our garage doors: "The Upper Room." Go to stretchbearers.com and read: Invitation to the Upper Room.

The Upper Room in Jerusalem is that place where the 120 (see the Book of Acts, chapters 1 & 2) received their Pentecostal Power and marching orders to evangelize the world for Jesus. These 120 were sent throughout the world to raise up disciples and turn the world right-side-up for Jesus. That is what we are also aiming to do with these words and with our life.

Our aim has been to transform Pagosa into a place where Jesus not only vacations, but where he lives permanently in every heart. Our aim has been to make Pagosa a spiritual destination where the lost can receive healing and hope and the courage to fight the good fight of faith.

Will you help us do that? You can do that by placing one of these pot posters in your front yard. You can do that by passing these words on to others. You can do that by praying for Peter and Rebekah.

Peter and Rebekah Laue

## Raises for sheriff staff

Dear Commissioners Brown, Maez and Medina,

We learned from the Pagosa SUN and from communication with Sheriff LeRoux that you have approved a pay increase for our sheriff's office hourly employees.

We write to thank you and to commend you for this action.

We feel it imperative that we provide competitive compensation for our law-enforcement personnel. Doing so will, we think, reduce employee turnover, and enable us to fill the current vacancies in patrol-deputy positions. This will provide many benefits to Archuleta County residents. Again, thank you.

Joanne and Victor Lucariello

## Christian beliefs

Dear Editor:  
In a 7/13 letter to the editor, Cathlynn Groh says "It is highly

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# Obituaries

## Marvin Robert Carpenter

Marvin Robert Carpenter died on July 11 while recovering from surgery. He was 84 years old.

Marvin was born in Durango, Colo., on May 2, 1939, the oldest of four boys.

Marvin served in the U.S. Army from 1962-1964 and received a Letter of Accommodation for service performed at President Kennedy's funeral. Marvin then worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory until he retired in 2000. He was an Elks life member as well as a Legion member. Marvin was an excellent golfer and an avid fly fisherman.

He is survived by his daughter, Pam Carpenter; his son, Patrick Carpenter; and his brothers, Mason and Van Carpenter.

Marvin was preceded in death by his brother, Medray Carpenter, and his parents, Junior Iden Carpenter and Alta Louise Carpenter.

His remains will be interred in the Carpenter family plot in Mancos, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be directed to ASPCA.

## Janet Sorenson

Janet Sue Armstrong was born Jan. 2, 1941, at the Santa Fe railroad hospital in La Junta, Colo. to Joe and Elda Armstrong. Her father was an engineer and worked for the Santa Fe railroad and her mother was a homemaker and baker extraordinaire. Janet was raised in La Junta and she passed along many wonderful memories of her life growing up in the valley. Janet's father, Joe, was a kind, hardworking, and honest man, and she would attribute her work ethic to her daddy. Janet's first job was working at the Opera House Pharmacy counter. She said it was there where she

realized she had the gift to gab. Janet truly enjoyed her high school years. It was there she was given her nickname "Jan." In school, Jan was involved in the club "HI-Teens" and was the Teen group secretary her senior year. Jan was also part of the Pep Club, F.H.A., Chorus, Art Club and was a proud member of the Rainbow Sorority for many years. She compared her time in high school to the TV show "Happy Days" — car hops, sock hops, drive-in theater and all. She graduated from La Junta high school in the class of 1958. After high school, she went on to attend Otero junior college in La Junta for one year, where she studied music and "pool." While attending OJC, she became engaged to Ben Johnson, a young man that had stolen his first kiss from Jan in the fifth grade. The young couple exchanged their wedding vows in 1960 at the Presbyterian Church in La Junta. Soon after they gave birth to their first child Jon in January of 1961. After the birth of Jon, Janet started working at the Safeway grocery store in La Junta and worked there for several years. At Safeway, she loved serving her hometown friends and family and loved her job very much. Janet always has had a "passion for fashion" and had dreams of becoming a hairdresser since she was a young girl. Janet went out on a limb and, with the help of her husband and her parents to look over Jon, Janet enrolled in a beauty college in Pueblo. She drove from La Junta to Pueblo every day for two years to obtain her beauty license. Once she had her license, she wasted no time until she opened Jan's beauty shop in La Junta in 1969. She had five operator stations and very much loved her new venture. Janet proudly maintained that same license until just a few years ago.

From there came two more children to the happy couple, Jace in 1968, and, in 1972, Janet finally was blessed with her precious baby girl JaNae. Janet and Benny always had a dream of moving their little family to Pagosa Springs, where they could raise their kids in a small mountain town. Ben's family regularly visited Pagosa for a week or so every summer since the late 1940s to escape the summer heat of La Junta. A perfect opportunity to move to Pagosa opened up in the summer of 1973 when the Chevrolet car dealership went up for sale. Ben had been selling cars at William Chevrolet in La Junta for several years, so it was a perfect fit. Janet and Ben purchased the dealership and the old A-frame house on Mesa Heights and moved their three kids to Pagosa. The couple immersed themselves in the community and thoroughly enjoyed becoming a part of their new little hometown paradise. Janet picked up skiing, tennis and loved playing golf as much as she could. Honestly, there wasn't anything Janet wouldn't try — she was quite the daredevil, believe it or not. The family attended First Southern Baptist church in town, where Janet loved to sing in the choir and occasionally blessed everyone with her piano playing. In 1979, Ben and Janet sold the dealership to Bob Joslyn and the couple parted ways.

In the autumn of 1979, Janet started working for Dave and Dorothy Goodman at Goodman's Department Store. While at Goodman's, Janet's love for the Lord, her compassion for others, and her kind heart literally poured out to tens of thousands of customers over the 40-years of working there. Her children were told countless times over the years that "Your mother was the first person I met when I came to town" or "It is because of her, we decided to move here."

In the autumn of 1984, Janet married her true knight in shining armor, Junior Sorenson. Junior took Janet and her three children and his two children, Jo Jo and Randy, and melded a wonderful family — one that Janet would cherish forever. It wasn't long until the proud couple welcomed their first of 11 grandchildren and from then on Janet and Junior eternally became Pa and Mema. For the next 38 years, the

two of them were inseparable. You could see them anywhere from the Ember Glow Restaurant or knocking the dust off their boots on the dance floor at the county fair. Of course, they hardly ever missed a Pirate basketball or football game — ever. Last year our precious Pa went to heaven, and Mema's heart and soul were never the same. She lived the best life she possibly could, but Mema continued a slow decline. On July 25, Mema was reunited with both loves her life, her Glorious Lord and Savior, and her precious Pa, who we all know was waiting at the pearly gates with open arms.

A long life well-lived, a blessing to all who knew her she will be laid to rest at Hilltop next to her husband, Junior. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Elda Armstrong, brother Donald Armstrong, sister Linda Boyd and granddaughter Kennedy Faith Christians. Janet is survived by her children: Jon (Michelle) Johnson, Jace (Kindolyn) Johnson, JaNae (Brent) Christians, Jo Jo (Kahle) Charles, and Randy Sorenson; 11 grandchildren; and 4.5 great-grandchildren.

Services for Janet will be held on Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. at Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive, Pagosa Springs. In lieu of flowers, donations in Janet's honor can be made to <http://Cornerstoneprojectco.org>.

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## Service

### Ross Levi Montoya

The family of Ross Levi Montoya would like to invite family and friends whom he loved to join us for his service on Aug. 12 at 11 a.m. at Hilltop Cemetery, followed by dinner at the Vista Clubhouse at noon.



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# Letters

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 unlikely that a member of the LGBTQ community would want to force any company to perform any service for them...." Sadly, this statement is not true as illustrated by the following examples.

Colorado Christian baker Jack Phillips, owner of Masterpiece Cakeshop was asked by a gay male couple to bake them a wedding cake. He refused because of his religious beliefs and was forced to defend those beliefs by battling through the courts for 6 years. Finally, he won this case at the Supreme Court, but still has been forced to stop selling wedding cakes because of new litigation on the same issue.

The Christian Klein family in Oregon faced the same situation and were forced to close their bakery, Sweet Cakes by Melissa.

Christian Baronelle Stutzman, owner of Arlene's Flowers was asked by a longtime gay customer and friend to make a floral arrangement for his upcoming wedding. When she refused because of her Christian beliefs, she was sued and forced to face a \$135,000 fine. The 76-year-old grandmother was finally forced to retire.

These examples are only a microcosm of the numerous Christian businesses that have faced attempts by the some in the LG-

BTQ community to force them to provide services that violate their Christian beliefs. Tellingly, these attempts at forcing a business to provide services have only been directed at Christian businesses and not businesses that are Muslim, Hindu, etc.

Incredibly, this is not the worse part of these attempts to get Christian business owners to violate their beliefs. Some members and/or supporters of the LGBTQ community have made death threats against these owners. I personally know one Christian business owner who has had death threats even made against his children.

It is frightening to think that some in the LGBTQ community are targeting these businesses simply because their owners have Christian beliefs. Yet that is exactly what is happening. Let's pray that these individuals will stop the death threats and lawsuits, thus allowing these Christian business owners to follow their beliefs.

Charles Newton  
 Highlands Ranch, Colo.

### 'A blessed place'

Dear Editor:  
 What brought us to settle in Pagosa Springs for our final years of life? Yes, the beauty of the mountains in the summer months and the snow

in the winter months. However, there was something more than that. As we became better acquainted with the people, we found that the natural beauty rubs off on those who chose to live here full time.

It has been a great life. My husband was able to enjoy the many outdoor activities through which he put to use the skills he had taught young people over the years through his profession with the Boy Scouts of America. I was able to participate in many areas of service that I would never have had the opportunity to do in the city. We supported each other and always

had something interesting to share over the dinner table every evening. It has been a wonderful life.

I began to think through, just what is it that makes this place so special? Of course, the mountains and the snow are part of the picture, but there is something more than that. I believe it is the people who live here full-time. Through His love, God gives to each the gift of kindness and our people put it to use in their daily lives, spreading God's love around to all. What a blessed place to live.

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# Business

## Don't miss the Archuleta County Fair and Knights of Columbus Duck Race

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

This year's Adventure Raffle has been modified some, but it is here and has some exciting prizes.

Tickets for this year's raffle go on sale Thursday, Aug. 3, at the Archuleta County Fair. We will have a booth at the fair where you can purchase your tickets. Online ticket sales will be available soon. Tickets will remain on sale until Dec. 16, when the winners will be drawn at the Old Fashioned Christmas event at 6 p.m.

The huge grand prize, a Polaris RZR and towing trailer, will not be included in the raffle this year. Instead, we have created more opportunities to win some great adventure items which will be of interest to visitors and locals alike. This year there will be five chances to win. Ticket prices will remain the same at one chance for \$5, three chances for \$10 and seven chances for \$20.

The first prize is a stunning Kona Remote Mountain e-bike. The second prize will be an Alpaca Raft - Mule model with pump and paddles as well as two guided

fishing trips in the area. There will be two third-place prizes which consist of five unlimited Wolf Creek Ski Area passes and a season soaking pass to The Springs Resort. The fifth prize affords the winner a \$1,000 shopping spree to Ski and Bow Rack.

With all the adventurers here in our community, who wouldn't want to win one of these prizes and for such an affordable ticket price? Until online sales are live, stop by our booth at the Archuleta County Fair Aug. 3-6 or the Chamber of Commerce from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. You have until mid-December to get your tickets, but don't wait too long.

### QuickBooks training

The popular one-on-one QuickBooks consultation sessions are back and will be held on Thursday, 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 set-up, inventory, invoices, reporting or the like, this one-hour,

free session is for you.

There will be four slots available on an appointment basis. Should all slots fill up, we are looking to hold another session the following week on Aug. 24. 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, Small Business Development Center (SBDC) consultant and QuickBooks Pro Advisor and Trainer. Take advantage of this opportunity.

If you are interested in scheduling a free session, go to [www.sbdcfortlewis.org/consulting](http://www.sbdcfortlewis.org/consulting). Scroll down and select "Request an Initial Appointment" or "Request Follow-up 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](http://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.

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Should you need more assistance, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

### Knights of Columbus Duck Race

Don't forget that there will be another free community event in Town Park on Saturday, Aug. 12. The annual Knights of Columbus

Duck Race will take place along with a free community picnic.

All who attend will be treated to free hamburgers or hot dogs and the accoutrements. There will also be games for the children, live music with the RetroCats, line dancing and much more.

Of course, the day culminates with the ducks (plastic version) racing (or meandering) down the San Juan River. The ducks will be released at 3 p.m. Come out and enjoy the free food and music beginning at noon and then watch the ducks beginning at 3 p.m.

Ticket sales for ducks end at 2:30 p.m. You could win the grand prize of \$2,000. The first three ducks past the finish line pay out \$2,000, \$750 and \$300, respectively. After that, seven ducks will be pulled randomly for a share of another \$2,000. Bring the family out for a day of food, fun and community spirit.

### Archuleta County Fair

Speaking of community spirit, don't miss the 72nd annual Archuleta County Fair happening Aug. 3-6. Each day is filled with activities, including the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Rodeo on Friday evening, Open Rodeo on Saturday and Kid's Rodeo on Sunday. There are livestock shows every day as well as the exhibits and other events such as horseshoes, pie eating, vendors and Wild Man Phil.

The grand opening for the Hughes Pavilion is at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5. You can also enjoy the 4-H Chuckwagon beginning at 4 p.m., followed by the livestock auction. Come and enjoy the tradition of our community at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds.

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we also had a variety of community partners who took time out of their day to come to the party. We would especially like to thank all of the businesses and organizations that brought their vehicles to our "Touch a Truck" event. You all brought smiles to many faces. Thank you!

Josie Snow, Teen Services

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# Education

## School board to consider proposal to change graduation requirements

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

This fall, the Archuleta School District Board of Education is anticipated to consider changes to the graduation requirements for Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS).

The board first heard details about the proposed changes during a 4.5-hour meeting on June 20.

The proposal would allow more opportunities for students to graduate from the school, more room for students to fit more career and technical education (CTE) classes in their schedules, allow for more work-based learning opportunities and provide students with more choice, according to Principal Sean O'Donnell.

O'Donnell told the board changing the graduation requirements has been talked about for years, but a committee of 15-16 teachers dug into it over this last year.

He noted several things that needed to be addressed:

- Allowing room for remediation in English and math. He noted repeating classes takes away room for electives in students' schedules and can make it hard to graduate on time.
- Create more space in students' schedules for them to take CTE classes.
- Create more room for work-based learning.
- Provide students with more choice.

The current requirements, O'Donnell explained, are divided into a CTE pathway and a four-year college pathway, with minor differences between the two, with 28 total credits required for graduation.

He also noted that PSHS's cur-

rently required five English credits is more than other districts, with four English credits more common.

He then proposed moving from 28 required courses to 25 and changing the name of "electives" to "additional coursework."

He proposed four English credits, three science, removing a second physical education requirement and removing a computer science requirement because it isn't relevant to keep as a requirement.

O'Donnell also proposed adding that kids are required to be full-time students and language on early graduation, among other things.

He then explained that with the current 28 required courses, a student can only fail four classes and still graduate on time.

In response to a question from board member Amanda Schick, O'Donnell explained once kids start to fall behind they search out other options, with Schick suggesting the change could be a retention strategy.

She also asked about how the changes work toward the goal of increasing student outcomes, with O'Donnell noting students are required to have individual career and academic plans that they work on throughout their high school career.

The board and PSHS staff also discussed early graduation and how many students may take advantage of that and how many students would only need one more credit their senior year to meet graduation requirements.

O'Donnell noted students would have choice in what else to take and that the extra room in the schedule could allow a student to pursue an area of interest.

He added the change in require-

ments would not cause any staffing changes.

PSHS Assistant Principal Chantelle Jordan explained most students finish with 32 credits/classes currently, which she didn't see changing.

Schick noted the change would expand opportunities, not lower the bar.

O'Donnell noted he believes the change to 28 credits was to be more rigorous, but that the rigor is in how the credit is earned, not the number of credits.

He noted during his presentation many other schools require 25.

Superintendent Rick Holt indicated "full support" in the direction of the proposal and the greater choice.

He also acknowledged commentary from a group of PSHS English teachers who spoke out about the proposal to lower the number of English credits during the May meeting of the board and asked about sub-requirements.

O'Donnell stated he didn't want to comment on what the required English credits would be prior to that decision being made with the English Department, but that the school would have to meet state standards.

Holt noted there is a lot of choice.

O'Donnell also noted the changes would not be implemented during the 2023-2024 school year, but could potentially affect this year's juniors or sophomores.

In further discussion on the topic, Holt noted the proposed policy requires a full course load without principal approval and that PSHS discourages early graduation and promotes free education, dual credit and other opportunities.

### Other business

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Heard a strategic initiative update on work to recruit and retain highly qualified staff, increase student outcomes, improve student and staff well-being, and on special projects, such as playground maintenance.

- Heard an update on the vision and strategic planning for CTE at PSHS from CTE Director Josh Sanchez.

The board and staff discussed making the CTE pathways currently available, that a goal is making the pathways sustainable, how class information is disseminated to students, especially incoming freshmen.

Sanchez reported to the board that about 80 percent or more of students are taking CTE courses at some point during their high school career and added students from San Juan Mountain School can enroll in the classes.

- Heard an update on a security audit. Holt reported that Sanchez located a security audit completed in 2018 and that a small group would complete an app-guided security audit in late July.

- Heard a curriculum adoption proposal to use Amplify for middle school English language arts curriculum.

- Discussed potential changes to district policy on truancy and absences.

- Approved extending the district's food service contract for an additional year.

- Approved the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

- Approved a resolution to participate in the 2023 coordinated election and named Heather Schultz as the district's designated election official. The move allows the district to coordinate with the county to have board positions on the county's ballot.

- Approved several policies upon first reading.

## GOLF

### Pirates set to tee off Tuesday in Cortez

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team will kick off its 2023 season on Tuesday, Aug. 8, in Cortez.

The first formal day of practice for the sport was Monday, July 31.

According to coach Mark Faber, this year's team features four returning golfers: sophomore Jonathan Smith, senior Keaton Robel, junior Cedar Liverett and junior Isabel Galloway.

Faber noted Smith is playing really well and it's easy to see he "works at his craft a lot."

Smith qualified for state last year and finished the tournament tied for 50th with a two-day score of 165.

Robel just missed qualifying for state last season.

"I expect him to have a good year, I really do," Faber said of Robel.

The coach indicated he's excited

for Liverett's season.

"Cedar's worked hard over the last year to get better," Faber said, adding he has a lot of desire.

Galloway is also returning from last year, where she logged playing time at both the junior varsity and varsity levels.

"I expect our kids to be competitive," Faber said, adding more may come out for the team as school approaches and this is the first year he remembers beginning in July.

The Pirates will open the season Tuesday, Aug. 8 in Cortez, with Faber noting all the Pirate athletes have seen the course before.

"I expect our top kids to be competitive," he said, adding the meet could be a good opportunity to hone in on what the golfers need to work on at the start of the season.

The meet is slated to begin at 9 a.m.

### Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of Monday, July 31, but is

subject to change. Action begins at 9 a.m. each meet unless otherwise noted.

After opening the season in Cortez, the Pirates will head to Alamosa on Aug. 18.

On Aug. 24, the team will travel to Montrose.

The team will play at Hillcrest Golf Club in Durango on Aug. 30.

The following day, the Pirates will return to Cortez, with action starting at 1 p.m.

On Sept. 5, the team will head to Gunnison, with the day's start time set for 10 a.m.

The Pirates will head to Monte Vista on Sept. 8, and on Sept. 12 will play at the Dalton Ranch Golf Club in Durango.

The team will host play on Sept. 13 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Regionals are slated for Sept. 19 in Alamosa, with the state meet set for Oct. 2-3 at RainDance National Golf Club in Windsor.

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# Pagosa Fire Protection District makes offer for chief job

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Board of Directors voted to move forward with Robert Bertram to fill the role of retiring Fire Chief Randy Larson at a July 28 special meeting.

The meeting opened with Business Manager Tomi Bliss stating that one of the two finalists for the fire chief position, David Wolf, had withdrawn his name from consideration due to taking another position.

Representatives of the hiring committee and board members Ryan Foster and Ronald Beckman then presented on the hiring process and recommendations, with Foster noting that Bertram had been the "top candidate" for the position.

Board chair LeRoy Lattin questioned if the board needed another candidate, to which Foster and board member James Martin responded that the board had had another candidate.

Martin requested that the board be given more of an introduction to Bertram.

Bertram then provided an introduction to the board, noting that he has been in the fire service for 30 years, beginning with joining a fire support program at the age of 14.

He explained that initially became fire chief of Florissant Fire Protection District before moving on to serve as the fire chief of the Hudson Fire Protection District then the fire chief of the Chaffee County Fire Protection District, where he has served for approximately 10 years.

Foster noted that the Chaffee County Fire Protection District just staffed a second station in Buena Vista, has a "very progressive" program for resident firefighters and has obtained substantial amounts of grant funding, all achievements that the hiring committee felt would fit into the PFPD's current goals and strategic planning.

Beckman added that Bertram is also highly "resourceful" in his district's methods of purchasing fire apparatus and has a residential pipe needle mitigation program.

Bertram explained that the district has a program where it will provide a dump trailer for residents

that they can fill with slash which the district will then provide to the local landfill for use as surface cover.

He added that the district also has a program where it targets six subdivisions a year for a three-day event where residents are encouraged to cut down slash and pile it on the roadsides, where the district will collect it.

Bertram explained that the most recent event for this program hauled out 45 trailers of slash and commented that "prevention upfront is key" to prepare for fires that will arise in unpredictable locations.

Beckman stated that the hiring committee was unanimous in its selection of Bertram as the top candidate and that the officers in the department found Bertram "favorable."

Martin asked Bertram if he had any apprehensions about the community, to which he responded that he did not.

Martin noted that the high housing expenses are challenging in the area and asked if Bertram is comfortable with them.

He responded that he is, adding

that he and his family had been looking at housing in the area and noting that housing conditions in Chaffee County are even more difficult.

The board and Bertram then discussed the timeline for when Bertram could resign from Chaffee County Fire Protection District and arrive at the PFPD, eventually agreeing that Bertram could complete his obligations and arrive at the PFPD by Sept. 1, the day Larson leaves.

Following a discussion of the logistics of ensuring Bertram's contract will be negotiated by the time that he would need to give notice of his departure to his current district, the board unanimously voted to offer the position to Bertram.

The board also appointed Beckman to negotiate with Bertram on his contract.

The PFPD board also held a special meeting on Aug. 1 to discuss certain details of Bertram's contract and determine negotiating positions in executive session.

Following the session, the board voted to continue negotiations with Bertram.

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# County requesting audit deadline extension

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners approved an extension request for the 2022 audit and heard a report on county finances for the first six months of the year from Treasurer Elsa White at its Aug. 1 meeting.

The audit extension request was presented by Finance Director Chad Eaton, who explained that he was bringing before the board a request for an extension of the deadline for the 2022 audit which would be submitted to the Office of the State Auditor.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked why the county is filing for an extension.

Eaton explained that his department has had to clarify "a number of things that were not done last year," including capital assets that were not entered into the system.

He stated that the department had done a trial balance which did not balance and had to subsequently spend time finding discrepancies.

He added that he has been working on additional audits, including one for the Department of Human Services, which has also caused delays.

Eaton explained that the audit is nearly complete, with only the depreciation and capital roll forward needing to be completed still.

Medina asked if Eaton would need the entire 60 days requested

in the extension.

Eaton explained that he hoped to get the remaining information to the auditors in the next two days and see how the process progresses from there.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked Eaton if his understanding was correct that the request for an extension is intended to give the county additional time "in case this time was needed."

Brown added that he felt that Eaton has been staying "on top of these things," although he commented that there are some timelines that are out of Eaton's control.

Eaton stated this was correct and that the auditing firm recommended that the county request the extension to provide a "cush-

ion."

The BoCC then unanimously approved the extension request.

## Treasurer's report

Also at the meeting, White presented a semiannual report on county finances between Jan. 1 and June 30.

She noted that a line for the public health department has been added to the report and that the report would be published in The SUN at a future date.

Brown asked White if she had any concerns about the report.

White stated that she did not have concerns and that she believes the report's contents are "correct."

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# Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

## 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>.

**Executive Management Board of Archuleta County Emergency Communications meeting.** 9:30 a.m., <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186713647>, meeting ID: 718-671-3647.

**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://pagosahun.com/civicweb.net/portal/>.

## Friday, Aug. 4

**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>.

**San Juan Water Conservancy District: Josh Kurz water presentation.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Water presentation to the San Juan Outdoor Club.

## Tuesday, Aug. 8

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=dFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 09048375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**County Board of Equalization petition hearings (if needed).** 8:30a.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 regular meeting with Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association.** 5 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund Board of Trustees regular meeting.** 5:30 p.m., administration office, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting.** Following the Firemen's Pension Fund Board of Trustees regular meeting, administrative office, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. or via

Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosahun.com/civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Archuleta School District Board of Education meeting.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St. Zoom information: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89392173022>.

## Wednesday, Aug. 9

**County Board of Equalization petition hearings (if needed).** 8:30a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**San Juan Water Conservancy District/Colorado Water Engineer Division 7 stakeholders meeting on new measurement rules.** 4-6 p.m., Ross Aragon

Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

## Thursday, Aug. 10

**Main Street Advisory Board meeting.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosahun.com/civicweb.net/portal/>.

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# Programs

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tions provided include notes of which programs would come with outside funding and which would not.

She also commented that these are the recommendations for programs as of Jan. 1, 2024, but that she hopes the programs and services available will grow as additional funding is secured.

Wilson and Kennedy then covered the programs recommended for the ACPHD, dividing them among the core public health services outlined by the state of Colorado.

Kennedy then discussed communicable disease prevention, investigation and control programs, noting that the department would need to establish a contract with the lab in Durango that will be operated by the La Plata County Public Health Department (LPCPH) as the lab in Pagosa for ACPHD is only capable of basic testing.

She explained that funding for child and adult vaccines are covered by state programs, but travel vac-

cines would not be provided due to their high cost.

Kennedy stated that sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing services would be dependent on the medical director's comfort with supervising the staff doing the tests.

She noted that the supervision would need to cover both the administration of the tests and the effective recording of histories for patients, which she stated is a major issue in the detection of STIs.

The department would also provide a cancer prevention and early detection program offering breast exams and PAP smears, Kennedy stated.

She added that the TAC learned that treatment for cancers identified at the public health department can be subsidized and that it needs to be investigated if this would still be true if ACPHD has an agreement with Axis Health Systems for testing.

In response to a question from Commissioner Veronica Medina, Wilson indicated that the state would provide child and adult vaccines to

the ACPHD and that the department would administer them.

Kennedy stated that the department would also have to consider the tuberculosis program that San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has previously provided, noting that the program is targeted at migrant workers and is "very expensive" to run, with limited funding.

She added that tuberculosis testing is typically a part of primary care and the department could potentially work with Axis on providing it.

Wilson then covered maternal, child, adolescent and family health services, noting that most of the programs being recommended are not statutorily required, but would be desirable in the community.

She explained that the TAC would like to see the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); Nurse Family Partnership; and SafeCare programs continue.

Wilson stated that the current WIC caseload is around 400 people and it is primarily funded by the state

of Colorado.

She added that Nurse Family Partnership would be run in partnership with LPCPH and San Juan County due to the county not having enough enrollees in the program to operate it individually.

Wilson also stated that the SafeCare is "less intense" than Nurse Family Partnership but provides extra support to families.

She added Archuleta County had more people enrolled in the program than La Plata County did in the last year.

She then covered chronic disease, injury prevention and behavioral health promotion programs, which Wilson stated are intended to address the root causes of disease and behavioral health issues in the community.

She indicated that most of the programs recommended in this category are not statutorily required but do support community health.

According to Wilson, the recommended programs include an oral health program that would be run through regional coordination and provides teeth cleanings in the schools and assistance in locating dental services, a tobacco education and prevention program that provides education to prevent the use of tobacco as well as cessation products, and substance abuse support that provides education and referrals for persons facing challenges with substance abuse.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez noted that additional support and resources may be available through the Southwest Opioid Response District (SWORD) as it gets established and acquires additional funding.

Wilson noted that, depending on the need for substance abuse support, the program may have to be expanded in the future, but would initially focus on referrals.

Kennedy commented that the TAC had been looking at a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention prevention grant that would assist in looking at the root causes of chronic disease in the area.

Wilson covered access to and linkage with health care programs next, highlighting that these programs focus on helping community members navigate the health care system and connect with the services they need.

She explained that the programs would include a health insurance navigation role, which would support community members in applying for Medicaid or obtaining other insurance, support for medically fragile children on Medicaid, and referrals and assistance in finding local health care providers.

She stated that the health insurance navigation role is especially critical currently due to the large number of people losing Medicaid coverage due to ongoing reassessments following the pandemic.

Wilson also indicated that one future program that the TAC considered was nonclinical, in-home support of elderly residents on tasks such as cleaning or meal preparation—something she noted regional nonprofit Community Connections identified as a gap in its presentation to the TAC.

She added that SJBPH used to provide a similar program from its clinic in Pagosa Springs.

Wilson commented that, while the department would not have funding to support this program immediately, it would look for funding.

She also commented that some of these programs can be billed to Medicaid and that the department would have someone doing medical billing part-time on staff.

In response to a question from Commissioner Warren Brown, Wilson stated that this billing position would be part-time initially due to uncertainties in how much the clinic would be used and how much billing would be needed, though it could expand to full-time at a later date.

Wilson then covered environmental public health programs, beginning by stating that many of the programs such as food inspections or on-site wastewater treatment system (OWTS) permitting are required and that some of the programs would not be located under public health although they are included in the TAC recommendations.

She explained that the restaurant, school and temporary food vendor inspections would include fees for service which would partially offset the costs.

She added water testing, air quality and radon testing, and OWTS permitting would be located in the Water Quality Department under the Community Development Division.

Wilson continued that zoonotic disease programs, including surveillance and response to outbreaks, would be housed primarily under

environmental health, though it also connects to communicable disease.

She stated that the TAC also recommends continuing the waste tire program—which provides inspections of waste tire facilities such as tire shops and public events to collect waste tires—and public food safety training.

Wilson indicated that both programs would be supported by grants.

She also stated future programming could include inspections of mineral baths and swimming pools and the potential inspection of body art facilities.

Medina commented that Training for Intervention Procedures, or TIPS, training is difficult to get for staff working with alcohol in the area and proposed that the ACPHD could provide this, which Wilson commented might be valuable to do.

Wilson then discussed the two contract positions that the ACPHD would have in addition to its regular staff including a medical director and a WIC supervisor/high risk counselor.

She explained that the medical director will provide medical guidance to the Board of Health as well as supervising clinic operations and staff, and that the WIC supervisor would require levels of training that are not available locally.

Wilson noted that in conversations with the state, state staff recommended that the WIC position be done in coordination with another county due to the low number of hours involved and that she is investigating options for doing this.

She also mentioned that the TAC is recommending continuing exploring shared contracts for services with local nonprofits and organizations, and neighboring counties.

The group then reviewed the draft organizational chart and budget provided by the TAC, which proposes nine initial full-time equivalents (FTEs) for the ACPHD with an estimated county general fund allocation of \$531,685 in addition to other revenues.

Wilson explained that the ACPHD would include a health navigator position at one FTE, two environmental health positions for a total of 1.5 FTEs, a community health educator at one FTE, a communicable disease specialist at one FTE, a clinic nurse at 0.5 to one FTE and a WIC educator at one FTE in addition to a director at one FTE, an administrative assistant and medical biller at one FTE, and a finance and grant writing position for one FTE that would be shared evenly with the Archuleta County Department of Human Services.

Wilson stated that, for the clinic nurse position, the ACPHD would prefer a nurse practitioner but might have to employ a registered nurse depending on what candidates apply.

She added that that position is listed with a range of potential time to incorporate flexibility in terms of what work the candidate might already be doing in the community.

County Manager Derek Woodman highlighted that the county is working on new policies to allow benefits to be prorated for part-time positions, a change partially driven by the significant number of part-time positions that the ACPHD may require.

He noted that part-time employees do not currently receive benefits from the county and that the new policy would allow such employees to receive health insurance and other benefits at a greater expense to the employee.

Woodman and Wilson highlighted that offering such benefit options could be valuable in filling positions such as the clinic nurse, as having benefits available would make the position potentially desirable to individuals who make higher pay in private industry but do not receive benefits from their work there.

Wilson added that many "highly qualified" individuals might be willing to take a part-time position with the ACPHD for the benefit package while retaining their higher paying work in private industry.

Brown expressed support for the changes to benefit options.

Wilson also discussed the budget, noting that the payroll estimates for the budget cover a wide range and that the budget numbers are "very draft" and "very basic" and are based off of SJBPH numbers.

Woodman pointed out that the employee payroll projections are at the "high end."

Wilson concluded her presentation of the TAC recommendations by noting that the TAC appreciates the BoCC's consideration of the recommendations and that she was willing to provide more in-depth data upon request.

Medina asked if Wilson had met with Development Director Pamela Flowers about the possibility of shift-

ing the Water Quality Department back to the ACPHD instead of under her department.

She continued by reiterating her view, expressed in previous meetings, that it might be ideal to do this given the amount of work Flowers is currently doing.

Brown commented that he would prefer the Water Quality Department to remain under Flowers due to the amount of other programs Wilson would have to start and manage and Flowers' apparent interest in running the department.

Medina noted that Flowers has already done much of the "heavy lifting" for the department and that the transfer back to the ACPHD would be transferring a "full package" due to the research and hiring Flowers has already completed.

Maez commented that he would be interested in seeing the recommendation that would emerge from Wilson and Flowers.

The group also discussed that progress continues on connecting the current SJBPH building on South 8th Street to the county network, having Wilson work out of that office—which will eventually house the ACPHD—and on acquiring necessary equipment for the office.

Woodman expressed his appreciation for the TAC and Executive Assistant Mary Helmski for the work they did developing the recommendations.

"It was a great job," Woodman said. "Thank you."

Maez and Medina also commented that they appreciated the community expertise that went into the committee.

Woodman stated that the TAC would be disbanding following delivering its recommendations and Maez added that the county would need to begin recruiting for a county board of health.

At the Aug. 1 BoCC meeting, the board met as the transitional board of health to approve the recommended services.

Wilson stated that the TAC and the ACPHD were looking for approval of the recommendations so the department can move with developing and staffing programs.

Maez asked Wilson what portion of the programs being implemented are statutorily required.

Wilson explained that several programs in maternal and child health, such as WIC, are not statutorily required, as well as certain programs in other areas.

She also noted that statute requires the county to perform assessment and provide services to address needs in many areas, but the specific programs to meet the needs are not statutorily required.

Maez noted that, in his view, the department would be doing more for the taxpayers than what is statutorily required, which Wilson expressed agreement with.

Medina asked Wilson if she had spoken with Flowers about the possibility of transferring the water quality division to the ACPHD, adding that Flowers has done an "amazing job" of setting up the department.

Wilson stated that she met with Flowers and that she believes that the program is "solid" and would meet statutory requirements and that she is not recommending transferring the program.

She noted that staff would work interdepartmentally to develop a communication plan for the Water Quality Department.

Medina commented that the county cannot afford to fail on providing public health services and highlighted that the state would provide support to the ACPHD as a "safety net" if needed.

Wilson stated there is "a lot of support" at the state level and the state would provide support to ensure that the department succeeds if needed.

Medina also commented that the programs and plans are flexible and could change in the future, which Wilson agreed with, noting that the board of health can adjust plans to address community needs and changes in state statute.

Medina and Brown thanked Wilson and Flowers for their work, with Brown also highlighting the contributions of the TAC.

Medina asked what the timeline for dissolving the TAC and moving forward with seating a board of health would be.

Wilson stated that the TAC has a meeting scheduled for next week to determine if there is a further need for the committee, though, based on previous conversations, she expected there is a limited amount more the TAC can accomplish.

The BoCC then unanimously approved the programs for the ACPHD as recommended in the TAC's memo. *josh@pagosasun.com*

# Helipad

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d'Aumeries applied to construct a 100-foot-by-200-foot landing strip and a 45-foot-by-45-foot helipad on his property, as well as a 30-foot-by-50-foot building for storage and vehicle parking.

She indicated that the land is zoned agricultural ranching and that a helipad is allowed in this zoning with a board CUP.

She added that staff thoroughly reviewed the project and solicited comments from all required agencies as well as integrating public concerns about the project.

Flowers stated that these agency and public comments had been incorporated into the recommended conditions for approval of the project.

Flowers then provided the staff recommendation on the project, suggesting that, if the planning commission found the application meets the review criteria and required findings for a CUP, the commission should recommend approval of the project with eight conditions.

These conditions included:

- The applicant must ensure stormwater containment throughout construction.
- The applicant must provide a wetlands development permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to beginning construction.
- The applicant must limit construction activity to between the months of May and November to reduce the impacts on wintering elk populations.
- The applicant must submit an updated title work and site plan identifying all easements and setbacks for development on the parcel.
- The applicant must include the location of the ditch and stream on the parcel in the site plan to ensure no negative impacts from future development.
- The applicant must provide adequate fire protection equipment at the site.
- The applicant must ensure that the helipad has adequate fuel spill containment measures.
- The applicant must not conduct any commercial operations from the site.

The commission then heard a presentation from d'Aumeries on the helipad in which he highlighted that he could already land his helicopter on his property as a landing zone.

He indicated that rules concerning helicopter flight and noise are governed by the federal government and that these regulations would allow him to fly his helicopter 1,000 times a day over neighboring homes before the noise level would exceed that allowed by the regulations.

d'Aumeries then covered the definition of a heliport, noting that heliports do not extend to projects involving the intermittent use of a site that is not an established airport and that is not used for more than three days a week and more than 10 times per day.

He noted that, without creating a helipad, he could land on his property 30 times per week with any helicopter, while the limitations imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the helipad

would limit him to 10 landings per month with the smaller of the two helicopters he owns.

He also stated that the helicopter would be above 500 feet before crossing over any nearby houses and that the helipad is a significant distance from the elk migration path designated by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

d'Aumeries concluded by pointing out that, without the permit approval, there would be fewer limitations on his helicopter landings and no county or local agency control and that he would continue to land on the parcel regardless.

Planning commissioner Peter Beaudry noted that d'Aumeries states on his application that he intends to use the helipad to support Archuleta County search and rescue operations and asked d'Aumeries if he had ever been a member of a Colorado search and rescue operation.

d'Aumeries responded that he has professional experience as a helicopter pilot and that he has assisted the county in emergencies, though he has not served as part of a Colorado search and rescue organization.

Planning commissioner John Musser asked d'Aumeries what flammable materials he is storing at the site.

d'Aumeries stated that he has a large supply of helicopter parts as well as a snowblower and a tractor, but no fuel currently.

The commission then heard three public comments supporting the project, including one questioning d'Aumeries' stated intentions of supporting search and rescue operations and suggesting and expressing opposition to the possibility that d'Aumeries might be planning a commercial operation at the site.

The other comments highlighted that the permit would limit d'Aumeries' activities at the site and highlighted his value to the community.

The commission then heard approximately 20 public comments—primarily from residents of the area—opposing the project on a variety of grounds, including damage to wildlife populations, disturbance and reductions in neighborhood quality of life, potential safety concerns with helipad operations, concerns about d'Aumeries' intentions, and accusations that d'Aumeries exhibited hostile behavior toward his neighbors, including ejecting them from his property and buzzing the houses of people opposing his project with his drone.

Following public comments, planning commissioner Mont McAlister asked d'Aumeries how often he lands his helicopter at his property currently.

d'Aumeries answered that he has made four to five flights to his property in this year.

The commissioners then discussed the proposal and what direction they wished to take with it.

Planning commissioner Adam Buttons commented that the information about noise and environmental impacts "has got me concerned."

Beaudry commented that he appreciated the public comments and highlighted that the land use regula-

tions the commission must follow allow for the helipad.

He added that he appreciated the concerns and would not want the helipad if he lived in the area.

Flowers noted that the commission can add any conditions it feels are appropriate.

Planning commission chair Richard Vihel asked Beaudry if there were any conditions he would like to add.

Beaudry then proposed five additional conditions, including:

- The applicant must conduct an environmental impact study to determine the impact of the helicopter operations on wildlife and follow any mitigation steps identified in the study.
- The applicant must not have more than two helicopter flights in a 24-hour period and no more than 10 per month except when assisting with search and rescue operations.
- The applicant must only conduct helicopter flights between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. except when assisting search and rescue operations.
- The applicant must limit helicopter activities to between the months of May and November to reduce impacts on elk populations except when assisting search and rescue.
- The applicant must reapply for approval from the BoCC to operate the helipad one year after initial approval and every five years thereafter.

Vihel then proposed that the board should consider each of Beaudry's conditions individually, beginning with his desire for an environmental impact study.

Beaudry clarified that the applicant would pay for the study.

The board then discussed who would perform the study, with Musser noting that the military identifies wildlife corridors and bans operations in those areas.

He added that an environmental impact study should include identifying the movement patterns of wildlife and how the helicopter activity would impact them.

Vihel noted that he would desire a clearly worded condition and Flowers suggested that, if the board desires an environmental impact study, it might be best to table the decision until the commission has heard the report from the study and formulate conditions based on the study.

The commissioners then discussed this proposal, agreeing that tabling the decision and requesting a study would be ideal.

Vihel commented that the commission is bound to the regulations and that the helipad is allowed, but that the commission can limit helipad activities to address the residents' concerns through conditions.

Flowers then proposed that the commission could hold a work session to discuss and draft the conditions.

Vihel stated that he would agree with having a work session.

The board then unanimously voted to table the helipad project, request an environmental impact study on the helipad and then to hold a work session where the commission could discuss potential conditions for the project.

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# Taylor

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Aplastic anemia can be severe, even fatal. Symptoms include fatigue or tiredness; frequent infections; unexplained or easy bruising; nosebleeds, bleeding gums or any bleeding that lasts too long; unusually pale skin; weakness; and shortness of breath when exercising or being active, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"The pediatrician at first thought it was just growing pains," Raymond said. "She complained of her legs hurting ... We mentioned headaches and bloody noses three to four times per week, but the doctor wasn't really concerned, just said to monitor her headaches."

Raymond explained once Lilly started showing signs of debilitating fatigue and pale skin, her pediatrician recommended a blood test in Durango on the family's way to Scottsdale, Ariz., for a vacation.

The next day, he reported, her pediatrician called and insisted they get Lilly to the closest emergency room immediately. She went to the nearby Phoenix Children's Hospital for blood tests, two bone marrow biopsies, and blood and platelet transfusions. The second biopsy confirmed aplastic anemia.

"I didn't quite understand what was going on, so it was tough even on me, and I'm not the one who's enduring this," Raymond said. "My wife [Julie] asked the surgeon, 'Well, what did we do?' And he said, 'There's nothing you did ... There's just nothing you did.'"

Lilly's GoFundMe page states the present standard of care for patients with aplastic anemia is immunosuppressive therapy. It shows a 70 percent success rate in the reduction of symptoms, but is not a cure.

The other option for treatment, a true cure, is a bone marrow transplant. The best outcome for this treatment is a sibling donor, Raymond noted.

Ten-year-old Tucker, Lilly's younger brother, was tested on July 3. He wasn't a match.

On July 17, the GoFundMe explains, Lilly and her family met with a transplant team at the Phoenix Children's Hospital, who described a study that compares immunosuppressive therapy with nonrelated bone marrow transplants in newly diagnosed pediatric aplastic anemia.

She was ultimately chosen for the bone marrow transplant, which takes bone marrow from nonrelated donors that are a 9-out-of-10 match to the patient, according to Lilly's GoFundMe page.

Raymond explained that, in this particular study, the immunosup-



Photo courtesy Julie Taylor

Lilly Taylor stands with her horse, Freedom, at last year's 4-H horse show.

pressive therapy treatment gives a 70 percent chance of recovery, while 30 percent relapse. The bone marrow transplant treatment gives Lilly a more favorable 80-95 percent chance of recovery.

He added the treatment is more effective in children and young adults and begins in as little as six weeks from her diagnosis.

"She's number 17 of 234 children with these issues, and the first from the children's hospital in Phoenix," Raymond said. "She'll be in the study for a minimum of two years, a maximum of five years ... They will monitor her for up to five years to see how things are going."

Raymond noted Lilly will remain hospitalized in the inpatient unit for at least a month after the transplant.

Doctors at Phoenix Children's Hospital say Lilly may have to stay nearby for close to a year, as she "will have to undergo chemother-

apy and radiation so she has a very long road ahead of her ... Lilly will still need to be within 30 miles of the Children's Hospital due to her having a central line in place and being at risk for infection," Lilly's GoFundMe page reads.

Follow-up visits will be twice weekly for the first year, Raymond explained.

The Taylors have secured a place to stay during that time, courtesy of a donor to the children's hospital. It is in Chandler, Ariz., 30 minutes from the hospital. Raymond said Julie will stay in Chandler with Lilly, giving up her job at Goodman's Department Store, while he stays home with Tucker.

"Maybe by then [after a year], maybe, she can have her monthly follow-up treatment at the children's hospital in Denver, but we don't know that yet," Raymond

said. "Eventually yearly, but they're still gonna be [in Arizona] for a while."

Raymond noted Lilly, on the outside, is doing "awfully well. On the inside, I don't think it's as well. She's a trooper. ... One of the things I'm going to try to help her with is humor and laughter. The more positive she is, the better off she will be."

Raymond noted Lilly was unable to continue with 4-H projects with her dog and horses, missed summer camp and will not be present at the fair as one of the princesses this year.

He added Lilly was "incredibly excited" to be nominated for county fair royalty this year, as she faced stiff competition.

He noted the fair board has already decided Lilly will be one of the princesses next year.

Since Lilly will be unable to attend seventh grade at Pagosa Valor Academy this fall, they are working with both the school and the hospital to see if Lilly can attend virtually.

Raymond said, outside of school and her treatments, Lilly "loves her horse, likes being outdoors, is pretty good at games on her tablet — she plays with her brother across the tablets even though she's down there — so things like that ... she gets out and does a lot of things."

"She runs the heck out of me considering I'm much older than a normal parent," Raymond said, adding that he became a father to Lilly at the age of 50.

Raymond stated he began feeling more hopeful after Lilly was enrolled in the study.

"I see the bone marrow transplant as a cure," he explained. "The success rate is tremendous, but I didn't realize how much trouble we'd have to go through. Of course, it's no trouble for me, I'm not the one who's enduring this. It's for my daughter ... I want quality of life for my daughter."

Those who wish to can donate to Lilly's medical expenses at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/team-lilly-supporting-the-taylors>, or write and take a check to the Bank of the San Juans made out to Raymond F. Taylor with "Lilly Taylor" as the memo. [monica@pagosahun.com](mailto:monica@pagosahun.com)

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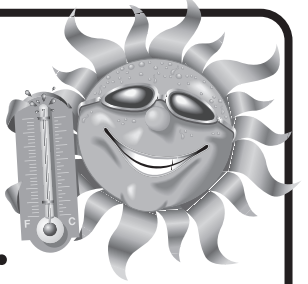


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# Crosswalk

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U.S. 160 and collided with two people from Albuquerque, N.M., who were in the crosswalk.

Rockensock noted one of the people complained of minor injury.

He added the deputy was on

duty in a marked ACSO vehicle at the time of the accident.

Mattice was cited with careless driving causing bodily injury, according to Rockensock.

In an Aug. 1 statement, Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux acknowledges the accident and notes

that Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS arrived shortly after the accident and transported one female pedestrian to the medical center.

"Archuleta County Sheriff's Office will also be investigating the incident internally," it states. [randi@pagosahun.com](mailto:randi@pagosahun.com)

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# Multiple crashes take place near construction zone

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

A pair of crashes near road construction on U.S. 160 involved a total of seven vehicles and left multiple people injured on Friday, July 28.

A culvert-replacement project on U.S. 160 began in July, with the Colorado Department of Transportation defining the work area as the west side of town at milepost 137.9, which sits between Vista Boulevard and Trails Boulevard west of Pagosa Springs.

According to Capt. John Trentini with the Colorado State Patrol,

there was a three-vehicle crash at milepost 138.7 early in the afternoon, followed by a four-vehicle crash late in the afternoon at milepost 138.5.

"Please pay attention and slow down," Trentini said, adding the CSP wants everyone to be safe and drive safely.

The early afternoon accident was called out at 12:06 p.m. and was a three-car property damage crash, Trentini explained.

He described it as a "three-car rear-ender."

All three vehicles came to rest on the shoulder, he noted, and there were no reported injuries.

The second crash that afternoon was paged out to the CSP at 4:23 p.m., according to Trentini, and was a four-vehicle crash with injury.

A Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) press release notes the crash took place at U.S. 160 and Vista Boulevard.

Trentini explained the first vehicle was westbound near milepost 138.5 when it rear-ended a second vehicle that was stopped or slowing for the construction. The second vehicle then hit a third, and it rolled into the eastbound lane, where it hit the fourth vehicle.

According to the PFPD, when PFPD personnel arrived, three vehi-

cles were positioned on their wheels and one vehicle was on its side.

"All vehicles sustained heavy damage," it states, adding PFPD personnel used extrication tools to remove a door of one vehicle to provide better access to the occupant.

Two drivers were transported with minor and suspected serious injuries, according to Trentini.

U.S. 160 was closed in both directions for a period of time following the accident, Trentini and the PFPD reported.

Additional information on the crash was not available by press time Wednesday.

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## The Blotter

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

**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**  
Calls for service for two weeks: 590.

July 14 — First-degree burglary, criminal mischief, Old Sawmill Circle.

July 16 — Second-degree assault-aggravated-police officer-weapon, criminal mischief, Harman Park Drive.

July 17 — Open container in a motor vehicle, North Pagosa Boulevard.

July 17 — Identity theft-uses identity, Easy Street.

July 17 — Domestic violence, information only, Meadow Lark Drive.

July 17 — Harassment by phone or computer, Dichoso Street.

July 18 — Warrant arrest, Peninsula Place.

July 18 — Theft-from building, second-degree burglary, Gila Drive.

July 16 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, Milton Lane/County Road 982.

July 19 — Information only, North 8th Street.

July 19 — Operated a vehicle with defective head lamps, failed to display valid registration, Aspen Village Drive.

July 19 — All other thefts, Lakeside Drive.

July 20 — Failure to appear (bench warrants), Harman Park Drive.

July 20 — Information only, agency assist (search and rescue), USFS 629 1/2 north of Snow Ranch Road.

July 20 — County warrant, failure to comply, state warrant, failure to comply, Eagle Drive.

July 20 — Menacing-misdemeanor, information only, Harman Park Drive.

July 20 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, criminal mischief, Park Avenue.

July 21 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks.

July 22 — Information only, Eagles Loft Circle.

July 22 — Vicious dog with injury, vaccination control and impoundment of dogs, dog at large (first offense), Bonanza Avenue/Prospect Boulevard.

July 23 — Agency assist, Lewis Street/North 4th Street.

July 23 — Drove vehicle without valid driver's license, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, open container in a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, littering of public or private property, drove vehicle without insurance, made U-turn where prohibited, West U.S. 160/Talisman Drive.

July 24 — Information only, Bastille Drive.

July 25 — Violation of restraining order, Harman Park Drive.

July 25 — All other thefts, Hopi Drive.

July 26 — False reporting to authorities, child abuse knowingly or recklessly, Hills Circle.

July 28 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, third-degree assault-simple assault, criminal mischief, domestic violence, Squirrel Drive.

July 28 — Fraud, no location listed.

July 28 — Information only, Hot Springs Boulevard/Pagosa Street.

July 28 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard.

July 28 — Violation of custody, information only, Starlight Place.

July 28 — Disorderly conduct-petty, information only, Crooked Road.

July 28 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, USFS Road 621.

July 29 — All other thefts, Davis Cup Drive.

July 29 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, U.S. 160.

July 29 — Information only, Gila Drive.

July 29 — Warrant arrest, Gila Drive.

July 30 — Agency assist, Pagosa Street.

July 30 — Disturbance, County Road 166.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**

Calls for service for two weeks: 348.

July 15 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, Pagosa Boulevard.

July 15 — Cruelty to animals, Country Center Drive.

July 15 — Assault third degree, domestic violence, information only, Village Drive.

July 17 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, 6th Street.

July 17 — Warrant arrest, 9th Street.

July 18 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

July 19 — License plate violation, no insurance, warrant arrest, Brookhill Drive/Rainbow Drive.

July 20 — Abandonment of motor vehicle, 5th Street.

July 20 — Warrant arrest, Florida Street.

July 22 — Shoplifting, East Pagosa Street.

July 23 — Warrant arrest, Lewis Street/4th Street.

July 24 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, Trinity Lane/Eagle Drive.

July 25 — Accessory to felony crime, obstructing peace officer/fireman, resisting arrest, Canyon Circle.

July 25 — Menacing, reckless driving, drove vehicle when license suspended, Lewis Street/1st Street.

July 25 — Warrant arrest, Pagosa Street.

July 26 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, 6th Street/San Juan Street.

July 26 — Criminal mischief, Pagosa Street.

July 26 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

July 26 — Harbored vicious animal, owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, Aspen Village Drive.

July 27 — Theft, East Pagosa Street.

July 28 — Careless driving caused bodily injury, Hot Springs Boulevard/Pagosa Street.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards**

July 10 — Marion Carranza, speeding 5-9 mph over PFL, operated vehicle without required tail lamps, one point off, fines, surcharges and costs — \$138.

July 10 — Rheanna Gallegos, failed to obey traffic signal, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

July 10 — Jessica Haydel, careless driving, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$202.

July 10 — Christopher Holmes, speeding 10-19 mph over PFL, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$197.

July 10 — Alice Jelinek, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$72.

July 10 — Davis Johnson, careless driving, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$368.

July 10 — Patricia Nelson, failed to yield to oncoming traffic when making a

left turn, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$116.

July 10 — Conrad Robinson, speeding 10-19 mph over PFL, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$197.

July 10 — Lauren Woolf, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$72.

July 11 — Kevin Levulis, obscene conduct, indecent exposure, criminal trespass, littering of public or private property, prohibited acts in town parks, 10 days jail suspended, fines — \$300.

July 11 — Tilisha Delancy, shoplifting, fine and fees — \$185.

July 11 — Reannan Braden, careless driving, four points off, fine, surcharge, costs — \$202.

**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**

July 24 — Adrianna Alyssa Bustos, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$255.

July 26 — Juan Manuel Luna, speeding 10-19 over, defective stop lamps/turn signals, fines and costs — \$266.

July 26 — Darrrian A. Yeahquo, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

July 26 — Scotty L. Welker, seat belt not used, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$227.50.

July 26 — Tyreek Redwine, license plate not automatically readable, fines and costs — \$199.50.

July 26 — Antoinette Quintana-Velarde, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

July 26 — Santana Ortega, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

July 26 — Donald Oelerich, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

July 26 — Keagan Bradley Kirk, diver's license-driving without, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$279.50.

July 26 — Jared N. Earley, registration-unregistered vehicle, driver's license-not in possession, registration-not in vehicle, fines and costs — \$205.50.

July 26 — Shaaur D. Bradley, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

July 26 — Neswood A. Baca, improper pass-sign/markers, fines and costs — \$172.50.

July 26 — Shelby P. Chaney, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.

July 26 — Rachelle Janine Hallums, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

July 26 — Charles M. Barnett, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$279.50.

July 26 — Michelle M. Blackburn, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.

July 26 — Colton Mowrer, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

July 26 — Darrion Ellis, driving under restraint, registration-unregistered vehicle, no insurance-driver, fines and costs — \$1,327.50.

July 26 — Brandy L. Gomez, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs

— \$84.50.

July 26 — Brian Garcia, headlamps-failure to display, license plates-expired, driver's license-driving without, no insurance-owner, fines and costs — \$931.50.

July 26 — Alejandro Otero Olmos, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$84.50.

July 26 — Luke Douglas Neumann, alcohol-under 21-possess/consumption, fail to yield right of way/stop sign, fines and costs — \$154.50.

July 26 — Richard Heatley, improper mountain driving, fines and costs — \$149.50.

July 26 — James Weldon Hughes, careless driving, fines and costs — \$1,238.50.

July 27 — Isaiah Michael Laursen, driving under the influence, 20 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 10 days electronic surveillance, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs — \$745.50.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**

July 26 — Melissa Jean Holland, harassment-strike/shove/kick, six months jail suspended imposition, 40 hours community service, fines and costs — \$258.50.

July 27 — Zebulun Merfeld, resisting arrest, 28 days jail, fines and costs — \$258.50.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**

No report.

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# Outdoors

## August events at Chimney Rock National Monument

By **Nadia Werby**  
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

There's still time to enjoy Chimney Rock National Park this summer.

Guided tours and monthly special programs bring this beautiful site to life so you can visualize what it might have been like to live here 1,000 years ago.

### Full Moon Program and Early Tour

The Full Moon Program will take place on Aug. 30 this month against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa.

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

The program lasts approximately three hours including check-in, driving to the mesa top (2.5 miles up a winding dirt road with 20 mph speed limit — allow 15 minutes each way), and hiking to the Great House Pueblo. Please keep in mind that the lecture before the moon rises is approximately 30 minutes in length and the hike back down the high mesa occurs after dark. This program is recommended for ages 8 and up.

On Aug. 30, guests must arrive for check-in between 5 and 5:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20 plus a booking fee and are considered a non-refundable, nontransferable donation. Guests are also offered the opportunity to take a tour on the Mesa Village Trail before the Full Moon Program begins with the Early Tour Full Moon Package. The cost for this program is \$25 plus a booking fee. Guests must arrive between 6:30 and 6:40 p.m. for the early tour.

### Birding at Chimney Rock

Join us on Aug. 19 and 30 for a fun and casual two-hour bird walk led by a knowledgeable birding guide from the Weminuche Audubon Society.

These outings are designed to introduce you to the diverse community of birds that spend their summer at Chimney Rock National Monument. Birders of all skill levels are welcome to participate. Your guide will help you identify various species and explain the unique adaptations that allow these birds to survive here.

Good walking shoes are advised, along with plenty of water and sun protection. Bring binoculars if you have them. It is not recommended for young children. Guests must enter through the Colo. 151 entry gate between 7:45 and 8 a.m. This is a reservations-only program. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free, and are considered a non-refundable, nontransferable donation.

### Art at the Pinnacles

The Art at the Pinnacles class takes place on Tuesdays. This class is part art, part reflection, part nature study and a little bit of a visit to Chimney Rock National Monument — all rolled into one. Together we will find a just perfect spot and get oriented to the site. Our goal will be to become centered at the site and then focus on our art materials.

Please check our website for details on what the emphasis will be for each class. Afterward, there will be a sharing with each other of what we have learned. No art talent is required, just a desire to be open to suggestions and willing to try a hand at self-expression. Materials will be provided to each participant.

Participants must check in at 5 p.m. The fee is \$20 per person (age 8 and up) including all materials and is considered a non-refundable donation.

### Guided Great House Tour

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

At the end of the trail, visitors will enjoy the 360-degree view from atop the mountain ridge and have the closest view of the two pinnacles: Chimney Rock and Companion Rock. The tour is available by reservation for up to 10 people and walk-ins are allowed if room allows.

This program is recommended for ages 5 and up. Attendees must arrive at the plaza kiosk by 10 a.m.; the tour begins at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12 (ages 13 and up) and \$5 (ages 5-12) plus a booking fee and are non-refundable. Walk-ins do not pay a booking fee, but the tour may be canceled for insufficient attendees. The USFS daily use fee must be paid (or applicable federal pass used) since this program occurs during the monument's regular daily open hours.

### Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour

The Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour takes place on Monday and Friday mornings from 8 to 10:15 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7:15 p.m. This engaging two-hour tour will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the

ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago.

You will walk both the Mesa Village and Great House Pueblo Trails, learning about the structures along each trail, including their significance and uses. You will be treated to the stunning views of the surrounding countryside.

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

### Geology Tours

Geology Tours take place on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and on Thursday evenings from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

This program includes a 2.5-hour guided tour that explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the ancestral Puebloans who lived at Chimney Rock. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and learn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area.

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

### The Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies

The Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies will take place on Aug. 18.

This program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky, in order to enjoy the night sky in a truly dark environment and see deep-sky objects such as binary stars, globular star clusters, open clusters, various nebulae and other galaxies.

Guests must arrive for check-in between 7 and 7:15 p.m. and the program begins at 8:30 p.m.

### The Night Sky: Our Solar System

The Night Sky: Our Solar System program will take place on Aug. 25.

This program is timed for when the moon is wonderfully visible in the early night sky. That makes it so we can enjoy the moon and several planets, along with some deep sky objects that are beyond our galaxy that we can see with the telescopes. Guests must arrive for check-in between 6:45 and 7 p.m., and the

program begins at 8:15 p.m.

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

Tickets are \$16 for ages 13 and up, \$8 for ages 5-12, under 5 free, and are considered a non-refundable, nontransferable donation.

### Flute Music at Twilight Under the Pinnacles

The Flute, Moon and Stars program takes place on Aug. 26 in the amphitheater area, with an amazing view of the pinnacles above.

The program will begin with a relaxing walk up the 1/4-mile nature trail above the amphitheater and, upon returning to the amphitheater, the program resumes with an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site.

As the moonlight increases and evening falls, you will be treated to the haunting melodies of a native American flute played by our own Charles Martinez. Gaze in wonder as the moon rises as it did over 1,000 years ago when the ancestral Puebloans called Chimney Rock home.

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

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**Snow in July? Snowboarder rider Bradley Lamoreaux competes in the first-ever Sheephead Summer Rail Jam on July 23. The snowfield at 12,000 feet typically lasts well into summer. Riders report the snow is still going strong this year due to the "big winter last year."**

## Events

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### More information

For tickets for any of these special programs, please visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center.

Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs. Chimney Rock uses a fee system. All vehicles and motorcycles will be subject to an activity pass fee of \$20. The activity pass fee provides five days of access to the Chimney Rock National Monument. To purchase your required activity pass, you can:

- Purchase your activity pass in advance at Recreation.gov.
- Download the Recreation.gov mobile app — purchase your pass

in advance or arrive on-site and use the app to provide payment (Android or iOS) by scanning the on-site QR code.

- Arrive on-site and pay cash.
- Interagency, Access, Senior, Military and fourth-grader park passes are accepted for national monument access.

Include Chimney Rock in your plans this summer. This ancestral Puebloan cultural site is located 17 miles west of Pagosa and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. To view the Chimney Rock National Monument calendar of events, go to [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

*The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that offers interpretive programs at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest.*

Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, against real property legally described as follows: Regarding: Lot 12, Block 5, Lake Pagosa Park, according to the plat thereof filed for record March 13, 1970 as Reception No. 72998 through 73013 Also known as: 74 Gala Pl., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 10:00 a.m., on the 13th day of September, 2023, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-9434. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.

**\*\*BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THEIR HIGHEST BID AT TIME OF SALE.**  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.**

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DATED In Colorado this 21st day of June, 2023.  
Mike Le Roux, Sheriff  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
By: /s/ Lorena Medina  
Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
**ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF:**  
**ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC**  
1445 Market Street, Suite 350, Denver, CO 80202  
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Brian Shuchardt has filed to dismiss the protection order entered on April 14th, 2016 that restrained him from having contact with Donna Shuchardt in Archuleta County case number 16C20.  
Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10 and 17, 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 Balle 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/Veronica Peregrino Pompa  
Veronica Peregrino Pompa  
Pegasus Legal Services for Children  
505 Marquette Ave NW Suite 1350  
Albuquerque, NM 87102 505-244-1101  
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**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:

NRLL 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: 569525109007  
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 2008.

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of NRLL 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  
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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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.

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GEORGE S. FLEISCHMANN  
10855 LEITNER CIRCLE DR # 134  
BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34135-5959

JOVITA FLEISCHMANN  
8590 E. UNION AVE  
DENVER, CO 80237

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.

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RTM HOLDINGS LLC, KALISH CHARLES  
2064 COUNTRYCLUB DRIVE  
DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901

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.

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**AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**

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PAGOSA HOME AND LAND LLC % JAN CUNNINGHAM  
388 LAKEWOOD STREET  
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147

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; That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of PAGOSA HOME AND LAND LLC % JAN CUNNINGHAM 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.

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### Public Hearing Notice

The Mineral County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at a Regularly Scheduled Meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 10:00 am at 1201 N Main, Creede, CO 81130 for the designation of activities and areas of state interest. The County will consider designating (or redesignating) the following areas and activities of state interest which apply to the entire unincorporated area of Mineral County:

- A. Site selection and construction of major new domestic water systems and major extension of existing domestic water systems.
- B. Efficient utilization of municipal and industrial water projects.

For inquiries or to review materials regarding this designation, please contact the Mineral County Administrator's Office at 1201 N Main, Creede, CO 81130, or call 719-658-2360. Interested persons may also submit public comments to [countyadmin@mincoo.com](mailto:countyadmin@mincoo.com).  
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BEFORE THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR HEARING  
DOCKET NO. 230500165  
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to Rule 523.d, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Staff has applied to the Commission for an Order Finding Violation against Schutz Richard E. (Operator No. 10363), to adjudicate allegations in the Notice of Alleged Violation No. 403175284.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado under § 34-60-105, C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to § 34-60-106, C.R.S.; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act § 24-4-105, C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2 C.C.R. 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing before a COGCC Hearing Officer at the following date, time, and location (subject to change):

Date: August 9, 2023  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Energy & Carbon Management Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Bruce Sinclair Dryburgh, Deceased  
Case No. 2023PR30018

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before December 3, 2023, or the claims may be forever barred.

Personal Representative  
Audrey Herrera  
2500 Merlin Drive  
Lewisville, TX 75056

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### Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado Riverwalk – Town Park to Highway 160 – Crosswalk Addition

The Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado is in the process of finalizing the above listed project constructed by Strohecker Asphalt & Paving, Inc., 37801 Highway 160, Bayfield, Colorado 81122. Any claims against this project by suppliers, subcontractors, or others should be delivered to the project engineering firm of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. at 188 S. 8th Street, P.O. Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147. All claims shall be delivered prior to August 7, 2023. Any claims received on or after August 7, 2023 shall not be considered. Claim forms can be obtained from Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (Phone 970-264-5055).  
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RESOLUTION TO REPEAL THE COUNTY USE TAX FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF USING OR CONSUMING CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF MINERAL UPON APPROVAL OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF MINERAL COUNTY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 2023.

MINERAL COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 112

WHEREAS, Mineral County passed a resolution for the collection of a 2% use tax for building and construction materials by resolution dated August 6, 2001 and approved by the County's registered voters on November 6, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The County wishes to repeal this tax in order to facilitate and encourage development within the County; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Mineral County Board of Commissioners and the Mineral County land use administrator the existing use tax creates a burden on contractors and developers within the County; and

WHEREAS, the use tax has created revenue to the County of between \$6521.83 and \$45,689.02 per year over the last 10 years; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the use tax collected has been distributed to the City of Creede, amounting to between \$9,903.40 to \$11,855.90 over the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this revenue shortfall will be offset by increased property taxes and retail sales from increased construction and increased population of Mineral County and the City of Creede.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MINERAL COUNTY, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

1. This resolution shall be legally known as the Mineral County Use Tax Repeal Resolution.
2. The Mineral County Use Tax is a 2% tax on the privilege of using or consuming within the County, construction and building materials, purchased at retail outside of the County for use within the County, currently collected by the County Treasurer and the State of Colorado Department of Revenue.
3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the repeal of the Mineral County Use Tax.
4. The Effective Date of the repeal is January 1, 2024 if this repeal is approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the County at the next election scheduled for November 7, 2023.

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5. This resolution, once passed shall be duly published as required by C.R.S. 29-2-104(5) four times a week apart in advance of the election in the Mineral County Miner and the Pagosa Springs Sun by the Mineral County Clerk and Recorder, the cost of which shall be paid by the Mineral County general fund.

6. This resolution shall be effective upon approval by a majority of the qualified electors of Mineral County. This proposal shall be submitted to the voters of Mineral County on the regular ballot of the November 7, 2023 election in the following form;

Shall Mineral County, Colorado repeal the County wide Use Tax on the privilege of using or consuming any construction and building materials purchased outside the County at the existing rate of 2% of the retail cost thereof as more fully set forth in Resolution No. 2023 - 112 of Mineral County Colorado

MOVED, SECONDED and APPROVED and ORDERED PUBLISHED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

MINERAL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

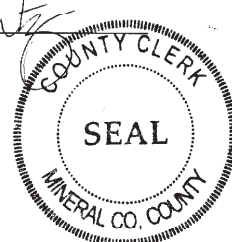
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**Plaintiffs:**  
VINCENT J. VITANZA and MICHELLE RENEE VITANZA v.

**Defendants:**  
CAROLINE W. KING; BARBARA A. ALLEN KELSAY, TRUSTEE OF THE BARBARA ALLEN FAMILY TRUST DATED AUGUST 12, 1994 AND AMENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2007; TARA L. MCGOWAN; AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

**Case Number:** 2023CV30042  
Submitting Attorney:  
Duke Eggleston, #24965  
Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
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Durango, CO 81301  
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E-mail: [deggleston@e-klaw.com](mailto:deggleston@e-klaw.com)

Case Number: 2023CV30042

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**PLAINTIFFS VINCENT J. VITANZA and MICHELLE RENEE VITANZA**  
TO THE BELOW NAMED DEFENDANTS:  
**CAROLINE W. KING; BARBARA A. ALLEN KELSAY, TRUSTEE OF THE BARBARA ALLEN FAMILY TRUST DATED AUGUST 12, 1994 AND AMENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2007; TARA L. MCGOWAN AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION**  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.  
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:  
Lot 144 in LAKE HATCHER PARK, according to the plat thereof filed for record November 5, 1973 as Reception No. 78738.  
Respectfully Submitted this 26th day of June, 2023.  
Published in The Pagosa Sun  
First Publication:  
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**Eggleston Kosnik LLC**  
/s/ Duke Eggleston  
Duke Eggleston, #24965  
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7  
(970) 403-1580  
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023CV030029 DIVISION NO. 1  
**COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**  
**AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM**  
Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v.  
Defendants, NF COLORADO PROPERTY LLC  
**Sheriff Sale 2023-12**  
Regarding: Sheriff Sale of Real Property under Decree of Foreclosure, pursuant to Court Order and C.R.S. §38-38-101 et seq., County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:  
This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated May 15, 2023, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on August 3, 2022 at Rec. No. 22204718, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions



# Water conservancy moves forward with engineering consultant, discusses river access lease agreement

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors approved moving forward with a contract with Rick Ehat for engineering consultation on the district's reservoir project and discussed a lease agreement for river access on a 20-acre parcel jointly owned by SJWCD and the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

Discussion of Ehat's contract began with SJWCD board president Al Pfister noting that SJWCD attorney Jeff Kane submitted comments on the contract and that he wanted the board to come to a final agreement on the content of the contract at the meeting.

Among the issues discussed with the contract were how travel time will be billed, with Ehat charging for mileage but not for hours spent traveling, a variety of clauses clarifying the relationship between Ehat and the district, clauses about confidential information, and if the contract should have an effective date or be effective at the date of signing, with the board deciding to remove the effective date.

The board then discussed the

timeline for Ehat's work, deciding that the board would expect a preliminary report from Ehat Oct. 15, a draft report by Dec. 1 and a final report by the end of the year — a timeline which would allow the board to plan its budgeting for 2024 around the steps outlined by Ehat.

Ehat noted that he was unsure what the next steps with the reservoir project might be or what the district might wish to budget for in the next year on the project due to him not knowing the details of where the project is currently and what work has been done.

Following the discussion, the board approved the amendments discussed to the contract and authorized Pfister and Executive Assistant Sally High to move forward with incorporating the changes and signing the contract with Ehat.

## Lease agreement

The board also had an initial discussion of the lease agreement between Archuleta County, the SJWCD and PAWSD to allow for public river access at the 20-acre parcel on U.S. 160 opposite Running Iron Ranch.

Pfister explained that he would like to get near to a version of the contract that the SJWCD board

is comfortable with at the meeting and that he hoped to have the SJWCD board meet with the PAWSD board to discuss the contract at PAWSD's meeting in August.

The board then reviewed a series of comments on the contract submitted by SJWCD board member Rod Proffitt, who raised questions about if PAWSD and the SJWCD are tenants in common or joint tenants on the property and questioned the county's ability to administer the river access due to lacking a parks and recreation department.

Proffitt also highlighted a series of small clarifications and changes of the wording of the lease agreement to improve its clarity.

Pfister clarified in response to Proffitt's comments that there would be limited improvements to the location, with only maintenance on an existing roadway through the parcel and the installation of portable toilets being done for the site.

The group also discussed the importance of ensuring that access to a neighboring parcel which has an easement through the property remains open even when the gate closing the river access is closed.

Pfister explained that the cost of the lease was left open and that he would support a potentially low cost due to the other work the county is doing on the access.

The board also discussed that it is unsure what compensation PAWSD might desire for the lease and considered the issue of liability for the river access, with Kane noting that governmental immunity would reduce the district's liability and that it would be ideal if the county is liable for all accidents and risk at the site since the county has insurance for such events while neither district likely does.

Kane added that the current lease draft indemnifies the landlords, although he would want to examine the lease further to ensure the indemnification is comprehensive.

The group also discussed the value of signage for reducing liability, which Kane noted would assist in reducing liability, but would not eliminate it.

Following the conversation, the board agreed to revise the agreement based on the discussion and to work on scheduling a meeting with the PAWSD board to discuss it further.

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# Celebrate Colorado Day: Free state park admission on Aug. 7

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

In celebration of Colorado Day and the 147th birthday of the state, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is offering free entry to all Colorado state parks on Monday, Aug. 7.

The state legislature created Colorado Day to mark the anniversary of statehood, granted in 1876 by President Ulysses S. Grant. The state recognizes this annual holiday on the first of the month, and state parks celebrate the occasion with free entrance on the first Monday of August.

This free entry day provides a chance to experience Colorado

state parks and the diverse landscapes they showcase. All other park fees remain in effect, including camping reservations, boat and off-highway vehicle registrations, and hunting and fishing licenses.

To help plan an adventure, use the CPW Park Finder Tool to find a Colorado state park map and discover what outdoor activities are available at each park. Examples of activities include:

- Boating, kayaking, paddle boarding and swimming.
- Wildflower viewing and bird-watching.
- Picnicking and stargazing.

- Hiking, horseback riding, biking and rock climbing.
- Outdoor accessibility programs.

CPW encourages state park visitors to act as stewards of the state's land, wildlife and water by balancing outdoor recreation with mindful conservation. Below are a few outdoor tips on how to recreate responsibly.

## Know before you go

- Plan your outdoor adventure based on the weather forecast and your skill level.
- Download the COTREX app to discover Colorado's expansive network of trails.
- If the area you want to explore has bad weather or appears too complicated, help yourself and our outdoor first responders by changing your outdoor plan to avoid hazardous conditions.

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## RECREATION NEWS

### Soccer registration open for ages 5-12

By Matt Zaborowski  
Town of Pagosa Springs  
Parks and Recreation

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

Online registration will be available through our website, or stop

by the Ross Aragon Community Center to fill out a form. Play will begin in late August and end in late September.

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High efficiency home in desirable Twin Creek Village! This home's exterior features low maintenance stucco and rusty metal, a concrete apron from the garage to the covered front porch, metal roof for easy snow shedding, gravel driveway and a large back deck that spans the entire length of the home. Professional landscaping & a custom built split rail fence with 3 access gates give this home wonderful curb appeal & a beautiful relaxing back yard that is safe for your furry family members! Venture inside this beautiful home to find an open concept floor plan, vaulted ceilings, natural solid knotty alder doors & trim throughout and a stacked rock natural gas log fireplace in the living room complete with a mounted flat screen TV! Granite counter tops are featured throughout the home & include a large kitchen island. This wonderfully functional kitchen features a stainless-steel appliance package with an oversized French door refrigerator, natural hickory cabinetry, glass tile backsplash & a lovely dining nook. The Primary Suite features a walk-in tile shower, double sink vanity, modern fixtures, mounted flat screen TV and an extra-large walk-in closet that offers plenty of storage space. Both guest rooms offer walk-in closets, and the guest bath features a tile shower and cast-iron tub. All bedrooms & great room have ceiling fans, however a great added bonus for this home is that it has Central A/C! You will not find this in many homes in Pagosa! Enjoy watching our local wildlife off your large back deck which has access from the great room and master bedroom. This lot backs up to greenbelt meaning there is ample space and privacy between neighbors to the back. There is a custom-built matching heated studio/shed in the back yard which makes it perfect for year-round use as a studio, workshop, or pet enclosure... you name it! The possibilities are endless. The home's close proximity to National Forest access means you'll find a plethora of hiking/biking trails to get you out into the great outdoors without being far from home and being a PLPOA member gives you fishing rights to all of the association's stocked lakes. This home is being sold partially furnished and is immaculate and move in ready! If you're looking for a beautiful, energy efficient home with low utility costs on a pretty lot in one of the most desirable neighborhoods in Pagosa, then this is the home for you!



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# Water talks aimed to boost water fluency

By Josh Kurz  
San Juan Water Conservancy District

When you turn on a faucet in your home, where does the water come from? As a science teacher, I challenge my students to answer this question by tracing their drinking water back to the source, but they have to discuss all of the detours and stops along the way.

Since we live in the headwaters of the San Juan River, we can see our wilderness watersheds from our windshields, and we are fortunate to be the first water users in its journey downstream. Our drinking water may have been frozen in a snowfield on Saddle Mountain, plunged over Treasure Falls or paused for a few days in Fourmile Lake.

Like the ancient Puebloans, we collect, divert and store water to sustain us, but on a much larger scale. But unlike the ancient Puebloans, our modern society might not realize how living on the edge of a desert is a precarious endeavor, subject to the whims of the weather. Our flowing faucets may cause us to take clean water for granted (although members of our community that haul water or use groundwater tend to be exceptions).

Many residents in our community can receive water from an elaborate storage and distribution system that was planned, built and maintained by previous generations. But how does our local municipal and agricultural water system work, what are the threats to our water supply, and is our current water supply adequate to meet the needs of future generations?

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) has a mission to secure a sustainable water future for the district that encompasses all of Pagosa Springs and much of Archuleta County. Whereas the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) focuses solely on municipal water supply and demand, the SJWCD's mission includes all demands on our water including agricultural,

recreational, environmental, as well as municipal. They also seek to educate the public about water-related issues impacting all demands on our water supply and promote water conservation. As a watershed scientist and educator who is passionate about water, I've partnered with the SJWCD to improve our community's water fluency and inspire water conservation.

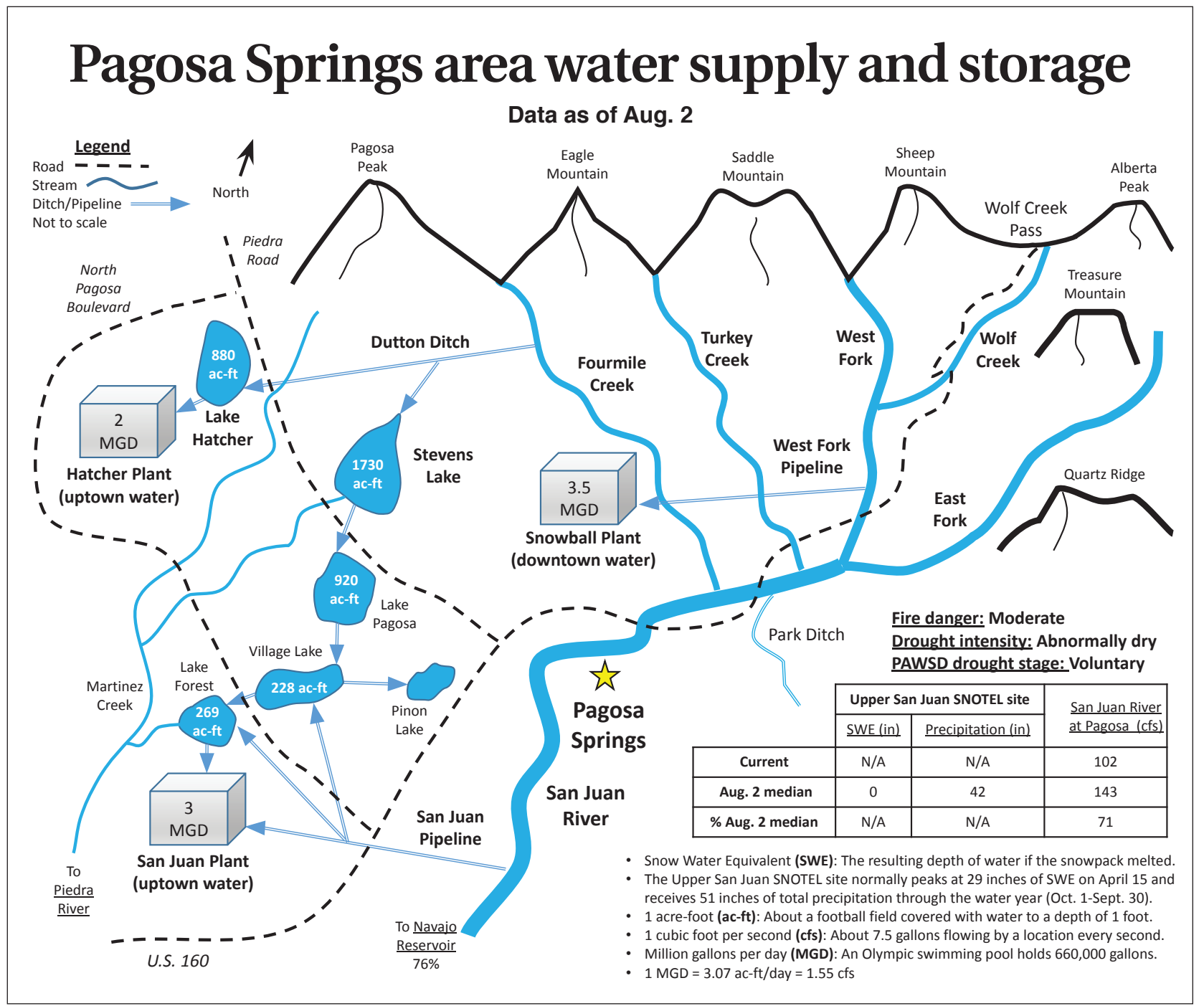
To boost our community's water fluency, I've scheduled three water talks to unveil a water infographic that I created. The infographic spatially depicts our local municipal water storage and distribution system and condenses a host of water supply indicators into one location. Ultimately, I hope that our community embraces the infographic as a way to visualize, understand and communicate the factors that influence the quality, quantity and future of our municipal water supply.

And since I'm an educator, I created a short water quiz (<https://forms.gle/HyCUUguj4juGE4FH7>) so you can test your local water knowledge. But, don't worry, it's open-note (hint: use the water infographic) and I won't send the results to your parents. Instead, I will be explaining the water infographic and answering any questions that you still have with the help of the SJWCD at the following public meetings:

- Aug. 3: San Juan Outdoor Club — Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse on Port Avenue at 6 p.m.
- Aug. 17: Pagosa Springs Rotary Club — The Den at noon.
- Oct. 5: Lifelong Learning Series — Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library at 6 p.m.

I will base my effectiveness as an educator on if you can casually use acronyms like cfs, SWE and MGD in conversations with your friends and neighbors and your ability to trace your water back to your favorite mountains on the horizon. And maybe you'll use less water, too.

I hope to see you at one of the water talks.



## Celebrate Colorado Day: Free state park admission on Aug. 7

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

As a thank you to U.S. military members, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) offers active duty military, veterans and the National Guard free admission to all state parks for the month of August.

Military members and veterans, resident and nonresident, can pick up a free August Military Pass at any

Colorado state park or CPW office by showing proof of service. Passes are available for service members only.

The free park pass provides a chance to experience Colorado's state parks and the diverse wildlife and landscapes the state provides. All other park fees remain in effect, including camping reservations, boat and off-highway vehicle registrations,

and hunting and fishing licenses. The pass is not valid for accessing state wildlife areas and state trust lands.

To help plan a unique Colorado adventure, visit the CPW park finder. State park outdoor recreation activities include:

- Water sports: boating, kayaking, paddle boarding and swimming.
- Wildlife and wildflower view-

ing, birdwatching and tours with naturalists.

- Hiking, horseback riding, biking and rock climbing.
- Stargazing and geocaching.
- Accessibility programs are available to people with disabilities.

For more information about Colorado's state parks, visit the CPW website: <https://cpw.state.co.us/>.



## Pagosa Community Initiative has high hopes for the future

By Hailey Sams  
SUN Intern

The Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) began in Pagosa Springs as a nonprofit last June and has been flourishing ever since.

PCI offers after-school programming during the school year and day camp during the summers.

"We really wanted to create youth development programming that is really relationship focused," said Jenna Waite-Gannon, PCI executive director.

PCI is open to kindergartners through eighth-graders, and also hires high school interns. A paid internship for high schoolers offers opportunities for them to see possible fields and careers they could be interested in.

"As they [the high school interns] are graduating, a lot of them are going into industries that are really close to what we're doing," Waite-Gannon said. "We have some that are going into mental health [and] some that are going to be teachers."

This year PCI will put an application out for high schoolers interested in interning.

PCI offers bus transportation and lots of activities that kids can choose from, Waite-Gannon explained.

"We have a bunch of art supplies, we have a playground, and we have some movement-based things," she said.

She explained, "We usually start the day with some sort of social-emotional education option to teach them about character development and how to be their best selves,"

She also highlighted the many benefits and options the kids get through this program.

According to Waite-Gannon, "We've served 180 students this last year ... about 85 percent of our kids are at risk, which means they have one or more adverse childhood experiences."

PCI has grown into many different programs for kids and their families, including access to therapists, extra people supporting the family, and, Waite-Gannon explained, "We have a family case manager that wraps around the family and helps them work towards goals together as a big unit ... and that is where we have seen a huge difference, through relationship building."

PCI is focused on providing support and aid to kids and families through any way they might need it.

"The youth has other people that are super important to them outside of their family and that can help guide them and mentor them, and the family also has another person they can rely on for help, support, resource connection, sometimes financial support ... a number of things," said Waite-Gannon.

PCI has been a free program for the last year, but is starting to transition into a fee-program for sustainability in years to come.

Its upcoming program will feature more adventures and travels, as this summer's program has.

"They've [the kids] gone to Piedra Falls, they've gone to the ice caves, they go to the river regularly and swim, they've done education at the geodomes ... one of the things we're

trying to do is engage them with the local area and educate them about the local area and its history," Waite-Gannon relayed. "Our after-school program this year, we're going to try and work in that adventure component."

She added, "We're actually opening a ... community learning center downtown at 550 Hot Springs Blvd. and that space is going to be a creative co-working and studio space."

The space will be open 24/7 and offers lockers and a place to work at any time.

"We're also gonna start doing community classes where we'll do art classes and anything the community is interested in learning," she said.

The fees from this program go to funding the Youth Development and Family Services program.

PCI is currently attached to the Pagosa Peak Open School, sharing the warehouse while it is working to get its own space.

"We're growing quickly and definitely just need a little more space," Waite-Gannon commented.

With glowing responses from the kids and teachers, the program is showing to have a big impact in the community.

"We regularly hear from teachers and other community members that they [the kids] are really great advocates for themselves," Waite-Gannon said, "because they've learned how to communicate better, they work better with others, they're more creative, they have a lot of growth in those areas ... we see a big difference in their classrooms."

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Photos courtesy Pagosa Community Initiative

Kids in Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) programming enjoy outdoor adventures. Through the advancement of the program and two new vehicles, PCI has been able to include more travel for both summer and after-school programs.



# preview

ARTS & LIFE

# 72nd Archuleta County Fair

Thursday, Aug. 3-Sunday, Aug. 6



PREVIEW photo/Randi Pierce

August 3, 2023



# 72nd annual Archuleta County Fair open through Aug. 6

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

Today marks the opening of the 72nd Archuleta County Fair.

There will be fun afoot with the various things to do. You can come see entertainment that includes music, a BMX stunt team, a magician, a rodeo and, of course, all of the livestock shows. You can get interactive and test your skills with some activities such as painting, a cornhole tournament, a horse-shoe tournament and a pie-eating contest.

Some of these events are new and some are a staple of the county fair, like Wild Man Phil, who wows the audience with his many reptiles and arachnids, and the many livestock shows and exhibits that show off the talent and hard work

## Extension Viewpoints

of the 4-H youth.

The evenings will bring live music and dances, and if you are tough enough to wear pink, then you will fit right in at the Friday night rodeo, but come for Saturday night rodeo, too. It will provide lots of exciting entertainment and laughs.

Come early and celebrate the grand opening of the Pagosa rodeo/fairgrounds Saturday at 4 p.m. The Chuckwagon dinner follows at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the event. Then the fair honorees

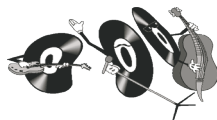
and royalty will be recognized, followed by the Conservationist of the Year presented by the San Juan Conservation District. After the Chuckwagon dinner and events, the Archuleta County 4-H Livestock Auction will get underway with the sale of the livestock.

Come out and enjoy all the wonderful things the Archuleta County Fair has to offer. See you there.

### CPR and first aid classes

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

## Live Performers



### Friday

**East Side Market:** Wayne Nayor, 11 a.m.  
**Meltdown on Main:** Retro Cats, 5 p.m.  
**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Bluegrass Cadillac, 5 p.m.

### Saturday

**East Side Market:** Open Mic with Michael Dae Hanlon, 10 a.m.  
**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Max Miller, 5 p.m.

### Sunday

**East Side Market:** Grace Kiker, 11 a.m.

### Tuesday

**Pagosa Bar:** Live entertainment, 7:30 p.m.  
**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.

### Wednesday

**The Den:** Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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# Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2023 summer season presenting trio of theatrical treasures

By **Tim Moore**  
Thingamajig Theatre Company

This summer, Thingamajig Theatre Company invites you to immerse yourself in the captivating world of live performance with its 2023 summer rep theater season. Featuring three unique productions, "The Great American Trailer Park Musical," "Jersey Boys" and "Godspell," this repertoire offers an array of experiences to delight audiences of all interests.

## 'The Great American Trailer Park Musical'

"The Great American Trailer Park Musical" is a colorful journey with Colorado roots.

If you're seeking a night of laughter and offbeat charm, "The Great American Trailer Park Musical" is tailor made for you. Hailing from the heart of Colorado resident David Nehls, this production is a humorous romp that sheds light on the lives of eccentric characters residing in a small-town trailer park.

With Nehls at the helm, composing the music and crafting the lyrics, the musical's engaging narrative is supported by an infectious score that will have you tapping your toes in no time.

During its original Off-Broadway run, "The Great American Trailer Park Musical" earned recognition for its unique humor and vibrant musical numbers. While avoiding an excess of superlatives, it's worth noting that the production garnered praise from critics and earned nominations for several prestigious awards.

"The Great American Trailer Park Musical" runs through Aug. 25.

## 'Jersey Boys'

"Jersey Boys" is a timeless tale of triumph and resilience.

For those with an appreciation for enthralling biographical storytelling and timeless tunes, "Jersey Boys" will not disappoint.

This jukebox musical delves into the captivating journey of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons as they rise from humble beginnings to music stardom.

Celebrating their timeless hits such as "Sherry" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," the show pays homage to the group's indomitable spirit and the challenges they overcame.

"Jersey Boys" experienced overwhelming success during its original Broadway run. The production garnered multiple Tony Awards and other esteemed accolades (a Grammy), captivating audiences with its remarkable storytelling and impeccable performances.

"Jersey Boys" runs through Aug. 27.

## 'Godspell'

"Godspell" is an uplifting spiri-

tual journey

For theatergoers seeking a spiritually uplifting experience, "Godspell" is a masterful choice. Based on the Gospel of Matthew, this timeless classic weaves together parables, melodies and captivating choreography to portray the formation of a loving community.

With themes of kindness, compassion and faith, "Godspell"

touches the hearts of audiences, reminding us of the power of unity and hope.

"Godspell" garnered critical acclaim and earned various accolades during its original off-Broadway run. The show's uplifting themes and powerful performances resonated deeply with theater enthusiasts.

■ See Treasures on page 5



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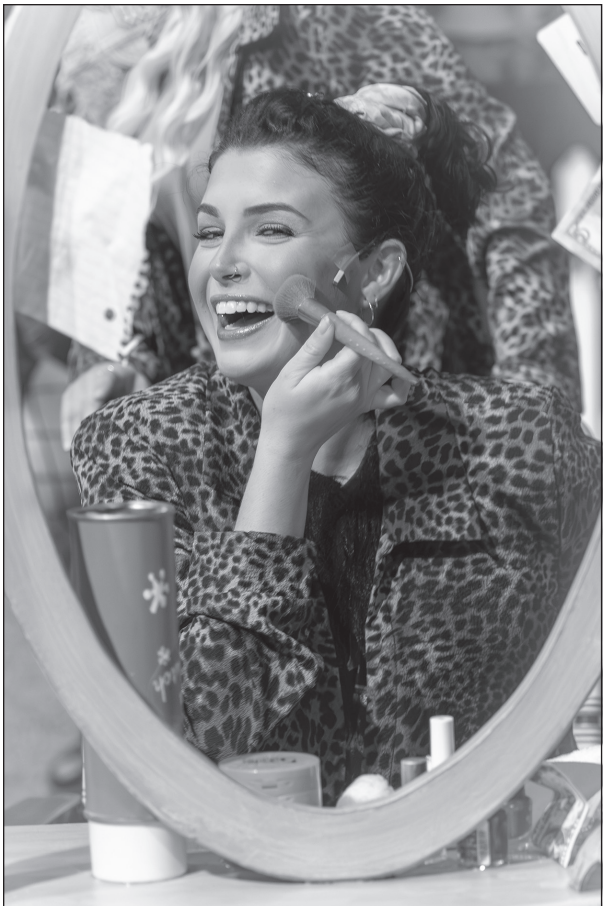
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Thingamajig Theatre Company, in residence at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, is in the final month of its 2023 summer rep theater season. The season includes “The Great American Trailer Park Musical,” “Jersey Boys” and “Godspell.” For tickets and information, (970) 731-SHOW (7469) or pagosacenter.org.

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# Knights of Columbus' annual Duck Race set for Aug. 12

By Roxanne Schick  
Knights of Columbus Council No. 7560

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 7560 is hosting its annual Charity Duck Race and Community Picnic Saturday, Aug. 12, in Town Park. The fun starts at 11:30 a.m., with the ducks hitting the water at 3 p.m.

This popular community event offers free food, live music, kid's games, line dancing and, this year, a chance to win a share of \$5,000 in cash prizes in the Duck Race.

Race tickets are only \$10 each and may be purchased at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church office, Silver Dollar Liquor Store and on race day at the picnic. Call the parish office at (970) 731-5744 for ticket information. Get your race tickets and enjoy the fun.

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 7560 was formed in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish of Pagosa Springs in 1980. Father John Bowe, C.R., was the parish priest at the time and, with the help of Ruben Marquez and other men of

the parish, the council was formed. Marquez was the first Council grand knight and since then there have been 21 other men who have served in this position. The Knights were formed to serve both their parish and their community.

Each year, the Knights hold two fundraising events — the Lenten Fish Fry and the Pagosa Springs Duck Race. The Lenten Fish Fry began in 1996 and the Duck Race started in 2001. Revenue from these events go toward funding college scholarships and supporting numerous nonprofits within Pagosa Springs and Colorado. Some of these nonprofits include Aspire, the Aspen House and the Colorado Special Olympics.

# St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church to celebrate feasts on Aug. 20

By Peggy Duggan  
St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church  
Carmelitas

St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church in Arboles will celebrate the feasts of St. Peter and St. Rosa with a Mass at 4 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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# Treasures

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"Godspell" runs through Aug. 24.

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# Online voting open for Runway for Rise fundraiser

By **Dee McPeek**  
Rise Above Violence

The teams for Runway for Rise have been assembled and are having a great time envisioning their runway creations. What would you do with duct tape and a trash bag? These teams are comprised of your friends and neighbors, all willing to take their time and talent to raise funds and awareness for Rise Above Violence. You will recognize many familiar faces.

But, even better, you can now support their efforts with your dollars. Our online voting for teams is open and ready for you to honor these creative divas with your tax-deductible donations. Each \$1 equals one vote, and you can vote as many times, for as many teams, as you like. Teams will accrue points based on the dollars they raise. The team raising the most money in support of critical Rise programs will win the very first Pagosa Prada Award.

While you are voting online for your friends, buy your tickets for our online Runway Wine Pull. Tickets are \$50 per bottle. We will pick a number for you from our Runway Basket that corresponds to a disguised, numbered bottle of wine. Wines range in value from \$20 to over \$50 and include selections such as a Rombauer Proprietor Selection Chardonnay 2021 valued



Photo courtesy Terry Wilson

The Rise of Fall team members DeEtte Phillips, Ronnie Doctor, Lvonne Wilson and Hadley Phillips looking spiffy in their trash bag bows. The team is one of several participating the in Runway for Rise fundraiser for Rise Above Violence.

at \$80. After the event, you will pick up your designated bottle(s) and take home something yummy.

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Event questions? Call Dee McPeek at (970) 317-3224.

# New Thought topic: ‘Through Your Hands We Can Move Mountains’

By **Shayla McClure**  
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Aug. 6 Sunday service will be “Through Your Hands We Can Move Mountains” with Stephanie Morrow, Reiki master.

## 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.

Aug. 3: “Sacred Medicine Ways — Basic Healing Techniques with Shayla White Eagle.” This week will be “The Natural Medicine Cabinet” and remedies in your home. Call or text (970) 309-6067 for more information. Learn about easy remedies and recipes to stay well and cure with simple methods and natural products for common emergencies, etc.

Aug. 1: Super sturgeon full moon drumming, 7 p.m. at Xanadu.

Aug. 13, 11 a.m.: Picnic service with Shayla White Eagle and Bruce

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Aug. 15: 21st Paneurythmy Dancers will be performing and  
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# Accident closes museum, donation drive begins

By Karl Isberg  
Pagosa Springs History Museum

The Pagosa Springs History Museum will be closed for the remainder of the 2023 summer season.

Members of the museum's board of directors determined the closure was necessary in light of unforeseen problems that occurred during an expansion project at the facility, and by construction activities being conducted in areas adjacent to the museum site.

This spring, a room adjacent to the existing museum previously occupied by a Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District fill station was acquired and work began to transform it into a new, much-needed exhibition space.

During a sandblasting procedure, material infiltrated the museum's exhibition and office areas, requiring extensive cleaning. A professional service that specializes in cleaning delicate items and archival materials must be utilized in order to guarantee the difficult process is successful. The tasks of locating a service and having the work approved by insurance carriers are underway.

Directors anticipate the cleaning to be complete in time to open

the museum for the 2024 season.

Work on the expansion will continue with the hope it will be ready for the 2024 season, adding space for additional items in the museum collection.

The museum is a popular entertainment and educational attraction, providing displays that depict life in the area from the 1890s on. Visitors step back in time to a dentist's office, a barber shop, a general store and a country schoolroom. The museum displays portions of Fred Harman's famous "Red Ryder and Lil Beaver" art collection, as well as a blacksmith shop, a typical early 1900 kitchen, and logging and ranching equipment. The works of local quiltmakers are also featured, as are many more items that provide insight into the history of the area.

The absence of revenues resulting from the setbacks experienced this year negatively affects the museum's financial picture. In order to maintain the financial health of the museum, donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Donations will be used to maintain the facility, deal with ongoing basic costs, and to help ensure that this valuable cultural asset will continue to serve members of the community and

visitors alike.

If you wish to make an online donation to the Pagosa Springs History Museum, please do so at [www.givesendgo.com/SupportPagosaMuseum](http://www.givesendgo.com/SupportPagosaMuseum).

Donations can also be mailed to Pagosa Springs History Museum, P.O. Box 1711, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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# The gift of voice through writing

By Betty J. Slade  
PREVIEW Columnist

I stood before our writers' group and asked them if they remembered when we first met nine years ago. We talked about having a voice in our writing. None of us knew what that meant or how our voices sounded on paper.

I remember saying then, "Start writing and you will discover your voice." It was true, but today I've changed my mind. It's not your voice you bring, it's your life you bring to your pen and paper. It's not the gift of voice you're sharing, but the gift of breathing and living. Not what you do, but who you are.

And, yes, we all have certain skills others might not have. We bring ourselves to the game of life, just like the game of football. We follow the same rules; there is the ball, the goal, the field, positions, and four quarters. It's the same game, same positions, different players.

I backed the voice concept with an example from football. We are a football family. We can hardly wait for the season to start. My Sweet Al, our daughter and I watched all the episodes of the 2020 "Quarterback" docuseries. We were captivated.

The "Quarterback," an eight-episode documentary, took us inside the huddle and showed what it takes to be a Patrick Mahomes with the Kansas City Chiefs, a Kirk Cousins with the Minnesota Vikings or a Marcus Mariota with the Atlanta Falcons.

In the writers' meeting, I zeroed in on Mahomes, the quarterback. In the playoffs, he jumped up and down, yelled and led the momentum for the team and fans. He said he didn't mind getting hit; sometimes it felt good. He loved playing the game.

When asked how he was doing, he'd reply, "I'm tired, but I'm good."

He also brought attitude. He chanted, "I'm here, I'm here, I'm here," or "I did it, I did it, I did it."

He played the game like he was playing at the game, a rhythm unmatched. At the end of the fourth quarter, he was still bobbing up and down, tired but didn't show it.

The commentator pointed out his younger days were all about baseball. His father, a professional baseball player, taught Mahomes to swing the bat. Videos of him at 4 years old, swinging the bat over and over, set his life's work for sports. Later he turned to football.

The television spokesperson showed an X-ray of Mahomes' spine. He said he had a strong spine like no other and could twist it without changing his body's position. He could look straight ahead, position himself, twist his spine and throw the ball to a player off to the side and make it look easy. It's a practiced play he did over and over.

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It looks like a throw-away ball, but the ball landed exactly in another player's hands. The audience all roar in disbelief at the ability of Mahomes.

Not only a strong spine, but strong fortitude. Remember when he injured his ankle? He was eight seconds from halftime. The coach begged to take him off the field and have his ankle X-rayed, but he refused to leave the game. He'd have X-rays during the half.

That playoff game took him to the Super Bowl. Once again nursing an injured ankle at the Super Bowl, one of the other team members rolled over on his leg and injured it again. He kept playing and took his team to victory.

Then there is Cousins. I was touched by his humility. He didn't bring any praise to himself. It was all about the team, getting the job done. He didn't bounce off the field but held his bruised ribs, going straight to the table for his physical therapist to work on his body.

All week, he was getting his body ready and his mind fit to play the game. It wasn't about showing up on Sundays to play, it was getting fit all week to be ready for Sunday's game.

Cousins was given the Athletes in Action/Bart Starr Award. It was created to honor the NFL player who best exemplifies outstanding character and leadership in the home, on the field and in the community.

Information about the Bart Starr Award posted on YouTube reads, "The Award is named after Bart Starr who, in addition to being in the NFL Hall of Fame, was selected as MVP in Super Bowls I and II. Mr. Starr is an individual of impeccable character who has served his family and community faithfully through the years and is a role model for athletes and business people alike."

When Cousins received the award, he talked about being a Christian. At the end of the day,

he said football is just a game, but it's how you maintain your life. He hoped to be a good husband, father and be a kind person with character. Receiving the Bart Starr Award for his outstanding character, Cousins said it was the most meaningful award he could have ever accepted.

The position of quarterback is the same, but the players are different. I reminded the writers they can't compare themselves with other writers. It's their life they bring to their writing.

Final brushstroke: Writers write when no one is looking. We work in solitude. We give chunks of time. We write when others play. A typo will be the first thing someone will point out. Yes, our bodies are not getting beat up, but our egos suffer. Our lives are being exposed and X-rayed to our core. We bring our voice and ourselves to the computer. Hopefully, the world sees us with good character and determination to stay in the game.

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# 21st annual Spanish Fiesta a huge success

By **Rose Chavez**  
PREVIEW Columnist

If you weren't down at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds the afternoon and evening of Saturday, July 29, along with several hundreds of others (we are estimating the crowd at more than 600 participants), then you missed out on the highly anticipated 21st annual Spanish Fiesta put on by the Spanish Fiesta committee of Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI).

This group of more than 20 different families came together week after week for the last six months to rekindle the fondly remembered Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiestas after a 20-year hiatus from the community.

According to one of the original fiesta leaders back in the day, Patricia Martinez Lopez, "The Spanish Fiesta was started in 1982 by Ms. Marquez, Lucy Gonzales and the Gallegos family (Stella and her sisters), then they were rained out. The next year, in 1983 when the oil field shut down in Grand Junction and I was laid off, I came home to Pagosa to start over and I took over the fiesta (because that's how I was back then).

"The reality is that all the credit for starting the fiesta goes to the first group of people who worked so hard only to have their efforts washed out by the rain."

Thank goodness this year we only had to deal with a short wind burst that lasted long enough to take down a few of the talented vendors set up at the Fiesta. The fiesta grounds opened at 2 p.m. and guests started arriving early to grab food, beverages and check out the vendors before the dance performances, which started sharply at 3 p.m.

The emcees for the 21st annual Spanish Fiesta were Archuleta County Commissioner Veronica Medina and Ricardo Martinez, who facilitated the event in both English and Spanish.

First on stage were a group of girls and women from Durango called Durango Ballet de Folklorico. They started off the afternoon with 45 minutes straight of dancing that reflected various regions throughout Mexico and then some modern dance takes. Up next on stage were past Spanish Fiesta royalty Toni Gallegos and Crystal Young, who are helping spearhead working with the community to shape the future royalty experience. All past royalty were acknowledged for their contributions and were asked to stand.

The Spanish Fiesta Committee looks forward to reviving this important aspect of the event that involves youth and families in helping to sell tickets to the Fiesta as part of their royalty experience. Next on stage were local favorites Los Mitotitos, who continued the

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afternoon with high energy and music to get the crowd dancing and moving through the 5 o'clock hour. After a brief intermission, Dr. Frances Chavez, MD, took to the stage to share about her being one of the first recipients of a Spanish Fiesta scholarship in 1984. She shared about how the first-ever Spanish Fiesta scholarship was instrumental in her pursuing her dream to attend university and becoming a family physician so she could help her family. She reminded the crowd that part of the funds that were raised for the 21st annual Spanish Fiesta go toward supporting the Intergenerational Fiesta Hispanic and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color) youth fund scholarship that will fund five \$1,000 scholarships for Hispanic and BIPOC youth in Archuleta County in 2024.

The evening continued with much jubilation when Al Hurricane Jr. took to the stage at 5:30 p.m. for his first set. The crowd was rocking and rolling with folks of all ages taking to the dance floor. Up next we had a group of local youth from Pagosa Springs dance folklorico before Hurricane and his band took to the stage for a second, then a third and final set when the evening wrapped up at 9:30 p.m.

ASI is so grateful for all of our sponsors and volunteers. ASI and the Spanish Fiesta Committee look forward to bringing more cultural programming to the Pagosa community that celebrates the rich diversity of Archuleta County. If you are interested in being part of our Spanish Fiesta Committee, please contact Spanish Fiesta chair and ASI Executive Director Rose Chavez at (970) 264-2167 or [rosa@psseniors.org](mailto:rosa@psseniors.org).

### 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 to put your name on the list for \$50 in vouchers to redeem for local foods.

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

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

through September.

### Senior conversations

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

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

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

### 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](mailto:copenhavercreative@gmail.com).

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## Share lunch Monday through Thursday

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

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

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

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

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, Aug. 3 — Barbecued 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.

Monday, Aug. 7 — Teriyaki beef with peppers, jasmine rice, snow peas, garden salad, fruit and lemon-blueberry coffee cake.

Tuesday Aug. 8 — Tempeh chili, cornbread and honey, garden salad, chocolate éclair and milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 9 — Chicken carbonara with Alfredo sauce, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Aug. 10 — Cod piccata, wilted spinach, focaccia bread, garden salad, fruit, Key lime slice and milk.

Friday, Aug. 11 — Pork posole, tortilla, roasted cauliflower, garden salad, fruit, mini churros and milk.

## Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to

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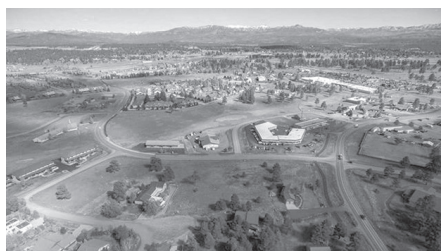


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Three young birders look to share their graham crackers with birds in a cottonwood tree. Thirty youngsters learned about birding along the river at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) site on Thursday, July 20. Adult educators from the Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners, Pagosa Community Initiative and GGP led the hands-on activities. The final GGP Fun Thursday will be Aug. 17. Register at [ggp@pagosagreen.org](mailto:ggp@pagosagreen.org).



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Thirty youngsters studied river entomology at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) site on Thursday, July 20. Adult educators from the Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners, Pagosa Community Initiative and GGP led the hands-on activities. The final GGP Fun Thursday will be Aug. 17. Register at [ggp@pagosagreen.org](mailto:ggp@pagosagreen.org).



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What's your wingspan? Thirty youngsters studied birds and other wildlife at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) site on Thursday, July 20. Adult educators from the Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners, Pagosa Community Initiative and GGP led the hands-on activities. The final GGP Fun Thursday will be Aug. 17. Register at [ggp@pagosagreen.org](mailto:ggp@pagosagreen.org).

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**ANSWER:**



# Healthy Archuleta hosts Kids in the Mountain Garden Program

Healthy Archuleta

On July 16, the youth of Healthy Archuleta put on the Kids in the Mountain Garden Program.

All our team members arrived around 3:30 p.m. to start setting up and looking over what the program was going to look like. Unfortunately, because of the other events that were going on, we were most likely not going to have the biggest turnout, but that was not going to stop us from making it fun for everyone.

After we set up all that was needed, we started to help weed the garden beds that we were going to plant in so that they would all be ready for seeding. To help us with what to seed, a Vista Lake Community Learning and Leadership Circle (CLLC) member provided the seeds for carrots, kale and greens to have the kids plant amongst the beds.

In the first bed, we planted carrots in different rows throughout the garden bed. The kids were a bit hesitant to plant the carrots at first, but they eventually joined in and finished planting the rest of the first garden bed.

We then got to plant the next garden bed with kale, and the kids were very excited to plant this next bed.



Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta hosts a Kids in the Mountain Garden Program on July 16. Kids helped plant garden beds at the Vista Lake Community Garden before making onion dip and wraps using fresh ingredients.

We were later joined by two more kids to help plant the remaining beds with baby greens.

After all the beds were planted, we later got the kids to help make a dip with onions from the garden. The first thing the kids did was harvest some onion tips from the garden. They later took those onion tips and put them into a bowl where, with help from the youth, they combined sour cream and cream cheese. The kids were very enthusiastic about helping out in this process by whisking the ingredients together until it was prepared. The kids were all giggling and smiling while giving each other turns on whisking.

When the dip was finished, we made some homemade wraps using chard leaves, tomatoes and some radishes. On one chard leaf, we put a scoop of dip and then some tomatoes and radish slices on top. Everyone really enjoyed munching on this delicacy.

Overall, this was a wonderful day to spend with the kids as they got to experience garden education. We hope that in the future there will be more kids to experience this wonderful program.

*The above story was shared by a Healthy Archuleta Youth Community Learning and Leadership Circle member.*



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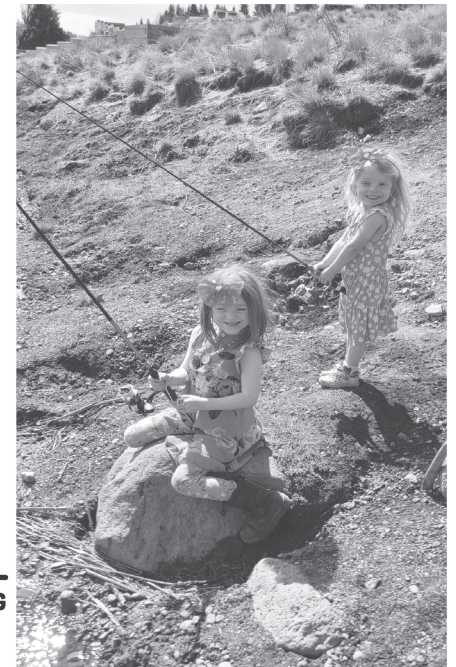
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## Thursday, Aug. 3

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

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

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**San Juan Stargazers.** 6-8:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Use the parking lot and enter at the door right off the parking area. The speaker will be Tom Hanchett, former communication officer at Johnson Space Center Mission Control. There will be a social hour starting at 6 p.m., with the talk from 7-8:30 p.m.

**San Juan Outdoor Club Monthly Meeting.** 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 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](mailto:sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com).

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

(7469).

## Friday, Aug. 4

**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.

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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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## Saturday, Aug. 5

**Riverwalk Naturalist Tours.** 8 a.m.,

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

**Craftapalooza.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Create a variety of crafts for all ages from making unicorn headbands to upcycled CDs and more. More than 10 different craft stations will be set up. Stop by any time during the program.

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

**Sunday, Aug. 6**

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**Archuleta County Fair.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. Visit <https://www.archuletacountyfair.com/>

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**'Godspell.'** 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, South Yamaguchi Park. Loaner paddles are available.

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

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

**Pagosa Unplugged.** 4-6 pm., Sisson Library. Inviting musicians to jam and sing with others. Parental permission is needed if under age 18. Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for details.

**Tuesday, Aug. 8**

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**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, South Yamaguchi Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, 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.

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

**Action Drawing with Dan Dempster.** 12:30-1:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration is required. Take turns working through short poses with playful (sometimes hilarious) exercises to learn the basics of sketching figures, portraits, hands, feet and characters.

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

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

**Ruby's Book Club.** 2-3 pm. Join us to discuss "The Ways We Hide" by Kristina McMorris. Pick up a copy at the library. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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## Wednesday, Aug. 9

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, South Yamaguchi Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Youth Activity Workshops at Chimney Rock National Monument.** 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association is hosting youth activity workshops. The workshops will include guided tours and hands-on craft activities. Participants will learn about the human and natural history of the area. The workshops are designed to accommodate multiage groups for those in K-8. Parents can attend, but are not required to stay. There is a fee of \$25 per workshop for one child, \$12.50 per child for each additional child from the same family. Registration and further information is available by emailing [officemgr@chimneyrockco.org](mailto:officemgr@chimneyrockco.org) or calling (970) 731-7133.

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

**Pickleball.** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Community Center. Free beginner lessons. Reserve at [www.pagosapickleball.org](http://www.pagosapickleball.org).

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**Therapy Dog Visit.** 11-11:45 a.m., Sisson Library. You are invited to

come to the library for a free visit with a certified therapy dog. Visits are limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi." This is an all-ages activity.

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If a person consumes no sugar for 12 hours, each white blood cell could destroy an average of fourteen bacteria. If that same individual ate the equivalent of six teaspoons of sugar (such as found in a half-cup of pudding or a mere two ounces of candy), each white blood cell could only eliminate ten bacteria — a 25 percent decrease in killing power. Progressive deterioration in the white cells' bacteria fighting capabilities beyond 25 percent occurred when 12 teaspoons and then 18 teaspoons were ingested. When 24 teaspoons of sugar were consumed (the amount in a medium piece of cheesecake or a milk shake), the white blood cells were so compromised that they could only destroy an average of one bacterium each. That represents a 92 percent reduction.

This study provides insight into why the immune system is weakened when blood sugars rise. The researchers further demonstrated that sugar's impairing effects on white blood cells are not short-lived. The impairment lasted a full five hours in normal subjects. This means that during that five-hour period the white blood cells could not perform optimally.

When you consider how often throughout the day some people consume sugar, it becomes apparent that their white cells are not functioning very effectively for many hours a day. Remember that our taste buds are "trainable". Why not consider eating some fresh peaches, berries or watermelon next time you get that sweet tooth craving? *Proof Positive, Neil Nedley*

*"And God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind..."*

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

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

**Wacky Wednesdays.** 2:30-3:30 pm., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Get silly and play. Each week will be a different activity.

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## Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Byron Greco

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

Both the scientific name, *tyrannus verticalis*, and the common one, kingbird, fit this bird's attitude and posture. This member of the tyrant flycatcher family is known to aggressively defend its territory and nest from competitors and predators.

The robin-sized western kingbird will mount a full-on chasing attack, pecking at the backs and tails of much larger hawks, crows or owls that stray too close to the nest. Wing fluttering, loud buzzy calls and bill snapping are all warning signs used to ward off rival kingbirds and predators.

Western kingbirds will build their nests in the crotch of a tree or shrub, in an abandoned woodpecker cavity and on man-made structures including windmills, buildings and at the cross-arms on utility poles. Despite the kingbird's vigilance and ferocious defense, predation by birds, snakes and squirrels is a major cause of nest failure.

The gray-headed western kingbird has a lemon-yellow-colored belly, whitish throat and chest, and has a black tail with white outer feathers. The male's red crown of feathers is only visible when he's really excited. The western is similar in appearance to the Cassin's kingbird, which also breeds in our area but has a more distinctly white chin and darker gray head.

Western kingbirds occupy open and woodland edge habitats below 7,000 feet in elevation across the western half of the continental U.S. during summer. In the right breeding habitat, these noisy birds are easy to spot on conspicuous perches: fence posts, utility lines and snags.

These large flycatchers watch from the perch for insects in the air and on the ground before flying out to snatch one. Larger prey may be shaken or beaten against the perch before being consumed.

Early in September, these birds start leaving their breeding grounds here for winter spots in southern Mexico and Central America.

For information on events, visit [www.weminuchaudubon.org](http://www.weminuchaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/](https://www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/).



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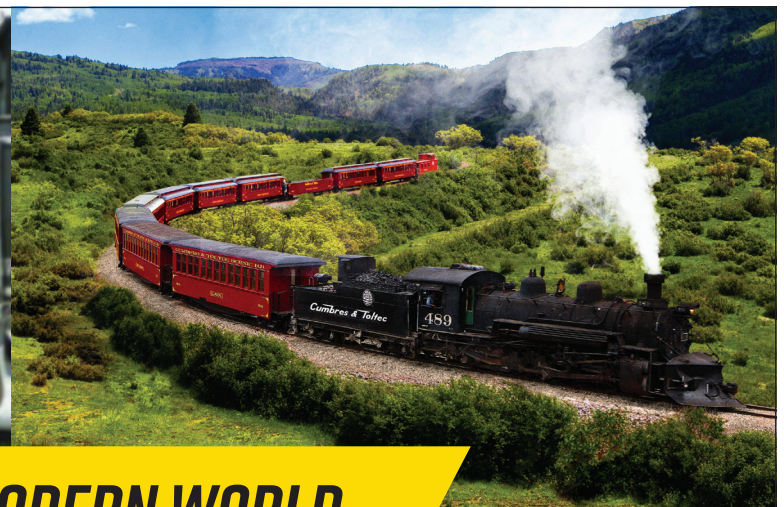
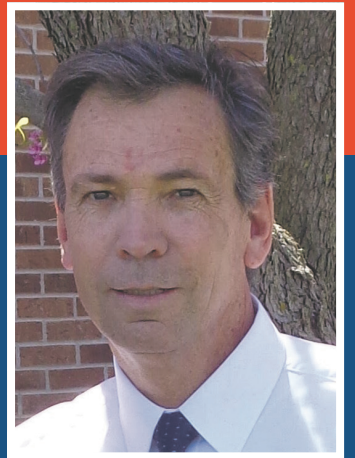
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**Bridge.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

**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.)

**Composting 101 with West Davies.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn the art and importance of composting for your garden.

**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 [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.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.

**Mini Monets.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. This program uses art, sometimes messy, to build early literacy skills.

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

**Tween and Teen Makers.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Make and bedazzle a T-shirt bag.

**Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. By appointment only. Come to the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer attorney. To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic" with your first name and phone number to [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org), or phone (970) 264-2209 or stop by the library.

**Summer STEM.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Solve engineering challenges and science experiments. Activities available for multiple age groups.

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

**Saturday, Aug. 12**

**16th Annual Pagosa Duathlon.** 7:30 a.m., Turkey Springs at Turkey

Springs/Brockover Road. The day will begin with the Dusty Kids Gravel Growler at 7:30 a.m., with registration being \$10. The Dirty Sprint will follow 8:15 a.m., with the cost being \$45 for early registration and \$55 after Aug. 1. The Dirty Du will also be at 8:15 a.m., with the cost being \$55 for early registration and \$65 after Aug. 1. There is a \$10 student discount for all adult races. Student ID required. All proceeds benefit A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc. (doing business as Aspen House and Aspen Services).

**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 [pagosawetlands@gmail.com](mailto:pagosawetlands@gmail.com).

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

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

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

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

**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](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your own or use the library's LEGOs to build.

**Knights of Columbus Duck Race and Community Picnic.** 11:30 a.m., Town Park. The fun starts at 11:30 a.m. with ducks hitting the water at 3 p.m. This popular community event offers free food, live music, kid's games, line dancing and, this year, a chance to win a share of \$5,000 in cash prizes in the Duck Race. Race tickets are only \$10 each and may be

purchased at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church office, Silver Dollar Liquor Store and on race day at the picnic. Call the parish office at (970) 731-5744 for ticket information.

**Knitter's Circle.** 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join new or experienced knitters, get help with your project, or sit and knit.

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

## Sunday, Aug. 13

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, South Yamaguchi Park. Loaner paddles are available.

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

**'Jersey Boys.'** 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

## Monday, Aug. 14

**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.

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

**Pickleball.** 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Com-

munity Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Submit your calendar items to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto:editor@pagosasun.com); mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.



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# Free talking book library and special family crafts event Saturday

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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CTBL wants you to know that talking books are not just for blind people — although they are a godsend for people unable to see. The service is also available to people who experience physical disabilities or illnesses that prevent them from holding a book, sitting up for longer periods of time, have a learning disability or difficulty turning the pages of a book.

Talking books are completely free — no charge for the books, no charge for the talking book player and no charge for the postage to mail the books back to the library. Your books come through the U.S. Postal Service with all postage paid.

The CTBL, located in Denver, serves people of all ages. Its youngest user is 3 years old and the oldest is 104. The library has more than 6,500 talking (audio) books, 23,000 Braille books and 24,000 large print books, with new books added each month. You can even tell your preferences to the CTBL.

To sign up, go to <https://myctbl.cde.state.co.us/> and click on Getting Started/Application.

## Free family crafts event Saturday

Join us Saturday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon for Craftapalooza, a fun, free family crafts event for families with children aged 3 and up. Create a variety of crafts from making unicorn headbands to up-cycled CDs at more than 10 different craft stations. Stop by anytime during those two hours and stay as long as you want.

## 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.

## Rhythm and rhymes tomorrow

Youngsters aged 1-5 are invited to a free music-based storytime with lots of movement and singing tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 4, from 10 to 11 a.m.

## Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 7, for amateur musicians who would

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like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. Anyone under age 18 is welcome with a signed parental permission, available at your library. For program information contact Susan at (970) 946-3396 (not the library).

### Ruby's Book Club Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club meets from 2 to 3 p.m. next Tuesday, Aug. 8, to discuss "The Ways We Hide" by Kristina McMorris. Copies are available at your library. This free book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### 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.

### Therapy dog visit

Next Wednesday, Aug. 9, from 11 to 11:45 a.m. you are invited to come to the library for a free visit with a certified therapy dog. Visits are limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi." This is an all-ages activity.

### Composting 101

Learn the art and importance of composting for your garden at a free session with West Davies next Thursday, Aug. 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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## Silver Thread Studio Tour

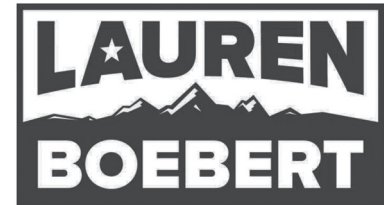
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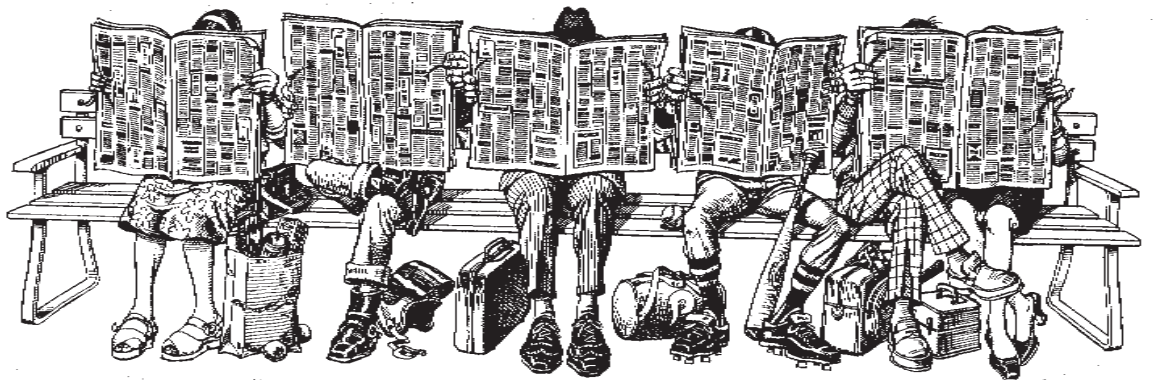
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## Kickoff to Kindergarten

A free four-week school readiness program for ages 4 1/2 to 6 to prepare youngsters for the first year of school happens on Thursdays, Aug. 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 sessions is recommended.

## 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 Tuesday, 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.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, Aug. 8, 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. 9, from noon to 2 p.m. Registration is required.

## Wacky Wednesdays

Ages 6-11 are invited to get silly and play next Wednesday, Aug. 9, 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., join us for a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

## Writers support group

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

## Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 4 to 5 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provide 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 is no Tech Time today, Aug. 3.

## 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.

## Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages. To access this free digital collection, download the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat

Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and four-digit PIN. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

## Local authors

“Through the Ash, New Leaves” is volume 1 of “Cutthroat,” a Journal of the Arts and the Black Earth Institute. It contains work by more than 100 contributors.

## Spanish-language bestseller

“Al Codigo da Vinci” by Dan Brown is the Spanish-language version of the 2003 bestselling mystery

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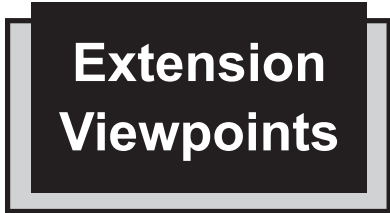
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# Backyard conservation: not just for the pros

By **Ethan Proud**  
PREVIEW Columnist



Conservation — an interesting field of science filled with a myriad of specialists with backgrounds in hydrology, wildfire, native plant species, soil health and invasive plants — can seem out of reach for the mere landowner. But, the changes you make in your backyard can benefit local bird species, native pollinators and wildlife populations. When that effect is amplified to a neighborhood, or an entire homeowners association, the results can be incredible.

Each day I talk to backyard conservationists — whether they know that's what they are doing or not. They want to reduce invasive plant populations, plant native and support pollinator species. So, how do you become a part of this movement?

You don't have to kill your lawn and replace it with a prairie ecosystem, though that movement is

picking up steam at the moment. The simplest way to ease yourself into backyard conservation is to plant a pollinator garden featuring native plant species. Native plant species better support our local pollinators compared to exotic species. Planting a pollinator garden will bring a variety of species to your yard which you can enjoy while you sip coffee in the morning.

In Archuleta County, we have a variety of milkweed species, which are a critical food source for monarch butterfly larvae. Milkweed forms attractive globe-shaped blooms and, after it goes to seed, it has winter appeal with its unique

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thriller "The da Vinci Code," the author's second novel featuring symbologist Robert Langdon and cryptologist Sophie Neveu investigating a murder at the Louvre museum.

### Nonfiction books on CD

"Outsmart Your Brain" by Professor Daniel T. Willingham is a guide to improving test scores and grades with more than 90 studying tips. "Overtime Time," edited by Lisa F. Berkman and Beth C. Truesdale, explores the future of the American workforce and aging, with contributions by experts in economics, sociology, psychology, political science and epidemiology.

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"The War on Drugs: A History" edited by David Farber analyzes the purpose and results of what many consider a losing battle. "Space at the Speed of Light" by Oxford University astrophysicist Dr. Becky Smethurst is an illustrated tour of time and space for the astrophysicist.

### Novels

"A Good House for Children" by Kate Collins is a feminist Gothic tale set in England. "The Paris Daughter" by Kristin Harmel is a historical novel set in Paris in 1939 at the beginning of World War II.

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Follow closely
- 5 It may be right or acute
- 10 Rein in
- 14 Hathaway of film
- 15 Element no. 5
- 16 Forest ox
- 17 Get the message
- 19 Origami bird
- 20 Sleuth on the Orient Express
- 21 Ocean occurrence
- 23 CBS logo
- 24 Partner of born
- 26 In need of a map
- 27 Thin fellow
- 29 As yet unscheduled: Abbr.
- 32 Caesar's 66
- 35 Industry big shot
- 36 Spin
- 38 What pH measures

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### DOWN

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- 2 Irritate
- 3 Art film, often
- 4 Lustful look
- 5 Like a Pollock painting
- 6 Word of denial
- 7 Will Geer on "The Waltons"
- 8 Kind of wolf
- 9 Ultimate goal
- 10 IMDb.com listings
- 11 Like some accomplices
- 12 Frost's "The \_\_\_ Not Taken"
- 13 Source of misery
- 18 Choir attire
- 22 Yeats and Keats, e.g.
- 25 Lactase, for one
- 27 \_\_\_ one's time (wait)
- 28 Silver-tongued sort

- 30 Talk big
- 31 Wartime partner
- 32 Gyro ingredient
- 33 Nero's 92
- 34 "Fast & Furious" star
- 37 Figure skater Johnny
- 39 Teed off
- 41 Sharpton's title
- 44 Not too soft, as pasta
- 48 French missile
- 49 Still life subject

- 51 Word with bulletin or circuit
- 53 Fern's reproductive organ
- 54 Mirren of "The Queen"
- 55 Concluded
- 56 Skier's transport
- 57 Flung
- 58 Back end
- 60 Wipes out, mob-style
- 63 Kind of party

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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# The problem that just won't go away

By Stephen Trimble  
PREVIEW Columnist

When I read the Salt Lake Tribune editorial on July 2, my heart sank. A Utah man with severe mental illness had died in a poorly regulated care home, with a mere \$8,000 fine levied against the managers.

The editorial was fierce: "It doesn't seem to matter how horrible the care ... how many of these residents live in filth and squalor ... the responsible authorities apparently make little to no effort to whip the homes into shape or, failing that, shut them down."

In 1976, my disabled brother, Mike Trimble, died in just such a care home, in Denver. I've spent a decade researching his life and death for my book, "The Mike File," and I know well the details and politics of his death.

Mike left home after turning 14 when his diagnosis — "paranoid schizophrenia, capable of violence" — shattered our family. A court committed him to the Colorado State Hospital in 1957. He

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never lived at home again.

When mental hospitals emptied their wards a decade later, Mike was mainstreamed back to Denver. Rejoining our family did not go well. Angry and resentful, Mike's visits triggered emotional chaos. He soon cut off all contact.

In 1976, Mike died during a seizure, alone in his boarding home and undiscovered for three days. The Denver media used his solitary death to expose the "ratholes" that warehoused people with mental illness. Our mother found out about the loss of her 33-year-old son from the front page of the Denver Post.

The owner of Mike's ironically named "Carefree Guest Home" described his death as a "slip up." The staff member who should have checked on Mike was "snowed under." Two other residents had died

unnoticed in previous months.

In the days following Mike's death, the director of the Colorado Commission on the Disabled demanded action.

"I'm ... thinking ... of the other 85 residents there," he said. "How many of them were not seen over the weekend but did not die?"

Officials issued "a severe reprimand." Dr. Paul Kuhn, director of Denver's Personal Health Service, said that Carefree had made "significant improvements," but he mentioned only one: "Anyone not in the breakfast line is sought out and checked."

Kuhn gave Carefree a break because of poor funding that left the guest home perpetually understaffed.

"This is more than a Denver problem," he said. "It's a statewide problem. It's a great societal problem."

Reprimand issued, case closed, but hardly progress.

In 2002, The New York Times ran a Pulitzer Prize-winning series that included the story of Randolph ■ See Writers on next page

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pod shapes. Livestock producers beware: milkweed plants are extremely toxic and should be managed near hay meadows and pastureland.

Another great way to practice conservation is to install xeric landscaping that does not utilize a lot of water. The first image that pops to mind when thinking of

xeriscaping is usually a rock and gravel garden featuring cacti and succulents, but xeriscaping can be green and lush if you pick the right species. Blanket flower and penstemon both do incredibly well in our area with a limited supply of water.

Once you've mastered conservation in your backyard, it's time to step out into the community

and participate in wider projects, like the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, bioblitzes, Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (or CoCoRaHS) weather monitoring and weed pulls. If you are interested in joining a weed pull, reach out to the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Department and ask about the Weed Warrior Program and scheduled events.



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# Summer crafts families can enjoy together

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Things seem to slow down in summer. Come summer, the hurried pace that dominates much of the year takes a backseat to vacations, lounging around the pool, diving through ocean waves, and setting up tents at campsites near or far.

When the weather is accommodating, there's a seemingly endless list of ways to enjoy time spent outdoors. But as everyone knows, Mother Nature tends to be a bit unpredictable during the hazy days of summer. Thunderstorms can roll in quite suddenly, or rain may persist for a few days as the atmosphere attempts to right itself after an abundance of steamy days. Keep a list of craft ideas at the ready to make the most of time spent inside or out. The following are a few ideas:

• Friendship bracelets: There have been different iterations

of friendship bracelets for every generation. With some general craft supplies, such as embroidery thread, beads, plastic lanyards or other jewelry-making materials, kids can make and share a variety of friendship bracelets.

• Seashell creatures: At the next beach excursion (or when you're at a store that sells them), pick up differently shaped shells. They can be painted and glued together to resemble different animals or whatever designs one can imagine.

• Dreamcatchers: With some twigs, yarn and feathers, crafters can make dreamcatchers to hang bedside.

• Sunprints: Check out the craft store for a special light-sensitive solution that can be painted onto thick craft paper. Set various natural items on top (such as fern boughs, shells, feathers and more) and let the sun do its work. You'll ultimately be left with some beauti-

ful silhouettes.

• Leather sewing kits: Evoke the feelings of summer camp right at home with leather sewing kits that enable everyone to make hand-crafted leather wallets or small purses.

• Painted stones: Kids can have fun gathering smooth pebbles from trails or at the shores of lakes. They can be painted with various designs or sweet sentiments to leave around the neighborhood for others to discover.

• Sea glass jewelry: An adult can use a very thin drill bit to make holes in sea glass remnants that washed up on beaches. Feed through earring hooks or chains to create one-of-a-kind jewelry.

• Dyed shoes or accessories: Use commercially produced or homemade dyes made from tea-bags, berry juice, turmeric powder or more to color certain items. Dress up canvas sneakers with summertime hues or make colorful bandannas to help keep you cool.

Summer craft ideas abound to keep everyone entertained all season long.

## Writers

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Maddix, living in a private home for the mentally ill in Brooklyn. Maddix died during a seizure and wasn't found for many hours. "His back, curled and stiff with rigor mortis, had to be broken to fit him into a body bag."

In 2006, the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel ran a series on the horrors of board-and-care homes, including the tale of a resident who died and wasn't found for three days. These stories of outrageous neglect keep recurring, always about people overwhelmed by their mental disorders and neglected by their caregivers.

Why does Kuhn's "great societal problem" persist?

As we steadily eliminated more than 500,000 beds in state psychiatric hospitals starting in the mid-1950s, according to a study by the American Psychiatric Association, the number of people with severe mental illness was growing with the U.S. population. Stigma and shame often silenced their families. Effective treatment disappeared into the fog of competing agencies, with no coordinated plan for people with chronic mental illness. Then add today's epidemic of homelessness

and prisons crammed with people who need psychiatric treatment more than incarceration.

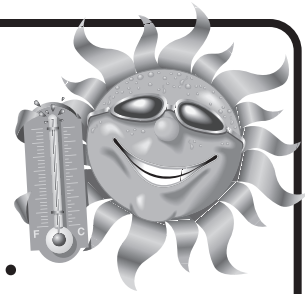
While researching my book, I spoke with a Colorado psychologist who summed up our failure to care for our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, our children and friends: "The mentally ill don't have a strong lobby."

The recent Tribune editorial proposes incentives for decently run care homes and appropriate punishments for neglect. But what we really need is a transformative system of care for the vulnerable and voiceless, and housing for those without homes. We know what to do. So far, we have chosen not to act.

This problem remains with us, just as it did in 1976 when I lost my brother. Please don't let us read these same plaintive stories and unanswered calls for action when another 50 years have passed.

Utah writer Stephen Trimble is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, [writersontherange.org](http://writersontherange.org), an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of *The SUN*.

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**GROWING SPACES** is hiring enthusiastic and motivated sales individuals with a passion for organic gardening, healthy living and helping customers succeed in growing their dream gardens. We are looking for sales professionals who can promote the Growing Dome and guide customers through their journey towards year-round gardening. Experience with CRM and/or Quickbooks preferred. Full-time position includes paid health benefits, 401(k) match and paid time off. \$20+ DOE. EOE. Go to [www.growingspaces.com/employment](http://www.growingspaces.com/employment) to print an application, or send resume to [employment@growingspaces.com](mailto:employment@growingspaces.com).



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## HELP WANTED

**ROOF LABORER NEEDED** with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

**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.

**CARPENTER(S) - TWO CARPENTRY POSITIONS.** Background with finish carpentry, light framing, drywall and painting. Email resume to [frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com), (970)264-5000.

**INCOME TAX PREPARER.** Accounting firm is seeking a tax preparer to work Monday- Friday, 8a.m. to 5p.m. Submit resume to [jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com](mailto:jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com) or by fax to (970)264-4451.

**LABORER LANDSCAPING.** General help for assistance in landscaping around homes. For details, call Charlie at (970)264-0913.

**DOGGY DAY CARE** is looking for a dog attendant with experience: dog rescues, humane society dog boarding, grooming, veterinarian technician, management experience is also a plus, animal science degree. \$200 signing bonus, 4-9 hour shifts per week, \$18 per hour. Bonus, Tips. Call Jeff at (970) 799-4691 [doggydaycare81147.com](mailto:doggydaycare81147.com) [jeffedens7777@gmail.com](mailto:jeffedens7777@gmail.com).

**PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING** a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**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.

**WRANGLER WANTED TO TAKE** a 2 hour guided trail ride in the mornings from now through the fall. (970)946-7999.

**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](mailto:director@pagosachamber.com) or drop off at the Chamber at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce is an EEO employer.

**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.

**EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - SKID STEER** and mechanized mulcher, multiple years of experience. Email resume to [frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com), (970)264-5000.

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## YARD SALES

**INDOOR/ OUTDOOR SALE:** Friday/ Saturday, Aug 4/5, 8:30 a.m.-until I'm tired. Come on down because the price is right! 2006 Nissan Pathfinder, camping gear, tools, antiques, vintage items, (not me, I'm just the seller), tools, jewelry, framed art, did I say tools? Wall mirror, windows, yard items, kitchen and bath items, books, puzzles, dining tables/chairs, printers, rocking chairs, desk, china, dog ramp, old suitcases, futon, baskets, knitting machine with stand, inkle loom, your missing Tupperware lids, collectibles and knick knacks for the Paddywack in your life. A Lori Fortney presentation at 284 Whitaker Pl, East on Hwy. 160, 3 miles south on Hwy. 84, left on Whitaker Pl.

**YARD SALE AUGUST 4 AND 5, 9a.m.-3p.m.** 122 Spruce Circle. Antique sewing machine, horse tack, Generac generator, lots of miscellaneous.

**MOVING SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,** August 4 and 5, 8a.m. sharp. Garage fun, patio furniture, large table, chair, benches, sofas, bedroom items, household, decorative, pool table, plants, kitchen things and more. Hwy 160 west, right on N. Pagosa, left on Lakeside, house #757. Rain or shine. AEHPOS,

**ESTATE SALE MULTI FAMILY!** Furniture, household, deco, tools, craft, nice dishes, antiques. Aug. 4-5, Friday 8a.m.-5p.m., Saturday (1/2 price) 8a.m.-noon. Free coffee, muffins available to purchase. 105 Waterfall Court

**DOWNSIZING, EVERY EXTRA** must go. Fishing, hunting, furniture, household. Friday/ Saturday, 8a.m.-noon. 280 Driftwood Dr.

**HUGE SALE. 184 SWEETWATER DR.** Friday 8a.m.-6p.m. and Saturday 8a.m.-2p.m. Picnic table, antiques, mini fridge, air nailers, tools, carpentry tools, machine shop tools, hardware, wood lathe with tooling, ladders, weed sprayers, chimney cleaning kit, 2017 GMC 2500HD rear bumper, large dog cage, camping items, life jackets, ski gear, household items and more.

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**BE SURE TO CHECK** for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

## PETS

**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.

**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.

**JACK RUSSEL PUPS AVAILABLE NOW.** Born 06/06. \$500. Call (970)749-0634.

**FOR POOCH SAKES GROOMING.** Appointments available with Kelly (303)819-2015. Mobile appointments with Barb (970)903-1290.

**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.

**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](http://www.humanesociety.biz).

## LIVESTOCK

**WINTER PRIVATE PASTURE** for 8-10 saddle horse geldings. (970)946-7999.

**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](mailto:wrightnaturalbakery@gmail.com).

## PERSONALS

**FREE. CONFIDENTIAL. HELP.** 24-hour domestic violence and sexual assault helpline. (970) 264-9075.

## FOR SALE

**CRARY BEARCAT CHIPPER SHREDDER,** Model #5C567OB (75524). Excellent condition, \$4,500. (970)264-1457.

**DRY FIREWOOD-PINE.** Pick up \$240 a cord. Delivery available. Call for prices. Bayfield. Gabe (970)403-2784.

**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.

**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

**560 LINEAL FEET TREX.** Gray, in Pagosa Springs, \$1,500 OBO. Jim (970)376-5456.

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**1970S BASEBALL PINBALL MACHINE,** \$1,000. (970)731-9006, leave message.

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**SPECIAL SALE ITEMS:** Commercial Total Gym. Encompass Recovery Series with clinical package. Cost \$5,200, sell for \$1,800. Elite Optimal commercial massage chair. This is one of the only high end chairs that has heat therapy in back and seat. Luxury for your neck to your tailbone, \$500. (970)264-1442

**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.

**FOR SALE: HAMPTON BAY** wicker end tables, natural basket color, 18"Wx18"D.21"H. Excellent condition, \$50 for pair. (512)627-8288.

**TWIN BEDS WITH BEDDING** and headboards, like new, \$50 or best offer. (602)809-2443.

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**DRY, SEASONED DOUGLAS FIR** for sale, \$300 per cord delivered. Ryan Whitlow (970)585-4578.

**NEW 20' CONTAINERS FOR SALE** or rent. We deliver to homes or businesses. Pagosa Springs Storage (970)731-0007.

**TERRI PRITCHARD ESTATE SALE.** Located at the former Joy's Natural Foods, behind Boss Hogg's. Open every Saturday through September 2 for the next 5 weeks. Private appointments accepted through text only, (970)946-3183. THIS IS NOT A GARAGE SALE NOR GARAGE SALE PRICES. High end furniture, antiques and eclectic items. Too many to list.

**FREE: ONE USED BOTTOM** kitchen cabinet, 24"x39", oak wood, two doors lower, two drawers upper, excellent condition. (512)627-8288.

**LARGE DACOR STAINLESS REFRIGERATOR/ freezer,** \$165 OBO. Call Lee (970)946-3856.

**LEATHER RECLINING LOVESEAT** with console, \$250. Lazyboy rocker recliner, burgundy cloth, \$125. (262)945-9283.

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27' Airstream 2007 RV Classic LTD  
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**4 WHEEL CAMPER.** 2017 Granby, 950 lbs. Stove, shower, stairs, solar, furnace. \$16,500. (970)403-4528.

**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.

**1971 REMODELED AVION** (looks like an Airstream) 33', bumper pull trailer. GORGEOUS. Mahogany interior with full kitchen, bath remodeled. Reworked all water tanks for efficiency. Steal at \$14,500. (970)749-9028.

## AUTOS

**1997 TOYOTA 4RUNNER.** (Hit a deer.) Selling as parts car. \$1,000 whole car is yours. Call Kirt (970)317-4351.

**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.

**2004 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT. LOADED.** 51,348 original miles, red convertible, 5 speed. \$16,500. (970)264-1457.

**GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL!** 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

**1998 SUBARU FORESTER.** Runs good everything works. \$1,600. (970)946-1700.

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**1 BR PLUS UNHEATED BEDROOM CABIN** on 2 acres west of town for quiet tenant. \$950/ month plus utilities plus deposits. No smoking, pets, DISH, 4WD needed to haul water. (970)705-5098.

**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.

**2 BEDROOM, 1BATH APARTMENT** with 1-car garage downtown. \$1,900/ month. Team Pagosa (970)731-8599 or [pagosaspringsrealty.com](http://pagosaspringsrealty.com).

**DOWNTOWN LUXURY HOUSE** on river. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, with garage. No pets. \$2,500/ month, 6 month lease. (504)339-4547.

**LONG TERM RENTALS AVAILABLE.** Call Team Pagosa (970)731-8599, 46 Eaton Drive, Suite #1, [pagosaspringsrealty.com](http://pagosaspringsrealty.com).

**3 BEDROOM, 2.25 BATH** 2-car garage furnished townhome. Available 10/01/23. Optional dates available. \$2,800/ month. Team Pagosa (970)731-8599 or [pagosaspringsrealty.com](http://pagosaspringsrealty.com).

**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOME** on acreage. Barn/ woodshop and outbuildings. \$2,900/ month. Team Pagosa (970)731-8599 or [pagosaspringsrealty.com](http://pagosaspringsrealty.com).

**NEW AND VERY NICE** and spacious 1 bedroom downtown apartment on Riverwalk, with garage and deck. \$1,600 per month includes utilities. (970)398-9136.

**3 BEDROOM, 2.25 BATH,** 2-car garage, 3,343 sq. ft. beautiful home on remote 35 acres. \$5,000/ month. Team Pagosa (970)731-8599 or [pagosaspringsrealty.com](http://pagosaspringsrealty.com).

**2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH CONDO** at Lake Hatcher. \$1,850/ month. Team Pagosa (970)731-8599 or [pagosaspringsrealty.com](http://pagosaspringsrealty.com).

**GREAT DOWNTOWN LOCATION!** 1 bedroom, 1 bath with upstairs loft. NO PETS. Year lease. \$1,050. Available now. (970)946-2255.

**2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH CABIN** on acreage. Recently remodeled, \$1,850/ month. Team Pagosa (970)731-8599 or [pagosaspringsrealty.com](http://pagosaspringsrealty.com).



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**SADDLE MOUNTAIN TOWNHOMES** lease available August 15. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 baths. Open floor plan with gas fireplace, oversize 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.

**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.

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**2 BEDROOM, 2.25 BATH** condo on Lake Pagosa \$2,000/ month. Team Pagosa (970)731-8599 or pagosaspringsrealty.com.

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**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH,** 2-car garage home on quiet street, \$2,300/ month. Team Pagosa (970)731-8599 or pagosaspringsrealty.com.

**COMMERCIAL RENTALS**

**ONE ROOM OFFICE SPACE** for rent in existing office. Has a large closet and window. Can be furnished or not. Includes use of small kitchen area and bathroom. Contact officemgr@chimneyrockco.org.

**PAGOSA VALLEY PROPERTIES:** Offering Aspen Plaza ProSuites available from 80 sf to 206 sf, priced from \$285 - \$734/mo. Includes any furniture in the Offices. Small and Large Conference rooms available. Hourly/Daily/Weekly rates also available. Call (970)889-2022 for more information.

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**YURT/ CABIN IN THE TALL PINES** on 1.9 acres with septic, chicken coop, gazebo and pond, all fenced. \$185,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties LLC a call (970)903-2817.

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**OPEN HOUSE, 479 CIMARRONA CIRCLE.** Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 10a.m.-5p.m. Newer (2020) energy efficient, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2G, vaulted, gas FP, split plan, 1793 sq. ft., single level, corner 1.5 lots, semi-custom, oak floors, granite. Walk to trails, fishing. MLS #805575, \$649,000. (602)432-5253.

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**1.2 ACRES, MOUNTAIN VIEWS,** electricity near, No HOA, close to town. \$35,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

**FSBO- 1.40 ACRES IN ARBOLES, CO,** Navajo Dam Lake view, water tap at property, electric close. \$75K, will consider 25% down and up to 5 years financing with 2% interest. kvelle2000@yahoo.com.

**MOUNTAIN VIEWS, MEADOWS.** Unique high elevation and complete privacy. 5.6 acres bordering national forest, (970)769-3588 blanchcoretreat@gmail.com.

**RIVER FRONT PROPERTY,** 1.45 acres, electricity across the street. \$289,900. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties LLC a call (970)903-2817.

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